

Summer
2007

The Orchid Grower

Madison Orchid Growers' Guild



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THANK YOU to Scott Weber for hosting our summer picnic. The drive into the Baraboo hills was gorgeous. The weather was perfect with sunshine and a breeze. Scott provided sausages purchased at the farmer's market the day before the picnic. The potluck was excellent with a good mixture of dishes. Best of all, orchid viewing was superb. The Showy Orchids (seeds harvested from three regions in the USA) started blooming about two weeks early this year. They looked very happy growing under a 60% shade cloth canopy. Scott gave helpful tips to those of us willing to try our hands at growing them in our own yards.



Photograph by Svetlana Kot of Liparis

Meeting Dates

- September 23 - Meeting Room
- October 21 - Atrium
- November 18 - Ackers
- December 16 - Meeting Room
- January 20, 2008 - Meeting Room
- February 17 - Atrium
- March 9 - Meeting Room
- March 22 - Orchid Sale with Pansy Sale at Olbrich
- April 20 - Meeting Room
- May 18 - Meeting Room
- June TBA
- September 7 - Atrium
- October 19 - Atrium
- December 14 - Meeting Room

Up-coming Events

- July 29th, Speaker's Day, Central Iowa Orchid Society
- August 4, Oakhill Open House
- September 15 and 16, Wisconsin Orchid Society Show
- September 21-23, 2007, 15th Annual Chicagoland Orchidfest
- October 13-14, 2007, Illinois Orchid Society Fall Mini-Show
- October 27-28, 2007, Blackhawk Orchid Society Show

At the picnic, the OGG Board voted and approved that OGG find one or two members who would be willing to represent our society at the Mid-America Orchid Congress meetings. The fall 2007 conference is in Kansas City (November 17-18) and is in Ohio (March 27-29). The board voted and approved that a stipend be set aside (the amount to be determined after summer research) to reimburse the member representing OGG at these meetings. Persons interested in being one of these representatives should contact Judy Stevenson.

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Have a good summer. The board looks forward to seeing you at the first meeting of the fall on September 23rd at Olbrich Gardens.

— Judy Stevenson

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

What makes OGG strong and vital? It is our members who join together to actively participate in our volunteer opportunities. When we all put our heads and hands to work, the guild is owned by the mass instead of a few. This prevents burnout of the few. In addition it is fun to get to know others in OGG. These are the committees thus far. Please let Judy Stevenson which committee(s) you



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- November 17-18, 2007, Fall 2007 Mid-America Orchid Congress
- January 23-27, 2008, 19th World Orchid Congress
- February 2-3, 2008, Orchid Quest
- March 27-29, 2008, Spring Mid-America Orchid Congress
- March 28-30, 2008, 33rd Illowa Orchid Society Spring Show, Davenport, IA

Officers and Committees

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Board of Directors

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want to be part of ASAP.

Away Shows (reimbursement fees provided)

Sandy Delamater, Judith Rapacz, Denise Baylis, Judy Stevenson, Wayne King, Sue Reed

Program Committee

Scott Weber, Sandy River, Thomas Gibson, Elaine Malter

Advertising in Newspapers for Monthly Meetings

Annette Minter, Liz Barlow

Ribbon Committee

Jody Thistle, Lorraine Snyder, Wayne King

Historian – vacant position

Spring Sale

Sue Reed

Hospitality

Dawn Weckler and Jeri Gjertson

1% for Orchid Conservation Update

From Mark Sullivan

1. The Combined Donation Total for 2006 of 1% for Orchid Conservation participants was \$3008.

2. The Native Orchid Conference (NOC) is participating in 1% for Orchid Conservation. The purpose NOC is to foster the study, conservation and enjoyment of the native orchids of the United States and Canada. The NOC membership is open to all around the world. The NOC publishes a quarterly journal, holds an annual orchid conference in different areas of North America, and runs a forum on Yahoo groups. For more information:

<http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/NativeOrchidConference/>

3. Plant Restoration, Conservation and Propagation Biotechnology Program joins the Orchid Conservation Coalition (University of Florida, Environmental Horticulture Department). Researchers there combine multiple disciplines to develop species recovery plans for



Jill Hynum's recent photo of one of Gene Smalley's seedlings, a *cypripedium reginae*. Some may remember Gene who died a few years ago. He had been very interested in the propagation of cypripediums.

