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# The Orchid Grower

Orchid Growers' Guild of Madison  
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## Meeting Dates

- November 19
- December 17

Meetings start at 1:00pm in the Meeting Room at Olbrich Gardens unless otherwise noted

## Up-Coming Events

- November 18 - 19 - Ann Arbor Orchid Society's "Ann Arbor Orchid Festival", Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 North Dixboro Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48105
- 2024, January 27 - 28, —Orchid Society of Minnesota's "Winter Carnival Orchid Show", Marjorie McNeely Conservatory, 1225 Estabrook Drive, St. Paul, MN 55122
- February 3-4 — Orchid Growers Guild of Madison, Orchid Quest, Madison WI
- February 17 - 18 —Batavia Orchid Society's "Winter Wonders", Cantigny Park, 1S 151 Winfield Rd, Wheaton, IL 60189
- March 1-4 - 23rd World Orchid Congress, Tainan, Taiwan
- March 2 - 3 —Wisconsin Orchid Society's "Orchids for Everyone", Milaeger's Garden Center, 4838 Douglas Ave, Racine, WI 53402
- April 5 - 7 - Apopka International Spring Orchid Festival - AOS Member's Meeting, Krull-Smith, 2800 W Ponkan Rd, Apopka, FL 32712.

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## NEXT MEETING, November 19th Alan Mathews of Seattle Orchids

Alan will discuss "watering, repotting, fertilizer & care instructions from the internet" and how to understand the many differences for orchid care found on the internet/books. He will take your questions during this informal presentation. Dendrobium cerulia 'Ricardo' and Dendrobium unicum 'Big Horn' that have recently been made available to our club at a discount were from Seattle Orchids. Seattle Orchids has also grown Oncidium Jiaho Queen 'Jia Ho', our challenge plant. These will be discussed.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

HI OGG members,

I would like to thank all who make the effort to come to our meetings. It is wonderful to see the long-time members, the newer and the newest members! We had our highest attendance that I can remember for an October meeting. I think our success has been in programs and in the teams within OGG that are putting out great effort to make the OGG membership meetings inviting and interesting.

Our teams consistent of the Board, the membership committee, and our judging/education/procurement, and Orchid Quest teams. We have more room for more teams as we grow!

Chuck's Challenge and procurements, with Ken's added color to the orchid judging have greatly helped to turn our meetings into an active affair. Cynthia has been working hard getting interesting speakers and helping organize our meetings so we can get more accomplished within our time frame.

Terri is busy with getting us organized for Orchid Quest with her many committees that assist in this huge undertaking.

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NEXT MEETING (Continued from page 1)

*Alan: "I've been working with orchids for 15 years. I started in Seattle when I couldn't find any orchids in a region of 6 million people. I found the only location with any variety was one of our local Home Depots. I then started an orchid business in the basement of my home. It remained there for two years until we out-grew the house. Moved to a local shop and remained there for about 6-7 years until we out-grew that location. We then moved to a much larger location in Seattle. After a few years, I decided to move the business back to where I was born and raised, Pleasant Hill, OR. All of my family is here and my parents are getting older so I could be close to home to help. We've been in Pleasant Hill for almost five years now. Pleasant Hill is located outside Eugene/Springfield, in the countryside."*

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE (Continued from page 1)

Of course our basic strengths are with Denise and Lynn as information, newsletter, email and minutes, gurus.

Our new hospitality chiefs, Jeff M and Jim, have added another layer of enjoyment of the meetings. (Donations of money or prepackaged items are appreciated to help with the snacks.)

Our new membership committee is working hard keeping new members informed. (Sandra G, Lynn, & Cynthia).

There are growing pains and we appreciate everyone's participation to find their niche to actively enjoy and participate in the Guild. Any amount of assistance is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your support!

— Sue Reed

## NOVEMBER PROGRAMMING NOTES

12:30 - 1:00 pm. Socialize. Set up plants with slips for ribbon judging.  
1:00 pm In Person and Zoom Meetings Start  
1:00 - 2:00 pm Announcements followed by ribbon judging review  
2:00 - 2:15 break  
2:15 pm - Presenter Alan Mathews of Seattle Orchids. Alan will lead a member driven 45 min - 1 hour discussion of orchids.

