

CIOS News

June 2025 | Des Moines, Iowa



First to Bloom Competition Update

Brian Johnson, Carol Lewnau, Doug & Cindy Jones

In our May issue we announced Carol Lewnau as the likely winner of the First to Bloom Group B. Her plant was still in bud for the May meeting, but we're happy to share that the buds opened successfully making her the official Group B winner. Here's the photo she shared:



We're also happy to announce the winners of Group A. Doug and Cindy Jones successfully brought their plant to flower. As Doug says "Cindy did all the work, I just picked the plant but it's our first ever Cattleya to bloom."



Next Meeting

7/6/2025 – 2pm

Union Park United
Methodist Church

2305 East 12th Street

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President's Message

Brian Johnson



June started cool this year, but is ending with plenty of heat. These can be challenging conditions, especially for those summering plants outdoors or managing a greenhouse. Even indoor growers can face growing space changes as our A/C systems cycle more frequently to keep up with the heat, leading to dry indoor air and increased air movement.

Both will cause more rapid drying - so keep an eye on your collection and up your watering cycle frequency as needed. Also consider increasing fertilizer frequency to make up for losses from increased

watering cycles and increased summer growth rates. This is especially important if plants are receiving rain directly while growing outside or if you're using harvested rain water on your indoor collection.

Hot dry weather is also prime growth conditions for spider mites. When inspecting your plants be sure to check the undersides of the leaves for telltale signs - fine yellow stippling on leaves, fine webbing on the undersides of the leaves, and a dusty/silvery appearance on the foliage.

Mites are tiny and can be easily spread accidentally. They can hitch a ride on your clothes, hair, and skin and move from garden to orchid collection. If you're working in the garden, mowing, weeding, etc... I recommend changing clothes and washing up after working in the garden before moving on to work on your orchid collection.

For identification and treatment info, I recommend this article on the AOS website

<https://www.aos.org/orchid-care/orchid-pests-and-diseases/mites>

Happy growing!

Brian Johnson, CIOS President

July Meeting

Our last meeting before Speaker's Day! We'll be discussing final preparations.

We will have some plants for the raffle table, and if you have a blooming plant to share for the show and tell, bring it in! We'll also have a prerecorded program from the AOS, topic TBD.

7/6/2025 - 2pm
Union Park United Methodist Church
2305 East 12th Street

June Meeting Brief

Ardie Strawman

The June meeting of the Central Iowa Orchid Society was called to order by President Brian Johnson. An abbreviated version of the May Secretary's report was read and approved. The longer version was in the May Newsletter. The Treasurer's report was read and approved. We have a balance in our checking account of \$5961.43 plus the CD of \$5302.30. Chriss reported that we have several registrations for Speaker's Day. There are magazines to check out.

Brian reported that the May Newsletter was emailed to members. He encouraged members to submit photos or stories about their orchids.

Brian reported that Carson Whitlow is finalizing details of Speaker's Day.

As far as our "First to Bloom" orchid contest is going, Carol Lewnau has a bud on her orchid that is almost, but not quite, open. She is hoping that it opens soon! Jason Rauscher is in charge of the Orchid Trivia that we are adding to some down time in Speaker's Day. He has received many trivia items from Carson and welcomes more.

Meeting adjourned, so we could enjoy our tasty potluck lunch!

Respectfully submitted,
Ardie Strawman

Left, Above: Zygonesia Happy Bay 'Oliver's Twist' x Zygonesia Happy Bay 'Green Hills' planted in a custom made cedar planter by Brian Johnson. The rectangular planter shape is designed to accommodate the lateral growth habit of the plant.

Left, Below: A closeup of the flower. This plant has a 'peloric' form. Pelorism is the abnormal production of radially symmetrical flowers in a species that usually produces bilaterally symmetrical flowers. In orchids pelorism generally presents as the petals taking on coloration and shape of the lip to varying degrees.



