

# March 2016 The Orchid Grower

Orchid Growers' Guild of Madison

Website [orchidguild.org](http://orchidguild.org)



## Meeting Dates

- March 20, Meeting Room
- April 17, Meeting Room
- May 15, Meeting Room
- June Picnic TBA
- September 25, Meeting Room
- October 16, Meeting Room
- November 20, Meeting Room
- December 18, Meeting Room

Meetings start at 1:30 pm at Olbrich Gardens unless otherwise noted

## Up-Coming Events

- **March 5-6**, NE Wisconsin Orchid Society Show
- **March 12-14**, Illinois Orchid Society Show, Glencoe, IL
- **March 19-20**, 41st Illowa Orchid Society Spring Show, Bettendorf IA
- **March 19-20, 2016** -- The Spring MAOC, Cincinnati, OH
- **April 2**, Spring Sale, Olbrich

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## Next Meeting March 20, Paradigm Gardens

Kudos to Keith Nelson for sharing with us his very interesting and informative presentation at our last meeting on re-potting. Members had the opportunity to bring in their plant to be used in the demonstration. Also thank you to Orchids Garden Centre for providing some practice specimens. We also welcomed several new members.

Lorraine has done a great job of setting up the programs for our future meetings. This month's meeting will be held at Paradigm Gardens (4501 Helgesen Dr. Madison) with plant judging at 1 PM and the meeting starting 1:30 PM. We will learn about the newest and latest technologies in lighting and growing techniques for the home grower. Come early to check out all of the growing supplies, pots, and great lighting for home and garden. Business hours at Paradigm on Sunday are 11AM-5PM.

For our April meeting we are lucky to have Dr. Ken Cameron share some of his orchid experiences with us. May 15 is our member auction and exchange, so get those divisions potted up and bring in those unneeded supplies. Consider bringing those nice plants you have that refuse to flower for you but might flourish in a new home. The auction benefits OGG, so your donation of plants are tax deductible. June is picnic month and hopefully there will be a pop-up native orchid visit somewhere in the area.

One of our fundraisers is our orchid plant sale which will be at Olbrich. The orchid sale is at the same time as Olbrich's annual pansy sale, on Saturday April 2. We will be asking for volunteers to help sell and discuss orchids with the visitors, with shifts on Saturday morning and afternoon. A few volunteers will be needed for set up on Friday, April 1. This will be a good time to add to your own collection!

One of our major projects is finding a new venue for Orchid Quest. We need members to help us find a place within the next few months. The planning starts a year ahead with reserving AOS judges, after a date (fifth weekend of the year) and location are found. Subsequently early advertisement will start for the free tourist magazines and websites. We have been lucky to have had the major orchid show held here in the mid-west for the past 18 years. But this is most successful with early planning. We have many talented members with the expertise that can help us continue our long orchid Quest tradition.

We are looking forward to another great year of orchid meetings and learning!

Thank you all for your membership!

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## OGG RIBBON JUDGING BATAVIA

Set-up Nancy Thomas, Take-down Nancy Thomas and Sue Reed

### Exhibit First Place

#### First Place, Best of Class

Nancy Thomas *Den. Green Flash 'Nancy's Fancy' AM/AOS (Andree Millar x convolutum)*

#### First Place

Susan Reed *Paph. Transvaal 'Merienda Lane' HCC/AOS (moquettianum x rothschildianum)*

Nancy Thomas *Maxillaria tenuifolia x sanguinea*

#### Second Place

Susan Reed *Psychopsis Mendenhall alba 'Yellow Butterfly'*

Wayne King *Bc Inboriboon (BC Jose Marti 'Mother's Favorite' x Brassavola nodosa)*

Terri Jozwiak *Phal. Unknown*

Terri Jozwiak *Bulbophyllum taiwanense (species)*

Nancy Thomas *Den. Green Mist (johnsoniae x convolutum)*

#### Third Place

Susan Reed *Phrag. Demetria (sargentianum x caudatum)*

Terri Jozwiak *Phal. Mount Lip (Phal. South Cha-Li x Phal. Mount Beauty)*



Clockwise from top left:  
OGG Exhibit; *Den. Green Flash 'Nancy's Fancy' AM/AOS* grown by Nancy Thomas; *Maxillaria tenuifolia x sanguinea* grown by Nancy Thomas; and *Bc Inboriboon* grown by Wayne King



# AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY AWARD WINNERS

Photographs by Scott Weber



*Pleurothallis nephrocardia* earned first place, Best of Class and CCM 84 for Olbrich Gardens



Phrag. Cuzco Blood 'Twin sisters' (Mem. Dick Clements 'Red Glow' HCC/AOS x *humboldtii* 'Hipp' AM/AOS). Earned first place, Best of Class and AM 81 for Orchid Trading Company

# OGG RIBBON JUDGING FEBRUARY 2016

## First Place

- Steven Thimling *Habenaria medusa*
- Steven Thimling *Angraecum leonis* x self
- Gary Lensmeyer *Laelia anceps alba*
- Nancy Thomas *Cattleya* unknown
- Steven Thimling *Phal* (Lioulin Goldfish x Formosa Cranberry)
- Steven Thimling *Phragmipedium* Lutz Röhlke (*besseae* x *boissierianum*)
- Steven Thimling *Ascocentrum miniatum*

## Second Place

- Melissa Williams *Laelia harpophylla* x *Sophranitis coccinea*
- Steven Thimling *Phal* hybrid
- Steven Thimling *Dtps* Long Pride Sparks 'Ever Spring Prince' x *Phal* Auckland Buddha

## Third Place

- Jeffrey Baylis *Cattleya loddigesii*



# ORCHID QUEST 2016 PHOTOGRAPHS, MINIATURES

By Scott Weber



*Epidendrum polybulbon*



*Masdevallia veitchiana*



*Bulbophyllum*



*Cymbidium Lucifer*



*Masdevallia princeps*

Scott Weber sold Judy Williamson this clone a while ago; he bought the original nearly 30 years ago, and it is his favorite *Cymbidium*

## Adventures with Snow Mold

### Keith Nelson

Snow mold is something most hobbyists will eventually have to contend with. It has a white to grey look with an unpleasant odor, and is often present on old or decomposing bark. Snow mold is hydrophobic so water passes right through the media without the orchid being able to absorb any of it. This causes desiccation of the roots and of the plant.

