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The Orchid Grower

Orchid Growers' Guild of Madison

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Meeting Dates

- September 20 - Zoom
- October 18
- November 15
- December 20

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

Up-Coming Events

TBA

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

HI OGG members,

Where did this summer go! It began with a slow start but once there was good weather the summer progressed swiftly.

The board has been trying to come up with ways for keep us all together and informed. The board has purchased a one year subscription to Zoom. This is presently the only way for us to "meet" safely. We decided upon Zoom for two major reasons: 1. Zoom has greatly increased their online security, 2. Zoom is the most used format therefore the most likely for members to know how to access it. This is the present day reality and allows us to have speakers from across the country as well as from around the world!

You can access Zoom from your smart phone or any computer, or computer like-system such as iPad. You do not need to sign up for Zoom but you



Gary Lensmeyer's *Brassavola nodosa*

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Terri Jozwiak's *Catasetum* Portagee Star 'Brian Lawson's Sunrise x Ctsm. Susan Fuchs 'Burgundy Chip' FCC/AOS

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need to down load the free app about 5 minutes before the meeting starts. You could do social distancing with a friend who has a computer if you don't have a smart phone or computer. Video is preferred but you could just do audio on your phone. You could also use a land line but I am not sure if there would be long distance charges for the phone call.



Cynthia Wadsworth's orchid "that's always in bloom"

Except for August, we have been having monthly Zoom plant judging. We will start up with growing discussions on all submitted plants in September. We will not be doing judging since it is difficult to judge a plant from one or two photographs. These will be opportunities the growers to show off their blooming orchids while at the same time provide a learning experience for others. Therefore all submitting orchids should attend. Recent purchases that you did not bloom could be discussed after members' grown-bloomed plants are discussed.

Our next session will be at a Zoom meeting on **September 8** at 7 PM ,with photos of plants sent in for August forwarded to participants.

Nothing is free but we only have membership fees and plant auctions as revenue at this time; therefore we will be having our late annual orchid auction on our meeting time and date of **September 20** at 1:30 PM sharp!! Please attend and be patient. The Zoom experience is a learning process for all of us. Your bids will be entered in the far right of your screen in the chat feature! We are limiting the number members can offer for donation for the auction this time because of time constraints. We may have short plant auctions during future meetings. This depends upon supply and demand!

Details concerning the auction are in this newsletter, page 9.

Our Board meetings are the **first Tuesday** of the month at 7 PM by Zoom. All are invited to attend and to offer suggestions on fund raising, programs for the meetings, and how to use virtual and emails to keep us connected. Just request a meeting invitation from me if interested!

Happy growing all!
Sue

NEW PROJECT FOR MEMBERS

Many positive comments have been received praising our first project, the culture of a catase-tum orchid. To maintain the momentum created by this activity, the Guild board wishes to offer yet another guided growing experience, this time with a *Paphiopedlum*. Fred Clarke of Sun-set Valley Orchids will supply the plants, all from a single cross. Here is his description and pictures of the plant:



SVO 6808

Paph. Phyllis Prestia (Paph. Conco-bellatulum 'SVOII' AM/AOS x Paph. thaianum 'Super Cute')

What a great concept, mini-Paphs!!! The discovery of Paph. thaianum with its miniature growth habit and mini flowers of has enabled this new line of breeding. You can now have specimen size plants in 4" pots on your windowsill. These plants are easy to grow and quick to flower. Take a look at how nice the first to bloom is. This is a highly recommended cross.

The cost to members is \$10/plant with the Guild subsidizing the remaining amount for a plant that usually goes for \$25. Non-members can purchase a plant for \$25 with no charge for postage. If you are interested in participating in this new project, contact Gary Lensmeyer glmsnwi@gmail.com to preorder.



How to Use It

Zoom works across de-vices, including mobile and computers. You don't have to worry about this if you're on a smartphone or tablet, since they already come with front-facing cameras baked in. You can join a Zoom meeting by means of teleconferencing/audio conferencing using a **traditional phone**.

- You will receive a link to a Zoom meeting via email. Sometime before the meeting go to zoom.us and download the app. Every device is different, so just follow the prompts.
- Zoom will ask you if you want to sub-scribe for \$15.00 per month. You **do not need** to do this to simply attend meet-ings. Attending meetings is **free**.
- At the time of the Zoom meeting click on the meeting link that was sent to you. The link will download the meeting num-ber and passcode.
- Do not post the link or the meeting infor-mation on social media as the meeting number and passcode are to prevent un-wanted hacking into the meeting.

You do not need a video link to participate, but if you can join by video it is more fun for everyone.

If you need more information, Google your questions.

Here are two You Tube videos that talk about Zoom meetings

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QOUwumKCW7M>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9w3Y_9FLgc4

OGG FINANCIAL UPDATE

The pandemic has impacted all of our lives and will do so for the foreseeable future, although in what exact ways are uncertain. The board has been working to craft a Budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year which has been challenging. Currently Olbrich is limited by county health directives to allow no more than 10 persons to gather in their meeting rooms. Until this changes OGG will continue to meet remotely. So far two fall orchid shows that OGG normally would attend have been canceled. 2021 Orchid Quest is still in question, and certainly if it goes forward it will be in a vastly different form.

