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THE LAST MEETING OF THE SEASON, June 24th Annual OGG Picnic

The Annual OGG picnic potluck will be hosted again by Bob and Lucy Lasseter. The date is Sunday, June 24th. Arrive around 12:30 pm, especially if you have orchids for ribbon judging. As a large main dish they will be serving Costa Rican Traditional Black Beans and Rice with Luzano Sauce on the side. They had a great time in Costa Rica in February and enjoyed seeing orchids there! We will dine around 1:30. Bring a dish to pass and your beverage of choice. There will be ice. They have a large yard with lovely plantings and there is no need to bring chairs. See you there!



Meeting Dates

- June Picnic- June 24
- September 16 - Meeting Room
- October 21 - Meeting Room
- November 18 - Orchids
- December 16 - Meeting Room
- January 20, 2013 - Meeting Room
- February 17 - Meeting Room
- March 17- Meeting Room
- April 6 - Spring Orchid Sale
- April 21 - Meeting Room
- May 19 - Meeting Room
- June Picnic - 24th

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

Up-Coming Events:

- September 11-16 — Australian Orchid Conference
- September 15-16—WOS Show
- September 21-23 — Chicagoland Orchid Festival
- October 13-14 — IOS mini-Show
- October 26-28 — MAOC

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Dear OGG members and friends,

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to Rich Narf as past President of OGG. I know Rich was willing to continue in this important leadership role, but his wife Pat's health concerns have taken them both out of their normal routines. Rich will be focusing on assisting Pat in getting the best possible medical care. We cannot forget the contributions Pat made to our meetings as our Hospitality Coordinator. We will miss her delicious treats and smiles.

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I wish to welcome new OGG board members, Sue Reed 3 year term, and Lynn West who will finish my last year as Secretary. I give my heartfelt thanks to Irene Mackie who served most recently as a general Board Member and also served as Treasurer. She also assisted on

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the Nominating Committee. We will miss your steady guidance and gentle presence.

And thus it is with some sadness that I assume the role of President of OGG. I hope all of you will assist me in the fall with your time, energy and ideas. I invite you to contact me anytime. I look forward to our programs, gearing up for Orchid Quest 2013, working together on reviewing our point system, and rest assured, we will be asking you to volunteer!

I invite you all to attend OGG Board Meetings which are held at my residence, and look forward to serving you in the fall.

Enjoy the summer and don't forget the Annual Picnic at the Lassiter's home June 24th. See you there!

—Lorraine Snyder

FROM CHICAGOLAND ORCHID GROWERS ASSOCIATION

The Chicagoland Orchid Growers Association invites you and all of the orchid lovers in your society to attend our 20th annual Orchid Festival, to be held concurrently at two (2) orchid nurseries in the Chicagoland area! The event, which will also feature domestic and international guest growers and speakers, will be held this year on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 21, 22 & 23, 2012. More detailed information (maps, guest grower/speaker list, etc.) can be found on the festival website at www.chicagolandorchidfest.com



As an extra incentive for you to join us, the Chicagoland Orchid Growers have agreed once again to partially subsidize a society bus trip (minimum 30 people traveling in one vehicle!) to the festival. We will compensate the society (with dollars, plants or both) in the amount of \$300.00 per bus.

Call Prayool Inboriboon at Natt's Orchids (630) 904-0947 or Gene Hausermann at Orchids by Hausermann (630) 543-6855 to work out the details before you make your bus/van trip arrangements.

We hope that you and a few of your friends can join us!
Sincerely,

The Chicagoland Orchid Growers Association Members:
Orchids by Hausermann
Natt's Orchids

OGG RIBBON JUDGING MAY

First Place

Sandy Delamater	Dendrobium Nora Tokunaga (atroviolaceum x rhodostictum)
Sandy Delamater	<i>Paphiopedilum lowii</i> (species)
Sandy Delamater	<i>Pleurothallis hemirhode</i>
Sandy Delamater	Phragmipedium Jason Fischer (Memoria Dick Clements x besseae)
Sandy Delamater	<i>Psychopsis papilio</i> (Latours Variety)
Jill Hynum	Cypripedium (yellow)
Steven Thimling	<i>Ascocentrum miniatum</i>
Steven Thimling	Epicyclia Serena O'Neill (Mabel Kanda x cordigera)
Steven Thimling	(Lc Tokyo Magic x Slc Dream Cloud) 'Hilo'
Steven Thimling	Masdevallia
Wayne King	<i>Cattleya warneri</i>
Melissa Williams	Phalaenopsis Golden Peoker 'BL' HCC/AOS
Melissa Williams	Dtps Memoria Alice Ainsworth x Phalaenopsis pink Magesty 'Royalty'

