

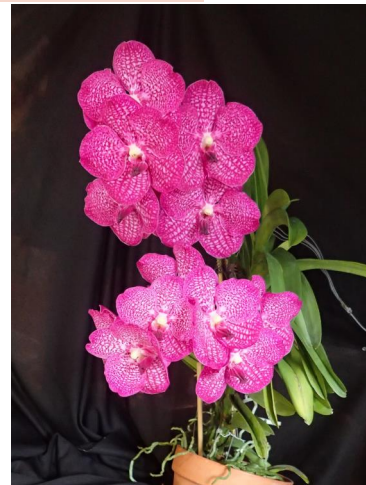
**In This Month's Newsletter:** Notes from our last meeting, Summer events with instructions and map to the progressive dinner, tribute to Doc Bannister, and What's up in the pergola.

The Spike  
**SUMMER 2023**

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**TOO CLOSE TO BE AWARDED!**



Nile took this beautiful **Vanda Noppadol Delight** in for AOS judging and it was about to receive an award when the judges noted it was almost identical to the same cross awarded in 2021 that was the winner of the Fukumara AOS Special Annual Award. Further research showed that indeed it was the same clone just not listed on the label for Nile's plant. Well grown, great hybrid, vigorous bloomer, *tough luck!*

**Business Meeting Notes:**

Our May meeting reviewed the awards given out by the Chicago Judging Center for the 2022 calendar year and we as a club selected our favorites for each of the American Orchid Society Special Annual Awards.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS 23-24: The officers were unanimously re-elected for their second year term.** Jon Lorence is our President with Joan Lorence, Sharon Neff, and Denise Klemp on the leadership committee. Andy Coghill-Behrends the AOS representative. Cathy Wilcox and Michael Hampton continue as Treasurer and Secretary. Nile Dusdieker is our webmaster and works with Michael Hampton on the newsletter. **We had two wonder-**

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**Calendar of Events**

<b>EIOS Progressive Dinner and Grower's tour. Starts at 4 pm</b>	<b>June 4 th, 2023</b>
<b>Central Iowa Speaker's Day at Lion's Club, Johnston, Iowa</b> 9AM to 4PM details page 5	<b>July 22nd, 2023</b>
<b>Mid-America Meeting and Sale in Dayton Ohio.</b>	<b>August 25-27, 2023</b>
<b>EIOS SEPT MEETING at Shueyville Church Social 6:30, program pending 7 pm</b>	<b>Sept. 7th, 2023</b>
<b>Milwaukee - Wisconsin Orchid Show. EIOS plans to exhibit.</b>	<b>Sept. 16-17, 2023</b>
<b>Orchid are a Scream 2023 EIOS Fall Orchid 10th Anniversary Show! Elks Hall, Cedar Rapids</b>	<b>Oct. 28-29, 2023</b>

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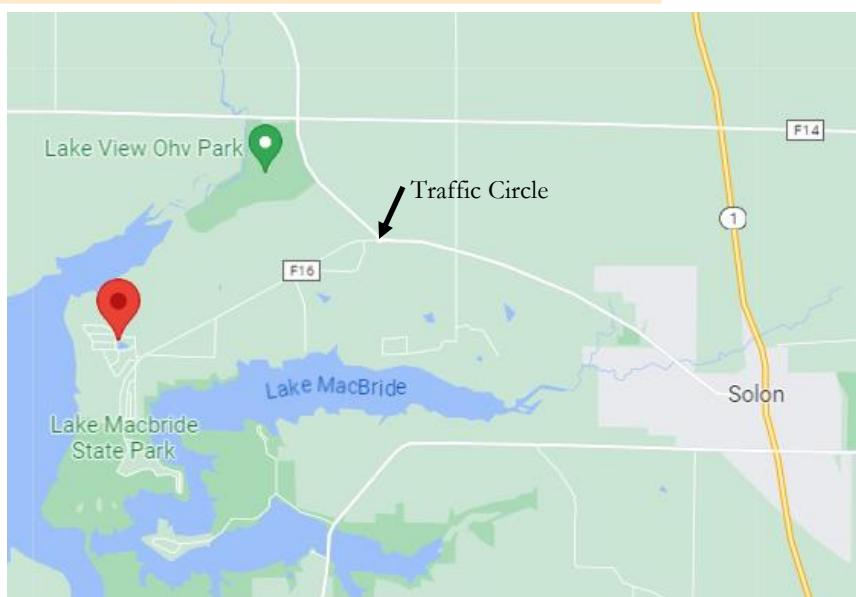
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## *Progressive Dinner and Growers Tour '23*