## *Vanilla cameroniana*

Alexander Damián-Parizaca, Nicole Mitidieri-Rivera

In this study, a new species of *Vanilla* from French Guiana is described. *Vanilla cameroniana* honors Kenneth M. Cameron, a distinguished professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, for his contributions to our understanding of the subfamily Vanilloideae. The new species is placed within *Vanilla* subgenus *Xanata*, due to its distinctive penicillate callus and lip margins connate to the column. Our findings highlight the importance of conservation efforts of fragile ecosystems such as swamps in the Guiana Shield.

## ORCHID QUEST UP-DATE

We are gearing up for Orchid Quest. Set aside the time. Saturday – Sunday, February 3-4 with set-up on Friday, February 2. We are in need of 2-3 people who would be in charge of a part of Orchid Quest:

1. Set-up and run Plant Check. The station is set-up on Friday which takes a short time. During the remainder of the show, continue to check in with your volunteers to see that they follow the pattern you set up to keep track of the packages in Plant Check. We can arrange for mentors to advise you in advance.
2. Society check-in and awards. You would work with Nancy Thomas to maintain contact with the Societies and also the precise work of placing the ribbons of merit to the winners.

There are always volunteers needed during all of Orchid Quest. As I said at the last meeting, *It Takes a Village to Have Orchid Quest*. The above positions just need a little extra TLC.

Thank you to all who are taking a leadership role at OQ.

1. Show Chair – Terri Jozwiak
2. Kids Area – Terri Jozwiak/Tina Carlson
3. Show Co-chair – Cynthia Wadsworth
4. Publicity – Cynthia Wadsworth
5. Speaker Program – Cynthia Wadsworth
6. Head clerk – Liz Barlow
7. Registration Coordinators – Julie Ulland, Steve Thimling
8. Computer Program – Julie Ulland, Christina Kelley
9. AOS Photographer – Scott Weber and Jacqui Ziegler
10. Gifts & Awards – Nancy Thomas **but wants an assistant**

11. Orchid Society Coordinator – Nancy Thomas
12. Webmaster – Rich Jozwiak **but wants a replacement**
13. OGG Sales table – Brock Wojtalewicz
14. OGG Exhibit – Susan Reed, Brook Johnson, OGG membership
15. Show Book – Susan Reed, Denise Baylis
16. Graphics (for show book and poster) – Denise Baylis
17. Auction (set up & run auction) – Judy Williamson, Carrie Wiesman
18. Auction item procurement – Lorraine Snyder, Denise Baylis
19. Volunteer Coordinator – Meg McLaughlin
20. Refreshment – Sandra Grey, & committee
21. Vendor Coordinator – Lorraine Snyder & Lisa Linde
22. Donation Coordinator – Lisa Linde
23. Olbrich Liaisons – Denise Baylis, Sue Reed, Lorraine Snyder
24. Plant Check – **OPEN**
25. Ride Shuttle – Rich Jozwiak

If you can work a few hours here or there at Orchid Quest, contact Meg at [megmcl6@gmail.com](mailto:megmcl6@gmail.com). THANKS to all who volunteer.

Also GREAT NEWS – almost all of our vendors for Orchid Quest are booked and paid, thanks to Lorraine! You will see some old favorites and some new vendors: Natt's, Klehm's, Anything Orchids, Orchid Trading, Felly's, Armstrong Orchids, Maneki Hill Orchids, Brook Johnson Orchid Pots, and Mary McNerney Insects. We only have room for one more vendor and it is only November first!!!! Nice Job, Lorraine!

– Terri Jozwiak  
608-592-7906

## We Have a Special Project for Some Orchid Quest Volunteers

Are you one of our members who's pretty sure they won't be showing one their orchids in our exhibit at Orchid Quest? That's perfectly fine, in fact, you're exactly who we need! We're looking for a few members (up to three) who might be interested in helping to select the winning plant for our OGG Favorite Overlooked Orchid Award at Orchid Quest 2024. We give this award to a plant in our OGG exhibit that, for whatever reason, failed to win a ribbon or other award during the rest of the judging, but has all the valuable qualities we look for in judging orchids.

