

The Orchid Grower

Upcoming Events:

- Aug 2: Open House at Oak Hill Gardens. If you will be bringing orchids for judging please let Wayne King know the plants that you bring, since the judging slips are retained by the WOS.
- Aug 6: 7:00 PM Directors Meeting at Perkins at Fish Hatchery & Belt-line.
- August 22-24: MAOC at Louisville, Kentucky. Full information available on the MAOC web site.
- Aug 23: 10:00-5:00 PM Open House & Sale At Porter's Orchids, Grand ledge, MI

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Orchid Growers' Guild

Oak Hill Open House is Saturday, August 2nd

This year's Open House at Oak Hill Gardens will be on Saturday, August 2. This is always a special event for the Wisconsin societies and our guild. We hope you will be able to take time out of your busy summer schedule to tour the greenhouses, buy some orchids and share in the fellowship of the day. Oak Hill also provides lunch at noon, door prizes, and Herman always has a very interesting program. For the best selection of plants and the coolest temperatures in the greenhouses, you should plan to

arrive at about 10:00. In addition to the wonderful orchids and tropical plants, Greg and Lisa's boys usually have some "special" plants to sell that they've raised.

Plan now to attend. Please let Doug Dowling know no later than July 25 of your attendance so that Oak Hill can properly provide for lunch for everyone. You may call Doug at 608-244-2123 or e-mail him at ddowling@mhsjvl.org.

2003-2004 Show Schedule

For those who like to plan ahead, here is the 2003-2004 Show Schedule as we currently have it:

- September 12-14: Chicago Orchid Growers' Festival – Chicago area
- September 19-21: Wisconsin Orchid Society – Milwaukee
- October 3-5: North East Wisconsin Orchid Society – Oshkosh

- January 30-February 1: Orchid Quest 2004 – Madison
- February 20-22: Batavia Orchid Society – St Charles, IL
- March 19-21: Illowa Orchid Society – Davenport, IA
- April 1-4: Illinois Orchid Society – Des Plaines, IL

With Deepest Sympathy

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of John Deihl. John was a long time member of the guild who actively supported the

work of the guild in a variety of ways including serving as Orchid Quest chair three years ago. He will be greatly missed.

President's Message – Doug Dowling

The summer is half over already. Its hard to believe. Our orchids are loving their out door exposure under the pergola and a couple of have decided its already time to bloom. The members who gathered for the Guild picnic had a wonderful time and some great food. If you weren't able to attend we hope you are able to do so next summer.

Gary and I spent a long weekend in Minnesota. Our goal was to see some native orchids near Brainard, but they had already passed. However, we were lucky enough to spot several native plants in a nature preserve in the middle of the Twin cities! They were great. We also had the privilege of attending a meeting of the Minnesota Orchid Society.

The Minnesota society regularly flies in speakers from other parts of the country, being able to budget more for one speaker than we can afford for an entire year! Gary was asked to help with the ribbon judging as well. They judge plants in categories as we do with the addition of a general category for first year growers and a best plant of the month. They only award one ribbon per category and only if they feel the plants deserve it. They then explain why a particular plant was awarded. Rather than awarding a door prize to a member in attendance, they give a door prize to one of the visitors who attend. At this meeting the society chose the logo they will use for the MAOC that they will host in 2005. Gary and I were asked to participate in the selection process. It was great fun and educational to attend another group's meeting. I hope that you will take the opportunity to do so as well.

Have a great remainder of the summer!

Away Show Expenses

The Board of Directors continues to struggle with the cost of our participation in away shows and our limited financial resources as a non-profit organization. This summer the Board has developed a schedule for reimbursement that includes both mileage and lodging where appropriate. Based on the advice of an attorney and accountant we will continue to pay the IRS charitable rate. However, please remember that if you can document costs in excess of reimbursement for your travel and lodging on behalf of the guild, you may be able to deduct these on your taxes as a contribution to the Guild.

The Board has established a standard mileage reimbursement for each show based on a uniform distance to Ackers and the show and the IRS charitable rate. Additionally, where necessary, \$75 for the cost of a motel room has been allowed for. However, the expectation is that if more than one person must drive our exhibit, they will share a room. We can only pay the mileage reimbursement for vehicles that are actually transporting the exhibit.

A detailed chart of reimbursements for the various shows will be available at the September Guild meeting, if you would care to view it. If you have questions about it please discuss them with Doug Dowling, Cleo Kiergaard or Steven Thimling.

2003-2004 Guild Meetings

The following dates have been set for Guild meetings for 2003-2004.

Sept. 14	Jan. 25
Oct. 19	Feb. 15
Nov. 16	Mar. 28
Dec. 14	Apr. 18
Christmas Party	May To Be Determined

Summary Budget for OGG for Fiscal Year 2004

Income

Christmas Party	\$200
Earned Interest	\$50
Memberships	\$1,200
Sales & raffles	\$4,400
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$5,850</i>

Orchid Quest

Admissions	\$12,000
Purchased Meals	\$250
Raffle Sales	\$1,100
Sponsorship	\$2,000
Table Rentals	\$5,500
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$20,850</i>

Income Total **\$26,700**

Expenses

Away shows	\$2,000
Donations	
MAOC Conservation	\$100
Ridges Sanctuary	\$100
Chicago Judging Center	\$200
Door Prizes	\$550
Library Fund	<i>To Be Determined</i>
MAOC Membership	\$35
Milo Gilbertson Awards	\$125
Misc.	\$390
Newsletter	\$300
Olbrich	\$225
Operation	\$1,340
Plants/supplies	\$2,820
Programs	\$700
Sales Permit	\$10
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$8,895</i>

Leadership Positions

The Board is grateful for all persons who so faithfully fill various positions for the Guild. The Board is concerned, however, that some people may feel “stuck” in their position. Therefore the Board is working on developing a two-year commitment for each position. This is not to say that someone cannot serve longer than two years, only that they will only be asked to commit to that period of time.

To begin this process, all persons who are currently filling positions (not already subject to time limits) will be asked if they wish to continue or to be replaced. Some of those who are willing to continue will be asked for a one year commitment and some for a two year commitment so that not all positions will need to be filled the same year.

If you are currently serving the Guild in one of these positions, please think about whether or not you would like to continue. A member of the Board will contact you in August to discuss your interest in continuing in the position or in being replaced.

Orchid Quest	
Administrative	\$1,275
Catering	\$2,300
Clerking/Judging	\$1,075
OGG Exhibit	\$250
Promotion/PR	\$3,220
Parking	\$120
Raffle	\$500
Speakers’ Fees	\$1,000
Contingency	\$750
Rent	\$6,320
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$17,440</i>

Expense Total **\$26,335**

Please remember that 38% of the Guild’s budget is met from proceeds of Orchid Quest. Membership dues covers 13% of our budget needs. Away shows account for 22% of our budget.

A more detailed copy of the budget will be available at the September Guild meeting.

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