

The Spike

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

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'SEE IT HERE FIRST'
Marcia Whitmore's CBR (Certificate of Biological Recognition) for *Coelogyne exultata*.
Phal. Sogo Grape' Fireball' HCC/AOS
Lc Rolf Alterberg x Lc Bonanza Queen HCC/
AOS Paph wardii x Red Glory HCC/AOS

Notes from President

The Feb. meeting featured member Jacklyn Moore's talk on getting our orchids to bloom. This can be a problem for everyone from the novice to the expert. Our orchids come from all over the globe so each type has requirements as to temperature, water and light. Knowing what each type wants to thrive will make a difference. Our members must get some growing conditions right to judge from the successes of our competition in all the shows. But for every plant we get to bloom there are some that don't do well for us. Jacklyn's talk featured lots of good advice in language we could all understand. Hopefully we will all have more blooms in our collection.

Bill Snyder asked for help at the Kirkwood Master Gardener's event Feb. 13th. No one volunteered but I got a call later that Jon and Joan Lorence would be able to help. We must have been the most colorful thing there because the news from KCRG showed Bill and the orchids when they reported the workshop. We feel it is worth it to attend this because we often pick up new members. Thanks to the 2 couples.

The March meeting will be speaker **David Brightwell** from Des Moines who will bring plants to sell. He will talk on 'Being a commercial Vendor in Today's Orchid World'

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Calendar of Events

EIOS Meeting, 6:30 Social, Meeting at 7 pm, First Presbyterian Church, 2701 Rochester Ave, Iowa City, IA	3/2/10
Northeastern Wisconsin Orchid Society Show, Neenah, Wisconsin	3/13-14/10
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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Madison Orchid Quest Display (2nd place) Big show 50 exhibits.

EIOS

We Did It Again!

By Nile Dusdieker

At our last meeting, we presented the AOS SHOW TROPHY that the society display received at the Minnesota Orchid Show in January. Laynez Ackerman reminded us that we had received one for a display at the Illowa Show over 10 years ago. SOOOOO.... Not bad – one per decade!

At the Madison show we had a beautiful display but the competition was fierce! We received 2nd place ribbon for our class. They had over 800 orchids entered in the show. We received 13 ribbons in total for our 50 plants in the display. Some awarded plants are shown on front page. Eleven members contributed plants – many KUDOS to you all!

Then came BATAVIA! Richard and Kathleen Bennett, still club members, came over from Michigan and chaired the display setup with Lois and Nile Dusdieker. We had a nice variety of big and small plants and good color flow. We used the driftwood tree to hang

some of the epiphytes that were pen-dulant. Walking around the show after setup, I thought our display seemed to be the most coherent especially with the floor lighting.

When judging was done on Saturday, **EIOS received 1st place for the class, Best of Class for all Orchid Society Displays AND THE AOS SHOW TROPHY!** It did NOT take a decade to get this one! In addition, we received 25 ribbons and special awards for 51 plants provided by 12 members. Enjoy some selected pictures from the show.

Now we have a 3 week break till the Neenah Show in Wisconsin. Then, back to back shows for two more weeks – the **MidAmerica Orchid Show in Omaha** followed by the **Illowa Show in Bettendorf**. Please groom your beauties for those shows as we will need lots of plants! See you all at our March meeting with guest speakers from Des Moines, Dave Brightwell and Doc Bannister with LOTS OF GREAT PHALS FOR SALE!!!!

Sincerely, Nile Dusdieker



Koch,s
Spotglen



Marcia
Whitmore's
Colmara
Wildcat



Lois Dus-
dieker's
'El
Cheepo'
Yellow
Phal
Dragon
Gold

BATAVIA SHOW PHOTOS



AOS TROPHY winning (again) EIOS display SETUP by Bennetts and Dusdiekers



The tree in our display



Marcia Whitmore's
Vanda Wirat Blue



Dusdieker's Lc Goldigger



Koch's Paph.
Harrisonianum



Bennetts' new Phaleanopsis

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We were contacted by Reiman Gardens to see if we would like a table at their Orchid Fest the 13th and 14th, but we are going to display at Kirkwood that Sat.

Nile reported on the Madison show and handed out ribbons. And he collected plants for shows to follow in one week and 3 weeks.

I was contacted to see if any members were interested in joining a bus from Omaha to attend Chicagoland Orchid Fest, Sept. 24-26. There were no takers at this time.

Jacklyn had plants and supplies to sell at the meeting.

Charity had divided her 'Shary Baby' and brought 2 plants for the raffle. Refreshment were by Beverly Stevenson and Laynez Ackermann and enjoyed by all.

Marilou

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

March: Ramona McGurk & Linda Lockridge

April: Jean & Bill Snyder

May: Candy Barnhill

June: picnic

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 a 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.