

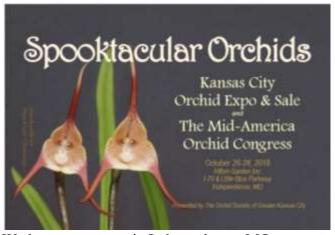
The Mid-American

Newsletter of The Mid-America Orchid Congress http://www.midamericanorchids.org Spring 2018

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Save the Date!

Meet us in Independence, MO, for the Fall MAOC, October 26-28, 2018



We hope to see you in Independence, MO, at the Mid-America Orchid Congress meeting hosted by the Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City, October 26-28, 2018.

For more details about the show, visit http://www.kcorchidshow.org/

A Message from Your President

If you weren't in Strongsville (Cleveland) Ohio for the Spring, 2018 MAOC meeting, you missed a great opportunity to see a huge show of orchid displays, plants for sale from vendors, a lively and fun auction, and three excellent speakers. Orchid conservation, in institutions, in our collections and in habitat

were major themes of several of the talks. The West Shore Orchid Society of Northern Ohio put on a quality event. The planning and work of their members and assistance from The Greater Akron Society and the Greater Cleveland Orchid Society was most evident! Congratulations on an event superbly done. The next meeting of the Congress will be in Kansas City, on October 26-28, 2018, hosted by the Greater Kansas City Orchid Society. You can look forward to a great event as I have attended at least two MAOC meetings there. The steak is always good, the company friendly, auction and speakers to be remembered for some time, and, underground orchids to be seen without getting yourself dirty (or going to Australia)! We're going to have a GREAT time, don't miss it.

Speaking of auctions: The West Shore Orchid Society received over \$1,600 as their half of the auction. Societies that host MAOC meeting receive half of the auction receipts. West Shore also received \$750 to defray the cost of having a speaker present a talk on orchid conservation. They have agreed to provide MAOC an analysis of their costs and income to share with you. The purpose is to show hosting a MAOC event, if well planned, can actually be a financial benefit to your society.

Your executive committee is discussing ways to encourage members of societies that haven't attended our events, to come and enjoy the fun, learn more about orchids and make new orchid friends. Financially, with MAOC being a 501 (C) 3 charitable institution, up to four

society members that attend and sign in at the members' meeting on Sunday, can declare all their expenses for attending, as tax deductible. Now seriously, how can you do better than that? The fun of the meeting, show, auction, speakers, plants to purchase, orchid friends, stories to tell when you go to the next society meeting, AND declare it as a tax write off, need I say more?

One last item: I am curious about how you feel concerning all the taxonomic confusion over name (genus) changes and the show schedule. With 50 years of orchid experience under my belt, I've been through a lot of this change stuff. In my "beginning", all Paphs, and Phrags were called Cyps (Cyripediums). Oh my, when that change came about, such an uproar! And that was only two minor changes (and justified). Its looking like the Show Schedule committee is heading toward "Traditionally Known As" in areas of major controversy. MOAC also has a listing of accepted, current genus names, including intergeneric names, but it is a real challenge to keep it current. Add to that, some vendors update names on tags and others don't. Let us know what you feel about all this and any suggestions you may have.

2018 Essay Contest

City. Don't miss the fun!

The Mid-America Orchid Congress

Russ Vernon-President

!! ATTENTION !! ORCHID SOCIETIES

Kindest regards and I hope to see you in Kansas

Share with other groups like yours HERE'S HOW:

Enter the Mary Lou Dundon 2018 Essay Contest. In 600 words or less tell about the plant table (Show and Tell) at your group meetings. The contest ends October 1, 2018. Mail unpublished submissions to:

> Lois Holmes 6813 Dupont Ave. N. Minneapolis, MN 55430

Manuscripts should be typed and double-spaced. Entering the contest constitutes permission to publish each submission in The Mid-American at the discretion of the Editors.

Only manuscripts accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope will be returned. The decision of the judges will be final. The winners will be announced at The Mid-America Orchid Congress meeting in Independence, Missouri, October 28, 2018.

The winners will receive:

1st Prize \$100 2nd Prize \$50 3rd Prize \$25

Mid-America Orchid Congress Spring Business Meeting Strongsville, Ohio April 28, 2018

(NOTE: This is a draft subject to approval at the Fall 2018 Congress. Corrections should be sent to Cheryl Erins: cerins10812@comcast.net)

Call to Order: President Russ Vernon called the



meeting to order at 9:15 am, modeling the new hat made by the Martins, featuring Vernon memorabilia. He thanked the members of the West Shore Orchid Society for their hospitality and the wonderful food prepared by the members. He noted that the

Executive Committee met on Friday night and we would hear reports. He then asked Secretary Cheryl Erins to read the roll.