What are those qualities? Well, you don't have to

already know how to judge an orchid—novices as well as veterans are welcome and even encouraged! You'll have the opportunity to learn during plant judging at our next three meetings (November, December, January) by accompanying and questioning our judges. If you have an interest in helping to select a worthy winner, and are willing to volunteer an hour on **Saturday** afternoon at Orchid Quest, get in touch with Nancy Thomas by email, phone ([mikeandnancy@tds.net](mailto:mikeandnancy@tds.net), 608-523-3607), or at any meeting, and plan to spend some time (as needed) with Chuck and our other judges at the next few meetings. Thanks!

-- Nancy Thomas

## THANK YOU FROM CHUCK

Dear OGG Members - Thank you to everyone who participated in Chuck's Challenge. There were 48 of 50 plants passed out which is a record number! Please reach out to me or your fellow Guild members and share your growing experience over the next 11 months. I look forward to seeing all your plants for judging at the Sept 2024 meeting!

And a reminder for the Christmas meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup>, we will once again be having some fun with Santa Chuck's Orchid Trader game. There will be an assortment of 50 blooming size plants in over 8 different genera to choose from and **NO TWO** plants will be alike! Your paid membership to the OGG brings you

the opportunity to obtain plants valued at or above \$35 for only \$10. You can participate by sending your check made out to Orchid Growers Guild and mailed to Denise Baylis 8735 Hidden Valley Road, Cross Plains WI 53528 or, sign up and remit your \$10 at the November meeting.

Happy growing!

— Chuck Acker



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## Growing Odontoglossum Hybrids

We want to thank everyone that made the trip to Tristan's Tropical Fish to visit our greenhouse this past weekend. I was asked to pass along a few of the tips we shared during the event in growing our collection of Odontoglossum hybrids.

The genus Odontoglossum, now classified under Oncidium, known for their showy and diverse color types are considered cool-growing orchids. This has been problematic in the past for many in keeping and blooming these beauties, but lately, new hybrids are popping up that have introduced warm tolerance making them easier to grow. We had several varieties available to purchase for Orchid Guild members this weekend.

### Growing tips:

**Temperature and light:** Grow best with temperature ranges at night 55-75 F, and day 75 to 85 F. A location with a 10 F degree temperature swing is ideal. They should be placed in an eastern or western window and like bright in-direct light. Can also be successfully cultivated using a high-quality plant grow light.

**Water and Fertilizer:** Odontoglossum hybrids require low hardness water. Water with reverse osmosis (RO), distilled water or rainwater every

5 to 7 days depending on humidity and dryness. Fertilize year around at each watering with typical orchid fertilizer diluted to 25% strength. We rotate every other watering with MSU formula for RO water, and a Cal/Mag formula. Pots should be flushed once per month with RO/ Distilled water to alleviate the buildup of excess mineral salts.

Using a good surfactant when watering is helpful to alleviate leaf issues and rot.

**Pest Control:** The main pest issue that we have dealt with over the years is scale. Thanks to Chuck Acker's recommendation, we use SuffOil-X per label instruction and have had great results. The key is to do regular scouting of your plants, making sure to look around the base of the pseudobulbs.

**Potting:** Oncidiums grow well in medium grade bark. Repot only when plant is outgrowing container and they do best when kept in a small confined pot. The best time for repotting is when the plant has a couple of inches of new growth. Our mix is 1 part Orchiata Power, 1 part Orchiata Classic, 1 part medium to coarse Perlite and 1 part Tree Fern.

-- David Watson

# What's Growing at Home...

Sue Reed grows these under LED lights in the basement. The temperature never goes above mid 70's and not below mid 60's. The *Diplocaulobium pulvilliferum* is kept constantly wet.



Phrag Conchiferum (*caricinum* × *longifolium*, old cross from 1881). No ribbon in Milwaukee



Sue had two plants of *Diplocaulobium pulvilliferum* ready to send to the Wisconsin Orchid Society Show. Timing is everything as the flowers last prime for one day, then the second day they turn pink. One opened and then the last one opened up on Thursday before the show. The one grown in a glass container had 7 blooms. The other one is grown in an open ziplock freezer bag and it had about 5 blooms.

Her three plants came from one that was divided maybe 10 years ago. They need to be repotted again and possibly divided. These are a relative of the *Dendrobium* group



Nancy Thomas' *Bulbophyllum* (*Cirrhopetalum*) *tingabarinum*



This *Paph. stonei* earned a second place ribbon in Milwaukee. This plant is over ten years old and this is the second blooming.

