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# The Orchid Grower

*Madison Orchid Growers' Guild*



## **NEXT MEETING JUNE 14TH: OGG Picnic in Cross Plains**

The annual picnic this year is hosted by Jeff and Denise Baylis. It is scheduled for June 14 and people may start arriving around noon. We will plan to start eating around 12:30 p.m. Jeff and Denise will provide grilled chicken. Guests are asked to bring a dish to pass and their favorite beverage. There are several modest trails to hike and enjoy the birds. If we are lucky and they are blooming, Jeff will point out the showy orchis and twayblade that grow on their property.



**[Address and directions on page 8.]**

### **Meeting Dates**

June 14—picnic at Baylis'  
September 7 - Atrium  
October 19 - Atrium  
December 14 - Meeting  
Room  
January 18, 2009—  
Meeting Room  
February 15 -Meeting  
Room  
March 15—Meeting Room  
April 19—Atrium  
May 17—Meeting Room  
June TBA  
September 27—Meeting  
Room  
October 18—Meeting  
Room  
December 20—Meeting  
Room

**Meetings start at 1:30  
unless otherwise noted**

### **Up-coming Events**

- July 27—Central Iowa Orchid Society Speakers Day
- September 5-7, Fall MAOC, Mason OH
- September 20-21, Wisconsin Orchid Society Show
- January 31—February 1, 2009 Orchid Quest
- April 11, 2009 —Spring Orchid Sale

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### **MESSAGE FROM THE NEW PRESIDENT**

I would like to thank all of the members for their unselfish devotion to OGG. I hope to follow in the footsteps of the fine efforts of so many. There are two people I would like to thank for their efforts in helping to make OGG the respected organization it is; our past president Judy Stevenson and Elaine Malter for her work on Orchid Quest and program speakers.

I had some trepidation at becoming your president then I realized that the many multi-talented folks of this organization is what makes OGG function. My job is one of overseeing and guidance of this progress. I have spent several evenings going over last years Board meetings, and The Orchid Grower, looking for hints of what we can do to make OGG function even more smoothly. If any of you have a particular item or point you would like the board (or Members) to discuss please contact me either by eMail or phone. One major concern I have is the rapidly increasing cost of everything and how this might affect participation in OGG, OQ, and away shows.

Remember - Our June meeting is the picnic at the home of Jeff and Denise Baylis. And then there is the outing to Cedarburg Bog (directions and info else ware in the newsletter). See you there!

--- Rich Narf

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**MAOC:** Wayne King, Judith Rapacz  
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## NEW OFFICERS

**The results of the election of new officers at the April meeting are as follows:**

**Rich Narf, President**

**Irene Mackie, Treasurer**

**Judy Williamson, Board (3 year term)**

**Steve Thimling, Board (2 year term)**

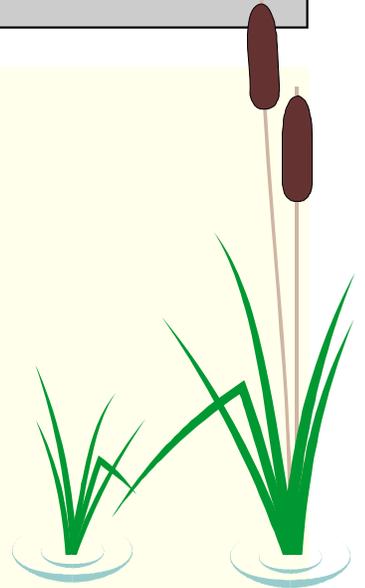
## FIELD TRIP JUNE 29th "What's in Bloom in the Bog"

Join your OGG colleagues on a walk through Cedarburg Bog led by Kate Redmond on Sunday, June 29, 1 pm to 4 pm. Rain date is Sunday, July 13. If you have a hand lens, binoculars, or a camera, and insect repellent be sure to bring them.

