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NEXT MEETING, ANNUAL PICNIC JUNE 9TH

A special invitation to all members and friends,

The OGG Annual Pot Luck Picnic will be hosted by Bob and Lucy Lasseter on Sunday June 9, 2019, at their home 2913 Walnut Wood Ct, Fitchburg. Angle parking at the end of the cul-de-sac fits more cars closer to the house. Park in front of the mailbox!

Tables and chairs will be available. Please bring extra picnic chairs if you have them. Bring a dish to share. There will be a cooler with ice and glasses, plates and utensils. Ribbon judging at noon with lunch to start at 12:30. If it rains we will just squeeze into the house. Children are welcome, we have toys and games, a swing set and woods to play in.

We look forward to seeing you,
Bob and Lucy Lasseter

(See attachment for map and contact information)

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello OGG members,
Summer is finally here! At least for a few days!

We are looking forward to the annual Picnic, this year at the Lasseter's on **June 9**, the kick off of summer! See if you can find their native orchids in their beautiful yard!

Bring a dish to pass and your beverage and your happy self!
Plus good weather!

I would like to thank the donors
and the buyers at our orchid

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Meeting Dates

- June 9
- September 15
- November 17
- December 15

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

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auction last month! It was great with a variety of orchids and orchid supplies and completion of the auction slips in advance made things run smoothly. The auctioneers could go on the road with their act! Doug and Gary did a great job and I didn't know an auction could be so much fun!



Some of the orchids available at the annual members orchid auction.

Also last month was the Guild's annual election.

We are very grateful and appreciative of the present board members who decided to run for re-election and who were unanimously voted in

for another term; Cynthia as Vice President, Keith as Secretary and Nancy as board member.

Thank you so much all three of you for your commitment to the Guild in time, energy, and enthusiasm. We can't have a Guild without this from the board and from the members!

Also a big thank you to Cynthia, Denise, Lisa L and Brent for tackling the storage shed! We can now walk into the shed and easily get to both storage shelves on the right and left! Most of the OQ and Away show items are on the left with the pots and everything else on the right. Everything is labeled (Thanks to Cynthia) and in plastic containers. We even have a few extra plastic containers. The show drapes and pot covers still need some organization, but there is always something more to do!

This summer is the time for pop up outings to view orchids. We don't know when or where the orchid sightings will occur. If you know where there are some native orchids blooming and wish to share the information, please let the board members know so we can spread the word.

If some of you are especially interested, we will try hard to let you know. If you know you are not interested, then also let us know and we won't include you in the email.

Now I have several orchids in great bloom! Naturally no shows this summer!

Enjoy your summer and stay cool!
Sue Reed

From Bolz in May



Epigeneium nakaharaei, from Taiwan

OGG MAY RIBBON JUDGING

First Place

Susan Reed	<i>Phrag caudatum v. giganteum</i>
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Lorraine Snyder	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Little Gem Stripes (Taisuco Stripe x Taisuco Gem)
Shirl Roberts	<i>Ansellia gigantea</i> (or <i>africana</i>)
Bryce De Venecia	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> unknown cultivar
Gary Lensmeyer	<i>Brassocattleya</i> Lilliputian Princess x self
Gary Lensmeyer	<i>Bc</i> (<i>B. fragrens</i> x <i>C. loddigesii</i>)
Susan Reed	<i>Paphiopedilum rothschildianum</i>
Jeffrey Baylis	<i>Guarianthe aurantiaca</i> (Giant Yellow x 'Miami')

Second Place

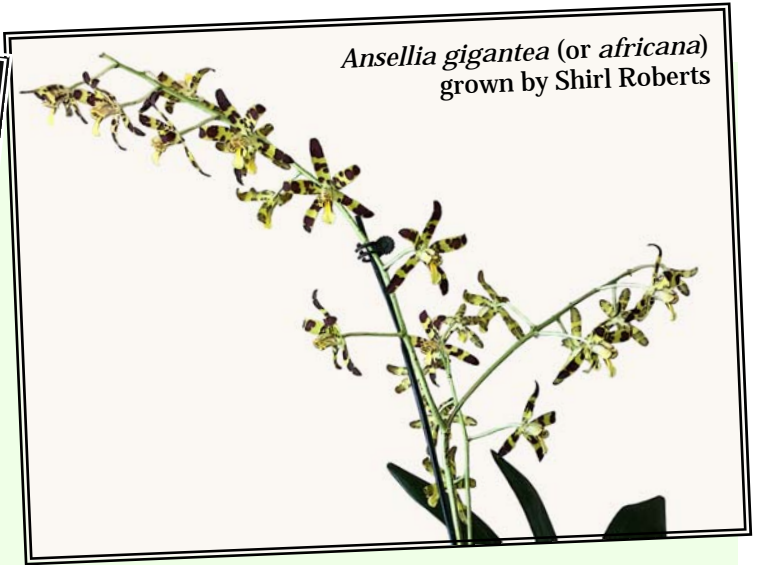
Susan Reed	<i>Phrag</i> Sunspot x <i>besseae v. flavum</i>
Doug Dowling	<i>Dendrobium moniliforme</i> Matsunoyuki*
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Phalaenopsis Sogo Vivien</i> (Sogo Alice x Zuma's Pixie)
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Pinnochio 'Cupping' x <i>Paph primulinum alba</i>