Membership dues generate about \$800 per year. This is supplemented by the Spring Orchid sale (which had to be canceled) and member auction (also canceled.) OGG depends on Orchid Quest to fund our operations in the best of times. OGG has significant non-discretionary expenses such as our storage locker, dues, postal box, insurance, etc. Our away show obligations are also significant. That leaves discretion expenses which are by and large those items that further our stated mission to support orchid education and conservation and to make being a

member of our society interesting: speakers, door prizes, contributions to orchid conservation endeavors, etc.

OGG has enough money in the bank to cover expenses for a while. However, we ought to generate some income. Therefore, the September meeting, which will be via Zoom, will feature an auction. We will try to come up with other revenue generating ideas. If you have any suggestions, please contact someone on the Board.

Remember your dues and our auction will be our only sources of revenue for the foreseeable future, so your support is extremely important.

Our proposed new expenses include another orchid plant project, Zoom membership, and speakers from across the US and possibly the world. Zoom speakers still charge, from a minimum of \$100 on up per meeting, so membership support is extremely important!

Also members willing to do presentations will be great for the membership and the budget.

Thank you Denise and Sue!

Wisconsin Native Orchids

Photographs by Nancy Thomas



Clockwise from left: Lily-leaved Twayblade (*Liparis liliifolia*), Ragged Fringed Orchid (*Platanthera lacera*), *Platanthera flava*, Bent stem rattlesnake Plantain and Case's Ladytresses (*Spiranthes casei*)

July Virtual Ribbon Judging

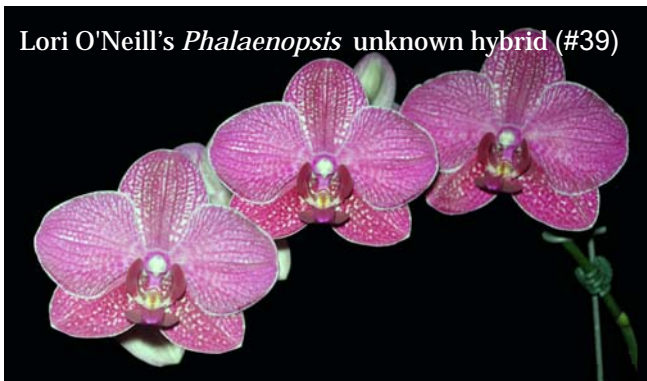
First Place

Gary Lensmeyer	<i>Brassavola nodosa</i>
Terri Jozwiak	<i>Bulbophyllum dearei</i>
Terri Jozwiak	<i>Bulbophyllum sikkimensis</i>
Gary Lensmeyer	<i>Catasetum</i> (Extravaganza 'Super Nice x Dentigrianum 'Best')
Connie Muscavitch	<i>Catasetum</i> SVO 7644 Chuck Taylor 'Way Good' x Dentigrianum 'Best'
Terri Jozwiak	<i>Catasetum</i> Portagee Star 'Brian Lawson's Sunrise x Ctsm. Susan Fuchs 'Burgundy Chip' FCC/AOS
Keith Nelson	<i>Chiloschista viridiflava</i>
Susan Reed	<i>Dactylorhiza purpurella</i>
Susan Reed	<i>Dendrobium</i> Hibiki (<i>bracteosum x laevifolium</i>)
Sandy Delamater	<i>Macroclinium aurorae</i>
Cynthia Wadsworth	<i>Maxillaria costaricensis</i>
Sandy Delamater	<i>Neofinetia falcata</i>
Keith Nelson	<i>Neofinetia falcata</i> 'Gold Brocade'
Gary Lensmeyer	<i>Oncidium chrysomorphum</i> species
Sandy Delamater	<i>Paphiopedilum niveum</i>
Susan Reed	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> pleroric unknown hybrid
Lori O'Neill	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> unknown hybrid (#39)
Nancy Thomas	<i>Phragmipedium lindenii</i>
Sandy Delamater	<i>Sophronitis mantiqueirae</i>
Terri Jozwiak	<i>Stanhopea</i> Assidensis (<i>tigrina x wardii</i>)
Cynthia Wadsworth	Lc Unknown
Lori O'Neill	<i>Vanda</i> Sansai Blue 'Acker's Pride' FCC/AOS

Second Place

Sandy Delamater	<i>Ascofinetia</i> Cherry Blossom (<i>Neo. falcata x Asctm ampullaceum</i>)
Terri Jozwiak	<i>Bulbophyllum makoyanum</i>
Keith Nelson	<i>Neofinetia falcata</i> 'Kinkounishiki'
Susan Reed	<i>Odcdm.</i> Tiger Hambühren (<i>tigrinum x Goldrausch</i>)
Nancy Thomas	<i>Oncostele Catatante</i> 'Orange Delight' (<i>Oncidium</i> Sphacetante x <i>Oncostele</i> Wildcat) (Colmanara)
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> mini unknown hybrid
Lynn West	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Summer Rose (Kenneth Schubert x <i>equestris</i>)
Susan Reed	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> White unknown hybrid
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Phragmipedium Besseae</i> x sib
Sandy Delamater	<i>Stanhopea saccata</i>

