

November 2014 **The Orchid Grower**

Orchid Growers' Guild of Madison
Website orchidguild.org



Meeting Dates

November 16, Olbrich
December 21, Olbrich
January 18, 2015, Olbrich

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

Up-Coming Events

- **January 31-February 1, 2015**, Orchid Quest, Middleton
- **February 21-22**, Batavia Orchid Society Show, Wheaton, IL
- **March 7-8**, Northeastern Wisconsin Orchid Society Show, Neenah WI
- **March 19-21, 2015**, Spring MAOC, Nashville TN
- **Spring 2016**- MAOC, Cincinnati/Dayton Area

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NEXT MEETING, November 16th Prof. T. Givnish to Speak

Thomas J. Givnish, Henry Allan Gleason Professor of Botany and Environmental Studies at UW- Madison will be the November speaker. The topic is, "New perspectives on orchid evolution and the rise of a megadiverse monocot family"

Orchids are the most diverse family of angiosperms, with more than 25,000 species – more than all birds, mammals, and reptiles combined. Tests of hypotheses to account for such remarkable diversity have been stymied by the lack of

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello all orchid lovers,

For our October meeting enjoyed a program by our own Jeff Baylis. He visited a unique orchid garden in Mexico. We had a silent auction of orchids. Meg McLaughlin donated to this special sale as she is downsizing her collection. Jeff Baylis added two for good measure. Our Treasurer Keith Nelson collected \$262 from the sale, all to benefit OGG.

We are looking for a new webmaster. Our long-time webmaster, Gary Brendenmuehl has stepped down. Many thanks to Gary for all his years of work. If you want to be our new webmaster, contact me.

It's that time of year to renew your OGG membership. Fees go up \$2 after the first of the year. In addition to dues, Keith is also collecting \$10 from those who wish a holiday orchid.

—Lorraine Snyder

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Orchid Quest Updates

Plans are still underway for Orchid Quest 2015 at our new location, Madison Marriott West Conference Center. Spread the word that Orchid Quest is more available than ever to the visitor with free parking for all. We will have the vendors, exhibit area, great speakers, silent auction, door prizes and so much more. Because of our new location, there will be more avenues for volunteers! No skirting the tables, that will be done for us! Think about volunteering for the same or a different role this year. Want a creative role? Want a passive role? Want a sit-down job? Want an authoritative role? We can put you in just the right spot to fit your style of volunteering. Think about what you would like to do. Lists will be available very soon.

Orchid Quest Keynote Speaker

Jason Fischer from Orchids Limited in Plymouth, Minnesota will be our keynote speaker at Orchid Quest.

Orchids Limited began in 1978 as a very small orchid nursery specializing in mail order and retail has now expanded to five greenhouses, a warehouse and a laboratory where they propagate many of their own plants. Their laboratory is state of the art and has created many award-winning crosses. He will be speaking two times at Orchid Quest 2015. During the day to the general public (and us) he will talk about "Native Orchids of Japan" and during the evening at a banquet at Benvenuto's Italian Grill he will be talking about "Phragmipedium breeding and culture including kovachii."

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a fully resolved broad-scale phylogeny. On behalf of my colleagues, I will provide such a phylogeny, based on 75 plastid genes for 39 species representing all orchid subfamilies and 16 of 17 tribes, time-calibrated against 17 angiosperm fossils. We place an additional 144 species based on three plastid genes. Orchids appear to have arisen roughly 112 million years ago in Gondwanaland, and to have undergone one significant acceleration in net species diversification in the orchidoids, and three nested accelerations in the upper epidendroids. Consistent with theory, such accelerations were associated with the evolution of pollinia, the epiphytic habit, CAM photosynthesis, tropical distribution (especially in extensive cordilleras), and pollination via deceit, euglossine bees, or Lepidoptera. The highest rate of net species diversification (species/species/million years) in the orchids occurs in tribe Epidendreae and is 4.9 times that at the Asparagales crown.



Photograph by Jill Hynum
Pelatantheria insectifera grown by Steven Thimling

Away Show Volunteers Needed!

