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The Orchid Grower

Orchid Growers' Guild of Madison

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NEXT MEETING, January 15th

Eva Stefanski, our Schumacher Library liaison, will speak briefly about the library at Olbrich and the role the OGG collection will play in it. Terri Jozwiak and others will talk about the plans for Orchid Quest 2023. If you have any questions or concerns be sure to air them at the meeting.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year to All!

I hope all of you had a nice holiday season and stayed well.

Some of the highlights of our December meeting were the great attendance; the food furnished by Denise and Jeff and others; the remarkable judging table, and our very interesting speaker. There were some hiccups with the sound system but corrected for a great presentation.

We again had some interesting plants for the mini plant auction. Thank you all for attending and participating in the monthly meeting in any way that you are comfortable!

We are off to a great start with membership renewals, our up-coming new connection with the Olbrich library which you will learn more about, an active Orchid Quest group and great speakers lined up for the coming months.

January's meeting will include OQ so please bring your questions, concerns, suggestions, and willingness to volunteer your time/ money/ family mem-



Meg McLaughlin explaining how she grows her *Wilsonara* Space Mine 'Red Rendezvous' *Sphacelatum* x *Carmine*

Meeting Dates

- 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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bers or in any way.

Anyone can help out, they do not need to be a member. There are open positions for those with limited mobility and/or limited knowledge of orchids. If you want to have your plants judged in the Orchid Growers Guild exhibit, you do need to be a member.

If you are considering showing your plants at the show and have questions, please bring them to the January meeting. We can devote some time to answer questions and are more than happy to answer questions on a one to one basis.

We encourage everyone to enter their blooming plants and remember that there was a first time for everyone. If you are unsure about how to register your plants for judging, please let someone know and we can assist you. Even if you do not know the name of your plant there is help for you!

Watch your emails for signing up for volunteering, bringing snacks, judging, and awards. At the January meeting there will be time to sign up for tasks, make payments for food and awards.

Orchid Quest has a silent auction and raffles so if you can ask your favorite business for a donation or to just put up our poster, that is much appreciated. Please let Lisa Linde know when you have items so we can thank the businesses.

Thank you all for your hard work and willingness to help our organization!

— Sue Reed

From ORCHIDS Magazine - For the Novice “Bud Blast and Flower Blighting”

by Sue Bottom

Who does not enjoy seeing a jewel orchid with its interesting leaf coloration and venation, or a *Phalaenopsis schilleriana* with its beautiful variegated leaves? The orchid aficionado always enjoys a well-grown plant with unblemished leaves and a good growth habit. While there are some orchids grown for their foliage, the big payoff for our time and trouble is the appearance of long-anticipated flowers. When the floral display is ruined because the buds blast before opening or become blighted after opening, we wonder what we should have done differently.

NEWLY ACQUIRED PLANTS: Bud blast on plants that have just been brought into your growing area is probably the norm rather than the exception. Think about how your new orchid was uprooted from the cozy greenhouse where its every need was met, jammed into a box or flat, loaded into a truck or airplane, or sat on the shelf at the retail outlet before arriving at your growing area. Every environmental cue an orchid uses to adjust to its environment was confused by its journey. It should not be surprising that these jet-lagged plants drop some or all of their buds.

Original article and pictures can be found in the pp 32-36 of the January 2016 Edition of ORCHIDS Magazine

Orchid Quest 2023

Only five more weeks and Orchid Quest is here! Saturday and Sunday February 4-5 and the set-up is Friday, February 3 at Olbrich.

Everyone coming on Friday should come to the Head House door to unload after 10:15 AM [the door at the north end of the building.] By then we should have the protective plastic arranged to help protect your plants.

The first people to arrive will be enlisted to help set up tables for the vendors and display rooms. After we have the tables set-up, then it will be up to everyone to help out where they may.

Some of the things to help with are the OGG exhibit (Sue), OGG tables (Doug and Gary), speaker room, and help the vendors unload and tons more.

Some names you should know are:

Meg McLaughlin – in charge of volunteers
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Book Report

In December the Orchid Guild's book collection was delivered to the Schumacher Library at Olbrich Gardens, in accordance with a new partnership agreement between Olbrich and the Guild. Many thanks to the OGG committee members who edited the collection before the delivery to Olbrich: Sue Reed, Lorraine Snyder, Chuck Acker, Liz Wood, and Nancy Thomas. Thanks also to OGG member Liz Wood, for her past service as our librarian and preservation of the collection. Our books are now in the capable hands of Eva Stefanski, our Schumacher Library liaison. Eva will catalogue them, preserve fragile dust jackets with clear archival covers, and put them on display. OGG's collection will then be included in Olbrich's online catalogue. Eva will be introduced and speak briefly to the guild at our January meeting.

