

March
2008

The Orchid Grower

Madison Orchid Growers' Guild



Meeting Dates

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

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

Up-coming Events

March 1-2, Northeastern
Wisconsin Orchid
Society Show
March 14-16, MAOC &
Michigan Orchid
Society Show
March 28-30, 33rd Illowa
Orchid Society Spring
Show, Davenport, IA
April 5-6, Illinois Orchid
Society Show

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NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 9th, 1 p.m.

We are in for a special treat at our next meeting. John Wirth, Conservatory Curator at Olbrich Botanical Gardens will conduct a tour for us of the Olbrich Gardens orchid greenhouse. Because our last meeting was canceled due to inclement weather, we will debrief Orchid Quest at 1 p.m. and take care of business matters prior to the tour at 2 p.m. (such as a nominating committee.)

A LOOK AT ORCHID QUEST 2008

Hat's off to everyone who volunteered to make the show successful this year. The attendance based on Alliant Energy Center was 1825 people; 1050 attended the show on Saturday and 775 attended on Sunday. In 2007 there were 1440 attendees.

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We started out with 30 **Exhibitors** however due to an illness, the folks from Northeastern Orchid Society were not able to make it and the inclement weather on Friday prohibited the Batavia Orchid Society from making the trip from Illinois. The absence of these two exhibits made quite a bit of difference this year. The good news is that we had a number of newcomers. Quite a few members from the guild had their own exhibits and this was very fun to

see. Mitchell Park Domes was also added at the last minute and we were happy to accommodate them. John Wirth from Olbrich Botanical Gardens promised to participate next year with a small exhibit of their own orchids (we will have an opportunity to see them at the March 9 monthly meeting). We had 19 **Vendors** and witnessed the launching of Orchids Garden Centre and Nursery (formerly Orchids by the Ackers) and the return of Goin' to Pot Orchids. Some vendors made the trek to Miami for the World Orchid Congress and therefore could not make the trip to Orchid Quest this year. A special thanks to Svetlana Kot for sending out the invitations to Exhibitors and Vendors. She did an excellent job of tracking the registration forms and securing the fees.

We received positive feedback from the **judges** who put in their per-

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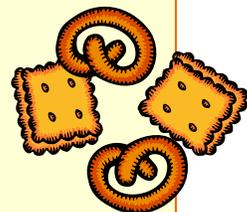
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Submit your photos to be included in the newsletter. Every month we want to include a gallery of photos to enjoy. Email your photos to Svetlana (grigkot@gmail.com) and Denise (jrbaylis@tds.net)

HOSPITALITY

OGG is still looking for someone to volunteer to take over Hospitality. Please contact a member of the Board if you are interested.



sonal time to make the trip to Madison every year. Ms. Nina Rach, an AOS judge from Houston also made the trek. Head judge Hermann Pigors sent a thank you note that is posted in this newsletter. Special thanks to Judith Rapacz who sent out the letters as she has done for the past three years. She made a point of sending them a “Thank You” and a number of them wrote back with compliments to the Guild on the show and expressed appreciation for the lunch and gifts.

K&W Greenery came through with their usual spirit and enthusiasm that spread across the airwaves on Saturday morning.

Plant registration went very well and we managed to test something new for 6 of the 28 Exhibitors—the printing of plant Tags. Thanks to the efforts of Steve Thimling who made the addition to the Access computer program with input from Jeff Baylis and me. Next year the plan is to print tags for all Exhibitors. This would alleviate the use of individual plant labels however we would not discourage people from making out their own labels since these are generally more attractive. And this brings me to the Guild’s exhibit, thanks to Sue Reed and her team for setting up a lovely exhibit and being there until the bitter end during take down.

Ah, the finances! At this time, it looks like we brought in roughly \$10,768 which includes ticket sales, the raffle, and the OGG table. The bills are still coming in so we will provide the details on the books at our monthly meeting.