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Wayne King

Web Master:
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Liaisons:

Alliant: Elaine Malter (2007)
AOS: Jill Hynum (2007)
MAOC: TBA
Orchid Digest: Jill Hynum (2007)

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)

Florida's native orchids. Studying several aspects of a plant's biology and ecology results in a more complete picture of that species' life strategy, and improves the likelihood of successful species conservation. Additional Summary Information:
<http://www.orchidconservationcoalition.org/conservorgs/plantrestoration.html>

4. An article appeared in the *Orchid Review* March/April 2007 issue, page 66, about the Orchid Conservation Coalition.

Editor's note: OGG did not give money to this fund. Instead we sent \$500 to Lou Jost's conservation program. In addition OGG gave The Ridges \$150 after they spoke at Orchid Quest.

BLUESTEM FARM, JUNE 10, 2007



Our hosts Muffy, Scott and Dugan



The home of the salvaged orchid seeds planted under a 60% sun blocked canopy



Feeding and nourishing our bodies before we explore Bluestem Farm



A gorgeous *Cypripedium reginaea*



Wood lily (*Lilium philadelphicum*)



Preparing to walk through the Baraboo Hills at Bluestem farm in search of the Lily leaved twayblade, which we found. The orchid was small and well camouflaged.

OAK HILL GARDENS OPEN HOUSE SUMMER VISIT – AUGUST 4

Oak Hill in Dundee, Illinois has invited OGG to their greenhouse complex on August 4. We can arrive at 10 AM to browse. We are invited for lunch at noon. The visit also includes a lecture, and the chance to earn a door prize. **Please call or email Jill Hynum by August 1st if you are planning to attend.** Oak Hill is asking for a head count so they know how much food to provide. Pre-registration will also allow us to car pool thus saving valuable natural resources.

DIRECTIONS TO OAK HILL

Take Interstate 90 south to Chicago. Exit at the Randall Rd (just after Rt. 20 and Rt. 47 exits), travel north crossing Highway 72 until coming to Binnie Rd. Turn left on Binnie Rd. Oak Hill is at 37W559 Binnie Rd which is at one half mile west of Randall. This will be a right turn which is north. Their phone # is 847-428-8500.

You are addicted to orchids if ...

... you promise yourself a fixed number of plants to buy at a show and leave with more than twice the amount.

... you convert your baby's crib into a light cart.

Goin' to Kansas City, Kansas City here I come . . .



Make your plans now to attend "Orchids and All That Jazz" at the Kansas City Orchid Expo and Mid-America Orchid Congress Fall Meeting, November 16-18, 2007, hosted by the Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City. This should be a fun time for all orchid lovers, with plenty of

activities to keep you jumpin' and jivin' the whole weekend!

We hope our outstanding speakers will inspire you to hit the high notes. Our vendors can help you jazz up your orchid collection with a few new plants. We'd love to add your exhibit to the hundreds of blooming orchids in the orchid show. Your visit to the "orchid cave" will be a hit, as will the Mid-America auction and our great Kansas City barbeque and steaks.

So, come to Kansas City for Orchids and All That Jazz. We guarantee you won't leave singin' the blues. Visit our website at www.kcorchidshow.org or e-mail kcorchidshow@kc.rr.com.

During our summer hiatus, do not forget that there are great blooming orchids on exhibit at Olbrich, especially in the Bolz Conservatory.



Cymbidiella rhodochila



Cirrhopetalum gusdorfil

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting is scheduled for September in the meeting room at Zimbrick off the Beltline.

Look what I found in my oncidium!



This orchid is hanging outside under our awning and this frog made itself at home. To the best of my knowledge it is an Eastern Gray Tree Frog, yes gray. They color adapt. I have seen green, brown and gray in our backyard.

Rich Narf

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.

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- October 19-21, AOS Members Meeting, AOS Visitors Center and Botanical Garden, Delray Beach, FL www.aosfall2007.com
- November 17-18, 2007, Fall 2007 Mid-America Orchid Congress Independence, MO (See article for more information)
- January 23-27, 2008, 19th World Orchid Congress will be held in Miami FL the theme for the show is "Orchids–Nature's Masterpiece™."
- February 2-3, 2008, Orchid Quest
- March 27-29, 2008, Central Ohio Orchid Society Spring Show in conjunction with Spring MAOC, Columbus, OH
- March 28-30, 2008, 33rd Illowa Orchid Society Spring Show, Putnam Museum and IMAX® Theatre, 1717 W. 12th Street, Davenport, IA palwumla@aol.com

**SYNOPSIS OF REPORT TO MID-AMERICA AFFILIATED SOCIETIES
MID-AMERICA ORCHID CONGRESS
CHICAGO, IL, APRIL 27-29, 2007**

Congratulations and a big Thank You go to the Illinois Orchid Society for hosting the Spring Meeting of the MAOC in conjunction with their 55th Anniversary Spring Show and Sale. Hospitality was superb as in the past. Besides having a beautiful show site at the Chicago Botanical Gardens, there were 25 vendors and four lectures.”

