

September 2006

The Orchid Grower

Orchid Growers' Guild

Meeting Dates

- September 17 – Meeting Room
- 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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Teagueia

Up-coming Events

- September 16-17 Wisconsin Orchid Society Show
- September 22-24, 14th Annual Chicagoland Orchid Festival
- October 14-15 Illinois Orchid Society Fall Show
- October 27-29, Blackhawk Orchid Society Show
- Orchid Quest, February 3-4, 2007
- 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
- February 2 – March 2, 2008, 19th World Orchid Congress

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Orchid Growers Guild will start its new season starting in September. I hope all of you are enjoying our updated Web pages and our more informative newsletter. I look forward to working with all of you the next two years. I have grown orchids for almost four years now. I do not pretend to be an expert. I am counting on all of you to share your knowledge, gifts and strengths to make all of our association with OGG positive. What I share in common with you is that thrill and excitement felt when an orchid starts spiking and ultimately flowers.

I have several goals for the next year. First, may we are all able to work together in harmony as an organization. Second, to provide education (formally and informally) that enhances each of our growing abilities. Lastly, may members have fun and enjoy relationships with one another that stimulate and develop friendships. Please let me know if there is anything the Board can do toward accomplishing these goals.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the September meeting when we are honored to have speaker Lou Jost from Ecuador with us.

Judy Stevenson

SEPTEMBER SPEAKER LOU JOST “The Endemic Orchids of the Pastaza Valley of Ecuador”

Lou Jost was one of the speakers at the "First Conference on Andean Orchids" in Gualaceo, Ecuador, which Jan and Judith Rapacz attended last fall. A Milwaukee native Lou has been fascinated by nature since he was a child and although he is a physicist and mathematician by training, the flora and fauna of the tropical forest lured him away. He has lived in Costa Rica, Mexico and is currently residing in Ecuador, photographing, painting and studying the birds and plants. He illustrated the book "Common Birds of Amazonian Ecuador" and he is

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Dortitis (plcherrima x buyssoniana)

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currently conducting an intensive study of the biogeography of Ecuadorian orchids. He has discovered over fifty new orchid species in the course of his study.

Some may have enjoyed reading his article "Saving Orchids and Birds" in the May 2006 issue of ORCHIDS. Lou will speak at our September meeting on "The endemic orchids of the Pastaza Valley of Ecuador." He will talk about the orchids that are unique to the Pastaza valley and he will discuss their patterns of distribution and the implications for conservation. Among those unique orchids are new *Teagueia* species, now numbering 31, in a genus that formerly had only six species world wide.

For more information about Lou Jost, see his website at Loujost.com.

WISCONSIN ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW

The first away show is September 16-17 at a Wisconsin Orchid Society show in The Domes. Sandy Delamater, Judith Rapacz and Wayne King have agreed to set up our display. Sarah Lunday has volunteered to help Wayne take the display down. We will not have judging at our OGG September 17 meeting because we would like you to enter your flowering orchids in Milwaukee. Please email your plant list (with full names by September 9 to Sandy Delamater sldjn@aol.com). She needs this information ahead of time so she can start making the labels.

Drop off your plant(s) for the Milwaukee show off at Orchids by the Ackers by noon, Wednesday Sept.13th. Make sure the plant names and your name are on each of the pots with the box clearly labeled. A list of the plants in the box is very helpful as it expedites the labeling process. All plants must be clean and bug-free and should be securely packed for transport.

COMPUTER PURCHASE APPROVED

The Board approved the purchase of one laptop computer for the use of the Treasurer and for Orchid Quest. In addition monies were approved for the purchase of a black and white laser printer and various software packages for an approximate expenditure of \$1800. We purchased a Dell Inspiron 6400,

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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)



Photograph by Svetlana Kot
Psychopsis Mendenhall 'Hildos'

“You can get off alcohol, drugs, women, food and cars, but once you're hooked on orchids you're finished.”
Joe Kunisch

Intel Core Duo processor T2300#(2MB/1.66GHz/667MHz) with a 60 GB hard drive, and a 15.4" display. It comes with a 15 month Norton Internet Security, MS Office Professional, 3 year warranty, and Dell Laser Printer 1710 (B&W) with printer cable. Total cost was \$1571. Richard Narf has donated the carrying case for the laptop. Don Fago will bring it to our next meeting.



