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- Joanne Miller, President
- Linda Bailey, Vice Pres. /Secretary
- Terry Moore and Linda Bial, Show & Sale co-chairs
- Mark Williams, Treasurer
- Mitzi Williams, Editor, Newsletter & Webpage

From the President:

Oh I love those sequential blooming orchids! If you are like me, I like to have some orchids flowering at all times. The sequential bloomers do just that. These orchids tend to have one or two flowers open at a time in succession, and then they keep coming, making the flower power last a very long period. Below are a few species for you to try, if you are starting to branch out with your collection.

My favorite one is *Phragmipedium Fritz Schomburg*. Right now it has three blooms open, two that have just dropped off and three more buds that are yet to open. It's been blooming since November and will probably last another 2 months! It is the most beautiful orange-red flower with a yellow pouch and I hope it lasts so I can bring it to our Show in March.

There are also *Phalaenopsis lueddemanniana* types that bloom without a rest for a long time. It is always gratifying to see another bud forming as one fades. Another is the *Phal. bellina*, which is a compact grower and very fragrant.

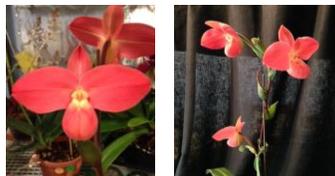
The stars among the *Paphiopedilums* are numerous. I happen to own a *Paph. Nike's Sunny Delight #1* and a *Paph. Delenatii*. The former, a beautiful yellow flower with curly petals, has had five blooms on it, one at a time, since May. The latter is a delicate-looking beauty, bearing two light pink petal flowers with a darker pink pouch. Mine blooms dependably each spring, and also has a delightful fragrance.

There are many more examples than these I've mentioned, and I encourage you to start looking for orchids with this characteristic. They are more than satisfying, and have a remarkably long flowering season.

I hope to see you at our next CIOS Meeting next Monday, February 13.

Good Growing!

Joanne Miller, CIOS President



Paph. Nike's Sunny Delight #1

Next meeting:

- Our next meeting is on Monday, February 13, 6:30 p.m. at Hessel Park Church. Mitzi Williams will give a talk about Cattleyas. The business meeting will include the plans for the Show and Sale. We will also be asking members to sign up for various tasks. The Show and Sale is from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M, Sat. March 4, with repotting demos at 11 A.M. and 2 P.M.

Please feel free to print and distribute the Show & Sale poster on page 4 to friends and family.

Events in the area:

- Feb. 10 - March 5, 2017 "Orchids in Cultivating Beauty" orchid show and sale (in the Elder Greenhouse). Indianapolis Museum of Art, 4000 Michigan Rd., Indianapolis, Ind. For more info, see: <http://www.imamuseum.org/exhibitions/upcoming-exhibitions>
 - Feb. 4-March 26, 2017. Orchid Show: "All Vanilla" at the Missouri Botanical Garden. 4344 Shaw Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63110. Some fees apply. For more info, see <http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/>
 - Feb. 11 (12-4pm)-12 (12-3pm), 2017. Prairie State Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale. Washington Park Botanical Garden, Springfield IL. 1740 W Fayette Ave, Springfield, IL 62704. www.prairiestateorchids.org or check their Face Book page.
 - Feb. 11 – March 26, 2017 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.. "Orchids in Vogue", Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, IL 60022. <https://www.chicagobotanic.org/orchid>.
 - Feb. 24-26; and March 3-5, 2017. 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Hausermann's Annual Open House Show and Sale. 10% off on all plants and supplies. 2N 134 Addison Rd., Villa Park, IL 60181.
 - March 11 – 12, 2017, 10 am - 4 p.m. Illinois Orchid Society Spring Show & Sale. Chicago Botanic Garden. https://www.chicagobotanic.org/calendar/illinois_orchid_society_spring_show.
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Membership renewal:

If you have not done so, please bring your payment to the next meeting, or send a check, made payable to CIOS (\$15 for a single member; \$25 for a couple), to Mark Williams, CIOS Treasurer, 3208 S. First St., Champaign IL 61822. Please note any change on your mailing or e-mail address also.

Notes and tips:

- Many people begin fertilizing the plants now, and repot some of them. Watch out for new root development and have your repotting supplies ready. The supplies will be available at the Show and Sale.
- The old pots can be re-used, if they are sanitized by using bleach, baked in the oven, washed in the dishwasher, etc. Good information is available at: <http://sarasotaorchidsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/CleaningClayPotsbySueBottom.pdf>.

Member profile: Linda Bailey

The very first orchid I bought was back in the early 1970s. Our mother had a green house on the back patio. I bought her a big blooming white Cattleya. It sat on the bench just inside the door for several years. At the time I thought you could only grow orchids at home if you had a green house, so I acquired lots of other house plants but no orchids. I really fell in love with orchids when I lived in Korea. While there, I went on a trip with some friends. We flew to Singapore and rode the Orient Express To Bangkok. The hotel we stayed at in Bangkok had a large lobby filled with orchids. Not just single orchids sitting around, but huge displays hanging everywhere. I remember one particular display was around a waterfall. When I was back in Korea and walking through the market one day, there was a vendor selling orchids. I bought my first orchid then. I had to give the orchid away when I left Korea, but I still have the pot it was in.

I moved back to the US in 2002 after living in Korea, Germany and Italy. I started out (continues to *)

* growing many Phalaenopsis, and branched out from there when my kitchen bay window in my Virginia home proved to be a successful growing spot for the orchids. One of my most faithful bloomers that I've had for about 12 years is an oncidium Sharry Baby. One of my new favorites is a tiny Angraecum. I like it for its distinct leaves.



Onc. Sharry Baby

I remember going to an orchid seminar once and someone asked him his best advice for growing orchids. He answered that you have to grow enough to have killed some. The orchids get my attention in the winter but come summer, they pretty much survive on their own outside on the back porch as outdoor gardening and activities with Master Naturalist take over.



Lc. Acker's Madison 'Kyle'



Angraecum distichum



Central Illinois Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale



Saturday March 4, 2017 10 AM - 3 PM



**Hessel Park Christian Reformed Church
700 W. Kirby Ave., Champaign**



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