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EASTERN IOWA ORCHID SOCIETY

# The Spike

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**SEE IT HERE FIRST! Phrag Wossner's Supergrande 'Lorence' HCC/AOS awarded to Jon and Joan Lorence at Illowa Show**

## Notes from President

Our April meeting gave us a chance to travel with Lois and Nile down under and the observe the strange growing site of wild orchids in that country. Hot and dry conditions were unlikely to agree with most of the types we are familiar with. We're glad you had a guide to locate them because many blended with the vegetation. Extraordinary presentation!!!

Our show and tell was pretty extraordinary also! Andy Coghill's Paph. was a WOW, but then we were also bowled over by Jon's prize winning Phrag, his pink Paph. *Delopplum delanatii* cross and Nile's *Psychopsis*, Nile's report of Illowa Orchid Society Show complete with pictures told us why we were seeing such quality plants the next week.

We thank Jean and Bill Snyder for our refreshments and Linda Lockridge for bringing four raffle plants.

May meeting will be a field trip to Rochester Cemetery to view the wild orchids and other wild flowers on **May 16th**. A nature group are having a work day to pull Garlic Mustard that Sunday starting at 10 AM. Members who want to do your good deed may join the work group earlier and be with us as we arrive around 12:30 PM. All those who need help finding the

site and to carpool meet at old Highlander at 12 noon. Bring a sack lunch and we will gather and eat before we set out to explore. I am hoping to have a wild flower genius on hand to identify things. Remember there is poison ivy, ticks and mosquitoes so dress accordingly. I have been there at least 10 times and find the place a rare find.

The election will be moved to Sunday, June 6th at Nancy Granner's because of the field trip. We will tour Jacklyn Moore's orchid set up at 5 PM, and potluck at 6 PM.

The nominating committee listed the slate of officers as follows: President, John Dorsam, Vice President: Andy Coghill, Secretary: Bill Snyder, and Treasurer: Cathy Wilcox. With

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## Calendar of Events

<b>EIOS Meeting at Rochester Cemetery</b>	<b>5/16/10</b>
<b>EIOS Picnic at Nancy Granner's, 3808 Stoney Pt Ln NE, North Liberty, IA</b>	<b>6/6/10</b>
<b>Central Iowa Orchid Society Speakers Day, Recreation Center at Camp Dodge, Johnston, IA</b>	<b>7/25/10</b>



EIOS display at Illowa



Andy Coghill's special Cyp. award Paph Londonlight

At  
April  
Show  
and  
Tell  
table



Jon's Awarded Phrag Wossner's Supergrande 'Iorence' HCC/AOS

## Native Orchids Guides

By Kristine Sigsbee

Are you envious of the Orchid Snoops' ability to locate hard-to-find native North American orchids? This spring and summer, you can be an orchid detective too, with an informative and colorful series of pocket nature guides from the University of Iowa Press. Several titles in the Bur Oak Guides series deal with different types of orchids native to North America:

*Fringed Orchids in Your Pocket: A Guide to Native Platanthera Species of the Continental United States and Canada.*

*Grass-pinks and Companion Orchids in Your Pocket: A Guide to the Native Calopogon, Bletia, Arethusa, Pogonia, Cleistes, Eulophia, Pteroglossaspis, and Gymnadeniopsis Species of the Continental United States and Canada.*

*Ladies'-tresses in Your Pocket: A Guide to the Native Ladies'-tresses Orchids, Spiranthes, of the United States and Canada.*

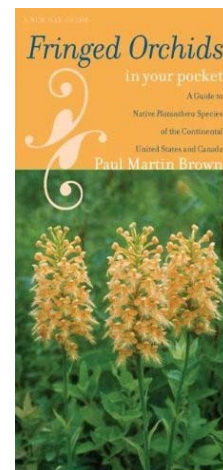
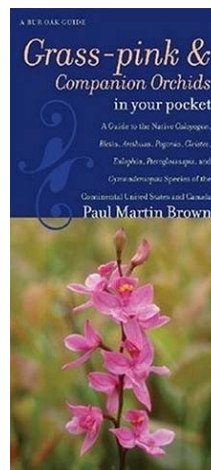
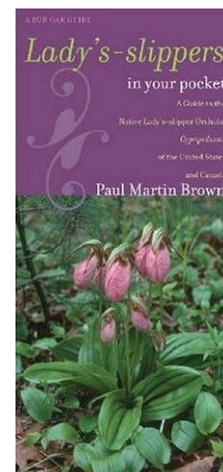
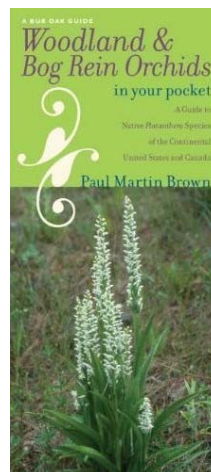
*Lady's-slippers in Your Pocket: A Guide to the Native Lady's-slippers Orchids, Cypripedium, of the United States and Canada.*

