

June 2006

The Orchid Grower



Photo by Denise Baylis of *Oerstedella centradenia* in Costa Rica

Orchid Growers' Guild

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The panel of candidates was presented to the members present who elected them by acclamation. Congratulations to Judy Stevenson, President; Don Fago, Treasurer; and Liz Barlow and Svetlana Kot to the Board.

GREAT ORCHID INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN THE OGG LIBRARY

The OGG maintains a library. It holds books and journals including "Orchids", "Orchid Digest" and "Awards Quarterly". The list of our library books is on our website under "How To Grow." This list also indicates which books are with the Librarian (at my house) and which ones are at the Olbrich library. I bring about a third of the books that are with the Librarian to our monthly meeting. Members thus can see the entire collection every three months. I encourage members to check out any books or journals of interest to them. Members can contact me and request material and I will bring it to a meeting, or arrange to get it to them. Our books at the Olbrich library can be checked out by OGG members. These are available to the general public to look at in the library. We want our materials to be available for our members; therefore the general public cannot check them out. I bring the list of our books to each meeting, and hope OGG members will use the Library materials.

- Liz Wood
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Meeting Dates

- Picnic, June 10 – Lodi
- October 15 – Meeting Room
- November 19 – TBA
- December 17 – Meeting Room
- January 21, 2007 – Atrium
- February 18 – Atrium
- March 25 – Atrium
- April 22 – Meeting Room
- May 20 – Atrium
- June Picnic - TBA

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MID-AMERICA ORCHID CONGRESS OMAHA, NE, MARCH 24-26, 2006

The Mid-America Orchid Congress is an organization of orchid societies dedicated to the preservation of orchids in their natural habitats, the propagation of orchids by seed and cuttings, the development of new and better plants through breeding, and providing information to growers who subscribe to our principles..

The Spring 2006 Mid-America Orchid Congress was held March

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Orchid Digest: To be filled (2006)

Submit your photos to be included in the newsletter. Every month we want to include a gallery of photos to enjoy. Email your photos to Brook (orchids@tinamouppottery.com) and Denise (jrbaylis@tds.net)

24-26, 2006 in Omaha, Nebraska. There were five interesting lectures. Robert Fuchs gave news of the forthcoming World Orchid Congress to be held in Florida in 2008. Lucinda Winn of J & L Orchids gave a lecture entitled "Good Things Come in Small Packages". A slide presentation showed orchid species suitable for those with limited space in the greenhouse or even for windowsill growers. Erich Michel defined the differences between Encyclia and Epidendrum with live examples. Margaret From presented "Orchid Conservation at the Henry Doorly Zoo." Harold Koopowitz discussed "Orchid Conservation and the State of the World."

JUDGING RESULTS OF MAY 21, 2006 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

First Place Ribbons:

Sandy Delamater

Maxillaria tenuifolia, Milt. Red Knight
"The King, *Paph hirsutissimum*, Promenea
Meadow Gold x citrina
Laelia prpurata "Tipo #2
Psychopsis Mendenhall 'Hildos'
Tolumnia Irene Gleason 'Golden Sunset'
Phal Brother Fancy x Joey 'Tainan'
Psychopsis Dark Monarch x self
Dend. Aggregatum, Lc Canhamiana

Wayne King

Svetlana Kot

Richard Narf

Anne Orcutt

Jan Rapacz

Judith Rapacz

Second Place Ribbons:

Jeff Baylis

Sandy Delamater

Wayne King

Den. aggregatum

Milt Rene Komoda 'Pacific Clouds'

Cattleya skinneri, Paph Victoria –reginae x

liemanum, Phal Baldan's Kaleidoscope

Oerstedella (Phillips Jesup x centradenia)

Ctna Why Not 'Roundabout' x self

Richard Narf

Jody Thistle

Third Place Ribbons:

Sandy Delamater

Bl Morning Glory, Phal Baldan's

Kaleidoscope

Colm. Spectante 'Evelyn' x Onc Illustre

'Wildman'

Iwanagara Apple Blossom 'Fangtastic'

Anne Orcutt

Liz Wood

ANNUAL PICNIC

The picnic will be June 10th at Meg McLaughlin's house in Lodi. It will begin around 11 a.m. There will be orchid judging as well as a silent auction of members' plants which is always enjoyable. There might be a hike to a nearby orchid habitat. We will attempt to solidify plans for committees to be responsible for particular functions as discussed in the April newsletter. Bring your beverage



C. amethystoglossa

of choice and a dish to pass.

GROWING CATTLEYAS

By Judith Rapacz

After reading several articles and seeing pictures of the large-flowered Cattleyas in Orchids and Orchid Digest by A.A. Chadwick (probably one of the most knowledgeable Cattleya growers) my husband Jan became ensorcelled. He began to buy several Cattleya species, and among them are *C jenmanii*, native to Guyana and Venezuela. *C trianaei* (the national flower of Columbia) and *C amethystoglossa* (Brazilian Jewel).



Cattleya Orchid photography by J. Rapacz



C. mossiae var coerpula 'Maracay' x self

Cattleya is a genus named in honor of the English horticulturist William Cattley. They are epiphytes (although some are lithophytes) and have developed water-storage organs, called pseudobulbs. They have large fleshy roots, covered with a spongy, water retentive velamen. Cattleya is a genus of 48 species, distributed throughout South and Central America. The majority of species are found in the tops of tall trees in moist to wet forest near rivers. Most of the species can be cultivated in "intermediate" house with abundant water in the growing season (once a week) and less water while resting (2-3 months for some of the species). The most informative article on the blooming season of unifoliate and bifoliate Cattleya species I found in Orchid Digest, Vol. 68(4) 2004 by William P. Rogerson, a Chicago native.

While visiting the Miami Orchid Show in 2003 Jan noticed three *C amethystoglossa* specimens that received awards. He was so impressed by the beauty if these flowers that he sought out vendors selling them. Apparently after these plants received awards they disappeared behind the curtain because of their rarity. He finally located one plant at rforchids.com, who wanted to sell a non-flowering plant for \$ 300. One of the Judges overheard this discussion and quietly took Jan aside and told him of another vendor who had a couple plants behind the curtain at a lesser price, one of which Jan purchased. We heard that the shortage of this species was due to the loss of ~3000 plants imported from Brazil that were sprayed at USDA headquarters and died.



I noticed at the 2006 Miami Orchid Show that *C amethystoglossa* seedlings are now available from H & R Nursery in Hawaii. The April 2005 issue of Orchids has an interesting article about *C* <http://www.orchidworks.com> by Greg Allikas, and AA. Chadwick and Arthur E. Chadwick have a new book, The Classic Cattleyas.



C. jenmanii var *album* 'Fuchs Snow'
FCC/AOS



Photo by Jeff Baylis of *Oestedella wallisi* in
Costa Rica, 2005

COMPUTER PURCHASE UPDATE

Rich Narf reported at the May meeting that the subcommittee designated to look into the computer purchase has determined what options are necessary to meet the needs of the Guild. This information will be presented at the next Board meeting for a final decision.

UP-COMING EVENTS

- The Fall meeting of the Mid-America Orchid Congress will be August 25-27, 2006 in Lexington, KY, hosted by the Blue Grass Orchid Society
- The 19th World Orchid Congress will be held in Miami Beach, Florida in the Spring of 2008.