

March 2010 The Orchid Grower

Orchid Growers' Guild of Madison

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NEXT MEETING March 21st

February Presentation: Growing Orchids in an Orchidarium

OGG member Steve Thimling gave a presentation on his experience with growing orchids in an orchidarium. He purchased his Bimini model by Orchidarium, Inc. used from another OGG member 12 years ago and has been using it ever since. Its dimensions are 24.5 inches wide x 21 inches deep x 37 inches high.



Photography by Steve Thimling

Meeting Dates

March 21-Meeting Room
April 3—Orchid Sale
April 18—Meeting Room
May 16-Meeting Room
June—Picnic TBA
September 26-Meeting Room
October 17-Meeting Room
November TBA
December 19-Meeting Room

**Meetings start at 1:30 pm
unless otherwise noted**

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hi everyone:

Give yourselves a big pat on the back. We had what was undoubtedly the best Orchid Quest ever. I thank you all for your contributions to this year's show, especially our co-chairs, Judy Stevenson and Judith Rapacz. Many of you played a vital role in the success of Orchid Quest 2010. The well-working organization was evident in the smoothness of operation and the positive comments we received from the participants and public. One such comment was from the head judge, Jim Spatzek, which I believe you have already seen.

Next year will be our 25th anniversary. I look forward to what can be accomplished in the next eleven months to celebrate our twenty-five years. As Jim Spatzek says: "I honestly believe your show is one of the best organized and truly spectacular shows in our region". (Personally I think it is the best - but, I'm prejudiced!)

Thank you all,
Rich Narf
President, OGG

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Co-Chair Judy Stevenson

ERRATTA

The Paphiopedilum (Gilbert Blytha x Alma Bavaert) x Philippinense var. album 'Charming' grown by Nicole Amass should have been listed as a third place winner during the January OGG ribbon judging.

FROM THE SHOW CHAIRS:

The 24th Orchid Quest 2010 is HISTORY. My partner Judith Rapacz put it so well, "it was a successful show thanks to OGG members who showed their support before and during the three day event. While a lot of preparation was done before hand, on Friday morning OGG members, exhibitors and vendors arrived and Alliant looked like a bee hive – people, plants, boxes and stuff spread everywhere around the floor. Everyone went to work quickly with various jobs including those that were helping for the first time. By early evening there was an absolute magic about Mendota Hall when all the exhibits were complete." The fresh spring-like smell of all the orchids assembled together in that hall is euphoric. It gratifies us how this event is made possible because of OGG members working together every year.

There were 10 judging teams to rate just over 750 orchids. The raffle, silent auction and OGG tables were busy both days and did very well. The lectures were really great and well attended both days.

OQ 2010 had a number of firsts and surprises:

- One vendor (MAQS Flowers) and one exhibitor (Bil Nelson) sent in their registration just week before OQ. Three AOS student judges (who we had not known about) came in Friday afternoon eager to be part of judging.
- Our treasurer Audrey Lucier designed and printed the raffle tickets saving a sizeable amount of money.
- There were 8 professional paintings of orchids.
- We offered a door prize (Dye sublimation of an orchid on a tile set into the top of a box made by The Vinery). Next year we can send e-mail reminders to this year's attendees.

There were a total of 37 awards (including 12 Special Awards). Nonetheless, all of the awards were entered into the data base and given a pink Special Award ribbon as well as a 5" vase from Calypso Glass by Saturday mid-afternoon.

We had good attendance on Saturday (1193), however Sunday was much slower (649) bringing the grand total to 1847, which was 53 less than last year. Nonetheless, several of the vendors have told us their sales were up this year.

Finally we were thinking of Wayne, who injured his knee and for the first time in 24 years missed the show. So send him a message and report to him your impressions - waylori_king@yahoo.com

So we all can be proud, happy and relieved that OQ was a very successful show. We need to start now thinking what we want next year's "Silver Anniversary for 25 years" to look like.

— Judy Stevenson and Judith Rapacz

ORCHID QUEST 2010 OGG RIBBON JUDGING

OGG Display Second place

First Place

Sue Reed	<i>Lycaste Sunray 'Sue's Pride' AM/AOS (skinneri x Shaolhaven '389')</i>
Nicole Amass	<i>Onc. Sweet Sugar 'Emperor'</i>
Meg McLaughlin	<i>Bc Maikai mayumi</i>
Don Fago	<i>Cymbidium Showgirl 'Linda Crystal'</i>
Jody Thistle	<i>Slc. Acker's Romance</i>

Second Place

Audrey Lucier	<i>Phalaenopsis Celebration</i>
Heidi Whetmore	<i>Zygonisia Cynosure 'Blue Birds' Pulled for AOS judging</i>
Judy Williamson	<i>Cattleya hybrid</i>
Meg McLaughlin	<i>Paphiopedium moquettianum</i>
Meg McLaughlin	<i>Tolumnia Genting Pink Lady</i>
Don Fago	<i>Vandachostylis colmarie (Van. Sri Siam x Rhyn. Gigantean)</i>
Lynn West	<i>Phal hybrid</i>

