



#### **Meeting Dates**

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

#### **Up-Coming Events:**

- March 3-4—NEWOS Orchid Show
- March 10-11— Illowa Orchid Society Show
- April 7, Spring Orchid Sale
- April 13-15-MAOC in conjunction with Central Indiana Orchid Society Spring Show
- April 28-29— Illinois Orchid Society Spring Show

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# **Next Meeting March 18th**

Ryan O'Connor from the DNR will be talking to us about the native orchids of Wisconsin.

# **NOTE FROM HEIDI**

This was my first time serving as co-chair of Orchid Quest, and it has truly been a privilege to work with Judy and to be part of this year's show. Our club's energy and enthusiasm for orchids was apparent to everyone who attended.



We had a wonderfully organized show and we were able to host a renowned orchid expert. AdditionJudy Stevenson hold the poster that Heidi and Matt designed at the behest of the Alliant Centre

ally, as evidenced by the attendance numbers, we were able to share our passion for orchids with many people who might be new to the hobby.

There were many circumstances that favored our show this year, including the weather and—unfortunately--the Packers playoff performance. Although we cannot count on these things to happen each year, we are already working to make next year's show just as successful. We've sent some feelers out for potential keynote speakers for Orchid

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Quest 2013, and we plan to have another exciting guest next year!

Thanks again for all of your hard work and dedication to our club!

Heidi

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## **Report from the 20<sup>th</sup> World Orchid Congress, Singapore** By Peter Tobias

[The] morning looked like good weather so I decided to take in the Singapore Botanical Garden (SBG) and its national orchid collection. Spectacular on all fronts. The SBG was started in 1859 and had its first orchid house in 1875. I am not certain when Henry Ridley became director of the SBG, but his importance is that in 1893 he grew the first rubber trees in southeast Asia. Rubber is native to the Amazon basin. The Amazon basin was controlled by Spain and Portugal and thus they had a monopoly on rubber. I don't know who first smuggled rubber seeds out of the Amazon, but it was no accident that they ended up at Kew Gardens outside London. After some years of failure seedlings finally sprouted and a few survived long enough to be sent to

Singapore. There Ridley managed to get them to grow well, and the Amazonian rubber monopoly was broken as a result.

Also in 1893 *Vanda Miss Joaquim* was discovered in the garden of Miss Agnes Joaquim. Depending on whom you believe, this hybrid was either intentional or accidental, but the evidence seems to favor that it was an intentional cross by Miss Joaquim herself. It has never gone out of favor and became the national flower of Singapore. Horticulturalists at the gardens have been busy

Photograph by Calvin Teo Vanda Miss Joaquim

making more hybrids ever since, and they are on magnificent display in the national orchid garden. ... There were special houses with cool Andean species, such as *Masdevallia tovarensis*, and a mist house with cymbidiums. There were large palm gardens, a ginger and heliconia area, and just lots and lots of plants. Plumerias were large enough to be mounts for orchids and other epiphytes. There were actually way more than lots and lots of plants.

In the afternoon I attended a symposium on Chinese medicine. Very interesting to learn that many types of orchids are used in Chinese medicine, but depressing to learn that patients and practitioners prefer wild collected plants for medicines. The haul amounts to at least tens of thousands, maybe hundreds of thousands, of plants every year. How long that can go on is an interesting question. Clearly it has been going on for a long time. As best I could make out, none of the orchids have been fully characterized to discover what chemicals are responsible for the pharmacological properties....

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# OGG Winners at OQ 2012

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OGG Exhibit	Second Place
Best of Class	
Susan Reed	Paphiopedilum unknown hybrid (Gene Smalley cross)
First Place	
Robert Lasseter	Epidendrum centradenia
Susan Reed	Paphiopedilum unknown hybrid (Gene Smalley cross)
Terri Jozwiak	Phalaenopsis Yu Pin Sweetie
E Mosher/S River	Phalaenopsis King Car Yellow Girl
Meg McLaughlin	Dendrobium (Bigibbum x Music Beauty)
Olbrich Bot Garden	Cirrhopetalum refractum species
Second Place	
Meg McLaughlin	Cookara Tropical Snowflake (Diacrium Snowflake x Cattleytonia Keith Roth)
Meg McLaughlin	Brassocattleya Maikai 'Mayumi'
Sandy Delamater	Paphiopedilum White Knight (Green Mystery x Skip Barlett)
Lorraine Snyder	Paphiopedilum Kissing Booth Pakibole 'Leopardwood'
Jeff Baylis	Phragmipedium Sorcerer's Apprentice (longifolium x sargentianum 'Candor')
Terri Jozwiak	Phalaenopsis Sogo Vivien 'M-PO398'
Jill Hynum	Miltoniopsis
Olbrich Bot Garden	Dendrobium aphrodite species
Olbrich Bot Garden	Zootrophion endresianum species [pulled for AOS judging]
Susan Reed	Coelogyne cristata species
Third Place	
Steve Thimling	Cattleytonia Why Not (C. aurantiaca x Bro. sanguinea)
<b>Richard Narf</b>	Laeliocattleya Puppy Love 'Easy Looking' (C. Dubiosa x L. anceps)
Audrey Lucier	Sophrolaeliocattleya Hsin Buu Lady 'Y.T.' (L. anceps x C. Wendy's Valentine)
Gary Lensmeyer	Paphiopedilum <i>venustum</i> x sib species
Meg McLaughlin	Paphiopedilum <i>spicerianum</i> species
Meg McLaughlin	Phalaenopsis Mistral's Sunrise Flame 'Mendenhall' (Golden Bells x Habsburg)
Susan Reed	Psychopsis Mendenhall alba 'Yellow Butterfly' (Butterfly x papilio)
Susan Reed	<i>Pleurothallis cf. minutalis</i> species
Gary Lensmeyer	Cymbidium Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade' (pumilum x Sleeping Beauty)
Wayne King	<i>Eria stellata</i> species
Wayne King	Burrageara Castle Issa 'Hilo Bay' (Mtdm Issaku Nagata x Oda Castle de Ux)

