



# The Mid-American

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## MAOC Fall Meeting in Chicago September 25-27, 2015

We're looking forward to a fun Mid-America weekend in Chicago, in conjunction with the Chicagoland Orchid Fest! Your Mid-America full registration will include transportation to both Orchid Fest locations on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. We'll shop for orchids from a vast array of plants for sale by "guest growers," and enjoy presentations by world-renowned orchid specialists.

If you prefer to visit the Orchid Fest on your own, join us Saturday evening for the ever-popular and entertaining Mid-America auction. After the auction, we'll enjoy a casual dinner and another orchid program. We hope all Mid-America member societies will send their delegates to the Affiliated Societies Breakfast and Mid-America Orchid Congress business meeting on Sunday morning. Registration forms and schedule information will be sent to all Mid-America member societies and they will also be available soon on the Mid-America website, [www.midamericanorchids.org](http://www.midamericanorchids.org).  
Beth Martin, Annual Meetings Chair

## A Message from Your President



How the time flies! I cannot believe that I am preparing to preside over my final Congress as your President! How did this happen?!

I am happy that it's spring – February was a brutal month for many of us. Hope both you and your orchids survived it not too much the worse for it.

Permit me to issue a personal, hearty "thank you" to both Tom and to Laura Harper! They were so good to work with as we prepared for the Franklin TN Congress!

Since, in addition to being the Mid-America President, I serve as Chair of the Congress' Communications Committee, let me make a pitch for our 2015 Essay Contest: "My Most Exciting Orchid-Related Experience". At the present time I have received just one entry! In Franklin, Lois Holmes (Orchid Society of Minnesota) issued a kind of challenge – she is actively recruiting writers from among the OSM

members – she has every intention of the Orchid Society of Minnesota sweeping all three awards. You really are not going to allow Lois to do this ‘clean sweep’, are you?!

Here are the contest rules:

1. No more 500 words long.
2. Deadline: Tuesday, September 1, 2015
3. Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> \$100; 2d \$50; and 3d \$25
4. Send entries to me ([asherdoris@juno.com](mailto:asherdoris@juno.com))
5. Winners announced at the Congress’ Sunday Business Meeting on September 27, 2015, location to be announced.
6. You do not need to be present to win.
7. All three prize-winning essays will appear in future issues of The Mid-American.

Come enjoy the Chicagoland Orchid Festival with me the last weekend in September ([www.chicagolandorchidfest.com](http://www.chicagolandorchidfest.com)) – and while we are there in the Chicago area, join us for our fall meeting of the Mid-America Orchid Congress. Be sure to register for the Sunday morning breakfast discussion on “Mentoring Members to Assume New Roles Within Your Society” These discussions are one of the highlights for me of a meeting of the Congress – I always take home some practical ideas for my own orchid society – I think you will find that to be true, too.

Please call on me if there is any way the Mid-America Orchid Congress or I personally can help you. If I do not have an answer for you, I will try to find someone within the Congress who does. I hope that each of you has a wonderful spring-summer season.

Communication is key. Ask questions. Share information. Communicate. Communicate. Communicate.

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### **Spring Business Meeting Minutes Draft** **Franklin, TN March 22, 2015**

(NOTE: This is a draft subject to approval at the Fall Congress. Corrections should be sent to Cheryl Erins: [cerins10812@comcast.net](mailto:cerins10812@comcast.net))

**Call to Order** – President Doris Asher called the meeting to order at 9:03 am. She welcomed all delegates and visitors and gave a special thank you to the Orchid Society of Middle Tennessee for hosting this meeting. This was a wonderful location for the program and the hospitality has been superb.

