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The Orchid Grower

Orchid Growers' Guild of Madison

Website: OrchidGuild.org



Meeting Dates

- January 15, 2017, Olbrich
- February 19
- March 19
- April 23 TBA
- May 21
- June Picnic TBA
- September 17
- October 15
- November 19
- December 17

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

Up-Coming Events

- **March 4-5** -- Northeast WI Orchid Society Show
- **March 11-12** - Illinois Orchid Society Show
- April 1 -- OGG Spring Orchid Sale, Olbrich

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT,
NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 19th
Scott Weber: "The Good, The Invasive and the Nearly Invisible"**

Hello friends,

Wow, If you are bored with the February weather, just wait! 20 degrees for Orchid Quest, 70 a few days later!

I must thank all of you who worked so hard as volunteers to make Orchid Quest a huge success. You did yourselves very, very proud. What a wonderful turnout. We exceeded all previous attendance records, with approximately 4700 people attending and no snowstorms in sight. We have received many many compliments from vendors, societies and our head judge. Our programs were often standing room only. Terri Jozwiak, our show chair, her show committee and her family could not have done better.

Orchid Quest definitely came out in the black despite no entrance fees however income and bills are still coming in and going out. Stay tuned!

I look forward to seeing you at our meeting Sunday, March 19th at 1:30 p.m. with ribbon judging at 1:00 p.m. Scott Weber will reprise his talk on native Orchids of Wisconsin entitled "The Good, The Invasive and the Nearly Invisible."

In April we will meet the 4th Sunday, April 23rd as the 3rd Sunday is Easter.



Cycnodes Wine Delight

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Can you believe that Orchid Quest 2017 is now just a memory? A beautiful, busy and enchanting several days. The new site at Olbrich Botanical Gardens made set-up all new again. All the pre-planning with those on the Orchid Quest committee made **Friday** work really well. All the various ideas that were talked about pre-OQ were put into play: the atrium was the perfect place for the exhibits, the lobby set-up as the OGG space and plant check, and the hallway for the silent auction. We were a little worried about having enough volunteers but on **Saturday**, YOU all seem to come out in mass. Thanks so much!

The judging went smoothly, there were compliments on the lovely natural lighting in the atrium. The exhibits were stunning with gorgeous flowers from societies and vendors alike. Our exhibit received 2nd place after a lot of prep to set up! That felt great. After judging, it was time to meet the crowds and crowded it was! Olbrich takes count and they said we had over 2,800 visitors on **Saturday** and over 1,800 on **Sunday**. The visitors seemed to oooh and aaahhh at the beauty around them. I heard many comments in the exhibit room such as, "I never knew that there was such a variety to orchids." Lots of people filed through the exhibit room, took pictures and admired the displays.

The vendors were happy with their room and the vendor room was packed with people. It was so busy that three vendors went home on **Saturday** to get more plants for **Sunday** because they were literally sold out! That is always a good sign. All of them seemed very pleased. I hope you found some good things in there because I know I did!

We won't know for a while if it was profitable or not but by comments heard all around . . . it was very successful.

Thanks SO MUCH to all who came out to sit at a table, help a customer, direct people, set-up, break-down and everything in between. We could NEVER do this without all the help from members, spouses of members and friends of OGG.

Terri Jozwiak



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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BATAVIA ORCHID SHOW

I got the opportunity to go do the Batavia Orchid Show on February 17-19. It is only a 2.5 hour drive. My husband, Rich, and I went with 26 plants to set-up. OGG owns everything you need to set-up an exhibit from the lights to the shelves, black cloth and moss! Although the car was full! We got everything there safely and I (with some artistic talent and notes from watching Sue) and Rich with the desire to help (carry stuff, put together the shelves and lights) set up a

nice display. The lights worked great, they are bright but not hot, perfect for highlighting orchids. Our exhibit got FIRST! That made me feel really good. I learned a lot as I helped clerk on Saturday and even more as I hung about during the weekend. Those people know their stuff and I learned some great tricks that I hope I can put into play in my own orchid collection.