I had much fun being the Show Chair for the past four years but it’s time for some new energy and so I am passing the baton to Judy Stevenson who has been a tremendous help to me this year. She spearheaded some new advertising venues which had very positive results and took care of business in her usual kind and thoughtful way. The OGG Board put in many hours prior to and during the show as did many members. I don’t think that I would have chaired this show if weren’t for all of you who volunteered your time, your energy, and your humor!

Thank you.

— Elaine Malter

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 17 at 7 p.m. They will meet at Judy Stevenson’s residence. Let Judy Stevenson know if you plan to attend as well as to obtain the agenda and any last minute changes.

Spring Orchid Sale!

With all this snow and ice, it doesn’t seem possible that spring will officially be here March 20th. Please save Saturday March 22nd to sell orchids for OGG at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. It is fun and only takes four hours of time. Sign up at the March 9th meeting.

LETTER FROM HERMANN PIGORS



Dear Orchid Growers Guild officers and members, The 2008 Orchid Quest is now history, and I hope it was another big success. It was for OAK HILL GARDENS, since only three trays of unsold plants came back. I want to congratulate you and all those who helped make it the huge success it usually is, and thank everyone for their part in getting all the details taken care of. Only those who have been at the helm know how much advance work, planning, phoning, writing etc is required to have it all turn out as well as your show does.

The judges' gifts of wine and cheese are much appreciated and are a special treat. The luncheon was again delicious and elegantly served. Thank you all for the consideration and generosity for the judges who spend their personal time and efforts on behalf of orchids in Madison.

The computer team did an excellent job with the entries in a new way which was well received and no problems arose. About 30 medium size cards could be made up for the future shows to designate the plant location where the AOS judging plants were removed: "PLANT IS REMOVED FOR AOS JUDGING." The judges had no additional comments when asked about the computer entry tags. The entry chair had mentioned this to me, and had asked for input about the system. Please pass this above information on to him, and many Thanks for a job well done. All good wishes for everyone for a good 2008 and beyond. Hermann

Mid-America Orchid Congress & Michigan Orchid Society Show

"ANNUAL PALM SUNDAY SHOW"

Michigan State Management Education Center
811 W. Square Lake Rd.
Troy, MI

Dear Orchid Enthusiast:

This note is to invite you to this spring's Mid-America Orchid Congress that will take place in Troy (MI), in conjunction with the Michigan Orchid Society Show, March 14-16, 2008. The Congress will take place in Hilton Troy, while the orchid show will take place in the MSU Management & Education Center, close to the hotel. All events that involve live orchids – admiring orchids and purchasing them from the numerous vendors that will be present, will take place at the MSU MEC. All standard Congress activities, including our entertaining auction, the banquet with its own entertainment (The Japan Grand Prix show) will take place at the hotel. Please note that the Congress is an event separate from the orchid show. The Michigan Orchid Society is welcoming you to their show but, unless you have been invited by the Society directly, they will not provide hospitality (food) to MAOC Congress attendants.

We hope that you will consider attending, we have great speakers lined up: Erich Michel will be our Conservation speaker this spring and talk about "Conservation of Terrestrial Orchid Species by Asymbiotic Propagation;" Dr. Ron McHatton (AOS director of Education) will speak about "Growing Terrestrial Orchids," and Russ Vernon will explain "How not to grow Phalaenopsis."

Thank you.

Mark van der Woerd
President MAOC



Report from the 19th World Orchid Conference



A display with Phalaenopsis and Flamingos at the entrance of the Convention Center



Photograph from Judy Stevenson
OGG members Judy Stevenson, Jill Hynum, Sandy Delamater, Judith and Jan Rapacz, and Sue Reed



Cattleya 'Hail Storm' Coconut Orchid CCM/AOS received First Place and three Gold Medals for Best of Class, Best Lavender and Best Specimen



The 19th World Orchid Conference

...will be remembered as the most significant and spectacular event in the US, and attracted orchid enthusiasts from all over the US and 40 countries around the World.

The theme "Orchids – Nature's Masterpiece," truly reflected today's enormous diversity of orchid species and hybrids. The event included lecture series with national and international speakers on subjects relating to science, horticulture and conservation. Our OGG President, Judy Stevenson, ordered the proceedings of the Conference so anyone interested will be able to read about the lectures and see pictures of many species and hybrids. Observing the OGG judging in Madison last weekend, it is beyond my comprehension how judges at the WOC could manage to remember plants on 100 plus exhibits in this giant exhibition hall.