**Secretary’s Report** – Secretary Cheryl Erins called the roll, and the following affiliated societies were present:



Alabama Orchid Society  
Ann Arbor Orchid Society  
Atlanta Orchid Society  
Batavia Orchid Society  
Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society  
Greater Lansing Orchid Society  
Greater Omaha Orchid Society  
Greater Pensacola Orchid Society  
Gulf Coast Orchid Society  
Heart of Dixie Orchid Society  
Illinois Orchid Society  
Memphis Orchid Society  
Miami Valley Orchid Society  
Michigan Orchid Society  
Mobile Area Orchid Society  
Northeast Alabama Orchid Society  
Northland Orchid Society  
Orchid Growers Guild of Madison  
Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City  
Orchid Society of Middle Tennessee  
Orchid Society of the Ozarks  
Peoria Orchid Society  
Prairie State Orchid Society  
Saginaw Valley Orchid Society  
Smoky Mountain Orchid Society  
South Metro Orchid Society  
West Shore Ohio Orchid Society  
Windsor Orchid Society  
Wisconsin Orchid Society

Absent:

Blue Grass Orchid Society  
Central Indiana Orchid Society  
Central Iowa Orchid Society  
Central Kentucky Orchid Society  
Central Indiana Orchid Society  
Central Missouri Orchid Society  
Central Ohio Orchid Society  
Central Ontario Orchid Society  
Eastern Iowa Orchid Society  
Essex County (Ontario) Orchid Society  
Grand Valley Orchid Society  
Greater Akron Orchid Society  
Greater Cleveland Orchid Society  
Greater Toledo Orchid Society  
Iowa Orchid Society  
Kentucky Orchid Society  
Lincoln NE Orchid Society  
Little Egypt Orchid Society  
London Orchid Society  
Mansfield Orchid Society  
Michiana Orchid Society  
Niagara Frontier Orchid Society  
Northeastern Wisconsin Orchid Society  
Northwestern Michigan Orchid Society  
Orchid Society of Greater St. Louis  
Orchid Society of the Royal Botanic Gardens  
Paducah Orchid Society  
South Mississippi Orchid Society  
Springfield MO Orchid Society  
Three Rivers Orchid Society

Cheryl reminded everyone to sign-in for their society with their email addresses so we can assure delivery of minutes of the meeting. She announced a quorum was present.

President Doris Asher then asked for any corrections to the minutes from the Fall Meeting in Columbus OH. The motion to approve the minutes as written was made and passed. The minutes will be posted on the website.

**Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer Alexa Noel reported 2015 year-to-date net income of \$819.50. Total expenses to 3/14/2015 is \$3270.00, which includes a conservation speaker (endowed) and the Spring



Meeting loan, which will be reimbursed. Our net worth is \$80,826.64, of which restricted funds is 40% (\$32,225.37) and 60% (\$48,601.27) is unrestricted. She reported that all the accounts including two CDs are now at PNC, a nationally known bank, and will make it easier for transitioning to other treasurers.

She gave the final report for 2014, which showed income of \$19,709.91 and expenses of \$6,364.96. Expenses not budgeted were \$2,090 which included the essay prizes, Host Auction Share, and Book Cost, and the transferred accounts, making total expenses \$17,065.02 and income of \$2,644.89.

Alexa reported that all required tax filings have been done for 2014.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report passed.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Membership** - Alexa Noel reported that all but two (Little Egypt and Smokey Mountain) of our affiliated societies have paid their dues for 2014. Aileen Garrison is contacting. Alexa has sent out the 2015 dues letters; some societies have already paid.

Motion to accept the report passed.

**Affiliated Societies** - Chair Mary Beth Mansour reported the Committee met on March 20, 2015, with these members present: Doris Asher, Roberta Ginavan, Judith Rapacz, and Jim Newsome. The Committee discussed the following items:



- An invitation to join the MAOC was extended to the Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania and to the Eastern Canada Orchid Societies, but they have not yet responded.
- The Breakfast discussion topic in Franklin was "What Is the Strength of Your Society?" which generated good participation from societies present and is detailed below.

- All the information will be in the upcoming The Mid-American.

**AOS Liaison Report** - Liaison Doris Asher reported that there had been no AOS members' meeting since our Mid-America in Columbus. She will be attending the Portland OR meeting April 29-May 3, hosted by the Portland and Cherry City Orchid Societies. She mentioned that the fall AOS members' meeting will be in Reno NV, November 11-15, 2015, hosted by the Orchid Society of Northern Nevada. Big AOS projects include the digitization of all the AOS Bulletins and ORCHIDS magazines. Orchids Plus will also be enlarged to incorporate the Christenson Encyclopedia, non-award images and culture. Frank Smith, President of the AOS, initiated a new program to stop/reduce the drop in membership, by giving each judging center a nice banner and table cover to loan to society shows in their regions, with membership information for show visitors.