Secretary's Report – Secretary Cheryl Erins called



the roll, and the following affiliated societies were present and a quorum was declared:

Alabama Orchid Society
Atlanta Orchid Society

Batavia Orchid Society

Blue Grass Orchid Society

Central Indiana Orchid Society
Ann Arbor Orchid Society

Eastern Iowa Orchid Society

Greater Omaha Orchid Society Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society

Greater Lansing Orchid Society

Greater Cleveland Orchid Society Greater Akron Orchid Society

Greater Pensacola Orchid Society
Gulf Coast Orchid Society

Huntsville Orchid Society Grand Valley Orchid Society

Illinois Orchid Society
Kentucky Orchid Society

Memphis Orchid Society

Miami Valley Orchid Society

Mobile Area Orchid Society Niagara Frontier Orchid Society

Northeast Alabama Orchid Society Northland Orchid Society

Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City Orchid Society of Middle Tennessee

Orchid Society of Minnesota
Orchid Society of the Ozarks

Peoria Orchid Society

Smoky Mountain Orchid Society

South Metro Orchid Society

Greater Akron Orchid Society

West Shore Ohio Orchid Society Illowa Orchid Society

Michigan Orchid Society

Three Rivers Orchid Society

Windsor Orchid Society

Wisconsin Orchid Society

Absent:

Central Ohio Orchid Society

Essex County (Ontario) Orchid

Central Iowa Orchid Society

Central Ontario Orchid Society

Central Missouri Orchid Society

Prairie State Orchid Society

Greater Toledo Orchid Society

Orchid Society of Greater St. Louis

London Orchid Society

Mansfield Orchid Society

Michiana Orchid Society

South Mississippi Orchid Society

Northeastern Wisconsin Orchid Society

Northwestern Michigan Orchid Society

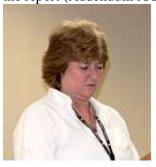
Orchid Growers Guild of Madison

Orchid Society/the Royal Botanic Garden

Saginaw Valley Orchid Society Springfield Orchid Society

Approval of Minutes: President Vernon asked .or any corrections to the draft minutes of the fall Meeting in Cincinnati. There being none, the minutes were approved. The minutes will be posted on the website.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Michelle Little read the report (Addendum A/B) showing \$16,088.62 in



the checking account, with our net worth at \$83,325.72. Restricted funds are \$28,776.65, and Unrestricted funds are \$%4,549.07. She noted that the auction had netted \$2682.00 which will be split with the Westshore Orchid

Society and auction 2 had netted \$255 so far but that the final amount will be announced at the end of the meeting after last minute checks are received.

Motion to approve passed.

Committee Reports:

Audit Committee: Jan Yates read the Audit Report



for Alexa Noel, stating that the records were in good order and that all documentation was correct and there were no problems. Motion to approve passed.

Affiliated Societies: Chair Mary Beth Mansour reported the committee met on April 27 in

Strongsville. The topic of the breakfast meeting was "Challenges in Hosting an Orchid Show." All societies are paid for 2017. The last newsletter was sent to 151 members, and she stressed in importance of representatives



forwarding it to their society members. The topic for the next meeting's Affiliated Society breakfast in Kansas City will be the "Role of the Beginner Group" on October 28, 2018. Motion to approve passed. (Editors' Note: A Special Edition will be issued in the near future reporting on the details of the breakfast discussion.)

AOS Liaison Report: Doris Asher read the AOS



Liaison report from two meetings, Redland and Santa Barbara. The 2017 Awards featured three from the Chicago Judging Center. There are three new awards, The Sheehan Award, Motes award for breeding and the Storm award for the best

Schomburkia. The first Thomas J. Sheehan Award for the most outstanding volunteer went to our own Aileen Garrison, which had resounding applause. The next meeting is in Apopka, FL, Oct 30-Nov 4, 2018. Since this is detailed, Attachment C is attached. Motion to approve passed.

Annual Meeting: Beth Martin, Chair, discussed



Spooktacular Orchids at the Hilton Garden Inn in Kansas City on the weekend of October 27. Speakers include Roy Tokunaga, on flower and nutrition, Gary Meyer, PhD, on Dracuphilla, and Gods and Monsters. Larry

Zettler PhD, will be talking on the Ghost Orchid. There will be a tour available to Bird's Botanicals, orchids in a cave, always a hit. Doug Martin mentioned that they have other societies in the area helping. They are looking for host societies for future meetings. Motion to accept passed.

Awards: Jan Yates asked for help on the Awards committee. Anna Morrison volunteered to help. She reported on all the trophies and awards at this meeting. (Editors' note: Special Thanks are due to Janice Yates for providing the show photos.)

The Mid-America Trophy given to the most outstanding exhibit staged by an affiliated society went to West Shore Orchid Society, for its outstanding center walk-around exhibit.