June Show and Tell

Brian Johnson



Upcoming Events

Central Iowa Orchid Society Speaker's Day

July 19, 2025, Johnston, IA

Speaker's Day Details

The year, 2025, will be our 36th annual Speaker's Day. This year's speakers are Eric Sauer of River Valley Orchids, OH and Frank Cervera of Monster Island Orchids, NY. The registration fee for the event is \$30.00 per person in advance or \$35.00 per person at the door. The cost covers all the speakers as well as a continental breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon desert bar. With your paid admission you also get a ticket for the door prize drawings held following the last presentation. Each speaker will bring plants to sell throughout the day.

Saturday, July 19 8am - 4pm

Johnston Lions Club Community Center, 6501 Merle Hay Road, Johnston, IA 50131.

Ohio Valley Orchid Fest

August 22 - 24, 2025, Kettering, OH

Ohio Valley Orchid Fest

Hosted by the Miami Valley Orchid Society and Mid America Orchid Congress

Join us for a weekend of Orchids, Food and Fun for the Entire Family!

Orchid Show

Orchid Sales - Orchids, Supplies and Related Items!

AOS Judging and Ribbon Judging

Demonstrations - Re-potting Help! Bring Your Plants and we can help re-pot!

Speakers

Auctions

Food (for registrants)

Fun Family Activities

Volunteer Opportunities!

Sat: 9am-5pm, Sun: 11am-3pm

Judging is being held on August 23, 2025 at 8:00 AM.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 4865 Wilmington Pike, Kettering, OH 45440.

Kentucky Orchid Society Show and Sale

September 6 - 7, 2025, Louisville, KY

KOS Show and Sale

Kentucky Orchid Society Show

Sat: 10:30am-5pm

Sun: 11am-4pm

St. Mathews Episcopal Church, 330 N Hubbards Lane, Louisville, KY 40207

Chicagoland Orchid Fest

September 19 - 21, 2025, Chicago IL

Chicagoland Orchid Fest

Hosted by Orchids by Hausermann of Villa Park, IL and Natt's Orchids of Naperville, IL

Visit two different, interesting and unique orchid nurseries located within a 40 minute drive.

Free Admission and Free Parking. Special sale items & refreshments available at both locations.

Guest Growers at each location will be offering plants for sale from all over the world.

Orchids by Hausermann - 2N134 Addison Road Villa Park IL

Natt's Orchids - 24645 103rd St Naperville IL 60564

September 19 - 21, 2025 8:00am - 5:00pm Friday & Saturday, 10:00am - 3:00pm Sunday

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 in November 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 for 2025

President - Brian Johnson

Vice President - Maria Fedorova

Secretary - Ardie Strawman

Treasurer - Chriss Barck

E-Board Member (1st Year) - Jason Rauscher

E-Board Member (2nd Year) - Carol Lewnau

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

Immediate Past President - Roy Molina

American Orchid Society & Orchid Digest
Liaison - 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

36th Annual Speaker's Day

Saturday, July 19, 2025

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

Frank Cervera, Monster Island Orchids, NY

Phragmipedium Culture: What Can Mother Nature Teach Us?
The Phragmipediums of Brazil; A Journey to a Strange World

Eric Sauer, River Valley Orchids, OH

Expanding Your Collection - Yes You Can Know What You Are Gonna Get
A Few Favorite South American Genera

Cost: \$15 for dues-paid CIOS Members. \$30 pre-registration/\$35 at the door for all others - Early reservations are helpful in planning the event.

Covers:

- > Four presentations from the speakers
- > Continental breakfast, lunch, and afternoon dessert bar
- > 1 ticket for door prize drawings (additional tickets available for purchase)
- > Free orchid

Speakers will bring orchids for sale. Pre-orders are possible.

American Orchid Society (AOS) Judging at 11:00 A.M.

Everyone is invited to bring or send blooming orchids for judging! Plants must be in place by 10:00 A.M.

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

Follow us on Facebook: Central Iowa Orchid Society

Speaker's Day, July 19, 2025 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: _____