She also mentioned the webinars are very successful and that the next one was April 14, with Greg Allikas talking about *Cattleya leuddemanna*, and another Greenhouse Chat on April 25 with Ron McHatton, both at 8:30 pm EST.

A motion to accept her report passed.

**Annual Meeting** – Chair Beth Martin reported on future meetings. The Greater Cincinnati and Miami Valley Orchid Societies will host our Spring 2016 meeting, March 18-20, 2016 at a downtown Cincinnati hotel complex. Janice Yates had



bookmarks for the event. The hotel's restaurant is named "Orchids"! Beth has contacted Hausermann's Orchids in Villa Park, IL and Natt's Orchids in Naperville, IL about possibly holding our own MAOC with no sponsoring society, in conjunction with the Chicagoland Orchid Festival September 25-27; there would be no show, judging, or raffle. These two firms host other vendors to sell and to speak. Mid-America would secure one of them to be the speaker for our banquet. The Martins are

looking into hotels and would have shuttles to go to the vendors. Beth will have more information shortly. She also mentioned that they have one society which has shown interest in hosting a MAOC, but has not yet extended an invitation.

Aileen Garrison reported that there is a new outreach program being considered which would ask judging centers to help with local events such as a MAOC.

The Annual Meeting Committee is ready to assist financially (up to \$2500 seed money), to be repaid after all income and expenses are noted) and with any other support potential host societies may need. Please contact Beth Martin at 913-248-8669 or [bethdoug@kc.rr.com](mailto:bethdoug@kc.rr.com) for more information.

Motion to accept her report passed.

**Audit** – Chair Judith Rapacz announced that she



had received the books from Alexa Noel, and after examination, found all in good order and thanked Alexa for her diligence and accuracy. Members of the committee are Hermann Pigors and Mark Van der

Woerd. Motion to accept the report passed.

**Awards** – Janice Yates, filling in for Chair Christine Chowning, reported on special MAOC awards given at this meeting.



(Editors' Note: Janice also provided the award photos for this report.)



Mid-America Perpetual Trophy for Outstanding Exhibit by an Affiliated Society - the Orchid Society of Middle Tennessee which was also awarded the AOS Show Trophy with an 82 point score. (photo above)



Delbert Lowell Jacks Award for Best Specimen Plant - *Calanthe vestita* 'Rosalie' owned by Rosalie Peters of the Smoky Mountain Orchid Society. The *Calanthe* also received two AOS awards, an Award of Merit (81 pts.) and a Certificate of Cultural Excellence (92 pts.) (photo above)



Henry C. Holmes Award for Best Oncidium Alliance Plant - *Oncidium* Golden Sunset owned by Anthony Mandriota (photo above)



FL Stevenson Pleurothallid Alliance Award for Best Pleurothallid Plant - *Pleurothallis cypripedioides* owned by Rick Lockwood of Franklin, TN, Orchid Society of Middle Tennessee (photo above)



Fox Valley Cypripedium Alliance Award (Best Cypripedium Alliance or Cyp. with Highest AOS Score) – *Paphiopedilum* Love Song

'Edna' owned by Ann Ivey of the Heart of Dixie Orchid Society. It also received two AOS awards, an Award of Merit (82 pts.) and a Certificate of Cultural Merit (85 pts.) (photo above).

Additional AOS awards were given to:



*Dendrobium* Little Atr 'Cheryl Lynn' was awarded a Certificate of Cultural Excellence of 90 pts. The plant belongs to Roy Tokunaga of H&R Orchids and was in the Gold Country Orchids exhibit. (photo above)



Rhyncattleanthe Lily Marie Almas 'MGR' belonging to Jewell Orchids was awarded an 80 point Award of Merit (photo above)



The IPA Award for Best Phalaenopsis Plant was given to *Phalaenopsis schilleriana* 'Laura' owned by Stones River Orchids. It also received an AOS Highly Commended Certificate of 76 pts. (photo above)

**Budget** – This Committee reports at fall meetings.

**Communications** – Chair Doris Asher thanked



Susan and Charles Wilson, the co-Editors of The Mid-American, as well as Janice Yates and Lynn O'Shaughnessy for providing photos for the last two issues. Draft minutes of our Business Meetings now appear in the newsletter. So far, this year's Essay Contest has received no entries; Doris will continue soliciting essays. Winners will be announced at the fall meeting. Motion to accept the report passed.