When I received the orchid shown in Fig. 1, I



Figure 1.



Figure 2.

could see snow mold on the top few pieces of bark. By the time snow mold is seen at the top of the media like this, it has probably spread throughout the pot. A short time ago I had a plant that had not grown much in 1.5 years. The top several layers of bark looked good so I did not suspect snow mold. When I popped it out of the pot, the lower half of the media and the roots were covered with snow mold. When you have a plant that is not growing properly, pop it out of the pot and examine the media for snow mold.

I removed the new orchid from the pot and saw a world-class infestation of snow mold, Fig. 2. When cleaning the orchid it naturally divided itself into two plants. I washed the orchids in lukewarm water and rubbed off as much snow mold as possible, Fig. 3. A close-up of the roots shows that they were partly decayed, but better than one may have sus-

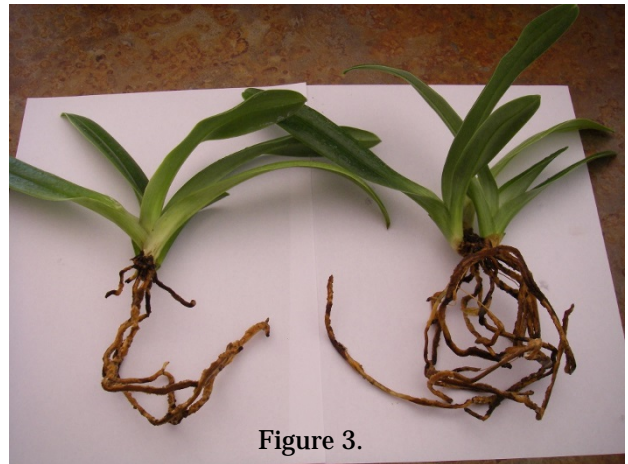


Figure 3.

pected, Fig. 4. It is remarkable how good and healthy the leaves looked. After a thorough cleaning I completely immersed the orchids for 15 minutes in a solution of 1 tsp. of Phytosan in 1 gallon of water. I believe these plants now have a good chance to recover. I repotted with Orchidata Power Plus, Fig. 5, using clear pots so that I can watch for re-occurring snow mold. I will report on progress with this plant in three to six months. I have come to believe that mature orchids are a lot tougher than people expect and can survive a lot of abuse.



Figure 4.



Figure 5.

## AT WORK AT ORCHID QUEST 2016

Photographs by Judy Stevenson



Board member Carrie Weisman and Judy Williamson at the entrance selling tickets



OGG President Lorraine Snyder with two volunteers working at the raffle table



Did you ever wonder what went on during AOS judging? Here one of the judges is measuring something



Bob Lasseter at the OGG Table



Gary Lensmeyer and the string quartet

### **Sprouting Back Bulbs**

From Keith Nelson

I came across an interesting article in the Supplement to November 2015 ORCHIDS, magazine, page 31, describing a "foolproof" method of sprouting back bulbs. Until now I have re-potted back bulbs in Classic Orchidata and waited to see what would happen. Sometimes they sprouted and sometimes not. I didn't give them too much attention. This new method is quite interesting and something I am going to try the next time I have some back bulbs.

The method is simply to stand the cleaned back bulbs in water. This seems counter-

intuitive as I would expect they would rot, but the author claims it works surprisingly well. The container goes on the growing bench and water is added to cover the eyes when necessary. I would put the back bulb in RO or distilled water. The author claims dormant eyes can sprout in as little as one week, but in virtually all cases an eye will sprout in less than a month. As with other kikiis, I would wait for 3" to 4" roots before potting.

There are seven pictures of sprouted back bulbs in the article. I noted six of them are Cattleya and one is an Encyclia, so this method seems to be proven for those two types.



Photograph by Denise Baylis

**“Orchids  
in Your Own Back Yard”**

**Sacramento Orchid Society's  
69th Annual Orchid Show  
& Plant Sale**

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95819**

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**41st Illowa Orchid Society Spring Show**

**Free Admission  
Orchids for sale by several  
vendors**

**Saturday March 19 2016, 9:00am - 5:00pm  
Sunday March 20 2016, 9:00am - 4:00pm**

**Wallace's Garden Center & Greenhouse  
2605 Devil's Glen Rd  
Bettendorf, Iowa**

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## UP-COMING EVENTS

- **March 5-6**, NE Wisconsin Orchid Society Show, “Orchid Magic”
- **March 12-13**, Illinois Orchid Society Show, “Amazing Orchid Odyssey”, Chicago Botanic Gardens, 1000 Lake Cook Rd., Glencoe, IL
- **March 19-20**, 41st Illowa Orchid Society Spring Show, Wallace’s Garden Center & Greenhouse, 2605 Devil’s Glen Rd, Bettendorf, IA
- **March 19-20, 2016** -- The Spring MAOC will be in the historic Netherland Hilton Hotel in downtown Cincinnati, OH
- **November 8-12, 2017** -- 22nd World Orchid Conference, Guayaquil, Ecuador