



Central Illinois Orchid Society Newsletter

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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:

As I sit at my dining room table writing this, I am looking out my large east windows. The sun is shining bright and the sky is bright blue without a cloud in sight. What a beautiful day! Except, my furnace has been running nonstop and as I look at the temperature it reads -15 and the wind chill -42.



Less extreme cold has already led me to move my orchids from the window sills to tables further back in the warmth. It made me wonder what orchids are native to these cold temperatures. With a little googling I found that although 90% of orchids are tropical, there are many cold resistant. These cold resistant orchids are terrestrial orchids that live in soil rather than epiphytes that live in trees or rocks as the tropical orchids do. The showiest cold resistant orchids are the lady slipper orchids (*Cypripedium* spp.).

There are 48 species native to the Northern Hemisphere with eleven found in the United States. *Cyp. acaule* (above) and *Cyp. reginae* (right) are the two most cold hardy growing in zones 2 through 7.



But as typical Illinois weather, just wait. Soon the temperature will be in the 50"s and we'll be ready to bask in the warmth with our tropical orchids. I hope that you have plants putting up spikes readying to show their beautiful blooms at our upcoming Show and Sale, the success of which depends on members' willingness to display their plants and giving of their time during the event. Come to the February 11th meeting ready to sign up for ways you can help with this event.

Trivia question for February: Who was Orchis and what's his story?

Linda Bailey, CIOS President

Next meeting:

- The next meeting is on February 11, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Hessel Park Church. We will be presenting/discussing more details about the Show and Sale. A short program about potting media will be given by a panel of members. As usual, please bring your blooming plans for show and tell.

Thanks to Melissa Edwards, we have a beautiful poster for our 2019 Show and Sale, taking place on March 9th. It is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The poster is found on the last page of this issue. Please feel free to send to your friends and any group that may be interested in the event.

Terry will chair the Show, while Joanne will chair the Sale with assistance from Niela. In addition to the repotting seminars which were very well attended in the past, we will hold a raffle of orchids (not among the sale plants) and a hand-made glass orchid jewelry donated by Kathryn Wilson.

Volunteers are needed for set up and take down, snacks, as well as helping with the show and sale throughout the day. Feeling uneasy about answering questions? Any member who worked at the show and sale can attest that you know a lot more than you think. And it is really rewarding to help educate the public about orchid growing. Prior to opening to the public at 10 a.m., members are allowed to purchase up to 2 plants at the regular price, so there is a definite incentive to helping prior to the sale. This is our biggest fund raising opportunity, and your help will assure the success of the event, let alone making the day very enjoyable for the members and the visitors alike. Please be generous with your time for this occasion.

- Please renew your membership. If you cannot make the meeting, please send your check, payable to CIOS, to Mark Williams, CIOS Treasurer, 3208 S. First St., Champaign IL 61822.
- We have one more T-shirt in XL for \$12. It will be brought to the next meeting, but if you cannot make it, please contact Mark or Mitzi. If you have one, please plan to wear it on March 9.

Notes and tips:

- Where do you buy orchids? With the upcoming sale, this may be a self-defeating question, but do you know that you can purchase orchids from many sources other than local sales such as grocery stores, and even our own sale? Just from a cursory survey of our own members, we find that the following sources are often used, though the order of the list does not represent the popularity or quality of the plants. It may be useful to have a sharing session on this topic in the future.

1. E-Bay
2. Local society-held sales, including the Auction held by the Greater St. Louis Orchid Society.
3. Seminars and monthly meetings where vendors bring plants for sale.
4. Amazon
5. Directly from a nursery, either personally or ordering online.

- The Jan-Feb-March 2019 issue of Orchid Digest reports six new species that were recently discovered around the world:

1. *Dendrobium candidissimum* -- Found in Sulawesi (previously known as Celebes), one of the islands in Indonesia. (https://orchidee.de/neubeschreibungen/2018/10/Dendrobium_candidissimum.pdf)

2. *Bulbophyllum isabelinum* -- Found in Central Kalimantan of Indonesia. (https://orchidee.de/neubeschreibungen/2018/06/Bulbophyllum_isabellinum_Cavestro_et_Champion.pdf)
3. *Phalaenopsis x lotubela* -- a new, natural hybrid between *Phal. cornu-cervi* and *Phal. javanica*. Found in Sumatra. (https://orchidee.de/neubeschreibungen/2018/06/Phalaenopsis_%C3%97_lotubela.pdf)
4. *Andinia tingomariana* -- a species of Plurothallidinae, found in Tingo Maria National Park located in the Peruvian Amazon. (*Phytotaxa*, 361(2), 222-232. doi:10.11646/phytotaxa.361.2.7)
5. *Spathoglottis jetsuniae* -- a terrestrial orchid resembling a meadow rue was accidentally discovered by the staff of the National Biodiversity Center in a remote region of Bhutan. The plant was named in honor of the Queen of Bhutan. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=McR4RHoCpHA>)
6. *Gastrodia bambu* -- this orchid is a type of "holo-mycoheterotrophic" orchid " (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Myco-heterotrophy>) and grows completely underground except when in flower. (<https://biotaxa.org/Phytotaxa/article/view/phytotaxa.317.3.5>)

Events in the area:

