

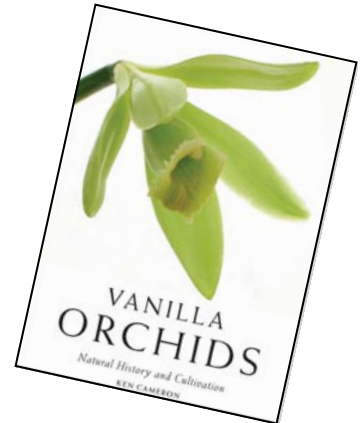
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NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 16th Ken Cameron on Vanilla Orchids

The OGG speaker for October will be Ken Cameron with whom many of you may be familiar. But what many of you may not know is that as a result of his international lab and field research, he has become the world's authority on vanilla and its relatives. Ken's talk will be based on his new book, just published by Timber Press. He is Professor of Botany and Director of the State Herbarium at UW-Madison.



Meeting Dates

October 16– Meeting Room
November 20– Orchids Garden Centre & Nursery
December 18– Meeting Room
January 15– Meeting Room
February 19– Meeting Room
March 18– Meeting Room
April 15– Meeting Room
May 20– Meeting Room
May 27– Field Trip to Kettle Moraine
June Picnic– TBA

Meetings start at 1:30 pm at Olbrich Gardens unless otherwise noted

Ken will bring autographed copies to sell at a discounted price, and even some vanilla-inspired treats to share. For more details see http://www.timberpress.com/books/vanilla_orchids/cameron/9780881929898

OGG FIELD TRIP TO DOOR COUNTY By Lucy and Bob Lasseter

Going to see orchids in Door County was a special experience for Orchid Society members. A 10 am Sunday, June 5th rendezvous at Ellison Bay County Park was selected as a time for people to gather on the bluff to venture forth and find native Yellow Lady Slipper orchids (*Cypripedium parviflorum* var. *pubescens*) in the surrounding woods. The June 1996 issue of Wisconsin Trails stated, "The park's most outstanding feature is a sweep of yellow lady's slipper orchids that bloom in May. They look like a carpet..." Denise, Lorraine and Judy were heading for the bluff path when we arrived. The bluff area initially challenged us in the quest to find the carpet of yellow lady slippers so boldly pro-

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Photograph by Judy Stevenson
Close-up of Striped Coralroot (*Coralhiza striata* var. *striata*)

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Up-Coming Events:

- October 15-16, 2011, Illinois Orchid Society Fall Mini-Show
- February 4-5, 2012, Orchid Quest
- April 7, Spring Orchid Sale

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MAOC NEWS

By Judith Rapacz

The Fall Mid-America Orchid Congress (MAOC) was held in conjunction with the Wisconsin Orchid Society's Fall Orchid Show, last month.

MAOC committee meetings were held Friday evening. Saturday morning judges from the Chicago Judging Center as well as MAOC joined the early morning judging at the Show Dome at Mitchell Park Conservatory.

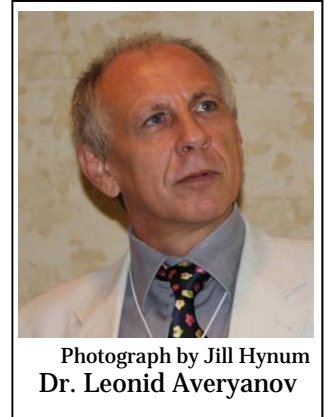
Doug Martin, President of the MAOC opened the Congress by introducing the featured speaker and one of the world's leading orchid botanists, Dr. Leonid Averyanov. He is an expert on the orchids of Vietnam and Southeast Asia, and co-authored *Slipper Orchids of Vietnam*. His first presentation was on ***New Orchid Discoveries in Vietnam***. He showed how the various orchid species are distributed in Vietnam, Southeast Asia and adjacent areas in China.

The second lecture was on ***Orchid Conservation in Ecuador – Habitat Protection, Education & Ecotourism*** by Dr. Joe Meisel, vice-president and founder of the Ceiba Foundation for Tropical Conservation. The foundation is dedicated to the conservation of tropical plants and animals through public education and establishment of locally owned and operated nature reserves. Dr. Meisel explained the foundation's many projects; the El Pahuma Orchid Reserve in Ecuador, which protects over 1000 acres of cloud forest and was established through South America's first conservation easement involving a local landowner (Jan and I visited the Reserve a year ago and it is really a rich habitat for orchids). He also talked about future potential sites to be developed for eco-tourism and school projects.

