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Fall 2025
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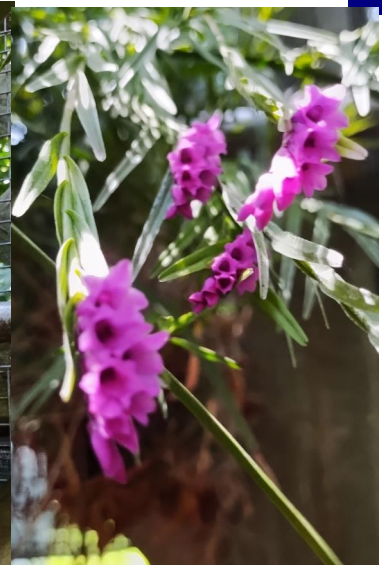
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EASTERN IOWA ORCHID SOCIETY

The Spike

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



An *Isochilus* species (one of 14 similar appearing) native to Central America & costal Brazil. Winter bloomer here now in Dusdieker pergola, hot summer growing sideways in a basket in the shade.

PRESIDENT'S BLURB

The 2025-26 meeting and program schedule for the **Eastern Iowa Orchid Society** begins Thursday September 4th at the Shueyville Church. Visiting 6:30, meeting and program at 7:00. I hope you will find our programs informative and educational, as well as providing the opportunity to discuss what is or isn't happening with your orchids. Even get a little advice.

Please mark your calendar, Saturday and Sunday November 1st and 2nd is the Eastern Iowa Orchid Society Orchid Show. It will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Cedar Rapids across the highway from Noelridge Greenhouses. We need a lot of volunteer workers to make the show a success.

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Calendar of Events

September EIOS meeting at Shueyville Church. Plant Auction!	Sept 4th, 2025 6:30, program 7
Milwaukee, Wisconsin Orchid Show.	Sept. 13-14, 2025
October EIOS meeting. Show prep; mounting Dendrobiums	Oct. 2, 2025
Illinois Fall Mini Show	Oct 11, 2025
Chicago Botanic Garden	
ORCHIDS ARE A SCREAM 2025 EIOS ORCHID SHOW	Nov. 1-2, 2025
New Location! Radisson Hotel, 1200 Collins Road NE, Cedar Rapids	Setup Oct 31 noon to 5pm

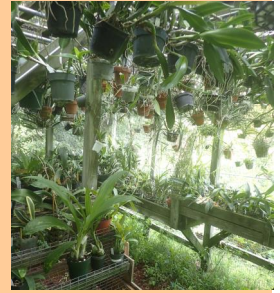
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What We Did Last Summer by Nile D

Jon and Joan Lorence hosted a repotting gathering at their house near Lake McBride. Members brought plants to learn how to repot and pickup tips from others that grow similar orchids. One advantage of belonging to a 'live and in person' organization like our club is to be able to interact face to face with other orchid growers and learn each others' tricks!

At the Dusdiekers, Nile wrenched his knee and had a scope to fix it. Not a painless procedure! Therefore, in late May assisted by the grandchildren from Ohio, all the orchids were moved to the pergola in ONE day. I sat and directed where to hang plants and did manage a scoop of Osmocote in each pot. Thus began this summers' experiment. You have heard of 'no till farming'? Well, of necessity we did no care orchid growing. A automatic mister and morning dew provided moisture, the pergola sheltered plants from beasties (except an occasional bull snake) and the weather mimicked the tropics - dry and hot, then monsoons after the 4th of July. As of this writing, things look pretty good, in fact; I think the orchids enjoyed being ignored! We shall see how they bloom? I even have an Angraecum in spike! (left)



Third week of July saw several members of our club visit Johnston, Iowa for Central Iowa Speakers day. Good lectures, great food, and lots of raffle plants. Andy Coghill-Behrends chaired a mix of AOS judges from Chicago and Kansas city. Several awards! Remember, you won't get recognition for your orchid unless you bring it in for judging - to a show or monthly judging. Contact Nile to arrange transport. We are always looking for more 'beauties' to judge.

What We Need To Do This Fall

Look over your plants prior to our **first meeting** and plan to donate duplicates, ones you can't bloom, even ones you don't like, to the '**quarter auction**' where we bid in whole numbers but pay only 1/4th the amount. Always fun to buy a 20 bid plant for \$5.00. Photos here from past auctions back to 2019.



The **Wisconsin Orchid Show** is in early September. We will set up a table top in the Mitchell Domes in Milwaukee on Friday, Sept 12th (usually beastly hot), the ribbon and AOS judging Saturday morning. Jeff and Jim will bring our exhibit home to Dubuque on Sunday. We can use your plants for the display, Nile niledusdieker@gmail.com will arrange transport to the show. Our 2023 display pictured here. Any-

one who would like to help is welcome and you could clerk for judging on Saturday.

Our **October meeting** will focus on the upcoming orchid show at our new venue. We will need lots of volunteer help before and during the show. The orchid show still has a Halloween theme even though it is on Nov. 1-2. Looks like Carmen is ready! More details on following page. **November EIOS meeting** happens shortly after the show and hopefully we can welcome some new members. Discussion will be about orchid anatomy (What makes them unique) and pollination. Of course, **Our December meeting** is our holiday party with a free gift plant for all paid up members.