Our collection gets "top shelf" treatment as Eva has selected a prominent location for our books.

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Sue Reed – in charge of the OGG exhibit
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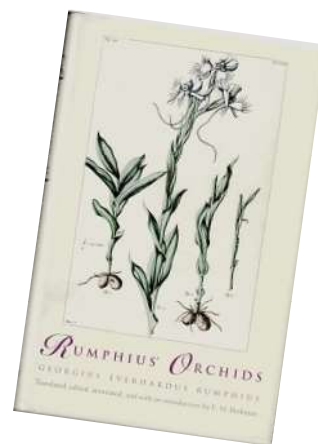
Be sure to come to the next OGG meeting to sign up for the time YOU have available as well as the work YOU want to do!

The only reason we can do the ginormous Orchid Quest is because we have great volunteers!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

THANK YOU for all you can do!!!

– Terri Jozwiak

Every visitor to Olbrich will be able to peruse our books. OGG members and persons authorized by Olbrich under their lending policies will have checkout privileges. Books can be checked out for 30 days, roughly corresponding to our meeting dates, and the borrowing period may be extended an additional 30 days if desired. Books can be reserved online and picked up during the next OGG meeting. OGG members need only give their name to the library attendant, who will check the list OGG provides of eligible borrowers, confirm eligibility, and complete the checkout process. OGG may suspend borrowing privileges if a member is more than three



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DECEMBER PRESENTATION RECAP

Jean Allen-Ikeson on *Oncidium fuscatum* (aka *Miltonia warscewiczii*) and Its Hybrids

Jean Allen-Ikeson is an accredited AOS judge in the Toronto Judging Center. Jean discussed both the current trends and past waves of hybridization programs using *Oncidium fuscatum*. As noted in the discussion, *Oncidium fuscatum*, although not a beauty has produced some stunning progeny. Prominent hybridizers such as Charlesworth, Moir, McCully, and McLelland and others had an uncanny ability to see the potential in combining plants which are not stand outs and may even be considered ugly ducklings. *Oncidium fuscatum* is one such ugly duckling that has been used extensively to produce highly desirable crosses. It is a large epiphytic orchid with large sprays of long-lasting fragrant flowers often blooming twice a year. On the downside, the shape of the lip has been described as looking like a Victorian bustle. However, one desirable characteristic often inherited by the progeny is the flattened Christmas tree shape of the inflorescence. According to Jean, there are 129 F1 and 899 progeny registered with *Oncidium fuscatum* parentage.

One of the most well-known and awarded hybrid is *Oncostele Wildcat* (*Oncostele Rustic Bridge* × *Oncidium Crowborough*, R. McLelland), created in 1992. This is the most

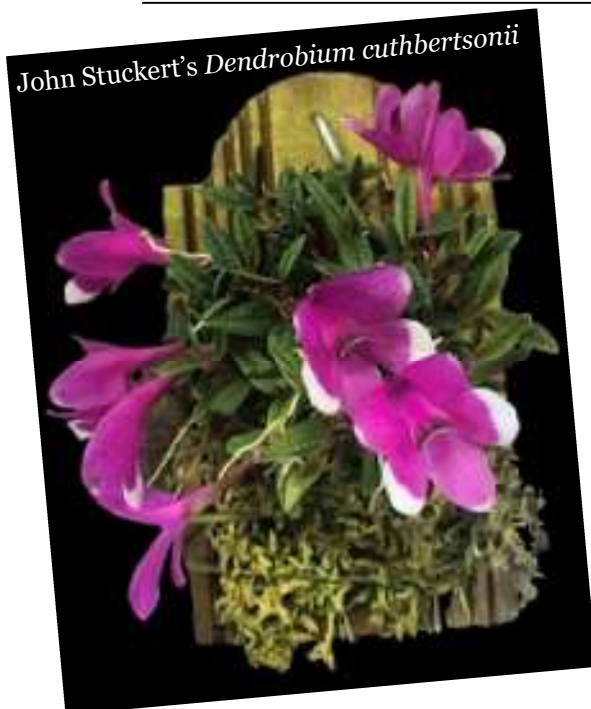
awarded oncidiinae hybrid. A recently created hybrid, *Oncostele Catatante* (*Oncidium Spha-cetante* × *Oncostele Wildcat*, 2002, McCully), has nice form, butterscotch color, and lots of flowers. One awarded plant had over 107 flowers on one of the flower spikes. *Oncidium fuscatum* accounts for 25% of the genetics in both crosses.



