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The Orchid Grower

Orchid Growers' Guild of Madison
Website orchidguild.org



Meeting Dates

- September 18, 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

- **September 17-18**, Wisconsin Orchid Society Show
- **September 23-25**, 24th Annual Chicagoland Orchid Fest
- **October 15-16**, Eastern Iowa Orchid Society Show

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FROM THE PRESIDENT, NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 18TH

Hello all orchid lovers! Summer is fading fast, but let's hope the change in weather will help our orchids bloom. Fall means it is time to get together again at Olbrich Gardens. Please join us Sunday, September 18th at 1:30 p.m. You are welcome to bring any orchids you are not sending to Milwaukee for the Wisconsin Orchid Society Show for ribbon judging at 1:00 p.m. You are also welcome to bring any orchids for growing advice or problem solving (no pests, please).

Our September program will be a panel of our members who will impart their expertise and growing methods for you.

In October, Prof. Brian Huddleston, University of Wisconsin Plant Disease Specialist will speak on common diseases of orchids and their management.

November brings John Stuckert to Madison to inform us about cold and normal temperature orchidaria.

Bring a friend or guest, all are welcome!

Lorraine



Phragmedidium (Rosalie Dixler)

Photograph by Nancy Thomas

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GET THOSE ORCHIDS READY!

September means the beginning of a new series of orchid shows. The first one is the weekend of September 16, hosted by the Wisconsin Orchid Society, at Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory in Milwaukee. Denise Baylis, Lorraine Snyder and Keith Nelson will be setting up and taking down the exhibit. They are all experienced and if you are inter-

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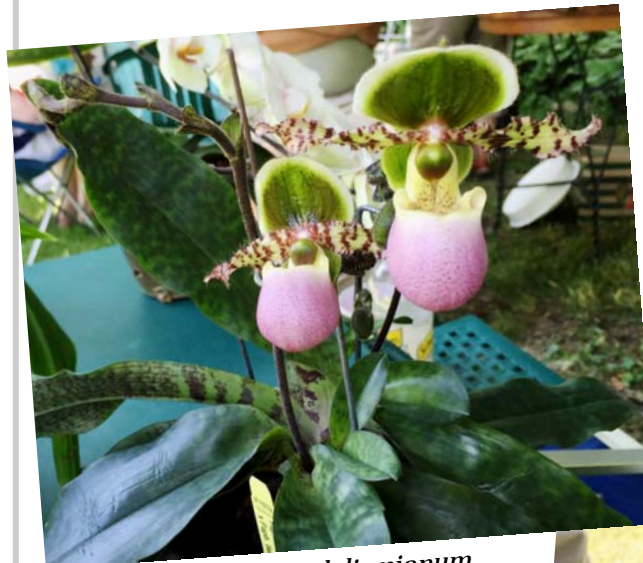
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Phragmepedium Don Wimber (Eric Young x besseae) grown by Lorraine Snyder



Paph liemianum x Paph liemianum grown by Judy Williamson

Phalaenopsis, grown by Judy Williamson



OGG Ribbon Judging June 2016 [Picnic]

First Place

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|-----------------|--|
| Jeff Baylis | <i>Laelia tenebrosa</i> |
| Judy Williamson | <i>Phalaenopsis</i> |
| Lorraine Snyder | <i>Phrag Don Wimber (Eric Young x besseae)</i> |
| Judy Williamson | <i>Doritaenopsis 'Happy Dancer'</i> |
| Judy Williamson | <i>Paph liemianum x Paph liemianum</i> |

Blooming "Out of Season"



Photograph by Nancy Thomas

Phragmedidium (Rosalie Dixler)

Hi All: I just have to share with you what happened with my *Phrag* this summer. It's a *besseae* hybrid (Rosalie Dixler) that's a serial bloomer; I've had it send out a side branch with one or two flowers (serially) in addition to the main stem in the past. This year I set up lights in my basement and put it down there to try to get a deeper red color in the cooler temperatures. Lo and behold, it's given me two branches plus the main stem, all producing multiple flowers at once so it has seven flowers open. I've relied on window light in the past, and the new lights are T5 with red and blue spectrum bulbs. I think the light must be what's stimulated it. By the way, the first 2 flowers were exceptionally dark red in comparison with past years (I've since moved it upstairs to enjoy it),

Nancy Thomas

Phragmedidium Grande grown by Sue Reed



Ctsm. denticulatum ('SVO II' AM/AOS x 'SVO' AM/AOS) grown by Jeff Baylis

The new growths of this *Catesium* rapidly develop in a five to six month period, bloom, lose their leaves and are dormant for periods from one to five months depending on the climatic conditions. They bear separate male and female flowers with

occasional intermediate or hermaphroditic forms. It is almost impossible to determine the species from female flowers. *Ctsm. denticulatum* likes to stay warm in winter, with minimum temperatures of 60-65 F and humidity at 50% or higher.