Lori O'Neill's *Phalaenopsis* unknown hybrid (#39)



Terri Jozwiak's *Stanhopea* Assidensis (*tigrina x wardii*)

Members' Orchid Photos



"This *Macroclinium aurorae* is a small but interesting orchid. After each spike blooms and the blossoms are gone, if you leave the spike on the plant it will rebloom. Fun orchid to watch!" Sandy Delamater



"I purchased this *Vanda Sansai Blue 'Acker's Pride'* in 2002 at Orchids by the Ackers. Then they had Vandas in pots with no medium, so they would have to be watered daily. Some years after that I was told the new thinking was to have it in orchid bark which I now do. It is a consistent bloomer. I usually move it outdoors in late May or June and it gets a bud soon after that. It is one of my favorite orchids." Lori O'Neill



"In 2016 I went to SunCoast Orchids outside of Bradenton, FL on a whim. The owner turned out to be a gentleman who was originally from WI and a past member of OGG. He knows some of the original members Wayne King, John King etc. I was flabbergasted at the coincidence. I was looking at his orchids in a crude pole barn. Just before leaving I looked up and saw what looked like Stanhopeas. One name that caught my eye was *Stanhopea nigroviolacea*. I was so happy since I had been looking for this orchid for a long time, so of course I bought it. This is the first blooming of this orchid since 2016 (or ever) and just before the bud opened I could tell it was not *Stanhopea nigroviolacea*. Once it was fully open, I knew for sure it and I was disappointed. I was fairly positive it was *Stanhopea saccata* and verified it online." -- Sandy Delamater



"When this orchid was given to me it was dyed dark blue,"
Sue Reed



Gary Lensmeyer's *Oncidium chrysomorphum* is 20 inches tall



Terri Jozwiak's *Bulbophyllum dearei*. Also known as "Darth Vader's orchid". Flowers can reach 7 cm in diameter



Sue Reed's *Phalaenopsis pleroric* unknown hybrid

More Members'
Orchid Photos



Keith Nelson's *Chiloschista viridiflava*. This leafless orchid has long-lasting flowers with a vanilla-like fragrance.



Keith Nelson's *Neofinetia falcata* 'Gold Brocade'



Nancy Thomas' *Oncostele Catatante* 'Orange Delight' (*Oncidium Sphacetante* x *Oncostele Wildcat*) (Colmanara). This flower is 2 x 1.75 inches

Catasetum Project September 2020

By now your catasetum should be well along in growth and may even be pushing out a flower spike. You may notice sap oozing from the leaves; it is sugar and can be wiped away with a damp paper towel. Some plants that have been over-fertilized and not adequately flushed with clear water between applications of fertilizer can produce yellow streaks in the leaves which should not adversely affect production of a flower spike. However, fertilizer should be withheld and only clear water be used for several waterings. Fred Clarke advises growers to reduce fertilizer strength to 1/2 teaspoon per gallon of water starting in September and onward until dormancy sets in.

One goal of the project is to observe the diversity in the progeny of a single cross between two catasetums. To illustrate the potential differences, I have included current photos of plants grown by some members. Don't be discouraged if your plant is not spiking yet.



Plant B. Produced a spike with enlarging flower buds



Plant A displays a spike that aborted. See dry stem at base of bulb with leaves. Catasetums can be very forgiving and this plant will most likely send out another flower spike.



Plant C shows an elongated spike with tight buds.



Plant D also shows a spike in tight bud.



Plant E displays luxurious growth, two pseudo bulbs and has yet to spike.

Questions are always appreciated. glmsnwi@gmail.com. Until next month, Happy growing!
Gary

First OGG Meeting of the Season: PLANT AUCTION!

The first OGG meeting of the season will be on September 20, at 1:30 PM via ZOOM. You will receive an invitation to participate.

Items are needed from member to auction. These should be orchids, orchid supplies, and orchid literature. A list of prospective auction items should be sent to Keith nelson-ridge@tds.net and Denise jrbaylis@tds.net by **September 14**. (Please limit number of items to 4 items. We are planning other auctions shortly!)

All plants/items need to be **brought** to Keith's house during the day on either Friday, or Saturday (**September 18 or September 19**) Please call for making drop off arrangements (cell phone 608-438-5887). In the event Keith is away from the house for a short time he will leave the front door unlocked so members can leave the plants inside the front door.

Prior to the auction, Denise will send members an itemized list with photos and a description of the items to be auctioned. Keith will auction the plants off **September 20 at 1:30**

during a ZOOM meeting. Bidders will use chat side on the Zoom program to place their bids.

Each buyer will receive an itemized list of their purchase(s) and the amount owed. Purchases will be picked up at Keith's garage by appointment, paid for in the exact amount, with cash in an envelope or a check to OGG. These pickups will be scheduled with social distancing and masks. By prior arrangement some purchases may be dropped off at your residence in exchange for a check.

Happy bidding!