*Twayblades and Adder's-mouth Orchids in Your Pocket: A Guide to the Native Liparis, Listera, and Malaxis Species of the Continental United States and Canada.*

These guides to native North American orchids are written by Paul Martin Brown, a research associate at the University of Florida Herbarium, Florida Museum of Natural History, Gainesville. He is the founder and editor of the *North American Native Orchid Journal* and the author of eleven books.

Paul Martin Brown's latest orchid guide in the Bur Oaks Guides series was published in April and is called *Woodland & Bog Rein Orchids: A Guide to Native Platanthera Species of the Continental United States and Canada*. The genus *Platanthera* is the largest genus of orchids found in the temperate regions of the United States and Canada. The rein orchids got their name because some of the flowers look like the reins used on horses. They can be found in forests and wetlands in cooler, northern regions.

Each fold-out pocket guide features color photos of the orchids in their natural habitat, as well as their range and blooming time. These durable guides are laminated to withstand anything you might encounter on your orchid hunting adventures. They retail for about \$9.95. Various titles in the Bur Oak Guides series can be found at the Prairie Lights Bookstore in Iowa City. They can also be purchased online from the University of Iowa Press ([uiopress.uiowa.edu](http://uiopress.uiowa.edu)), Amazon.com, and Barnes and Noble ([www.bn.com](http://www.bn.com)).



***Our Heartfelt Sympathy to:***

**The families of Anne Glenister  
and Ed Klouda**

**who were a long time members  
of EIOS.**

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Layne Ackerman AOS Rep., Nile Dusdieker: Mid-America Rep., John Koch Membership and new Editor of the newsletter Kristine Sigsbee. I will take further nominations from the floor then.

Marilou Gay

**Hosts for Coming Months**

**May: Bring your own sack lunch**

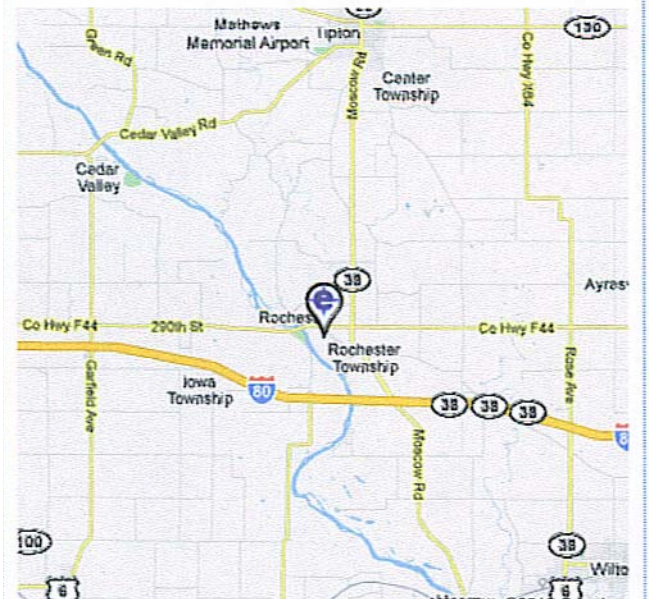
**June: Potluck at Nancy Granner's**

**Marcia Whitmore to Have  
Watercolor Show**

I will be having a 34 piece watercolor show of orchids at the Quad City Botanical Center in Rock Island. The show will run from May 3rd to June 30th. Original watercolors and prints will be for sale

Quad City Botanical Center  
2525 4th Avenue  
Rock Island, IL 61201

Marcia



**Map to Rochester Cemetery and direction**

**Take I-80 to Tipton road #38 North  
Turn left on first main road toward Rochester  
Turn left right before the saw mill  
The Rochester Cemetery sign will be there**