

# CIOS News

December 2024 | Des Moines, Iowa



## December Holiday Party

Brian Johnson

Our December meeting is our annual CIOS holiday party, and it's always a lovely event filled with fellowship and warmth.

This year was no exception, but I had the opportunity to make this one a bit extra special. I had a good number of plants in bloom and I suspected other members would be bringing in their own. So I decided to set up an impromptu display. We also had a nice, full

raffle table with plants, art, and stickers, and of course plenty of delicious food to share.

Thank you to everyone who made it, brought dishes to pass, plants to share, and flowers for the show and tell display.

Enjoy some photos from the event, and happy holidays!

[More photos next page](#)



Our holiday display! It's not the most well put together display – no backdrops, enhanced lighting, or covering for the pots, but we had a great selection of plants to share. Not too bad for 15 minutes of effort. Thank you to Maria for bringing a tablecloth and everyone who brought in flowers to share.

## Next Meeting

First meeting of 2025

1/5/2025 - 2pm

Union Park United  
Methodist Church

2305 East 12th Street

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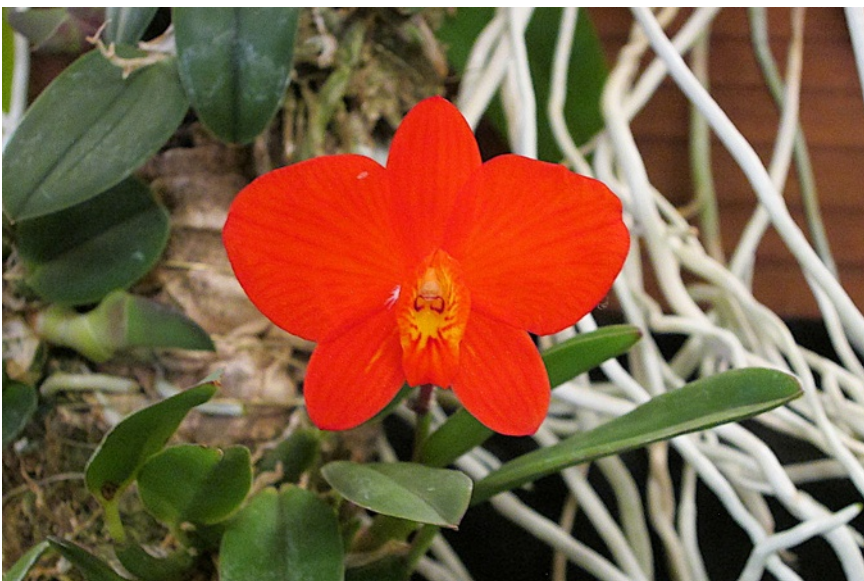
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# December Meeting Brief

Ardie Strawman

The December meeting of the Central Iowa Orchid Society was called to order by President Brian Johnson. Brian thanked those members who brought blooming orchids for a quick display today.

The Secretary's report was read and approved. The Treasurer reported that 2025 dues can be paid now. \$15 for a single. \$25 for a family. The Librarian, Chriss Barck, reported that there are several new magazines that can be checked out.

Maria Fedorova reported that we receive the Orchid Digest magazines quarterly and they can be checked out.

Brian reported that the November newsletter was emailed out. If anyone did not receive it, let him know. New business - Carson Whitlow will be contacting Anything Orchids to see if they are interested in being a vendor at the Reiman Gardens Orchid Fest, for Feb. 2025.

We have been contacted by the Dallas County Master Gardeners, as they are looking for a speaker on basic orchid care. Carson said he will contact them.

Election of 2025 officers - A motion was made, seconded, and approved to close the nominations. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the slate of officers who were nominated in November.

President - Brian Johnson  
Vice-President - Maria Fedorova  
Secretary - Ardie Strawman  
Treasurer - Chriss Barck  
Librarian - Chriss Barck  
3rd year EBoard (to fill the end of Maria Fedorova 's term) - Jenny Howell  
2nd year EBoard - Carol Lewnau  
1st year Eboard - Jason Rauscher  
Liaison for AOS and Orchid Digest - Maria Fedorova

Meeting adjourned so can enjoy our tasty potluck lunch!

Respectfully submitted,  
Ardie Strawman, Secretary

## President's Message

I hope everyone has had a delightful holiday season filled with joy!

Winter can be a challenging season for orchid growers. Obviously as temperatures drop, it can be tough to keep warm-growing and humidity-loving plants happy like vandas and warm-growing "novelty" Phals. But cool temps and dry air can be a boon for plants that need a cool rest to perform their best. Nobile Dendrobiums and standard Phalaenopsis will initiate flowering best with a cool season trigger, and Cymbidiums and Catasetums will be coming into bloom.

For many of us, especially home and windowsill growers, our collections can become fairly crowded, increasing the chances for disease and pests to spread. Keep a sharp eye out for possible fungal infections -

wet, cool conditions are a prime breeding ground for mold and fungi. Let plants dry between waterings if they aren't in active growth, and maintain good sanitary practices.

It's also a good time to make plans for the coming year. Evaluate your indoor growing spaces - are you providing enough light and air movement? If you summer plants outdoors, do you need more space? More shade? More water? Now is the time to make plans and budgets for spring construction projects and upgrades. And evaluate your collection - ask yourself what plants/genera performed best for you, and consider expanding or focusing your collection in that area.