We're looking for orchid enthusiasts to set up and take down OGG displays for three away shows this coming spring: the Batavia Orchid Society Show, February 21-22, 2015; the Northeast WI Orchid Society Show in Neenah, March 7-8; and the Illinois Orchid Society show at the Chicago Botanic Garden, March 14-15. Away shows are a great opportunity to meet other orchid lovers, learn from knowledgeable speakers, and see what other orchid societies are doing. If you haven't yet had the experience of setting up a display but are interested, you can be teamed up with an experienced member to learn the ropes. OGG will reimburse travel expenses (see the guidelines in the Away Show Reimbursement Policy posted on the OGG website under the Membership section) up to maximum limits set for 2015 shows at: \$498.20 for Batavia, \$457.40 for NEWOS, and \$508.40 for IOS. If you are interested, please contact Away Show Chair Nancy Thomas

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From the Bolz Conservatory Collection



Phalaenopsis hieroglyphica



Dendrobium cymboglossum

OCTOBER 2014 OGG RIBBON JUDGING

First Place

Sandy Delamater
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Bob Lasseter

Habenaria medusa
Lycaste powellii
Monnierara Mellenium Magic 'Witchcraft' (*Ctnchs. Midnight Jem*
x Morm. sinuata)
Slc. Acker's Romance (Acker's Madison x Golden Wax)
Masd floribunda
C. pumila Bark Butterflies
Bulb laxiflorum

Second Place

Lorraine Snyder
Steven Thimling
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Terri Jozwiak

Phrag Don Wimber (Eric Young x *besseae*)
Paph spicerianum
Pelatantheria insectifera
Bulb Lovely Elizabeth (Elizabeth Ann x *rothschildiaum*)

Third Place

Lorraine Snyder
Audrey Lucier
Lorraine Snyder

Dend bracteosum
Phal Anna larati Soekardi x *Phal deliciosa*
Phal Liodoro



Photograph by Jill Hynum
Bulb laxiflorum grown by Terri Jozwiak



Photograph by Jill Hynum
Phal Anna larati Soekardi x *Phal deliciosa* grown by
Audrey Lucier



Photograph by Denise Baylis
Blc rosebud 'Carmela' x Pot Creation 'Summer Choice'
HCC/AOS grown by Audrey Lucier

NAME TAGS

Need a new name tag? Carrie Weisman would be happy to make you a new one if you have lost yours.

You can contact her at

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ANNUAL DUES and HOLIDAY PARTY

November means that it is time to pay your OGG Annual membership 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 businesses. HOWEVER, dues received after January 1st will owe a \$2 late fee (except students) for creating extra work balancing the books for our treasurer. Please bring your check to the November meeting or mail to: Orchid Growers Guild, PO Box 5432, Madison, WI, 53705. Just note on your check who you are paying for (individual or couple). You should fill out an up-dated Membership Form if any of your contact information has changed since October of 2013. When thinking if your information is the same, remember you are checking not only your address but your telephone and email address.

If you are interested in receiving a species orchid at the Holiday Party, please advise me and provide \$10 payment prior to the meeting to be certain we have enough plants available.

Keith Nelson, Treasurer

UP-COMING EVENTS

- **November 6-9** , Fall MAOC , “Orchids Under Glass”, Franklin Park Conservatory, Columbus OH
- **January 17-18, 2015** - 59th Paphiopedilum Guild & First World Slipper Orchid Conference, Hilo Hawaiian Hotel, 71 Banyan Drive, Hilo, Hawaii
- **January 24-25**, Orchid Society of Minnesota Winter Carnival Orchid Show, St. Paul MN
- **January 31-February 1**, Orchid Quest, Marriott West Conference Center, Middleton
- **February 21-22**, Batavia Orchid Society Show, DuPage County Fairgrounds, 2015 Manchester Rd., Wheaton, IL
- **March 7-8**, Northeastern Wisconsin Orchid Society Show, Holiday Inn Neenah Riverwalk, 123 East Wisconsin Ave., Neenah WI
- **March 14-15**, Illinois Orchid Society Spring Show, Chicago Botanical Gardens
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