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CIOS Officers for 2019

- Linda Bailey, President
- Terry Moore, Vice President & Show Chair
- Joanne Miller, Sale Chair
- Linda Bial, Secretary
- Mark Williams, Treasurer
- Mitzi Williams, Editor, Newsletter & Webpage

From the President:

October is here with temperatures that turned from 90s to 40s at night. Most of our orchids should now be inside. As you brought your orchids inside, we hope that you were able to find some plants you are ready to part with. Maybe it just won't bloom for you or it grew too big outside and you have divisions. Our meeting this month on Monday, October 14th is the member plant sale. Members select plants to offer up for sale to other members. Put a sale price on your plant (usually \$5 or under). Bring it to meeting. Money from sale of plants goes to the club. Meeting this month is back at the Hessel Park Christian Church at 6:30pm. In addition to the plant sale this month, we would like to have an information sharing session. It will be like an enhanced show and tell time. So, if you have a plant blooming, please bring it to the meeting. We want to know a bit about the plant and the growing conditions that it lives in at your house that resulted in blooming.



Ghost Orchid



Phantom Orchid

Halloween is supposed to be spooky and a little scary. But orchids? Does your collection include any of these spooky orchids? Enjoy these spooky orchids, but next time you are out in the woods and venture off the trail in search of a native orchid, think twice!



Water Spider Orchid



Dracula Orchid



Hairy Shadow Witch Orchid

Happy Haunting

Linda Bailey, CIOS President

Next meeting:

● The next meeting is on Monday, October 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Hessel Park Church. We will be electing the 2020 officers. Even though some incumbents are willing to continue in his/her current position, any member can be nominated for: President; Vice President and Program Chair; Secretary; Treasurer; Sale Chair; Show Chair; Editor (Newsletter and Website) until the time for voting.

The program is our annual member sale. If you have orchids that you have difficulty growing, divisions or extras, please donate them to the sale. Growing equipment and supplies are also welcome for this sale. If you can price them, please do. Otherwise, the board members can help you.

Events in the area:

● October 12 – 13, 2019, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Illinois Orchid Society Fall Show and Sale. Chicago Botanic Garden. 1000 Lake Cook Rd., Glencoe, IL.

The garden entry and the event are free but the parking is not:--

\$30 per car weekends and holidays (includes tax). Free to those members at another reciprocal botanical garden such as Missouri Botanical Garden. Unfortunately, the AOS membership does not apply for free parking, but applies to a \$10 discount on the Garden membership. For more info, visit:

<http://www.iosoc.com/>

● October 26-27, 2019. **"Orchids are a scream 2"** The Eastern Iowa Orchid Show. Elks Lodge Hall: 801 33rd Ave SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. There will be talks on orchid culture and re-blooming, in addition to several vendors with plants for sale.

Notes and tips:

- As mentioned in the September issue, Cymbidiums should be left outside in a sunny location until the night temperatures consistently fall to lower 40°F's. Be sure to fertilize during this time. The best fertilizer to use is the “bloom booster” which has higher Phosphorus level (the middle number of the analysis.)

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C. aclandiae and *C. forbesii* (pictured at left) produce flowers that last for weeks. *C. mossiae* and its hybrids are also well known for their spectacular, long lasting heads of 6 in blossoms that provide an abundance of flowers. Begin the annual repotting cycle by shifting and dividing those cattleyas that flowered earlier this year and are beginning to produce new growth. Typically you should repot only when the new growth is emerging to take advantage of the plant's tendency to make new roots when it is forming new pseudobulbs.

AOS News:

In order for AOS to become the “trusted authority for information on orchids”, they are looking for “a few dedicated team members” to help moderate its Facebook page. Duties will include reviewing prospective member Facebook profiles for AOS page membership, responding with orchid-based knowledge to inquiries, directing prospects to nearby affiliated societies, and increasing the number of AOS members.” The guide for volunteer Facebook moderators is being developed. If interested in volunteering, e-mail Membership and Marketing Committee Chair, Bill Bodei : wbodei@aos.org, with a subject line, “Facebook Moderator.”

Incidentally, the AOS Facebook page has over 32,000 members. They post pictures of their orchids, ask questions, and share their experiences. Take a look to see what global community orchids make!

Editor's Note:

This issue looks a bit strange—it appears like any other, but the colors and the lines are off, in addition to numerous other things that are new and confusing to me. It is because I upgraded to (I am not that sure about that anymore) Office 367 which includes Word program. What a nightmare! At the baseline, I know saving outside of my computer is a good thing because this old computer has gotten ill several times, and needed some hospitalization, usually at the worst time possible, so the next time it acts up (or doesn't come on), it goes to recycle. The upgraded program uses OneDrive, Microsoft's own cloud space, and the word file is kept there--I use several other storage spaces, but not this one. Oh well, I will most likely get used to it, but my sympathy to anyone who has to go through upgrades. ☹ Mitzi Williams