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The Orchid Grower

Orchid Growers' Guild of Madison

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Meeting Dates

- December 18
- 2023, January 15
- February 19
- March 19
- April 16
- May 21
- June TBA

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

Up-Coming Events

- 2023 February 4-5, Orchid Quest, Olbrich Botanical Gardens
- February 18-19, Batavia Orchid Society Show
- March 3-4, Wisconsin Orchid Society Spring Show
- March 11-12, Illinois Orchid Society Show
- May 13, Spring Orchid Sale, Atrium
- 2024, March 1-4, 23rd World Orchid Congress, Tainan, Taiwan

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NEXT MEETING, December 18th

Jean Allen-Ikeson, "Oncidium Fuscatum and its Colorful Hybrids"

Oncidium fuscatum is a bit of an ugly duckling but it has made a great parent or grandparent in hybrids such as Debutante, Catatante, the near miniature Pupukea Sunset, and the most highly awarded Oncidium, On-costele Wildcat, among others. Learn about why this unlikely species has played such a big role in popular hybrids.



Jean Allen-Ikeson is an accredited AOS judge in the Toronto Judging Centre, chair of the Editorial Board of the AOS and National Education Coordinator for Judging. She is the author of the *Sarcochilus* supplement to *Orchids* magazine and has written numerous other articles. She grows orchids in a 1000 sq ft greenhouse near Dundas, Ontario at the western end of Lake Ontario.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the holiday season!

The Guild started the holiday season at the November meeting with a great turn out. Several members donated plants for the auction, as well as members bringing in great blooming orchids for judging which led to interesting discussions about the orchids and on how to grow them!

We welcomed several new members and returning members and a good group of regulars attended! Thank you!

The Auction was fun and we will continue to do it. Plants provided by members are particularly nice to have because they are frequently more interesting than what is available locally and they have a known track record. Please remember that we are a nonprofit and the money raised helps all members. Terri collected

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money at the meeting and Denise will collect any outstanding money at the December meeting. Payment can also be mailed to the Orchid Growers Guild, PO Box 5432, Madison WI 53705. Payments can also be paid through the website <https://orchidgrowersguild.org/>. We would appreciate a tip of 3% to help cover the cost of credit card internet purchases.

Membership dues are also being collected for 2023. Denise began to collect membership dues last month for 2023. Dues paid in calendar 2022 continue to be \$20 for single membership and \$25 for a family. Beginning **January 2023**, the dues will increase \$5, \$25 for a single membership and \$30 for a family. This increase will help to cover the increased cost of internet and credit card payments.

Thanks to Cynthia we are having some very interesting speakers. Our October speaker, Ross Hella, will be speaking **January 21, 2023** at the 43rd Annual Paphiopedilum Forum sponsored by the National Capital Orchid Society, Chevy Chase, Maryland. He will be speaking on miniature Paph breeding! I have the recording of his presentation to us. Let me know if you are interested in watching it and I can do an evening Zoom meeting to play the talk for anyone interested. Let me know what nights work best for you.

Ken Cameron has accepted the challenge of our social media sites on Facebook, Orchid Growers Guild and Orchid Quest. So please send photos to him and like and SHARE our posts!

Terri and Orchid Quest committee are busy working hard. Please attend their Zoom meetings if you can and offer to help out! There are many ways to help before the show and at the show! New ideas come from new people participating!

The American Orchid Society is having their 3rd Annual Orchid Culture Day! <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3170416916604535823>, Sunday December 4, starting at 10AM CST. You do not have to be an AOS member to attend. Registration is \$30, virtual meeting with a link to the meetings for all registrants to view all talks at your convenience! Speakers are Russ Vernon (Oncidiums) who used to attend Orchid Quest; Peter Lin, Dendrobium Species; Ron McHatton, Pest management; and Tom Mirenda, on lessons from a World Traveler.

Our December meeting is our 'Holiday' meeting with a guest virtual speaker this year, some light refreshments as permitted by Olbrich rules, a door prize and at least one auction plant, and our annual points awards for Growers and exhibitors.

I hope you can attend!

--- Sue Reed



Discussing plants at the November meeting

Our OGG Library is Moving!