*Orchid web*: ... is native to Borneo and can be found growing on limestone outcrops. This is an intermediate to warm temperature plant that likes shady conditions and doesn't mind some calcium and magnesium in the water. This is perhaps one of the most magnificent of the multi-floral species with large flowers that last about six weeks. It takes many years to grow these to flowering size and these rare plants have been grown from seed since 2008.



Nancy Thomas' *Cattleya* Chocolate Drop 'Volcano Queen'

# OGG OCTOBER RIBBON JUDGING

## First Place

Patricia Jones	<i>Pleione maculata</i>
Gary Lensmeyer	<i>Bulbophyllum crassipes</i>
Gary Lensmeyer	<i>Catasetum (fimbriatum 'Golden Horizon' x osculatum SVO) #1</i>
Gary Lensmeyer	<i>Catasetum (fimbriatum 'Golden Horizon' x osculatum SVO) #2</i>
Sandra Gray	<i>Cattleya Cariad's Mini-Quinee 'Angel Kiss' (Mini Purple x intermedia)</i>
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Phrag. Peruflora's Cirila Alca. (kovachii x dalessandroi)</i>
Patricia Jones	<i>Phrag Calurum 'Victoria Bagenet' CCM/AOS (longifolium x Sedenii)</i>
Chuck Acker	<i>Phrag Acker's Classic (Twilight x kovachii)</i>
Chuck Acker	<i>Phrag. Acker's Starlight 'Waunakee' AM/AOS (Twilight x besseae )</i>
Lorraine Snyder	Meg McLaughlin <i>Phalaenopsis Star Green Beauty 'M251' (Ming Hsing Apollon)</i>
Moonlight x Golden	
Lynn West	<i>Paphiopedilum In-Charm Grace (In-Charm White x niveum)</i>
Patricia Jones	<i>Paphiopedilum helenae</i>
Lynn West	<i>Tolumnia Jairak Firm 'Super Brown' (Rainbow x Plush)</i>
Christina Keeley-Berry	<i>Vanda M.V. Tannins x Perreiraara Bangkok Sunset</i>
Chuck Acker	<i>Mexipedium xerophyticum</i>
Meg McLaughlin	<i>Dendrobium unknown</i>
Ken Cameron	<i>Lc Acker's Spotlight 'Pink Lady' (C. aclandiae x Lc. Acker's Madison)</i>

## Second Place

Lorraine Snyder	<i>Phrag Elizabeth March (Sedenii x besseae)</i>
Chuck Acker	<i>Phrag. besseae 'Paute'</i>
Chuck Acker	<i>Phrag Acker's Rose River (Inca Rose x Fall River)</i>
Jeff Metcalf	<i>Phrag Acker's Lovely 'Essence' x kovachii 'Drumlin Sensation'</i>
Gary Lensmeyer	<i>Miltonia QF (binolii x spectabilis var. moreliana)</i>
Christina Keeley-Berry	<i>Onc. Jairak Fragrance 'Bordeaux' (Twinkle x Yuan Nan Fragrant)</i>
Lynn West	<i>Laelia Barbara Tague (alaorii 'SVO II' x praestans 'Brandi' AM/AOS)</i>

## Third Place

Chuck Acker	<i>Phrag. Josephine Bonaparte (Cardinale x kovachii)</i>
Sandra Gray	<i>Paphiopedilum Enchanting Venus (Luna Enchantment x venustum)</i>
Patricia Jones	<i>Paphiopedilum insigne fma. sanderianum</i>
Christina Keeley-Berry	<i>Phalaenopsis unknown hybrid</i>
Chuck Acker	<i>Phrag. dalessandroi (Acker's Flamenco Dancer x Acker's Fire Tower)</i>



