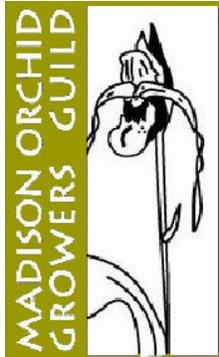


September 2010 *The Orchid Grower*

Orchid Growers' Guild of Madison
Website orchidguild.org



Meeting Dates

September 19, Paradigm Gardens
October 17-Meeting Room
November 14, Orchids Garden Centre & Nursery
December 19-Meeting Room
January 16, 2011-Meeting Room
February 20-Meeting Room
March 20-Orchids Garden Centre & Nursery
April 17-Meeting Room
April 23-Spring Orchid Sale at Olbrich
May 15-Olbrich
June Picnic-TBA
July Field Trip-TBA

Meetings start at 1:30 pm unless otherwise noted

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Note Date and Location Change:

NEXT MEETING, September 19th

“Find your needs for growing Orchids at Paradigm Gardens” by Andrew Berna and Staff, 4501 Helgesen Drive, Madison. There will be orchid judging as usual.

Fred Clarke to Speak at Orchid Quest 2011!

It is hard to believe that we are thinking about Orchid Quest 2011. Already the first show advertisement has gone out to **Midwest Living Magazine**. It is going to be a very exciting show because Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids in Vista, California has agreed to be one of our speakers. Before he agreed to the invitation, he asked me, “How cold is Wisconsin in the first part of February?” His answer “Yes” shows that he has a sense of adventure.

Who is Fred Clarke? He is a plant breeder of award-quality orchids. He produces unique hybrids and species in several genera including; Cattleya, Catasetinae Paphiopedilum, Dendrobium, Sarcophilus, and Bulbophyllum. I can hardly wait to meet him as well as learn what he has to share with us. Don't miss this! Watch for more information in up-coming newsletters.

— Judy Stevenson



Orchid Quest poster for 2011 designed by Heidi Whetmore.

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In Memoriam Mary Rita Theresa Weiss

Mary Rita Theresa Weiss passed away in April at the age of 78. Second only to her family, Mary's passion was orchids. From a gift of three plants given to her in 1973, her collection grew to over 3000. Mary was an AOS judge who often

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Programs for OGG 2010 - 2011

Meeting Date	Presentation
September 19, 2010 4501 Helgesen Dr. Madison, WI. 53718	Find your needs for growing Orchids at Paradigm Gardens Andrew Berna and staff
October 17, 2010 Meeting Room Olbrich	Mexipedium xerophyticum – Tips for Growing this Beautiful and Bizarre Lady Slipper Heidi Whetmore
November 14, 2010 Orchids Garden Centre & Nursery	OGG's 25th Anniversary Celebration Catered Banquet then "Reminiscing the Past and our Future" OGG members
December 19, 2010 Meeting Room Olbrich	Spectacular Vandas Prayool Inboriboon of Natt's Orchids
January 16, 2011 Meeting Room Olbrich	Overview of Orchid Quest Judith Rapacz and Judy Stevenson
February 20, 2011 Meeting Room Olbrich	A Basement Greenhouse Gary Brendemuehl, followed by Orchid Quest Debriefing – OGG
March 20, 2011 Orchids Garden Centre & Nursery	Repotting Orchids Chuck Acker
April 17, 2011 Meeting Room Olbrich	Australian orchids, TBA Nile Dusdieker
April 23, 2011 Olbrich Gardens, 10 am – 2:30 PM	OGG members Spring Orchid Sale at Olbrich
May 15, 2011 Meeting Room Olbrich	Best Habitats for and Where to go to find Native Wisconsin Orchids Craig Anderson, DNR, followed by Election of new OGG officers
June Picnic	TBA
July Field Trip	TBA

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worked at Orchid Quest. She was a member of the Batavia Orchid Society for over 30 years, serving as show chairman for over 20. She won awards and ribbons numbering in the thousands, with some of her plants earning the highest possible Award of Merit from the American Orchid Society. She eventually became an internationally accredited orchid judge, serving at competitions in such exotic places as Hong Kong, New Zealand, Hawaii, Indonesia, and Rio De Janeiro. Even in the dead of winter a walk through her greenhouse was like being in a forest of flowers.

