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**September 2019**

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EASTERN IOWA ORCHID SOCIETY

# The Spike

A small group of people with a big love of growing orchids.



The Show Trophy and Gold Certificate for best orchid display at the Medellin, Columbia Orchid Show, August 5th, 2019 is shown. Nile D. and several other AOS judges from the Chicago center attended the show and did AOS judging. 26 awards were given out of 1200 plants entered. This show is part of a week long floral festival in Medellin and was truly a site to be seen. More photos on subsequent pages.

## PRESIDENT'S BLURB

Hello Orchid Lovers: I hope all your orchids had an eventful summer with great new growths getting ready for amazing blooms later this year and next. Our Sept. meeting will be a general introduction to all different types of orchids with emphasis on ones you can grow. I have invited folks that signed up at past orchid shows and sales to join us. We will have some raffle plants. Our fall orchid show 'Orchids are a Scream 2!' is rapidly approaching and sign up sheets for hospitality, advertisement, working for setup and docents for the show will be available at the meeting. The show is only as good as those who volunteer to help can make it. By special request, we will have 'our quarter auction' at our October

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## Calendar of Events

<b>First meeting of EIOS in fall. Meeting at Shueyville Methodist Church Social 6:30—Meeting 7 PM. Program 'World of Orchids' General overview of orchids and how to grow them by Nile D.</b>	<b>Sept. 5, 2019</b>
<b>Wisconsin Orchid Show, Fall MAOC, Mitchell Park Domes, Milwaukee, WI. EIOS displays.</b>	<b>Sept. 14-15, 2019</b>
<b>October meeting EIOS, Shueyville Methodist Church Social 6:30—Meeting 7 Plant Auction</b>	<b>Oct. 3rd, 2019</b>
<b>Orchids are a Scream 2! EIOS Show, Elks Lodge Cedar Rapids</b>	<b>Oct. 26-27, 2019</b>

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## *Come to our Orchid Club Meetings!*

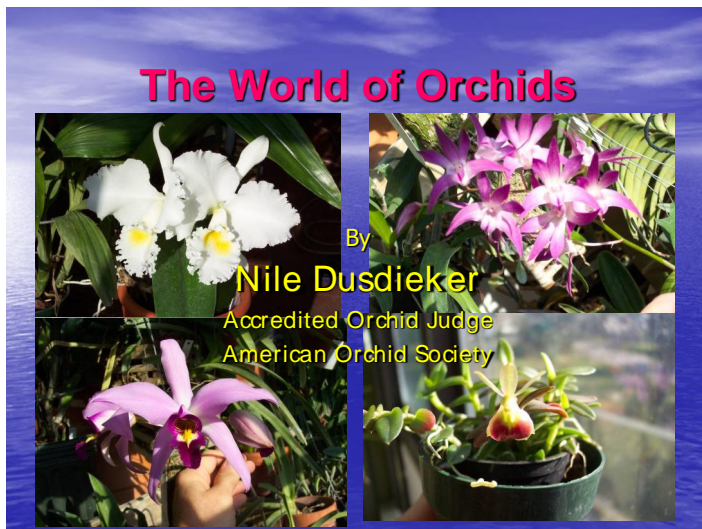
The Eastern Iowa Orchid Society meets on the first Thursday of the month except in the summer and the month of January. We pride ourselves as “a small group of people with a big love of growing orchids!”: Our meetings are open to the public and we try to make everyone welcome. Some members have just a couple orchids and others have several hundreds. We all learn to grow from each other and no questions are too simple to ask. Each meeting has a social time to ask questions and enjoy refreshments. A program follows presented by one of our members or a guest speaker. We often have raffle plants and this October will be our plant auction which is a great opportunity to expand one’s collection. We are a friendly group! All members get to choose a blooming orchid at our holiday party in December which for many is the highlight of the year.

Our club is known throughout the Midwest for our orchid displays at regional orchid shows. These are especially rewarding for our members as their plants are judged and receive ribbons at the show as well as possible American Orchid Society recognition with a national award. About 10 of our members past and present have received AOS awards. We are always looking for members to attend shows and help with our displays. All are welcome to participate - we do have a good time!

Education is part of our mission. Members of the club give volunteer lectures to local and regional groups such as Master Gardeners and garden clubs to promote interest in orchids. More formal presentations have been given to national and international orchid forums. Our club is a member of the American Orchid Society (AOS) and the MidAmerican Orchid Congress (MAOC) and the club is well represented at these two organizations’ events.