"Cedarburg Bog is the most intact large bog in southeastern Wisconsin and composed of a mosaic of vegetation types. Once part of a large glacial lake, the bog is a relict community - a southern example of the type more commonly found in northern Wisconsin. There are six lakes remaining within the bog, all with varying sizes and depths. The 245-acre Mud Lake is the largest, followed by the 34-acre Long Lake. Surrounding the lakes are areas of emergent aquatic vegetation while just outside this zone is a successional shrub-carr area. Most unusual is a string or "patterned" bog, unique here because it lies far south of its usual range in North America. It is composed of ridges of stunted cedar and tamarack that lie in an open flat sedge mat. The meadow vegetation consists of narrow-leaved sedges, pitcher plant, bogbean, water horsetail, arrow-grass, orchids, and the insectivorous sundew and bladderwort. A conifer-swamp hardwood forest is adjacent to the bog. There is a very diverse flora and fauna; many that are more common in northern boreal forests and that are at their southern range limit here. Cedarburg Bog is owned by the DNR and University of Wisconsin and was designated a State Natural Area in 1952."

Our guide Kate Redmond has said that depending on how the spring moves along, an end-of-June date will miss the small yellow lady's slippers and all but the very, very last of the showy lady's slippers. We could get Calopogon, Pogonia, and bog twayblade/fen orchis (*L. Loeselii*) maybe a bog candle (*P. dilatata*) and an adder's mouth (*M. brachypoda*).

**Contact Denise Baylis no later than June 22 if you are interested.**



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](mailto:grigkot@gmail.com)) and Denise ([jrbaylis@tds.net](mailto:jrbaylis@tds.net))

## Message from the Past President THE ORCHIDS OF MACHU PICCHU

On January 20, 2008, I had the incredible good fortune of exploring Machu Picchu (MP) in Peru. My husband and I had gone to Peru originally for a wedding of two graduate students. The highlight of our trip adventure definitely was our trip to this “lost city of the Inca’s”. We had traveled four hours by train from Cuzco the day before. When we arrived at the base town of Aguas Calientes, we quickly learned why this part of the Andes is considered a jungle. It was very humid and rained steadily for most of this day. On the 20th, we took the thirty minute switch back bus ride up to the entrance of MP delighted that we did not need an umbrella since moisture was only in the form of a periodic fine mist.



Walt and Judy at Machu Picchu, Huayna Picchu in the background

It is thought that MP was built by the Incas about 1450. It was clear that it was built by a civilization advanced in architectural, engineering, astrological and agricultural skills. In 1983, UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) named it a *World Cultural and National Heritage Site*. Most recently it was selected as one of the *Seven Wonders of the Modern World*.

It is good that the Spanish never knew about this rural retreat for Inca rulers because they would have torn down the structures and built their own buildings on top of the Inca foundations, just as they did in all the other Inca towns. On July 24, 1911, a North American explorer Hiram Bingham, lecturer at Yale University, found this place in spite of the difficult terrain with the help of the indigenous Quechan people. It is five square kilometers enclosed by high cloud-covered mountain forests which make access to the site difficult. The top of this peak in the Andes had been quarried to build 200 houses, temples, palaces, and observatories. A series of aqueducts provide water from the springs for the people and for the many cultivated agricultural ter-



*Masdevallia vietchiana*



Lush vegetation clings to the steep slopes of the Andes

aces. We had many steps to negotiate at this place which told us that these were hardy people. We were told that about 60% of this site has been restored. It is estimated that the Incas only lived there about 100 years. We did not take the 1 ½ hour trek up the adjacent sacred Huayna Picchu peak (8922 feet) where one can look down at MP (7,875 feet) because the rocks were moist, slippery and treacherous. (Several of our OGG members have done this).

This natural jungle reserve is estimated to be home to between 200 to 300 species of orchids. Chuck Acker told me about the MP Sanctuary (located behind the Lodge located at the top of the mountain adjacent to



the ruins). It is an orchid paradise where orchids have been rescued from the ruins for protection and conservation. It is a trail that winds amongst the trees surrounded by ponds and running water. It is open for the enjoyment of those who lodge there. The management was kind enough to give me a private tour of the sanctuary. The only word that I can use to describe this experience is “breathtaking”. The flowers were in perfect form because of the high humidity. Inside I trembled with excitement as I took close-ups of the orchids. It is an experience I will never forget.