Terri Jozwiak

BATAVIA OGG RIBBON RESULTS

Exhibit set up and take-down by Terri Jozwiak

Exhibit First Place

First Place

Keith Nelson Monnierara Millennium Magic 'Witchcraft'
Susan Reed *Paph. urbanianum*
Jeff Baylis *Cymbidium* unknown hybrid
Terri Jozwiak Slc. Circle of Life Trailblazer 'AM/AOS x Lc. Magic Melody 'SVO' AM/AOS
Nancy Thomas *Paph. dianthum*

Second Place

Nancy Thomas Dend. Green Flash 'Nancy's Fancy' AM/AOS
Nancy Thomas Bcd. Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze'
Susan Reed *Paph. charlesworthii*
Jeff Baylis *Brassavola nodosa*
Keith Nelson *Phal. Amabilis*
Terri Jozwiak *Bulb. taiwananse*

Third Place

Susan Reed *Paph. St. Swithin*
Jeff Baylis *Cattleya maxima*
Terri Jozwiak Dend. Impact Red
Terri Jozwiak Rth. George Pobuda



OGG Exhibit at Batavia Orchid Society Show
Photograph by Terri Jozwiak

ORCHID QUEST RESULTS FOR OGG 2017

Set-up: Phil Gonsiska, Bruce Luebke, Sue Reed; Take-down: Bruce Luebke, Sue Reed
 Orchid Growers Guild Exhibit 2nd Place [Phil Gonsiska, Bruce Luebke, Sue Reed]

Best of Class & First Place

Gary Lensmeyer *Cymbidium Pipeta* (Spartan Queen x pumilum)
 Gary Lensmeyer *Phragmipedium* Jason Fischer (Dick Clements x *besseae*)

First Place

Keith Nelson *Angraecum sesquipedale* species
 Terri Jozwiak Lc. Melody Fair x Liptonii
 Nancy Thomas *Colmanara* Masai Red (*Rhynchostele bictoniensis* x *Oncidium cariniferum*)
 Nancy Thomas *Den.* Green Flash 'Nancy's Fancy' AM/AOS (Andree Miller x *convolutum*)
 Gary Lensmeyer *Paphiopedilum* St. Swithin (rothschildianum x philippinense)

Second Place & Pulled for AOS Judging

Susan Reed *Phragmipedium* Sunspot x *besseae* v. flavum
 Keith Nelson *Paphiopedilum* Innagen (Innadale x Jolly Green Giant)

Second Place

Susan Reed *Ceratocentron fessellii* x (*Crtn. fessellii* x *Tuberolabium kotoense*)
 Elizabeth Wood *Phalenopsis* Unknown Hybrid
 Keith Nelson *Phalenopsis amabilis* species
 Robert Lasseter *Cattleya walkeriana* species
 Steve Thimling Bc. Binosa 'Wahash Valley'
 Jeff Baylis *Cochleanthes amazonica* species
 Gary Lensmeyer *Cymbidium* Dag Dorothy (Esmeralda x *floribundum*)
 Gary Lensmeyer *Brassavola nodosa* species
 Gary Lensmeyer *Phragmipedium* Don Wimber (Eric Young x *besseae*)
 Sandy River *Dendrochillum tenellum* species
 Lorraine Synder *Paphiopedilum fairrieianum* 'RedGlen' x Paph. Magic Leopard '1'

Third Place

Susan Reed *Masdevallia amplexa* species
 Wayne King *Brassavola* Little Stars (cordata x nodosa)
 Terri Jozwiak *Dendrobium* Deep Impact
 Nancy Thomas Lc. Fire Island 'Firey' (Cattlianthe Eva x Cattlianthe Oro Bay)
 Nancy Thomas *Den.* Green Mist (johnsoniae x *convolutum*)
 Richard Miller Paph. Hung Sheng Red Apple '#C' x Paph fairrieianum 'Mr. Lee'
 Jeff Baylis *Encyclia tampensis* species
 Lorraine Synder *Phalenopsis* Unknown Hybrid