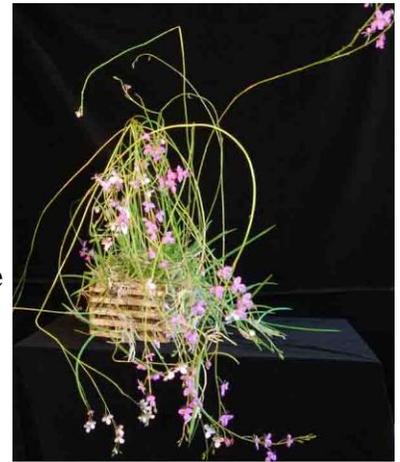
From Wayne King, "I became acquainted with Mary through our many contacts at shows and, at MAOC, where I was present when she was voted "Orchidist of the Year" in 1999. She was always among those setting up the Batavia Orchid Society displays, and their displays, under Mary's leadership, frequently won the AOS show trophy. She tutored John Diehl and Anne Orcutt (the OGG Away Show setup and take down persons) on what judges look for in judging a display. With Mary's help, OGG received one of our few AOS Show Trophies.

"Mary was a delight to know and was a person to pay attention to when she was extolling on one aspect or another of growing and showing orchids. On one occasion, I overheard Mary telling a small, informal group, "I've never killed an orchid". That stopped me in my tracks and I stopped to hear what else she might say. Her rejoinder was "but I have had a large number commit suicide".

From Arlene King, "I don't remember a OGG show that Mary didn't attend prior to her illness about four years ago. Mary, Loraine and Wilda always put up the display for the Batavia Society, and then Mary was a judge and Wilda and Lorraine would help with clerking. If our society had a Saturday night party she was there. After the AOS judging they usually left and would appear on Sunday playing cards in the hospitality room until tear down."

"During my experiences over the past seven years of attending Orchid-related events, Mary Weiss was always working or doing something. Mary was especially dedicated to the Batavia Orchid Society and worked endlessly on their shows. She was always a gracious host and always helpful to anyone who asked for her expertise. Mary will be greatly missed by all of the Orchid World and especially to the Batavia Orchid Society." Sandy Delamater

The OGG Board voted to make a donation in the amount of \$50 to AOS in her memory that will be acknowledged in the September issue of *Orchids*.



Photograph by Milton Wittmann
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Tetramicra canaliculata 'Mary Weiss', CCM/AOS 87 pts.

Wanted: Away Show Coordinator

OGG is looking to fill the position of "Away Show Coordinator." The Board recently discussed the duties and responsibilities expected. The coordinator NOT is expected to set-up or take down shows but should do the following:

- Send out announcements for up-coming shows
- Find volunteers for set up and take down
- Explain responsibilities to new volunteers



June OGG Ribbon Judging

First Place

Dietrich Schaaf	<i>Encyclia tampensis</i>
Eric Mosher	Psychopsis 'Kalihi'
Eric Mosher	Blc Haw Yuan Beauty 'Spice Girl'
Lorraine Snyder	Doritaenopsis Sinica Cherry
Sandy Delamater	Miltonia Vanity 'Red Shadow'
Sandy Delamater	<i>Gongora flaveola</i>
Sandy Delamater	<i>Brassavola cucullata</i>
Scott Weber	<i>Dactylorhiza maculate</i>
Wayne King	Kagawara Christie Low (Renanthera Nancy Chandler x Ascoscenda Memoria Choo Laikeun)

Second Place

Eric Mosher	<i>Phalaenopsis Baldan's Kaleidoscope</i>
Jeff Baylis	<i>Paphiopedilum moquetteanum</i>
Jeff Baylis	Psychopsis Mendenhall
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Lynleigh Koopowitz (delenatii x malipoense)
Sandy Delamater	Bc Bill Worsley (B nodosa x C aurantiaca)
Sandy Delamater	<i>Psychopsis papilio</i>
Scott Weber	<i>Dactylorhiza maculate</i>
Steven Thimling	<i>Bulbophyllum odoratissimum</i>