Photo Source: orchids.org
Oncidium fuscatum (aka *Miltonia warscewiczii*)

In addition to describing the numerous successful hybrids with *Oncidium fuscatum*, Jean provided many cultural tips on growing these hybrids in a northern climate followed by a Q&A session.

— Lynn West



OGG 2021-22 Annual Points Awards

At our December meeting, we revealed our annual points winners for growers and exhibitors of the year. In this “post-pandemic” year it was actually points accumulated in 2021 and 2022. Because we’d had so few opportunities to earn points in 2021, the Board decided to carry over points to combine with 2022. A brief reminder: Each member earns points throughout the year (December through November) for the orchids they’ve shown at our meetings, Orchid Quest, or Away Shows, and for their service in setting up and taking down OGG displays at shows. Each of these activities supports OGG by sharing skills, demonstrating our accomplishments, and reciprocating other societies’ efforts in support of our shows, so we reward our members who have excelled on our behalf.

The Milo Gilbertson Award for Grower of the Year is given to the member who earns the most points for the orchids they’ve shown and ribbons and awards they’ve won. Milo was a founding member of OGG who so excelled at growing and flowering orchids that the Guild named our annual award as a tribute to him. This year’s winner is Jeff Metcalf who earned 249 points including two Best of Class, a Special Award and an HCC/AOS award on his spectacular plants.

The runner up was Sue Reed with 217 points earned as she participated in every one of our away shows in 2021 and 2022—the epitome of a consistently successful grower! We also award a grower in the experience class (less than 3 years experience; or greater than or equal to 3 years experience) that didn’t earn the Milo Gilbertson Award. This year’s award goes to Sandra Gray who won points in her first year as an OGG member—welcome and congratulations Sandra!

The OGG Exhibitor of the Year earns points for setting up, taking down, and for earning ribbons for OGG displays at Orchid Quest

and Away Shows. This year we had an unprecedented (I believe) 3-way tie among Jeff Metcalf, Jim Wasser and Denise Baylis. Yes, Jeff made a “sweep” of the awards this year! He and Jim helped to set up the Spooktacular Award-winning display at

the Eastern Iowa Orchid Society’s Halloween-themed show, while Denise took charge of 4 displays in 2021 and 2022. Sue Reed was the runner-up Exhibitor with 50 points. Thanks to all of you for making us look good!



Jeff Metcalf earned the Milo Gilbertson Award for Grower of the Year AND tied for Exhibitor of the Year!



Jim Wasser earned Exhibitor of the Year!

Thanks also go to Meg McLaughlin who took over the job of points coordinator this year, tallying and tabulating our earnings throughout the year. If you ever find an error or omission in the newsletter reports of your plants or exhibit activities, be sure to contact Meg (megmcl6@gmail.com) and Denise (jrbaylis@tds.net) to assure that your annual point totals are accurate. The adjacent tables summarize the points earned by members growing and exhibiting orchids this year, and the system for awarding points. For the complete OGG Policy for award-

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ing points and annual awards, see the OGG Points System at the bottom of the Away Show Misc. page on the Orchid Growers Guild website.

— Nancy Thomas

Table of OGG Award Points		
Growing:		Points
AOS award/equivalent (plant)		50
Best plant in show/AOS		50
Best of class (plant)		25
Special award		25
AOS show ribbons:	1st	8
	2nd	6
	3rd	4
Meeting ribbons:	1st	4
	2nd	3
	3rd	2
Plant shown at OQ/away show		1/plant
Exhibiting:		Points
AOS show set up		12
Away show tear down		6
AOS award/equivalent (exhibit)		50
Special award or Best of class		25
Exhibit ribbons:	1st	4
	2nd	3
	3rd	2

Grower	Points
Jeff Metcalf	249
Sue Reed	217
Meg McLaughlin	206
Chuck Acker	129
Lorraine Snyder	118
Jeff Baylis	107
Nancy Thomas	90
Gary Lensmeyer	88
Terri Jozwiak	68
John Stuckert	32
Keith Nelson	31
Lynn West	27
Ken Cameron	23
Judy Williamson	14
Doug Dowling	10
Patricia Jones	4
Sandra Gray	4
Steve Thimling	4
Wayne King	4
David Nevin	2

