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The Orchid Grower

Orchid Growers' Guild

NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 19TH AT ACKERS: A POLLINATION PRESENTATION

Our November meeting will be at Acker's. Chuck Acker will give a presentation on orchid pollination which will include a demonstration video which lasts about 20 minutes. He will provide a handout with text and pictures and we will also do actual pollinations of flowers under his supervision. Chuck suggests that members bring in any blooming orchid plants that they might want to have pollinated. He also requests any members who have extra blooming orchids they could bring in do so, either cut or on the plant, to use in the pollination presentation as he is going to be short on flowers to use in the presentation. All the tools needed for the members to make these pollinations i.e. razor blades, toothpicks, and pollination labels will be supplied.

Be sure to bring your blooming orchids for judging before 1 p.m. In addition bring your seedling Noble Dendrobium from 2005 for judging too. The winner may receive a gift certificate. Perhaps there will be new seedlings to nurse along for 2007. This is always a fun meeting especially because we are surrounded by gorgeous blooming plants.

It is also time to renew our membership. Membership goes from December to November, which is why we give awards out at the December meeting so bring your checkbook.

Judy Stevenson

SUE REEDS TALKS ON MINIATURES

Sue Reed brought in about three dozen of her miniatures to share with us at our October meeting for her talk on "Miniature Orchids for the Home." She provided us with a list of popular miniatures by their preferred culture. She explained how to determine which species were likely to do well under a variety of



Photographs by Judy Stevenson
This *Epidendrum deforme* grown by Sandy Delamater won best of class at the Blackhawk Orchid Society Show



Meeting Dates

- November 19 – Acker's
- December 17 – Meeting Room
- January 21, 2007 – Atrium
- February 18 – Atrium
- March 25 – Atrium
- April 22 – Meeting Room
- May 20 – Atrium
- June Picnic – TBA

Up-coming Events

- Orchid Quest, February 3-4, 2007
- February 16-18, Batavia Orchid Show
- March 3-4, NorthEastern Wisconsin Orchid Society Show and Sale
- March 23-25, 2007 32nd Illowa Orchid Society Spring Show
- April 27-29, 2007, Illinois Orchid Society Spring Show in conjunction with Spring Mid-America Orchid Congress



Sue Reed with some of her miniature orchids

- February 2 – March 2, 2008, 19th World Orchid Congress

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The flowers on this *Pleurothallis seratalobium* can be measured in millimeters

home conditions and names of references to assist the novice miniature grower. Sue showed us a variety of ways miniatures could be mounted: pots, sticks, and boards. She recommended using hard woods such as lilac, oak, etc., as they do not retain as much water as do softer woods and as the orchid grower knows, over watering is his worst enemy. She also mentioned sources of miniatures such as Andy's Orchids, Equagenera Co. Ltd, J & L Orchids and Oakhill



Orchids.

AUCTION RESULTS

OGG Treasurer Don Fago conducted the auction at our October meeting. The bidding was getting competitive there for a while! Total receipts were \$54.

BOARD MEETING DATE

The next Board meeting is November 27th at 6:30 p.m. They will meet in the meeting room in the lower level of the Middleton Community Bank at 3207 W. Beltline Hwy, in Middleton. Check with Judy Stevenson for any last minute changes.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Next year the Spring Mid-America Orchid Congress will be held in Chicago in April in conjunction with the Illinois Orchid Society Spring Show. If there is enough interest, OGG is considering chartering a bus for the Saturday April 28 session. Our April meeting could either be cancelled or held on the bus while we are en route to Chicago. This way the inconvenience of a long drive could be ameliorated by the camaraderie of your fellow orchid enthusiasts. Think about it. This idea will be revisited later in the year.

FOLLOWUP ON LOU JOST'S TALK

The Orchid Conservation Alliance has reached their \$10,000 goal to purchase 100 hectares of threatened orchid habitat in the Andes of

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 Svetlana (grigkot@gmail.com) and Denise (jrbaylis@tds.net)

The Orchid Growers' Guild, Inc. (OGG) is a non-profit organization, affiliated with the American Orchid Society. It is dedicated to the education of both OGG members and the public about orchids and their culture. OGG also promotes the conservation and appreciation of orchids. Meetings are held on the third Sunday of each month at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. See our website at orchidguild.org for more information.

Ecuador near Los Baños. OGG can be proud to be part of this successful fund raising effort.

GOOD HOMES FOR MY ORCHIDS

Joanne Bernardi

I am a Guild member who has been unable to attend recent meetings due to family issues. I also I don't have the time to care for my orchids the way I would like. I have several orchids that are not currently in bloom, that I would like to give to members who would give them a good home. They are grown under lights in my basement and are of mixed varieties. Sandy Delamater identified some of my plants as the following: Zygo-Mackie, BC. Deesse Perfection, Pot. Edith North 'Danny Adams' (peach-pink), Cym. Lipper, P.Taisuco Glory x P.China Best Girl, P. Nancy Ann Acker 'Aries' x P. Hausermann's Candy 'York', No name Cat., No name Onc?, and Cat./Pot./BC-no name?

I live about 5 minutes from the Alliant Center and would be happy to have anyone come by and pick out what they would like. You can get my phone number from the membership list.



