

November 2013 **The Orchid Grower**

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Orchid Quest 2014 update

The 27th year of holding Orchid Quest will be February 1 – 2, 2014. I think that you are going to be excited by how much progress is being made. Planning for OQ starts in April. Then we signed the contract with Alliant Energy Center to hold 2014 OQ there at a cost of \$8,500. In June, we got confirmation from Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Gardens near San Diego, California that he would be our “Keynote Speaker”. In the December newsletter you will learn more about him. We had our final list of speakers for the program by September. We are excited to have Hermann Pigors, Sam Tsui, Scott Weber, Ken Cameron and Lynn West for the daytime Program on Saturday and Sunday. Fred will speak at the banquet Saturday evening starting at 5:30 PM.

The next task is to come up with a picture of an orchid that we wanted to use for the poster. For unknown reason, I had the vision of a yellow and orange Cattleya in my head. To find the perfect photo, we combed through hundreds of orchid photos on Rich Narf’s web site. Ultimately we went with a photo that Denise had taken at Orchids Garden Centre and Nursery (OGCN) - sorry Rich!

Then we went about designing the poster in July. Many attempts were made at designing the poster. Denise is a wiz on the computer.

It is her talent and tenacity that came up with the final lay out. Next she designed the bookmarks which are now available at OGCN. Poster and bookmarks have been sent to various gardens in Wisconsin and Illinois to get the word out about this awesome show. Let-

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Meeting Dates

November 17—**Orchids**
December 15— Meeting Room
January 19, 2014 —Meeting Room
February 16—Meeting Room
March 16—Meeting Room
April 20—Meeting Room
May 18—Meeting Room
June Summer Picnic TBA

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

Up-Coming Events

February 1-2, 2014-Orchid Quest
February 15-16, Batavia Orchid Society Show, Dupage County Fairgrounds
March 1-2, Northeastern Wisconsin Orchid Society Spring Show, Neenah
March 8-9, The Illinois Orchid Society Spring Show, Glencoe
April 5 -Spring Orchid Sale, Olbrich
April 30-May 4, 2014— MAOC, Bloomington MN

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ters to the Vendors and Societies went out by USPS in September. Letters to artists went out in October.

The best news is that **Lynn West** will be my co-chair for 2014. The next best news is that **Terri Jozwiak** will

be her co-chair in 2015. I am very delighted to have them on board because they are hard workers, organized and they have a passion for orchids. They will make a dynamite team. Both work full time which is why we are dividing up the responsibilities in to sub-committees. November 1st, we meet with the Alliant Energy Center to finalize arrangements there and to make food decisions.

Do you have questions for Chuck the Plant Doctor? Please send those questions to him at ahead of time at cacker@tds.net

Thanks to Lynn West, Rich Narf, Audrey Lucier, Terri Jozwiak, Denise Baylis, Shirl Roberts, Sue Reed and Jill Hynum for compiling the list of e-mails of people who attended OQ 2013. We will use these e-mails when we start doing the publicity for OQ 2014.



I am always open to any suggestions from you about ways to improve the orchid show. I am haunted most by the question **“How to get more people to this show?”** Considering how much time and work we put into this event, we have to get more people there. Please give me your suggestions.
 — Judy Stevenson

The Ceiba Foundation presents:
**THE 6TH ANNUAL TROPICAL
FOREST FUNKRAISER**

NOVEMBER 14 8PM HIGH NOON SALOON



**Featuring Tani Diakite & the Afrofunkstars
& Chafo**



LET'S GET FUNKY.

\$10 at the door, \$8 with a student ID.

Help us conserve biodiversity with coastal communities in Ecuador. Featuring hand-made goods from Ecuador, special auction items, and our tropical plant sale!

**PLANT CHALLENGE 11/17/13 at ORCHIDS GARDEN CENTRE
and NURSERY
4824 Hwy Q, Waunakee, WI 53597**

“The Plant Doctor answers your questions”



Chuck Acker orchid expert at Orchids Garden Centre.

Are you familiar with Snow Mold? What does it look like? How is it managed?

Come to the OGG meeting Sunday 17th to learn about this and more from Chuck Acker. He will answer the above questions and any others that you might have. He will also ad-

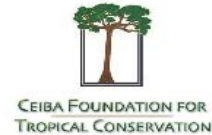
dress some other pertinent cultural topics. The Greenhouse is open at 11 AM. Come early to wander through the green houses to see the many new and interesting changes and additions. Give yourself plenty of time to look around and to shop. The Holidays are coming soon. In addition, you will be able to pick up your 2013 Challenge Plant for this next growing year.



You will not want to miss the OGG meeting this month.



CONNECTING FORESTS, CONNECTING PEOPLE: INTEGRATING CONSERVATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN COASTAL ECUADOR



Wednesday, November 13 4:00 PM Room 15 Science Hall

Speaker: Dr. Catherine Woodward, Faculty Associate in Institute for Biology Education and President of The Ceiba Foundation for Tropical Conservation

Dr. Woodward will discuss corridor connectivity, working with local communities, and linking conservation in Ecuador to the UW Madison community.