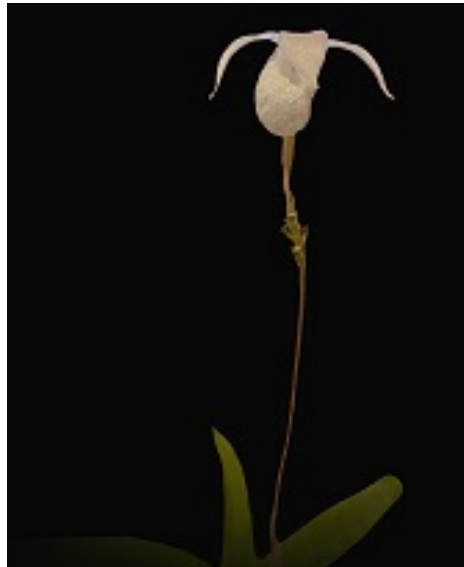
Christina Keeley-Berry's *Onc. Jairak Fragrance 'Bordeaux' (Twinkle x Yuan Nan Fragrant)*



Meg McLaughlin's *Phalaenopsis Star Green Beauty 'M251' (Ming Hsing Moonlight x Golden Apollon)* appears to be yellow in this photo but it is actually a pale green



Gary Lensmeyer's *Bulbophyllum crassipes*



Chuck Acker's *Mexipedium xerophyticum*



Patricia Jones' *Pleione maculata*



Jeff Metcalf's *Phrag Acker's Lovely*  
'Essence' x *kovachii*  
'Drumlin Sensation'



Chuck Acker's *Phrag Acker's Rose River* (Inca Rose x Fall River)



Meg McLaughlin *Dendrobium* unknown



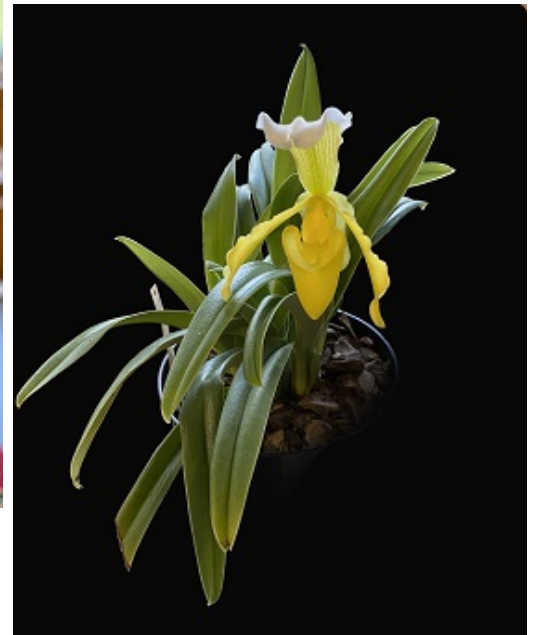
Sandra Gray's *Cattleya Cariad's Mini-Quinee*  
'Angel Kiss' (Mini Purple x *intermedia*)



Lorraine Snyder's *Phrag. Peruflora's Cirila Alca.*  
(*kovachii* x *dalessandroi*)



Patricia Jones' *Paphiopedilum helenae*



Patricia Jones' *Paphiopedilum insigne* fma. *sanderianum*

Lorraine Snyder's *Paphiopedilum Neptune 'Mars'* (*Io x rothschildianum*) is a very old hybrid registered in 1896. It is notorious for being very reluctant to bloom but when it does it is spectacular. Lorraine Synder purchased this division at the IOS Show in 2003. This is the first time it has bloomed for her and has another inflorescence starting!



Lynn West's *Laelia Barbara Tague (alaorii 'SVO II' x praestans 'Brandi' AM/AOS)*



Christina Keeley-Berry's *Vanda M.V. Tannins x Perreiraara Bangkok Sunset*



Patricia Jones' *Phrag Calurum 'Victoria Bagenet' CCM/AOS (longifolium x Sedenii)*



Ken Cameron's *Lc Acker's Spotlight 'Pink Lady' (C. aclandiae x Lc. Acker's Madison)* registered cross in 1988, bi-foliolate growth, somewhat compact in stature, extremely fragrant flowers and blooms several times a year when not divided.



