CIOS News

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Above: A sample of the CIOS display at the Eastern Iowa Orchid Society's 2026 'Orchids are a Scream' Show and Sale. Congratulations to our volunteers who set up the display and provided plants – we took home a blue ribbon for our display class! you want your own orchid photo featured in the newsletter please send submissions to our general mailbox, centraliowaorchidsociety@gmail.com

Next Meeting

11/01/2026 – 2:00pm

Union Park United Methodist Church

2305 East 12th Street

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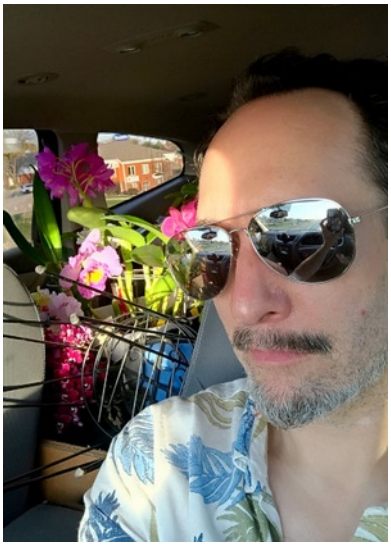
President's Message

Brian Johnson



Another successful display is in the books! A big thanks goes out to the EIOS for hosting us, and for all the volunteers whose efforts make these shows possible. Special thanks goes out to our CIOS members for putting together a winning display, and everyone who provided plants for the display. We'll have results from the show at the November meeting.

If you're interested in helping with a display you're next opportunity will be in the Spring with the Greater Omaha Orchid Society show which is usually at the end of March.

Displays are a fun way to show off a bit, and give orchid growers a way to present their plants to maximum effect. A table of artfully arrayed blooms can be an impressive and inspiring site.

Happy growing!

Brian Johnson, CIOS President

EIOS 'Orchids are a Scream' in Photos

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Above: Cattleya maxima 'Hector' x ('Angelo' x 'Hector')

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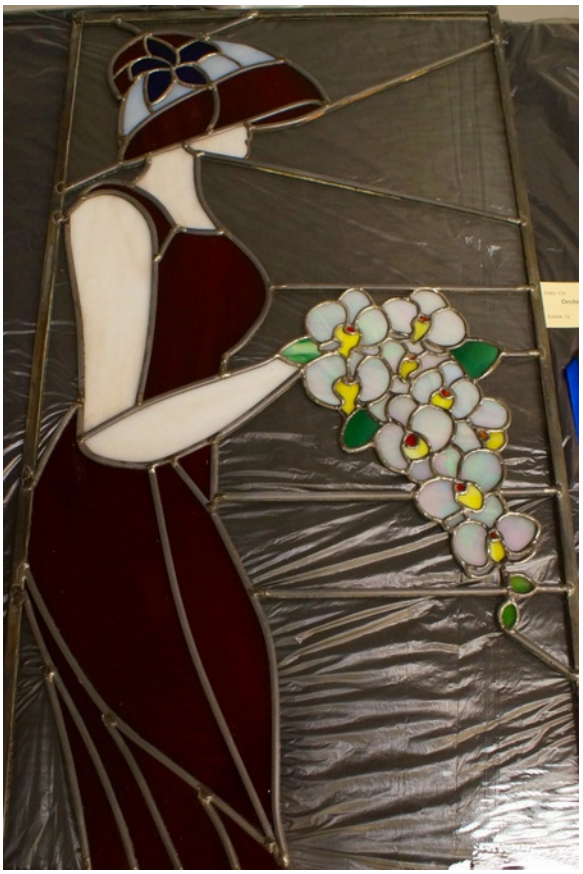



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October Meeting Minutes

Ardie Strawman

The October meeting of the Central Iowa Orchid Society was called to order by President Brian Johnson. An abbreviated version of the September minutes was read by Secretary Ardie Strawman. The full version of the minutes can be found in the latest newsletter and on our website. The minutes were approved. Treasurer Patty Graziano was not at the meeting, but Brian gave her report. We have $6117.94 in our checking account, plus the CD of $5684.71. Patty has ordered a Ph meter and light meter for our new lending library. Virus test strips have been ordered for a cost of $202.10. We are working with the Botanical Garden on a bulk order of bark to share with them. The report was approved. Librarian Chriss Barck was not at the meeting today, as he is having a second surgery on his shoulder, due to an infection. We wish him well.

President's report – Brian said the September newsletter was emailed out this past week. If anyone has stories or photos to share about their orchids, please send them to Brian. The 2027 dates for our meetings have been given to the Botanical Garden, and all are ok with them for us using the Agave Room. Brian will check with the church to make sure we can use the church for our June and December potluck meetings. Elaine Notis has finalized the date with the Johnston Lion's Club for 2027 Speaker's Day, July 24, with setup on July 23. She needs to send in the check for $425 to the Lion's
Club.

Vice President's report – Maria Fedorova talked about getting speakers for upcoming Speaker's Days, as well as speakers for upcoming Zoom presentations for monthly meetings.

Jason Rauscher reported no news on the Orchid Rescue project. He asked that members let him know if their plants are alive and blooming, or not.
The Easter Iowa Orchid Society's Show is in 2 weeks. Maria asked that anyone with blooming plants to let her know. We have members to do the set up on Friday, but need members to do the take down on Sunday.

New business – Brian said we had an old Zoom account, which we canceled Patty is working on getting a new Zoom account set up.
Brian said that we found out today that one of our members, Elizabeth Mc Dorman, has passed away, and her visitation is today. We are sorry to have not know that, but Ardie will be sending a flower arrangement to her daughter.

