

CIOS News

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Spring Plant Care

Don't Pick Up Hitchhikers

Ardie Strawman and Brian Johnson

Spring is a busy season for shows and sales and that means our collections become much more dynamic. New plants move in, old plants move out, and our prized specimens will be on the road rubbing elbows with plants from out of town.

All that movement increases exposure to pests. That means we need to be extra careful to follow good isolation and treatment practices. Not just for our own collections- but for our fellow orchid enthusiasts.

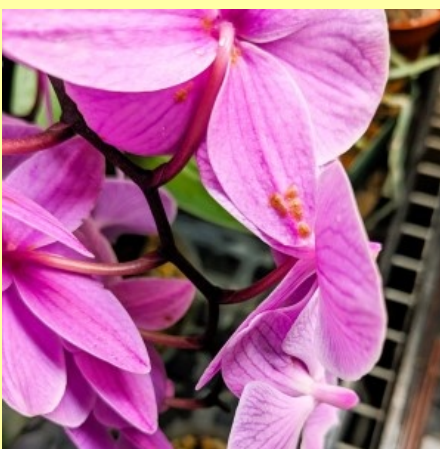
Therefore, it is vital to perform *thorough* visual inspections before plants leave your

collection and after they return.

Isolate new or returning plants from the rest of your collection for several days and observe them for any sign of infestation. Plants should be treated immediately when pests are discovered so make sure you have appropriate products on hand and ready to use.

With some simple precautions and a keen eye you can keep your and your fellow orchidists' collections protected.

Happy growing!



Scale insect on a Phalaenopsis flower. Photo credit Ardie Strawman

Speed is key!

Insect pests can rapidly increase their numbers. When you see bugs- don't hesitate!

Mealybugs - One generation develops every one to three months depending on temperature.

Brown Soft Scale - It takes about 60 days to complete a generation

Pest Identification and Treatment Resources:

St. Augustine Orchid Society - Orchid Pests
staugorchidsociety.org/culturepests-pests.htm

AOS - Pests, Diseases, and Cultural Issues
aos.org/orchid-care/orchid-pests-diseases-cultural-issues

Next Meeting

June Potluck!

6/2/2024 - 1pm

Union Park United
Methodist Church

2305 East 12th Street

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President's Message



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At the May meeting Ardie and I gave short presentations on our personal orchid collections and growing methods. I'd like to encourage other members to also share their growing experiences with the club and volunteer to give their own short presentations on their own collections.

We have a lot of experience and knowledge in the club and I think it would be useful to both newer and veteran growers for that knowledge and experience to be shared. I want everyone to become more talented and confident orchid growers.

And of course a huge thanks goes out to all the members who volunteered their time and effort to make our events a success. Their hard work makes it possible for the CIOS to continue our mission of orchid advocacy and education - Thank You!

Brian Johnson - CIOS President

The CIOS has had a busy year so far - multiple orchid shows, displays, educational events and sales.

With so much happening we've decided to re-start the CIOS newsletter to keep our membership informed of everything going on with the club. Our first issue is full of event photos and highlights, and we'll do our best to keep the content coming in following issues.

If you are interested in contributing to the newsletter - photos, awards, articles, upcoming events for the calendar - please reach out to me

June Potluck!

Our annual potluck will be June 2nd 2024 at 1pm - an hour earlier than usual.

We will have a brief business meeting before breaking for the meal.

Please bring a side dish to share. The club will provide chicken for the main dish.

You will also need to provide your own plate, silverware, and drink of choice.

6/2/2024 - 1pm

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Methodist Church

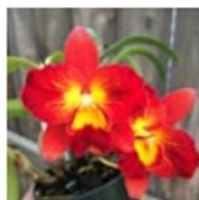
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"Family Portrait" Competition

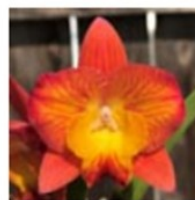
Maria Fedorova

In February we started the "Family Portrait" friendly competition. Ten plants from the same grex (offspring of the same cross) expected to vary in flower color and/or pattern were purchased from Sunset Valley Orchids and distributed among our member volunteers. Two competitions are in progress: "First to Bloom" and "Prettiest Flower" people's award. Here are the parents of that cross:

SVO 10252



Slc. Cosmic Delite 'Cosmic Sparks'



Pot. Mem. Trudi Marsh 'Sun Flare'

