



Illowa Orchid Society

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October 1, 2008 Meeting to be Held at Deere-Wiman Carriage House

The October 1, 2008 meeting of the Illowa Orchid Society will be held at the Deere-Wiman Carriage House, 817 11th Ave., Moline, Illinois.

The social hour starts at 6:00 p.m., and the meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

The program will be the October plant auction. Check over your collection and see if you have any plants you would like to donate. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year.

Hosts for the evening will be Clay Dawson and Jim Hall

In October we plan to gather at Applebee's Neighborhood Grill, 3838 Elmore Ave., Davenport, Iowa, for dinner at 5:00 p.m. If you would like to join us, please call Jim Hall, 563-285-4173 by October 1, 2008.

Don't Forget The October Plant Auction

Upcoming Events

October 1, 2008 - **Illowa Meeting** - Deere-Wiman Carriage House, 817 11th Ave., Moline, Illinois. Social hour 6:00 p.m. and meeting at 7:00 p.m. Hosts for the evening will be Clay Dawson and Jim Hall.

October 11-12, 2008 - **Illinois Orchid Society Fall Show** - Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Rd., Glencoe, Illinois. Contact Sandy Fuller, 352 W. Cheryl Ln., Palatine IL 60067; 847-977-9290; sjfuller62@sbcglobal.net

October 24-26, 2008 - **Blackhawk Orchid Society Show** - Klehm Arboretum, 2701 Clifton Ave., Rockford, Illinois. Contact: Brian Lang, 3509 S. Baileyville Rd., Freeport, Illinois 61032; (815) 297-4723; langfam@aeroinc.net

November 5, 2008 - **Illowa Meeting - Butterworth Craft Room**. Social hour 6:00 p.m. and meeting at 7:00 p.m. Hosts for the evening will be Ken & Cherrie Pearsall and Renee Elmer.

November 8-9, 2008 - **Lincoln Orchid Society 4th Annual Fall Orchid Show and Sale** - EDGE 64/ Back to the Bible, 6400 Cornhusker Hwy.; Lincoln, Nebraska. Contact: Lorna Kissling; 3330 Timberview Ct.; Lincoln,

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December 3, 2008 - **Illowa Christmas Dinner Party** - Deere-Wiman Carriage House, 817 11th Ave., Moline, Illinois. This year's Christmas dinner will be a pot luck. Each family is asked to bring 2 dishes to serve 6 people. Social hour will begin at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m.

January 31-February 1, 2009 - **Orchid Grower's Guild Show** - Alliant Energy Center, 1919 Alliant Energy Center Way, Madison, WI. Contact: Judy Stevenson, 222 S. Kenosha, Madison, WI 53705; (608) 231-3163; judy_stevenson@sbcglobal.net

February 21-22, 2009 - **Batavia Orchid Society Show** -

March 14-15, 2009 - **Northeast Wisconsin Orchid Society Show** -

March 21-22, 2009 - **Illinois Orchid Society Spring Show** -

March 28 -29, 2009 - **34th Illowa Orchid Society Spring Show** - Putnam Museum and IMAX® Theatre, 1717 W. 12th St., Davenport, Iowa. Contact Dee Haiston, 563-386-3212. eednderf@msn.com

October 10-11, 2009 - **Illinois Orchid Society Fall Show** -

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Repot
Vander Veer
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September Meeting

The September 3, 2008, meeting of the Illowa Orchid Society was held at the Deere-Wiman Carriage House, 817 11th Ave., Moline, Illinois, at 7:00 P.M.

Nine members gathered at Applebee's Neighborhood Grill at 5:00 for dinner. The meeting was attended by 16 members. The program was presented by Suzanne Dennis and Clay Dawson.

Jim Hall presented the 23 plants on the show and tell table. Sandi Frederickson's C. Bob Betts 'White Lightning' won the show and tell prize for "The Biggest Flower." The door prize was won by Renee Elmer. Hosts for the evening were Fred & Dee Haiston.

**Illowa Orchid Society
Members Repot The Vander
Veer Conservatory Orchid
Collection**

On Friday, August 29, 2008, Eight Illowa Orchid Society members gathered at the Vander Veer Conservatory to repot their orchid collection. Those that helped were Jackye Crouch, Barb White, Fred and Dee Haiston, Suzanne Dennis, Pat Umland, Clay Dawson and Jim Hall. We had estimated that it might take more than 1 day to finish the job but we finished by noon. A special thank you to all of those who showed up for this project.