Photograph by Denise Baylis

Cut orchid stems at the Flower Market, Bangkok, Thailand

ORCHID GROWERS' GUILD POINT TOTALS

December, 2005 – June, 2006

Beginner's Class		Over Ten Years	
Sue Peterson	20	Wayne King	111
		Steve Thimling	46
One to Five Years		Jill Hynum	27
Svetlana Kot	22	Susan Reed	22
Jody Thistle	21	Dennis Pfarrer	18
Don Fago	19	Anne Orcutt	11
Joanne Bernardi	15	Judith Rapacz	8
Lorraine Snyder	12	Jeff Baylis	7
Elaine Malter	10	Judy Williamson	7
Lisa Stein	8	Jan Rapacz	4
Len Huebner	8		
Sarah Lundey	6	Help with Displays	
Dawn Weckler	2	Sandy Delamater	30
		Wayne King	27
Five to Ten Years		Sue Reed	10
Sandy Delamater	118	Judith Rapacz	7
Meg McLaughlin	59	Judy Stephenson	6
Liz Wood	14	Mark Nofsinger	4.5
Irene Mackie	6	Jill Hynum	4.5
		Meg McLaughlin	3
		Jan Rapacz	2
		Joanne Bernardi	1.5



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Phal. Alicino Plozzino

NEWS FROM AOS

There have been some changes at AOS which will affect how you purchase your orchid books. AOS was unable to compete with sites such as Amazon so they have joined forces with them. You now can obtain your books more quickly and at lower cost. AOS feels that it is a win-win situation for all because the AOS will get a small percentage of all sales that go through the AOS website. Here's how you do it. Go to the AOS homepage at www.aos.org, click on "Shop AOS" at the top of the page. Go to "Orchid and Horticultural Books" on the left side of the page and click on it, then go to "Orchid Books". You will see a display of all the books that Amazon has available. They have many more books than the AOS could stock and they're less expensive too.

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Selected Excerpts from the Minutes of the Spring Mid-America Orchid Congress

The new AOS electronic subscription service, which has all of the awards from 1932 – 2005 with 10,000 award photos plus all of the RHS Sanders hybrid information, will be released in Orlando. The cost is \$45 per year. Updates for AOS awards and photos will be available monthly via the Internet; Sander's information and other updates will be available via the Internet quarterly or as available.

Like the Mid-America Orchid Congress, the American Orchid Society is struggling to fill its calendar for its semiannual meetings. As they have no host for the fall of 2006, the Society will hold a shortened version of the typical meeting at the Embassy Suites Hotel St Louis Airport in St Louis, MO, November 3-5, 2006.

Although the AOS was founded in 1921, it was not until June 1932 that its membership magazine, AOS Bulletin, began. The year 2006 marks the 75th year of publication of this journal, now called Orchids

The *Phragmipedium lindenii* is the only pouch-less *phragmipedium*. When this species is crossed with pouched *phrags*, the offspring all have pouches from what I've heard. I bought this as a blooming-sized plant at the April 2003 Illinois Orchid Society's Spring Orchid Show in Chicago, from Ecuagenera Co.Ltd. Since Ecuagenera is from Cuenca, Ecuador the plant was not in a pot because of plant importation regulations requiring plant inspection. It was blooming and later set seed pods which were sterile. This is the first time since then that it has bloomed. I had been keeping it too wet for the first year or so. It likes drier conditions than some phrags, more like *besseae*. It does not like to stand in water, but it does like frequent watering. I grow it in my dining room on a shelf next to the window to catch the morning sun.

Sue Reed



Phragmipedium lindenii

Photos by Sue Reed

Conservation: Funds were dispersed for four grants fully funded at the Fall Congress. The recipients have been asked to report on their expenditures and also to provide visual and written descriptions of their work; this material is to be made available to Congress members through Congress meetings and the MAOC web site. The four recipients are Wheeler Orchid Collection, Ball State University, Muncie, IN \$500; Como Park, St. Paul, MN \$400; Cleveland, OH, Conservatory \$400; and Orchid Society of Northeastern Wisconsin \$400. The Chair asked the delegates for information on Tom Nelson of Woods End Rescue in Minnesota. His work in rescuing cypripediums in harm's way is of interest to the Conservation Committee.

Phalaenopsis Seed Preservation Project:

This is funded in part by Mid-America. Findings so far: the optimum method for the sterilization of Phalaenopsis seeds prior to storage; Tri-phenyl tetrazolium staining for seed viability does not predict germination of any of the four Phalaenopsis under study; and the effect of temperature of storage varies with the Phalaenopsis being investigated.