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## NEXT MEETING, December 15th

The Membership Programming Committee (MPC) is looking forward to a fun and dynamic holiday meeting with you all and Santa Chuck! If you have not already signed up for a Holiday plant, there is still time. Contact Ken Cameron ([kmcameron@wisc.edu](mailto:kmcameron@wisc.edu)) or bring your \$10 to the meeting as Santa will make sure there will be extra plants.

Be sure to look at the raw data from last month's water testing results in this newsletter. We will do a short recap to address any lingering questions or comments you may have regarding these results.

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### Meeting Dates

- December 15

All in-person and Zoom Meetings start at 1:00pm in the Meeting Room at Olbrich Gardens unless otherwise noted

### Up-Coming Events

- February 1-2, 2025 OQ
- March 1-2 Milaeger's Show
- March 8-9 Illinois show
- March 15-16 Batavia show

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Seasons Greetings OGG members!

The November meeting had something for everyone with 50+ plants for judging, an informative lesson about the water we use on our plants, with testing of water samples members brought to the meeting. What is the pH and TDS of your home water supply and what does that mean to you? You will find out more at the next meeting. If you have specific questions feel free to email Chuck prior to the meeting, he always wants to hear from you.

In addition we enjoyed a very interesting presentation by Erica Hannickel and the opportunity to meet her. It was so great to have her join us in person!

The December meeting will be planned by the Members Meeting Program Committee which will involve Santa Chuck. This last meeting of the year is when the annual awards are presented. There



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Meg Graham's *Paphiopedilum*  
Saint Swithin (*philippinense* x  
*rothschildianum*)

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will be discussions of the water-testing results, and of plants brought to show and tell. There should be time to devote to socializing, getting to know fellow members, what and how they grow as well as who they are! We have grown so much that many new members do not know the long-time members. So please don't be bashful and introduce yourselves to others. We are all in the process of learning how to grow orchids!

This is not planned to be a Zoom meeting. I don't feel we can do an adequate job producing a Zoom meeting that would be enjoyable to members at home. I can turn Zoom on if requested, so please let me know.

No news yet on our room, so plan to be in the upstairs of the Atrium meeting room.

I have noticed that my house plants including orchids are really drying out quickly with the heat turned on and low humidity! What is everyone doing to help out their orchids this winter?

Let me know on Sunday, December 15 at the meeting!

Stay safe and Happy Holidays!



— Sue Reed

**NEXT MEETING** (Continued from page 1)

Awards will be presented at the December meeting per OGG policy.

There will be ribbon judging, so please bring your prized plants for all to enjoy! After the 2:00 break the Holiday Party will commence with Santa Chuck! In trying something new this year, there will be no plant rustling but there will be a corral (table) for members to do some "horse trading" following the main event. Similar to last year, the extra plants will be available for members to purchase for \$35 each. Please bring a plastic bag or two for wrapping your plant to take home. Also, we will be bringing the \$5 hobby bags of perlite/charcoal for those who signed up and allow another opportunity to sign up for more.

**PROGRAMMING TIMELINE**

- 1 PM - Announcements - Sue and Terri
- Short recap of water testing results - Chuck, Meg, Ken.
- Award Presentation for Exhibitor, Novice Grower, Milo Gilbertson - Meg
- Plant Show and Tell - Chuck, Ken
- ~ 2 PM - Break
- Santa Chuck!
- Member Horse Trading, Sale of Remaining Plants and Mingle

# November Ribbon Judging

When I walked into our OGG meeting room at Olbrich last month, my eyes were immediately drawn to the tables of flowering orchids, especially the two tables of *Phragmipedium* plants. They were beautiful. The realization came to me that, if it weren't for Chuck Acker, those tables wouldn't be there, and we would not be experiencing the beauty and joy of all these wonderful plants. Most were available to our members only because of Chuck's ability to specially access them and his subsequent quality breeding program.

I am reminded often of the legacy of Ackers' Orchids. It was my go-to for birthday presents for family and friends for many years. The *Cattleya* Marjorie Hausermann 'York' I gave to my grandmother in the mid 1980s was her pride and joy, blooming faithfully twice a year for many years. Acker's Orchids was always supportive of OGG, and Chuck has certainly gone "above and beyond" in his service to our group. Our collections would be poorer and certainly our OGG experience would be, were it not for Chuck and all he brings to us.