— Judith Rapacz

Vanda Robert's Delight 'Black'

...More from the World Orchid Conference

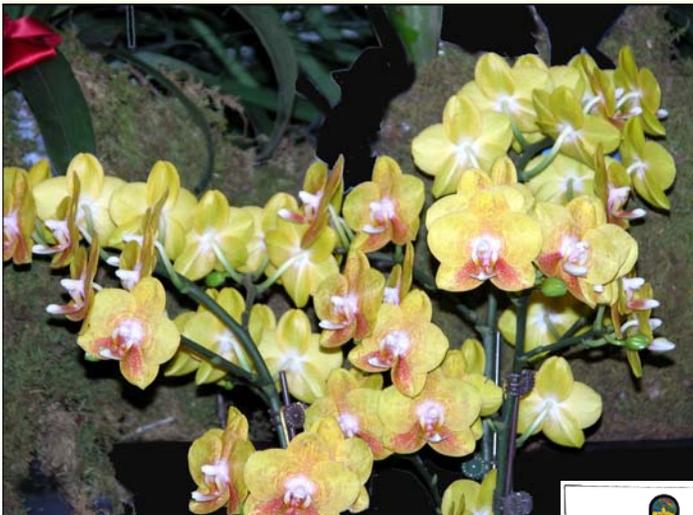
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Vanda lamellate var. boxalli 'Tom Ritter'



Doritaenopsis Pride of Ben Yu 'Ben Yu'



Phalaenopsis Sogo Cake 'ORCHIS' received
First Place for Best Spotted Phalaenopsis
(sponsored by OGG) and a Silver Medal for
Best Multifloral



Phragmipedium bessea—part of the Krull-Smith exhibit



Paphiopedilum Michal Koopowitz
'Krull Smith' AM/AOS — received
many awards plus Grand Champion
Plants



OGG Exhibit for OQ 2008



Photographs by Rich Narf

This Cym. Eia Ambario 'Golden Harvest' AM/AOS, from "Orchid Garden Centre & Nursery," formerly Acker's, won Best in Show at OQ



OGG ORCHID QUEST 2008 RIBBON WINNERS

Second Place

First Place

Susan Reed
Susan Reed
Svetlana Kot
Wayne King
Audrey Lucier

Exhibit created by Sue Reed, Amy Ripp and Gary Brendemuehl

Dendrobium johnsoniae x *Dendrobium convolutum*
Phrag. (besseae 'Haven' x besseae 'Smokin')
Sophronitis cernua
Phrag Dominianum 'Bob Mac' (P. caricinum x caudatum)
Phalaenopsis 'Celebration'

Second Place

Susan Reed
Joanne Bernardi
Gary Brendemuehl
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Svetlana Kot
Gwyn Padden-Lechten
Steve Thimling
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Meg McLaughlin
Meg McLaughlin
Wayne King
Jeff Baylis
Liz Wood

P. Nobby's Amy Blush
Paph. liemianum x sib
Phalaenopsis equestris 'TH #2'
C. Joanmarie Shelton (C. Joan Holloway x C. Helen P. Dane)
Aerangis citrata
Polinara Hoku Gem 'Precious'
Tolumnia Elfin Gem
Ascda Fuchs Gold X Ascda Yip Sum Wah
Cirrhopetalum has no name, is a lepidium type
Wilsonara Red Pacific 'Deep Shadow' HCC/AOS
Oncidium Tsiku Marguerite (Oncidium Twinkle x ornithorhynchum)
Den. biggibum x D. Music Beauty
Brsdm. Fly Away 'Miami' (Brsdm. 'Gilded Urchin' x Oncidium Maculatum)
Zygopetalum (hybrid) Dinkum Aussie 'Bondi' x crinitum 'Loddiges'
Slc Hoosier Flame (Slc. baby ben x S. coccinea)