**Conservation** - Doug Martin, substituting for Chair Russ Vernon, reported from the Committee's Friday meeting that last year there were grants of \$400 to the Cleveland Botanic Garden, the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory and the Wheeler Thanouser Orchid Collection and Species Bank. The Cleveland Conservatory is adding orchid species native to Costa Rica. There are new requests for three grants, for

species acquisitions over a ten year period. Greater Cincinnati is requesting money for a native orchid restoration project. Discussion as to the Marjorie McNeely Center in Minneapolis, how grateful they are for our grants, as this is the only seed money they receive to keep the orchid collection alive and well. Motion to accept the report passed.

**Constitution & Bylaws** - Chair Charles Wilson reported in absentia that, in the absence of any requests for action by the Constitution and By-laws Committee, there is no report at this time.

**Education and Research** – Chair Doug Hartong reported that he, Cheryl Erins, and Jack Shumaker met on Friday, March 20 and discussed ideas about getting more presentations on the website. He had heard a presentation from Mark Reinke, who gave permission for the MAOC to put it on the website for societies to use along with the presentation from Orkidejas Katia in Columbus. Brian Spitler will be updating our website in order to bring it up to modern standards, and allow for more educational presentations like these to be placed there for easy access. He also mentioned that Cheryl had been in touch with Karen Kleber-Diggs, caretaker for the McNeely Orchid Conservatory in Minneapolis, which has received all their seed money from the MAOC. They have a Power Point presentation that features the conservatory and a very brief potting demo of one of their huge orchids. Karen will be working to get that presentation ready to put on our website for all to see what they have done with the grants by the end of the year. Motion to accept the report passed.

**Historical** - Chair Lois Holmes reported that the Historical Committee met on Friday March 20<sup>th</sup>. They discussed how to help societies with pronunciation of orchid names. They are exploring the idea of writing a book to preserve the history and contributions of past members of the MAOC. People such as James Asher, Charlie Brechwood, Emly



Siegerest, etc, are not well known to many newer members and this would be a great way to celebrate their lives in orchids. They will be contacting societies for member names that should be in this book along with their contributions to their societies.

**Orchidist of the Year** – Chair Lowell Jacks



This Committee reports at fall meetings.

**Show Schedule** -Lois Cinert and Hermann



Pigors met on Friday and reported that the new show schedule has been favorably accepted by societies despite many questions on Vanda reclassifications based on recent taxonomy changes.

Lois reminded all societies they can modify the schedule as their shows warrant. There are no more changes anticipated until the taxonomists finish their work on Dendrobiums and Pleurothallids. The Committee needs to receive the numbers of entries in each class at local shows (send to Lois Cinert ([george.cinert@att.net](mailto:george.cinert@att.net))).

Motion to accept the report passed.

**Technology** – In the absence of an official report, President Doris Asher noted that Chair Brian Spitler will be updating our website to add new features and make it more in line with modern websites.

**Ways & Means** – Chair Roberta Ginavan thanked Jim Newsome for his donation of a Larry Mayse glass vase etched with *Paphiopedilum henryanum* for our raffle. She thanked everyone who participated in the successful auction, both donors and purchasers; the auction at this meeting raised \$3,000. She thanked Laura Harper for her help cataloguing the more than



fifty auction items; Roberta invited Tom Harper to come and accept a check for \$1,500 for 50% of the auction proceeds. A hearty round of applause followed. She also mentioned that this was the 10<sup>th</sup> year of the raffle and that it had netted over \$3,770 for the MAOC, with a couple years missing, so likely over \$4000.

Doug Martin wanted to purchase “the last” tickets to the raffle, which at that time had brought in \$680 in ticket sales. The winner was Deb Delmas of the Heart of Dixie Orchid Society.