Thank you, Chuck!



Photograph by Amy Holt

Phrag Acker's Meredyth

— Elizabeth Barlow

## First Place

Chuck Acker	<i>Phrag</i> Acker's Meredyth ( <i>kovachii</i> x Priscilla's Pirouette)
Chuck Acker	<i>Phrag</i> Fritz Schomburg-flavacolor ( <i>kovachii</i> x <i>besseae</i> v. <i>flavum</i> )
Chuck Acker	<i>Phrag</i> Mem Ann Stuckey 'Acker's Treat' AM/AOS (Silver Eagle x <i>pearcei</i> )
Jeff Metcalf	<i>Cym tracyanum</i>
Jeff Metcalf	<i>Cym</i> Weston Ferrell (Mighty Mouse x <i>floribudum</i> )
Ken Cameron	<i>Alcra</i> Hilo Ablaze 'Hilo Gold' HCC/AOS ( <i>Miltonia</i> Olmec x <i>Oncidium</i> Mantinii)
Ken Cameron	<i>Cynorkis-guttata</i>
Ken Cameron	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Faire-Maud ( <i>fairrieianum</i> x <i>Maudiae</i> )
Ken Cameron	<i>Phragmipedium pearcei</i>
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Phal</i> MS Cute Shinny
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Phrag</i> Acker's Berry (Waunakee Sunset x <i>kovachii</i> #2)
Lynn West	<i>Oncostele</i> Succubus 'Night Shift' ( <i>Oncidium fuscum</i> x <i>Oncostele</i> Blackata)
Meg Graham	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Saint Swithin ( <i>philippinense</i> x <i>rothschildianum</i> )
Patricia Jones	<i>Phrag</i> Hanne Popow ( <i>besseae</i> x <i>schlimii</i> )
Steven Liu	<i>Dendrochilum formosanum</i>
Wanda Buckingham	<i>Vanda</i> Jairak Blue Classic (Tharab Blue x <i>coerulea</i> )

## Second Place

Amy Holt	<i>Cattleya trianae</i> 'Pink Gem' HCC/AOS
Amy Holt	<i>Habenaria</i> Bright Finch (Conure x <i>crinifera</i> )
Chuck Acker	<i>Phrag</i> Eumelia Arias ( <i>kovachii</i> x <i>schlimii</i> )
Chuck Acker	<i>Phrag</i> Magdalene Rose x <i>kovachii</i>
Chuck Acker	<i>Phrag</i> Mantinii (Conchiferum x <i>longifolium</i> )
Gary Lensmeyer	<i>Phrag</i> Hanne Popow ( <i>besseae</i> x <i>schlimii</i> )
Gary Lensmeyer	<i>Tolumnia</i> Jairak Rainbow 'Shushi' (Vanessa x Catherine Wilson)
Gerald King	<i>Odcdm.</i> Everglades Elegance 'Nancy Lee'
Jeff Metcalf	<i>Phal</i> Lianher Red Diamond 'LH1051-4' (Lianher Super Red x Charm Sun Big Red Robe)
Jerri Nelson	<i>Oncostele</i> unknown hybrid
Ken Cameron	<i>Bulbophyllum</i> cf. <i>grandiflorum</i> 'Needmore'

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Ken Cameron	<i>Cattlianthe</i> Acker's Madison (Ctt. Portia x C Madison Green)
Ken Cameron	<i>Habenaria rhodocheila</i>
Ken Cameron	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Jordon Winter (Citrus Candy x Krull's Red Bird)
Lynn West	<i>Blc</i> Angel Eyes 'SVO' AM/AOS x C. Orchiglade 'SVO' HCC/AOS
Terri Jozwiak	<i>Cattleya</i> Acker's Angel (Lodgen x Little Angel) [from back buds]
Lynn West	<i>Laelia</i> Barbara Tague ( <i>alaorii</i> 'SVO II' x <i>praestans</i> 'Brandi AM/AOS)
Lynn West	<i>Phrag</i> Cardinale 'Wilcox' AM/AOS ( <i>schlimii</i> x <i>Sedenii</i> )
Meg Graham	<i>Phrag</i> Silver Eagle 'Pink Frost' AM/AOS ( <i>schlimii</i> x <i>czzerwianum</i> )
Susan Reed	<i>Catasetum</i> Karen Armstrong ( <i>denticulatum</i> 'Dark Spots' x Susan Fuchs 'Burgundy Chips' FCC/AOS)
Susan Reed	<i>Phrag schlimii</i>
Terri Jozwiak	<i>Paph</i> (Ouens Oak '10-10' x Acoma For Dinner '10-07')
Terri Jozwiak	<i>Bulbophyllum crassipes</i>
Terri Jozwiak	<i>Ctsm</i> ( <i>semicirculatum</i> '32' x <i>gladiatorium</i> 'SVO 35')
Terri Jozwiak	Lc Mari's Magic 'Yellow Eyes' (Mari's Song x Tokyo Magic)
Terri Jozwiak	<i>Pleurothallis stricta</i>
Wanda Buckingham	<i>Phal</i> White Dream 'V3' (Morning Moon x Joseph Hampton)

