

# January 2010 The Orchid Grower

*Orchid Growers' Guild of Madison*



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#### Meeting Dates

January 17—Meeting Room  
 February 21—Meeting Room  
 March 21—Meeting Room  
 April 3—Orchid Sale  
 April 18—Meeting Room  
 May 16—Meeting Room  
 June—Picnic TBA  
 September 26—Meeting Room  
 October 17—Meeting Room  
 November TBA  
 December 19—Meeting Room

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

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## NEXT MEETING JANUARY 17TH Overview of Orchid Quest

This will be the 24<sup>th</sup> Orchid Quest put on by OGG. It is one of the largest orchid shows in the Mid-West and is an event that we can all be proud of! Over the years it has grown. This year we have a total of 21 vendors. In addition to the orchid plants, planting medium, and fertilizers, there will be a Chinese brush painting artist and a vendor with silk screened note cards, cups and clothing. We will again have quilts, but about half the number as last year. Additionally, there will be several professional artists who are submitting their pieces of artwork.

There will be a number of changes this year. The Saturday breakfast will be at the Clarion Hotel breakfast dining room starting at 6:15 AM. We will use the walkway from Alliant's Exhibition Hall to the Clarion and back. At 7:00 AM, we will get instructions from the new show chair and a member of WOS, Robert Lewis.

Our program is diversified and interesting. Please look at [orchid-guild.org](http://orchid-guild.org) for an account of the program. This year we are taking lunch orders for Saturday and Sunday. On Sunday there is a choice of a hot meal and it will be served in the same room the judges eat in about noon. On both Saturday and Sunday, you have the choice of a boxed lunch. The lunches will be on a stand just outside the judges/members dining room about 11:20 AM. The advantage of the box lunch is that you can take it with you when attending the educational programs. You must get your order for the box lunches in by January 17 to Heidi Whetmore ([hwhetmore@gmail.com](mailto:hwhetmore@gmail.com)). [See page 2 for menu and prices.]

On Saturday, Ken Cameron will speak at 11:30 AM, and on Sunday, Sue Reed and Heidi Whetmore will be speaking at 11:30 AM. Come to the January 17<sup>th</sup> meeting to hear from the committee chairs about the responsibilities from the Set-up Committee, Awards Committee, Display Committee,

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**MAOC:** Wayne King, Judith Rapacz  
**Orchid Digest:** Jill Hynum

Judging Committee, OGG table, plant room, Raffle Committee, and Ticket Committee. We will have an orchid repotting demonstration because we hope there will be the opportunity to offer this service at the OGG table.

One of the biggest challenges will be the distribution of parking passes. We asked the Alliant Energy Center to give us additional parking passes, but this is not possible. Apparently we get as many free passes as the World Dairy Expo which is much bigger than we are. This year the passes will be given out by either Judith Rapacz or Judy Stevenson on Friday morning February 5, 2010 at the registration table. See you January 17<sup>th</sup> at Olbrich!

### Classic Beef Stroganoff

Tender Beef Tips simmered with Mushrooms & Onions in a Rich Sour Cream and Red Wine Sauce, Mashed Potatoes and Green Beans. Entrees include: Green Salad, Hearth Baked Roll with Butter, and Strawberry Shortcake. Beverage  
Cost \$ 19.00 (includes gratuity)

### The Classic Boxed Lunch

Choice of Deli Sandwiches on a selection of Bakery Fresh Wheat, Vienna or Marble Rye:  
Smoked Turkey & Baby Swiss  
Choice Ham & Aged Cheddar  
Slow Roast Beef & Provolone  
Roast Vegetable & Havarti Dill  
Individual Bag of Potato Chips  
Whole Fresh Fruit  
Home-Baked gourmet Cookie  
Soft Drink  
Cost \$ 11.75

### WAYNE KING ON GARDEN TALK



Wayne will be the featured guest on the Larry Miehler radio show (WPR 90.7 FM) Friday, January 29, 2010 for a call-in program on orchids. As usual, this will be carried live from 11 AM - 12:30 PM and, possibly re-broadcast at 7 AM Saturday.

*"I practice medicine so I can afford to study orchids in their native habitats."*  
Jack Fowlie (1929-1993) quoted in the obituary by Ernest Hetherington in *Orchid Digest* (1994) 58 (1): 5.

## ERRATTA

In the December OGG Newsletter this orchid was misidentified by the editor. The plant is actually a *Bulbophyllum Dentiferum*. It was grown by Steve Thimling and earned a first place ribbon in the November OGG ribbon judging.