More information is available at: [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/machu\\_picchu](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/machu_picchu) and [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/huayna\\_picchu](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/huayna_picchu) or do a web search typing in *orchids of machu picchu*.  
— Judy Stevenson

*Pleurothallis revoluta*

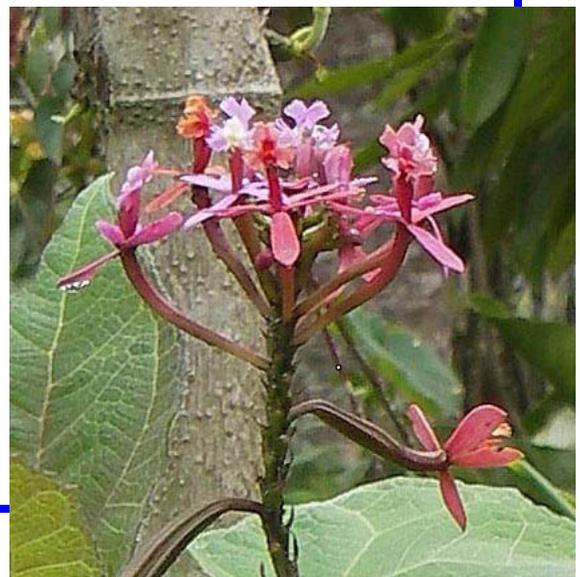


*Ida fimbriata (Ida ciliate)*

*Lycaste ciliate*



*Elleanthus conifer*



*Epidendrum secundum*

## APRIL RIBBON JUDGING

### First Place

Thomas Gibson  
Glynn Padden-Lechter  
Dennis Pfarrer  
Lorraine Snyder  
Irene Mackie  
Lorraine Snyder  
Svetlana Kot  
Judy Stevenson  
Irene Mackie  
Dawn Weckler  
Svetlana Kot  
Thomas Gibson

*Ceratostylis bisladerosus*  
*Dradella hirtzii*  
Dend. Haeng Phueng  
Dtps. Long Pride Fancy"MP-0447"CR  
Oncidium Tiger Crow  
Paph. Primcolor x Doctor Jack  
Paph. Usuzuki  
Paph. Hsinying Red Apple '#4'  
Phal. Unknown  
Phal. Unknown  
Pot. Edith North 'Danny Adams'  
*Scaphosepalum ovulare*

### Second place

Svetlana Kot  
Jill Hynum  
Jeff Baylis  
Judy Stevenson  
Rich Narf  
Unknown

Cat. Jose Marti 'Mother's Favorite'  
*Cologyne ochracea*  
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Dtps. Fusheng's Mystical  
*Encyclia cordigera*  
Paph. Satme Lovely'w.Forestime'  
Incharm White 'incharm'



### Orchids from Bolz Conservatory

On the left is a *Dendrobium* from Sarawak; below right is a *Bulbophyllum phalaenopsis* from New Guinea, and bottom left is a *Bulbophyllum frostii*



## RIBBON JUDGING MAY 2008

### First Place

Sue Reed	Phrag Fangyastic Dottie Kone 'Lovely' AM/AOS
Judith Rapacz	Bl Morning Glory x Lc Love Knot
Wayne King	<i>Cattleya skinneri</i>
Audrey Lucier	<i>Encyclia tampense</i>
Sue Reed	<i>Lycaste macrobulbon</i>
Sue Reed	Milt Arthur Cobbledick 'Camano Joy' HCC/AOC
Michael Oosten	Onc/Colm 'Big Cat'
Sue Reed	<i>Paph rothschildianum</i> <b>First-bloom Seedling</b>
Steve Thimling	Phal CT730
Sandy Delamater	Phrag Sorcerer's Apprentice
Sandy Delamater	<i>Psychopsis mendenhall</i>

### Second Place

Rich Narf	Dend Banana Royal x strabloceras
Lorraine Synder	Dtps Chain Xen Sweet Valentine X Dtps Chain Xen Pearl
Sandy Delamater	<i>Maxillaria tenuifolia</i>
Sue Reed	P Golden Peoker 'Nan Chao' AM/AOS x P Salu Spot 'Onatio' HCC/AOS
Sandy Delamater	<i>Paph moquettianum</i>
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Paph primulinium</i>
Wayne King	Phrag Grande 'Ackers Vista'
Micahel Oosten	Phrag Besseae 4 <sup>th</sup> of July hirtzii 'Wolf River'