### Third Place

No slip	<i>Onc</i> Wild Willie 'Pacific Bingo' ( <i>reichenheimii</i> x Wildwood)
Chuck Acker	<i>Phrag</i> Acker's Ballerina (Icho Tower x <i>fischeri</i> )
Chuck Acker	<i>Phrag sargentianum</i>
Justin Endo	<i>Oncidium</i> Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' AM/AOS (Jamie Sutton x Honolulu)
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Phrag</i> Rosalie Dixler ( <i>besseae</i> x <i>kaieteurum</i> )
Meg Graham	<i>Odtna</i> Pacific Paranoia 'Other Side of Cool' ( <i>Rhynchostele bicktoniensis</i> x <i>Miltonia</i> Honolulu)
Patricia Jones	<i>Phrag</i> hybrid
Susan Reed	<i>Dendrochilum cobbianum</i>



Jeff Metcalf's *Cymbidium tracyanum*



Patricia Jones' *Phrag* Hanne Popow (*besseae* x *schlimii*)



Susan Reed's *Catasetum* Karen Armstrong (*denticulatum* 'Dark Spots' x Susan Fuchs 'Burgundy Chips' FCC/AOS)

Photographs by Amy Holt



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Terri Jozwiak's *Bulbophyllum crassipes*



Photograph by Amy Holt

Lorraine Snyder's *Phal* MS Cute Shinny



*Habenaria rhodocheila*



*Paphiopedilum* Faire-Maud  
(*fairrianum* x *Maudiae*)



*Phalaenopsis* Jordon Winter (Citrus Candy x  
Krull's Red Bird)



*Cynorkis guttata*



Ken Cameron's plants and photos

*Bulbophyllum* cf. *grandiflorum* 'Needmore'



# November Phragmipediums



Gary Lensmeyer's *Phrag* Hanne Popow (*besseae* x *schlimii*)



Lorraine Snyder's *Phrag* Acker's Berry (Waunakee Sunset x *kovachii* #2)



Susan Reed's *Phrag* *schlimii*



Chuck Acker's *Phrag* Fritz Schomburg-flavacolor (*kovachii* x *besseae* v. *flavum*)



Chuck Acker's *Phrag* Acker's Ballerina (Icho Tower x *fischeri*)



Chuck Acker's *Phrag* Magdalene Rose x *kovachii*



Chuck Acker's *Phrag* *sargentianum*



Patricia Jones' *Phrag* hybrid



Chuck Acker's *Phrag* Eumelia Arias (*kovachii* x *schlimii*)

Lorraine Snyder's *Phrag* Rosalie Dixler (*besseae* x *kaieteumum*); far right  
Lynn West's *Phrag* Cardinale 'Wilcox'  
AM/AOS (*schlimii* x *Sedenii*)



# Home Town Orchid

Did you know that there is a spectacular orchid with local roots that is named for our city? According to [OrchidRoots.com](http://OrchidRoots.com) *Cattlianthe Acker's Madison* is a hybrid between *Cattlianthe Portia* × *Cattleya Madison Green* that was registered with the Royal Horticultural Society by Hausermann in 1985. The hybrid originated from Chuck's father, Walter Acker, and subsequently served as a parent for several equally beautiful offspring, including *Cattlianthe Acker's Spotlight* and *Cattlianthe Acker's Romance*, among others. Although it is a complex hybrid, the top three wild species ancestors and their influences of *C. Acker's Madison* are *Cattleya bicolor* (31%), *Cattleya labiata* (27%), and *Guarianthe bowringiana* (25.0%).

