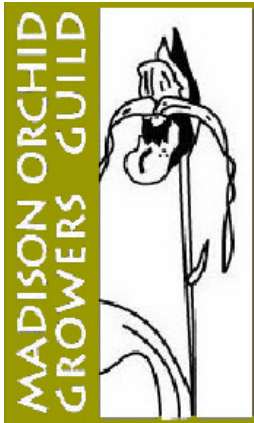


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Meeting Dates

June 8, Summer Picnic at Lasserter's
Meetings start at 1:30 pm at Olbrich Gardens unless otherwise noted

Up-Coming Events

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- **March 19-21, 2015**, Spring MAOC, Nashville TN
- **Spring 2016**- MAOC, Cincinnati/Dayton Area

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THE LAST MEETING OF THE SEASON, June 8th Annual OGG Potluck Picnic

The Annual OGG picnic potluck will be hosted again by Bob and Lucy Lasseter. The date is Sunday, June 8th. Arrive around 12:30 pm, although there will be NO ribbon judging. We will dine around 1:30. Bring a dish to pass and your beverage of choice. There will be ice. They have a large yard with lovely plantings and there is no need to bring chairs. See you there!

See attachment for address and map.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear OGG members and friends,

I wish to welcome new OGG board members, Liz Wood 3 year term, and Keith Nelson who will take over from Terri Jozwiak as Treasurer. Terri and Lynn West will take over as Co-Chairs of Orchid Quest 2015. Nancy Thomas will be the Away-Show Chair.

Enjoy the summer and don't forget the Annual Picnic at the Lasseter's home June 8th. Unfortunately I will be unable to join you. See you in September.

—Lorraine Snyder



Photograph by Lorraine Snyder

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“Best Exhibit in Show” award went to Orchids Limited from Minnesota. See the photographs along the bottom of pages 2 and 3



REPORT SPRING MEETINGS IN MINNEAPOLIS

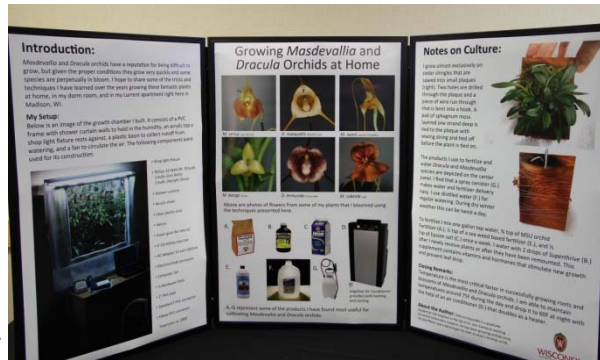
by Jill Hynum, Photographs by Jill Hynum

Nancy Thomas, Audrey Lucier, Lynn West, Alfonso Doucette and I made it to the MAOC in Minneapolis in early May. After a lot of last minute maneuvering, we were able to put an exhibit in place in time, thanks to Lynn and Alfonso.

The American Orchid Society (AOS) held its members’ meeting in conjunction with the MAOC. A number of plant alliances also had meetings. Nancy and I attended the Slipper Growers Alliance meeting and auction while Alfonso attended the Pleurothallid Alliance meeting and Lynn attended the Angraecoid Alliance meeting.

As we walked into the pre-show party, there was former OGG member Judith Rapacz sitting at the entrance. It was great to see her and to catch up a little. Of course she was busy volunteering for the show and helping with some of the events. I also ran into

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I believe the best plant in the show was this Lycaste by New Vision Orchids.

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Dean, a member of the Minnesota Society who used to come down for some of our shows.

The winner of the “Best Exhibit in Show” award was Orchids Limited from Minnesota. Of course they had home-field advantage but their exhibit was awesome. It took up most of the side wall. I had to take four photos to get it all in. On the left side they had a panel with hanging orchids. In the center they had a tree trunk with orchids hanging on it. On the right side, they had a large bunch of orange masdevallias. The four photos are looking at the exhibit from left to right. [Bottom of pages 2 and 3].

One of the highlights of the show was the



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AOS auction on Friday night. Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids was the auctioneer and he relished it. As usual, there were a number of very high bids. These were made for playful items rather than plants. One of those high bids was for a mystery container that dared the buyer to wear or use the items within. The winning bid of \$1,000 was made for another member to open and wear the items inside. First she unwrapped a small flashlight, then a water pistol. Finally she got to the last item which turned out to be handcuffs which Koch (a retired police offi-



cer) happily placed on her wrists. I didn't see a key anywhere but I hope there was one. Below is the lucky woman who got to wear home the prize “a friend” bought for her – handcuffs.