## COMMON VIRUS AFFECTING ORCHIDS

By Chuck Acker

There are now 30 known viruses reported to infect orchid plants. The most common orchid viruses are cymbidium mosaic, tobacco mosaic and odontoglossum ringspot. A new virus commonly called the "Taiwan Virus" is becoming prevalent in Phalaenopsis and is now named *Cap-sicum Chlorosis* virus.

Orchid virus is spread by the sap of an infected plant coming into contact with the sap of a healthy plant. This cross contamination of sap occurs when cutting tools, work surfaces, hands, rhizome clips, hoops, hangers and even pots come into contact with the sap of an infected plant.

Other cross contamination of sap can occur from sucking and chewing insects such as spider mite, aphids, thrips and scales.

Keep in mind, smokers have tobacco mosaic virus cells on their hands and should never handle an orchid plant without washing hands thoroughly with warm water and soap.

There is no reliable method of visual identification of a virus. However, you may suspect virus in a plant showing signs of deformed flowers, color streaking in flowers [breaking], necrosis on leaves [patterned dead cells] or deformed growths. Confirm with a diagnosis by sending a small leaf sample for testing to a reputable virus testing lab such as Critter Creek Lab, Lincoln, CA. Cost \$6 per sample. New field testing options are available from Agdia, but they are not as accurate.

There is **no cure** for orchid virus. Infected plants unfortunately should be disposed of before they can infect the other plants in your collection.

It is recommended practice to suspect every orchid plant in your collection to be virus infected. This promotes exercising the techniques and hygiene needed to avoid transmitting virus to other orchid plants in your collection. They are:

- Flame sterilize cutting tools between use on each plant
- Use single edge razor blades and discard after use
- Wash hands between each plant when repotting or performing other cutting tasks.
- Repot plants on a fresh sheet of newspaper for each plant
- Do not re-use pots
- Water each plant individually, do not share water
- Flame sterilize rhizome clips, potting sticks and hoops between use on each plant
- Do not use your fingertips to pinch off leaves, flowers, roots or any other plant parts
- Do not use moisture meters from plant to plant without sterilization between plants
- Keep sucking insects at bay



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## NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting is scheduled for January 12th, at 7:00pm. The meeting will be at Judy Stevenson's residence. To obtain the agenda and to be advised of any last minute changes, let Rich Narf know if you plan to attend.

## CATTLEYA CLONES

*Cattleya intermedia* comes from the coastal region of Brazil and shows probably the most color variations of all the bifoliate *Cattleya* species. Here is a sampling of its various clones from the Miranda Orchid exhibit at the Houston Orchid Show.

For more information go to Francisco Miranda's web-site <http://www.mirandaorchids.com/> and click on Brazilian Orchids



—Judith Rapacz *Cattleya intermedia aquinii orlata* # 2



*Cattleya intermedia orlata coerulea*



*Cattleya intermedia flammea orlata*



*Cattleya intermedia amnesia*



*Cattleya intermedia tipo*

Happy New Year!

## Mid-America Orchid Congress Spring Meeting

held in conjunction with  
**Greater Omaha Orchid Society's  
23rd Annual Orchid Show and Sale**

March 19-21, 2010  
Omaha Marriott  
10220 Regency Circle  
Omaha, NE 68114  
402-399-9000

Greater Omaha Orchid Society Orchid Show Location  
Lauritzen Gardens, Omaha's Botanical Center  
100 Bancroft Street  
Omaha, NE 68108

### MAOC Events Saturday Afternoon Orchid Programs

- *The World of Cypripediums*, by Carson Whitlow who is the owner of Cyp Haven and webmaster of the Orchid Mall. He has grown Cypripediums since 1973 and produced the first registered artificial hybrids of Cypripedium in 1987.
- *Orchid Conservation for the 22nd Century*, by Scott Stewart, Ph.D. Scott is a member of the North American Regional Orchid Specialist Group, a part of the ICUN Species Survival Commission, as well as the Native Orchid Conference, Inc. Conservation Committee. He is the Associate Editor of the North American Native Orchid Journal.
- *Growing Orchids the EnLightened Way: Gardening Under Fluorescent Lights*, Ernie Gemeinhart. Ernie is the owner of EnLightened Orchids. He has been growing orchids under fluorescent lights since 1997. He grows primarily Paphiopedilums, Phragmipediums, Phalaenopsis and mini and compact Cattleyas.

### Saturday Night Orchid Delights!

The Mid-America FUN-raiser—Enjoy laughs and place your bids at this popular auction, followed by dinner and a talk by Speaker, Doug Watson:  
*People I've Met & Orchids I've Killed or .....*

Doug is a Past President of Mid-America Orchid Congress. He has been the General Manager, Worldwide Orchids, Inc. since 2001. Before that Doug was the owner of Gemstone Orchids and a Phalaenopsis hybridizer.