This is a large and floriferous plant that is a reliable bloomer from mid-November to mid-December. It is best grown outdoors in summer under bright, but not direct sun, in a large clay pot filled with a free draining bark mix that is allowed to dry out between waterings. Fertilizer should be reduced after flowering to give the plant a rest until new growth and roots begin to appear in spring. Coincidentally, *C. Acker's Madison* was registered in 1985, the same year



Ken Camerons's *Cattlianthe Acker's Madison* (Ctt. Portia x C Madison Green)

that the Madison Orchid Growers Guild was founded. Given this fact, together with its name, local origin, and connection to our club, it seems only fitting that *C. Acker's Madison* is featured on our Instagram and Facebook pages. This is an orchid that everyone in the Guild should be growing!

— Ken Cameron

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## New Policy: American Orchid Society Awards to Guild Members

**Premise:** Each year a handful of plants shown by members of the Madison Orchid Growers Guild receive prestigious awards from judges affiliated with the American Orchid Society. These include AM, CCM, HCC awards, and others. The minimum cost to register these awards is \$40 for AOS members. For this fee the member receives a digital certificate with a color photo of the awarded plant and has the plant featured in a future issue of *Orchids magazine*. This is a great honor.

The Guild wants to encourage more members to show their plants, hopes to promote ourselves on the national stage, wishes to minimize financial burdens on our members, and especially strives to celebrate the highest achievements of our members. As such we have adopted the following policy:

During each fiscal year starting September 1,  
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2024 the Guild will reimburse up to \$40 per AOS award to paid members for plants that are shown at Orchid Quest or within the formal OGG exhibit at an away show. The same plant may receive more than one award. The Guild will not reimburse awarded exhibits, nor will we reimburse awards presented at a judging center, or awards to plants featured within an exhibit of another orchid society. Each Guild member is eligible for a maximum of four AOS award reimbursements (i.e., \$160) per fiscal year show cycle (September 1 to August 31). A copy of the award and proof of payment must be submitted to the Treasurer in order to receive reimbursement. At the present time we anticipate this member benefit will cost the Guild ca. \$240 per year. Should it greatly exceed this amount the policy will be reviewed by the Board and adjusted accordingly for the next year.



# WHAT'S IN A NAME?



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Photograph by Amy Holt  
Meg Graham's *Phrag* Silver Eagle  
'Pink Frost' AM/AOS  
(*schlimii* x *czerwiakowianum*)

Photograph by Ken Cameron  
Ken Cameron's *Phragmipedium*  
*pearcei*

Photograph by Chuck Acker  
Chuck Acker's *Phrag* Mem Ann  
Stuckey 'Acker's Treat' AM/AOS  
(Silver Eagle x *pearcei*)

*Phragmipedium* Memoria Ann Stuckey (aka *Phragmipedium* Polar Shift) [*pearcei* x Silver Eagle] put on quite a display during the Eastern Iowa Orchid Show in October garnering two AOS awards. It was awarded an 84 point Award of Merit (AM) for the flower quality and presentation as well as an 85 point Certificate of Cultural Merit (CCM) for the immaculately grown plant bearing three inflorescences in a five inch pot.

It is not often we see an orchid hybrid with a synonym name or an "aka name" such as this. *Phragmipedium* Ann Stuckey was initially registered with the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) on March 30th, 2006 by Terry Root of the Orchid Zone in Salinas, CA. Then, October 24th, 2006 the RHS received a registration for the cross under the name of Polar Shift submitted by Bill Goldner of Woodstream Orchids in Huntingtown, MD. The RHS accepted Goldner's payment and honored his submission of Polar Shift by mistake and the rest is history! Therefore, we have a *Phragmipedium* hybrid with two registered names.



Chuck holding his award winning Phrag while Ken holds its parent plants



Another plant associated with Madison was Gerry King's *Phalaenopsis* Kenneth Schubert, 1963 (*pulcherrima* x *violacea*). This is a beautiful fragrant miniature that continues to flower for a long time on each stem. This cross was created by Kenneth Schubert from whom the Acker family purchased the greenhouses.



