

September 2014 **The Orchid Grower**

Orchid Growers' Guild of Madison
Website orchidguild.org



Meeting Dates

September 18th, Paradigm Gardens

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

Up-Coming Events

- **September, 10-14**, 21st World Orchid Conference, Johannesburg, South Africa
- **September 13 -14**, Wisconsin Orchid Society Show, Milwaukee
- **October 11-12**, Illinois Orchid Society, Chicago Botanic Gardens
- **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 SEPTEMBER 18TH AT PARADIGM MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello to all orchid lovers,

Happy Labor Day and our return to OGG meetings and events. I invite you to our first gathering Sunday, September 18th at 1:30 PM, with ribbon judging at 1 PM. For our kick off, please note we will meet at Paradigm Gardens for a great program. Paradigm is located at 4501 Helgeson Dr. on the east side of Madison off of Pflaum Road and Hwy. 51. Join us for an update and presentation on growing medium, fertilizers and lights.

We will have a short business meeting to elect our President (we should have done so in May!) Our Secretary has stepped down, so OGG needs you to step up to assist the Guild as Secretary. If you are wondering what the position entails: attending monthly Board meetings, keeping the minutes and voting on items that come before the Board. Please volunteer and join us for monthly board meetings as secretary. I have agreed to continue as President, but if you would like to take over the reins I would gladly welcome you.

We are also in need of a ribbon chairperson to bring the ribbons and plant slips to each meeting, record and submit the awarded plants to the newsletter editor and awards coordinator.

Please watch your newsletter from Orchids Garden Center. They are down-



Photograph by Jill Hynum
Yellow lady's-slippers at the Ridges

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sizing and have 3 inch plants on sale in the green house. Any online specials are available in the green house too. I anticipate more sales for September.

I look forward to seeing you all at Paradigm.

Lorraine Snyder

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Phal parishii var *lobbii*
 Orchids Garden Centre

ORCHID QUEST Volunteer Opportunities

Yes, every organization is begging you to volunteer. That is because MANY hands make the burdens light. Orchid Quest is no different so if anyone has the time now, several volunteer positions are available.

1. Someone who can email other organizations about OQ, we would give you the list.
2. Someone to stuff envelopes for a mailing, we would give you envelopes, stamps, address stickers and the paperwork that goes in every envelope.
3. EVERYONE who goes to resale stores can look for orchid items that would be suitable in our raffle or auction.
4. Someone(s) to go to businesses to ask for sponsorship. We have flyers to assist you.

If you have a little time and you want to do something I haven't listed, let me know lodijoz@charter.net.

In the next weeks I will be contacting those of you who have supervised some positions in the past to see if you would like to continue. Thanks for all you do.

Terri Jozwiak
 Orchid Quest Chairperson

ORCHID QUEST UPDATE

Plans for Orchid Quest 2015 are moving right along even though we are still months away. Again, remember our new location for Orchid Quest is Marriott West Conference Center, Middleton, Saturday, January 31 and Sunday, February 1, 2015. The poster is being finalized, meetings have taken place with Marriott for set-up, contact has been initiated for speakers and other odds and ends have been started. The speaker list is NOT complete at all so anyone with suggestions for speakers, please let me know at lodijoz@charter.net.

We are planning to have all the wonderful touches to OQ that we have had in the past, but I am also interested in adding NEW aspects to Orchid Quest. If you have any (reasonable or outlandish) ideas that would be great additions to OQ, I would LOVE to hear them. I don't care how weird they sound, maybe the idea will spark something else and be a perfect addition to an already wonderful show. Let me know at lodijoz@charter.net.

Terri Jozwiak
 Orchid Quest Chairperson

NEXT ORCHID SHOW WOS SEPTEMBER 13-14

Hello Orchid Growers,

The first orchid show of the new season is rapidly approaching, the Wisconsin Orchid Societies Orchid show, September 13 & 14 at the Milwaukee Domes. Please go to Wisconsinorchidsociety.com for information about this show, a map to get to the domes, etc. At this site you will also see a connection to the Mid-America Orchid Congress, at this site you will find a showbook, classifications for inter-generics and species, and class numbers for your plants.

When you find the class number for your orchid write it onto your separate entry form (small duplicate form you should have picked up at a meeting, Chuck at Orchids may also have some extras), one entry form per plant. On this form also write in the name of the plant. For a species plant please write the name in small case letters, i.e. Paph. niveum-sp. For a hybrid plant write the name of the plant and the cross if available. For a species primary cross, write both names in small case letters as seen above. If you have any questions please call me @ 608-835-811 or e-mail me at sldjnt@frontier.com.

Prepare your plants. Clean them, cut out dead leaves, old spikes and flowers. Wipe off leaves. If you do not have leaf shine, diluted lemon juice works well. Get rid of bugs, **a plant with bugs will not be displayed.** Stake spikes if needed, trying to display flowers in the best possible way. Label each pot on the outside bottom with your name [a return address label works well for this]. Leave plant name tag in the pot, tucked well into the pot. Water plants very well before putting in box.

When boxing plants use a compact box, put

wadded paper between pots to avoid shifting or tipping. If a plant is tipsy double pot with a slightly larger plastic or clay pot. Do not cover box with a plastic bag or do not send any plastic bags. Put a list of your plants with your name in the box with the plants. Put the entry forms in an envelope and leave it inside box. Put your name in large letters on the outside of the box(s) and if you have more than one box, label them 1 of 2, 2 of 2, etc.

Please email me the names of the plants you plan to send **no later than Monday, September 8.** I will be picking up all plants at Orchid Centre on September 11 at 4:30 PM.

On Monday, September 15 you can pick up your plants at Orchids Centre after 12 noon until closing.