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The MAOC auction was on Saturday night, but unfortunately Nancy and I had to hit the road and we missed it.

During the Affiliate Breakfast meeting, AOS announced that they would be introducing a less expensive membership category which includes access to online copies of the monthly journal, rather than a print copy. They also are developing webinars on topics of interest. The first one was last month, but I didn't get enough advance notice to get the word out. They said that these webinars will also be available to use as programs at local member meetings.

At the Slipper Alliance meeting, it was an-

nounce that the next Paphiopedilum Guild meeting would be held in Hilo, Hawaii January 17 and 18, 2015, sponsored by Orchid Digest. More information about the meeting can be found at <http://www.orchiddigest.com/paph-guild.html>.

January in Hawaii – sounds like fun. Judith Rapacz was already talking about organizing side trips to the other islands so we could visit all of the vendors in Hawaii. She hasn't lost any of her energy or enthusiasm.

I will post some more of my photos on the OGG Facebook page. There were a lot of nice flowers and exhibits. MAOC conferences are a lot of fun and you learn a lot of new things. I encourage OGG members to try to attend some of them.

MAOC Report to OGG Officers, Board Members and Membership

I won't repeat what Jill has communicated about the first days of the MAOC/AOS/OSM convention. I will add that from The Affiliated Societies Breakfast, I also learned that the Awards Quarterly Plus and the Orchids Plus available on the AOS website for members are to be identical. It will have more features and disks will be supplied to current subscribers and societies. Disks can be evaluated for 15 days before subscribing for \$58 annually. Then they will update over the internet instead of the current quarterly disks. The June webinar may be about Orchids Plus.

From the MAOC Business Meeting: President Doris Duke asked for reports from all the standing committees. All will be in official minutes, but of the most interest to OGG are the following:

MAOC suggests that with internet access at a meeting, AOS Webinars can be streamed in and projected for the group. April 12th's

was "Growing Dendrobiums", May 12th's was "Orchids Basics".

The Fall MAOC meeting will be in Columbus, OH November 6-9, 2014. Titled "Orchids Under Glass", it will be held at lovely Franklin Park Conservatory and feature speakers: Alexej Popow from Germany, Andreas Niessen from Columbia and Patricia Harding. Entries of essay "My Problem with Orchids . . ." are due and the winner will be announced at this meeting.

The Spring 2015 MAOC meeting will be in the Nashville area, in Franklin, Tennessee and feature Speaker Olaf Gruss from Germany speaking about Paphiopedilums. Fall 2015 is in need of a host. Spring 2016 will return to Dayton, OH.

Remember that all societies need to report to the IRS yearly to keep 501(c)(3) non-profit

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status.

This show was first time AOS has had an auction separate from the MAOC/Host site auction. The MAOC and Orchid Society of Minnesota split \$6,445 auction proceeds, a success for both.

The MAOC Show Schedule and Intergenerics List will have major updates as of July 1. These will mean major changes to the OGG Showbook for Orchid Quest 2015. It will reflect several genera becoming Vandas but

retain some separation with new size categories. Adding Guarianthe. Cyrtopodiums to be reclassified. The miniature class will exclude Cattleyas and Phalaenopsis as they have size classes elsewhere. The hope is a major change now will require fewer minor changes in the future. We need to watch for new editions.

The winner of commissioned vase was vp Jan Yates. The cost of vase was \$350. The raffle grossed \$1,070. (Sorry Jill).