... more Blooming "Out of Season"



Photograph by Keith Nelson

About three months before Orchid Quest I moved the plant to the bedroom window. As before the last blooms fell off and it did not re-bloom. Then 40 days before Orchid Quest I moved it back to the living room. I expected it to be in full bloom for Orchid Quest. Unfortunately, when the time for Orchid Quest arrived, it had exactly ONE new bloom! The darn plant just did not cooperate as it should have. It took almost two months before it was blooming regularly again and as before. As I am writing now in the month of June, it has 14 spikes and blooms on nine of them.

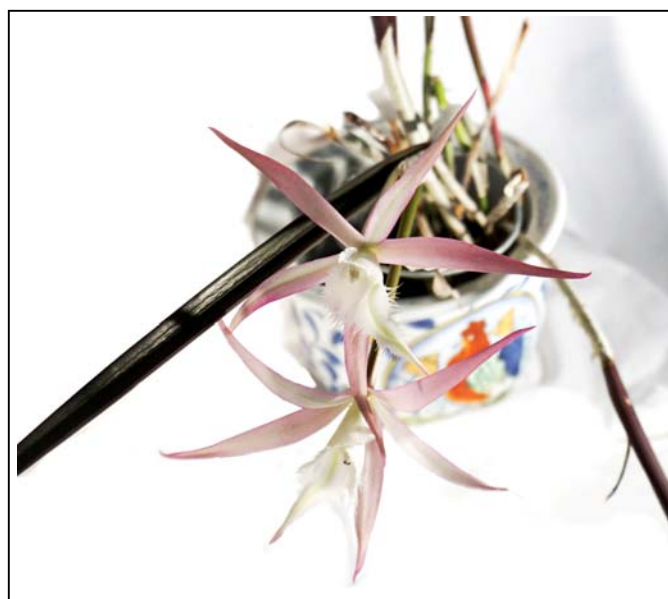
Keith Nelson

Psychopsis Mendenhall Hilidos FCC/AOS

I obtained a *Psychopsis Mendenhall Hilidos* FCC/AOS from Orchid Garden Center quite a few years ago. It has 13 spikes which bloom sequentially. Typically one third to one half are in bloom at any given time. It is in a south facing living room window which is shaded during the winter months. When Chuck Acker was visiting one day he said that if I could ever get it to bloom on most of the spikes at one time it would be a good candidate for a culture award at a judged show. So I decided to try it.

Several years ago I moved it to a bedroom window. It was still in a south facing with the same conditions as in the living room, same distance from the window, same type of shading. After the existing blooms fell off it did not bloom again. When I moved it back to the living room, it started blooming again. So my strategy was to move it to the bedroom to stop blooming, and then move it back to the living room so it would bloom again for Orchid Quest. The idea seemed very straightforward.

The technique was when a bloom would drop off, I attached a little post-it-note to the stem with the date the bloom fell off. Then when that spike bloomed again I recorded the date on the post-it-note. I collected about 45 data points and the average time from bloom drop to new bloom was 32 days.



Brassavola David Sander (Brassavola cucullata x Rhyncholaelia digbyana), grown by Jeff Baylis

This Rhyncovola (more commonly known as Brassavola) orchid hybrid cross needs a lots of direct sunlight, and should do fine in intermediate to warm temperatures. It's allowed to dry out between waterings and fed regularly. It seems to need a lot of growths before it will flower. It typically blooms in the summer with the buds appearing from the dry papery sheaths that encase the pseudobulbs. The pinkish hue of the sepals is due to light shining through the back that can be a very dark pink in color.

June Picnic

The 2016 annual OGG picnic was hosted by Liz Wood. There were plants for ribbon judging and our own Plant Doctor Keith Nelson was there at the re-potting table with Orchidata and other supplies.

Some of the plants brought there for repotting sorely needed expert attention! Some divisions found new homes as did some seedlings that Keith had been nursing along.

The day was beautiful, attendance was great and the food was delicious and plentiful.



Examining some of the orchid plants looking for new homes



Keith Nelson and Judy Williamson, deciding the best way to proceed



The AOS Fall Members Meeting - Early Registration Ends September 31st

The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens has pulled out all the stops as host of the American Orchid Society's Fall 2016 Members Meeting, Show and Sale from October 19-23. This orchid confab will feature educational lectures by outstanding international speakers, beautiful feast-for-the-eyes orchid exhibits and always interesting orchid judging. And walking the sprawling grounds and exploring the specialized gardens at the Huntington will bring you miles of smiles, enjoyment and pleasure!



Late-breaking news:

Tom Miranda, the orchid collection specialist at the Smithsonian Institution has joined the lineup of stellar speakers. Well-known in the orchid community and a regular contributor to *ORCHIDS* magazine, Tom joins the likes of Dr. Harold Koopowitz, Alfredo Manrique, Gustavo Aguirre and many others who will use a wide lens to focus on genera-specific and region-centered orchid species and hybrids.