# November Meeting Summary



The November members' meeting featured an in-person speaker, Erica Hannickel, who is not only the author of the book *Orchid Muse* but is an expert orchid grower who has adapted her cultural techniques to work for conditions found in the upper Midwest. One of the topics that she covered in her talk was watering issues. Knowing that this topic was going to be discussed, the Member Programming Committee arranged to organize water testing for members who brought in samples of their water. Additionally, the coordinating door prizes were a pH test kit and a conductivity meter.

Erica started her talk with an overview of her book and an update on the exciting opportunities that have arisen since its publication. For example, she has met with a Smithsonian Archivist to explore more stories behind orchids.

Early on, Erica was using local spring water as the water source for her orchids. Analysis of this water gave a pH of around 8.5 and a high TDS reading. She realized that this probably explained some of the cultural issues that she was having. After solving the water issues, she then started to explore creating different micro-

climates for orchids with more demanding cultural requirements. As a Wisconsin grower, two major obstacles during the winter are providing sufficient humidity and light. The light issues can be easily solved these days with LED lights. Erica solved the humidity issues in a variety of ways such as enclosing baker's carts with plastic. Although this worked, it was not a visually appealing display. So, for some of her plants, she created a DIY Edwardian type display case. There are lots of ways to create these "greenhouse cabinets" such as using IKEA glass cabinets. To reduce costs, Erica retro fitted a used trophy case with a mix of different LED lights, painting the interior with mold resistant paint, and drilling a hole to allow the electric cords to pass through. The humidity levels remain quite high for several days after watering the plants. Heat mats can be used in the winter for plants that need average temperatures to be above ambient home temperatures.

During the Q & A, Erica mentioned that there is an app for phones that measures PAR / PPFD, lux, fc, and kelvin called Phontone. We also discussed MSU vs MSU K-lite fertilizers.

— Lynn West



What's Blooming at Home . . .

Lynn West's *Morm. badia* 'Yellow' x *Morm. andreetae* 'SVO' AM/AOS first bloom seedling



Gary Lensmeyer's *Tolumnia Jairak Rainbow* 'Shushi' (Vanessa x Catherine Wilson)

# November Water Test Results

We had a great turnout for the water testing extravaganza at our November OGG meeting! Members brought in a total of 30 samples from all over Dane County (even one from Milwaukee County!) that we tested for Total Dissolved Solids (TDS), pH and hardness. Water samples ranged from rainwater, private wells, various municipal water sources and even a variety of filtered, bottled and RO samples. The data is included below and will definitely be a topic of discussion for our water experts and among our members at the Holiday Party next month!

Water Source	Note	TDS	pH	Hardness	Member Name
Rainwater		25	7	NA	Sue Reed
Rainwater		28	7.3	NA	Damon Smith
Rainwater		22	6.7	NA	Jeff Baylis
Rainwater		25	7	NA	Jeri Nelson
Rainwater	Higher TDS, more acidic	74	6.4	NA	Kathy Johnson
ZeroWater	Filter	2	6.6	NA	Sue Reed
Chippewa Spring	Bottled	116	6.8	5	Sue Reed
Distilled Water		94	7	5	Sue Reed
RO		20	6.6	NA	Ken Cameron
RO		8	6.4	NA	Terri Jozwiak
Glendale/Milw City Water	Milwaukee County	142	7.5	10	Lisa Bane
Special Blend	1/4 Madison Well; 3/4 RO	136	7.4	8	Chris Neumann
Town of Middleton private well		276	7.6	28	Sue Reed
Town of Middleton private well	softened	377	7.5	3	Sue Reed
Town of Cross Plains private well		312	7.2	24	Jeff Baylis
Mt Horeb private well	Water system neutralizes acid before softener	135	7.2	3	Nancy Thomas
Belleville private well		255	7.6	21	Ken Cameron
New Glarus City Water		226	7.5	21	Judy Williamson
Verona City		282	7.5	24	Carmen Goldner
Verona City		287	7.6	22	Kaylee Finseth
Fitchburg City Water		180	7.5	19	Ellen Karlson
Fitchburg City Water		215	7.5	19	Amy Holt
Waunakee City	"downstairs" kitchen tap; not soft	218	7.8	19	Wanda Buckingham
Waunakee City	"upstairs" bathroom tap; soft	204	7.6	1	Wanda Buckingham
Westport private well		285	7.5	24	Meg Graham
Sun Prairie City	Refrigerator filtered	210	7.5	2	Diane Hoefer
Sun Prairie City	Kitchen tap	231	7.7	21	Gerald King
Madison-Eastside		230	7.6	24	Benji
Madison-Northside		252	7.5	26	Carrie Weisman
Madison-?		312	8	27	Kathy Johnson
Madison-Westside	Outlier?	535/480	7.4	2	Liz Wood