Submitted by Audrey Lucier

OGG Ribbon Judging Results from MAOC

Set-up by Lynn West and Alfonso Doucette
Take-down by Audrey Lucier
Educational Exhibit won Second place

First Place

Susan Reed Paph. ang-thong var alba 'In Charm' x *niveum* var 'Pathana' FCC/AOS

Second Place

Susan Reed *Pleurothallis grobyi*
Lorraine Snyder *Paph limeanum* 'Birchwood'

Third Place

Susan Reed *Phrag. besseae*



Pleurothallis grobyi



Stelis morganii

OGG MAY RIBBON JUDGING 2014

First Place

Sue Reed	<i>Encyclia mariae</i>
Sue Reed	<i>Calanthe rosea</i>
Audrey Lucier	<i>Phal parishii</i>
Sue Reed	Paph ([<i>leucochilum</i> x <i>concolor</i>] x Psyche)
Sue Reed	Phrag (Rosalie Dixler 'FV' AM/AOX [<i>Phrag. besseae</i> x <i>Phrag. kaieteurum</i>] x <i>caudatum</i> var <i>sanderæ</i> 'Select')
Audrey Lucier	Odontocidium Wildcat 'Golden Red Star'
Don Fago	<i>Oncidium sphacelatum</i>

Second Place

Terri Jozwiak	Slc Circle of Life 'Trailblazer' x Lc Magic Melody 'SVO' AM/AOS
Terri Jozwiak	Iwanagasa Apple Blossom 'Fantastic' (Dialaelia Snowflake x Blc. Orange Nugget)



The blooms change color as they mature. Slc Circle of Life 'Trailblazer' x Lc Magic Melody 'SVO' AM/AOS



Phrag (Rosalie Dixler 'FV' AM/AOX [*Phrag. besseae* x *Phrag. kaieteurum*] x *caudatum* var *sanderæ* 'Select')



Iwanagasa Apple Blossom 'Fantastic'
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Calanthe rosea

IMPROMPTU ORCHID FIELD TRIP TO KETTLE MORAINE

Don Dane, from the DNR at Kettle Moraine Southern Unit Forest contacted Lorraine Snyder the day before he was to lead a wild-flower walk. He had just checked the site, confirmed that the orchids were blooming and remembered that OGG was interested. With such short notice on Memorial Day weekend, only five members were able to make it.

After parking on the verge of a narrow road, we walked past a no trespassing sign and followed a farm road for about 100 yards with standing water in ditches. The road passed through thickets of trees and brush which then opened up into a large meadow, the prairie. Around ten years ago this open area was also covered with thickets. The brush



Photographs by Sue Reed
Cypripedium candidum, also known as Small White Lady's Slipper or White Lady's Slipper. It is found in wet prairies and fens, in rich, highly calcareous soils, sedge meadow edges, calcareous roadside and railway ditches



These Lady's slippers are surrounded by other wildflowers including shooting star and Hoary Puccoon

was cleared and during the intervening years it has alternately been burned or mowed to control invading trees and shrubs. This was once a farm field that was apparently abandoned long ago but mostly uncorrupted so that when the brush was removed, seeds were waiting in the soil to spring back to life. As the years pass, more and more species of prairie plants have emerged.

This early in the spring the short prairie plants were beginning to bloom. There was shooting-star, hoary puccoon, prairie smoke, violets, phlox and clumps of small white lady's slipper, to name just a few.



ORCHID QUEST 2015 VENUE TO CHANGE

It is official. We are having Orchid Quest 2015 at the Marriott Convention Center on the west side of Madison. Pass the word!!! It is a big step to change venues but Orchid Quest chairpersons, OGG board and OGG members (who voted at the last meeting) believe that it is the right time for the change.

The Marriott is ideally located off the Beltline at Greenway Blvd. Instead of 16,000 square feet of room, we will have 20,000 square feet at less cost. The vendors, exhibit area, plant check room, auction tables, door-prize tables and speaker area will all be in the SAME room. (Speaker area partially walled off from the rest). We will even have area for Marriott to set up a "Bistro" concession stand with tables and chairs for people to sit at to network, rest, grab a snack or whatever.

The biggest advantage is there is NO parking fees. None to us, the vendors or our admission customers! Now when our customers come they will only pay our admission fee!

The Marriott Convention Center is beautiful! If you are ever in that area and want to see, stop by. They have been very nice to work with so far and we think it is a very nice

venue for us for future years.

Terri Jozwiak & Lynn West
Orchid Quest co-chairs



Photograph by Denise Baylis

Corallorhiza maculata var. *occidentalis* forma *immaculate*; Spotted coralroot (spotless variety)

Whenever I go I keep a lookout for interesting plants, particularly orchids. I was walking in the Oakland hills in CA when I spotted these growing at the edge of the trail. They are leafless, relying entirely upon symbiotic fungi within their coral-shaped roots for sustenance. Most species do not produce chlorophyll, and do not depend on photosynthesis for energy.

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