Photograph by Rich Narf of *Dendrobium kingianum*

A Message from the President: ORCHID QUEST February 3 & 4, 2007 – A 20 year old tradition!

Orchid Quest is just around the corner. The guild sponsored its first orchid show in the winter of 1987. That show and future shows were judged by the American Orchid Society (AOS). In February 1997, the show was moved to what is now the Exhibition Hall at the Alliant Energy Center. This event is a major undertaking given that this past year we had over 2,000 people attend. There are exhibits set-up by about 25 vendors and about 7 orchid societies from the mid-west. In

addition, the vendors have plants and hardware used for growing and displaying orchids and art work available for sale.

All the displays are judged Saturday morning from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. The public is allowed in after the judging is complete. The head judge Hermann Pigors recently said to me, "OQ is the biggest area show, and a big task. If you can continue what has been done before, it will be another success."

Orchid Quest is something we can all be proud about. You will have an opportunity to volunteer for several jobs in November and December meetings. Our biggest strength will be bonding together to make this show another success in 2007. – Judy Stevenson



OGG display at the Illinois Orchid Society Show; above Odontoglossum type Orchid, photographs by Judy Stevenson

ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW

On October 13, 2006 Judith Rapacz and Denise Baylis took 25 orchids plants from our society to the Chicago Botanic Garden for the Illinois Orchid Society Fall Show, October 14 and 15. It is a beautiful setting near

Lake Michigan. They set-up a 25 ft. square exhibit for which they received a first place award for their artistic and creative display. On Sunday, Judith and one of her friends drove down to Chicago to take the display down. We thank both of them for their time which is a labor of love.

Illinois Orchid Society Results

Special, Best of Class:	Ackers (Phrag Demetria 'Mem Don Walklet' x Twilight 'Rising')
First Place Ribbons:	Ackers (Odcdm. Pacific Skies 'Red Claw', Phal Brother Little Yellowboy, Phrag Demetria 'Mem Don Walklet' x Twilight 'Rising', Rumrillara Sugar baby 'Sunrise') Judy Stevenson (Phal Brother Sam Gold)
Second Place Ribbons:	Ackers (Bllra Marfitch 'Howard's Dream', BLC Acker's Treasure 'Precious', Dtps Mount Lip, LC Acker's Spotlight 'Pink Lady') Sandy Delamater (Asca Tubtin Velvet x Vasco Five Friendships)
Third Place Ribbons:	Sandy Delamater (<i>Epi difforme</i> 'Large' x <i>sib</i>) Judy Stevenson (Ctna Why Not 'Roundabout', <i>Paph henryanum</i>)

BLACKHAWK ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW

October 28 - 29, 2006

Denise Baylis and Judy Stevenson volunteered to set-up OGG's display for a second show this month. This time the show was at the Klehm Arboretum in Rockford, Illinois. This too was at a gorgeous setting. This time, Denise and Judy had 26 orchids from OGG to arrange and display. (Thanks to all of you who contributed your plants for this show.) They felt good about getting a second place for this display because the space they had seemed small for the size of the plants they had to work with.

Blackhawk Orchid Society Show Results

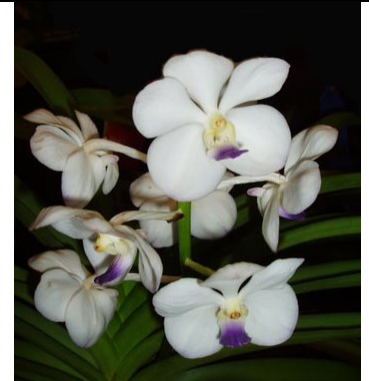
Special:	Sandy Delamater (<i>Epidendrum difforme</i> x <i>sib</i>)
First Place Ribbons:	Ackers (Dtps Newberry Parfait 'Picotee', Pot Burana Beauty 'Burana') Sandy Delamater <i>Epidendrum difforme</i> x <i>sib</i> , Dtps (Phal Lippefalke x Hsinying Doll)
Second Place Ribbons:	Ackers (Dtps Long Pride Fancy 'M-Po445', Hasgw Red Stella 'Jerry', Odcdm Pacific Skies 'Red Claw') Sandy Delamater (<i>Masd. civilis</i>) Wayne King (<i>Brassavola nodosa</i> , BLC Acker's Royal Hue) Svetlana Kot (<i>Psychopsis</i> Mendenhall 'Hildos') Judy Stevenson (Phal Brother 'Sam Gold')
Third Place Ribbons:	Ackers (Phrag Sunset Glow) Wayne King (Phal Martha Ragan x Dtps Happy Valentine)



OGG display at Blackhawk Orchid Society Show, photograph by Svetlana Kot



BLC Ronald Hausermann 'Carl', entered by Acker's, photograph by Judy Stevenson



Vascostylis Vasco Crown Fox Magic, entered by Sandy Delamater, Photograph by Judy Stevenson



Phal Martha Ragan x Dtps Happy Valentine (white one) entered by Wayne King and Dtps. Newberry Parfait 'Picotee' entered by Ackers, photograph by Svetlana Kot.



Pot Burana Beauty 'Burana', entered by Ackers, photograph by Judy Stevenson



Vanda Sansai Blue 'Acker's Pride', entered by Ackers, photograph by Judy Stevenson