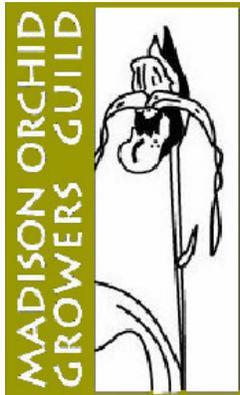


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Meeting Dates

- 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 6-7, Eastern Iowa Show and Sale
- October 13-14 — IOS mini-Show
- October 26-28 — MAOC

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello OGG members and friends,

Summer may soon leave us, but we can look forward to the OGG 2012-2013 season beginning with our first meeting Sunday, September 16. Our program is "Orchids of Iran and Sahlab", presented by long-time OGG member Dr. Mo Fayyaz. He is a Distinguished Faculty Associate and Director of Botany Greenhouses and Garden at UW-Madison. Please invite your fellow orchid lovers to join us to kick off the season.

Coming up we will be discussing new ideas for our points and awards system as our current system is too cumbersome and inaccurate as cur-

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NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 16th

"Orchids of Iran and Sahlab," Dr. Mo Fayyaz

Iran, situated in the south-west of Asia, is slightly larger than the combined area of the western United States (Arizona, California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, and Idaho). It is at a crossroad of three continents; eastern Europe, Asia (central and south-west), and Africa. It has tremendous biodiversity stemming from its varying climatic conditions resulting from its geography: mountain ranges spanning the perimeter of the country and its large central desert. Different phytogeographic regions in Iran's plateau cause massive genetic flow, resulting in far more diverse flora in comparison with

neighboring countries. Floral regions of Iran consist of discrete, dispersed, and limited areas. Its coverage in the northern and north-western areas and humid regions is very high, but in arid areas with low precipitation and high evaporation it is very low. Flora of Iran consists of 167 fami-

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rently structured.

We thank outgoing OGG president Rich Narf and Irene Mackie for their years of service and welcome new board members Sue Reed and Lynn West. We also thank Bob and Lucy Lasseter for hosting our annual picnic at their home.

We are saddened by the recent passing of OGG member Carl Dietrich Schaaf and send our sympathies and condolences to his wife and family.

Get ready! It's not too early! We will be asking you to sign up to work at Orchid Quest 2013.

Lorraine Snyder

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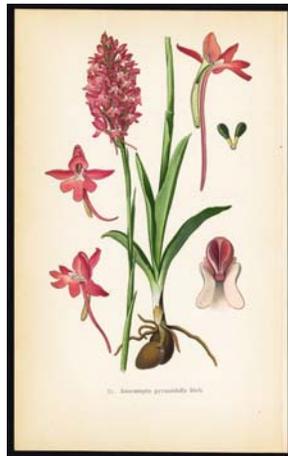
lies of vascular plants, containing 1215 genera, some of them represented only by one species while others contain up to 800 species.

Total plant Taxa in Iran are about 8,000, which include about 6417 species, 611 subspecies, 465 varieties, and 83 hybrids. Of these, about 1,810 are endemic to Iran.

Compared with neighboring regions, orchids are rather rare and usually not numerous in the "Flora Iranica" area. There are about 24

genera of terrestrial orchids in Iran. Rare and endemic orchids such as *Epipactis veratrifolia* and *Ophrys transhyrcana* may be found in the Armeno-Iranian Mountain Riparian Woodland. Other orchids found in Iran are *Ophrys umbilicata*, a unique species of bee orchid; *Ophrys reinholdii* in the northwest; and *Anacamptis morio*, the Green Veined Orchid.

Anacamptis pyramidal, from 'Abbildungen der in Deutschland und den angrenzenden Gebieten vorkommenden Grundformen der Orchideen-Arten,' by Walter Müller and F. Kränzlin, 1904



Summer Field Trip Cancelled due to Drought

"Muffy and I both have been watering trees, vines, etc. I spent 29 days since June 1st hauling water in a 500 gallon tank behind the tractor. Even the purple fringed orchids went dormant; I only found one in flower and it looked so-so. I was trying to keep another one going but gave up since it got too hot and it went dormant. There was a nice spotted coral root at Devil's Lake, but it shriveled up before all the blossoms opened, so I gave up on the idea of a field trip. Let us hope that next year will be better."

Scott Weber

OGG RIBBON JUDGING JUNE 2012

First Place

Sandy Delamater	<i>Brassavola cucullata</i> sp
Sandy Delamater	Dendrobium Nora Tokunaga
Sandy Delamater	Phalaenopsis I-Hsin
Sandy Delamater	Paphiopedilum St Swithin (P. philippinense x P. rothschildianum)
Sandy Delamater	<i>Lycaste cruenta</i> sp
Sandy Delamater	Psychopsis Mendenhall 'Hildos'
Judy Stevenson	Vanda Sansai Blue (Crimson Glory x Coerulea)

Second Place

Sandy Delamater	<i>Miltoniopsis roezlii</i> sp
Judy Stevenson	Doritaenopsis Sin Yuan Golden Beauty
Wayne King	Slc. Jewel Box 'Dark Waters'
Wayne King	<i>Encyclia alata</i> var Majus

Third Place

Judy Stevenson	Doritaenopsis Ever Spring Prince 'Water'
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In Memoriam

Carl Dietrich Schaaf passed away August 24th. He held degrees in Wildlife Ecology and Entomology. He worked for many years as Curator of Mammals with the Philadelphia Zoo, General Curator and Director of Collections with Zoo Atlanta and as Director of Education with the International Crane Foundation.

