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CIOS Annual Orchid Show and Sale

By Joanne Miller, Interim President

[Photos by Lori Garrett from 2022 Show/Sale]



Once again, we are preparing for our annual Orchid Show and Sale. Our big event will be held on Saturday, March 4, at our usual meeting location, Hessel Park Christian Reformed Church, 700 W. Kirby Ave, Champaign. The event will be open to the public from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Joanne Miller and John Foran are co-chairs. We are eagerly making plans for our big event, as this is our primary money-making opportunity for our Society. For those who are new, there are two components—a show of our members' own orchids and a sale of orchid plants to the public. This is a big day, and we need a lot of help.

The Show/Sale is well attended, so to make it a success we really would like everyone's involvement in this endeavor. We will discuss more details at our meeting on February 13th and pass around a sign-up sheet for time slots and duties to be done. We will also have posters available to pass out around the community if you can help us do that. For the event, we ask members to sign up for a shift doing tasks such as set-up (starting at 8 AM), greeting, hospitality table, sales, wrapping purchased plants, watching the show tables, watching the sales tables, answering questions as your knowledge allows, and tear down. The event is truly a whole-team effort and we hope everyone can join us in the fun! Please consider giving us a couple of hours (or the whole day if you can—it goes SO fast!). There is plenty for everyone to do—you do NOT have to have any orchid knowledge to help!

For the show, we bring our own blooming orchids to display for everyone to enjoy. If you have any orchids in bloom then, or even some with interesting foliage or appearance when they are not in bloom, please bring them for our display! It doesn't matter if they are plants you have had for years and they are finally blooming through your loving care or you recently purchased them in full bloom—we want them for the show! It would be great if you could label each with the plant name and your name. For the sale part of the program, we will have young orchids, most in or near bloom, for sale to the public if they would like to buy one or two (or several). There will also be a couple of repotting demonstrations during the day.



As mentioned above, we will pass around a sign-up sheet at our next meeting, but if you cannot attend the February meeting you can still (and we hope you will) sign up by emailing Joanne Miller: mmillersn6shn@aol.com. Let her know when you can be there on March 4th and what you would like to do, if you have a preference.

We start with setting up tables, unboxing plants, and setting up the show at 8 AM, doors close at 2 PM, then we tear down very quickly and are usually out by 3. Also, start thinking about any plants you might be able to bring for the show. You may not know yet—we prefer plants that are in bloom but, as we all know, orchids bloom whenever they get around to it. Even if you cannot stay to help during the event, last year we had some wonderful members who dropped off or had someone else bring some of their plants for the show, then retrieved them at the end. We welcome stand-alone plants or, if you have a few and are feeling creative, we will provide some space for you to set up a small display.

And one final note—because many of us are there the whole time from set-up through tear-down, we might get hungry. We ask everyone to consider bringing something that can be shared. We set up the lunch/snack space in a separate room and it helps to have someone(s) to oversee that as well, but mostly we would love to have some edible contributions.

Joanne Miller, Show/Sale Co-Chair, Millersn6shn@aol.com



Renew Your Membership TODAY!

Central Illinois Orchid Society has an annual membership fee that is due each January. Thanks to all who have paid to renew their membership for 2023. If you have not yet done so, please submit your payment right away so you are not removed from our member roster and email list. Our 2023 membership fees are \$30 per individual or \$50 per couple. Please send your check, payable to CIOS, to our Treasurer, Mark Williams, at 3208 S. First St., Champaign, IL, 61822. If you do not plan to renew your CIOS membership, please email us (info@ciorchidsociety.org) so we can remove you from our list. Thank you.



One Orchid Society's Success Story

By Joanne Miller

I saw a fantastic story in AOS' ORCHIDS Magazine (November edition) about how the Jacksonville, Florida Orchid Society (JOS) grew their membership. It piqued my interest and I decided to highlight some of what they did so that we might try to do some of the same.