Motion to accept the report passed.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Jack Shumaker from the Saginaw Valley (MI) Orchid Society invited everyone to attend the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Paph Guild which will be held in California in January, 2016.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 10:16 am.

Respectfully submitted:  
Cheryl Erins, Secretary

**MID-AMERICA ORCHID CONGRESS,**  
**3/20-22, 2015, FRANKLIN, TN**

**REPORT TO MID-AMERICA**  
**AFFILIATED ORCHID SOCIETIES**

Those of us who have fond memories of past MAOC meetings in Nashville are reminded of the importance of Tennessee in the history of the Mid-America Orchid Congress, which was chartered in the state of Tennessee as a non-profit corporation on May 10, 1963. The Orchid Society of Middle Tennessee was one of the eight societies which founded the Mid-America Orchid Congress in 1959, sponsored the second MAOC in 1960 and hosted eight other Congresses prior to the present meeting (11% of all Mid-America meetings to date). If one takes into consideration other Tennessee societies which have hosted additional Congresses, the percentage rises to 19%.

If any of approximately 70 registrants visited the Society’s Hospitality Room in Franklin, we believe they will agree with us that Greg Hubble and Michael Tuzzio set a new standard for such services! The suite was decorated with sheet music, musical instruments, and lovely phalaenopsis in flower. Greg and Michael even supplied menus in advance for what they would offer for lunch or for supper or for brunch. Oh, my! How well done! And how delicious their food was!

The Spring meeting of the Mid-America Orchid Congress took place at the Cool Springs Marriott Hotel in Franklin, TN, hosted by the Orchid Society of Middle Tennessee. Following the committee meetings Friday evening, registrants attended the Preview Party, opening the Show on the theme of “Orchids in Rhythm”.

On Saturday morning, judging chair Myron Palmer expertly organized the 32 judges into six teams to judge the 17 exhibits and approximately 285 plants. Thirty-four orchids were selected for AOS judging; there were the following eight awards:

1. Calanthe vestita ‘Rosalie’ AM 81 Rosalie Peters (Kingston, TN)
2. Calanthe vestita ‘Rosalie’ CCE 92 Rosalie Peters (Kingston, TN)
3. Cattleya Bright Circle ‘MBD Susan Rosalie’ AM 83 (Bright Angel x Circle of Life) Rosalie Peters (Kingston, TN)
4. Dendrobium Little Atro ‘Cheryl Lynn’ CCE 90 (normanbyense x atroviolaceum), H&R Orchids (Gold Country Orchids) (Waimanalo, HI)
5. Paphiopedilum Love Song ‘Edna’ AM 82 (acmodontum x sukhakulii), Ann Ivey (Madison, AL)
6. Paphiopedilum Love Song ‘Edna’ CCM 85 (acmodontum x sukhakulii), Ann Ivey (Madison, AL)
7. Phalaenopsis schilleriana ‘Laura’ HCC 76 Stones River Orchids (Franklin, TN); in addition, this orchid won the IPA Trophy
8. Rhyncattleanthe Lily Marie Almas ‘MGR’ AM 80 (Rth Orange Nuggett x C Jalapa), Jewell Orchids (Colbert, GA)



The exhibit prepared by the Orchid Society of Middle Tennessee received the AOS Show Trophy as well as the Mid-America Trophy.

Winners of the other special Mid-America Orchid Congress trophies appear in the report of the MAOC Awards Committee in the minutes of Sunday's Business Meeting which appear elsewhere in this issue.

An excellent panel of speakers filled Saturday afternoon. First was Alan Koch, owner of Gold Country Orchids in Lincoln, CA, who discussed cattleya species, identifying those which can be grown in intermediate light.

The second talk was by Olaf Gruss, a retired teacher who lives in Grassau, Germany and travels the world to find and describe new orchid species. His talk was an overview ("News in the Genus *Phalaenopsis*"), including genera *Doritis*, *Kingidium* and the other relatives.

Rick Lockwood's presentation, "What Do Orchids Eat," referenced the importance of potassium, the uptake of micronutrients, as well as the importance of controlled fertilization in the culture of orchids.

Saturday night's fast-moving, high-spirited auction featuring orchids and orchid-related items with Doug Martin and Karen McBride as auctioneers provided entertainment as well as fundraising.