2012 OGG Results at Batavia and NEWOS will be in the April Newsletter



Photographs by Jill Hynum of some other exhibits at OQ 2012

# OGG Member Winners at OQ 2012 - Other Categories

# **Photographs**, Color

2nd	Rich Narf	Some Favorite Photos: Phalaenopsis Nobby's Amy				
3rd	Rich Narf	Some Favorite Photos: <i>Coelogyne fimbriata</i>				
Other arts and crafts featuring orchids including: Ceramics, China, Sculpture,						
Jewelry and Metal Art, Needlepoint, Tapestry, other than above.						
2nd	Annette Minter	Phrag on Porcelain				

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3rd	Annette Minter	Orchids and More
2nd	Annette Minter	Phrag on Porcelain

Collectibles - Any type orchid related artwork, crafts or related articles

1st	Judy Williamson	Dendrobium spectabile pin
2nd	Judy Stevenson	Cattleya Needlepoint
3rd	Judy Williamson	Vintage Cattleya plate



Photograph by Jill Hynum Cattleya needlepoint pillow made by Judy Stevenson



OGG exhibit

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# Orchid Quest 2012 AOS Award Winners



*Aerangis luteo* alba var Rhodosticta. Certificate of Cultural Merit. Shown by Michel Orchid Nursery.



Doritaenopsis (Phal.) Fongsiou Peach (l-Hsin Lucky Girl x Sinica Peeress). Award of Merit. Shown by Robert Banister, Eastern Iowa Orchid Society



Odontioda Teighmore Rouge Bouillon x Aviewood. Highly Commended Certificate. Shown by New Vision Orchids

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Dendrobium eriaeflorum. Certificate of Cultural Merit. Shown by Walter Crawford, Wisconsin Orchid Society



Lycaste Kawabunga 'Revlon Kiss.' Award of Merit. Shown by Orchids Limited



Oncidium Lykaiossii. Certificate of Botanical Recognition. Shown by Larry Sexton, Batavia Orchid Society.

# More Orchid Quest 2012 AOS Award Winners



Paphiopedilum Houghtoniae 'Cat's Meow' (haynaldianum x rothschildianum). Award of Merit. Shown by Cathy Bloome, Illinois Orchid Society



Phragmipedium kovachii 'Purple Cow.' Award of Merit. Shown by Orchids Limited

# FROM OQ CO-CHAIRS

Dear OGG members:

Our 25<sup>th</sup> Orchid Quest was a very successful show. We are grateful to all of you who showed support before and during the 3 day event. We are a small society of only 70 members and about 35 members were actively involved with the event.

We had good attendance on Saturday (1,400), and Sunday's attendance (668) more than doubled our 2011 Sunday total, bringing the overall attendance to 2,068 for two days. This is the highest attendance since 2002! In addition to the mild weather, we increased our use of low-cost advertising through local radio and TV interviews, Facebook, posters, bookmarks, and online community event calendars.

This year we opened the vendor area earlier than ever (9:30 AM) on Saturday because two bus loads of seniors arrived from Fond du Lac. For people who are both vendors and judges this created a dilemma since it is impossible to be in more than one place. Next year, we will return to our previously scheduled 10 AM time on Saturday.

We enjoyed having Glen Decker from Piping Rock Orchids for our Keynote speaker on Saturday morning, and later for the evening banquet. We had 32 attendees for Glen's evening presentation of "Phrag. kovachii and its Hybrids"!

**Thanks** to all of you for the hard work you put into Orchid Quest. We really appreciated you going the extra mile.



Orchid Quest Co-chairs Judy Stevenson and Heidi Maenner with OGG president Rich Narf after the successful conclusion of OQ

### — Judy and Heidi

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# Illinois Orchid Society turns 60 in 2012!