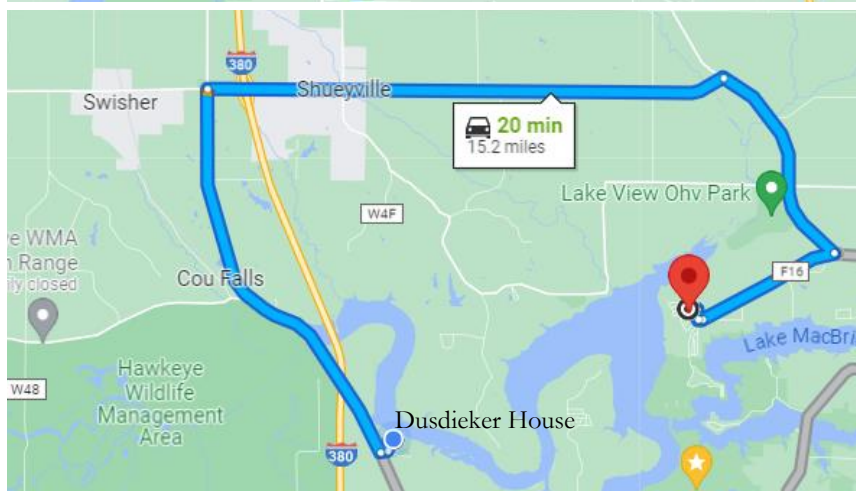
Progressive Dinner **Sunday 6/4/23** for those that RSVPed.

**Appetizers and tour greenhouse of Jon and Joan Lorence 191 Knollwood Drive NE, Solon. 4:00 PM** From CR exit I380 at Exit 10 and go past the Shueyville Church all way to Ely Road - turn right - to traffic circle and head toward Lake MacBride Park. Turn right into Lake View Heights and immediately right down hill. Road turns left at bottom of the hill and Lorence house is white on left on next corner. From IC drive to Solon and then out road to MacBride Park with same instructions after traffic circle.

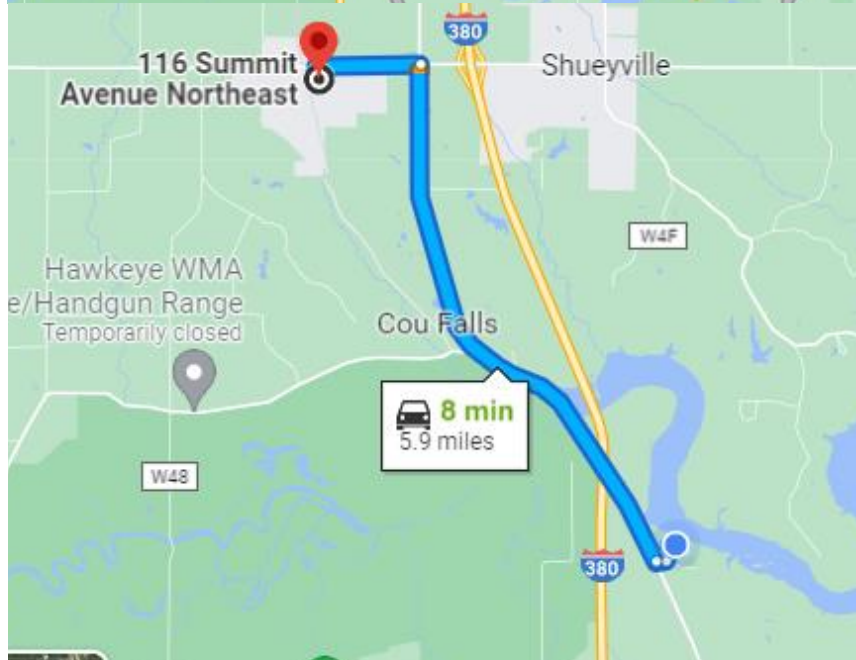


**Entrées and tour of pergola at Nile and Lois Dusdieker's 1968 Elm Ridge Rd NE, North Liberty, Iowa. About 5:30**

Follow blue on the map - back to the infamous traffic circle then north on Ely Road to Shueyville turnoff - again past the church and cross over I380. Turn left on 965 at bottom of the hill and drive 5 miles to Mid-River Marina Road (Just past the marina). Turn left - past the mailboxes - then left up the hill on Elm Ridge Rd - keep left to top of hill and road swings around to the right. Dusdieker house is green house with greenhouse atop to garage. You may park at top of hill on grass if you wish.



**Dessert at Bill Englert's 116 Summit Ave. SE, Swisher 7 pm.** Exit Mid-River development and turn right on 965- drive the 5 miles back to the Swisher-Shueyville Road (stop sign). Turn left and drive into Swisher, then left on Summit Ave. to his house.



If you didn't RSVP - call Jon Lorence promptly as all are welcome.



