

April, 2004

The Orchid Grower

Orchid Growers' Guild

Upcoming Events:

- Apr. 5: 7:00 PM Board Meeting, Perkins on Beltline at Fish Hatchery
- Apr. 9: Deadline for May Newsletter Articles
- April 10: 9:00 AM Spring Orchid Sale at Olbrich
- Apr. 15: Bus Trip opened to other Societies & Olbrich.
- Apr. 18: 1:00 PM Ribbon Judging at Olbrich; 1:30 PM Guild Meeting at Olbrich

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Q & A In April

The program for our Guild meeting on April 18 will feature a chance for new and old members alike to ask any questions you might have about orchid culture. We're sure we have someone who will have the answer for you. We will also ask those who've ribbon judged to share why they chose certain plants over others to award ribbons to. Remember that ribbon judging begins at 1:00 PM and the Guild meeting begins at 1:30. Also, checks for plants you sold at the Guild auction in March will be ready for you to pick up.



Miltonia Laurie Kathleen 'Karen' CCM/AOS & AM/AOS at Illowa Grown by Orchids by the Ackers

Bus Trip to Natt's

Saturday, May 15 is the date for our bus trip to Natt's in Naperville, Illinois. We'll leave from the Park'n Ride at the Beltline and Hyway 51 promptly at 7:30 a.m. and return about 6 p.m. The cost for the trip is just \$25 per person. This includes

bus transportation, lunch at Natt's and a program on orchids by Natt's. You will find a registration blank elsewhere in this issue of The Orchid Grower. After April 15th we will invite other Orchid Societies and members of Olbrich to join us.

Election of Officers Will Be In June

The Board, with the consensus of the Guild's February meeting will hold the election of officers and our annual membership meeting on June 19th during the picnic. The change from May was necessary since we were unable to find a local meeting place during May.

Since this is not a regular meeting the Board will allow absentee ballots to be cast. Instructions for these will be printed in the June issue of *The Orchid Grower* which will be available in mid-May.

President's Message – Doug Dowling

Spring is such a wonderful time of the year. Plants are starting to green-up and robins and other birds are returning. At our home we're beginning to plant seed for this year's flowers and make plans for putting getting our orchids outside once again.

The Nominating Committee is hard at work finding people to be nominated for President, Treasurer, and member of the Board of Directors. I've also asked that they make suggestions for several other positions where the term of office is expiring this year. I will fill some of these and leave others for our new President to fill. While Steven Thimling will be stepping down as Treasurer, he has agreed to serve as our liaison with the Alliant Energy Center. This appointment has been approved by the Board.

The Board is continuing to work on improving Orchid Quest and our Guild. The Board has learned that while attendance was down by about 100 from the previous year at Orchid Quest, our net income is up slightly. This has enabled to the Board to make a special contribution of \$100 to the American Orchid Society to help them with an emergency financial need. We have received confirmation that all of our meetings in 2005 will be on the third Sunday of the month at Olbrich.

Spring Orchid Sale

The Spring Orchid Sale will be held Saturday, April 10 at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. If you can help, please call Doug Dowling or Gary Lensmeyer.

2004 Guild Meetings

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

	Sep. 19
Apr. 18	Oct. 17
May 15 Bus Trip to Natt's	Nov. 21
June 19 Guild Picnic	Dec. 12 Holiday
Aug. Oak Hill Open House	Party

Nominating News

This year's Nominating Committee is Gary Lensmeyer, Elaine Malter and Steven Thimling. Per our By-laws, Gary serves as chair. If you would like to suggest someone for an office or would be willing to be nominated yourself, please contact one of these people. Phone numbers and e-mails are on the last page of this newsletter. Positions to be filled by election of the membership include President, Treasurer and Board member.

While the following are appointed positions, we would welcome suggestions for Away Show, Membership, Newsletter, Orchid Quest & Program chairs.

March Directors' Notes

Directors present: Liz Barlow, Doug Dowling, Cleo Kiergaard, Elaine Malter, Meg McLaughlin, Steven Thimling, and Liz Wood. **Member present:** Gary Lensmeyer.

Treasurer's Report: Steven T. reported a balance of \$23,036.52 including dues from 6 new members. Letters have been sent to 21 members who have not yet submitted 2004 dues.

Orchid Quest: Steven T. has agreed to be the liaison with Alliant Energy Center. Replacement banner discussed since the old one is beyond repair. A larger banner will be purchased.

AOS Emergency Funding: Board agreed to send \$100 to help with an emergency financial situation at the American Orchid Society.

Trip to Natt's: Gary L. shared additional information about the trip. In April we will open up remaining bus seats to Olbrich and other societies.

Spring Sale: Orchids are ordered. Elaine M. will help pick up plants. Volunteers needed to help.

Nominations: Suggestions were made to the committee for various positions.

Illowa Orchid Society Ribbon Judging

Display: Set-up & tear-down by Cleo Kiergaard. Display received a Second Place Ribbon.

