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EASTERN IOWA ORCHID SOCIETY

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

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A lovely autumn day at the Glencoe Botanical Center. See page 2 for photos from the Illinois Fall Mini Show!

Notes from the President

The October meeting was highlighted by our annual 25 cent auction. There were many quality plants and many enthusiastic bidders. The club received around \$225 for our treasury from the sales. Thanks to all who brought and bought the plants. I know I got some plants that normally I would not have had the opportunity to purchase and try to get to bloom.

I would also like to thank Nancy Kennedy and Candace Barnhill for bringing the October meeting refreshments.

There are lots of shows coming up after the first of the year. There are shows in Minnesota, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Iowa so keep a watch on those special plants that come into bloom for display at an upcoming show. Anyone interested in being the host or hostess of a show please let me or Nile know. Also please continue to bring your blooming plants to the meetings for show and tell because we all like to look at orchids in bloom. Many times people bring blooming plants that others can't get to bloom and we like to ask questions on culture.

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 Calendar of Events 	
Illowa Orchid Society Meeting, Social 6:30, Deere Wiman Carriage House, Moline, IL www.netexpress.net/~whitbrits/illowa.htm	11/03/10
NOTE MEETING DAY CHANGE! EIOS Meeting, 6:30 Social, Meeting at 7:00 pm, First Presbyterian Church, 2701 Rochester Ave, Iowa City, IA	11/09/10
EIOS Holiday Party, Time TBA, First Presbyterian Church, 2701 Rochester Ave, Iowa City, IA	12/07/10
Illowa Orchid Society Meeting, Social 6:30, Deere Wiman Carriage House, Moline, IL www.netexpress.net/~whitbrits/illowa.htm	12/08/10
EIOS Meeting, 6:30 Social, Meeting at 7:00 pm, First Presbyterian Church, 2701 Rochester Ave, Iowa City, IA	01/04/11
Illowa Orchid Society Meeting, Social 6:30, Deere Wiman Carriage House, Moline, IL www.netexpress.net/~whitbrits/illowa.htm	01/05/11
Orchid Society of Minnesota Winter Carnival Show Marjorie McNeely Conservatory, St. Paul, MN mnorchid.synthasite.com	01/29/11 - 01/30/11
Orchid Quest, Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI www.orchidguild.org	02/05/11 - 02/06/11

EIOS October Meeting Quarter Auction



Two whole tables full of excellent plants were available for sale at the quarter auction.



Orchid experts Nile Dusdieker and Jon Lorence were our auctioneers for the evening.



Above: The competition was fierce with bids ranging from 2 quarters to more than 100 quarters. The lovely paph specimen Jon is holding sold for more than 100 quarters.



Left: Nile gives his sales pitch. How big will this orchid get? This big!

Photos by Kristine Sigsbee

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Nile and Lois Dusdieker took 30 plants from 6 members to Illinois Orchid Society's Fall Mini Show October 8-10 at the Chicago Botanical Gardens. The weather was amazing and fall colors were just starting to show. The show displays were all uniform sized table tops. Our display received 19 ribbons including 1st place and best of class for an orchid society display and the **AOS Trophy** for the best display in the show. This is the 4th AOS Trophy EIOS has received in 2010 (Minnesota, Batavia, Illowa are the others). We don't always have the best plants or the highest number of blooms but our displays usually have nice color flow and pleasing presentation of the orchids (plus a little straw man) which is what the AOS Trophy represents. Thanks to the Lorences and Andy Coghill-Behrends for their help on the other awarded displays. I fear $\text{D}H \setminus Y m \cdot k] \setminus \setminus \setminus V Y \cdot [i$ as our society is getting quite a reputation now! $Z i h i f Y \tilde{N}$

Enclosed photos on p. 4 also show some of our outstanding orchids. The green Paph. Hsinying Majakun received first place and best of class for complex hybrids. Lorence's huge Den. Pegasus Pink likewise received 1st and best of class for all Dendrobiums in the show. Andy Coghill-Behrends sent 3 plants and came home with two 1st place ribbons including Zygo. Jumpin' Jack. His other plant flower didn't open but still looked nice in the display. Kris Sigsbee's Dendrobium pulled all the pinks and reds together. Thanks to all that sent flowers including Nancy Granner who's Cattleya decided to drop bloom before the show (remind it how cold Iowa can be in the winter if it isn't more cooperative next time!)

