



## Amazing Cymbidium!

Jeff Metcalf lives in Peosta near Dubuque and his farm house is literally full of orchids. He specializes in growing cymbidiums. This 'small' one pictured here was the centerpiece of the Orchid Growers Guild exhibit, in Madison on Feb. 1st. EIOS shares Jeff's orchid skills with the OGG Madison society. This was *Cym. One Tree Hill 'Solstice Gold'* and received the highest AOS culture award possible: **A Certificate of Cultural Excellence** 94 points. **WOW!**

## PRESIDENT'S BLURB

Winter is definitely upon us. Snow is nice. Pretty. And COLD! I'm ready for warmer weather and getting my hands dirty outside. I have never cared for the middle of winter cold stretch when you can't buy orchids and have them shipped. One plus side, I'm not spending money, on orchids that is!

Our Orchid Society has two major fund raisers. They are Easter Sat & Sun April 19th & 20th and Mothers Day May 11th at Noelridge Greenhouses. While at Noelridge, we will offer a small display of orchids for the public to view, offer information regarding our society to encourage public interest and new membership, and offer plants for sale to the public. Doc Banister will provide phalaenopsis plants to sell. All proceeds go to the Society to help pay for our

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## Calendar of Events

Wisconsin Orchid Show at Racine	March 1-2, 2025
EIOS March Meeting 'Orchid Pests and Diseases'	March 6th 2025
Shueyville Church social	6:30 program 7 PM
Illinois Spring Orchid Show, Chicago Bot. Garden	March 8-9, 2025
Batavia Orchid Show, Cantigny, Wheaton, Ill.	March 22-23, 2025
EIOS April: Orchids of Turks and Caicos, Bahamas	April 3rd, 2025
Noelridge Easter Showcase, Cedar Rapids, Iowa	April 19-20, 2025
EIOS May: Phrags. by Andy Coghill-Behrends	May 1st 2025

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**HOLIDAY FUN FOR ALL** Our annual holiday party was well attended and we had a nice table of gift plants from Fred Clarke SVO orchids and others donated by our member Robert Bannister. Cathy Wilcox is pictured with the gift plant table. We use this to thank her for



MANY years of service to the club as Treasurer. In the minutes enclosed, she will transfer Treasurer responsibilities to Carmen Joslin. Sharon Neff also sent a few photos of the party, we had a large turnout! Wonderful food! Members are not only good orchid growers but also excellent cooks. We had our Annual Business Meeting and then drew lots to select the gift plant of choice.



### Eastern Iowa Orchid Society (EIOS) Annual Meeting for 2024

Held at Shueyville Church, Shueyville, Iowa during the December EIOS Holiday gathering Dec. 7, 2023. Called to order by Pres. Jon Lorence at 7:55 PM

Club Officers: Jon Lorence President, Leadership Committee Joan Lorence, Sharon Neff, Denise Klemp, Matt Berry; Cathy Wilcox, Treasurer; Nancy Distler, AOS Representative; Nile Dusdieker, MAOC representative; Michael Hampton Secretary; Bill Snyder, registered agent in charge of filing nonprofit forms. Club currently has about 50 members: quorum was present.

EIOS is a non-profit organization (501c3) with a major emphasis on education of members and the public about orchids. Fund raising activities solely go to meet that purpose. Major activities of the club this year included sponsoring the Eastern Iowa Orchid Show and Sale 'Orchids Are a Scream 2024' at the Elks Lodge in October, local orchid displays at Easter and Mother's Day Noelridge Showcases, and participation in regional orchid shows throughout the Midwest. We plan to continue eight monthly meetings with educational programs open to the public, some may still occur via ZOOM during winter months. Guest speakers are paid an honorarium and travel expenses if they are not club members. Activities (minutes) of the club are recorded in the quarterly newsletters. A Treasurers report will be given by Cathy Wilcox and will be published in the Spring 2025 newsletter. (See last page of this newsletter)

Several action items needed approval:

**Changes in OFFICERS:** Both Cathy Wilcox and Nile Dusdieker have check signing privileges at our Hills Bank Club account. Cathy requests that her role of Treasurer be passed to new person beginning Jan 2025. Cathy will keep signing privileges and will file 2024 final Treasurers report in January 2025. A preliminary report was given at this meeting. Club revenue to date \$3899; expenses \$1800. CD at Hills Bank \$5200.