***We welcome all, please come to our meetings and bring a friend.***

Andy Coghill-Behrends is shown at right giving his program on miniature and novelty phalaenopsis at our June meeting



At left is the title slide from our upcoming program “**The World of Orchids**” by Nile Dusdieker which is the program for our September meeting.



## How We Are Growing! Photos from our Members.

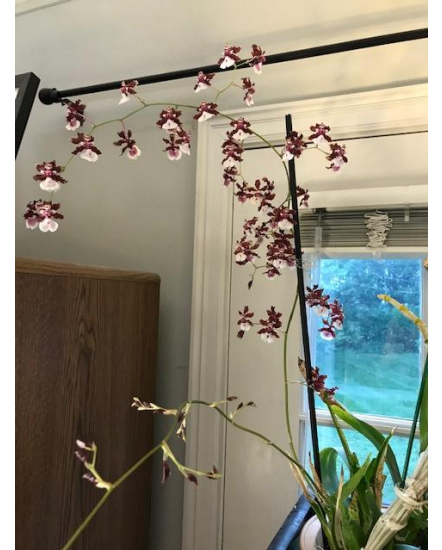


**LEFT: From Jon Lorence:** “*Paphiopedilum* Lynleigh Koo-powitz. (*Paph. delenatii* x *malipoense*) First time it has bloomed though have had it for a few years.”

**RIGHT: From Nile’s Cyp. bed:** *Cyp. x ventricosum* from northeastern China - a natural hybrid of *calceolus* and *macranthos*.



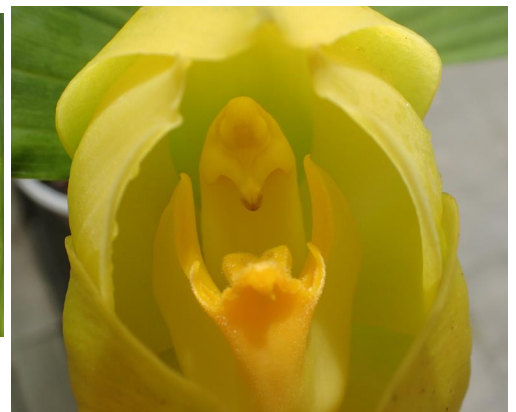
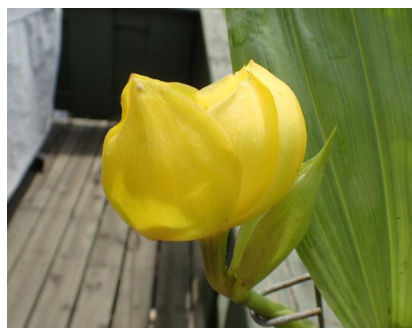
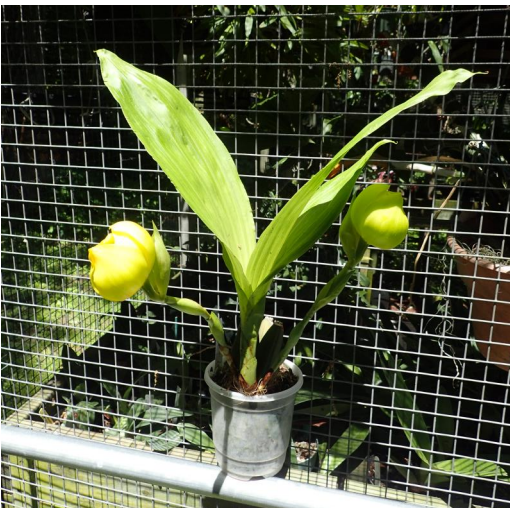
**RIGHT: From Greg and Connie Harris:** Two lovely *Oncidium* intergenerics growing on their windowsills: Sharry Baby and Eye Candy ‘Pixie’. They will stay in bloom a long time and usually have a great fragrance.



**From Doc Bannister:** An abundance of ‘Big Lip’ *Phalaenopsis*. *Phal.* Miki Dancer (Miki Galaxy x Yu Pin Fireworks) newly registered in 2015 by Miki Orchids in Taiwan



**Tulips Anyone?** What a surprise to find this *Anguloa clowesii* blooming outside in the pergola. It is related to the Genus *Lycaste* (many of which I have killed.) The flower only opens this much. Can you see all the parts in the closeup below? Nile D.