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The Henry Holmes Award for best Oncidium and the Delbert Lowell Jacks Award for Best Specimen went to *Oncidium boothianum* exhibited by Winsdswept in Time, Kim and Edgar Stehli.



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F.L. Stevenson Award for Best Pleurothallid Alliance plant *–Lepanthes telipogoniflora* exhibited by Dave Miller:



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Fox Valley Cypripedium Alliance Award to Paph Shun-Fa Golden 'Wide Wings' AM/AOS of Orchid Inn, Sam Tsui:



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The following plants received AOS awards:

Phrag. Allison Strohm 'Memoria Dinah Huntzinger' AM/AOS 85 points, Robert Lum-King, West Shore.



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Paph. philippinense 'Seven Samurai' AM/AOS 83 points Exhibitor: Sam Tsui Orchid Inn, Ltd., Bloomington, IL



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Paph. Shun-Fa 'Golden Wings' AM/AOS 86 points, Exhibitor: Sam Tsui, Orchid Inn, Ltd., Bloomington, IL:



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Paph. Cloud's Abducted Mockingbird, 'Red Glory' HCC/AOS Exhibitor: Sam Tsui Orchid Inn, Ltd.,



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Cyp. Sabine 'Orchid Court' AM/AOS 83 points, Tennis Maynard, Central Ohio O.S.



Lyc. Dainty 'Windswept Rosy Hue' AM/AOS 81 points Windswept in Time, Kim and Edgar Stehli



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Onc. boothianum 'Windswept Cascade' CHM/AOS 86 points Windswept in Time, Kim and Edgar Stehli:



Budget Committee: no report in the spring

Communications: Because we have no chair for this committee, there is no report at this time.

Conservation: Chair Bill Morrison reported that he, Russ Vernon, and Doug Martin met and discussed a request from the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, requesting \$800 or a portion to help fund repairs to the screen house that they will use for propagation of native orchids, pending a receipt of certain requested information. Motion approved to fund provided information is received and correct.

Constitution and By-Laws: No report at this time.

Education and Research: Chair Cheryl Erins



reported that the meeting occurred Friday night with Doug Hartong and Lois Cinert, where a proposal from the NAOCC requesting

a donation help close the \$5000 gap in funding of a *Platanthera* project was discussed. This project includes research into the types of fungi needed to propagate this native orchid. Motion to approve a \$500.00 grant passed.

Historical: Chair, Lois Holmes read a story from



the Kansas City Orchid MAOC Show in 1994. Record attendance and auction proceeds despite multiple sports and other activities. There will be an Essay contest that will be announced in the

Mid-American. Societies will be requested to write or have people to write. She asked that we ratify the motion proposed last meeting to contribute \$1500 to the AOS specifically for the move of the Archives to Coral Gables. Motion passed. Cheryl Erins will get Michelle the details of how to write the check so that it gets to where it belongs.

Nominating Committee: no report at this time.

Orchidist of the Year: no report

Show Schedule: Lois Cinert reported on the



changes in the Rules section of the Show Schedule. Many comments had been received and it is recommended that the number of ribbons in a class be taken out allowing for societies to present multiple ribbons in a class. Clarification on miniatures will be

made as well as elimination of the limit of three plants per exhibiter in a class. She will send all changes to Brian for updating the website, as well as every society just as she sees the shows being entered. There was a discussion as to verbiage on exhibits vs displays. She will make all the terms the same to avoid confusion. Cheryl suggested that Aileen Garrison's instructions for doing show tags be included in the Mid-American and posted on the web site. She still wants societies to report totals by class and the entries of classes 98 and 99. Hermann Pigors stated he had Show tags if anyone needed.

Motion approved pending the correction of all terms for exhibit correction.

Technology: no report.

Ways and Means: Chair Roberta Ginavan thanked



everyone for their participation in the auction, especially Lowell Jacks for his brownies. She thanked Russ Vernon and Barry Jones for helping with the auction, and Dorothy and Hermann Pigors for the many

signed treasures. The proceeds the night before were \$2,682.00 and this will be split with the West Shore Orchid Society. The item for Auction 2, was an Alexa with a smart plug and light bulb. This auction raised \$265 and was won by Beth Martin.

New Business

President Russ Vernon asked people to think about how to encourage societies to attend a MAOC event. Doris Asher suggested that we seriously think of going to one face-to-face meeting a year, with the lack of attendance and ever-increasing expenses.

Doug Martin asked that we think about Charles Hess generous offer to match donations for an Orchidgami orchid printed by the NAOCC, in which case he would match our donation, with a match from his former employer Texas Instruments. We get 2000 sheets, costing between \$3 and 4000 for the design/printing. He wants to turn that over to Education and Research so Cheryl Erins will contact Dennis Whigham to ascertain our costs. Motion to approve pending the research of how much it would cost for us to have our own orchidgami, for next meeting.