## RECAP:

### Dr. Raymond A. Cloyd, “How to Manage Insect and Mite Pests of Orchids”



Scale

Photographs from AOS



Mealy Bugs



Spider mites



Thrips



Fungus Gnats



Aphids

### [Orchid Pests and Diseases \(aos.org\)](http://aos.org)

Insects and mites found on orchids (Above)

#### Management strategies for listed pests

1. Check plants regularly inspecting the top and bottom of leaves and base of plant.
2. Groom and clean plants regularly. Carefully removing leaf sheaths if possible.
3. Dispose of plants if infestation is extreme.
4. Control ants (they farm certain pests) using a bait such as Terro before implementing insect/mite management.
5. Avoid plant stress (provide appropriate culture).
6. Wash hands between plants when handling.
7. Avoid locating plants near heating and cooling ducts.
8. Avoid injury the plant.

#### Treatment

1. Wash the plant with a source of pressurized water (i.e. pump spray bottle or faucet sprayer). Pests with sucking mouth parts are broken off the plant by the spray and are unable to return.
2. Thoroughly cover all plant parts with the selected pest control.
3. Cotton swab with alcohol can be effective for minor infestations and hard to reach spots.
4. Multiple applications of insecticidal soap (desiccant) or oils (suffocant) are required. Timing is critical as the treatment is only effective on the crawlers, the stage without waxy or protective coverings. These are contact insecticides, not systemic. Review the label to determine the application timing.

#### Don'ts

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1. Do not use preparations made of dish soaps or other soaps. Only use EPA registered pesticides and ingredients to avoid plant damage.
2. Don't spray any pesticides inside the house.

#### Q&A

1. **Treating mealy bugs in roots.** Unpot the plant and remove all medium. Wash the plant roots thoroughly. Wash the pot too. Repot with fresh medium.
2. **What about using systemics?** Research indicates that systemic pesticides don't move through orchids as well as they do in other plant families. It also binds to bark medium making it unavailable for plant uptake. Resistance can develop from repeated use of systemic chemicals. But oils and soaps don't develop resistance.
3. **Should insecticidal soaps and oils be used as a preventative?** No because it only works on contact with the pest.
4. **What about adding a surfactant to a soap or oil to break down waxy covers on the pest?** Many commercial oils and soaps already have a surfactant in the formulation. Adding extra surfactant can produce phytotoxicity in the plant.
5. **Can pyrethrins be used?** These are contact toxins with a very short residual time. They are toxic to humans and pests, but they kill indiscriminately (i.e. they can kill bees and other beneficial insects).
6. **Insect growth regulators as control.** These can work on sucking insects, but they take a long time to control the problem. They are not harmful to humans or pets. May not be available to the hobbyist and are expensive.

— Lynn West

# GROWING CATTLEYS

At the September 2022 Orchid Guild Meeting, I obtained one of the freshly repotted divisions from Chuck Acker's heirloom *Cattleya Acker's Angel*. I kept it in a South or West window of my house and watered and fertilized it 'weakly weekly.' I use RO water mixed with well water and a heaping 1/4 teaspoon of MSU fertilizer. When outdoor temperatures reached 50's and 60's (mid to late May), I moved all my Catts and Phrags outside where I continued to water weekly although they may have gotten additional rainwater and extra Miracle Grow fertilizer as I was watering my own flower gardens. My outdoor growing space is more or less on the northwest side of the house under a large locust tree that provides dappled shade (and lots of pesky little leaves in the fall).

I move my plants back indoors when temperatures once again reach the 50's and 60's (with the occasional 40 degree night thrown in). The *Cattleyas* go back to the South window where Acker's *Cattleya Acker's Angel* was placed until I noticed that the bud had opened on October 23rd. It will be making its debut at the Eastern Iowa Orchid Society show the weekend of October 28 and 29.



*Cattleya Acker's Angel* (Lodgen x Little Angel)

I know there were four or five other divisions and a couple backbulb divisions available at that auction. I hope the other divisions are also doing well.

Happy orchiding!