Plants Provided for Judging: 41

Chuck Acker (1) Orchids by the Ackers (24) Cleo Kiergaard (12) Mark Nofsinger (4)

First Place Ribbons:

Orchids by the Ackers: *Calanthe* Grouville (Best of Class), *Den.* Sea Mary 'Snow King', *Den.* Spring Dream 'Kumiko' (Best of Class), *Dtps.* City Girl x *Phal.* Glad Lip, *Lc.* Sharon Shutty-Wright 'Anchors Away', *Miltonia* Laurie Kathleen 'Karen' (Best of Class, CCM/AOS 84 pts, AM/AOS 81 pts), *Paph.* Chuck's Surprise (Best of Class), *Phal.* Brother Nugget x *Phal.* Taipei Gold, *Phal.* Jungle Magic x *Phal.* New Mary, *Phal.* Nancy Ann Acker 'Aries' HCC/AOS, *Phal.* Taisuco Bright x *Phal.* Taisuco Kochdian (Best of Class), *Phrag.* Autumn Fire (Best of Class), *Phrag.* Don Wimber (tall) (Best of Class) & *Slc.* Jim Frederick 'Waunakee'

Second Place Ribbons:

Chuck Acker: *Phrag.* Dana Hutchinson x *Phrag. caudatum*

Orchids by the Ackers: *Paph. micranthum* var. *yielin* & *Phrag.* Autumn Fire

Cleo Kiergaard: *Den.* Lime Frost (*Den. cruentam* x *Den. scabrilingue*), *Den. moniliforme* 'Shokkuu Nishiki' & *Paph. primulinum*

Third Place Ribbons:

Orchids by the Ackers: *Paph. insigne* var. *sanderæ* 'Waunakee Warrior' (AM/AOS 80 pts), *Phal.* Hausermann's Candy 'York' AM/AOS, *Phrag.* Don Wimber & *Phrag. sargentianum*

Cleo Kiergaard: *Paph. Harumi* var. *album*, *Paph. limeanum* x self & *Slc.* Jim Frederick 'Waunakee'

Mark Nofsinger: *Paph. delenatii*



*Guild Displays:
Above is Illowa
To the right is Green Bay*



Registration for Bus Trip to Natt's Orchids in Naperville, IL, Saturday, May 15th

Cost of the trip is \$25 per person,
payable with registration.
Please make checks payable to:
Orchid Growers' Guild, Inc.

We'll be using an air-conditioned, restroom equipped
Badger coach.

Departure: Promptly at 7:30 AM
Park & Ride Hwy 51 & Broadway (just off
the Beltline)

Arrive Back at Madison: About 6:00 PM

During the Trip: Fellowship
Bring snacks & beverages

At Natt's: Tour the greenhouses, buy orchids, enjoy
lunch and learn about orchids through a pro-
gram provided by Natt's

OGG Member: _____

Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

Guest (if any): _____

Mail or deliver completed registration to:
Gary Lensmeyer ✿ 902 Twin Pines Dr. ✿ Madison WI 53704
Registration deadline is April 15th

NorthEast Wisconsin Orchid Society Ribbon Judging

Display: Set-up & tear-down by Cleo Kiergaard. Display received a Second Place Ribbon.

Plants Provided for Judging: 34

Chuck Acker (2)	Cleo Kiergaard (2)	Meg McLaughlin (2)
Orchids by the Ackers (16)	Wayne King (6)	Mark Nofsinger (6)

First Place Ribbons:

Orchids by the Ackers: *Calanthe* Grouville (Best of Class), *Cat.* Bob Betts 'White Lightening', *Dend.* Spring Dream 'Apollon' (Best of Class), *Onc.* Ralph Yogi "New Era", *Onc.* Ralph Yogi "New Era", *Phal.* Jungle Magic x *Phal.* New Mary (Best of Class), *Phrag.* Don Wimber, *Phrag.* Magdalene Rose, *Phrag.* Magdalene Rose

Second Place Ribbons:

Chuck Acker: *Phrag.* *besseae* 'Waunakee Warrior' & *Phrag.* Dennis Kleinbach (AOS HCC 79 points)
Orchids by the Ackers: *Phrag.* Firelight Eric Young x Barbara LeAnn
Cleo Kiergaard: *Encyclia vespa* & *robiquetia paniculata*
Mark Nofsinger: *Phaph.* Leeanum

Third Place Ribbons:

Orchids by the Ackers: *Cym.* Showgirl 'Linda Crystal' & *Phrag.* Firelight Eric Young x Barbara LeAnn

Batavia Orchid Society Ribbon Judging

Display: set-up and tear-down by Cleo Kiergaard. Exhibit received a First Place Ribbon.

Plants Provided for Judging: 26

Chuck Acker (1)	Cleo Kiergaard (4)	Meg McLaughlin (3)
Orchids by the Ackers (14)	Wayne King (4)	

First Place Ribbons:

Chuck Acker: *Phrag.* Grouville (pulled for AOS judging)
Orchids by the Ackers: *Phaph.* Larry Booth (Best *Paph.* in Show, pulled for AOS judging), *Phaph.* Chuck's Surprise, *Phal.* Jungle Magic X *Phal.* New Mary (Best of Class, Best *Phal* in Show, pulled for AOS judging) & *Phrag.* Eric young x Barbara LeAnn (pulled for AOS judging)

Second Place Ribbons:

Orchids by the Ackers: *Cym.* Showgirl 'Linda Crystal', *Phrag.* Jason Fischer (pulled for AOS judging) & *Phrag.* Magdalene Rose (pulled for AOS judging)
Wayne King: *Odcn.* Tiger Crow

Third Place Ribbons:

Orchids by the Ackers: *Phrag.* Don Wimber (pulled for AOS judging) & *Phrag.* Icho Tower (pulled for AOS judging)
Wayne King: *Phrag.* Sorcerer's Apprentice

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