(Photo by Janice Yates)

Karen was lovely in a floor-length white gown designed for Cora, Countess of Grantham, in Downton Abbey; Karen's appearance included a matching, elegantly-brimmed hat and her regal bearing. Total income from the auction was \$3,000, split evenly between the Congress and the Orchid Society of Middle Tennessee.

Saturday's banquet following the auction featured delicious food and good country music presented by Cowboy Dan Harrell, the Singing Cowboy, on guitar and Michelle Bailey on fiddle.

About forty people attended the Sunday morning Affiliated Societies Committee Breakfast answering the question "What Is the Strength of Your Society?" Committee Chair Mary Beth Mansour led the discussion. Although representatives from numerous societies answered randomly, strengths could be sorted into these categories:

1. Holding Beginners' or New Members' meetings
  - a. Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society has two moderators of a beginners' culture group to teach and answer questions and encourage new leaders.
  - b. Beginners' group arrives first and has own interaction before general meeting.
  - c. Can be used to teach about AOS, MAOC, IPA, other Alliances and the larger orchid community.
  - d. Greater Cincinnati also has a Power Point presentation about periodicals, dues etc. for beginners. Alexa Noel will send this to MAOC Education and Research Committee.
  - e. Meet one hour before general meeting—have a specific topic. Gets new and old members together. Some call beginners' group by another name to encourage wider participation, e.g., Green Growers, New Growers.

2. Making meetings convenient
  - a. During week, often need to be shorter as members' time limited.
  - b. Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City finds Sunday afternoons are most convenient for speakers to be available.
  - c. A show of hands had weekend meetings more common than weekday meetings.
3. Involving new members in activities
  - a. Registration at show a good introduction.
  - b. Co-chairs of show move up to president of society.
  - c. Use sign up sheets and rely on work ethic and laughter. Orchid Growers Guild of Madison uses free online software for members to volunteer for tasks ([www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com)) – provides reminders. Emphasize there is a job for everyone. Some will enjoy doing hospitality. Others computer work.
  - d. Encourage entries in essay contests. Deadline Sept 1, 2015 for “My Most Exciting Orchid Related Experience” (MAOC Essay Contest).
  - e. Work together in small groups to prepare for Show, making backdrops, etc.
  - f. Important for older members to share experiences with new members as a way to give back. Have a list in the front of the membership directory with names and contact information of Master Gardeners/”big brothers/sisters”/mentors willing to help new members.
  - g. Because members are nature lovers, spend several minutes each meeting discussing native orchids and arrange trips to bogs, fens, and other sites.
4. Handling plants at meetings
  - a. West Shore Orchid Society went from very small plant table at meetings to 65 plants each time by giving points but not ribbons and end-of-year cash prizes (\$25, \$15, \$10 – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2d, 3d) in several categories; “Fewer than 25 Orchids”; “Under Lights”, etc. ; some societies give small scholarship for categories including “New acquisitions”, “No name orchids”, etc. At each meeting there can be more than one winner for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2d, and 3d-place points.
  - b. Alternatively, one society actually helps to register plants at meeting to familiarize members with way they are registered for judged shows.
  - c. Have table for species plants and one for hybrid plants; can have members vote for winners; have category for members under certain age, as 25 years.
  - d. After Show and Tell, discuss the top three in each group.
  - e. Everyone brings problem plants twice a year.
5. Benefit of social functions and/or educational functions
  - a. Heart of Dixie has daytime social luncheons at various homes or restaurants to encourage a sense of community and belonging.
  - b. Kentucky Orchid Society always had dinner meetings, discontinued them, but has now returned to dinner meetings.
  - c. Orchid Society of Minnesota has both dinners and lectures.
  - d. Northland society is more casual with lunch in a greenhouse.
  - e. Kansas Society has Growers Tour of 2 or 3 members' homes, emphasizing various growing sites (greenhouse, windowsill, underlights), which has both social and educational benefits.
  - f. Important to offer balance of social and serious
6. Miscellaneous Strengths
  - a. Distribute Society information at community Garden Walks

- b. Greater Lansing society has large number of art and orchids-in-use entries in their Show. Each area is chaired by a Society member very interested in art or floral arrangement; popular with artists and the public; so many art entries, the Society limits each exhibitor to just two pieces. Artwork is judged by teams of nonAOS judges, one for art, one for photography; the floral designs by judges from the Federal Garden Clubs.
- c. Neighboring societies combine to publish flyer of all speakers for the year; then share. Seven societies in Michigan meet in central location. Bring in expensive speaker such as Chris Purver of the Eric Young Foundation.

discuss “Mentoring Members to Assume New Roles Within Your Society.” Join us!