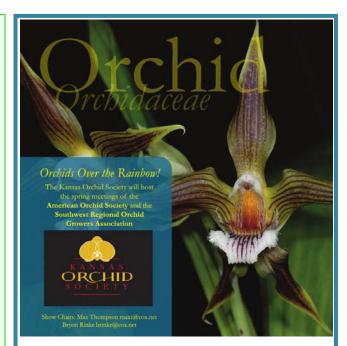
The Illinois Orchid Society is pleased to announce that Tom Mirenda, Orchid Collection Specialist at the Smithsonian Institution, will be keynote speaker and honored guest at the Illinois Orchid Society's 60th Anniversary Orchid Show and Sale on April 28 and 29, 2012. Held at the world renown Chicago Botanic Gardens, we invite you to participate in this fantastic show. In addition to first, second and third place ribbons, 60th anniversary ribbons and awards will be granted in 27 Best of Class categories. Miss Illinois will be at the show to present nine special awards. This is an opportune time to showcase your unusual orchids, vie for one or more of these ribbons and awards, meet Tom Mirenda, and have their photograph taken with Miss Illinois!

Orchid vendors who have committed to attend include: Ten Shin Orchids, Ecuagenera, and Clown Alley Orchids, in addition to a number of Illinois based orchid growers. Special after-hour events on Saturday evening are being planned. Details will be posted on our website. The Chicago Botanic Garden will be in full bloom at the end of April. It is one of the most beautiful times of the year to visit these gardens.

IOS has negotiated a special room rate at the Renaissance Hotel in Northbrook of \$109 for a block of rooms for the nights of Friday Apr 27 & Sat Apr 28 that include:

- Breakfast (up to 2 guests)
- free use of internet
- Some shuttle service

You can call them at 1 847-498-6500 and ask for the "Illinois Orchid Society Spring Show" room rate, group code = ILLILLA



## AOS Spring Meeting April 25-29

Spring meetings of AOS and Southwest Regional Orchid Growers Association, will be hosted by the Kansas Orchid Society at the Hyatt Regency Wichita. Speakers include Dr. Neonid Averyanov, Alan Koch, Robert Fuchs, and Dr. Ray Cloyd. For more on these speakers and others, as well as Registration and lodging information, go to <u>www.kansasorchidsociety.com</u>

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- March 10-11- Illowa Orchid Society Show, Bettendorf, IA
- April 13-15-MAOC in conjunction with Central Indiana Orchid Society Spring Show, Indianapolis, IN
- **April 25-29** AOS and Southwest Regional Orchid Growers Association, hosted by the Kansas Orchid Society, "Orchids Over the Rainbow," Hyatt Regency Wichita KS
- April 28-29— "Celebrate Orchids," Illinois Orchid Society Spring Show, Glencoe, IL
- September, 11-16, 2012 \*Australian Orchid Conference 2012, Kings Park, Perth, Western Australia. Contact: For Information visit website or <u>aocconference@dodo.com.au.</u>
- 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

## FAVORITE RECIPES FROM A SELF-CONFESSED "VANILLAHOLIC" By Ken Cameron

## THE DESSERTS

## Vanilla Frosting

Classic butter cream frostings can be used to fill pastries or ice a cake. There are many different variations (Julia Child offered three variations in her 1961 cookbook, *Mastering the Art of French Cooking*), but all of them require good quality Vanilla beans or extract to make them rich and flavorful. Extract is usually preferred since it will not leave black Vanilla seeds in your white frosting. The following is a favorite because it is easy to make, rich, and custardy.

### Ingredients:

2/3 cup sugar (vanilla sugar is preferred)
4 fresh egg yolks
½ cup boiling milk
½ lb (2 sticks) of softened butter
1 Tbs pure Vanilla extract
Large bowl or sink filled with ice-cold water

Beat the egg yolks and sugar together in a large bowl until dissolved and thickened. Then beat in the hot milk little by little. Pour this into a saucepan along with the Vanilla extract, and stir over moderate-low heat until thickened, then plunge the saucepan into the ice water bath to stop the cooking action.

Pour the custard mix into a new mixing bowl and beat the softened butter into the warm custard mixture a little at a time to incorporate the butter fat as an emulsion. The amount of butter can be adjusted so that the frosting is as smooth, thick and creamy as possible. Chill before using.

### Vanilla Ice Cream

For something that seems so basic, there are countless ways in which to make Vanilla ice cream. Some recipes are heavy with egg, others use no egg at all. Some chefs prefer to cook the cream before freezing. Others would never hear of such a thing. If you use Vanilla extract, your ice cream will be pure white or light yellow in color. If you use the whole bean, then the ice cream will be dotted with "real Vanilla bean specks" – the seeds released from within the fruit.

Below is an easy recipe for rich, creamy, French style Vanilla ice cream. Try to obtain the freshest ingredients possible, as this will make a world of difference. No cooking is required.

### Ingredients:

2 fresh eggs
¾ cup sugar (use Vanilla sugar if possible)
2 cups heavy cream
1 cup whole milk
2 tsp Vanilla extract

Whisk the raw eggs together with the sugar in a pre-chilled mixing bowl until dissolved, thickened, and a bit foamy. Pour in the cold cream, milk, and Vanilla extract. Stir to mix, then transfer to a home ice cream maker and follow the manufacturer's instructions. Let the kids help. It's that easy!

## Next Month: Thomas Jefferson's Recipe for Vanilla Ice Cream, circa 1780

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