

April 2011 *The Orchid Grower*



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NEXT MEETING APRIL 17th Goin' to the Dogs!

Our speaker is Nile Dusdieker. He is a third year student judge in the AOS system and a member of Eastern Iowa Orchid Society.

Meeting Dates

- April 17-Meeting Room
- April 23-Spring Orchid Sale at Olbrich
- May 15-Olbrich
- June Picnic-TBA
- Summer Field Trip-June 5

Meetings start at 1:30 pm unless otherwise noted

Up-Coming Events:

- June 31 — Central Iowa Orchid Society Speakers Day
- September 17 – 18, Wisconsin Orchid Society Show
- September 23-25, Chicagoland Orchid Festival
- October 8-9, 2011, Illinois Orchid Society Fall Mini-Show

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I can't think of a better pet than a loyal dog! They light up with joy when you come home, feed them and they grow strong, no slobber, just a sweet smell, quiet at night, and only a little dirty when you change the pot. Can you name the type of dog? Naturally, I'm talking about a group of orchids – Bulldogs! - Standard Complex Paphiopedilum Hybrids. No *Woof* about it!

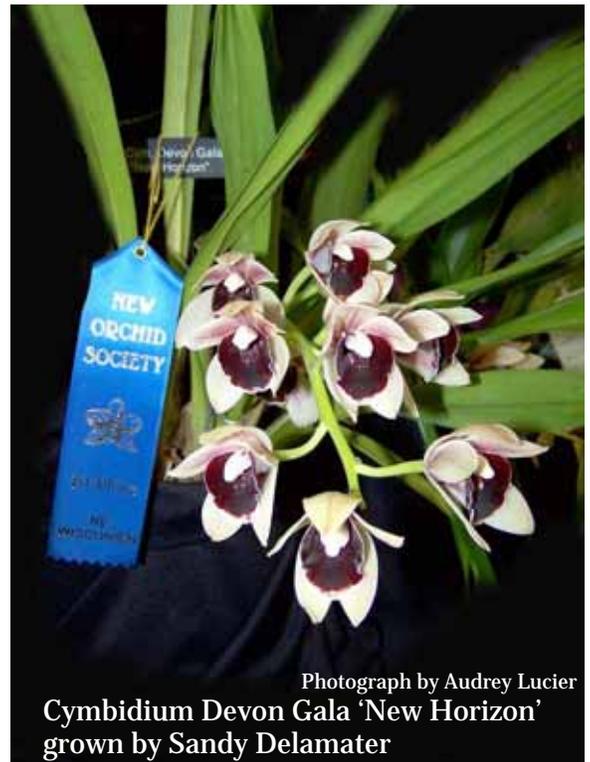
Standard Complex Paphiopedilums are either loved or hated. They have been referred to as Toads, Muddy Monsters, but more commonly as Bulldogs. The latter name likely refers to one of the most famous

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Look for a synopsis of Chuck Acker's March presentation on repotting and IOS results in the May Newsletter.

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Photograph by Audrey Lucier
Cymbidium Devon Gala 'New Horizon'
grown by Sandy Delamater

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Photograph by Sandy Delamater

OGG members Sarah Lundey, Steven Thimling, Gary Brendemuehl, Elaine Malter and Meg McLaughlin are some who worked at registration



Liz Wood, Dawn Weckler and Jodie Thistle are a few of those who worked in the busy plant check room.



Photograph by Judith Rapacz

Scott Weber's presentation had a full house in the expanded lecture room where approximately 180 people attended

SUMMER FIELD TRIP

The annual field trip will be June 5th in Door County. We hope to see "carpets of yellow lady slipper orchids blossom [ing]." Several members have already made reservations to camp at Peninsula State Park. We will go to Bailey's Harbor and to "The Ridges" if there is enough time. More information to follow.

March OGG Meeting:

- There was a raffle of a beautiful orchid-motif runner and 8 matching napkins created by Judy Stevenson. OGG members who volunteered at OQ were eligible and Gary Brendemuehl won!
- The Board discussed finding a new venue for OQ, especially one with free parking. Seven sites were investigated and the pros and cons discussed. The Board voted to remain at Alliant.
- Treasurer Audrey Lucier presented the preliminary 2011 OQ accounting.
- Chuck announced that "Chuck's Challenge" will start up again at the November meeting.