Eleven ribbon teams of some 60 judges evaluated the approximately 1000 plants and 49 exhibits. The AOS Show Trophy went to the exhibit put in by the Wisconsin Orchid Society. Eight judging teams selected fifty-eight orchids for AOS award consideration and nine AOS awards were granted. Winners of special Mid-America trophies included:

1. Myron Banta Award for the best specimen plant – *Dendrobium thrysiflorum*, Roy and Lauren Lenz, Wisconsin Orchid Society
2. Henry C. Holmes Award for the best oncidium alliance plant – *Odontocidium Meave*, Larry Sanford, Cincinnati Orchid Society
3. FL Stevenson Pleurothallid Alliance Award for the best pleurothallid alliance plant – *Pleurothallid teaguei*, Claire Rojohn, Wisconsin Orchid Society
4. Fox Valley Cyripedium Alliance Award for the best cyripedium alliance plant – *Cyripedium parviflorum* var. *parviflorum*, Orchids Ltd.

On Sunday morning 44 registrants attended the Affiliated Societies Breakfast. The topic was “Challenges Facing Local Societies”. Issues focused on getting new members and keeping the ones you have. One of the biggest problems facing most societies is the loss of older members who for various reasons just stop attending monthly meetings.

- Don’t ask for volunteers with a general announcement, but personally ask people for a specific task
- Support other orchid societies in the immediate area by sharing speaker expenses and paying mileage
- Publicize society, get involved with local garden centers and Big Box stores that sell orchids; offer to host teaching sessions/workshops on orchid culture and potting on site and hand out brochures advertising your society’s meeting time and place; volunteer at your local botanical garden as an “orchid expert” and inform people of your local orchid society and when/where it meets
- Offer coupons to new members from various orchid vendors; provide a “goodie bag” for new members that might include a small plant or other pertinent orchid information
- Provide a teaching session to schools on orchid culture, even genetics
- Follow up phone calls to find out why a regular member has stopped attending.
- Plan extra society activities: Beginners Group for your society; more advanced group for others (hybridizing); organize “field trips” to local orchid nurseries or members’ greenhouses
- Welcome new members: phone to invite to next meeting, personally welcome at meeting, introduce at business meeting.

Highlights of the Business Meeting held shortly after the Affiliated Breakfast included:

ACTION TAKEN BY MAOC:

- The Constitution and Bylaws Committee presented a complete revision of that document
- The entertaining MAOC auction, held prior to the banquet, generated \$3,196 to fund MAOC projects.
- MAOC will continue to support in the amount of \$400 the following conservation efforts: the Cleveland Conservatory, Marjorie McNeely Conservatory of the University of Minnesota, the Northeastern Wisconsin Orchid Society, the Muncie Species Bank, and a new program at the Atlanta Botanical Garden to preserve *Cypripedium kentuckiense*.
- The Congress approved a Conservation Committee request for a new grant of \$400 to propagate *Calopogon tuberosus* and *Calopogon oklahomensis* and reintroduce the seedlings into protected habitats
- MAOC will apply to re-incorporate in the State of Ohio & apply for IRS 501(c)(3) status

INFORMATION FOR LOCAL MAOC ORCHID SOCIETIES

- As a follow-up to the distribution of the CD Pronunciation Guide, the president of each member society received a letter from the Affiliated Societies Committee emphasizing the importance of selecting a MAOC Representative. A document specifying guidelines for "Selecting a MAOC Representative" was included. These guidelines appear on the MAOC web site.
- In an effort to keep the MAOC Show Schedule reflective of current trends, the Show Schedule Committee requests all local societies send a list of the number of entries in each class following every local show.

To read the complete document, see OGG website

More Photographs from the Spring IOS/MAOC Show



Brassavola nodosa x Enc cordigera



Paphiopedilum Conco Bell (Paph Bellatulum x Paph concolor)