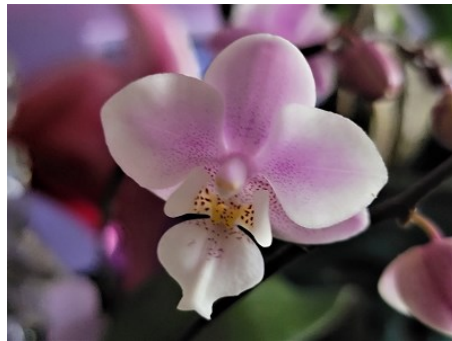
What we enjoy as a society is having fun, experiencing new things, and learning how to get our plants healthy and blooming. Like all the states around us, we have climate challenges. Cold can be a problem, too much rain can be a problem, pests (lots of pests) can be a problem, but as we go month to month there are ways to get around these things if we can talk to each other and share information.

Here are some things that they tried that we might also.

- *Involve the public in a couple of repotting clinics.* On Saturday mornings, volunteers could show up to educate people who bring their desperately declining orchids in for help. We would share the correct culture, show them what medium to use, how to water properly, what to feed, and the right size pot. We would charge a small fee to cover our material costs and perhaps have a shop in town offer a small discount that day on supplies and on orchids they might have for sale. We could print our own business cards with meeting information on the front and the potting clinic information on the back.
- *Tour greenhouses.* We also enjoy having greenhouse tours, however the distance to travel to visit most of them is so far away. Instead, we could have tours of members' homes throughout the year. This would be a "Show 'em where you grow 'em" event. It would be a social event, sharing orchid stories and a place to ask questions one-on-one, and get ideas.
- *Hands-on workshops.* Perhaps we should schedule some hands-on workshops as our monthly programs. Sometimes they could be led by an experienced member; other times a vendor could come and show us something about which they are interested.
- *Online "beauty contests."* We could have a "beauty contest" on our Facebook page each month. Secret judges would vote on the prettiest flower from the pictures our members submit to our group page. The judges select the winner who would receive a small prize of some sort.
- *Orchid raffles.* We could also hold an orchid raffle during most of our meetings to help our members build their collections.

I hope some of these ideas sound interesting to you. We would love to increase enthusiasm, grow our membership, and experience the thrill of our fascinating hobby.





Happy 2023: The Year of the Orchid

By Lori Garrett

It always seems a struggle at the dawn of a new year to remember to roll that last digit up when writing a date. We just spent, well, a whole year writing 2022! Now we have to reprogram our brains to change the third 2 to a 3... OK, it happens every year and I've had more years than I care to count to adjust to this annual transition—out with the old, in with the new—but that doesn't mean I enjoy it. Another year older, slower, achier, more curmudgeonly... Another year of "Forward march!" on life's steady trek onward toward the inevitable.

Perhaps it was the seasonal lack of sunshine that had me in a bit of a blue funk as I wrote that first paragraph—I'm increasingly certain my internal batteries are solely solar-powered. As surely as the snowdrops in my flowerbeds pop out of the frozen soil and hang their humble nodding heads by late January, spring is coming, filled with hope, renewal, and new opportunities. I've always been a fan of the number 3 (no particular reason—I'm rather fond of 7, too).

It turns out that 2023 is *NOT* just any ol' new year. After seeing it referenced on the American Orchid Society's website, I did some investigation and learned that 2023 is officially "The Year of the Orchid!" (How awesome is *that*?) OK, "*Says who?*" asked the scientific skeptic in me? Here is the evidence:

- Each year, the National Garden Bureau selects one annual, perennial, bulb, edible plant, houseplant, and shrub, based on their popularity, easy culture, adaptability, genetic diversity, and versatility, to be their crops of the year. According to them, 2023 is, indeed, the "[Year of the Orchid.](#)"
- According to *Agriculture Magazine*, 1-800-Flowers.com announced their 2023 choice of the orchid for Flower of the Year, declaring 2023 "[The Year of the Orchid.](#)"





Here is an excerpt from 1-800-Flowers.com's press :

"As we head into 2023, we strive for greater connection with others and to find deeper, more engaging relationships. One way to do that is to rally around things that bring us together. The elegant orchid is one such thing. This timeless flower — with its richly hued blooms; unusual-looking sepals, which are often mistaken for petals; long, wiry stems; and provocatively shaped and interestingly colored lips — is distinctive, alluring, and special. The qualities of unity, beauty, and love that the orchid embodies are much needed in today's world, and they permeate any household that this unmistakable flower inhabits. For those reasons and others, the experts at 1-800-Flowers.com chose the orchid as the 2023 Flower of the Year. They came to this decision after considering factors including the history of the flower, its popularity in the current climate, and its symbolism as it relates to what they expect the new year to hold."