NEWOS RIBBON JUDGING RESULTS 2011

Set-up and take-down: Audrey Lucier
OGG Exhibit: Second Place

Best of Class and First Place Ribbons

Orchids Garden Center & Nursery	Phragmipedium Acker's Starlight (pulled for AOS judging but not AOS awarded)
Orchids Garden Center & Nursery	Cymbidium Evening Star 'Pinkie'

First Place

Sandy Delamater	Brassolaelia Yellow Bird
Sandy Delamater	Cymbidium Devon Gala 'New Horizon'

Second Place

Orchids Garden Center & Nursery	Phragmipedium Waunakee Sunset
Judy L. Williamson	<i>Dendrochilum wenzelii</i>

Third Place

Wayne King	Phragmipedium Les Dirouilles
Gary Brendemuehl	Paphiopedilum Larry Booth
Sandy Delamater	<i>Dendrochilum uncatum</i>
Sandy Delamater	<i>Pleurothallis grobyi</i>
Orchids Garden Center & Nursery	Caulaelia Snowflake
Orchids Garden Center & Nursery	<i>Phragmipedium besseae</i>



Photographs by Audrey Lucier

Phragmipedium Acker's Starlight and Caulaelia Snowflake, both grown by Orchids Garden Center & Nursery

Everyday Orchids

By Heidi Whetmore

One of the most appealing aspects of growing orchids is the incredible diversity from which hobbyists can choose. This seemingly unlimited variety undoubtedly plays a large role in sustaining my own interest; I know there will always be new challenges if I should I seek them. While I enjoy growing--and talking about--my more unusual plants, I am equally appreciative of many of my less "exotic" orchids. I made a list of orchids from my collection that might not impress seasoned orchid growers, but are easy to grow and have long-lasting blooms that add beauty and color to my collection much of the year.



Encyclia cochleata (Cockleshell Orchid)

When I bought this plant, it had one spike, with one flower. Within 2 years time, it now supports 6-9 spikes with 15-30 flowers, at a time, year-round. I water it every 2 days, and fertilize (1 tsp per gallon) weekly. Each flower resembles a small octopus, and lasts for approximately 2 weeks, before a new one opens. I love the contrast between the near-black center, and lime green tentacles.

Cochleanthes amazonica

The plant was not in bloom when I bought it, but once it bloomed, it has bloomed non-stop for the last 2 years. It has large white flowers with delicate purple stripes in the middle of the lip. One of my books describes this orchid as having a "very endearing puppy dog quality" in the way the flowers hang from the plant. My *Cochleanthes* supports 4-9 flowers at any given time; I water it every 2 days, and fertilize (1 tsp per gallon) weekly.



Dendrobium (hybrid)

Although I am not sure what variety of Dendrobium I own (it was a grocery store purchase), it has become an impressive plant. It blooms from both old and new canes, and as a result, each subsequent blooming produces more flowers. The flowers are long-lasting (3-4 months), and thus far, I've had 14 flowers on a single spike. I water it 1-2 times per week, and fertilize (1 tsp per gallon) weekly. Most recently, one of my plants started producing aerial roots just be-



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low its newest spike. What fun!

Psychopsis (Butterfly Orchid)

I own 3 Psychopsis, and all 3 are regularly in bloom year-round. I have a Mendenhall, Mendenhall alba, and a Kalihi. They are each beautiful in their own right, and are a lovely addition to my collection. I am particularly fond of my Mendenhall alba. I love the yellow flowers, and the plant keeps getting bigger (another plus); it had one spike when I bought it, and now it has 3 spikes! I water my Psychopsis every 2 days, and fertilize (1\2 tsp per gallon) weekly.