This event is hosted by the Nelson Institute Student Representatives and the Environmental Masters program.

Nelson Institute t-shirts and mugs will be available for purchase, and CBSD representative Jamie Hogberg will be available for Q&A about the new Environmental Conservation Professional Master's program and **student opportunities** with the Ceiba Foundation following the talk.

Contact: Jamie Hogberg – jhogberg@wisc.edu - 651.283.7632



**WINNER FOR CHUCK'S ORCHID CHALLENGE
from November 2012 OGG meeting!**

Congratulations to Sandy Delamater for being the first OGG member to flower the challenge plant of **Doritis pulcherrima**. After several weeks of coaxing, it finally opened for her.

Along with a phone call to confirm it bloomed August 15th, Sandy captured an image and sent it electronically to me. She will be presented with a \$25 gift certificate from Orchids Garden Centre & Nursery at the November meeting. Way to go Sandy!!!

The second part of the challenge will be awarded at the November 2013 meeting for the plant that ends up producing the highest number of flowers during its long blooming period. **So please keep a record of the total number of flowers your plant produces, right up till the end!** This species is known for its extended flowering period by producing more buds out the tip of the stem.

Now, I'm going to add another challenge to this plant! A third \$25 gift certificate will be awarded to the "**Best Looking Plant**" judged by me at the November meeting held at Orchids Garden Centre. So, pump up your plant with added light and fertilizer, clean those leaves and give a fresh repotting to bring out the best in your plant!

— Chuck Acker



September OGG Ribbon Judging

First Place

- Terri Jozwiak Paph. Supersuk 'Eureka' AM/AOS x Paph. Raisin Pie 'Hsinying' x Sib
Terri Jozwiak *Phalaenopsis* Malibu Real (Via Camino Real x Culiacan)
Terri Jozwiak Slc. Circle of Life 'Trailblazer' AM/AOS x
Lc. Magic Melody 'SVO' AM/AOS
Shirl Roberts Colmanara Wildcat 'Rainbow' (*Oncostele* Rustic Bridge x
Oncidium Crowborough)
Lorraine Snyder Dtps. Sin-Yuan Golden Beauty 'M-P0633'

Second Place

- Terri Jozwiak Paph. (Makuli-curtisii) - Maudiae x Paph.
Maudiae 'Napa Valley' HCC/AOS x sib)
Gary Lensmeyer Slc. Sierra Doll 'War Eagle' (*C. walkeriana* x *C. Pink Doll*) x
Lc. Casitas Spring (*C. Irene Finny* x *C.J.A. Carbone*)
Lorraine Snyder Unidentified Mini *Phalaenopsis*

Eastern Iowa Orchid Show

Set-up and take-down by Terri Jozwiak

Exhibit Second Place



First Place

Nancy Thomas *Den* Green Mist (*convolutum* x *johnsoniae*)

Second Place

Audrey Lucier *Paphiopedilum* Dot McNay '12-88' x *fairrieanum* 'Red' AM/AOS
Terri Jozwiak *Psychopsis*

Third Place

Nancy Thomas *Phrag* Rosalie Dixler (*besseae* x *kaiteurum*)
Terri Jozwiak *Phal* Malibu Real (Via Camino Real x Culiacan)
Audrey Lucier *Onc* Memoria Kiyoshi Akatsuka 'Volcano Queen'
(*Onc* Islander's Love x *Onc* Killer Bees)
Terri Jozwiak *Doritaenopsis* Happy Dancer
Audrey Lucier *Dendrochilum wenzelii*
Wayne King *Masd* Angel Heart (*ignea* x *infracta*)



Slc. Circle of Life 'Trailblazer' AM/AOS x Lc. Magic Melody 'SVO' AM/AOS



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Colmanara Wildcat 'Rainbow' (*Oncostele Rustic Bridge* x *Oncidium Crowborough*)



Paph. spiceranum



Den Green Mist (convolutum x johnsoniae)



Unidentified Mini *Phalaenopsis*

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March 1-2 — Northeastern Wisconsin Orchid Society Spring Show, "Orchid Oasis", Holiday Inn, 123 E. Wisconsin Ave, Neenah

March 8-9 — The Illinois Orchid Society Spring Show, "World of Orchids", Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, IL

April 30-May 4 — Orchid Society of Minnesota is hosting the Spring 2014, Mid-America Orchid Congress Meeting, Slipper Orchid Alliance, International Phalaenopsis Alliance and the Pleurothallid Alliance, "Orchids A Growing Obsession", Doubletree by Hilton, 1-494 at Hwy 100 in Bloomington

September, 10-14 — 21st World Orchid Conference, "Orchids: Gold in the Green Age", Johannesburg, South Africa

2015

Spring — MAOC, Nashville TN

2016

Spring — MAOC, Cincinnati/Dayton Area