So, I wish each of you, fellow orchid-loving friends, a very Happy 2023, the *Year of the Orchid*. Let's move through this year celebrating the qualities of the orchid that gained it this prestigious top honor: unity, beauty and love. May we seek unity in our personal, professional, and political lives, striving to understand our differences while embracing our commonalities. May we learn to look beyond the ugliness that so often seems to envelop us to find the beauty in our lives that is so often hiding in plain sight. And may our hearts be filled with love for ourselves and for those around us. Let's make this an amazing *Year of the Orchid*.



Central Illinois Orchid Society Upcoming Meetings

Monday, February 13th, 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. — Not Your Usual Orchids.

Hessel Park Christian Reformed Church, 700 W. Kirby Ave., Champaign. Most of us start our orchid collection with a phalaenopsis, but there are so many other types. Are you growing (or trying to) any less common orchids? If so, please bring them with you to show the group and share what your experience has been with them so far.

Saturday, March 4, 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. — CIOS Annual Orchid Show and Sale. Hessel Park Christian Reformed Church, 700 W. Kirby Ave., Champaign. Set up starts at 8 AM. Doors open to the public at 10 AM. We need LOTS of volunteers! Please sign up for a shift to help make our only fundraiser a huge success.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Vanessa DeShambo

How did you become interested in growing orchids?

I have been increasingly interested in growing a variety of houseplants the last three years. I picked up a dendrobium from Plant Mode and a mini phalaenopsis from Prairie Gardens a few years ago. They were both so easy to grow. When they rebloomed, that was it for me—I was hooked. Then I joined the CIOS and my knowledge, interest, and collection has continued to grow!

How long have you been involved with orchids and what is your level of knowledge?

I have only been growing orchids about 2 years! I would say I am a beginner for most orchids. I have had a lot of success with easily grown varieties. I have recently started to try a few different types of orchids and I enjoy the researching and experimenting. I like to get my information from a variety of sources and adapt that information to my growing conditions.

Are there any special orchid memories you care to share?

My fiancé got me an oncidium orchid for my birthday, and it rebloomed again at the same time the next year. It felt special. Hopefully it will continue to bloom at the same time every year.

How many do you have now, and how old is your longest kept plant(s)?

I currently have 28 orchids! My oldest orchid is only 3 years old but my oldest plant is an epiphyllum that is at least 15 years old. It was my grandmother's.

Any favorites among your collection? And why do you like them?

My favorite is typically whichever is in bloom. I am currently particularly fond of my Mps. Black Gold 'Red Flare' x roezlii v. xanthina (right middle photo). It smells heavenly with a slight rose scent. Its flowers have been long lasting.

Any special experiences related to orchids—travels, shows, etc.?

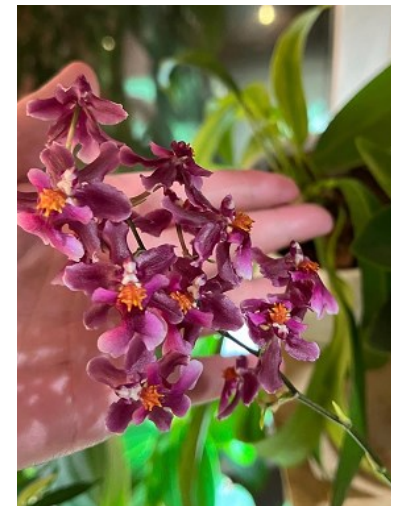
I've enjoyed my first year with CIOS! Learning from other local growers and being introduced to so many varieties and species of orchids has been wonderful.