# A High TDS Solution


For those of you with a small orchid/plant collection and whose water has a high TDS, a ZERO water pitcher might be just what you can use. <https://www.zerowater.com/collections/water-filter-pitchers-dispensers>

The system can cost from \$30 for a 22 cup dispenser and filter on up with the starter bundles the best deal for those include extra filters. All containers come with a TDS meter. The instructions on to change the filter when the TDS is 006 but I don't. As long as it is not over 100 I would use the old filter. For watering I don't use 000 water without adding about 20% unsoftened tap water to the ZERO water. With the fertilizer added to zero water, the TDS should be high enough that you don't want to add any tap water to the fertilizer water.

I now have two containers so one will be used to just bring down the TDS as a first cycle so my second filter will last longer. I generally only use the ZERO water for my tea water and use rain water for my many orchids.

The ZERO filters take out a lot of chemicals and minerals in the water without any waste water. So for a small apartment collection this should work well! Right now a Black Friday 30% off sale.

— Sue Reed



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**Standard 53**  
Reduction of Lead, Chromium, & Mercury



Photograph by Amy Holt

Steven Liu's *Dendrochilum formosanum*



Photograph by Amy Holt

Wanda Buckingham's Vanda Jairak Blue Classic  
(Tharab Blue x *coerulea*)

# Orchid Quest Up-date



Orchid Quest is Saturday and Sunday, February 1-2, 2025 with set-up on Friday, January 31 at Monona Terrace. We are very excited to be in this new location and plans are progressing nicely.

- It is time for everyone to choose where to volunteer at OQ. Meredyth Graham will have a sign-up sheet at the December meeting for you to choose where you would like to volunteer. If you need an active job or a sit-down job, or you want a people-job or a non-people job, we have it for you.

- How are your plants?? Is there anything starting a spike? Stake it now.

- Are there plants that just don't thrive with your growing area? Think about donating them to OQ.

Collect posters and bookmarks at the December meeting and plan to give them out AFTER Christmas.

- You could sponsor an OQ award for ONLY \$25, choose the category at the December meeting with Nancy Thomas.

- Did you check your basement for items to donate to the raffle or auction? Check with Lisa Linde (raffle) or Judy Williamson or Carrie (auction).

The list of vendors participating at OQ will be: Fellys, Grateful Gardener, Wisconsin Greenhouse Company, Natt's, Friday's Embroidery, Dr. Bill's, Klehm, Manaki, Anything Orchids, New World and Green Road Pottery.

Don't forget to thank our sponsors: Jung's Garden Center, Felly's, Wisconsin Greenhouse Company, Klehn's and Morgan Stanley Forward Group.

Our next OQ planning meeting will be on Tuesday, December 10 at 7 pm Zoom. A link will be sent to you about a week before.

Thanks so much for your help and support!

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## 2025 Orchid Growers Guild Membership Dues

Individual: \$25 Household: \$30 Student: \$15

OGG membership runs by calendar year. If you joined after September 2024 you will continue to be in good standing through 2025. Multiple ways to pay have been developed. See below:

**Zelle (preferred).** Most banks allow you to transfer funds directly from your personal checking to the Guild without fees. Simply log in to your bank / credit union account and select "Send Money with Zelle" (you may have to set this up for the first time). Then, simply send a payment to [OGGTreasurer@yahoo.com](mailto:OGGTreasurer@yahoo.com). In the notes field please write your name and indicate that this is for 2025 dues.

**Credit Card or Apple Pay.** Secure online payments using all major credit cards are accepted at <https://square.link/u/nnCFDcAm>

**Check.** Bring a personal check made out to "Orchid Growers Guild" to one of our monthly meetings for the Treasurer (Ken). If you prefer to mail your check, please send it to Madison Orchid Growers Guild, P.O. Box 5432, Madison, WI 53705

**Cash (least preferred).** Our Treasurer (Ken) will accept cash at one of our monthly meetings. Exact change is greatly appreciated.