**MOTION: Nomination for Treasurer** Carmen Joslin. Vote passed unanimously

Registered agent for the club that files our tax information yearly has been Bill and Jean Snyder and Nile is willing to do this as he does this for Illowa Club.

**MOTION: Nomination for Registered Agent** Nile Dusdieker Vote passed unanimously.

Functions of the secretary are handled and recorded in the newsletter by editors Michael Hampton and Nile Dusdieker.

**MOTION: to combine the office of secretary** with the editors of the newsletter. Vote passed unanimously.

**MOTION: To approve the activities of the club and specifically the actions of the officers of the club for 2024 including Treasurer's report and meeting documentation in the newsletter.** Vote passed unanimously.

All club activities are provided by members on a purely volunteer basis. This includes meeting preparation, refreshments, representing the club at regional orchid shows and orchid judging events, orchid field trips and arranging speakers and educational programs.

**MOTION: The club shall provide documentation of donated volunteer services upon request which states that no goods or services were received by the donors from the club.** Vote passed unanimously.

At times the club needs to purchase items for club activities such as holiday food, gift plants, and support items like ribbons and awards for our show. These items may be purchased and paid for by individual club members at the direction of the club officers with bills submitted to club treasurer for reimbursement.

**MOTION: The club has a policy to reimburse individual members for purchase of items specifically designated by the officers for general club use.** Vote passed unanimously.

**MOTION: The club will donate \$100 to the Shueyville Church for use of their facilities for 2024-25** Vote passed unanimously.

**OTHER Business: Planning for next year's Orchid Show?** As noted in the recent newsletter, a new show chairman and team will need to be determined. This will include determining if the club wishes to continue the show, show date, location, logistics, hospitality. Nile Dusdieker has contacts and lots of information and will gladly help with planning. Discussion followed and members are actively pursuing these matters. **Selling orchids to raise funds** for our fall show and club activities at the Easter and Mother's Day Noelridge Showcases: We will need volunteers. **The club plans to exhibit at several orchid shows** in the Mid-West this year: Winter Carnival St Paul 1/24-26/2025, Madison OGG at new location Feb. 1-2, 2025, Racine show and Batavia later in the Spring. More information to follow as dates approach. **Next meeting Feb. 6, 2025.** Program Multiflora Paphiopedilums

**SPECIAL THANKS:** To our officers and all our club members that have given of their time and funds to support the club. We should be especially proud of the recent orchid show at the Elks Lodge. Thanks to Michael Hampton and Nile Dusdieker our newsletter editors and web masters. Thanks to Cathy Wilcox our long time Treasurer. Special thanks to Doc Robert Bannister for donating so many plants for our various functions including the phalaenopsis and other plants for our holiday party this year. **MOTION: In consideration of Doc Bannister's support of the club – his 2025 membership dues shall be waved.** Vote approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned 8:35 PM

## Show and Tell in the *COLD, COLD* WINTER

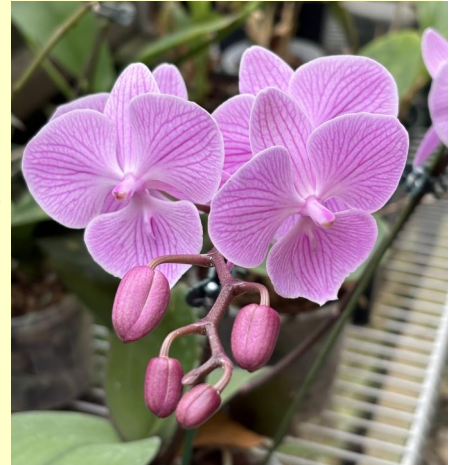
We did not have a January meeting so our President asked for some photos of member's beauties:



Jon Lorence's *Dendrobium* Yellow Song 'Canary' AM/AOS (Den. Midas Gold x Den. Santana) left. Below two



blooms from Marcia Whitmore; *Bulbophyllum* Laura Newton, and a lovely pink phalaenopsis multiflora Ox Happy Girl. This went to the Madison show but like



so many phals these days, judges were not sure of the accuracy of the name. It is an example of 'big lip' breeding.

