

# The Spike

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

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February, 2010

## Notes from the President

The most popular meeting of the year met in fellowship hall the 1st Tuesday of December. Orchid growers are great cooks so the food was special. The club buys the meat and there were lots of choices and all were delicious.

After eating Nile gave us the year in review with a power point presentation. We got to see again some of the prize winning plants our club sent to shows!

The name tags were collected and every member attending got to, by the luck of the draw, select an orchid. Thanks to member Jacklyn Moore, the selection was outstanding and the plants all shined up and healthy looking. This is the second year she has sold us our orchids for the Holiday party. Many, many thanks to her. The January meeting was canceled as it conflicted with the Orange Bowl.

The February meeting on the 2nd will be Jacklyn Moore's program on re-blooming complete with plants and supplies to sell. I have named her talk "Bloom Where You're Planted, or ELSE!". I hope she can shed some light on orchid growers biggest frustration. I was so inspired by her September demonstration on repotting that for the first time ever all the plants were in the house by mid month newly repotted, and washed! The washing was new for me and I am being rewarded with healthy blooming plants. Don't miss her talk on the 2nd!

Marilou



**'SEE IT HERE FIRST' Laelia moyobambae (formerly Schomburkia) at Minnesota Como Conservatory-400 flowers on 22 inflorescences. plant is 6 foot by 10 foot in size with flower spikes received CCE as a cultural award and HCC for flower quality award.**

### Calendar of Events

<b>Winter Orchid Fest at COMO Arboretum in St. Paul</b>	<b>1/22-24/10</b>
<b>EIOS Meeting, 6:30 Social, Meeting at 7 pm, First Presbyterian Church, 2701 Rochester Ave, Iowa City, IA</b>	<b>2/2/10</b>
<b>Wisconsin ORCHID QUEST, Alliant Energy Center, Madison, Wisconsin</b>	<b>2/5-7/10</b>
<b>Master Gardeners Winter Garden Day at Kirkwood</b>	<b>2/13/10</b>
<b>Batavia Orchid Society Show, Du Page Co Fairgrounds, Wheaton, IL</b>	<b>2/20-22/10</b>
<b>EIOS Meeting, 6:30 Social, Meeting at 7 pm, First Presbyterian Church, 2701 Rochester Ave, Iowa City, IA</b>	<b>3/2/10</b>



EIOS Minn. Winter Carnival Display 2010-1st place, Best of Class of all Displays, AND AOS TROPHY for the show!

## EIOS wins AOS Trophy at Minnesota Show

By Nile Dusdieker

Five brave souls trekked ‘north by northwest’ to the land of Sven and Olle bringing bounteous blooms from Hawkeye land to the Winter Carnival Show at the Como Park Conservatory in St Paul, Minnesota. Kristine Sigsbee was our show chairwoman, directing (*sort of*) Jon and Joan Lorence and Nile and Lois Dusdieker setting up a tall 50’ display in the ‘Bonsai Lobby’ at the entrance to the show. For a touch of ‘theme’ Lois added her ceramic snowman in amongst the white blossoms. We were the only visiting orchid society and were welcomed warmly. THEN, we ‘cleaned up’ winning 1<sup>st</sup> place for our exhibit, Best of Class for all exhibits, and **the AOS SHOW TROPHY**. The tro-

phy is given by the AOS judges to a display that rates 80 pts. or better scored for arrangement, and flower quality, number, and variety. I think this is the first time our society has won an AOS Trophy since we have been going to shows. Be sure to come and see the trophy at our next meeting!

In addition, the display received 26 ribbons for our various 50+ plants (8-1<sup>st</sup>; 12-2<sup>nd</sup>; 6-3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbons). Each of the 7 members sharing their plants received at least one award. Andy Coghill’s lovely Paph. Hsinying Web x Maude Raven was awarded a red ribbon. The show was heavily weighted toward paphs and phrags with many outstanding Minnesota growers. Never the less, we received 1<sup>st</sup> place ribbons for 3 of the complex ‘Bulldog’ classes (congrats to Kochs and Dusdiekers). Lorence plants added variety from huge pink cattleyas to tiny Dendrobium aberrans (blue ribbon). Even Nile’s ‘talk to ‘em – you no bloom you stay outside next year’ Renanthera brought forth a cluster of fire red flowers for the show.

The Como Conservatory is a grand old glass house which

was open for all to walk through and had orchids scattered about in addition to the displays. In one room, they had the 'giant' plants one of which is pictured on front page: Laelia (Schomburkia) moyobambae. It would fill one's living room! It received a CCE (top award for culture) and an HCC (flower quality award) for over 400 butter-scotch star shaped flowers on 22 spikes six foot tall. I wanted to steal a piece for Richard Bennett as they like those big plants!

All in all; we had a great time at the show. I would encourage other members to plan a 'weekend get-away' and come help with an upcoming show. See you at the meeting in Feb. – remember the next weekend is the Madison Orchid Quest so preen your plants. Bring ones you want to share for the show to the meeting and Nile and Lois will take home.



Our chairwoman Kristine Sigsbee in front, Nile Dusdieker, Lois Dusdieker, Jon Lorence, and Joan Lorence after setting up the display.



Den. Yellow Song 'Canary' grown by Joan & Jon Lorence



Renanthera Nancy Chandler 'Red Draggm' grown by Nile & Lois Dusdieker



Hsinying Web x Maude Raven grown by Andy Coghill

## Show Time

**Wisconsin ORCHID QUEST**, Alliant Energy Center, Madison, Wisconsin is on February 5-7/10. We are registered for a 50' display. We need help with setup and takedown. Plants could be transferred at the February meeting. E-mail Nile with the names by 1/31/10 [niledusdieker@pol.net](mailto:niledusdieker@pol.net) or call at 626-2236.

**Master Gardeners Winter Garden Fair** at Kirkwood College is 2/13/10. We are signed up for a table top. We need a couple of people to help at EIOS table and few orchids. Bill Snyder will be there all day but he needs some help especially between and before their classes .

**Eastern Iowa Orchid Society**

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**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  
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**Hosts for Coming Months**

**February: Laynez Ackermann, Beverly Stevenson**

**March:**

**April: Jean & Bill Snyder**

**May: Candy Barnhill**

**June: picnic**

**Please sign up for the month of March**

**Directions to First Presbyterian Church in Iowa City**

From East on I-80 take exit 249 on Herbert Hoover Hwy turn left and go about 5 minutes on Rochester and turn left on Mount Vernon Dr. As soon as you turn left the church parking lot is on your left.

From West on I-80, take exit 246 turn right to Dodge St, turn left to Scott Blvd, turn right on First Ave, and stay on until you meet Rochester Ave, turn left, go few minutes, turn right on Mount Vernon Dr. As soon as you turn right the church parking lot is on your left.

The meeting is in the Youth Room, as soon as you enter the building turn left & turn right.