Exhibitor	Point
Jeff Metcalf	68
Jim Wasser	68
Denise Baylis	68
Sue Reed	50
Terri Jozwiak	46
Lorraine Snyder	38
Nancy Thomas	22
Doug Dowling	18
Gary Lensmeyer	18
Judy Stevenson	16

DECEMBER OGG RIBBON JUDGING

First Place

Sue Reed	<i>Barkeria Oaxacan Showers (Rebecca Marsh x Obosa Ivory)</i>
Jeff Metcalf	<i>Cattleya labiata 'Rubra'</i>
David Nevin	<i>Coelogyne Linda Buckley 'Clackamas' (mooreana x cristata)</i>
John Stuckert	<i>Coelogyne nitida</i>
Lynn West	<i>Ctism fimbriatum 'Golden Horizon' x Ctism osculatum 'SVO'</i>
John Stuckert	<i>Dendrobium cuthbertsonii</i>
John Stuckert	<i>Dendrobium lamyaiiae</i>
John Stuckert	<i>Dendrobium limpidum</i>
John Stuckert	<i>Lepanthes antilocapra</i>
Jeff Metcalf	<i>Masdevallia Aquarius (constricta x davisii)</i>
Jeff Metcalf	<i>Masdevallia Maui Lollipop (Angel Frost x mendozae)</i>
John Stuckert	<i>Masdevallia setacea</i>
Lynn West	<i>Monnierara Millennium Magic 'Witchcraft' AM/AOS (Catanoches Midnight Jem x Mormodes sinuate)</i>
Ken Cameron	<i>Neofinetia falcata 'Kinboshi'</i>
Ken Cameron	<i>Neofinetia falcata 'Koto'</i>
Lynn West	<i>Paphiopedilum barbatum var. nigratum</i>
Lynn West	<i>Paphiopedilum In-Charm Grace (White Night x godefroy)</i>
Susan Reed	<i>Paphiopedilum Lynleigh Koopowitz (malipoense x delenatii)</i>
Meg McLaughlin	<i>Paphiopedilum spicerianum</i>
Nancy Thomas	<i>Paphiopedilum venustum v. alba</i>
Meg McLaughlin	<i>Phragmipedium Paul Eugene Conroy (wallisii x longifolium)</i>
Sue Reed	<i>Phragmipedium pearcei</i>
Meg McLaughlin	<i>Phragmipedium Rosalie Dixler (besseae x kaieteurum)</i>
John Stuckert	<i>Platystele pyriformis</i>
John Stuckert	<i>Restrepia chameleon</i>
John Stuckert	<i>Restrepia elegans (1)</i>
John Stuckert	<i>Restrepia limbata</i>
John Stuckert	<i>Restrepia sanguinea</i>
John Stuckert	<i>Trisetella hoeijeri</i>
Ken Cameron	<i>Vuylstekeara 'Melissa Brianne' (Miltonia Anne Warne x Oncidium Mrs. Rudolf Pabst)</i>
Meg McLaughlin	<i>Wilsonara Space Mine 'Red Rendezvous' Sphacelatum x Carmine</i>

Second Place

John Stuckert	<i>Masdevallia norops</i>
Meg McLaughlin	<i>Paphiopedilum wardii</i>
David Nevin	<i>Paphiopedilum Kelsey's Rose (Margaret Rose x Vercruysse)</i>
Jeff Metcalf	<i>Potinara Carolina Splendor seedling (Waikiki Splendor x Oconee)</i>
John Stuckert	<i>Restrepia contorta</i>
John Stuckert	<i>Restrepia elegans (2)</i>
John Stuckert	<i>Restrepia howeii</i>

Jeff Metcalf's *Masdevallia*
Aquarius (*constricta* x *davisii*)



SILENT AUCTION UP-DATE

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, jewelry, books, knickknacks, 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!



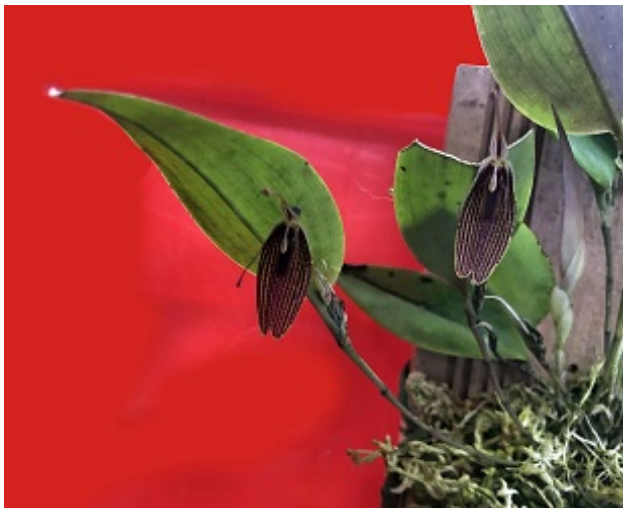
David Nevin's *Coelogyne* Linda Buckley 'Clackamas' (*mooreana* x *crispata*)