The BIG EVENT! ORCHIDS ARE A SCREAM, 2025

Our show is only a few weeks away and we need volunteer member help to make it a success.

Our show chairman is Jon Lorence with Joan, Sharon Neff, Matt, Nile, and Carmen on the planning committee. **Contact them for ideas and ways you can to help.**

SEPTEMBER: Invitation to societies and judges needs to be confirmed including size of exhibit planned. Also, we need to think about media promotion. Any connections with local media would be great. We have done radio (KCKK, WMT, IPR) and will try again. Last year we had a TV interview on KGAN and I think Sharon is working on KCRG. Members can help by placing information on their social media and other club newsletters. Our website has pdf downloadable flyers such as the one on the right for distribution. *Talk the show up by word of mouth.*

OCTOBER: Coordinating activities and communicating with participants. We do not need to provide food as hospitality will be from the Radisson. We still need Halloween decorations. The floor plan for the show should be finalized with exhibits around the perimeter and vendor round table exhibits plus our EIOS exhibit in the center. Natts, Anything Orchids, and Friday's Embroidery are our vendors.

VOLUNTEERS AT THE SHOW: Setup is Friday October 31. Need to be sure the room is ready. Will plan to arrange the EIOS display in the morning. Other clubs will arrive 12-5pm and help is needed to transport their plants and supplies - same for the vendors. We plan to have registration complete by 5pm and judging teams set for Saturday morning. Breakfast will be available for those staying at the hotel. **We need Clerks and will provide breakfast for those not staying at the hotel. Usually we have 7-8 ribbon judging teams with 2 clerks each to run smoothly. Plan is for breakfast at 7am and judging to start about 7:45-8:00. We need to know who will clerk ahead of time to pay for their breakfast!** During the show, volunteers are needed to welcome guests and act as docents. The show is open 10-5 Sat, 10-4 Sun. Then at the close of the show volunteer help needed for takedown. We will have some carts. To be a success, we all need to take part ownership of the show and help! **Please let Jon Lorence know how you will help.** Nile D

The Eastern Iowa Orchid Society Presents: **ORCHIDS ARE A SCREAM 2025** An American Orchid Society Competition **Halloween Themed Orchid Show & Sale**



**Radisson Hotel • 1200 Collins Rd. NE • Cedar Rapids, Iowa
November 1st Sat. 10AM - 5 PM & November 2nd, Sunday 10AM - 4PM
ADMISSION IS FREE • NEW LOCATION**

Our twelfth annual American Orchid Society Competition is a Halloween themed show. It features displays of hundreds of beautiful orchids exhibited by regional orchid societies, amateur hobbyists, and professional orchid growers from around the Midwest. Orchid related crafts and collectibles will also be displayed. Orchids and exhibits will be judged by American Orchid Society judges.

A wide variety of orchids and collectibles will be for sale by regional vendors. Volunteers will be present to answer your questions about orchids, the displays and the AOS competition. The show is family friendly and offers an up-close look at some of nature's most exotic flowers – plus a little Halloween fun.

Sponsored by: The Eastern Iowa Orchid Society
Learn more at our website: easterniowaorchidsociety.org

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CLUB POTPOURII

Sharon Neff and Ben Marion celebrated 50 years of marriage in Keokuk, IA on Aug 16th. The cake was decorated with a confection of a spray of lavender orchids. The Italian Crème cake was designed, baked and sculpted by Anne Walker, a graduate of Notter School of Pastry Arts in Orlando FL. By all reports the cake was as luscious as it was lovely and not a crumb was left. How could it be anything else with orchids on it!



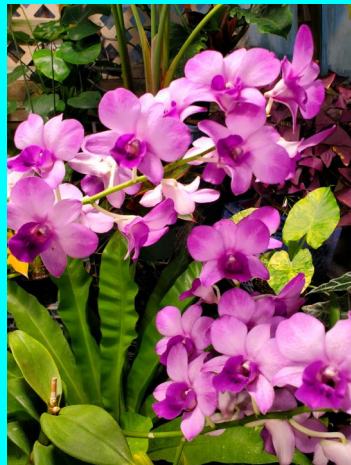
Marcia Whitmore shared these: *Habenaria Flamingo* that she purchased from Sarah Hudel. She grows wonderful habennarias. *Dendrobium bekouense* has been a challenge to grow as I have killed two. This one prefers the plant room. Very delicate flower (right). Nile's *Dendrobium parishii* decided to bloom mid summer. This is normally a spring nobile type species. Has been in this clay pot for ages -right below. Marcia's novelty phalaenopsis:



Phalaenopsis Zheng Min
Anaconda (middle) and
Phalaenopsis Mituo Sun 'Al'

Jon Lorence shared several bloomers for our enjoyment:

Phrag. Conchiferum, a hybrid of *caricinum* and *longifolium*. Some Phrags like to bloom in the heat of summer!