If you have any questions for the Affiliated Societies Committee or the MAOC in general, feel free to contact any of the Committee members below. We are all committed to helping you make your membership in MAOC meaningful and profitable.

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**IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR SOCIETIES WITH FEDERAL NONPROFIT STATUS:**

To protect your 501 (c) (3) status, societies must remember to file their tax return with the federal government. The return is due every year by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the 5<sup>th</sup> month after the close of Society’s fiscal year. It is free, easy to do, but necessary. Failure to file for three consecutive years results in the loss of your tax-exempt status. In addition, your state may have filing requirements for nonprofits.

After the Sunday morning Business Meeting of the Congress (see the Minutes of this meeting appearing elsewhere in this newsletter for details), the final meeting of this Congress was the Judges Forum at which Tom Harper gave an excellent overview of the species and hybrids of tiny phalaenopsis: “Micro Mini Phalaenopsis: beyond the standards and the multiflorals”.

**NEXT MEETING:** The fall meeting of the Congress will be in conjunction with the Chicagoland Orchid Festival in the Chicago area, September 25-27, 2015. We hope you will attend the Affiliated Societies Breakfast on Sunday morning, September 27<sup>th</sup>. We will

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### **PARTING SHOT:**



Barry Jones continues to add orchid pizzazz to the auction! (photo by Janice Yates)

**Treasurer's Report**

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**Income and Expense 1/1/2015 thru 3/14/2015**

Income and Expense 1/1/2014 – 12/31/2014

Income	Actual	Budgeted
Books	125.00	0.00
Dues	491.50	1500.00
Donations	100.00 *	600.00
CD	13.00	0.00
Show Tags	90.00	250.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>819.50</b>	

Category	Budgeted	Actual
Auction Income		
Spring	1250.00	8985.00
Fall	2500.00	2085.27
Investment Income	50.00	47.47
Donations/Honoraria	600.00	250.00*100.00**100.00 ***50.00****
Meeting Income	3000.00	0.00 Both meetings hosted
Show Tags	250.00	250.71
Society Dues	1500.00	1511.00
Income Not Budgeted		2125.00 books
Transferred from BMO		4189.56
Refund from insurance		15.00
Income YTD		19709.91

**\*Donation from Beth and Doug Martin-Conservation Speaker's Fund**

Expense	Actual	Budgeted
Book reimbursement	20.00	0.00
Conservation Speaker	750.00	Endowed
Meeting Loan	2500.00	To be reimbursed in this calendar year
<b>Total</b>	<b>3270.00</b>	

Expenses

Category	Budgeted	Actual
Bank Charges	25.00	0.00
Conservation Grants	2000.00	2000.00
Conservation Speaker	750.00	0.00
Filing Fee-Ohio	50.00	50.00
Judging Center Support	900.00	900.00
Insurance	450.00	550.00
Show Expense	3000.00	775.00
Postage & Copies	100.00	95.41
Officer Expense	100.00	63.40
Shirley Burr Moore Speaker	1500.00	1392.00
Trophies	550.00	539.15
Website	0.00	0.00
Total budgeted	9425.00	6364.96
Expenses not Budgeted		2190.00#
Transferred from BMO		4189.56
Auction Hosts Share S&F		4320.50
Total Expenses		10700.06+6364.96=17065.02
Total YTD		2644.89 Income

\*Gift from Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society and Miami Valley Orchid Society

\*\*Donation to Auction

\*\*\*Donation in Memory of T. Ruben Jones from the Atlanta Judging Center

\*\*\*\*\*Donation from Kim and Steve Livingston

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Essay Prize	125.00
Host Auction Share	4320.50
Book Cost	1890.00