What orchid do you want to grow in the future?

I got a couple of young orchids I am looking forward to growing out to blooming size! I would love to grow a Fredclarkera After Dark 'SVO Black Pearl' someday!



Mps. Black Gold 'Red Flare' x roezlii v. xanthina



Onc. Pagant Scent Hana x Onc. sotoanum

When and why did you join CIOS, and if you have been a member for some time, what do you enjoy the most?

I joined 1 year ago! I was searching for a local orchid group and luckily found one! I really have enjoyed the experts coming to talk to the group. I really enjoy when members bring plants for show and tell as well!

Any other information about yourself you care to share?

I have been in CU about 7.5 years. I'm originally from Upper Michigan, but I moved around the country quite a bit before settling here, which prevented me from wanting to get any plants. I have two cats, one of which gets very jealous of my plants. Right before the show last year, I was paying too much attention to my dendrobium. My cat ate most of the blooms off the plant in revenge. I enjoy outdoor gardening as well as indoor. I have expanded my houseplant collection mostly through propagating and trading locally. I also often trade houseplants for outdoor plants. My other big hobby is gaming!



Here are some of Vanessa's other bloomers.

- Zygopetalum Jumping Jack [left]
- Blc. Island Charm 'OC' [below left]
- Brassavola cucullata [below right]





**MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:
Barb Godlew**

How did you become interested in growing orchids?

When I lived in southwest Michigan in the late '90s, I volunteered at the Frederick Meijer Botanical Gardens. Hooked ever since.

How long have you been involved with orchids and what level of knowledge would you say you have?

More than 20 years and still a novice.

Are there any special orchid memories you care to share?

No

How many do you have now, and how old is your longest kept plant(s)?

I have about 12 now. I have had my vastly overgrown oncidium sphacelatum (shown on the right) for 15 years.

Any favorites among your collection? And why do you like them?

I favor oncidiums for the foliage, delicate flowers, and the fact that they thrive on neglect!

What orchid do you want to grow in the future?

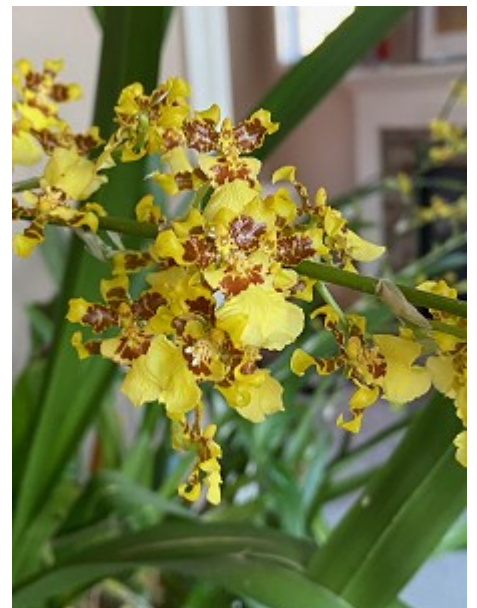
Cymbidiums

When and why did you join CIOS, and if you have been a member for some time, what do you enjoy the most?

I attended the 2022 orchid sale at the urging of Melissa Edwards.

Any other information about yourself you care to share?

I was raised in Illinois and, over the course of my lifetime, I have lived in 11 states before returning to Illinois permanently in 2007. I adore greyhounds and look forward to the possibility of 2 puppies this summer!





Missouri Botanical Garden Orchid Show

January 28, 2023 - February 26, 2023. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Jack C. Taylor Visitor Center, Emerson Conservatory

Sponsored by Cigna and Phillip and Debra Tafra

Experience a beloved tradition in a brand-new space as the annual Orchid Show returns in its new home in the Jack C. Taylor Visitor Center's Emerson Conservatory. The Orchid Show is open January 28–February 26 from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. and is included with Garden admission. The Garden will also host two Orchid Nights from 6 to 8 P.M. on February 9 and 23, where guests can enjoy lighted viewings, drinks, and live music.