"Family Portrait" continued next page

A reminder to the volunteers who picked up a plant: please bring it to the monthly meeting once it starts blooming. Its portrait will be added to the family gallery:

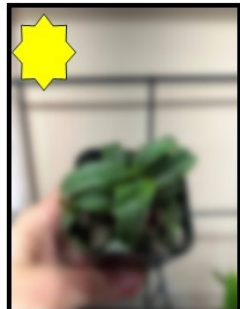
SVO 10252 Family Portrait



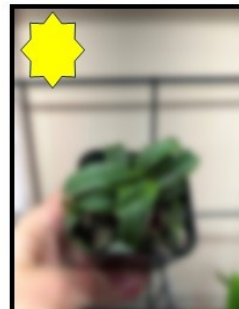
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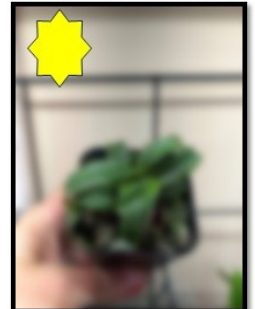
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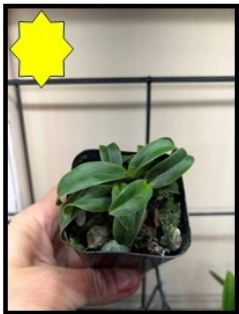
Owner: Chriss Barck



Owner: Elaine Notis



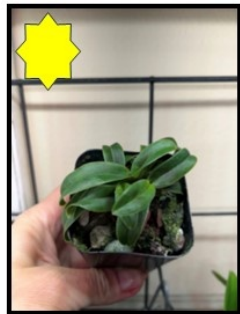
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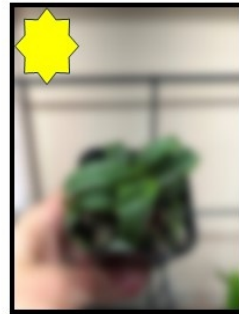
Owner: Jenny Howell



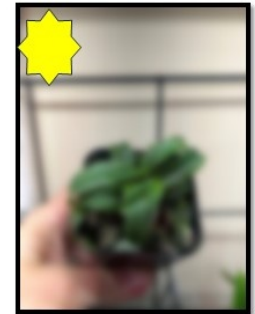
Owner: Ardie Strawman



Owner: Jason Rauscher



Owner: Laura Amundson



On the Road With the CIOS GOOS Annual Orchid Show & Sale March 22-24, Lauritzen Gardens

Maria Fedorova

The CIOS participated in the Greater Omaha Orchid Society's show and sale with an orchid display. Thirty-five orchids were provided by CIOS members and received a total of 21 ribbons, including two best-of-class awards. Additionally, the stained-glass art, handcrafted by Shawn Barck, received the best-of-class award in the 'Arts and crafts featuring orchids' category. Yet another reminder to our members: your blooming orchids are beautiful and award-worthy! Our next display is planned at the 'Orchids Are a Scream 2024' by the Eastern Iowa Orchid Society on October 19-20, 2024. Please consider contributing to the CIOS display with your orchids in bloom.



Maria Fedorova and Olga Gaydaenko - display set up

Carol Lewnau and Johnson family - display tear down

Plants were provided by: Shawn & Chriss Barck, Ardie Strawman, Brian Johnson, Carol Lewnau, Linda & David Brightwell, Robert Bannister, and Maria Fedorova

On the Road With the CIOS You Can Grow Orchids!

April 13th, Canoyer Garden Center – Grimes

Maria Fedorova



This was our first event of a kind, in addition to the annual sales day at Reiman Garden in February. With this event, we particularly wanted to focus on the educational component, so that lowans who may be considering orchids as difficult plants to keep alive would not be afraid of growing them. Canoyer Garden Center-Grimes graciously offered us space free-of-charge during their Spring Open House weekend.

The event included three main components: educational (orchid culture, Q&A, free re-potting), small display to showcase different orchid genera, and orchid sale.

We particularly wanted to expand the sale beyond Phalaenopsis to offer additional types of orchids. Cattleyas, zygopetalums, and a few Aussie dendrobiums were brought from Sunset Valley Orchids, and oncidium alliance, miltoniopsis, and several dendrobium plants were obtained from Kalapana Tropicals. The sale generated a revenue of over \$500, more than a dozen of orchids was re-potted, numerous questions answered, and the lovely orchid display by Linda and Dave Brightwell generated many compliments. A huge shout-out to all our volunteers for the event!