**Hosts and Hostesses are
Needed for 2009**

Illowa needs hosts and hostesses for all of 2009. Please sign up right away so we do not have to keep begging for hosts. The treats do not have to be elaborate, a couple of packages of purchased cookies are just fine.

**Dues for 2009 Are \$30.00 for
Singles or Couples (Families)
and Are Now Being Accepted**

Illowa Orchid Society dues for 2009 are now being accepted. Dues are \$30.00 for a single membership or a couple (family). You may pay your dues to treasurer Karen Pedersen at meetings or send them to her at:

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Please get your dues in soon so that we will be able to get our new membership book out at the March 4, 2009 meeting.

**Plan Now to Attend the Illowa
Christmas Dinner Party -
December 3, 2008**

Dee Haiston has been very busy getting plans made for Illowa's Christmas Dinner Party. It will be held December 3, 2008, at the Deere-Wiman Carriage House, 817 11th Ave., Moline, Illinois. This year the Christmas Dinner will be a pot luck. Each family is asked to bring 2 dishes to pass that serve 6 people. Illowa Orchid Society is blessed with many great cooks so this should be a spectacular feast. Napkins, plates, cups and plastic tableware will be furnished.

A social hour with punch and coffee will begin at 6:00 P.M. and dinner will be served at 6:30 P.M.

Every Illowa member who attends the Christmas dinner party receives a free orchid plant.

Let's see if we can make this year's Christmas Dinner the biggest ever. Bring the whole family.

**Orchids A-Z
Holcoglossum**

Pronunciation: hole-koh-GLOSS-um Tribe: Vandaeae
Subtribe: Aeridinae

The name *Holcoglossum* was derived from the Greek *holkos* (strap) *glossa* (tongue) in reference to the strap shaped lip of the type species, *H. quasipinifolium*. These medium-sized monopodials are rather rare in collections yet easy to grow although slow to bloom. The genus was established in 1919 by Rudolf Schlechter and later revised by Tsi in 1982 who recognized 4 species. In 1987, Christenson revised the genus once again and recognized 8 species. The World Checklist of Monocotyledons now recognizes 14 species. This small genus is allied to *Vanda* but readily distinguished by its different lip shape, longer spur and characteristic pollinia. Like those of *Vanda*, inflorescences are produced from the leaf axils. The few- to many white to pinkish purple flowers are often showy but can take as long as 6 months from emergence of the spike to the opening of the first flower. The terete leaves of the type species resemble pine needles in size. As a result, the genus is commonly known as the pine needle orchid in

Show and Tell Table Beauties



09/03/2008

**C. Bob Betts 'White Lightning'
Grown by Sandi Frederickson**



09/03/2008

**Phrag Don Wimber (Eric Young 4n x Besseae)
Grown by Dennis O'Donnell**



09/03/2008

**Sl. Orpetii x C. Angel Walker
Grown by Jackye Crouch**



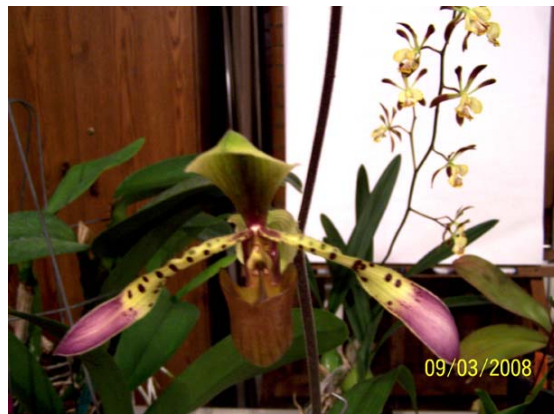
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**Phal Tan Sweet Kim
Grown by Jackye Crouch**



09/03/2008

**Podengis dactyloceras
Grown by Dennis O'Donnell**



09/03/2008

**Paph. Haynaldianum
Grown by Dennis O'Donnell**

**Show Us Your Bloomers!
Bring Them for the Show and Tell Table**

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Photos by Barb White

**Illowa Mem-
bers Have
Won Many
AOS Awards**

some parts of the world. Other recognized species in the genus include *H. amesianum* and *H. kimbalianum*.

Number of species: The World Monocot Checklist currently recognizes 14 species.