For most of the year, the Garden's permanent orchid collection lives in greenhouses where they are cared for by horticulture staff. The annual Orchid Show is your once-a-year opportunity to see hundreds of these blooming plants on public display.

Visitors discover orchids all around them in a seemingly endless variety of colors, shapes, sizes and fragrances. Orchids are found in the trees, on rocks, in the ground and any place a seed could have germinated and grown into a mature orchid plant. Orchids displayed in the show are part of the Garden's amazing orchid collection, which numbers over 8,000 plants and includes over 2,500 different species and hybrids. One expert horticulturist and many dedicated volunteers care for the orchid collection. Orchids can be viewed all year inside the Climatron and in the atrium of the Beaumont Room in the Ridgway Center.

While viewing the Orchid Show, you can also enjoy the new, permanent living collections that surround the orchids in the new Emerson Conservatory. These plantings include species from Mediterranean climates around the world, such as California, South Africa, Western Australia, Chile, and the Mediterranean itself.

If you visit the Missouri Botanical Garden Orchid Society's Orchid Show during its first weekend, you can enjoy two orchid shows, both for the price of admission to the Garden. The Orchid Society of Greater St. Louis is hosting their annual Show and Sale in conjunction with the Missouri Botanical Garden Orchid Show, from 9 AM to 5 PM January 28th and 29th. Yes, they will also have orchids for sale! Both events are held at the Missouri Botanical Garden.





... And a Good Time Was Had by (Almost) All CIOS Holiday Dinner Recap

By Lori Garrett

On Sunday, November 13, many members of CIOS gathered at Jupiters at the Crossing for some holiday cheer (and free orchids!). About 25 members attended our annual Holiday Dinner at this new (for us) venue, which worked out rather nicely (although John and I got a bit lonely on the side—need another table next time). As the title says, a good time was had by almost all. Unfortunately, we had two notable absences. Linda Bailey, Bettina Francis, and Joanne Miller volunteered to drive to Natt's in Naperville to pick up the orchids for the dinner. Unfortunately, after the trip Linda and Bettina developed COVID-19 and couldn't attend—felled in the line of duty and had to miss the festivities! And they had made most of the arrangements! It seemed wrong for them to make the trip to get the plants and then not receive one, so we had Joanne pick out a couple of great plants for them.

The rest of the board pulled it together in their absence and it was true teamwork. Lori retrieved the plants from Bettina. Joanne had the list of who was attending and we got everyone checked in and name-tagged. Mark had his list, too, and collected 2023 membership dues from most attendees. The orchids went on display and members eyed them intently, planning which was to be theirs when their number was called, and the plants this year were spectacular with an impressive variety. After dinner, Lori and Melissa conducted the drawing, pulling tickets from a (too) large red stocking, and we even had a few extra plants so some lucky attendees got a bonus plant.

The event seemed to be a great success, the new venue worked nicely and, most importantly, we got to hang out and get to know each other a bit and share some of the joy of the season. Thanks to all who attended and who helped out. Linda and Bettina, we missed you. Here are some memories from the evening.





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Join the American Orchid Society (AOS)

By Lori Garrett

Central Illinois Orchid Society is an AOS affiliate group. Although there are many orchid organizations, AOS is the go-to organization for most orchid aficionados, providing a wealth of information for novice and expert growers alike. Through June, for each new member who joins using the referral code shown below, CIOS will be entered into a monthly drawing for \$100. If you join during this time using the link below, your new membership could help win \$100 for our society to help cover our annual expenses! There are multiple levels of membership, such as digital only or digital with a printed copy of their beautiful monthly magazine, *Orchids*. As an added incentive, if you join with a two-year membership, AOS will send YOU over \$700 in vouchers, which includes \$30 vouchers from 24 top orchid vendors! Here is the referral link you should use so we get entered in the monthly drawings:

<https://secure.aos.org/join/new-membership?lc=NMP2L910>

This should take you directly in and record your new membership with the correct referral number (but if you are asked for the referral number, it is **NMP2L910**). As a gift, when you join using the invitation link above, AOS will send you a free printed copy of Hybridizer (a \$40 annual supplement to their award-winning *Orchids* magazine). If you travel much, the free and discounted admission to over 300 botanical gardens is a HUGE money-saver—we've used it MANY times!