Carol's orchid care information displays



Crystal working the sales table



Jenny re-potting plants

On the Road With the CIOS

Spring Garden Market

May 10th-11th - Greater DSM Botanical Garden

Brian Johnson

This is the first year the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden has hosted a Spring Market including education and sales booths from local societies. The CIOS set up a small information booth to share orchid information with attendees shopping the Spring Market event. It included a small orchid display with plants from several club members.



May Meeting Brief

Ardie Strawman

Carol Lewnau reported that she ordered 25 orchid care books, which came before the Canoyer event, but there were only 7 books in the box, which was damaged. Eventually she got more books, so we will be selling the books for \$15 to club members and \$20 to non-members.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved. We have a balance in our checking account of \$4542.49, plus the CD of \$5080.05. Chriss reported that we have lots of books that can be checked out, as well as many orchid magazines.

Canoyer "You Can Grow Orchids" Event: 110 orchid plants were ordered from Kalapana and Fred Clarke, plus phal donated by Doc. We paid \$1819 for the plants. Sales at Canoyer's were \$2023, plus \$360 that Maria sold later, so a total of \$2323 in sales. We made \$564 profit. General comments were that customers bought "lots of plants," the re-potting and display boards were successful, the

display was very nice, and we received some positive comments on the Square reader. Now some questions were asked about whether to continue next spring, maybe in the fall also, should we stay in Grimes or try at the Ankeny location. Lots to think about.

Speaker's Day:

We have the program order set up. Carson said the Chicago judges have been invited, as well as other societies - Batavia, Kansas City, Minnesota, Eastern Iowa, Omaha. Carson will send invites to previous attendees also. Maria has made a flyer with info about Speaker's Day, for handing out at the Botanical Gardens event this weekend, along with a registration slip. Brian explained the Speaker's Day schedule, beginning at 8am with continental breakfast supplied by the Club, then both speakers will give their morning talk, potluck lunch, with chicken, ham, potato salad, and baked beans supplied by the club, then 1 afternoon talk,

dessert bar, second afternoon talk, and door prizes. An informative and super fun day!

Des Moines Botanical Garden's Spring Market

This coming weekend. We have sheets for members to sign up to work various shifts. Maria will be there all day Friday, and Brian will be there all day Saturday.

New business

Our next meeting will be the June Potluck, with chicken supplied by the club. Members are asked to bring a side dish, plus their own plates, silverware, and drinks. The meeting will begin at 1pm, instead of the usual 2pm.

Ardie and Brian gave talks on their orchid-growing experiences.

We had several show and tell plants.

Upcoming Events

Chicago Judging Center

June 8 Chicago Botanic Garden Glencoe, IL

facebook.com/groups/1089783124538971

Monthly judging held the 2nd Saturday of the month at 1PM, Learning Center, Classroom #6.

Send cut flowers to: Orchids by Hausermann, 2N 134 Addison Rd., Villa Park, IL 60181

Iowa Reptile Show

June 23 10am – 4pm, Des Moines, IA

coldbloodedexpos.com

Thousands of reptiles, amphibians, feeders, invertebrates, supplies and more available to the public. Good source for large cork slabs and potting media/substrate

Central Iowa Orchid Society's 35th Annual Speaker's Day

July 20, 2024, Johnston, IA

c-we.com/cios/speakers.htm

Ivan Portilla -Ecuagenera Cía. Ltda., Ecuador

David Sorokowsky - Paph Paradise, CA

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Ohio Valley Orchid Fest 2024

August 24-25, 2024, Kettering, Ohio

ohiovalleyorchidfest.com

Orchid Show and Sales

AOS Judging and Ribbon Judging

Demonstrations - Repotting Help! Bring Your Plants and we can help repot!

Speakers

Auctions

Food

Fun Family Activities

Minnesota State Fair Orchid Show

August 30 – 31 State Fair Horticulture Building

orchidsocietyofminnesota.org/state-fair-orchid-show/

Stop by or annual Minnesota State Fair Orchid Show!

Blooming orchids will be displayed in various themed displays

Wisconsin Orchid Society Show

'Fall in Love with Orchids'

September 14-15 2024, Milwaukee, WI

wisconsinorchidsociety.com/orchidshow.php

You are invited to enjoy our award-winning exhibits of flowering orchid plants and orchid-related exhibits.

After you have enjoyed the exhibits, you will want to go to the sales area and purchase your favorite orchids, pots, books, and potting medium.