At the Saturday evening banquet Dr. Averyanov also spoke on ***New Discoveries about Vietnamese Paphiopedilums***. It was a real treat to learn about the many species of Paphs, their distribution and their native habitat. He will give a copy of the presentation to MAOC, who will distribute a copy to all MAOC Affiliated Societies so that members will have a chance to view the presentation at their convenience, or use it at a meeting instead of a speaker.

Sunday morning at the Affiliated Societies breakfast, the discussion topic was "Exhibits in Other Societies' Show." This included reimbursement, volunteers to set up a show and hospitality.

In some Societies volunteers set up shows without reimbursement;



Photograph by Jill Hynum
Dr. Leonid Averyanov

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some get gas money; others get gas money and \$10 food allowance, and some get reimbursed according to mileage.

Most Societies face some problems in recruiting new volunteers to set up Away Shows. How does a Society decide which Away Shows to attend? most limit distance, some consider reciprocity.

Although there was a 'good' turnout, the attendance was considerably lower than usual because of the MAOC met away from the show venue. However, the MAOC committee was pleased that so many OGG members registered for the Congress: Rich & Pat, Judy S., Sue, Denise, Jill, Judy W. Audrey, Lorraine, Heidi, Sandy, Jane, Jan & Judith



Bob Lewis judging at OQ 2010 and 2011



IN MEMORIA

Robert "Bob" Lewis, age 68, d. September 22, 2011

The orchid growing community has lost a teacher, leader, and friend in Bob Lewis who recently passed away. I knew Bob at least since 1983 as a fellow member of the Wisconsin Orchid Society. It was great to have someone with whom to chat about "the good old days". Bob served the Wisconsin Orchid Society (WOS) in various capacities for over forty years to the present. In recent years, I asked him if he wasn't a bit tired of serving in that capacity. His response showed an unwavering dedication. not only was he not tired but was ready to serve as long as he was needed. He applied for, and was accepted, into the AOS judging program and became an accredited AOS judge in 2006. In addition to judging at AOS judged shows, Bob was often involved in helping to set up WOS shows. Bob had a gentle spirit and a sense of humor and was an inspiration to us all. In the end, Bob left the world of orchids to the rest of us and left us only with pleasant memories of him, his knowledge, and the results of his boundless energy.

—Wayne King, former president of the Orchid Growers' Guild and long term member of both the WOS and OGG

Bob Lewis was the Head Judge of Orchid Quest and many other Orchid Shows, a member of Wisconsin Orchid Society and an icon among orchid lovers. Bob purchased an orchid from Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids. Bob bloomed the first plant of the original cross and received an AM/AOS on a first bloom. The plant was subsequently registered by Fred Clarke and named *Cynodes* 'Bob Lewis' after Bob. Clarke created a remake of this cross and Bob purchased a couple of plants. He bloomed the first one again and showed it at OQ 2011 in the WOS display. This plant received a 1st place and an AOS Award of Merit. Bob was very proud of this orchid and was very happy to have it awarded at our show, especially with Fred Clarke present. In December he was presented with the Orchid Digest Diamond Award by WOS.

—Sandy Delamater, OGG member

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claimed. As we gently meandered into the woods behind the parking area, we found many lovely clumps of the yellow Lady Slipper with 3-5 blooms in some groupings. Snapping lots of photos, we then drove back and parked by the roadside on the way into the park. Here in the woodland forest, the native lady slippers were here, there and everywhere. Truly there was a carpet of yellow lady slipper orchids. There were 6-8 blooms in groupings against tree trunks, logs, and in hollows. Looking in any direction you could count out 50 blooming orchids by focusing on what you were looking for.



Photograph by Bob & Lucy Lasseter

Cypripedium parviflorum var. *pubescens*)

from Green Bay. We enjoyed a delicious menu of fresh quiches, salads and sandwiches before going over to the Ridges Sanctuary. With the expertise of guides, we walked along the pathways inside the sanctuary finding native woodland plants including the Ram's head ladyslipper (*Cypripedium arietinum*) and Striped Coral-root (*Coralorhiza striata* var. *striata*) orchids that were



Photograph by Liz Wood

Clumps of *Cypripedium parviflorum* var. *pubescens*)

in bloom. It was nice to have someone who knew where to find these special plants and pointed them out so we could find them with ease!