Before retirement, he was Director of Development with the Madison (Wisconsin) Audubon Society. He traveled widely in Africa, Latin America and Asia as a tour leader, field researcher, educator and consultant, and published a number of scientific and popular articles based on his work and travels.

Dietrich's interests included natural resource conservation and environmental issues, and the ways in which different cultures deal with questions concerning these issues. In retirement he enjoyed birding, gardening and growing orchids. He is survived by his wife Cherie and three children.



Photograph by Jill Hynum
Doritaenopsis Sin Yuan Golden Beauty, shown by Judy Stevenson; below Lynn West and Lorraine Snyder ribbon judging at the Annual OGG picnic.



WE HAVE A WINNER!

PART I of Chuck's Orchid Challenge Concluded

Congratulations to Judy Stevenson for being the first OGG member to flower the Oncidium Mem. Kiyoshi Akatsuka 'Volcano Queen'! Judy brought her plant into the greenhouse in the beginning of August. Judy will be presented with a \$25 gift certificate from Orchids Garden Centre & Nursery at the November meeting. That is a beautiful flower! Way to go Judy!!! (Sorry Heidi.....!!)

Now, remember the second part of the challenge will be the judging of the most robust grown plant at the November meeting, so please bring your plants in then! I want to see everyone's plant no matter how you may feel about it. You never know, maybe I'll feel sympathetic and add another \$25 gift certificate for the saddest looking plant too! This is all about having fun growing orchids!

For those of you that may not remember the challenge rules, I have copied them below.

Congratulations again Judy!!

Chuck

Synopsis of the Rules for Chuck's Orchid Challenge, November 20th, 2011

Your challenge for this year will be judged in two categories. One prize will be given for the first plant to bloom, documented by emailing me a photo or personally bringing the plant to me at the greenhouse. The second prize will be judged at the November 2012 meeting for the most robust plant seen at that time; flowers will not be a factor. Each winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate from Orchids Garden Centre & Nursery presented at the November 2012 meeting. Good Luck All!!



Jill Hynum submitted this photograph of her yellow cyripediums. She reported that after this summer's drought, "My yellows were fine, but most of my showy ladyslippers didn't even put out buds. I'm also hoping they will be back."

MONKEY ORCHIDS?

Have you ever heard of a 'Monkey Orchid'? When you look into the bloom, a monkey face looks back. Annette Minter had not heard of them either which led to further investigation. Lou Jost in Ecuador finds them there. He said that these orchids are in the orchid genus *Dracula* which used to be part of *Masdevallia* and DNA analysis has confirmed that they are separate genera.

Many of these New World orchids come from the south-eastern Ecuadorian and Peruvian cloud forests from elevations of 1000 to 2000 m. The monkey orchid can flower at any time – it is not season specific. Its scent reminiscent of ripe orange.

There is another 'monkey' orchid, this one found in Georgia. The Monkey Face Orchid (*Platanthera integrilabia*) grows in parts of the Blue Ridge Mountains and down into the upper Piedmont region. Its preferred habitat is shady seepage bogs and floodplains of small spring-fed creeks.

If you are interested in growing these orchids, both J&L and Ecuagenera offer them for sale.



Dracula simian and below, *Dracula fuligifera*, both available from Ecuagenera



From J&L, left is *Dracula olmosii* from Panama. Each bloom has a perfect rhesus monkey face inside; right is *Dracula gigas* from Ecuador.



Orchid Quest 2012 Up-Date

Tom Miranda will be the key-note speaker at Orchid Quest 2013. For the last ten years he has been the Orchid Collection Specialist at the Smithsonian Institution where he cares for and curates an extremely diverse collection of orchid species and hybrids from all over the world. We are very fortunate to have this national and international specialist speak about the world of orchids. We will sense his passion of orchids. Be prepared to enjoy yourself.



**Mid-America
Orchid Congress**

Hosted by
Orchid Society of
Greater Kansas City

October 27,28 2012

Hilton Garden Inn
19677 East Jackson Dr.
Independence, MO 64057

**20th Annual
Chicagoland Orchid Festival**



Sept 21-23, 2012

8:00am-5:00pm Friday & Saturday
10:00am-3:00pm Sunday



"Fall in Love with Orchids"
takes place in Milwaukee at the
Mitchell Park Domes September
15 - 16, 2012. Hours are 9
to 5 on Saturday and 9 to 4 on
Sunday. Parking is free.

Information about Vendors, Exhibitors, and
Domes admission is available at
wisconsinorchidsociety.com/html/orchidshow

Up-Coming Events

- **September, 11-16, 2012** Australian Orchid Conference 2012, Kings Park, Perth, Western Australia. Contact: For Information visit website or aocconference@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 6-7**— Eastern Iowa Orchid Show and Sale, Horticulture/Floral Careers Building, Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids, IA
- **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 midamericanorchids.org/meetings