Third Place

Audrey Lucier	<i>Paph. Hsinying Agogo (armeniacum 'Nugget' x Hsinying Concon 'Ching Hu')</i>
John & Arlene King	<i>Rfda. (Rehfieldara) Jerry 'Pacific Empire' (Ada x Odontoglossum x Oncidium)3</i>
Judy Williamson	<i>Pot. Cheryl Winkelman 'Chris'</i>
Robert Lasseter	<i>Tolumnia Irene Gleason 'Golden Sunset'</i>
Elaine Malter	<i>Paph Petula's Ruby (Ruby Peacock 'Display' x Petula Downtown)</i>
Don Fago	<i>Cymbidium Showgirl 'Linda Crystal' [Entered as Specimen plant]</i>
Jeff Baylis	<i>Paphiopedilum primulinum var. album x sib ('Green Elf x 'Hsinying')</i>
Jeff Baylis	<i>Howeara Lava Burst 'Puanami' AM/AOS</i>



NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER

Orchid Quest 2010 was a financial success. We had about the same number of visitors as last year but since we raised our admission price, did have a larger income. Admissions brought in \$12,600. We also had increased vendor income, \$5,125. All the bills are not in yet but OGG may have made nearly \$6,000. Thanks go to Judy Stevenson and Judith Rapacz for careful planning. Thanks go to our corporate sponsor and award sponsors. Thanks go to donations made for the Silent Auction which brought in \$707 and for the raffle which netted \$460. This profit will support Guild expenses throughout the year, which exceed our dues collection. Our volunteers made it a success.

Audrey Lucier, Treasurer

Photography by Rich Narf



Head judge, Jim Spatzek, OGG member Meg McLaughlin in background

Our Co-Chairs received this letter and want to share it with the rest of OGG:

[Judy and Judith] Well, I hope by now you ladies are sitting back and resting on your laurels! What a great Show! What great food! What great hospitality! What great organization! You ladies did a fabulous job.

I honestly believe your show is one of the best organized and truly spectacular shows in our region. Please express our thanks to everyone involved in your Society. We really appreciate your efforts.

Regards,

Jim Spatzek, Chairman
Chicago Judging Region
American Orchid Society Inc.



Above, ribbon judging in progress; right, Annette Minter working on the raffle with the assistance of a Master Gardner volunteer.



BATAVIA RIBBON JUDGING FEBRUARY 2010

Exhibit set up and take down by: Audrey Lucier

OGG Exhibit 25 ft2 Second Place

First Place

Sue Reed Sue Reed Audrey Lucier Sandy Delamater Sandy Delamater Lynn West Lynn West Meg McLaughlin Meg McLaughlin	Lycaste Sunray 'Sue's Pride' AM/AOS Shoalhaven x skinneri Paph Hybrid (Gene Smallley) Hasgw Red Stella 'Jerry' Rhyncovola David Sander (B. cucullata x digbyana) Cym. Devon Gala 'New Horizon' (Emma's Gala x devonianum) Phal Melody Paph. philippinense var. album "Ruey Annn Ja x Paph. stonei var. album "Formosa" <i>Paphiopedilum spicerianum</i> Tolumnia Genting 'Pink Lady'
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Second Place

Sue Reed Lynn West	<i>Oberonia croftiana</i> [AOS Certificate of Botanical Recognition] Vandofinetia Blaupunkt (Neo. falcata x Vanda coerulescens)
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Third Place

Sandy Delamater Meg McLaughlin Meg McLaughlin	Paph St. Swithin (Rothschildianum x philippinense) <i>Paphiopedilum moquettianum</i> Phrag Cape Sunset -Eric Young x Living Fire (besseae x Sorcerer's Apprentice)
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Bimini Model

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This orchidarium has a tub-like base which holds about a gallon of water. The walls sit on the ledge of the base. The rear section is constructed of twin-walled polypropylene, the front section is clear acrylic. There is an interior cover that separates the light from the growing area as well as supporting the fan. The fan blow air upwards and runs 24/7. There are three shelves of graduating size allowing for placement of plants of varying height and each shelf has a drip tray. He added PVC pipe for shelf support. There is also a vertical screen for hanging mounted plants. There are ventilation openings and ways to circulate air for heat or to cool (leave the door open.) He estimates that the temperature inside ranges from a low of 60 in the winter to 80 in the summer. The humidity ranges from 50-80%.

Steve keeps the orchidarium in a place in his home where the ambient light is low. There are two plugs, one for the fan and the other for the lights. He has two 39-watt biaxial high output fluorescent lamps which he has on a timer. He estimates that he replaces the lamps about every two years (about \$30 each). Steve pointed out that Because artificial lighting is constant, the amount of foot candles needed from dawn to dusk is much less than the peak sunlight figures might indicate.