- Feb. 2-March 25, 2019. Missouri Botanical Garden Orchid Show. St. Louis, MO. mobot.org/orchidshow.
- Feb. 9-10, 2019 Prairie State Orchid Society Show and Sale. Washington Park Botanical Garden, Springfield, IL. Poster at right.
- Feb. 16 (10 am - 5pm) - Feb.17 (9 am - 4 pm), 2019. Batavia Orchid Society Show. DuPage County Fairgrounds, 2015 Manchester Rd., Wheaton, IL. <http://www.bataviaorchidsociety.org/BOS%20Show%202015.pdf>.
- March 1-3; AND March 8 - 10; 9 am - 5:30 p.m. Orchids by Hausermann's Open House. 2N134 Addison Rd., Villa Park, IL. <https://www.orchidsbyhausermann.com/orchid-happenings.html>
- March 9 - 10, 10 am - 4 pm. Illinois Orchid Society Spring Show and Sale. Chicago Botanic Garden (CBG), 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, IL 60022. <http://www.iosoc.com/>

*Prairie State
Orchid Society*
free admission

SHOW & SALE

*Saturday and Sunday
February 9 & 10, 2019*

Saturday show & sale noon to 4pm
Sunday show noon to 4pm;
sale noon to 3pm

at the Washington Park Botanical Gardens
1740 W. Fayette, Springfield, IL (217)546-4116

orchids, pots, bark and other growing supplies
help with repotting * raffle prize drawings on Sunday

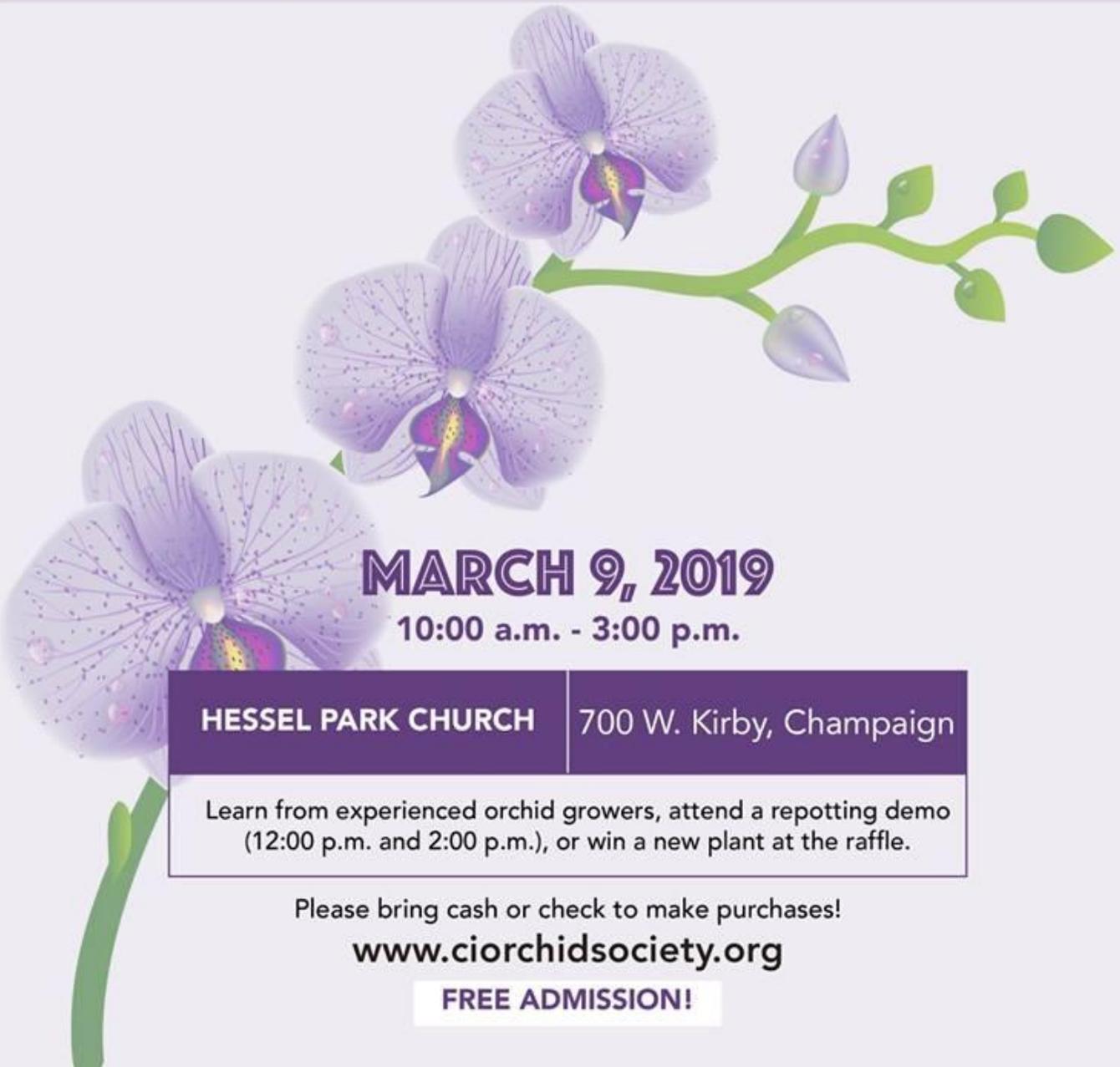
Experienced growers will be on hand to answer questions.
Handouts on orchid culture and care will be available.

Also at CBG, from now until March 24, there is a rare book exhibition entitled: Picturing Tropical Orchids.

- March 22 (Sat.) 10 am-2 pm; AND March 23 (Sun.) 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. University of Illinois Plant Biology Conservatory and Greenhouses Spring Fling and Orchids Sale. 1201 S. Dorner Drive, Urbana, IL.

**CENTRAL ILLINOIS
ORCHID SOCIETY**

ORCHID SHOW AND SALE



MARCH 9, 2019

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

HESSEL PARK CHURCH

700 W. Kirby, Champaign

Learn from experienced orchid growers, attend a repotting demo (12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.), or win a new plant at the raffle.

Please bring cash or check to make purchases!

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FREE ADMISSION!