Happy growing!  
Brian Johnson, CIOS President



My family recently visited the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden for their Dome After Dark event. They had a number of displays, including this towering "tree" formed from a variety of tropical botanicals and large, white Phalaenopsis.

# Upcoming Events

## Tamiami international Orchid Festival

January 17-19, 2025, Miami, FL

Tamiami Event Page

Miami's largest, most diverse orchid show. Over the past twenty years, the Tamiami International Orchid Festival has not only become a great Miami orchid show, but a nationally and internationally recognized orchid event. The January 17-19, 2025 Tamiami International Orchid Festival will be the largest orchid show in the United States.

## The World Slipper Orchid Conference #3

January 17-19, 2025, Grand Nanihoa Hotel Hilo, HI

Orchid Digest Events Page

Includes Lectures, Friday night dinner, Saturday lunch, and Saturday night dinner.

Scheduled Speakers:

Chu Xuan Canh (Vietnam), Frank Cervera (USA), Elizabeth Chen (Taiwan), Tim Culbertson (USA), Olaf Gruss (Germany), Marc Hachadourian (USA), Harold Koopowitz (USA), Alessandro Valenza (Italy)

## Orchid Society of Minnesota

### "Winter Carnival 50th Anniversary Orchid Show"

January 25-26, 2025, St. Paul, MN

OSM Winter Carnival

Get ready for an amazing experience as the St. Paul Winter Carnival Orchid Show returns for its 50th year celebration! This dazzling event has evolved into the ultimate winter extravaganza for orchid enthusiasts across the Midwest, drawing in a staggering crowd of nearly 5,000 lovers of these exquisite blooms.

Immerse yourself in the Orchid Society of Minnesota's spectacular vision, meticulously curated by the Show Committee. Prepare to be whisked away from Minnesota's icy embrace to the lush embrace of tropical wonderlands, right within the heart of the conservatory.

We extend a warm invitation for you to bask in the awe-inspiring splendor of our showcased orchids. Delve into

the wealth of orchid wisdom offered by our passionate members and seize the opportunity to acquire top-notch orchids from our exceptional vendors.

Collaboratively, the Show Committee and the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory staff have worked together to make the 50th Anniversary something special.

## Madison Orchid Growers Guild

### "Orchid Quest"

February 1-2, 2025, Madison, WI

Orchid Quest Event Details

Orchid Growers Guild's "Orchid Quest" is being held February 1 - 2, 2025 at the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center, 1 John Nolen Dr, Madison, WI 53703.

For more events see

'The Orchid Mall Announcements and Events'  
[orchidmall.com/announce.htm](http://orchidmall.com/announce.htm)

## January Meeting

We'll be discussing our plans for the Reiman Gardens OrchidFest in February. We'll have sign up sheets for manning the information and sales tables.

We'll also have plants on the raffle table, and as always, feel free to bring in blooming plants to share for the show and tell, or any non-blooming plants you'd like help with.

We look forward to seeing you there!

1/5/2024 - 2pm

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Methodist Church  
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# Membership

The Central Iowa Orchid Society (CIOS) was organized in 1961. It is a nonprofit social club. Membership in the CIOS also includes membership in the Mid-America Orchid Congress.

Yearly dues are \$15 for an individual or \$25 for a family. **New members joining after July 1st are only required to pay one-half the annual membership fee - \$7 for an individual or \$12 for a family.** Membership can be renewed starting in November and dues become delinquent after the February meeting. Members will be dropped from the roll if dues have not been paid in six months.

Meetings are generally held on the first Sunday of every month at the Union Park Methodist Church, East 12th & Guthrie, Des Moines and begin at 2:00 pm.

Among the advantages of membership in CIOS are a large library of orchid literature, programs, displays and discussions on blooming plants, helpful advice, door prizes, and friendly socializing about orchids.

We invite you to attend a meeting and see for yourself the excitement that orchids generate. While there, inquire about membership or send in the below membership application to:

Central Iowa Orchid Society  
c/o Chriss Barck, Treasurer  
16402 J Ave.  
Perry, IA 50220

## CIOS Officers

President - Brian Johnson

Vice President - Carson E. Whitlow

Secretary - Ardie Strawman

Treasurer - Chriss Barck

E-Board Member (1st Year) - Carol Lewnau

E-Board Member (2nd Year) - Maria Fedorova

E-Board Member (3rd Year) - Jenny Howell

Immediate Past President - Roy Molina

American Orchid Society & Orchid Digest  
Liaison - Maria Fedorova

Librarian - Chriss Barck

Webmaster - Carson Whitlow

General correspondence can be sent to:  
Central Iowa Orchid Society  
c/o Carson E. Whitlow  
22957 280th Street  
Adel, IA 50003

General email:  
centraliowaorchidsociety@gmail.com

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## Central Iowa Orchid Society Membership Form

Please make checks payable to the Central Iowa Orchid Society. \$15 for single, \$25 for family membership

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate Family or Single: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or:

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: MO \_\_\_\_ YR \_\_\_\_ Security code: \_\_\_\_\_