John Stuckert's *Coelogyne nitida*



John Stuckert's *Dendrobium lamyaiiae*



John Stuckert's *Restrepia limbata*



Lynn West *Ctsm fimbriatum* 'Golden Horizon' x *Ctsm osculatum* 'SVO'



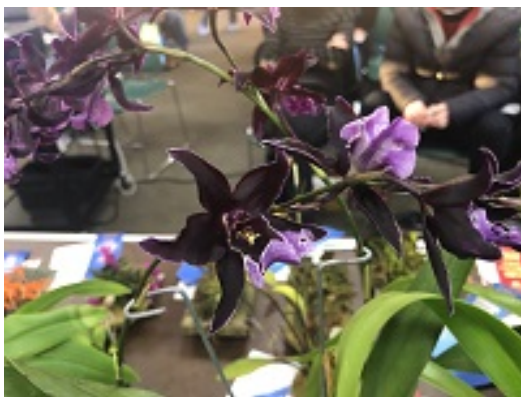
Meg McLaughlin's *Phragmipedium Rosalie Dixler* (*besseae* x *kaieteurum*)



John Stuckert's *Trisetella hoeijeri*



Sue Reed's *Phragmipedium pearcei* and *Paphiopedilum Lynleigh Koo-powitz* (*malipoense* x *delenatii*)



Ken Cameron's *Vuylstekeara 'Melissa Brianne'* (*Miltonia Anne Warne* x *Oncidium Mrs. Rudolf Pabst*)



Lynn West's *Paphiopedilum In-Charm Grace* (*Paph White Night* x *Paph godefroy*)



Jeff Metcalf's *Potinara Carolina Splendor* seedling (*Waikiki Splendor* x *Oconee*)



Ken Cameron's *Neofinetia falcata 'Koto'*



Meg Mclaughlin's *Paphiopedilum wardii*



John Stuckert's *Restrepia elegans*



John Stuckert's *Restrepia sanguinea*



Lynn West's *Paphiopedilum barbatum* var. *nigratum*



Jeff Metcalf's *Cattleya labiata* 'Rubra'



John Stuckert's *Masdevallia setacea*



John Stuckert's *Lepanthes antilocapra*

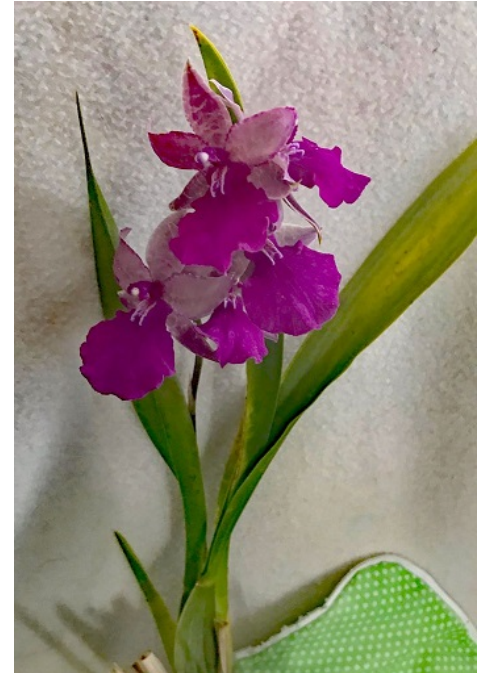
MEMBER'S BLOOMING PLANTS



Sue Reed's *Oncidium Bonne Nuit* (Eric Young x Golden Rialto) is a raffle plant from November OGG meeting



Julie Walker's *Habenaria pegasus*



Susan Reed's *Odontonia Pacific Paranoia* 'Other Side of Cool'. "I think I bought it from the Hawaii shipment that OGG bought when the volcano was erupting in Hawaii." (Kalapana Orchids)