## Doc Bannister's Amazing Phalaenopsis!

Robert Bannister is a long time EIOS member from Des Moines, Iowa. He donates many of the gift plants for our Holiday Party and for the two Noelridge Showcases which are the major fund raisers to keep the club afloat. We much appreciate his support and generosity! Our Mother's Day sales table at Noelridge shown here.

He travels to the San Diego area several times a year and buys recently imported Phals from Taiwan. His plants are quite different from the ones at local and even Chicago nurseries. He grows the classic large white *Phal.* Sogo Yukidian 'V3' for weddings and other events in his temperature controlled house and greenhouse in NE Des Moines. When I picked up Mother's Day plants he showed me another amazing white that hasn't received much recognition.

***Phal. Ben Yu Whooper Swan*** (*Phal.* Fusheng Polar Bear x *Phal.* Ben Yu Panda) registered in

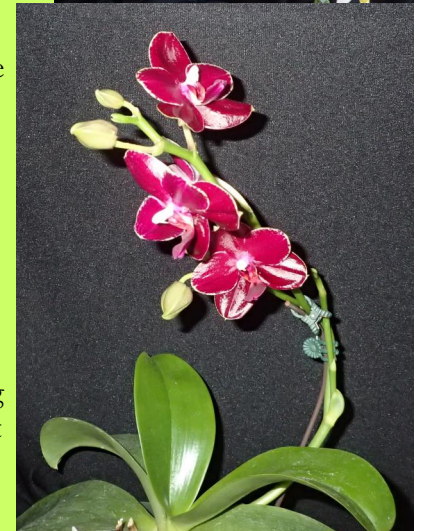
Taiwan in 2018. It has a grandparent, *Phal* Yukimai, that is the same as Sogo Yukidian. Doc did a beautiful job of staking this plant with 16 flowers. (Right)

Big lip Phals are very popular in the commercial market and this miniature ***Phal.***

**Younghome Walle** (*Phal.* Younghome Sweety x *Phal.* Younghome Princess) is a nice compact, floriferous yellow multifloral similar to others that we had at the Noelridge sale. It also originated in 2018 from the Younghome nursery in Taiwan. The compact size is due to *Phal equestris* and several novelty species such as *fasciata*, *heiroglyphica*, *sumatrana*, and *amboinensis*, among others. Of course the big lip trait came in on Yu Pin Fireworks.

Finally, the newest hybrids in demand today have added ***Phal violacea*** with the novelty species above, Here is ***Phal.*** **Sogo Relex** (*Phal.* Sogo Bank

x *Phal.* Sogo Kaiulani) This group of hybrids requires a different growing habitat which a lot of folks find hard to provide. These Phals like it hot, humid, bright, and grown in a media that drains and dries quickly. The flowers are firm in substance and glossy in texture. This grex is the only one of the above that has any AOS awards to date. Spectacular! Nile D





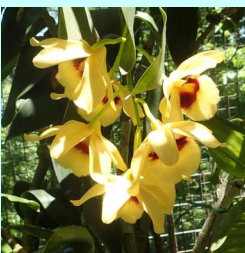
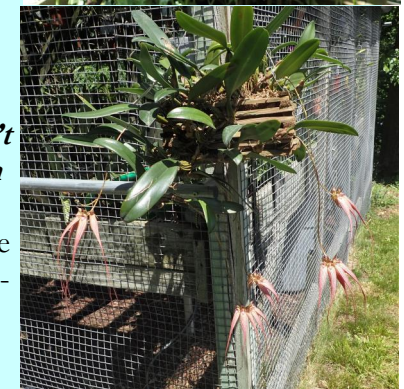
### What's Up in the Peregola? Orchids outside for the Summer!



The Dusdieker orchid collection is mostly outside as the greenhouse on top of the third garage gets too hot. Yes, most will attest, our weather has been unusual this spring - cool nights and bright sunny days; and now early summer with no rain and hot, hot, dry days. Most of the orchids have been out for at least 3 weeks to acclimate and we are seeing some interesting blooms. In addition to the Vanda on page one, several others are blooming or in spike. (left) My bifoliate, C. Penny Kuroda (right) was in full bloom. Both of these are unusual for us as they normally bloom during the 'dog days' of July and August. Some years they have gone to the Wisconsin show in September. Looking around I see some 'Bulldog' Paphs, a nobile Dendrobium and *Prosthecia cochleate* also in bloom off cycle. My biggest surprise however was the *Bulbo* Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry' with 6 spikes, normally a reliable October orchid show plant. (right) *I don't want to 'poop' on*