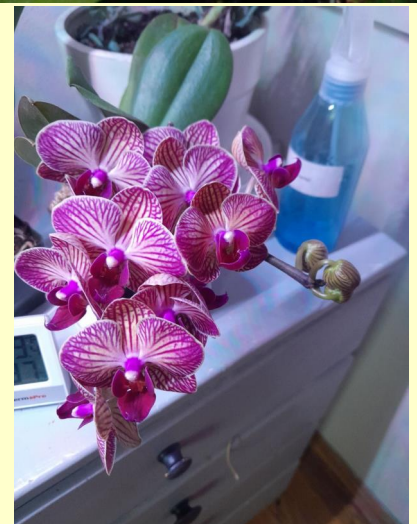


Andy Coghill-Behrends sent this pic of *Bc. Binosa* 'Key Lime' left This is one of a group of very popular recent hybrids between *Brassavola nodosa* and a cattleya, in this case *C. bicolor*.



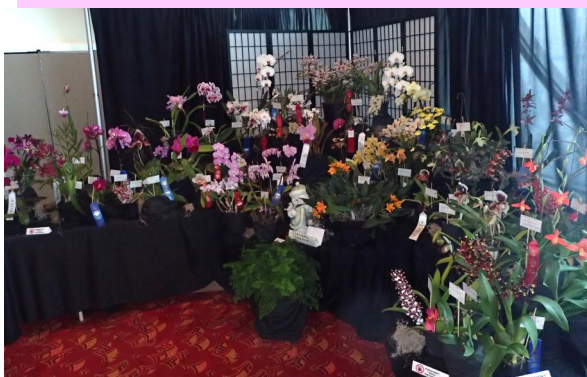
On the right is Bill Englert's photo of *Alcra. Snowblind* 'Sweet Spots' AM/AOS (Onc. Black Diamond x Alcra. Tropic Splendor). This is a promiscuous hybridization between oncidium, miltonia, bratonia, brassia. Very beautiful.: sexy!

Center and left below are Sharon Neff's *C. Mint* 'Chicago heights' and *Bc Maikai* 'Louise' On the lower right is a lovely phalaenopsis presented by new members Judy Schneiderman and Laurie Carrick.



## MID-WINTER ORCHID SHOWS!

Two of the largest orchid shows in our region are the Minnesota Show at Como Park in St. Paul during 'Winter Carnival' the last weekend of January and the Orchid Growers Guild in Madison Wisconsin the first weekend in February. EIOS had a display at both. Andy has moved closer to Minneapolis and spearheaded the Minnesota show with plants from Andy, Jeff Metcalf, Jim Wasser, and Nile & Lois. The photo here shows the exhibit on the terrace above the sunken gardens in the Margaret McNeeley Arboretum. This was taken in the evening as setup occurs after closing when it is dark. The exhibit received five 1st place ribbons, one Best of Class, one special award, 7 second place and 5 third place ribbons. The crowds were huge attending the show.



Jeff & Jim, Nile & Lois, Bill Page brought our exhibit to a new location in Madison, the Monona Center which is right downtown! Over 500 plants were entered for judging. Half of the exhibit space was reserved for many varied vendors. The crowds were again huge - 1500+. The home society (OGG) was the largest and got the show trophy (right). It was supported (just a little) by Jeff's yellow cymbidium in the center of the display (front cover). His plant received the cultural CCE/AOS award plus several other ribbons. Our display (above) got second place which was an accomplishment considering the competition. (more photos of show and vendor area right). Some select shots of plants in our display: Left - B Glaucia ( Nile), Bottom left - Phal YuPin LLucky (Bannister), Phals in center of display, Cymbidium Show-girl (Jeff Metcalf) and his C. Horace at bottom right.