There being no more business, meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Erins, Secretary

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		meeting of the Society's Judging Committee, I want		
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One Mid-America judge has become senior judge: Sue Golan (Chicago)

These Mid-America people have resigned from the judging program:

Ben Boers (student – Toronto) Andre Levesque (accredited – Toronto) Donna Lipowicz (student – Toronto) Laurens Verkade (student – Toronto)

One Mid-America person transferred: Ron Payeur (Accredited) from Great Lakes to Chicago

Judging Center Chairs and Vice Chairs – 2018 Atlanta: Lowell Jacks, Chair; Doug Hartong, Vice Chair

Chicago: Lois Cinert, Chair; Nile

Dusdieker, Vice Chair

Cincinnati: Jordan Hawley, Chair; Alexa Noel, Vice Chair

Great Lakes: Greg Filter, Chair; Sandy Ohlund, Vice Chair

Mid-America: Nathan Bell, Chair; David Taylor, Vice Chair

Toronto: Joyce Medcalf, Chair; Theresa Kennedy, Vice Chair

Montreal: Andre Couture, Chair; Marie-Odile Benoit-Biancamano, Vice Chair

Orchids winning 2016 Special Awards:
W W Wilson Award: Paphiopedilum Chiu Hua
Dancer 'Golden Tresses', FCC/91 pts., exhibited by
Jerry Seidel, submitted by Chicago JC
Masatoshi Miyamato Award: Cattleya harrisoniana
'Kathleen', FCC/93 pts, exhibited by William
Rogerson, submitted by Chicago JC
Robert B. Dugger Award: Oncostele Midnight
Miracles 'Cheri', AM/82 pts., exhibited by Dave
Wujek, submitted by Chicago JC
Bill Thomas Award: Bulbophyllum hirundinis
'Windy Hill's Fireworks', AM/83 pts., exhibited by
Marilyn & Brian LeDoux, submitted by MidAmerica JC

Frank Sr. and Elizabeth Jasen Award: Aciopea Memoria Mario Ferrusi 'Toronto Judging Centre', AM/82 pts., exhibited by Doris N. Jensen, PhD, submitted by Toronto JC

Some general news items from the AOS which you may find of interest:

At the Santa Barbara meeting last month, the auction brought in more than \$14,000. The orchid show staged by the Santa Barbara Orchid Society lived up

to its reputation – it was fabulous and huge with about 54 exhibits – we judges gave 12 flower awards and three exhibit awards.

We elected new officers in Santa Barbara, and many of them are Mid-America people: President: SusanWedegaertner; Vice Presidents: Robert Fuchs, Jean Hollebone; Secretary: Cheryl Erins; Treasurer, Graham Wood; Assistant Treasurer: Doris Asher; Trustees: Judy Bailey, Jay Balchan, William Bodei, Greg Filter, James Heilig, Theresa Kennedy, Phyllis Prestia, Brandon Tam, David Toyoshima, Sarah Waddoups, Linda Wilhelm, Charles Wilson.

Our Aileen Garrison received a special honor in Santa Barbara, when President George Hatfield presented her with the first Thomas Sheehan Award for Outstanding Service by an AOS Volunteer. In presenting this award, the President cited Aileen's more than 25 years of service to the AOS: "Aileen Garrison is the outstanding example of what Tom Sheehan stood for and what this award honoring him exemplifies."

The Society will publish its tenth special annual supplement this fall on Cymbidium.

Membership numbers continue to improve – currently, now in excess of 9,000.

On April 10, 2021, the Society will celebrate its 100-year anniversary. Bob Fuchs is already hard at work putting together a celebration at the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables.

Watch for a new AOS t-shirt – Marian Sheehan, Chair of the Special Funding Committee is planning to create one.

The AOS has created a "Master Orchidist" program, similar to the very successful Master Gardener Program. Look for that to be rolled out this summer.

There are three new annual awards to be given for the first time for the year 2017, the Walter Off Award, recognizing the most outstanding Show Trophy exhibit of the prior year. The Paul and Mary Storm Award will be given to the grower of the orchid plant regarded as the most outstanding example of a hybrid with at least one valid Myrmecopilia species and/or the former Schomburgkia species now classified in the genus Laelia (or any related species or natural hybrids later described) in its background. The third new award, the Martin Motes Orchid Breeder's Award, goes to the grower and hybridizer of the orchid plant

regarded as the most outstanding Award of Quality (AQ) or Award of Distinction (AD).

The fall AOS Members' Meeting will be at the International Slipper Orchid Symposium in Apopka, FL, October 31 – November 4, 2018, and I hope to attend.

Doris Asher

AOS Liaison to the MAOC

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Parting Shot:
The inimitable Barry Jones builds enthusiasm for the Spring 2018 auction.



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