It was fun talking with club members to find out about their adventures around our time together in Ellison Bay Park, Harbor Fish Market and Grill and at the Ridges. Denise and Lorraine had set up Denise's tent camper in the dark in Peninsula State Park! Judy had come up to join them after Heidi Whetmore's wedding in Green Bay on Saturday night! We had come up Friday afternoon with our bikes and stayed at our favorite B&B in Ephraim, then biked to meet some Door County friends at the Coyote Roadhouse on Kangaroo Lake for lunch on Saturday. We later enjoyed a fun dinner eating outside at the Gibraltar Grill in Fish Creek. The Lizzes had stayed overnight at Liz Wood's aunt and uncle's in Green Bay. It was fun to have Liz Wood's aunt and uncle join us to enjoy the orchids in the Ridges Sanctuary. We had a wonderful time and encourage everyone to go on the next Orchid Society field trip. Not only were the arranged events and tours fun, there were other great things to do beyond what was set up!

The next meeting point was Harbor Fish Market and Grill in Bailey's Harbor for brunch. Here we were joined by Liz Barlow and Liz Wood along with her aunt and uncle



Photograph by Judy Stevenson

Ram's head ladyslipper (*Cypripedium arietinum*)

OGG RIBBON JUDGING WOS and MAOC, MILWAUKEE

Set-up and take-down: Sandy Delamater

OGG Exhibit: First Place

First Place and Best of Class

Sue Reed *Paphiopedilum sanderianum* (sp)

First Place

Sandy Delamater Cym. Golden Elf 'Sundust'
 Judy Stevenson Paph. (Makuli-Curtisii)-Maudiae x Paph. Maudiae 'Napa Valley'

Second Place

Sandy Delamater *Epidendrum difforme* (sp)
 Sandy Delamater Zygopetalum Rhein Moonlight
 Sue Reed *Maxillaria nasuta* (sp)
 Audrey Lucier Pot. Creation 'Summer Choice' (Blc. Chatoyant x Lc Orglade's Glow)
 Judy Stevenson Paph. Pinocchio (Paph. Glaucophyllum x Paph. Primulinum)

Third Place

Audrey Lucier Pot. Cameron's Magnetism
 (Pot. Afternoon Delight
 'Magnetism' x Gur. aurantica
 aurea)
 Meg McLaughlin Trichocentrum Memoria Sarai
 Ribicoff x Trichocentrum
 lanceanum 'Boynton'



Photograph by Pat Narf

Cym. Golden Elf 'Sundust' shown by Sandy Delamater: below, *Paphiopedilum sanderianum* shown by Sue Reed



Photograph by Sandy Delamater

OGG Exhibit



ANNUAL DUES



October means that it is time to pay OGG annual dues. The Board decided to keep the dues at the current rates of \$18 for individuals, \$9 for full-time students, \$24 for households and \$24 for business. HOWEVER, dues received after January 1st will owe a \$2 late fee (except students) for creating extra work for our treasurer balancing the books. Please send in the Membership Registration Form with your remittance. This is used to update OGG records, particularly growing experience.

AOS CORNER

Now that Summer is behind us, let's hope the weather calms down so we can all enjoy the upcoming orchid show season. Some of you are starting to hold their meetings again after a summer hiatus. The AOS has had a busy summer as well. There are new novice culture sheets for most of the more popular orchids. If you are a member of AOS and have not already registered for access to the new website Members' Only, I hope you do it soon. One major difference in the new website is that it may be translated into a multitude of foreign languages. The translation is done with a drop down menu on the left hand top portion of the site. Also, the site is continually being populated with up-to-date orchid information. In addition, there is a new member's profile where you can renew your membership, change your mailing address or email information and manage your AQ+ subscription. Plus, each month, Ron McHatton produces a fabulous electronic newsletter filled with all kinds of orchid culture information. If you are already an AOS member and not receiving notifications of these monthly newsletters, AOS does not have your email address. To be added to the distribution list, send your email address along with your full name to Terri Rivera at trivera@aos.org. Please note: if you are having difficulties signing into the 'Members Only' section, it may be that your prior registration is no longer valid. With the new website, each member must renew their registration. Instructions for doing so are on the home page of AOS.

You will also find a tab on the home page about the Myrtle Head Savanna Conservation Committee project. It is up and running and donations are being made. You can read more about this joint project with Nature Conservancy in the August Orchids as well as the website. If you or your society has funds for conservation, please consider this worthwhile project. It certainly deserves all our support and it would be great if AOS could reach its monetary goal soon. If you are unable to make an online donation on the AOS webpage, you may send a contribution by check to AOS. Just make sure to note on the check that it is for the Myrtle Head Savanna Project so you receive proper recognition.

