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April, 2010



Joan and John Lorece pictured with their two AOS awarded Phrags: Devil's Fire and Supergrande both AM/AOS

President's Report

The March meeting greeted everyone with a huge table of blooming orchids from David Brightwell and Dr. Bannister. The plants were especially huge and healthy and club members added to their collections big time. My favorite was a short white Phal. With 5 bloom stocks and a name in Chinese that my roomer translated word 2 as Pearl.

David spoke first and told about his operation from buying, his shipping, to selling at orchid shows. Dr. Bannister got everyone's attention when he began by telling us it is not desirable to have a greenhouse to raise orchids! The fact that he has gone from a greenhouse to a converted window less house is proof. He has covered the windows and insulated ceiling and walls so he controls light, temperature, and humidity completely. It reminds me of my surprise when our speaker David Bird told of growing in a cave. You can not dispute their success!

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Coming Attraction

Nile Dusdieker will have a program on their trip to Australia at next meeting in April. Come and see what he has to show!

Calendar of Events

35th Illowa Orchid Society Spring Show- Wallace's Garden Center and Greenhouse, 2605 Devils Glen Rd., Bettendorf, Iowa 52733	3/27- 28/10
EIOS Meeting, 6:30 Social, Meeting at 7 pm, First Presbyterian Church, 2701 Rochester Ave, Iowa City, IA	4/6/10
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EIOS Pot;uck	6/6/10
Central Iowa Orchid Society Speakers Day	7/25/10

Northeastern Wisconsin Orchid Society Show, Neenah, Wisconsin



Andy Coghill with EIOS display - 1st place and best Orchid Society Display of the show

March **ORCHID** Madness 2010

Ribbons, Best of Class, Best Orchid Society Display in the show, Best Cattleya, Best Specimen Plant, Mid-America Fox Valley Award for Best Cypripedium Alliance, and TWO American Orchid Society Awards! IS that CRAZY enough for YOU!!!!

March 12 thru 14: EIOS attended the North Eastern Wisconsin Orchid Show (NEWOS) in Neenah, Wisconsin. Andy Coghill was show chairman. He, Nile, and Lois Dusdieker setup a 50' display using 50 plants from 9 society members. Twenty nine ribbons later, including first place



Dendrobium aphyllum
(nobile type) grown by
Dusdiekers



Layne Ackerman's Cat. Orange
Passion

for the display and Best of Class for all orchid society displays, a vase was awarded to Nile and Lois' Ctt. Golddigger 'Buttercup' for best specimen plant of the show. A great Friday night 'Fish fry' and Sunday Brunch at the hotel were added benefits. Photos of the display and some member's plants are shown here.

March 19 thru 21: EIOS went to the Greater Omaha Orchid Show (GOOS) at the Laurenzen Gardens Botanical Center. Jon and Joan Lorence were show chairpersons. Nile had to get the tape measure out as our usual 50' display was a bit askew (6 by 8+ feet). With floor lighting the result was dazzling. The show was likewise impressive with lots of vendors and real quality flowers! Fifty three plants from 9 members garnered 33 ribbons including two special awards and MORE! Old reliable Ctt Golddigger got best Cattleya Alliance of the show with a nice plague. Koch's Paph. Harrisonianum got another 1st place ribbon (it has been to 5 shows this season with three 1st s and one 2nd place ribbon – tough durable plant!).

NOW FOR THE BEST PART: As we all know, Jon Lorence grows magnificent *Phragmipediums*. He brought 3 massive **loooong** petalled Phrag. hybrids and all three were taken back for AOS judging. Phrag. Wossner Supergrande (*warscewiczianum x longifolium*) was awarded an AWARD OF MERIT (**AM/AOS**) showing a

Mid America –Omaha Show



EIOS display

deep, rich, burnt orange brown color. Jon named it in honor of his mother. Then Phrag. Devil Fire (*Grande x warscewiczianum*) was also awarded an AWARD OF MERIT. Jon named that for his wife, Joan - **Phrag. Devil Fire 'Joan' AM/AOS** – we won't take that any further except to say CONGRATS! The third one, Phrag. Giganteum (*caudatum x longifolium*) was actually the largest flower of the group, but the judges thought the coloring was a bit pale. That hybrid was first made in 1894 and early parents may actually have been a different or darker species so the critique was a bit unfair. The Mid-America Orchid Congress, Fox Valley Plaque for best *Cypripedium* Alliance of the show was given to the two awarded plants.

MARCH MADDNESS CONTINUES with the ILLOWA show 3/26-28. At the time of this writing I think we will have a very nice variety of plants for the display; more on that at the April meeting.

DON'T FORGET 'Of Gnats, Spiders, and Green-hoods: Native Terrestrial Australian Orchids' which is my presentation for the April meeting. See ya Then!

Nile Dusdieker



Schauberger's own Phal. cross



Coghill's complex Paph that was taken back for AOS judging



Gastrochilus hybrid of Dusdiekers

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The Eastern Iowa Orchid Society

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

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We had one guest at the meeting , Jane Hotz, who read about the meeting in the Iowa City Press-Citizen. Nile Dusdieker appealed for plants to fill our booth at shows coming up. And also reported on past shows. He asked for a volunteer to man the set-up for Illowa Show, 27th and 28th of March. We will elect new officers in May for president, vice president, and secretary. We elect a new editor also. I appointed a nominating committee to submit a slate of candidates. June meeting will be a pot luck Sunday evening at Nancy Graner's house at 6 pm. For a special treat this year we will get to tour Jacklyn Moore's plant room prior to that from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. For refreshment we especially enjoyed raspberry cheese cake and fruit shish kebab by Linda Lockridge and Ramona McGurk, respectively, among other things. Thank you!

Marilou

**Treasurer's
Report for 2009**

Submitted by Cathy Wilcox

February 2009 balance **\$2400.07**

Revenue
Membership \$380.00*
Raffle/auction 424.90
Interest 10.10

Total **+815.00**
Subtotal **\$3215.07**

Expenditures
Speaker \$100.00
Newsletter 172.17
Holiday Party 431.43
Misc. (donation 153.00
to church, memorial gift)

Total -856.60
New balance **\$ 2358.47**

*This is for payments made in 2009. Some membership pay-

ments are collected in 2008 for the 2009 year.

2010 Dues are Due

Single membership dues are \$15 or \$20 per couple. You may pay your dues to treasurer, Cathy Wilcox or mail them to her at:

Cathy Wilcox
119 Taft Speedway
Iowa City, IA 52245

Hosts for Coming Months

April: Jean & Bill Snyder
May: Candy Barnhill
June: Potluck