Chicagoland Orchid Festival

September 20-22, 2024, (Chicago, IL Area)

chicagolandorchidfest.org

Orchid's by Hausermann - Villa Park, IL

Natt's Orchids - Naperville, IL

Guest Grower Bartrop Plants from Columbus, Ohio

Fascination of Orchids International Festival

September 20-22, 2024, Santa Ana, CA

fascinationoforchids.com/oc.html

Be dazzled by thousands of Orchids and other Exotic Plants. Perhaps, even take home a plant or two from vendors from California, Asia and South America.

For more events see

'The Orchid Mall Announcements and Events'

orchidmall.com/announce.htm

Membership

The Central Iowa Orchid Society (CIOS) was organized in 1961. It is a nonprofit social club. Membership in the CIOS also includes membership in the Mid-America Orchid Congress.

Yearly dues are \$15 for an individual or \$25 for a family. New members joining after July 1st are only required to pay one-half the annual membership fee - \$7 for an individual or \$12 for a family. Membership can be renewed starting January 1st and dues become delinquent after the February meeting. Members will be dropped from the roll if dues have not been paid in six months.

Meetings are generally held on the first Sunday of every month at the Union Park Methodist Church, East 12th & Guthrie, Des Moines and begin at 2:00 pm.

Among the advantages of membership in CIOS are a large library of orchid literature, programs, displays and discussions on blooming plants, helpful advice, door prizes, and friendly socializing about orchids.

We invite you to attend a meeting and see for yourself the excitement that orchids generate. While there, inquire about membership or send in the below membership application to:

Central Iowa Orchid Society
c/o Chriss Barck, Treasurer
16402 J Ave.
Perry, IA 50220

CIOS Officers

President - Brian Johnson

Vice President - Carson E. Whitlow

Secretary - Ardie Strawman

Treasurer - Chriss Barck

E-Board Member (1st Year) - Carol Lewnau

E-Board Member (2nd Year) - Maria Fedorova

E-Board Member (3rd Year) - Jenny Howell

Immediate Past President - Roy Molina

American Orchid Society & Orchid Digest
Liason - Maria Fedorova

Librarian - Chriss Barck

Webmaster - Carson Whitlow

General correspondence can be sent to:
Central Iowa Orchid Society
c/o Carson E. Whitlow
22957 280th Street
Adel, IA 50003

General email:
centraliowaorchidsociety@gmail.com

Central Iowa Orchid Society Membership Form

Please make checks payable to the Central Iowa Orchid Society. \$15 for single, \$25 for family membership

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Indicate Family or Single: _____ Email: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ or:

Credit Card #: _____ Exp. Date: MO ____ YR ____ Security code: _____



Central Iowa Orchid Society

35th Annual Speaker's Day

Saturday, July 20, 2024 8am - 4pm

Johnston Lions Club Community Center | 6401 Merle Hay Road Johnston, Iowa

Speakers:

Iván Portilla (Ecuagenera Cía. Ltda., Ecuador)
"Cattleya maxima, in situ and its different forms"
"Orchids of Ecuador".

David Sorokowsky (Paph Paradise, CA)
"Compact Multiflorals for the Crowded Collection"
"Don't Fear The Slippers" (Culture Talk)

\$30 per person in advance or \$35 at the door. Covers

Four presentations from speakers;

Continental breakfast, lunch and afternoon dessert bar;

1 ticket for door prize drawings (additional tickets available for purchase)

Speakers will orchids for sale. Orchids can also be per-ordered by selecting plants from speaker's catalog.

<https://ecuagenera.com> (deadline July 5; pay online, note pickup at CIOS Speaker's Day at checkout).

<https://paphparadise.com> (deadline July 13; email order to dave@paphparadise.com, note pickup at Iowa Speaker's Day, pay at pickup).

More information: <http://c-we.com/cios/ciosspk.htm>

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Central Iowa Orchid Society

Speaker's Day, July 20th, 2024

Registration Form

To help us plan for Speaker's Day, we encourage you to fill out this registration form and return it to: Central Iowa Orchid Society, c/o Chriss Barck, 16402 J Ave., Perry, IA 50220. We would like these returned by July 5, 2024 if possible.

Please make checks payable to the Central Iowa Orchid Society.

\$30.00 per person (\$35.00 at the door).

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Number of people attending: _____ Email: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ or:

Credit Card #: _____ Exp. Date: MO ____ YR ____ Security code: _____