Third Place

Joanne Bernardi
Gary Brendemuehl
Svetlana Kot
Sarah Lundey
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Jeff Baylis
Lorraine Snyder

Phalaenopsis hybrid
Lc. Dinard x Lc Bonanza
Paphiopedilum primulinum var. album
Asconopsis Irene Dobkin
Gerberara Snow Ballet (Dial. Snowflake x Bl. Richard Mueller)
(*Phalaenopsis equestris* var. rosea x self) x (*Phalaenopsis equestris* var. roseae x self)
Phalaenopsis Pixie Plum 'Little Jack' x self
Oncidium 'Kumsing' Kinnaree x Golden Luis
Phalaenopsis 'Starbust'

Orchids Selected for AOS Awards at Orchid Quest



Clockwise from top left:

Judges' Commendation: Display, "Hoosier Orchids"; **Highly Commended Certificate:** Paphiopedilum Icy Icy Wind (Paphiopedilum Stone Lovely x Paphiopedilum Ice Castle); **Award of Merit:** Phal Mary B 'Paulina' (Phal Taisuco Lotus x Taisuco Mercy) , "Orchids Limited"; **Certificate of Botanical Recognition:** *Lpths barahonesis*, Walter Crawford of "Wisconsin Orchid Society"; **Award of Merit:** Doritaenopsis Mount Lip, Blushing Bride (Paph South Cha-Li x Dtps Mount Beauty,) "Orchid Garden Centre & Nursery"; **Highly Commended Certificate:** Slc Acker's Romance, 'Valentine,' "Orchid Garden Centre & Nursery"; and **Highly Commended Certificate:** Paphiopedilum Hilo Magic Shift (Paphiopedilum Hsinying Magic x Red Shift), "Orchids Limited"



Photographs by Scott Weber

BATAVIA RIBBON JUDGING

First Place

OGG Exhibit set up by Judy Stevenson and Audrey Lucier
Take-down by Judy Stevenson and Wayne King

First Place

Wayne King
Sandy Delamater

Phrag. Dominianum 'Bob Mac' caudatum x caricinum
Cym. Devon Gala " New Horizon "

Pulled for AOS Judging but no award

Orchid Garden Centre
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Phrag. Jason Fischer
Cym. Evening Star 'Pinkie'

BOC and special Award and pulled for AOS

Sue Reed
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Paph. Estella (fairrieanum x godefroyae var. leucochilium 'Cabernet Splash')
P. Nobby's Amy Blush

Second Place

Sandy Delamater
Orchid Garden Centre
Lorraine Snyder
Sue Reed

Cyclopogon lindleyanyum (species)
Den. Spring Dream 'Kumiko'
Phal. Starbust
Paph. Hanes Green Honda (LaHonda x Jolly Green Gem)

Third Place

Wayne King
Orchid Garden Centre

Dtps Newberry Parfait (Dtps Henry Fuller x Phal Abendrot)
Phrag. Acker's Starlight



Photographs by Judy Stevenson

Left is the OGG Exhibit; above is Cym. Evening Star 'Pinkie' from Orchids Garden Centre and Nursery that won the First Place, as well as the best in class and a special award from Oak Hill Gardens. It was pulled for AOS judging (but did not receive an AOS award.)

UP-COMING EVENTS 2008

- March 1-2, Northeastern Wisconsin Orchid Society Show, Holiday Inn Neenah Riverwalk, 123 E. Wisconsin Ave., Neenah, WI
- March 15-16, Mid- America Orchid Congress & Michigan Orchid Society Show, Michigan State Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Rd., Troy, MI
- March 28-30, 33rd Illowa Orchid Society Spring Show, Putnam Museum and IMAX® Theatre, 1717 W. 12th Street, Davenport, IA
- April 5-6, Illinois Orchid Society Show, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Rd., Glencoe, IL
- April 12-13, Ann Arbor Orchid Society Show, Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 North Dixboro Rd., Ann Arbor, MI.
- May 24-25, Northwestern Michigan Orchid Society Show, GTC Civic Center 1213 W. Civic Center Drive, Traverse City, MI