## CLUB ACTIVITY WINTER 2025

We had a wonderful holiday party in December and our Annual Meeting (minutes and financials published in this newsletter). As the first Thursday in January is close to the holidays, we usually do not have a meeting of the club. Our February meeting was well attended with a AOS webinar on Multifloral Paphiopedilums. Club business: Carmen Joslin is officially our Treasurer - special thanks to Caty Wilcox for many years of service - I believe from when the club was formed. More news, the Elks Lodge called and they will welcome our show again this fall - Orchids Are a Scream 2025. We have a show committee consisting of Jon Lorence (Show Chairman), Sharon Neff, Joan Lorence, Matt Berry, Denise Klemp, Nile Dusdieker (Registration and Judging Chairman). Our request for AOS judging has been submitted and approved, and Sharon has updated posters and information blurbs. Michael Hampton is preparing show cards to hand out at our fundraisers at the No-elridge Easter and Mothers Day Showcases. We will need volunteers to provide orchids for our display, to sell blooming orchids, answer questions about orchids, and maybe recruit some new members. Spring meetings are set - see calendar and website. We do have two upcoming orchid shows: The **Wisconsin Show at Racine March 1-2** at Mileager's Greenhouse. This is a fun smaller show with the added benefit of getting Kringles made fresh! We need plants so please contact Nile by Feb. 25th. The last show of the spring season will be the **Batavia Show** at Cantigny in Wheaton, Ill, also called the Chicago Suburban Orchid Show on March 22-23, 2025. This one is only 3 hours away and we would love to have volunteers to help with setup and takedown. Club meetings for March will be hands on 'Orchid Pests and Diseases', April a travelog on Orchids in the Bahamas, and May a presentation on Phragmipediums by Andy Coghill-Behrends. Lots to look forward to!

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



Elks Lodge Hall • 801 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave. SW • Cedar Rapids, Iowa  
 November 1st Sat. 10AM - 5 PM & November 2nd, Sunday 10AM - 4PM  
**ADMISSION IS FREE**

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](http://easterniowaorchidsociety.org)

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A closer look at Jeff Metcalf's CCE award winning Cymbidium from the front cover, a cross Cym. Coraki x Cym. Dolly with 3 past AOS awards and Aussie awards. None as big as this plant or floriferous.



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## EIOS Financial Report for 2024

**Hills Bank Beginning Balance 1/1/2024** **\$3927.60**

### Revenue:

Dues:	\$850.00
Quarter auction, raffle, plants sold at meeting:	\$986.50
Show: (plant sales, vendor fees, donations)	\$2011.78
Interest:	\$2.52
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3850.80</b>

**Total Revenue +beginning balance: \$7778.40**

### Expenses:

Donation-church :	\$100.00
Holiday Party:	\$513.19
Presenters:	\$300.00
Show: (AOS fee, venue, advertising, gifts)	\$1500.00

**Total Expenses: \$2413.19**

**Ending Balance after**

**Subtracting expenses: \$5365.21**

CD value at Hills Bank: \$5285.81, maturity date 5/16/2025

Submitted by Cathy Wilcox, EIOS Treasurer, 1/19/2025

Carmen Joslin is our new Treasurer for 2025.

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show in the fall. At Easter we will also have plants available from Fred Clarke Sunset Valley Orchids. I am asking for a couple hours of your time to help. Sign up sheets are available at the meeting or email me. Look at it this way, if you volunteer you can purchase an orchid, in bloom, at a very reasonable price, before the public has the opportunity to buy.

Our March meeting is Plant Diseases and What to do. If you have a sample, please bring it, only one please. Be sure to keep it away from the show and tell plants.

Now is a good time to check your orchids for pests. They have been closed up in a house and experienced low humidity for a couple months now. A little stress makes them more susceptible to pests and disease. Check your plants and treat if necessary.

Our February meeting was a video on Multifloral Paphiopedilum. Don't know about you, but I went home to see what was available to purchase. Good thing it is too cold to ship!

Hope you are well and hope to see you March 6th at our 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](http://easterniowaorchidsociety.org)**