Hotel contact Marriott Reservations at 888-236-2427  
toll-free

MAOC room rate \$99 + tax

For more details or registration forms visit the MAOC website [www.midamericanorchids.org](http://www.midamericanorchids.org)

## OGG AWARD WINNERS FOR 2009

Class 0 Heidi Whetmore

Class 1 Audrey Lucier

Class 2 Sandy Delamater

Class 3 Sue Reed

Milo Gilbertson Grower of the Year is  
Sandy Delamater

Guild Exhibitor of the Year is Sandy Delamater

The classes are determined by the years of growing experience. The class awards are based on points earned from December thru November at meeting ribbon judging and ribbons earned by plants sent to OGG exhibits at shows. Extra points for AOS awarded plants.

The Milo Gilbertson Award goes to person with most points regardless of class of grower. Milo was a charter member.



Some of goodies brought to Christmas Pot Luck by our generous members. Note birthday cake to celebrate start of our 25th year of Orchid Growers Guild.

### SHIRTS AVAILABLE

Judy Stevenson presented ideas for embroidered shirts at the Dec. 20 meeting and has contacted members individually to see what they would like to order. A royal blue polo and a denim shirt with a Paphiopedilum design can be ordered from Judy.

## DECEMBER 20, 2009 CHRISTMAS MEETING RIBBON RESULTS

### FIRST PLACE RIBBONS

Steven Thimling	<i>Phrag. Eric Young</i>
Steven Thimling	<i>Den. oligophyllum</i>
Steven Thimling	<i>Platystele umbellata</i>
Steven Thimling	<i>Epi. cochleatum</i>
Steven Thimling	<i>Paph. spicerianum</i>
Steven Thimling	<i>Den. tobaense</i>
Sandy Delamater	<i>Vanda coerulea</i>
Sandy Delamater	<i>Milt. Andrea West</i>
Sandy Delamater	<i>Pholidota imbricata</i>
Meg McLaughlin	<i>Cookara Tropical Snow</i>
	flake(Caulalia Snowflake x
	Cattleytonia Keith Roth)
Meg McLaughlin	<i>Paph. moquettianum</i>
Gary Brendenmuehl	<i>Paph. lebaudianum var</i>
	<i>album</i>
Don Fago	<i>Cym. Showgirl</i>
Irene Mackie	<i>Onc. Twinkle pink</i>
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Lc Bouri-alhida</i>
	'Pink Lady'
Lynn West	<i>Tolumnia Pink Lady</i>
Heidi Whetmore	<i>Paph. maudiae</i>

### SECOND PLACE RIBBONS

Don Fago	<i>Rhynchostylis gigantea</i>
David Kahlway	<i>Paph. moquettianum</i>
Irene Mackie	<i>Stelis argentata 'Red'</i>
Meg McLaughlin	<i>Phrag. Living Fire (P. besseae</i>
	<i>x P. Sorcerer's Apprentice)</i>
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Paph. sanderianum</i>
Steven Thimling	<i>Masd. Snow Cone</i>

### THIRD PLACE RIBBONS

Judy Stevenson	<i>Paph. spicerianum</i>
Lynn West	<i>Phrag. Chuck Acker (P. Eric</i>
	<i>Young 'Rocket Fire'</i>
	<i>x P. walisii 'Warrior')</i>



*Cym. Showgirl*  
Grown by Don Fago



*Miltonia Andrea West*  
Grown by Sandy Delamater



*Phrag. Eric Young*  
Grown by Steven Thimling

Photographs by A. Lucier

### Up-Coming Events

- **February 6-7, 2010.** Orchid Growers' Guild Orchid Quest, Exhibition Hall, Alliant Center, Madison, WI
- **February 20-21, 2010.** Chicago Suburban Orchid Show, Sponsored by the Batavia Orchid Society; Dupage County Fairground
- **March 13-14, 2010.** Northeastern Wisconsin Orchid Society Show, Holiday Inn Neenah Riverwalk, 123 E. Wisconsin Ave., Neenah. Contact: David Bluma, 1367 Eagle Feather Tr., Neenah, WI 54956, (920) 428-4595; [davidbluma@aol.com](mailto:davidbluma@aol.com)
- **March 19-21, 2010.** Mid-American Orchid Congress Spring Meeting, held in conjunction with Greater Omaha Orchid Society's 23rd Annual Orchid Show, Omaha Marriott, Omaha NE
- **March 20-21, 2010.** Illinois Orchid Society Spring Show, Glencoe, IL