Here are some of the awesome member-only **benefits** of an AOS membership:

- *Orchids* Magazine (their flagship publication);
- Magazine article and photo searching (great for orchid research);
- Digital archive of previous editions of *Orchids* Magazine;
- *OrchidPro* Online Orchid Software (search over 100,000 orchid photos and more);
- Monthly live webinars and live Q&A Chats (get expert answers to all your questions);
- Over 100 pre-recorded webinars (instant access the moment you join);
- Save up to 50% off AOS publications;
- Email Orchid Course for Beginners;
- "Your First Orchid" book (you only cover shipping and handling, while supplies last);
- Free and discounted Admission to nearly 300 Botanical Gardens;
- Annual Supplement (a bonus magazine issue) focused on a particular genus or specific orchid topic by popular request.
- **Choose a two-year cycle to receive over \$700 in vouchers**, including \$30 vouchers from 24 top orchid vendors.

SO why not go ahead and join? Maybe your action will win us \$100 for our society! Remember, though—please be sure to follow this invitation link: <https://secure.aos.org/join/new-membership?lc=NMP2L910>.



A Pleasant Surprise

By Melissa Edwards

Part of the fun of buying orchids that aren't in bloom lies in anticipation. Can I successfully get it to bloom? Will it be fragrant? Does it look like the picture I googled before I handed over my credit card? Several of the orchids in my collection that are currently in bloom are what I think of as "surprise" orchids—new bloomers for me, or old friends that are overcoming significant obstacles. The best surprise of all will be to see which one of these lovelies lasts until our show and sale!



Dendrobium Green Flash (Andree Millar x Convolutum) is one of the plants that we started as a group from a flask, perhaps 4 years ago. This was a terrific group project and I hope others also have had success with their "Green Flashes."

Clowesetum Amazing Grace came from Wade Hollenbach, our September speaker. I really did not know what to expect from this plant, but the fragrance is exceptional!



PCV Key Lime Stars is an acquisition from Orchid and Vine's "leftover table." I wanted to do my part to support a local business. However, I believe it might be mislabeled because mine has lovely little freckling on its lip.

Oncidium Tsiku Marguerite has bloomed before. In fact, this little wonder is truly a flower-making machine. It has been in bloom since the summer and just put out two new spikes.



Dendrobium Bruce Gordon is perhaps my favorite orchid. This thing has been through a hail storm, been kicked under a table and forgotten outside for the summer, and generally mistreated. And it continues to push truly lovely blooms that will last for months.



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Join Us for the Next AOS Orchid Culture Day

Winter Blues! A Virtual Event

Sunday, February 12th starting at 10:00 AM CST

These are the winter blues that we enjoy. Join Us! We are looking forward to this great lineup of orchid experts and their Blue talks.



Fred Clarke: "Modern Blue Cattleyas"

Fred is an AOS Accredited judge, professional grower, and hybridizer. He has been growing orchids since 1977 and hybridizing for 43 of those years. With over 40 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his nursery, Sunset Valley Orchids, in San Diego, California. He is a passionate orchid grower whose curiosity in orchids is broad and varied. Although developing Cattleya hybrids has been his sustaining interest, Fred is also actively creating new hybrids in the Catasetinae alliance and several others.



Carson Whitlow: "From the Beginning, Blue Cattleyas."

Carson is best known for his work in hybridizing blue cattleyas in the 1960s and his groundbreaking hybridizing of Cypripediums in the late '80s and early '90s. His presentation chronicles the attempts to develop the color blue in Cattleyas up through his involvement in the late 1960s. He became interested in orchids in 1958 when he was a college sophomore. From 1964 through 1969, he produced more than 60 blue cattleya hybrids, many of which are still in collections, arising from the original seedlings or as mericlones. Many are used as basic parents in today's blue Cattleya breeding.