Photograph by Audrey Lucier
Dendrochilum wenzelii shown at NEWOS and grown by Judy Williamson

In Memorium

Former OGG member Len Huebner passed away February 21. Len had been a member for about five years and always looked forward to helping at Orchid Quest. Len stopped by to visit me last fall at which time he informed me that he had stage-4 cancer. He seemed his old self at the time but when I visited him on February 9 at the Nazareth Health Care Center in Stoughton, he was in a greatly weakened state, but still able to carry on a limited conversation. After reading George Hesselberg's column, I realized that there was so much about Len's life that Len kept to himself:

Lennie Huebner would bring his partner, David Wescom, on foraging trips in the fall. They would drive their little white car right into Don Schuster's farm fields outside of Deerfield and stuff that car so full of squash its rear would be dragging all the way to the nearest food pantry. They would return for a re-fill and hit the next pantry, in Deerfield, Sun Prairie, the AIDS Support Network, wherever anyone needed free food. It was usually acorn squash, destined to be plowed under as fertilizer because there is a heap of bother and no profit in harvesting the surplus for sale.

Frugal but generous, he could not bear to see anything go to waste, nor any need unfilled, said Michael Hansen, a friend who was also Huebner's caregiver for the past few months. If you mentioned in passing that you enjoyed a certain recipe, there was good chance Huebner would leave a casserole on your porch the next day. Sidewalks were shoveled, flowers delivered (he was an orchid grower), pies and pumpkin cheesecakes baked, all from his and Wescom's trailer home in Marshall.

"He didn't have a lot in life, but what he had, he shared," Diane Hermann-Brown said.

I knew, for example, of his frugality, but was unaware of his heroic generosity. Last fall, when I saw him, Len wanted to be sure that he was signed up for helping at this year's Orchid Quest and I made that known at the December Christmas Party. At that time neither of us knew how quickly he would slip away from us. Len is just one more of a long line of community leaders that have made important contributions to the success of OGG.

— Wayne King, with thanks to George Hesselberg

MARCH OGG RIBBON JUDGING 2011

First Place

Lynn West	Blc Ports of Paradise
Meg McLaughlin	Phrag Paul Eugene Conroy (longifolium 'Waunakee' x wallisi)
Irene Mackie	Cymbidium unknown white
Sandy River	Phal Nobby's Amy 'Wilda's Pink Butterflies'
Steve Thimling	Epicattleya Rene Marques 'Flame Thrower'
Meg McLaughlin	Phalaenopsis Malibu Bistro 'Floriculture'
Dennis Pfarrer	<i>Rhyncholaelia digbyana</i>
Judy Williamson	<i>Dendrochilum wenzelii</i>
Sandy Delamater	<i>Pleurothallis grobyi</i>
Sandy Delamater	<i>Dendrobium aggregatum</i>
Don Fago	<i>Maxillaria tenuifolia</i>
No name	Paphiopedilum maudiae, green
Meg McLaughlin	Phalaenopsis equestris hybrid

Second Place

Meg McLaughlin	Phalaenopsis (schilleriana purpurea x Morgenrot)
Meg McLaughlin	Dtps Dorene Bedenbaugh x Dtps Achy Breaky Heart
Eric Mosher	Tolumnia Pink Panther
Eric Mosher	Oncidium Twinkle 'Red Fire'
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Dendrochilum tenellum</i>
Don Fago	Cattleya Swingtime 'Dancer'
Irene Mackie	Phalaneopsis unknown Pink
Gary Lensmeyer	<i>Calanthe rosea</i>
Dennis Pfarrer	<i>Sophronitis cernua</i>

Third Place

Steve Thimling	Phaiocalanthe Kryptonite 'Chariots of Fire'
Bob Lasseter	Phalaenopsis Baldan's Kaleidoscope
Meg McLaughlin	<i>Phalaenopsis stuartiana</i>
Gary Brendemuehl	Paph primulinum var. album sib ('Full Moon' x 'Albino Beauty')
Meg McLaughlin	Trichocidium Memoria Sarai <i>Ribicoff</i> 'H' x <i>lanceanum</i> 'Boynton'
Bob Lasseter	Phalaenopsis hybrid
Steve Thimling	Oncioda chaculatum 'Golden Pacific'