*success- in fact that may be a factor.* Melorganite is a organic pelletized, natural, weak fertilizer made from sewer plant sludge that smells bad and seems to keep the deer and rabbits away from Lois's tulips and lilies. I tried some on selected orchids - especially the paphs. The verdict is not in yet! As a follow-up to last month's newsletter, the Cypripedium bed (left) is growing well. Normally it is covered to protect from munchies and too much sun. The first to bloom was the Taiwanese native *Cyp. formosanum*. It has the pleated leaves and a lovely split pouch. Next the *Cyp parviflorum var pubescens* (which is native to Iowa and much of mid to upper latitude North America), presented a cluster of yellow flowers. Some late bloomers that may still be open for the June 4th visit include the large *Cyp kentuckiense*. (left) It looks similar to pubescens



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The CENTRAL IOWA ORCHID SOCIETY  
**34th ANNUAL SPEAKERS DAY**

Saturday, July 22, 2023

Johnston Lions Club Community Center  
 6401 Merle Hay Road  
 Johnston, Iowa

## *Fred Clarke*

Fred Clarke has been growing orchids for over 40 years and has been hybridizing for 35 of those years. With over 35 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery; Sunset Valley Orchids, located in San Diego, CA. He is a passionate orchid grower whose curiosity in orchids is broad and varied.

Fred's topics will be "Today's Mini and Compact Cattleya's" and "Becoming an 80 Percentile Grower"

## *Alan Koch*

Alan Koch owns and operates Gold Country Orchids where he specializes in miniature and compact Cattleya's. Alan started growing orchids in 1969 with 3 Cymbidiums given to him by an aunt. While in college he became interested in other orchids and discovered many would grow outdoors in Southern California. He has moved five times as his orchid obsession has led to the need for more growing space. With the last move, he purchased 10 acres of land in Lincoln, California for his 250,000 orchids. He is recognized as an expert in the Brazilian Cattleya alliance and a trend setter in miniature compact and Cattleya breeding.

Alan's topics will be "Unusual Species for the Cattleya Grower" and "Mini Vandaceous Species and Hybrids for the Home Grower".

Saturday, July 22, 2023

8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast, Plant Sales

8:00-10:00 Plants registered for AOS Judging

9:00-11:30 Morning presentations

11:00 AOS Judging

11:30 Buffet Lunch / Plant sales

1:00 p.m. First afternoon presentation

1:45 Afternoon Dessert Bar

2:30 Second afternoon presentation

3:15 Drawing for Door Prizes / Plant Sales

Registration fee of \$30.00 per person covers all costs. (\$35.00 at the door)  
 For a printable registration form, see Central Iowa Orchid Society webpage.  
 Early reservations would be helpful in planning the event.  
 For more information, reservations, etc. Please call:  
 Carson Whitlow at (515) 993-4841

**Attendees may pre-order from the speakers and pick up the plants at the meeting. Check their websites.**

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## Plan to ATTEND!

### The Wisconsin Orchid Show 2023, Sept 16-17

Mitchell Domes in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

This is the first show of the fall season. Our club is planning an exhibit. It will be in the Mitchell Park Domes 9-4 each day. We will discuss further at our September meeting. Last year's EIOS Show Trophy Best in Show display shown here.



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ful orchid sales and mini orchid exhibits at Noelridge Greenhouse Showcases over Easter and Mother's Day. We raised over \$1600 for the club's educational activities and to support our upcoming orchid show in October.

**Summer activities include** a revival of the **Progressive Dinner Sunday June 4th** starting at Jon and Joan Lorence's home near Lake McBride at 4 PM for appetizers; then to Nile and Lois Dusdieker's on Coralville Lake at Mid-River at 5:30 PM for main entrees, and finally to Bill Engler's in Swisher at 7 PM for dessert.

**Central Iowa Speaker's Day** in Johnston near Des Moines will feature Alan Koch and Fred Clarke and great food on Saturday July 22nd.

**Mid-America** will again have their show and sale the end of August in Dayton, Ohio

We will resume EIOS meetings the first Thurs of the month in September.

### CHANGE IN NEWSLETTERS

**Starting with this issue EIOS Newsletters will be published only on a quarterly basis.**

**Timely EIOS news will still be distributed on the EIOS Google Group via email & our website.**

### Directions to the First United Methodist Church in Shueyville, Iowa

This is half way between Cedar Rapids and Iowa City, The church is located 1 mile EAST of Exit 10 (Swisher-Shueyville) off Interstate 380. Our meetings begin with a social time at 6:30 pm; followed by the official meeting and program at 7:00 pm. Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in orchids! Our club displays orchids at regional orchid shows and participates in American Orchid Society orchid judging. Meeting programs include beginning orchid growing, discussion about various types of orchids and orchid conservation, plus plant sales and holiday party just for fun. Enjoy our website, [easterniowaorchidsociety.org](http://easterniowaorchidsociety.org), read our newsletters, attend our Fall Orchid Show in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and come join us at our next meeting!