Third Place

Eric Mosher	Slc Ken Dream 'Moonlight Lady'
Eric Mosher	Phragmipedium Jason Fischer
Judy Stevenson	P Golden Peoker x P Hausermann's Goldcup
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Liodoro (<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Deventeriana x <i>Phalaenopsis</i> violacea)
Sandy Delamater	<i>Miltonia roezlii</i>
Scott Weber	<i>Calopogon tuberosus</i>
Steven Thimling	<i>Brassavola nodosa</i>
Steven Thimling	<i>Dendrochilum cobbianum</i>
Steven Thimling	<i>Ornithochilus fuscus</i>



Slc Ken Dream 'Moonlight Lady' grown by Eric Mosher
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Bulbophyllum odoratissimum, grown by Steven Thimling

Orchid Quest 2011 Volunteers Needed

From Co-Chairs Judy Stevenson and Judith Rapacz



We need to sign-up volunteers early for the 24th Orchid Quest because it is going to be the best show ever. One area that needs a lot of work is implementing a “grass roots advertising campaign” to people who attended Orchid Quest last year. Eight to ten volunteers are needed who are willing to send out news release e-mails to the people who came to Orchid Quest last year. There is no need to use your personal email address for this endeavor. Our webmaster Gary Brendemuehl will provide email addresses through the OGG website. This can be done in the comfort of your home. The more people who volunteer for this job, the faster the job will be done.



Calopogon tuberosus grown by Scott Weber



Paphiopedilum Lynleigh Koopowitz (delenatii x malipoense) grown by Lorraine Snyder



Dendrochilum cobbianum grown by Steven Thimling



Dactylorhiza maculate grown by Scott Weber

OAK HILL ANNUAL PICNIC

By Judy Stevenson and Wayne King
Photographs by Judy Stevenson

The OGG wishes to thank Liese and Greg Butler and Dorothy Pigors of Oak Hill Gardens, Dundee, IL for this year's summer program and their generous hospitality.

Where do things stand at Oak Hill? Due to the downturn in the economy, Oak Hill is no longer selling wholesale to 80 small businesses that have gone out of business. This has resulted in a change in how their operation is handled. They are still growing the orchid varieties listed on their web site; however, they are growing smaller batches of everything thus taking up less bench space in the green house. They have closed a couple greenhouses and plan to close one or more in the near future.

Cymbidiums are not as popular as they once were so these have been reduced. Cattleya crosses are not as popular and shoppers seem to prefer clones. The Phragmipediums sold out but due to popular demand, they may have some available in the near future. Orchids imported from overseas have hurt the American orchid market. A phalaenopsis takes three to four years from seed to bloom at Oak Hill but less time and expense for growers in Taiwan, Hawaii and elsewhere. However, Oak Hill has species orchids that can not be found in the big box stores.



Liese giving her presentation

The orchid growing business is challenging not just because of changing market conditions but in addition because growers have to adjust water and feed schedules according to the growing conditions each year. Last year it was cold and Liese saw black spot, root rot and diminished new root growth. Orchids grow best between 60 and 70 degrees and the low 80's. In the 80 to 90's, orchids stop growing. This summer has been hot and humid. For this Liese recommended:

- Watering orchids between fertilizations (with higher nitrogen formula).
- Make sure orchid plants are getting enough shade.
- On cloudy, sticky days no misting. When it is sticky, you may not need to water. Also, cut back a little bit on the fertilizer (skip a week).
- If sunny, mist lightly.
- Make sure orchids dry out before re-watering.
- If you see mildew or mold on the bark, use PHYSAN 20™. This compound may be put in your water system or rain barrel using directions on the bottle. Sometimes it is preferable to repot orchids rather than use chemicals. If the roots start turning black it is also wise to get that plant out of the pot and into fresh bark. CAPTAN and PHYTON are systemic fungicides that can be used for this condition.
- In the fall, start using blossom booster unless the weather stays hot and sunny. Stay with the higher nitrogen fertilizer until it starts cooling off and then switch to the blossom booster.