Distribution: Tropical Southeast Asia from Burma to Taiwan

----- **CULTURE** -----

Temperature: Most species grow well under warm to intermediate temperatures. Those from the northernmost extension of the range (China and Taiwan) appreciate slightly cooler conditions.

Light: Those with pencil-like foliage do best with very strong light like *Papilionanthe* (*Vanda*) teres. Those with more strap-like foliage grow best with somewhat lower light levels like typical vandas.

Water-Humidity: These plants lack pseudobulbs and need to be watered like vandas. They should be watered often, several times a week, but dry out quickly.

Fertilizer: Use a balanced fertilizer such as 20-20-20 applied at quarter- to half-strength every couple of weeks during the warmer months.

Potting: While these plants can be potted, they do best mounted or grown in baskets similar to vandas. If potted, the medium should drain exceptionally well.

References:

- Sheehan, Tom and Marion, An Illustrated Survey of Orchid Genera, Timber Press, 1994.
- Bechtel, Cribb, Launert, The Manual of Cultivated Orchid Species, 3rd edition, MIT Press, 1992.

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**Take 'em To Be
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By Nile Dusdieker

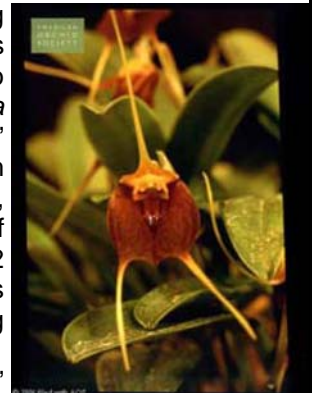
After growing orchids for over 20 years and attending numerous orchid shows, I have decided to do some serious studying of 'quality' orchid flowers and plants. As of July '08, I have been accepted as an 'old' student judge of the American Orchid Society from the Chicago Judging



Center. This will involve traveling to orchid shows and monthly judging sessions in Chicago, presenting two educational papers a year, and most importantly, learning to critically evaluate orchid blooms in terms of their genetic heritage, hybridization and overall quality. The AOS award system attempts to standardize the evaluation of flowers of like species and hybrids. Flowers are judged on a point system (flower form, color and other characteristics) with 75-79 points receiving a HCC (Highly Commended Certificate); 80- 89 points an AM (Award of Merit); and above 90 points the highly coveted FCC (First Class Certificate). In addition awards are given for cultural achievement (CCM Certificate of Cultural Merit and CCE Certificate of Cultural Excellence). Other awards acknowledge unique characteristic of plants and their biologic significance. The AQ database now offers search and comparison data for most awarded plants.

Looking back over the years, several Eastern Iowa Orchid Society members have received AOS awards. The latest award is Jacklyn Moore's wonderful *Psychopsis Kallihi* 'Green Valley' AM/AOS, received at the Central Iowa Orchid Society's Speakers Day this past July. Jon Dorsam received 2 awards for his *Cymbidium Sweet Devon* 'Dorsam' HCC, CCM/AOS at the Chicago May monthly judging. Marsha Whitmore who is also a member of the Illowa Society in addition to our society received an AM and CCM for her giant *Phrag. Sergeant Eric* in March at the Illowa Show in the Quad Cities. NOT BAD FOR 2008! And the year is still 'young!'

Over the years a number of our members have received AOS awards. Marsha has by far the most with 5 AMs, 3 HCCs, and 11 CCMs attesting to her superb growing habits! Enclosed is the AQ award photo of her *Masdevallia Elgar* 'Timberlane' HCC/AOS from 4/6/02. Jon Lorence, also a member of Illowa, has received 2 AMs and 2 CCMs with the latest being *Den. Kahului Beauty* 'Lorence' CCM/AOS 3/22/03 (AQ award photo enclosed). Lois and I, also members of Illowa, have been fortunate to





receive 2 HCCs and my photo of *Onc. Twinkle* 'Dusty's Delight' is shown here. Other current Illowa Members to win AOS Awards are Marilyn Zimmer 3 HCC's and 2 CBR's, Jackye Crouch 1 AM and 1 HCC, Clay Dawson 1 AM, and Jim Hall 1 HCC.



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WHAT IS THE POINT? I think EIOS should be very proud of h a v i n g members who

grow and bloom plants worthy of national awards. NOW, **HERE COMES A 'SECRET!'** In order to receive an award for one of your plants; two things must happen:

- 1- You must grow and bloom the plant to the best of your ability and hope the plant genetics provide you with a worthy flower.
- 2- You need to present the flower in full bloom to be judged. This is often the problem as there may not be an orchid show at the right time.