The first block of vendor spaces sold out! The host committee has opened a second block to accommodate the increased interest. At last count, 30 vendors—representing the U.S., Taiwan, Germany, Ecuador, Peru, Brazil, Colombia and Malaysia—will bring their latest and greatest orchid inventory for your shopping pleasure.

There are still rooms available at the host hotel, the Double Tree Monrovia. While the special rates are sold out, you can still reserve rooms at the regular rate and take advantage of the free and convenient shuttle buses to and from the Huntington.

Wait until you see and hear the entertainment! The host committee has a surprise in store for you that will only enhance the beautiful setting that is the Huntington.

Price alert! Beginning October 1, the cost of registration and associated meals will increase 20 percent. Please register now!

Chicagoland Orchid Fest and Seminar

Fall is in the Air! The children are back in school, outdoor gardens have peaked, days are getting a little shorter, cooler temperatures are just around the corner. Must be time for the Chicagoland Orchid Fest and Seminar!

The festival takes place simultaneously at two different orchid greenhouse locations within the suburbs of Chicago. Spanning a three day period, the greenhouses of Orchids by Hausermann and Natt's Orchids will be open to the public during the festival. The festival features a vast array of plants for sale by "guest growers," presentations by world-renowned orchid specialists, refreshments, special bargains, and the opportunity to stroll among the most exotic and beautiful plants found in nature.

www.chicagolandorchidfest.com.

Pre-register for the Seminar as soon as possible as seating is limited. Register by phone or online at

www.orchidsbyhausermann.com.

Phone: 630-543-6855

**24th Annual
Chicagoland
Orchid Fest**
Sept 23-25, 2016
8:00am – 5:00pm Friday & Saturday
10:00am – 3:00pm Sunday

**Special sale items and refreshments
available at both locations!**

Chicagoland is highly regarded as one of the top orchid growing regions in the United States. Come walk the greenhouses and find out why!

Guest Growers at each location will be offering plants for sale from all over the world!

Visit two different, interesting and unique orchid nurseries located within a 40 minute drive. (See map on reverse side)

Grand Prize Drawing Nursery Gift Certificates valued at \$400.00 will be awarded at festival conclusion! A total of five (5) winners will be drawn from those participants who have visited both locations during the festival weekend. Winners will be able to choose from which nursery they wish to have their certificate issued. See the festival website or contact a participating grower for an application form!

Look for festival special offers at both locations by visiting the festival website at www.chicagolandorchidfest.com

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ORCHID QUEST 2017 UP-DATE

More hands, more brains, more ideas make OQ that much better every year. Please join our informal group meeting about Orchid Quest. Wednesday, September 7, 7 pm, at Lorraine Snyder's house, 109 Green Lake Pass, Madison. (her phone is 608-233-5559). Remember we will be at a new location, Olbrich Gardens this year and a new venue needs new ideas to be a better show.

We will talk about silent auction, vendors, so-

cieties, awards, judges, publicity (paid & free), hospitality, speakers, plant registration and anything else that might make OQ 2017 just great! We would love to get your feedback, views and ideas. Attending does not mean you are volunteering to be chairperson of the event, it just means you are interested in seeing how it is all put together while you are with some GREAT, easy going orchid people.

See you there.

Terri Jozwiak

UP-COMING EVENTS

- **September 17-18**, Wisconsin Orchid Society Show, "Fall in Love with Orchids, 2016", Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory, 524 S. Layton Blvd, Milwaukee
- **September 23-25**, 24th Annual Chicagoland Orchid Fest! 8am to 5pm Friday and Saturday and 10am to 3pm on Sunday
- **October 15-16**, Eastern Iowa Orchid Society Show, Noelridge Greenhouse, Cedar Rapids, IA
- **October 19-23** - AOS Fall Members' Meeting, The Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens in Los Angeles, CA www.AOSFall2016.com
- **November 12-13, 2016** - MAOC Fall Meeting, Buffalo NY
- **November 8-12, 2017** -- 22nd World Orchid Conference, Guayaquil, Ecuador

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ested in tagging along for the day, just contact one of them.

GET THOSE ORCHIDS ...

Unluckily, this show is always scheduled to coincide with our September OGG meeting. We encourage you to send your blooming orchid to the WOS show rather than bring it to the OGG meeting. The more orchids in our exhibit the better for our Guild and for the public.

The instruction sheet for sending orchids to away shows is posted on the homepage of

our website orchidguild.org.

We hope that if you have any questions you feel free to contact one of them for assistance. One of the purposes of the Guild is to educate people about orchids and about exhibiting them at shows.

NAME TAGS

Need a new name tag for Orchid Quest? Carrie Weisman would be happy to make you a new one if you have lost yours.

You can contact her at

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