Second Place

Sandy Delamater	Dendrobium Mini Snowflake (aberrans x Johnsoniae)
Sandy Delamater	Trichopilia x Ramonensis
Jill Hynum	Psychopsis Mariposa 'Mountain' (papilio x Kalihi)
Terri Jorwiak	<i>Doritis pulcherrima</i>
Wayne King	Slc Mae Hawkins 'Miya' (Naomi Kerns x Anzac (1921))
Lorraine Snyder	Paphiopedilum appeltonianum (appeltonianum 'Moment' x appeltonianum 'Kopua Ben')

Third Place

Sandy Delamater	Paphiopedilum Winston Churchill 'Indomitable' x In-Charm White
Bob Lasseter	Phalaenopsis hybrid



This yellow Cypripedium was shown by Jill Hynum



Steven Thimling showed this *Ascocentrum miniatum*



This Masdevallia was shown by Steven Thimling



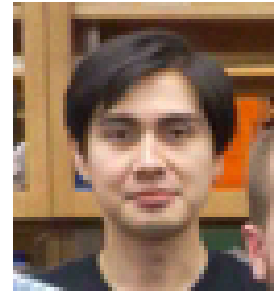
Paphiopedilum appletonianum (appletonianum 'Moment' x appletonianum 'Kopua Ben'), shown by Lorraine Snyder



Sandy Delamater showed this Trichopilia x Ramonensis

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GIOVANNY GIRALDO, MAY SPEAKER "Orchids of Santa Maria"



Giovanni Giraldo

Our speaker at our May meeting was Giovanni Giraldo from Bogota, Colombia. As an associate of the Instituto de Ciencias Naturales (The Institute that holds several of the biggest natural collections of Colombia, between them the COL herbarium) he had the opportunity to travel to several regions of Colombia and do research on the Orchid family. Giovanni is a graduate of the National University Colombia whose BSc thesis was a preliminary manuscript of the Flora Orquideológica de Santa Maria. Since the fall of 2011 he has been a graduate student in the Botany department of the UW-Madison. He is studying the South American genus Epistephium, He is also collaborating with an exploration in Colombia, from which he is describing two new species of Cyrtochilum.

In Giovanni's native country of Colombia, the orchid family is represented by approximately 4000 species and 250 genera. Because of the its great geographical diversity of habitat, it is considered one of the countries richest in orchid species. Recent surveys have suggested that the number of orchid species described for Colombia is underestimated, and this is further supported by re-explorations that have resulted in the description of many new taxa.

With the present work, Giovanni's goal was to contribute to the knowledge of this family in a small area of the neotropics, trying at the same time to increase the interest of the local inhabitants for its native orchid flora and conservation.

Giovanni focused his survey to Santa María municipality (Boyacá, Colombia). Santa María

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is on the East slopes of the Andean Cordillera Occidenta. The altitude ranges from 400 to 2000 m. The great range in altitude results in a wide variety of habitats, from dry desert to cloud forest. The rainfall (4282 mm) facilitates the production of hydroelectric power, and a local power company provided funding for his research. Over a period of four years, Giovanni and his team spent one week every four months conducting their survey. He showed a selection of pictures of endemic orchids.



Cattleya schroederiae alba, by Henry Moon in Frederick Sander's Reichenbachia, Orchids Illustrated & Described (1888-1894)

Morphological descriptions and identification keys for 64 genera and 121 species were included along additional information for the latest ones, including relevant synonyms, general and local geographical distribution, habitat preferences and photos of different features of the plants. The richest genera found were *Epidendrum* (16 spp.), *Maxillaria* and *Pleurothallis* (6 spp. each one), *Stelis* (5 spp.), and *Dichaea* and *Scaphiglottis* (4 spp. each one).

Giovanni showed a copy of his recent work, Guia de campo de las orquídeas de Santa María (a field guide to the orchids of Santa María municipality), which of course is in Spanish.

Giovanni mentioned that one of the orchid in this study area is the endangered *Cattleya schroederiae* also known as *Cattleya de Pascua* or *Easter Cattleya*. Although rare, where it is found it is abundant. He also found three new species of orchids (a maxillaria, an epidendrum and a rodrigoa) which still

need to be described. One of the topics he is working on is the *Epistephium hernandii* (Vanilloideae, Orchidaceae). It is straggling, climbing orchid that resembles a *Sobralia* but is more closely related to *Vanilla*. It has three anthers, an unusual trait in orchids, and he is speculating that it is reverting backwards genetically. Unfortunately getting flower samples is difficult as the plant roots cannot be disturbed and it is extremely difficult to propagate.

Up-Coming Events

- **September, 11-16, 2012** Australian Orchid Conference 2012, Kings Park, Perth, Western Australia. Contact: For Information visit website or aconference@dodo.com.au
- **September 15-16** — Wisconsin Orchid Society Show, Mitchell Park Domes
- **September 21-23** — 20th Anniversary Chicagoland Orchid Festival, www.chicagolandorchidfest.com
- **October 13-14** — Illinois Orchid Society Fall Mini-Show, Glencoe, IL
- **October 26-28** — MAOC in conjunction with Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City, Independence, MO