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For repotting, she recommended:

- Orchids in flasks are repotted in the spring.
- Soft leaved (phalaenopsis and paphiopedilum) - spring and early fall so that roots develop well. Cooler growing plants should be repotted in late fall and winter.
- Cattleyas and dendrobiums with pseudobulbs should be repotted when new growth starts. For dendrobiums without pseudobulbs, plant in the spring and early summer.



From left to right, Paph Prince Edward of York (sanderianum x rothschildianum), owned by Lauren and Roy Lenz; *Cirrhopetalum guttulatum*, owned by Lauren and Roy Lenz; and Wayne King's Clowesetum (Cl russelliana x Ctsm Breckenridge) Onyx

AWARD

OGG member Wayne King earned first place in the Cattleya Alliance category for his *Encyclia alata* v. *Majus* at the judging at Oak Hill Gardens, July 31st.

From our AOS Liaison Jill Hynum: AOS Essay Contest

The deadline is November 30th for the 2010 Dillon/Peterson Memorial Essay Contest. This year's theme: *Going Green: Conserving Resources and Still Growing Healthy Orchids*. Submitted essays must be original, unpublished articles. Membership in the American Orchid Society is NOT required. Submissions must be no more than 5,000 words in length, in English, typewritten and double-spaced. Artwork is not required for submission. Submissions will be judged without knowledge of the identity of the author. The decision of the judges is final. If no entries meet the expected criteria of excellence, the award will be withheld. The winning entry, if any, will be published in the May 2011 issue of Orchids Magazine. Those entries not chosen will be returned to the contestant if requested. Such entries are eligible for resubmission in subsequent contests. Such entries will also be considered by the editor of Orchids Magazine for publication and may be used in Orchids or other AOS publications with the written permission of the author. Published entries will not be eligible for consideration in subsequent contests.

Submit all entries to the Dillon/Peterson Memorial Essay Prize, American Orchid Society, Attn. James B. Watson, 16700 AOS Lane, Delray Beach, Florida 33446 (tel 561-404-2040; e-mail jwatson@aos.org).



Mid-America Orchid Congress

In conjunction with
**The Kentucky Orchid Society
 2010 Fall Orchid Show**

September 24-26, 2010
 Fern Valley Hotel and Conference Center
 2715 Fern Valley Road, Louisville KY 40213

Mid-America Orchid Congress:

www.midamericanorchids.org

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Kentucky Orchid Society 2010 Fall Orchid Show information:

www.kyorchidsociety.com

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Up-Coming Events

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- **September 24-26**, 18th Annual Chicagoland Orchid Fest
- **September 24-26**, Kentucky Orchid Society Show in conjunction with Fall MAOC, Louisville, KY
- **October 9-10**, Illinois Orchid Society Fall Mini-Show, Glencoe, IL
- **October 23-24**, Blackhawk Orchid Society Show, Rockford, IL
- **February 5-6, 2011**, Orchid Quest, Madison
- **February 9-10, 2011** Batavia
- **March 5-6, 2011**, Northeast Orchid Show in Neenah, WI
- **March 26-27, 2011**, Illinois Orchid Society Spring Show, Glencoe, IL
- **October 8-9, 2011**, Illinois Orchid Society Fall Mini-Show, Glencoe, IL
- **November 14-23, 2011**, 20th World Orchid Conference, Singapore

Wisconsin Orchid Society Show

September 18-19, 2010, 9am-5pm
 "Falling in Love with Orchids"
 Mitchell Park Domes, Milwaukee, WI

Sandy Delamater will be setting up and taking down for this show. Watch for information that she will be sending out for those who wish to show their plants

SIGN UP FOR SET-UP/TAKE-DOWN FOR UP-COMING SHOWS

Contact Judith Rapacz if you are interested

Show	Dates	Setup	Take down
Wisconsin Orchid Society Show	September 18-19	Sandy Delamater	Sandy Delamater
Illinois Orchid Society Fall Mini-Show	October 9-10	open	open
Blackhawk Orchid Society Show	October 23-24	Sandy Delamater	Sandy Delamater
Batavia	February 9-10, 2011	open	open
Northeast Orchid Show	March 5-6	open	open
Illinois Orchid Society Spring Show	March 26-27	open	open