We're excited about an upcoming move that promises to make our library more accessible to all of us! We're finalizing an agreement to house our books on a dedicated shelf in Olbrich's Schumacher Library. All OGG members, Olbrich members and the public will be able to browse our books during the library's open hours, which will include our monthly meeting times. OGG and Olbrich members can also check out any of our books under Schumacher's standard lending policy, but the public will be restricted to in-library use. You may not be aware that our librarian position has been unfilled since vacated by our long-time librarian, Liz Wood. We owe a hearty thank you to Liz, not only for her service but for continuing to house our collection in the ensuing years with remarkable patience--her shelves are finally being returned to her use! And welcome to our new librarian/Olbrich library liaison, Sandra Gray (Yay!).

We'll move our books to Olbrich in December

for cataloging. At our January meeting Olbrich's librarian, Eva Stefanski,

will explain more details to us and answer questions, and the library will "debut" our collection with announcements and open house during Orchid Quest. We're greatly looking forward to making our books more available to you, and to help fulfill our goal of being an educational resource to anyone interested in learning more about our most favorite plants. If you have any questions or comments before our January meeting, feel free to contact Nancy Thomas (mikeandnancy@tds.net, 608-523-3607).



Technical Tip of the Month: Getting things into solution that do not want to go

If you have something that just floats on the top of water. Get a something called, "Tech: Stain Remover". Bottled locally and available in hardware stores and perhaps elsewhere. White plastic bottle, red letters. Get a couple of tablespoons of tech into a dry container. Put in the stuff like cinnamon or powdered rooting hormone and put it into the Tech. Swirl. Then, and this is the key, add the water.

REMINDER

OGG annual membership renewals are coming due December 31. New members who joined this Fall are covered for 2023



Aliceara Hilo Ablaze shown at the 2022 Fall Wisconsin Orchid Society Show

October OGG Ribbon Judging

First Place

Gary Lensmeyer	<i>Ctism kleberianum</i> (SVO) x <i>Ctism tigrinum</i> (SVO)
Meg McLaughlin	<i>Darwinara Charm</i> 'Blue Star' x <i>Neofinetia falcata</i> 'Tamakongo'
Gary Lensmeyer	<i>Galeandra greenwoodiana</i>
Ken Cameron	<i>Neofinetia falcata</i> 'Amami Jishi'
Sandra Gray	<i>Paph helenae</i> ('yellow' x fma album 'Albino Beauty')
Terri Jozwiak	<i>Pleurothallis stricta</i>
Meg McLaughlin	<i>Potinara Burana Beauty</i> 'Buena' (<i>Rhyncattleanthe</i> Netrasiri Starbright x <i>Cattleya</i> Netrasiri Beauty)
Ken Cameron	<i>Spiranthes cernua</i> 'Chadd's Ford'
Meg McLaughlin	Unknown Mini <i>Phal</i>

Second Place

Terri Jozwiak	<i>Miltonia</i> Kismet 'Kind Kai' (Bluntii x <i>candida</i>)
Terri Jozwiak	<i>Zygonisia Cynosure</i> 'Blue Birds' (<i>Aganisia cyanea</i> x <i>Zygopetalum</i> Skippy Ku)
No name 1	<i>Aerangis luteoalba</i> var. <i>rhodosticta</i>
No name 1	<i>Catasetum</i> Susan Fuchs x <i>Ctism Dentigrianum</i>
No name 1	<i>Paph</i> Hilo Double Green 'Bruce's First' AM/AOS
No tag	<i>Paph</i> (Hilo Green Tea 'Open Mind' x Hilo Green 'Wow')



Ken Cameron's *Spiranthes cernua* 'Chadd's Ford'



Terri Jozwiak's *Miltonia* Kismet 'Kind Kai'

October Photographs by Lynn West



Aerangis luteoalba var. *rhodosticta*



Cattleya Susan Fuchs x
Cattleya Dentigiana



Meg McLaughlin's Darwinia Charm
'Blue Star' x Neofinetia falcata



Gary Lensmeyer's Galeandra
greenwoodiana



Paph Hilo Double Green 'Bruce's
First' AM/AOS



Sandra Gray's Paph helenae



Ken Cameron's Neofinetia falcata
'Amami Jishi'



Terri Jozwiak's Zygonis Cynosure
'Blue Birds'