Dr. Leslie Ee: "Blue Phalaenopsis and How Indigos Can Help in their Hybridizing"

Leslie is an AOS Accredited Judge, President of the Canadian Orchid Congress, conservationist, and world traveler. At present, Leslie has over 500 plants, mostly select and heirloom Cattleya species, and three orchid tanks, including a cool tank with Dendrobium cuthbertsonii. Leslie has given orchid presentations to many orchid societies and has written articles for orchid journals and projects. He is committed to the sharing of orchid knowledge and conservation efforts of local orchids around the world. His most recent trip was to observe and preserve the legacy of rare Cattleya eldorados in the deep Amazon jungles in Brazil.



Dr. Rob Griesbach: "The Culture and Hybridizing of Blue Flowers"

Rob has been an active member of the American Orchid Society for over 40 years, serving as an Accredited Judge, member and chair of the Research Committee, past-Trustee, and past-President. He has a Ph.D. in genetics, and is retired from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service (USDA-ARS). At the USDA, his research focused on flower-color genetics and plant breeding.



This virtual event is open to everyone. Cost is \$30. There are always a few surprises. Tell all your Orchid friends!

Schedule (All times are Central Standard Time)

- 10:00 - 10:45 AM: Fred Clarke
- 10:45 - 11:00 AM Q & A
- 11:15 - 12:00 Noon: Carson Whitlow
- 12:00 Noon -12:15 PM Q & A
- 12:30 - 1:15 PM: Leslie Ee
- 1:15 -1:30 PM Q & A
- 1:45 - 2:30 PM: Rob Griesbach
- 2:30 - 2:45 PM Q & A
- 2:45 - 3:00 PM Wrap up

Join us online on Sunday, February 12th starting @ 10:00 AM Central. **[This event will be held virtually using our GotoWebinar platform.](#)** *Unable to Join the Live Stream?* No problem! All registrants will receive a link to view recordings of all the presentations at your own convenience.

Registration fee: \$30 per person. **[Click Here to Register.](#)**

Resources for Good Growing

By Melissa Edwards

Perhaps you got a stunning new orchid at the CIOS Holiday Party. Maybe a friend gave you a special plant for the holidays and you want to do your best to care for it. Or maybe you've got a gift card burning a hole in your pocket, and you want to select a beautiful bloomer that will thrive in your home set up. When you are welcoming a new orchid to your collection, it's a good idea to read up on official AOS growing tips to maximize your chance of success. **[AOS Culture Sheets](#)** are the definitive resource for growing many of the most popular orchid genera, while the "**[Orchids A to Z](#)**" listing includes culture requirements for many others. Growing orchids is both an art and a science, and these recommendations offer a solid foundation for success.

If you have questions about your new plants, don't forget that many members are happy to help you troubleshoot and offer suggestions. If you aren't a member of the **CIOS Facebook Group** (**<https://www.facebook.com/groups/546310858794689>**), be sure to sign up. It's a friendly, private group for CIOS members only where you can post pictures of your orchids, encourage others in their orchid-growing endeavors, and seek input and advice.





Submission Guidelines for CIOS Newsletter

Central Illinois Orchid Society’s Newsletter is published quarterly. Please follow these submission guidelines.

The deadline for each edition is the 20th of the month prior to publication as follows:

<i>Submission deadline:</i>	<i>For newsletter edition:</i>
March 20th	Spring Edition (April-June)
June 20th	Summer Edition (July-September)
September 20th	Autumn Edition (October-December)
December 20th	Winter Edition (January-March)

Your original articles, pictures, and thoughts are welcome—please send them! Submissions may include but are not limited to instructional articles (“how-to”), successes and/or failures, book reviews, travelogues about visits to orchid shows or exhibits, conservatories, etc., “before-and-afters” about your own orchid projects, poems, photos, and most things related to orchids. Also, we would love to see your plants—send your photos.

- In accordance with copyright laws, all submissions must be your own original work. We cannot reprint items that have been published elsewhere without written permission from the author or copyright holder.
- Photos and images must also be your own work. With few exceptions, most photos/images on the Internet are copyright protected and cannot be used without written permission.
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