## American Orchid Society Page for Affiliated Societies from [AOS.org](https://www.aos.org) website

To promote the appreciation of orchids, the American Orchid Society delivers the most up-to-date, *accurate*, educational information about orchid culture and sponsors research and conservation initiatives to improve the outlook for orchids around the globe.” Since 1921, orchid education has been what the American Orchid Society is all about. At our website ([aos.org](https://www.aos.org)), you will find information on all aspects of orchids and how to care for your orchids and get them to bloom to their best. The section of the website called “All about orchids” is summarized below:

If you are like most of us, you will be spending a great deal of your AOS website time in this section, whether you are just beginning or have grown orchids for many years. Orchids are all about learning and striving to grow our plants better. You will find helpful tips if you are growing your first orchid under **ORCHID CARE**. The **AOS VIDEO LIBRARY** and **WEBINAR** sections contain how-to topics and lectures by orchid experts and Greenhouse Chats with Q&As about orchid culture.

The **CULTURE SHEETS** cover growing individual genera and can be translated into nearly every language. An **ORCHIDIST’S GLOSSARY** is an alphabetical list of orchid terms and helps you learn how to pronounce the genera names, frequently a challenge. **ORCHIDS A TO Z** gives genera information and culture requirements and has playable sound files with the proper pronunciation.

The **ORCHID PESTS AND DISEASES** section is useful to all of us, and there are two webinars (found under the WEBINAR tab) on Pest and Disease management that you will find very helpful in dealing with these problems. The **KIDS’ CORNER** has tips for sharing your love of orchids with kids. Check out **ADDITIONAL ORCHID RESOURCES** for lots of additional information that includes original material as well as articles from ORCHIDS magazine. Orchid lovers and growers are from all walks of life, with different occupations, but all share a passion for orchids. Once you get it, you are hooked. Orchids bring peace, love, and happiness to your life; they bring a way to escape from the stresses of everyday living. Whether you grow on your windowsill, or under lights in your basement, or outdoors, or in a greenhouse, you are a part of the wonderful orchid community, and, **by being a member of the AOS, you have a home and are part of a close-knit orchid community.** The orchids are amazing and so are orchid people. They are always willing to share their knowledge and love of orchids with others. The AOS exists to serve you, the orchid grower. Among the perks of membership are the outstanding AOS website with accurate, reliable orchid information, the monthly ORCHIDS magazine, and the AOS webinars.

**Our Club is an AOS affiliate and the AOS helps us with the orchid shows, and educational information. New AOS memberships starting in Jan. 2020 in addition to the above, will include the new Orchids Plus Database online which will allow members to search names, hybrids, awards, culture for their specific orchids. I encourage EIOS members to sign up as AOS members as well. Anyone can visit the AOS website ([aos.org](https://www.aos.org)) and learn more about membership benefits. Nile D**



# Getting 'High' in Columbia The Medellin Orchid Show 2019



Columbia used to be known as a 'drug haven' but I only got 'high' on the amazing orchids I saw. Also the airport was at 11,000 feet! The show was at the Medellin Botanical Exhibition Area - huge exhibits, setting-up above, some final exhibits below - several thousand orchids and other flowers were displayed. Nile D



*Lycaste* and *Phrags.* above left, *Masd. poly-sticta* left, *Anguloa bevilabris* right, *Maxillaria triloras* below





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The Ram's Head Lady Slipper (*Cyp. arietinum*) taken on the Bruce Peninsula, Ontario Canada at the Native Orchid Conference in June, 2019. Nile D



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meeting where folks can bid in whole numbers and pay in quarter increments. Folks donate plants for the auction so please be looking over your collection and setting aside plants for the auction. We're planning a special speaker for November and of course our December holiday party with gift plants for all members. (If you haven't paid your 2019 dues bring them to the Sept. meeting) In this newsletter I am starting an AOS PAGE. The American Orchid Society is doing great things and they offer a lot to local societies like ours. I will try to highlight some of their benefits on the AOS PAGE. Ann Morris will be bringing information on ordering more of our polo shirts both long and short sleeved with our logo embroidered. Those interested can sign up at our meeting and pay up front. If you can't attend then send an email to Ann with your interest. As our Fall season begins, I encourage members to send me pictures of your growing successes and submit short articles or comments you would like to share with club members. You are all on the google group email list (where you receive this newsletter) and you can share an email to all members of the google group. Looking forward to a fun season. Nile D.

### Hosts for Upcoming Meeting

**Nile and Lois  
Dusdieker**

### 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!