All my arrangements for attending the AOS Fall Members' meeting in San Antonio are made. The Alamo Orchid Society has put together a wonderful meeting and I look forward to being there. It runs from October 25 – 30 and has a great line up of speakers and vendors. In addition to Trustee and Committee meetings, the traditional Affiliated Societies breakfast will be held and I hope to see some of you there. Check out the Alamo Orchid Society website at www.alamoorchidsociety.com for registration or more information.

Lynn Fuller, Chair
AOS Affiliated Societies Committee

Selected Miniature Orchids at WOS



Cadetia chionantha, from New Guinea



Cleisocentron merillianm, from Borneo



Dendrobium cuthbertsonii cool-growing endemic to New Guinea. Blooms can last up to 10 months



Macroclinium species, from Ecuador



Dendrobium Laevifolium common name Shiny Leafed Dendrobium from the southwest Pacific
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Dendrobium lamyaiae 'Silas', deciduous epiphytic orchid from Southeast Asia. The flower can outsize the plant.



Ornithocephalus manabina, common name The Manabi Ornithocephalus [a Department in Ecuador]. Found in Ecuador as a hot growing epiphyte

FABULOUS FALL ORCHIDS

Are you tired of this rain and the early start to fall? If so, come out to the Chicago Botanic Garden on October 15 and 16 from 10AM to 5PM and visit the Illinois Orchid Society's fall orchid show.

Held in the Greenhouse Galleries, **Fabulous Fall Orchids** features colorful orchids that traditionally bloom in the autumn. IOS volunteers will be selling beautiful orchids grown by area greenhouses. This is the IOS's member show, where members and Midwest orchid societies showcase their orchids in tabletop exhibits and offer a variety of orchids for sale. It is a wonderful time to get special deals on orchids and orchid related art, books, and supplies. You can get that favorite orchid of yours repotted and have all your orchid questions answered by IOS orchid experts. Children will find fun orchid activities at the children's table.

The show is open from 10 to 5 on Saturday and Sunday. Photographers are welcome to come at 9 AM on Sunday morning. The show is free. Parking is free for members of the Chicago Botanic Garden [and Olbrich Gardens], \$20 for all others. For more information, visit the IOS website or call 224-612-2152.

In addition to the orchid show, the Garden has several other activities planned for that weekend: Midwest Fruit Explorers Show and Sale, Midwest Daffodil Society Bulb Sale, and Wisconsin-Illinois Lily Society Bulb Sale. See you at the Chicago Botanic Garden on the 15th and 16th!

Jeanne Becker
IOS Home Show Chair

WANTED!

Temporary Newsletter Editor

Have you ever thought about being responsible for a creative project but are reluctant to commit for the long-term? Here is your opportunity to see if the OGG newsletter editor position is right for you without a long term commitment, but still a commitment. During the next three or four months I will be out of town frequently and will miss most of the up-coming OGG meetings. As a result I do not believe that I can do an adequate overall job. I will however be around to help and usually available via email.

As far as software needed, I am fortunate to have Microsoft Publisher but when I first started out I managed with Word.

So if you want to give it a try contact me.

Denise Baylis, Newsletter editor

ERRATA: A Thank You

The Guild received a very nice thank you note from the Ridges Sanctuary in acknowledgement of our donation of \$250.

From Olbrich Botanical Gardens

Word was recently received that an orchid plant grown by their staff earned at Certificate of Horticultural Merit from AOS. Conservatory Curator John Wirth said, "Since the orchid and all of its offspring will be named 'Michael Olbrich' in perpetuity, we felt this would be a fitting memorial to the to the man whose vision was the foundation on which Olbrich Botanical Gardens has prospered."



Sievekingia reichenbachiana 'Michael Olbrich', photographed at Orchid Quest 2010

Up-Coming Events

- **October 15-16** — Illinois Orchid Society Fall Mini-Show, Glencoe, IL
- **January 28-29, 2012**—Winter Carnival Orchid Show, St. Paul MN
- **January 28-29**— Grand Rapids Orchid Society, MI
- **February 4-5**— Orchid Growers' Guild Orchid Quest
- **February 25-26** - Show for the Greater Lansing Orchid Society, Michigan State University, East Lansing MI
- **March 3-4**—NEWOS Orchid Show, Neenah, WI
- **March 10-11**— Illowa Orchid Society Show, Bettendorf, IA
- **April 13-15**-MAOC in conjunction with Central Indiana Orchid Society Spring Show
- **April 28-29**— "Celebrate Orchids," Illinois Orchid Society Spring Show, Glencoe, IL
- **October 13-14**— 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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