Two plants in the OGG Exhibit earned Best of Class, both shown by Gary Lensmeyer. On the left is *Phragmipedium* Jason Fischer (Dick Clements x *besseae*) and on the right is *Cymbidium Pipeta* (Spartan Queen x pumilum)

Photographs by Scott Webe



Experiences with Growing Deciduous Orchids

By Gary Lensmeyer, Photographs by Gary Lensmeyer

OGG member Gary Lensmeyer has developed a successful regimen for his deciduous orchids. The deciduous plants under discussion are *Cynoches*, *Cynodes*, *Calanthe*, *Galeandra*, *Catasetum* and their hybrids. Deciduous plants are characterized by a distinct period of rest, followed by the

emergence of new growth ramping up to rapid vegetative development culminating in the setting of flower spikes. Inflorescences eventually fade/drop and the leaves yellow/dry/drop and the plant cycles back to the rest phase.

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Galeandra baueri



Calanthe



Cynoches cooperi



Cynoches herrenhusanum



Cynoches warszeniczil



No, this plant is NOT dead, it's dormant



Initial sprout, DO NOT WATER!



... finally, now water

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Culture

Deciduous orchids require a rest period, typically in the winter [thus they are the perfect orchid for snowbirds!] They cycle by a breaking dormancy/sprouting period (spring), active growth (late spring, summer, early fall), flowering period (early fall-early winter), moving towards rest period (late fall – early winter to late winter).

During the rest period, NO WATER, NO MISTING, NO NOTHING! OR AS Gary's mother would say "You mussn't, you dassn't water or the plant will rot." But place the plant in bright light at 60-70 degree F.

Breaking dormancy, NO WATER, NO MISTING, NO NOTHING! Continue to keep the plant in bright light at 60-70 degree F. Allow roots and leaf sprouts to reach about **3 inches** in length

Period of active growth. When the roots/shoot each or 3 to 5 inches long, repot. Under pot for best results. Start a regimen of heavy watering and fertilizing. Give the plant as much light as possible without burning its leaves.

Fertilizing

Fertilize at each watering during period of active growth.

Allow pot to set in saucer with water

Fertilizer Mix: 1 gallon R.O. water, 1 drop Physan, 2 drops Cal/Mag, 1 drop B-52. To this mix add, on a rotating basis, 1 teaspoon DynaGrow liquid high nitrogen(9-3-6); or 1/2 teaspoon Jacks Fertilizer(20-20-20); or 1/2 teaspoon Michigan State Fertilizer (13-3-16).

Aerate water prior to mixing in additives.

Flowering Stage

When flower spikes appear, use only Jacks fertilizer plus the other additives.

Don't allow the pot to set in water but continue the watering regimen.

When the flowers fade and drop/leaves turn yellow gradually water less and eliminate all fertilizers/additives.

Stop all watering as leaves yellow and drop

Do not water during dormancy

Restart watering only when new growth is 3-5 inches

Resources for plants, Clown Alley, Jumbo Orchids and Sunset Valley

Christmas Orchid or Darwin's Orchid *Angraecum sesquipedale*

By Keith Nelson

The *Angraecum sesquipedale* is called the Christmas Orchid because it typically blooms in December or January. The flowers only last 4 to 6 days. The plant is quite large, sometimes reaching three feet. The flowers are 6 inches across.

Native to Madagascar, Darwin identified the plant in 1862. The spur is an incredible 10 to 12 inches long. Darwin predicted a moth would be found with a proboscis long enough to reach the end of the spur. This was considered unlikely (crazy) at the time. The moth was discovered in 1903 and observed pollinating the flower. This can now be seen on You Tube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VUiZDhsoJrA>

It is a warm growing orchid requiring a loose potting medium and likes frequent watering. This is one species that does not like to have its roots disturbed. When potting put it in a large enough pot to accommodate years of growth.

This orchid was exhibited at Orchid Quest 2017.