We talked about nominating officers for 2027. Brian agreed to be President for 2027, Maria agreed to be Vice President, Ardie for Secretary, and Carson for Webmaster. We need to talk with Patty about continuing as Treasurer and to Chriss about being Librarian. What we do need is 2 Eboard members. One is our usual 1st year member to replace the 3rd year member for a 3 year term, and another one is to replace Joe Ku, who has moved and has 2 years left on his term. Cheyne agreed to be one of the Eboard members, and Brian will talk to Karen Lampe about being an Eboard member.

It was suggested that when we get the Ph meter and the light meter that whoever uses them should report back to the club about how they used the meters. We should also keep having members talk at meetings about their own growing conditions, what they grow, etc. as we have done before.

We talked about how we have not heard about any Orchid Fest at Reiman Gardens in 2027. Carol Lewnau will contact them to say we will be having our own event in DM.

Our Orchid Sale will be at the Des Moines Botanical Gardens in April 2027.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Ardie Strawman, Secretary
Show and Tell plants were brought by Carol, Elaine T, Cheyne, and Maria

October Meeting Photos

Brian Johnson



Clockwise from top left: Maria presenting a nice mini Catt

Cheyne presenting his *Encyclia phoenicea* cross with seed pods.

Miltoniopsis Andrea West 'HOF' HCC/AOS

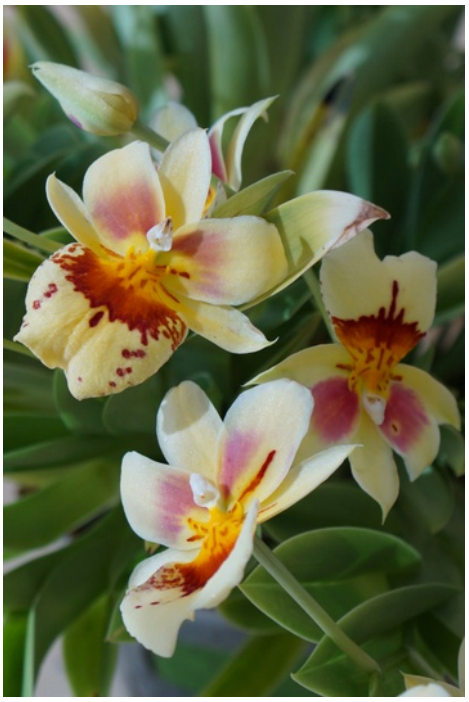
Encyclia phoenicea seed pods.

Zygopetalum Jumpin Jack









Upcoming Events

CIOS Events

CIOS November Meeting

November 1, 2026

The CIOS November meeting will be at the Union Park Methodist Church at 2pm.

Schedule:
2 pm – Presentation
3 pm – Business
3:30 pm - Show & Tell, Raffle

Business Topics:
Candidates for 2027
EIOS Orchids are a Scream wrap up

See you Sunday on 11/1!

CIOS Christmas Party

December 6, 2026

The CIOS annual Christmas party will be at the Union Park Methodist Church an hour earlier that usual at 1pm.

We'll have a potluck style lunch, so bring a side dish or dessert to share. The club will provide ham as a main. Bring a beverage of choice and your own place setting.

We'll have a short business meeting and hold our elections before breaking for lunch.

Business Topics:
Elections!

See you Sunday on 12/6!

Regional Events

MAOC Annual Meeting via Zoom

January 15-17, 2027, Miami, FL

MAOC

The Zoom meeting will be 7:30 Eastern Time on December 9. All societies represented will be enrolled in a drawing for a society talk by Eric Sauer. MAOC officer societies will not be included in the drawing.

Tamiami International Orchid Festival

January 15-17, 2027, Miami, FL

Tamiami

The Tamiami International Orchid Festival is Miami's largest, most diverse orchid show. Over the past twenty years, the Tamiami International Orchid Festival has not only become a great Miami orchid show, but a nationally and internationally recognized orchid event. The January 15-17, 2027 Tamiami International Orchid Festival will be the largest orchid show in the United States.

WHEN: Friday-Sunday January 15-17, 2027 from Noon to 6 p.m. Friday (enter First Friday with Special Friday First Ticket) or 10 am to 6 pm Saturday and Sunday

WHERE: Miami Dade County Fair Expo Center - 10901 SW 24th St, Miami, FL 33165 Get Directions

TICKETS: $20 at the door (Buy in advance to save) | Kids under 12 - Free Get Tickets

For more events see
'The Orchid Mall Announcements and Events'
orchidmall.com/announce.htm

Membership

The Central Iowa Orchid Society (CIOS) was organized in 1960. 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.

Meetings are generally held on the first Sunday of every month at 2:00 pm. This year locations will alternate between The Union Park United Methodist Church and The Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden, See our website, centraliowaorchidsociety,org for the schedule.

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 Patty Graziano, Treasurer
540 SE Prairie Park Ln.
Waukee, IA 50263

CIOS Officers for 2026

President - Brian Johnson

Vice President - Maria Fedorova

Secretary - Ardie Strawman

Treasurer - Patty Graziano

E-Board (1st Year) - vacant

E-Board (2nd Year) - Jason Rauscher

E-Board (3rd Year) - Carol Lewnau

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 After July 1st - $7 for an individual or $12 for a family.

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Indicate Family or Single: _____ Email: _____

Amount Enclosed: $_____