Orchidariums are relatively expensive (but so are orchids.) This orchidarium has allowed him to bloom a variety of orchids.



Photograph by Steve Thimling
Meiracyclium trinastum



Lepanthes thoeleae 'Lisa' CBR/AOS



Masdevalia hartmanii species



Dtps Sin Yan 'Golden Beauty' M P0633



Rhynchostylis gigantean alba

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"Sue's Favorite Miniature"
Paph helenae

Photographs by Denise Baylis



Photograph by Steve Thimling

Quilt, 'Dracula,' Sharon Rose, Rockford IL



Photograph by Denise Baylis

Blue ribbon winner 'Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid,'
Large photograph on fabric by Gary Shackelford



Photograph by Steve Thimling

Quilt, 'Mustafa Slipper Orchid,' Rosalie Baker,
Davenport IA



Photograph by Denise Baylis

Blue ribbon winning watercolor 'Lycaste Sunray Sue's
Pride AM/AOS', by Janet Moore.



Photograph by Steve Thimling

Quilt, 'Square Dance,' Patty Koenigsaecker,
Bolingbrook, IL

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This plate was painted by Randy Wollet, Capitol
Artists, from Jefferson WI

Natural Resources Foundation executive director, Charlie Luthin, will be hosting "Chats with Charlie" in communities statewide to share news with you on current conservation issues involving endangered species, habitat protection and conservation education, and to hear about local conservation issues affecting your community. Please join Charlie for a free cup of coffee on **Thursday, March 25, 2010**, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM at the Prairie Bean Coffee House, 5500 Cheryl Drive, Fitchburg. No reservations required. Call (866) 264-4096 for more information.

Natural Resources
FOUNDATION
of Wisconsin

He looks forward to seeing you there!

Cascades of Orchids at IOS Spring Show

I would like to invite your members to the Illinois Orchid Society's annual Spring Show March 20 and 21. The show Cascades of Orchids runs from 10 to 5 each day at the beautiful Chicago Botanic Gardens in Glencoe Illinois. We have four presentations scheduled that will interest your members:

Saturday at 1:00 pm.

"How to get more flowers to last longer on your orchids," presented by Hermann Pigors of Oak Hill Gardens.

Saturday at 2:00 pm.

"Orchids of Ecuador," presented by a representative of Ecuagenera Nursery.

Sunday at 1:00 pm.

"Phalaenopsis Culture Under Lights," presented by Robert Younghale of B&H Orchids.

Sunday at 2:00 pm.

Joy Sloup of Suphattra's Clay Flowers will demonstrate "Creating orchid flowers with clay."

Of course, there will be lots of orchid vendors and exhibits. Entry to the show is free. Parking at the garden is free for Olbrich members. All others pay \$20 per car.

Jeanne Becker, IOS Home Show Chair

2010 AOS Members Meeting & Show
April 28 – May 2
Hosted by:
The Oklahoma Orchid Society
Meetings of the:

- ☺ American Orchid Society
- ☺ Southwest Region Orchid Growers Assn.
- ☺ International Phalaenopsis Alliance
- ☺ Slipper Orchid Alliance
- ☺ Pleurothallid Alliance
- ☺ Orchid Digest Corporation
- ☺ Keynote speaker: **Joyce Stewart from Great Britain**
- ☺ Lectures
- ☺ Orchid Sales
- ☺ Auctions
- ☺ Raffles

Vendors include:

Andy's Orchids	Paphanatics Unlimited
Oak Hill Gardens	Ecuagenera Cia. Ltda
Faith, Hope & Orchids	The Orchid Gallery
Orchid Inn, Ltd.	Prairie Orchids
Clown Alley Orchids	WareWolf Arts
Okie Orchids	New Vision Orchids
Dawn Vertrees Jewelry	Bird's Botanicals

Show & Sales open to the public
April 30 – May 1 - 10AM-5PM, May 2 - 10AM-4PM
Clarion Meridian Hotel & Convention Center
737 S. Meridian, Oklahoma City, OK 73108
www.clarionokc.com
Details & Show Registration: <http://2010aossow.oo orchids.org>

Up-Coming Events

- **March 13-14, 2010.** Northeastern Wisconsin Orchid Society Show, Holiday Inn Neenah Riverwalk, 123 E. Wisconsin Ave., Neenah. Contact: David Bluma, 1367 Eagle Feather Tr., Neenah, WI 54956, (920) 428-4595; davidbluma@aol.com
- **March 19-21, 2010.** Mid-American Orchid Congress Spring Meeting, held in conjunction with Greater Omaha Orchid Society's 23rd Annual Orchid Show, Omaha Marriott, Omaha NE
- **March 20-21, 2010.** Illinois Orchid Society Spring Show, Glencoe, IL www.show.iosoc.com