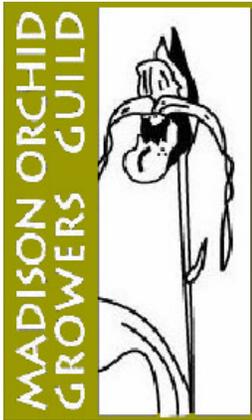


APRIL 2014 *The Orchid Grower*

Orchid Growers' Guild of Madison
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Meeting Dates

April 27—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

April 5 -Spring Orchid Sale, Olbrich
April 30-May 4, Orchid Society of Minnesota, MAOC, etc.

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NEXT MEETING DATE HAS **CHANGED** TO APRIL 27th Orchidarium Construction Demonstration

The April date meeting has been MOVED from the 20th which is Easter Sunday, to the following Sunday, April 27th. OGG member and UW graduate student Alfonso Doucette will show us how to construct his portable orchidarium. After his demonstration, the orchidarium will travel to the Minnesota Orchid Show in Bloomington where it will be used in the OGG exhibit.

ANNUAL SPRING ORCHID SALE THIS WEEKEND

The OGG Annual Spring Orchid Sale with orchids from Orchids & Gardening Centre will be this Saturday 10-2 PM at Olbrich. It will be held in conjunction with the Olbrich annual



Photograph by Sue Reed
A few of the blooms from the massive orchid displays at the Chicago Botanical Gardens Orchid Extravaganza

THE ELUSIVE NEW VENUE...

One more successful Orchid Quest is now in the past! We came out in the black but without our sponsors this might be problematic. What shall we do? The largest expense for Orchid Quest is the high rent of about \$8500 a year and rising. Although there is a lot of parking, the parking fees to the public also

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continue to rise, now topping \$6 a car. There has been talk about moving to another venue

In 2011 several volunteers looked at other venues. The issues at that time were availability, convenience, space, parking and cost. They looked at the Sheraton, Marriott, Monona Terrace, Olbrich Gardens, Keva Sports, Radisson, UW Discovery Center and compared them to the Alliant. All but Olbrich had enough space although the Radisson was barely adequate. The Discovery Center had no parking, but other than Monona Terrace, parking was free although limited at Olbrich. Most venues were near major highways. Other unmet concerns were the availability of unloading areas protected from the elements, catering services or lack thereof. Fees for some venues were comparable to the Alliant and the less expensive venues forbade admission fees.

The Board also discussed joining with the Garden Show but didn't see the financial benefit. Besides costs and convenience, something to be considered when changing venues, is it worth the hassle? We have a regular schedule every year that vendors and visitors can count on and we also realize some benefits from the coat-tails of the RV Show. Generally set-up and take-down go smoothly because we all know the drill. Hotels have been known to cancel contracts of small non-profits when a better deal comes along and we cannot say that Orchid Quest's visitors book a lot of hotel

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Dendrobium tannim
from the Illinois Orchid Society Exhibit



Scaphosepalum ovulare,
earned a blue ribbon for Walter Crawford of the WOS

Chicago Botanical Garden Orchid Extravaganza

The Chicago Botanical Garden hopes to lure visitors in wintertime with an annual orchid extravaganza, from the middle of February through the middle of March. The Gardens are trying to raise money to construct more greenhouses to be used to start to raise their own orchid collection. Although entry into the Gardens is free, there was an entry fee to enter the exhibit.

For this inaugural show, the CBG spent



about \$180,000 to bring in more than 10,000 blooming orchids plants from Hawaii, California, Florida and even Illinois. These brightly colored orchids cascaded from archways, climb up columns, hang on trees, hang from baskets, in floor-to-ceiling displays in several rooms. The visual images presented a certain 'wow' factor but a close-up look at the plants will not impress the orchid purist. The vast majority of these orchids are phals, miltonias, oncidiums, and cymbidiums, but the displays remain visually spectacular.

In the midst of all this orchid magnificence, the Illinois Orchid Society held its annual

spring show in Nichols Hall, which featured four palm trees festooned with orchids as well as bins stuffed with cymbidiums in the corners. The IOS had to change the date of their show to one of the weekends during the gala. The gala has up-set attendance at area society shows and also affected the vendors. While the gala is on, there are vendors present on the weekends at Orchid Marketplace in Burnstein Hall offering plants and supplies for sale.

Vendors expressed concern that these thousands of orchids would adversely affect their own sales. That is yet to be seen. Show orchids were available for purchase at the end of the exhibition. CBG members only can shop the first day. The next day the sale was open to the general public until supplies lasted.