Photograph by Keith Nelson
Angraecum sesquipedale



OGG 2016 Points Totals

Winners of the 2016 Points Awards were announced at the February members' meeting: Barb Soderling (Beginning Grower of the Year [R]), Sue Reed (Exhibiter of the Year [L]), Nancy Thomas (Milo Gilbertson Grower of the Year [C]). Growing Points are awarded to members who display plants in OGG exhibits and for ribbons won at shows and OGG meetings. Exhibit points are awarded to members who participate in setting up or taking down an OGG exhibit. For more details see Sue Reed's article "Orchid Growers Points System" in the January 2017 OGG Newsletter.

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POINTS		
	Grower	Exhibiter
Denise Baylis		61
Bruce Luebke		101
Philip Gonsicka		101
Carle Boe	4	
Don Fago	4	
Meg McLaughlin	4	
Rachel Miller	4	
Melissa Williams	6	
Sandy River	7	
Shirl Roberts	8	
Barb Soderling	9	
Richard Miller	12	
Judy Stevenson	16	
Virginia Dodson	16	
Robert Lasseter	20	
Wayne King	24	
Jeff Baylis	43	
Liz Wood	50	
Judy Williamson	60	18
Keith Nelson	65	22
Gary Lensmeyer	70	
Steve Thimling	72	
Lorraine Snyder	81	34
Sue Reed	142	128
Terri Jozwiak	159	
Nancy Thomas	183	40



UP DATES FROM THE ORCHID CONSERVATION ALLIANCE

Orchid Art by Charles Hess Mission Statement:

Inspired by both the unique floral paintings, as well as the Amazon conservation efforts of renowned botanical artist Margaret Mee, all proceeds from purchases of limited edition prints from Orchid Art by Charles Hess are donated to the preservation of orchid habitats in the rainforests of South America and Asia, and to the study and preservation of native orchid species in North America. Donations are made annually to 3 organizations: the Rainforest Trust, the Orchid Conservation Alliance, and the North American Orchid Conservation Center at the Smithsonian.



Sophronitis coccinea, Brazil, 2005

2017 UPCOMING ORCHID TRIPS

Greece and Crete: 15 Days

April 10 — 24

Travelers will gather for this trip in Chania on the island of Crete, where we will spend the first two sections of the trip. We will then fly to Athens where we will spend some time with Grecian antiquities as well as mainland orchids and have some free time for shopping. The trip will be guided by Greek orchid specialists. The trip will end in Athens. The price for this trip is \$3965 per person, single or double occupancy.

Amazon Botanical Art and Illustration: 10 Days

June 6 — 15

Travelers will gather in Manaus on June 6 to board the M.V. Otter, our home on the river for ten days. As well as many trips into the flooded forest of the Rio Negro, the trip features instruction in botanical illustration by Dulce Nascimento, noted Brazilian botanical illustrator. Single occupancy \$3000, double occupancy \$2200 per person.

Amazon Orchid Photography: 10 Days June 17 — 26

Travelers will gather in Manaus on June 17 to board the M.V. Otter, our home on the river for ten days. As well as many trips into the flooded forest of the Rio Negro, the trip features instruction in photography by Carlos Richardson, retired Professor of Photography at Southwestern College, Chula Vista, CA. Single occupancy \$3000, double occupancy \$2200 per person.

Ecuador after the World Orchid Conference: 16 Days

November 13 — 28

Travelers will gather in Guayaquil on November 13 after the World Orchid Conference. The trip will first go south to Vilcabamba and then north all the way to Tulcan very near the border with Colombia to see a huge variety of Ecuadorian orchids. The trip will be led by Gilberto Merino, who has more than twenty years of experience as a guide and nurseryman. We will also visit two nurseries where orchids for delivery in the US may be purchased. This trip will end in Quito. Single occupancy \$3960, double occupancy \$3400 per person.

UP-COMING EVENTS

- **March 4-5** -- Northeast WI Orchid Society Show, Neenah WI
- **March 11-12** - Illinois Orchid Society Show, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe IL
- **November 8-12, 2017** -- 22nd World Orchid Conference, Guayaquil, Ecuador