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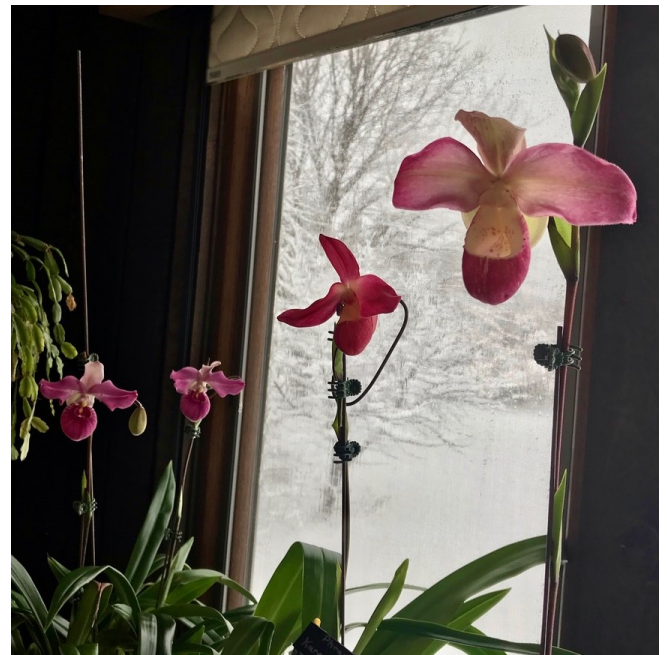
months behind in paying annual Orchid Guild dues.

The library houses our books, but the Guild retains ownership of the collection. We have sole authority to add and remove books, and to accept or refuse donations to the collection. The library will annually supply us with data they collect showing which books were checked out, or looked at in the library, during the preceding year. That will help inform us which books and topics have been of most interest to library visitors, so that we can make wise choices to improve our collection. Schumacher is a small library and we want to make good use of limited shelf space.

Have you come across an awesome orchid book recently? Let us know! We may want to add it to the collection. Are you ready to trust your own precious orchid books to the care of Schumacher Library? Let us know! Admittedly, the collection is in dire need of updating. The OGG board is considering creating a new budget item to fund that need.

Direct library related questions and comments to our Guild's new library liaison, Sandra Gray, by email at sandragray445@comcast.net.

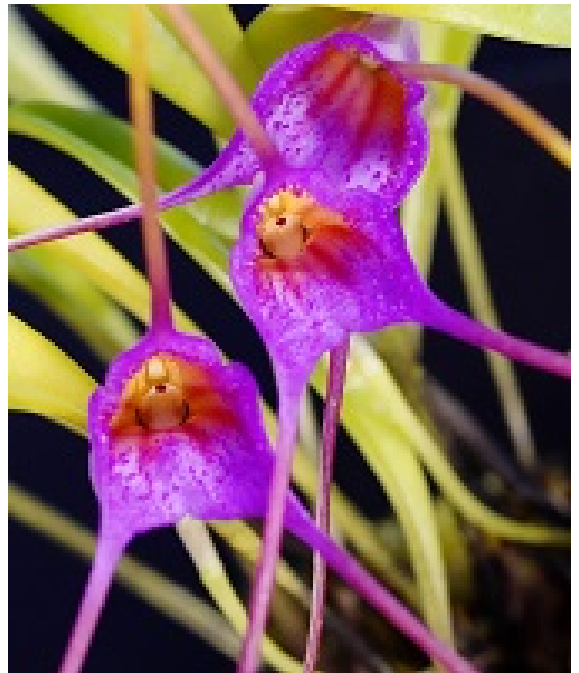
— Sandra Gray



Phrags from Sue Reed, left to right: two spikes is Phrag Eumelia Arias, the middle one is Phrag Karen Sue, The closest one is Phrag Peruflora's Spirit



Alphonso Doucette's *Lepanthes cloesii* (above) and *Lepanthes williamsii* (right) "These are sexually deceptive flowers that are pollinated by mimicking a female fungus gnat. The male fungus gnats try to copulate with the flowers and that is how they achieve pollination! The *L. cloesii* came from Peru-Flora and the *L. williamsii* was a gift from a friend in San Francisco."



Alphonso Doucette's *Masdevallia glandulosa*. "This is from Peru and has a pleasant fragrance similar to cloves. I acquired this one from Colombian Orchid Imports based out of San Francisco".



Alphonso Doucette's *Dracula cordobae*. "These mimic mushrooms and are pollinated by male flies that dance on their flowers to try and attract a mate. I got two of these from Andy's Orchids and the one in the middle from Ecuagenera."

REMINDER
OGG annual membership renewals were due December 31. Add \$5 to renewals after January 1