— Meg McLaughlin

FISCAL YEAR	
August 1, 2023 TO October 26, 2023	
<b>INCOME</b>	
OGG Auction	70.00
OGG Cash income	260.00
Plants sold at mtgs/Chuck plants	500.00
TOTAL OGG Cash income	<u>760.00</u>
OGG Interest Earned	1.87
OGG Memberships	230.00
OGG Pots sales	3.00
OGG Sale of Christmas Plants	190.00
OQ Award Sponsors	50.00
OQ Vendor Tables	<u>4,030.00</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>5,334.87</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
OGG Away Shows	<u>298.94</u>
OGG General Operations	
Bank Charges	6.01
Liability Insurance	388.00
Locker Rental	990.00
Membership expenses	98.28
AOS Membership	54.00
PO Box	<u>248.00</u>
TOTAL OGG General Ops	1,784.29
OGG Miscellaneous	
Challenge Plants/shipping	555.00
Computer Software	<u>311.13</u>
TOTAL OGG Miscellaneous	866.13
OGG Speakers & Programs	200.00
OQ Advertising/Posters	88.36
OQ General Operations	
Awards	283.00
Bank Credit Card fees	24.48
Misc	122.37
OQ Show fee and Trophy	130.00
Printing	<u>299.99</u>
TOTAL OQ General Operations	<u>859.84</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>4,097.56</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>1,237.31</b>

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL	
Renewals made this Fall will be active until	
January 1, 2025	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students \$15</li> <li>• Individuals \$25</li> <li>• Household \$30</li> <li>• Business \$30</li> </ul>	

## President and VP note to members:

At a time when most specialist plant clubs and botanical societies have diminishing memberships, OGG is growing. We thank our enthusiastic, knowledgeable and welcoming members for this success. Everything thing you do from bringing a new member, to being a greeter or member speaker at Orchid Quest has contributed to our success.

We are incorporating some meeting changes to accommodate our larger group and to meet members' requests. Below is a rough schedule, details will vary by month, see month specific newsletter.

### Ribbon judging plant for meetings

12:30 - 1:00 PM Socializing. Plant set up for ribbon judging. Fill out slips at home if possible, form is on the web.

### The typical meeting order is as follows.

Times and order will vary with the program.

### Check monthly news letter.

- 1:00 PM In Person and Hybrid Zoom Meetings Start - Announcements/ Plant judging discussion.
- 2:00 PM- Short break
- 2:15 PM- Program(s)
- 3:45 -Meeting closing - Rigid time. (Olbrich requests we be out of the room by 4 PM)

Remember OGG's books are housed in the Olbrich's Schumacher Library which will try to be open for us from 12 Noon to 1:00 PM on the Sunday of our meeting.

Upcoming meetings:

### December

- *Erica Hannickel* author of [The Orchid Muse](#) (Zoom speaker) Her talk: "Of Empresses and Orchids" tells a tale of two 19th century empresses

who loved orchids.

- RETURNING—Trader Chuck's Holiday Orchid Game"
- If time permits: Yearly awards (otherwise in January)

### January

- Orchid Quest finalization. *Terry Kennedy* (Zoom Speaker) an AOS judge will present a talk on preparing plants for a show.

### February

- In conjunction with Olbrich's Schumacher Library this larger meeting will be in the Commons.
- Our presenter, (in person) will be *Chuck Acker*: "Breeding with Nature's Most Beautiful Orchid - *Phragmipedium kovachii*".

### March - Member Appreciation Month.

- Appreciation for the membership's hard work at Orchid Quest (February 2-4)
- Business Review of OQ
- Extended discussion of Ribbon Judged plants for March
- Plant division and repotting work shop, pricing TBD.

**April** - Chuck's Fabulous Auction (Chuck curates orders of very special orchids for auction to members & for the Guild's financial benefit.)

### May

- Election of officers
- Member auction (Member's extra or too challenging orchids and extra supplies to be auctioned.

### June—picnic

The Guild appreciates the involvement of all members. Active participation in the organization is enriching to the member and to the organization.

You all have taken the first step by joining!  
Thank you!

— Sue and Cynthia

## "Orchid Muse: A History of Obsession"

In conjunction with our upcoming December meeting we will offering the book, "Orchid Muse: A History of Obsession in Fifteen Flowers", by Erica Hannickel. If we order 15 copies, this is in lieu of a speakers fee. New copies range from \$20.00 - \$38.00 on-line. Copies will be available to members for \$10.00 per copy. To make sure that you get a copy, please preorder by e-mailing Cynthia at [cynthia727672@gmail.com](mailto:cynthia727672@gmail.com) with Orchid Muse in the subject line and list the number of copies that you would like. Orders must be received by December 6th. Checks can be made to out Orchid Growers Guild and will be collected at upcoming meetings.

— Cynthia Wadsworth