Meg McLaughlin's Unknown Mini Phal



Terri Jozwiak's Pleurothallis stricta

NOVEMBER OGG RIBBON JUDGING

First Place

Lynn West	<i>Phragmipedium pearcei</i>
Ken Cameron	Paph Maudiae x <i>fairrieanum</i>
Ken Cameron	Paph Supersuk x Raisin Pie
Lynn West	<i>Phragmipedium schlimii</i>
Meg McLaughlin	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Paul Eugene Conroy (<i>wallisii</i> x <i>longifolium</i>)
Meg McLaughlin	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Cape Sunset (Eric Young x <i>schlimii</i>)
Meg McLaughlin	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Don Wimber (Eric Young x <i>besseae</i>)
Gary Lensmeyer	<i>Monnierara</i> Millenium Magic
Ken Cameron	<i>Neofinetia falcata</i> 'Manjushage'

Second Place

Meg McLaughlin	Unknown white <i>Dendrobium</i>
Lynn West	Lc Bowri-Albida 'Pink Lady' (<i>Cattleya bowringiana</i> x <i>Laelia albida</i>)
Ken Cameron	<i>Neofinetia falcata</i> 'Kibana'

Third Place

Jeff Baylis	<i>Clowesia</i> Amazing Grace (<i>Cl</i> Grace Dunn x <i>Ctsm</i> Orchidglade)
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Gary Lensmeyer explaining how he grows his *Monnierara* Millenium Magic



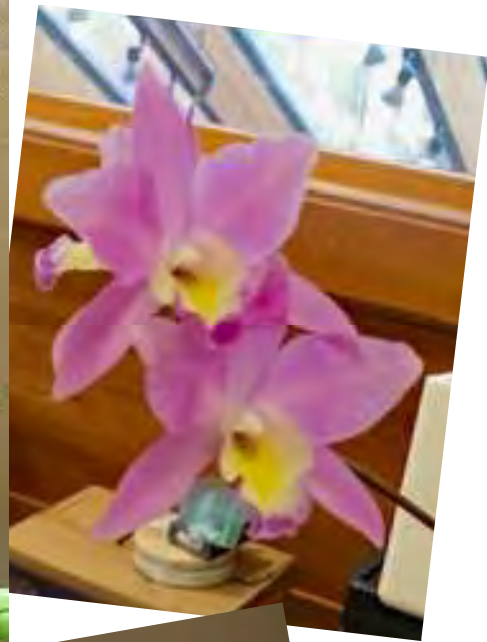
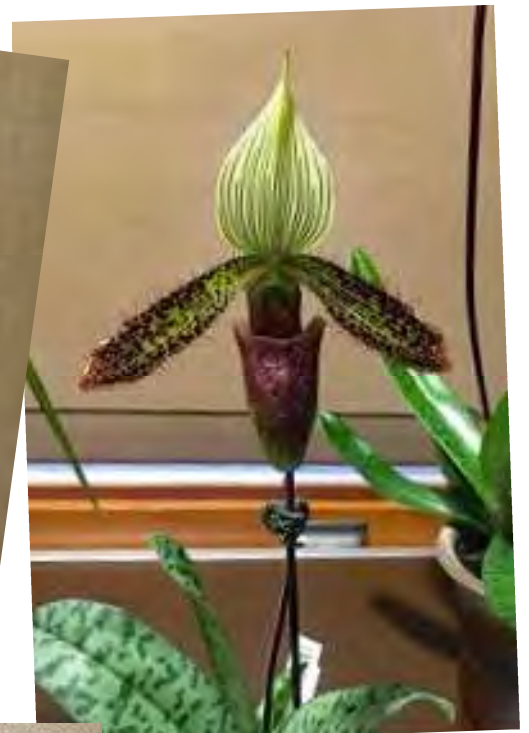
Ken Cameron's *Neofinetia falcata* 'Manjushage', a peloric with three long nectary spurs per flower.



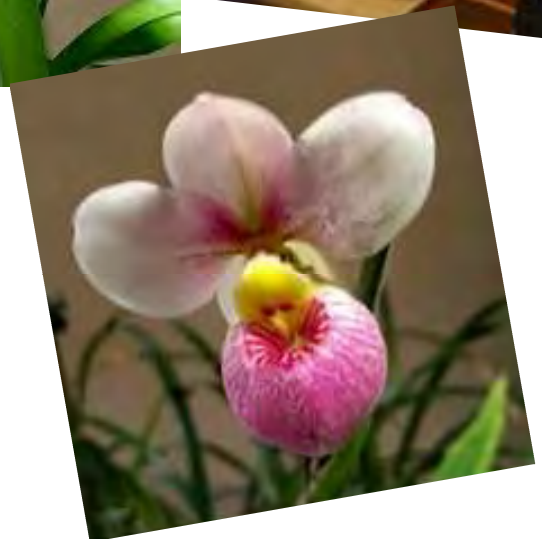
Meg McLaughlin's *Phragmipedium* Cape Sunset