Dendrobium Salaya Blue - but Orchid Wiz says it is a vanda - could it be Den. Salaya Pink from T Orchids in Thailand registered in 2018?

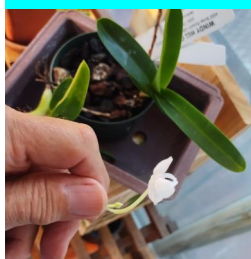
Vanda Jairak Brown (V. Doctor Anek x V. Jukkich Gold) with rich color saturation.



Neofinetia falcata - now renamed *Vanda falcata*. Wonderful cooler growing plant famous in Japan and Korea not only

for flowers but culture habit in fancy pots. (right)

Nile got this tiny *Mexipedium xerophyticum* at the MAOC from Marilyn LeDoux. A split of a plant she has grown for years.



Trip to the MAOC meeting in Centerville Ohio

EIOS club is a member of the **Mid-America Orchid Congress** which is a group of affiliated societies across central US. MAOC helps sponsor AOS judging centers. The MAOC helps with orchid shows by providing a unified show schedule for ribbon judging. MAOC supports local societies, education, and conservation. Some of their benefits are seen enclosed from their website. They have an annual meeting in Centerville Ohio late August and this year the AOS joined them. The local Lutheran Church has kindly hosted the meetings the last several years. Nile and Lois attended



this year with pictures that follow: The main fellowship hall was loaded with plants for sale and selected plants were donated

to a raffle table out front that Lois is standing by. The main exhibited plants were placed on tables by similar genera and ribbon judging was then done. About 40



AOS judges attended and 5 AOS awards were given to selected plants. My team awarded this *Paraphaleanopsis labukensis* with lovely star shaped umber flowers. Nile just had to buy one of these!



Right is Rth. Krull's Cherokee awarded by another team.



WELCOME TO THE MID-AMERICA ORCHID CONGRESS



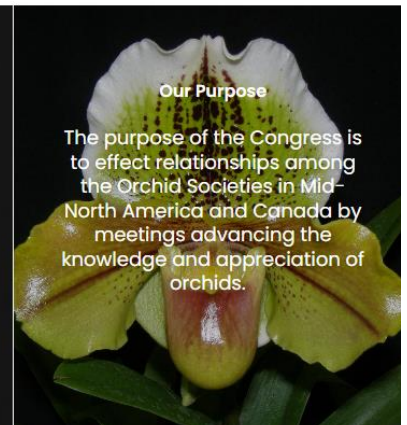
Who We Are

We are an organization dedicated to the preservation of orchids in their natural habitats, the propagation of orchids by seed and cuttings, the development of new and better plants through breeding, and providing information to growers who subscribe to our principles.



Our History

Since 1949, the MAOC has sponsored six North American Judging Centers, and supported regional orchid shows of our member Societies.



Our Purpose

The purpose of the Congress is to effect relationships among the Orchid Societies in Mid-North America and Canada by meetings advancing the knowledge and appreciation of orchids.



MAOC offers the following benefits to local societies:

- Standardized show schedule of classes for use in orchid shows
- Provides list of Intergeneric Orchid Classifications used to register plants for shows
- A free CD of Dr. Leonid Averyanov's NEW DISCOVERIES OF VIETNAMESE PAPHIOPEDILUMS
- A free CD of Gerda Ferrington's ORCHID NAMES: A PRONUNCIATION GUIDE
- The Congress, an organization of societies, not of individuals, provides a forum to address issues of interest to societies.

MAOC offers the following benefits to members of local societies:

- Receive all issues of the MID-AMERICAN. This newsletter reports the activities of the Mid-America Orchid Congress meetings, exchanges ideas on various subjects affecting local orchid society as discussed at the Affiliated Societies Breakfast and highlights activities of local orchid societies.

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Jon Lorence asked, "How is your Holiday Plant doing from last year? Mine has decided to bloom already!" This is a Fred Clarke hybrid **Mahalo Jack**, a cross between C. Walkeriana 'SVO passion' and C. Orpetii 'Kathleen III'. This has the classic Walkeriana shape with broad petals and open face. I think it is award quality!

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This summer growing season has been a challenge. If your plants are indoors, you are faced with trying to maintain humidity for your plants, while your air conditioner removes it to keep you cool. If they're outside, you compete with warm temperatures and sweltering humidity. Always keeping an eye out for bugs and pests. Perfect environment for them. Hopefully you and your plants are surviving.

Our first meeting program is the **Plant Auction**. If you have a plant or two that has been in your possession for a long time, and have been unable to get it to bloom, please consider donating it to the auction. The more plants, the more fun. Remember, all proceeds go to the Holiday Dinner in December. Funds generated last year enabled us to expand the choice of meat to chicken, pork loin, and Jeff and Jim graciously donated a ham. If you went home hungry, it was your own fault. ***Please help make the auction and dinner a success.***

I hope you will be able to attend the September meeting. Jon

Directions to the Shueyville Church

This is half way between Cedar Rapids and Iowa City, The church is located 1 mile EAST of Exit 10 (Swisher- Shueyville Exit) 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 a holiday party just for fun. Enjoy our website: easterniowaorchidsociety.org