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Nile and Lois Dusdieker show off their award-winning display at the Illinois Fall Mini Show. Can you find the cute little fall-themed straw man?

See more photos of the Illinois Fall Mini Show on page 4!

Illinois Fall Mini Show at the Chicago Botanical Gardens Oct. 8 - 10, 2010



The EIOS display at the Illinois Fall Mini-show at the Chicago Botanical Gardens Oct. 8 - 10, 2010 won the AOS Trophy!



Andy Coghill-Behrends' Brown Purple Zygo. Jumpin Jack won 1st Place.



Above Left: The green Paphiopedilum, Paph. Hsinying Alien, won 1st Place and Best of Class.

Above Right: The Lorences' Pegasus Pink, also won 1st Place and Best of Class.

Left: Kris Sigsbee's Dendr

Goin' to the Dogs!

By Nile Dusdieker

I can't think of a better pet than a loyal dog! They light up with joy when you come home, feed them and they grow strong, no slobber just a sweet smell, quiet at night, and only a little dirty when you change the pot. Can you name the type of dog? Naturally, I'm talking about a group of orchids – Bulldogs! - Standard Complex Paphiopedilum Hybrids. No *Woof* about it!

Standard Complex *Paphiopedilum*s are either loved or hated. They have been referred to as Toads, Muddy Monsters, but the more commonly as Bulldogs. The latter name likely refers to one of the most famous *Paph.* hybrids ever made – *Paph.* Winston Churchill. Two clones 'Indomitable' (left) and 'Redoubtable' (right) both received First Class Certificates (FCCs) from AOS judging. These photos are from Arnie Klehm's greenhouse last winter. Churchill was affectionately known as the British Bulldog for his demeanor during World War II; hence the reference to this group of large, strong, bold *Paphiopedilum* hybrids.



Most of the initial hybridization work came from Britain in the early 1900s where the seed was spread on the media and moss around the mother plant. The fungus helped with germination. Only a few seedlings would develop and were prized possessions. In the 1930s hybridization travelled across the Atlantic to the US with the development of Knudsen's Agar and aseptic seed propagation. The 'Golden Age' of Bulldogs was 1950-1980s; thousands of crosses were registered in colors from yellow to green, bronze to red with and without spots, and early whites. Current trends in hybridization have broadened to include vini colors, Maudiae breeding, whites with pink, and miniatures.



QUIZ!

1. Can you name the very first *Paphiopedilum* hybrid? (pictured here on the top left) *Hint: named after a doctor.*
2. What are the 5 species of *Paphiopedilum*s that have been parents for most Bulldogs?
3. Green/Yellow hybrids are all based on one specific variety of which species?
4. Who was the British gardener that became obsessed with developing white complex hybrids? *Hint: when it rains you try not to step* His name was given to this white hybrid pictured here on the bottom left.



Come to the next meeting and Nile Dusdieker will present his judging paper from July 2010 entitled *Bulldogs: An Overview of Standard-Complex Paphiopedilum Hybridization.*



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This time of the year many plants are slowing their vegetative growth from the summer peak growing season. After the cooling temperatures and shorter day length the plants slow their growth and change their focus to the blooming cycles. Remember to let most plants cool to 55 degrees to set buds. Some, like cymbidiums, like to have their nighttime temperatures drop to the 40 degree range. Don't let any orchid get frost on them unless they are a native hardy species to this region. Watering and feeding should both be cut back accordingly. This may not be the ideal time to repot, but if one of your plants has broken down bark issues or outgrown the pot and can't wait till spring, you can do that now.

The annual club dues are due in December and are \$15 for a single membership.

Our November meeting will be held on the 9th of November to allow our members to vote and serve as poll watchers if they want. Nile will be giving a talk on "Bulldog" paphs that is sure to be interesting. There are several members that grow these plants to perfection and I'm sure they will be willing to offer advice. See you on the 9th.

— John Dorsam

Hosts for Coming Months

November: Jacklyn Moore, Andy Coghill-Behrends

December: Holiday Party

A sign-up sheet for 2011 refreshments and the Holiday Party will be available at the November meeting.

2011 Membership Dues

Please pay your dues at the December meeting: \$15 for a single membership, \$20 per couple. If you will not attend the December meeting, please mail your check to

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Make checks payable to EIOS.

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, then turn left on Mount Vernon Dr. 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, turn left on Rochester Ave, then 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.