THIS IS WHERE I CAN HELP! I will be going into Chicago for the monthly judging sessions the second Saturday of the month and would love to take your plants for evaluation. I will try to send an email out 1 week ahead or you can call me at home. As I learn more with student judging, I will try to bring back to the club information about what is a quality orchid bloom. niledusdieker@pol.net 319-626-2236.

Pots

Clay pots, plastic pots, pots with slits, clear pots, net pots, wood slat baskets.....

Knowing exactly what to pot your plants into can become very confusing! When deciding what pot to choose, you really must consider your growing area, humidity level, watering schedules and specific plant requirements.

If your growing area is dry (low humidity)

and you have time to water only once a week, you will want to choose a pot that holds moisture (usually plastic). If you like to water frequently and/or have a humid growing area, pots that breath (clay or "slit pots") might be your best choice.

Clay pots are porous and dry out faster than plastic. These are perfect for Cattleyas, Dendrobiums and other varieties with pseudobulbs that like to dry out thoroughly between watering.

Plastic pots hold more moisture. These work well for Phalaenopsis, Paphs, Miltonias, and varieties that require a bit more moisture. They also work well in homes during the winter months when the heat kicks on and dries out the air.

Pots with slits, net pots and baskets dry out very quickly. Air is allowed to get to the roots from all angles. Orchids love this, however they usually need watering more often when potted in these types of containers. They are good for use in high humidity areas where additional exposure to air is needed to dry out plants.

Clear plastic pots are nice because one can monitor the root growth of one's plants. They also make it easier to determine when the media is dry and in need of water. One thing to watch, however, is the green moss and algae which sometimes grow quickly in clear pots because light is exposed to the media below. This moss/algae can fill up the pot and block air flow to the roots. It can also hold moisture, which can lead to root rot.

In order to choose the correct pot for an orchid, one must simply ascertain the growing conditions, personal watering habits and the specific plant's needs before selecting the vessel.

If you are confused, ask a fellow orchid society member or a commercial orchid grower for advice and guidance. Let us know if Oak Hill Gardens can help.

Happy Growing!
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Illowa Cooks Share Recipes

Douglas Lodge Legendary Wild Rice Favorites

Located near the Mississippi Headwaters in the heart of Itasca State Park is "Minnesota's Own Resort," the historic Douglas Lodge. Constructed between 1903-1905, the lodge was the first building to serve visitors in Itasca State Park. Try these favorites of the Douglas Lodge.

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Thought for the Day

by Roger Rankin

All orchid growers know more than they think they do.



Douglas Lodge Wild Rice Soup

1/2 cup wild rice
 1/2 cup shredded carrots
 6 cups water
 1/2 cup shredded onions
 4 cup chicken stock
 1/2 cup diced celery
 Wash wild rice until clean. Cook in 6 cups water until plump and tender.* Drain. Set aside. Combine chicken stock, carrots, onions and celery. Bring to a boil, then simmer and cook until vegetables are tender. Add cooked wild rice. Makes 4 servings.

Douglas Lodge Wild Rice Salad

4 C. wild rice, cooked*

1/2 C. almonds
 1 1/4 C. water chestnuts
 1 1/4 C. grapes
 1 1/4 C. raisins
 2 C. celery julienne
 1/8 C. sugar
 1/8 tsp. Salt
 Mix and dress with Honey Dijon dressing.

Douglas Lodge Wild Rice Hot Dish

1/2 C. finely diced celery
 1/2 C. finely diced onion
 1 1/2 C. wild rice
 2 (10 oz. cans) cream of mushroom soup
 1 (10 oz. can) cream of celery soup
 1 (4 oz. can) sliced water chestnuts (optional)
 Well browned hamburger
 Salt, Pepper and garlic to taste
 Sauté the celery and onion in oil. Add the browned hamburger. Wash the wild rice well and cook in 6-8 C. water until done, at least 20 minutes.* Mix all ingredients together and add the soups and water chestnuts. Season to taste. Bake at 325 degrees F. for 1 to 1 1/2 hours.

*NOTE: To prepare wild rice, remember to rinse thoroughly before cooking, and if desired, rinse again during the cooking process.

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