### Third Place

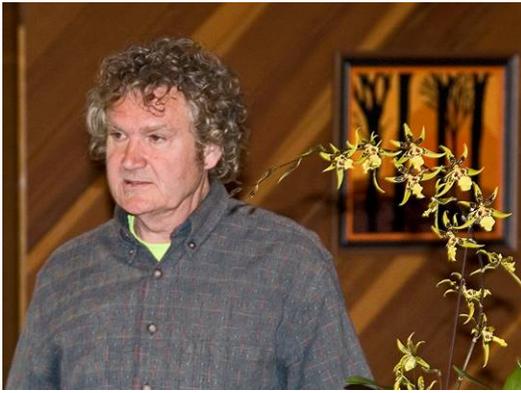
Sandy Delamater	<i>Cattleya skinneri</i>
Steve Thimling	<i>Masd infracta</i>
Svetlana Kot	Paph cullosum 'Perfection' x 'Ninth' SM/JOCA
Wayne King	Phal Everspring Pearl
Steve Thimling	Phrag Eric Young



Photographs by Rich Narf

From left to right: Phrag Besseae 4<sup>th</sup> of July hirtzii 'Wolf River' grown by Michael Oosten, Phrag Fangyastic Dottie Kone 'Lovely' AM/AOS grown by Judy Stevenson and Miltonia Arthur Cobbledick 'Camano Joy' HCC/AOC grown by Sue Reed.

Sue Reed says that she grows her miltonia (photo above right) in an east window at ambient temperature which is on the cool side, probably as low as 50 degrees at night. Sue spritzes the bark almost everyday with a pressurized sprayer, with one good watering each week. She uses Michigan State fertilizer 1/2 tsp/gal rain water. She purchased the plant a few years ago from Acker's and hasn't gotten around to repotting it yet.



Photograph by Rich Narf

May Speaker Michael Oosten

## A NOTE FROM MICHAEL OOSTEN

We wanted to thank [the guild] for inviting us. FINALLY we made it to a meeting! The guild was a very diverse and interesting group that manages to grow equally interesting and diverse, and *beautiful*, orchids! We certainly had fun meeting and speaking with different members and admiring their 'pets'. I am glad folks enjoyed my little talk. It was fun to give and answer questions.

Thanks again.

Michael & Kathy

### 2008 NATIVE ORCHID CONFERENCE

July 18-21

The 2008 conference will be held at the University of West Virginia in Morgantown (about one hour south of Pittsburg, PA). A typical format for conferences includes two days of talks and two days of field trips in the local area. Speakers are still being arranged, but field trips are set for central West Virginia and western Pennsylvania. We expect to see the following orchid species in bloom on the field trips:

*Corallorhiza bentleyi*, *Corallorhiza maculata* var. *maculata*, *Epipactis helleborine*, *Goodyera pubescens*, *Goodyera repens* var. *ophioides*, *Goodyera teselata*, *Listera smallii*, *Malaxis unifolia*, *Platanthera ciliaris*, *Platanthera clavellata*, *Platanthera grandiflora* (and a possible new, unnamed variety/species), *Platanthera peramoena*, and *Spiranthes lacera* var. *lacera*.

If you are interested in further information on the conference, please send an email with your mailing address to [ncorchid@yahoo.com](mailto:ncorchid@yahoo.com).

**The Central Iowa Orchid Society  
20th Annual Speakers Day**  
July 27, 2008  
Recreation Center at Camp Dodge,  
Johnston, Iowa

Roy Tokunaga (H & R Orchids, Hawaii)  
"Breeding for Flares"  
"Dendrobiums"

Alan Koch (Gold Country Orchids,  
California)  
"Miniature Orchids that grow in  
Cattleya-like conditions"  
"Understanding Brazilian Cattleyas and  
how they affect breeding"

Advanced registration is \$25 or \$30 at  
the door. For the most up-to-date infor-  
mation, refer to the web site:  
<http://www.c-we.com/cios/>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 18-21 2008 Native Orchid Conference, University of West Virginia in Morgantown
- July 27, Central Iowa Orchid Society Speakers Day, Camp Dodge, 7105 NW 70th Ave., Johnston, IA
- September 5-7, Fall MAOC in conjunction with the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society and the Miami Valley Orchid Society, Kings Island Convention Center, Mason, OH
- September 20-21, Milwaukee Orchid Society Show, Mitchell Park Domes, Milwaukee, WI
- September 26-28, Chicagoland Orchid Festival, Chicagoland IL
- October 16-19, 2008, next meeting of the American Orchid Society, at Longwood Gardens, PA, with the conference hotel in Wilmington, DE, the Hotel Dupont
- October 27-28, Blackhawk Orchid Society Show, Klehm Arboretum, Rockford, IL
- January 31—February 1, 2009 Orchid Quest
- March 28-29, 2009, Spring MAOC, Columbus OH