Calanthe rosea grown by Gary Lensmeyer



Phalaenopsis Baldan's Kaleidoscope
grown by Bob Lasseter

Orchid Quest Redux: Non Plant Winners

"Tillysburg Castle Orchid" Quilt by
Mary Alice Hart, First Place



"My Beauty" Quilt, Susan Buckingham, Favorite Quilt

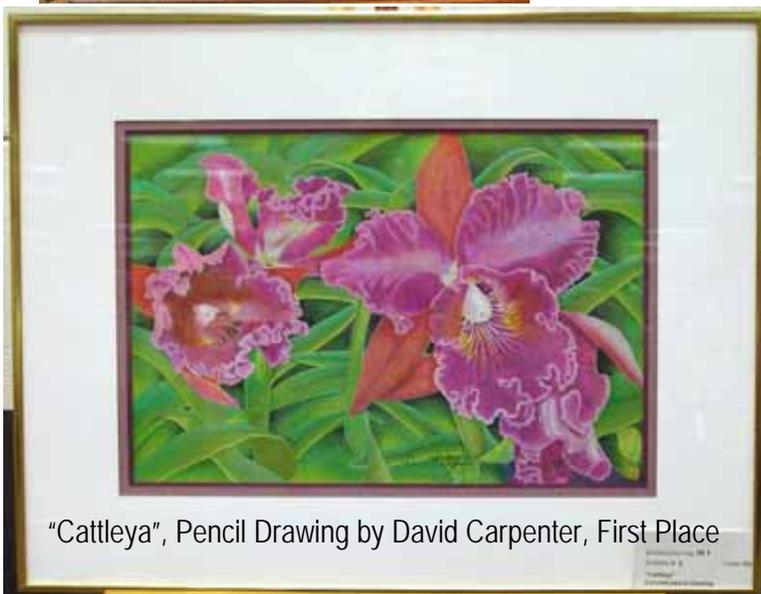


"Native Orchids"
Watercolor Painting
by Beth Ann
Hamilton of Cross Plains,
First Place and Favorite Art
Work



Photograph by Rich Narf

Orchid Vase by Randall Wollet of Capital
Artists, First Place and Best of Class



"Cattleya", Pencil Drawing by David Carpenter, First Place

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Paphiopedilum hybrids ever made – Paphiopedilum Winston Churchill. Two clones, 'Indomitable' and 'Redoubtable,' received First Class Certificates (FCCs) from AOS judging. These photos are from Arnie Klehm's greenhouse last winter. Churchill was affectionately known as the British Bulldog for his demeanor during World War II, hence the reference to this group of large, strong, bold Paphiopedilum hybrids.

Most of the initial hybridization work came from Britain in the early 1900s where the seed was spread on the media and moss around the mother plant. The fungus helped with germination. Only a few seedlings would develop and were prized possessions. In the 1930s hybridization travelled across the Atlantic to the US with the development of Knudsen's Agar and aseptic seed propagation. The 'Golden Age' of Bulldogs was 1950-1980s; thousands of crosses were registered in colors from yellow to green, bronze to red with and without spots, and early whites. Current trends in hybridization have broadened to include vini colors, Maudiae breeding, whites with pink, and miniatures.

— *Nile Dusdieker*



'Indomitable' (above), and 'Redoubtable' (below are clones of Paphiopedilum Winston Churchill



You know you are addicted to orchids when ...

... you get back from vacation and immediately begin combing through your orchid collection looking for spikes.

Up-Coming Events

- **May 20-22** — Shreveport Orchid Society Show & AOS Members Meeting, Shreveport Convention Center, LA
- **May 13-15** — Redland International Orchid Festival, Redland Fruit & Spice Park, Homestead, FL
- **May 20-22** — Memphis Orchid Society Show, Holiday Inn Select, I-240 & Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN
- **June 31** — Central Iowa Orchid Society Speakers Day, Camp Dodge Recreation Center, 7105 NW 70 Ave., Johnston, IA
- **September 17-18** — Wisconsin Orchid Society Show, Mitchell Park Domes, 524 S. Layton Blvd., Milwaukee, WI
- **September 23-25** — Chicagoland Orchid Festival, Oakhill Gardens, 37W550 Binnie Road, Dundee, IL
- **October 8-9** — Illinois Orchid Society Fall Mini-Show, Glencoe, IL
- **November 14-23** — 20th World Orchid Conference, Singapore
- **September, 11-16, 2012** *Australian Orchid Conference 2012, Kings Park, Perth, Western Australia.
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