* Building on the discussion on Japanese Fukuran in the last issue of the newsletter, there are other orchid genera that also enjoy a similar obsession with Japanese collectors. One is *Dendrobium moniliforme*, native to Japan and the most northern growing epiphytic orchid in the world. In 17th century Japan, nobility used it to perfume clothing. The species has great natural variation, and leaf variegation once held higher importance as an ornamental factor than the flower. Traditionally, Japanese grow *Dendrobium moniliforme* (Choseiran) mounded in moss as we see fukuran potted. The special forms, chouseiran, ("long life orchid"), number at least into the hundreds. Variation includes flower color and form, pseudobulb color and form, leaf shape and variegation, and overall stature.



Phrag caudatum v. giganteum,
grown by Susan Reed



Ansellia gigantea (or *africana*)
grown by Shirl Roberts



Phalaenopsis Little Gem Stripes (Taisuco Stripe x Taisuco Gem),
grown by Lorraine Snyder



Paphiopedilum rothschildianum,
grown by Susan Reed



Bc (*B. fragrens* x *C. loddigesii*), grown
by Gary Lensmeyer

Description of the Fair Meadows State Natural Area

Further information of the recipient of OGG's Conservation donation for 2019

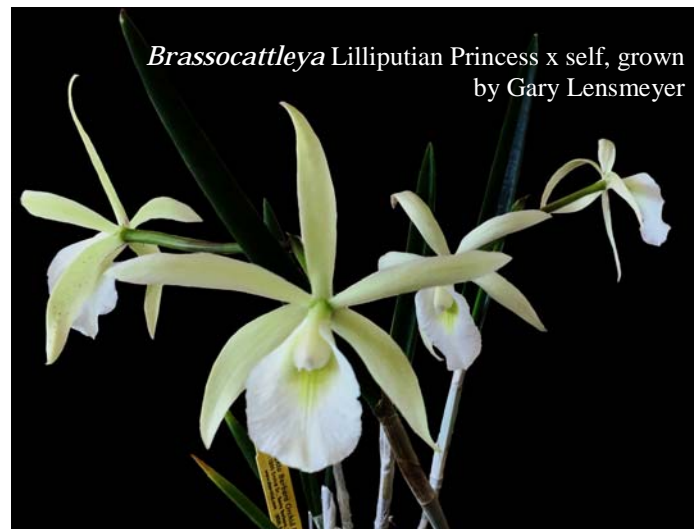
From the WI DNR:

Fair Meadows State Natural Area Fund is a permanent endowment which provides everlasting support for the care and management of Fair Meadows State Natural Area, a natural area located in Rock County Wisconsin. The fund was created by Gary & Penny Shackelford in 2008 and is held by the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin.

Fair Meadows features several natural communities including oak woodland/savanna, wet prairie, sedge meadow, shrub-carr, open marsh, and spring complex. Of note, is the presence of a federally threatened plant, which has increased greatly after management and was once abundant in moist prairies across the Midwest; however, it is now rare due to habitat loss. The oak woodland/savanna is dominated by white oak and shagbark hickory with black cherry and hackberry. A state-threatened bird and one plant have also been found here. Management of the woodland includes invasive species control, woody species removal, prescribed burning, and interseeding with native understory species to restore a declining natural community type. Uplands are surrounded by a large wetland basin that includes a number of small peaty areas with local marl deposits around sev-

eral springs. Common plants include marsh marigold, skunk cabbage, great angelica, cut-leaved water parsnip, and northern willow-herb. Also present is sedge meadow dominated by tussock sedge and blue-joint grass with spotted Joe-pye-weed, boneset and shiny-leaved aster. Other wetland communities include shrub-carr dominated by red-osier dogwood and willow, and deep water marsh composed of very dense stands of emergent aquatics such as giant bur-reeds, hardstem bulrush, and sedges. Softstem bulrush, sweet flag, and blue flag iris are also locally abundant. More than 167 species of birds have been documented at the site. Wetland management includes invasive and woody species removal and prescribed burning. Mesic prairie is being restored in former agricultural fields and apple orchards. Fair Meadows is privately owned and was designated a State Natural Area in 2005.

The Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin, a 501(C)3 charitable organization. To make a tax-deductible donation to the Fair Meadows State Natural Area Fund, please mail a check to: Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin Attn: Fair Meadows State Natural Area Fund PO Box 2317 Madison, WI 53701



Brassocattleya Lilliputian Princess x self, grown by Gary Lensmeyer