Lynn West's *Phragmipedium pearcei*



By row from left: Ken Cameron's *Neofinetia falcata* 'Kibana', Paph Maudiae x fairrieanum and Paph Supersuk x Raisin Pie; Meg McLaughlin's *Phragmipedium* Don Wimber, *Phragmipedium* Paul Eugene Conroy; and Lynn West's Lc Bowri-Albida 'Pink Lady' and *Phragmipedium schlimii*



RE-CAP NOVEMBER PRESENTATION:

Terry Kennedy on “Creating a Winning Orchid Display: Every Orchid is Beautiful”

Theresa (Terry) Kennedy, an accredited AOS judge from Ontario Canada, gave a presentation via zoom on how to create a winning orchid show exhibit. A key take-away from the presentation was to avoid using white labels. Terry’s Power Point images showed the dramatic difference in displays that used white labels versus exhibits that used black labels with white text or olive-green labels with black text. She also recommends using as small of label as possible, with a 1” x 3” label being an optimal choice. She also pointed out potential problems with the use of props that might out shine the plants in the exhibit.

During the Q&A portion of the presentation, there was a discussion of the difficulty a society faces versus a commercial grower in preparing an exhibit because the plants submitted for the display are unknown until right before the show. Although the plants in bloom at the time of the show cannot be controlled, there are many things that society members can do ahead of time to make the display award worthy. Terry

advises to start grooming plants early. Remove dry leaf sheaths, dead and damage parts of leaves, and old spike stems. Wipe off hard water marks on leaves. Start staking flower spikes early too. Spikes can break if staked after the spike has fully developed and it can be difficult to arrange the flowers in a pleasing way. Avoid changing the orientation of the spike to the light source which can cause the flowers to face in different directions. Terry mentioned that maximum points will be awarded when all of the flowers face the judge and the audience. Use a support material that will not take away visually from the flower spike. Avoid using butterfly clips, especially brightly colored or large ones. Floral tape is a good option for staking plants. If these recommendations are taken care of prior to the show, then the volunteers setting up the display can focus on the principals and elements of design that Terry provided during the presentation.

— Submitted by Lynn West

SILENT AUCTION UP-DATE

The Silent Auction event for OQ 2023 auction will proceed the same way as in previous years. There will be two auctions, one on Saturday and one on Sunday. Auctions will conclude at 2:00 and 1:00, respectively.

We would like to invite all OGG members to participate in this fundraiser for the guild by donating items that are no longer needed or wanted. Items do not need to be of an orchid theme but should be clean and in good condition. Items can include art work, books, knick-knacks, plants, and anything else you think might pique interest in the general public. If you have items you would like to donate, please make arrangements with Carrie (Carrie.Wiesman@dwd.wi.gov; 608-242-0612) or Judy Williamson (judp2d@gmail.com; 608-

577-5819) by email or texting to set up a meeting time. We would like to have all auction items by mid-January so we have time to photograph and create a bidding sheet for each item. And don’t forget – donated items are tax deductible, and we can provide you with a receipt for tax purposes. So, go through those closets or your basement and pick out items that no longer trip your trigger and donate them to a worthy cause – OGG!



MEMBER'S BLOOMING PLANTS



Lori O'Neill purchased this Cattleya (Lc Acker's Madison x Slc Golden Wax) at Acker's in **Nov 2004**. "It is a consistent bloomer. Very fragrant. Flowers don't last that long but they are lovely."



Lori O'Neill purchased this Sansai Blue 'Acker's Pride' FCC/APS (Crimson Glory x Coerulea) at Acker's in **May 2015**. "It always blooms twice a year. Lives outside hanging from my tree in the summer."



Lori O'Neill purchased this Phragmipedium Belle Hogue Point (Eric Young x Caudatum) from Acker's in 2004. "I have two giant plants which were separated from one plant back in 2013. They live on plant stands on my deck in the summer."



Keith Nelson's challenge plant *Barkaria* Oaxacan Showers bloomed in October

Please send the newsletter editor photos along with their stories of your blooming plants.