Lorraine and Susan in front of one of many massive orchid displays

OGG Ribbon Judging Results IOS 2014

Set-up and take-down by Lorraine Snyder, Susan Reed and Denise Baylis

Exhibit, Second Place

Best of Class

Susan Reed

Phrag besseae

Susan Reed

Pleur. alta

First place

Jeff Baylis

Paph. liemianum

Nancy Thomas

Dendrobium Andree Millar (*atroviolaceum* x *convolutum*)

Susan Reed

Oda Prince Vultan (Oda roses x Odm. Mobile)

Chuck Acker

Phrag Acker's Dragon

Susan Reed

Pleur. alta

Susan Reed

Phrag besseae

Second Place

Nancy Thomas

Maxillaria (tenuifolium x *sanguinea)*

Susan Reed

Psychosis Mendelhall alba 'Yellow Butterfly'

Susan Reed

Phalaenopsis parishii

Third Place

Jeff Baylis

Cattleya loddigesii

Jeff Baylis

Phalaenopsis amabilis

Susan Reed

Pleurothalus species

Susan Reed

Phal. Pink Girl #3

Susan Reed

Phrag Saint Ouen (Hanne Papow x *besseae*)



Photographs by Susan Reed

Sue, Lorraine and Denise with the OGG exhibit at IOS. This *Phragmepedium besseae* grown by Sue Reed earned a blue ribbon and Best of Class.



AOS Awarded Plants at IOS



Dendrochilum stenophyllum



Dendrobium White Grace 'Sato'



Paphiopedilum Hampshire Harvest (Danella x Valwin)



Phalaenopsis OX Prince 'OX1480' (OX Black Jack x Leopard Prince)

From top left clock-wise: *Dendrochilum stenophyllum*, CCM 84 pts, grown by Rose Matchen; *Phalaenopsis* OX Prince 'OX1480' (OX Black Jack x Leopard Prince), AM 81 pts, grown by Robert Bannister; *Paphiopedilum* Hampshire Harvest (Danella x Valwin) CCM 85 pt, grown by Arnold Khelm; and *Dendrobium* White Grace 'Sato', AM 83 pts, grown by Dave Brightwell

OGG March Ribbon Judging

First Place

Jeff Baylis	<i>Leptotes bicolor</i>
Gary Brendemuehl	<i>Paph haynaldianum</i>
Jill Hynum	Psychopsis Mariposa 'Mountain'
Jill Hynum	<i>Aerangis luteo alba</i> [omitted from February]
Terri Jozwiak	<i>Bulb makoyanum</i>
Terri Jozwiak	<i>Gongora tricolor</i>
Lorraine Snyder	SLC Jewel Box 'Dark Waters'
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Encyclia bractescens</i>
Steve Thimling	<i>Pelatantheria insectifera</i>
Steve Thimling	<i>Aerangis fastuosa</i>
Steve Thimling	Phrag Lutz Rolke (<i>boisserianum</i> x <i>besseae flavum</i>)
Steve Thimling	<i>Dendrobium Yukidaruma</i> 'King'

Second Place

Jeff Baylis	<i>Cat intermedia</i>
Jill Hynum	<i>Psychopsis papillo alba</i> x self
Terri Jozwiak	Paph Bell Ringer 'Chimes' AM/AOS/CSA

Third Place

Jeff Baylis	<i>Cat lueddemanniana</i> 'Dark' x 'Tina'
Jeff Baylis	<i>Paph liemianum</i>



OGG Ribbon Judging NEWOS 2014

Set-up and take-down by Audrey Lucier

First Place

Audrey Lucier	Phal Shanghai
Audrey Lucier	Phal Celebration
Audrey Lucier	<i>Paph delenati alba</i> x sib

Second Place

Sandy Delamater	<i>Rhyncolaelia glauca</i>
Sandy Delamater	Slc. Mango Spice
Sandy Delamater	<i>Lycaste lasioglossa</i>
Sandy Delamater	Paph. ang-thong var alba x Paph. Niveum
Jeff Baylis	<i>Cattleya loddigesii</i>
Audrey Lucier	Colmanara Wildcat 'Carmela'

Third Place

Jeff Baylis	<i>Phalaenopsis amabilis</i>
Audrey Lucier	Phal unknown
Audrey Lucier	<i>Aeranges citrata</i>

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rooms.

Orchid Quest is currently the largest Orchid show in our region, and we think, 'The Best.' Why do we put on the show? Because that's what we do? To make money for our projects? To educate the public? Can we produce a smaller show at a lower cost and still fulfill our Mission Statement?

The search continues.

If you would like the data collected in 2011 email jrbaylis@tds.net



Photograph by Audrey Lucier

UP-COMING EVENTS

- **April 30-May 4, 2014**— 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
- **July 14-17**, Native Orchid Conference, Lake Itasca State Park, MN
- **September, 10-14, 2014**— 21st World Orchid Conference, "Orchids: Gold in the Green Age", Johannesburg, South Africa
- **March 19-21, 2015**— Spring MAOC, Nashville TN
- **Spring 2016**- MAOC, Cincinnati/Dayton Area