If you have any special needs for a plant or plants let me know when you e-mail your list to me. I will take very good care of your plants, I always take care of yours as I would my own.

Good Luck to all,
Sandy Delamater



Psychmorchis (Erycina) pusilla
Orchids Garden Centre

OGG'S AOS AWARD

The OGG exhibit at OQ 2013 was the successful result of a team effort. Credit goes to those who exhibited plants and brought them to Aliant by the 11 am deadline, from Meg McLaughlin who brought many plants to those with only one. The plant registration team [Gary Brendemuehl and Steve Thimling] who got the paperwork to us by 11:30 am. The exhibit setup team, from Terri Jozwiak who checked plants in, Rich Narf who made the plant labels, to Audrey Lucier, Meg, Lynn West, Amy Ripp and Sue Reed for placing the labels. The placement team, who decided theme, exhibit focal points and plant placement: Amy set up the color flow from our focal point of Robert Lasseter's Lc. Bowri-Alvida 'Pink Lady' which was joined by an abundant selection of pink orchids. Lynn, Sue and Amy placed plants.

Our exhibit included 100 plants judged. Fif-



teen first place ribbons were earned, one Best of Class (Nancy Thomas), 11 second place ribbons, and 14 third place ribbons. Therefore about 41% of the plants entered received ribbons.

Our exhibit received a first in class, Best in Class, AOS Best in Show and an AOS Silver certificate for scoring 85 points!

KEN CAMERON RECEIVES THE PETER RAVEN AWARD

From the American Society of Plant Taxonomists:

The American Society of Plant Taxonomists awarded Dr. Ken Cameron, Professor of Botany and Director of the Wisconsin State Herbarium at University of Wisconsin-Madison, the Society's 2014 Peter Raven Award. The award is named for Dr. Peter Raven (1936 –), eminent botanist and President Emeritus of the Missouri Botanical Garden who has made outstanding contributions to science education and outreach.

Dr. Cameron is a world expert on systematics of the Orchidaceae in particular the genus *Vanilla*, and his lab researches the evolutionary history of many other tropical plant families. Throughout his career, Ken has engaged with audiences ranging from professionals to chefs

to horticulture enthusiasts about systematics and orchid biology. He is an in-demand speaker of many plant enthusiast societies, who remark that he has “a unique ability to explain complex scientific concepts in a way that everyone in the audience can understand.” His work has been frequently featured in the popular press, including an article in the New York Times and coverage on NOVA and HGTV. Ken has a long history of writing on natural history topics for non-technical audiences. His popular book, Natural History and Cultivation of Vanilla Orchids, was described by a letter writer for this award as “an enlightened read for plant lovers”. He has also written several children's books about plant biology in English and in Spanish. Most recently he has involved his graduate students in authoring monthly articles for the American Orchid Society on current topics in orchid research. Their group has also crafted award-winning public outreach displays at major orchid society meetings.

ORCHID CONSERVATION INITIATIVE AT THE RIDGES

In 2013, The Ridges Sanctuary in Door County partnered with the WI DNR, Stantec Consulting and Scott Weber of Blue Stem Farm to launch the first phase of an important conservation initiative. The goal is propagation and reintroduction of key orchid species, including showy and yellow lady's-slippers, to the restored ridges and swales behind the site of the Ridge's new interpretive center. Reintroduction of these key species in their natural habitat will create a living exhibit for the new center while providing an opportunity to study orchid ecology and promoting preservation of the species. The project will act as an educational tool, promoting protection of biodiversity on private property throughout the greater community, as well as at the Sanctuary.

The orchid restoration project will take place over a three-year period, beginning in 2013 with the cross-pollination of key species and the collection of seed pods. In 2014, orchids will be germinated and the plugs relocated to greenhouses. In 2015, we will undertake the third and final phase of the project – educating landowners about supporting orchid survival.



Photograph by Jeff Baylis
Platanthera hookeri

Jeff and I enjoy hiking and looking for orchids in their natural habitat and knowing that Door County is an excellent area to spot them, we went there around the middle of June. On a previous visit with OGG a few years ago we had seen orchids at Ellison Bluff County Park which is located on the west side of the peninsula. The yellow lady's-slippers [*Cypripedium calceolus* var. *pubescens*] were past



Photograph by Jeff Baylis

Although the Yellow Lady's-slippers at Ellison Bay were past their peak, there were still lots of them

their peak. However Jeff explored along the side of the Bluff and spotted several *Platanthera hookeri*. The yellow lady's-slippers at Peninsula State Park near the south entrance were in full bloom. [We were advised that this is the only location where they are now found in this park.]

Our next goal was the Ridges which is located on the cooler east side of the peninsula and is home to 25 species of native orchids. We noted that there was an abundance of blooming yellow lady's-slippers growing in the roadside ditch along with Indian Paintbrush on the west side of County Q, just beyond the entrance to the Ridges. They appeared to be a little stunted, perhaps due to frequent mowing by road crews, or full sun exposure.

In the Ridges Sanctuary the ram's head Lady's-slippers [*Cypripedium arietinum*] were in full glory. We found a half dozen or so, a couple obviously planted as part of a study. There were a few yellow lady's-slippers in bloom there but most of them were still in bud. However, when Jill Hynum visited the Ridges a few weeks later she saw them everywhere there.

Of course there were lots of other wildflowers in bloom including the rare dwarf lake iris, gaywings, and Thimbleberry to name just a few.

Denise Baylis

UP-COMING TOURS

Offered Through The Orchid Conservation Alliance (OCA)

Spring 2014 – Orchids Of Thailand

Peter Williams of Mae Tang Tours has put together an itinerary covering temples, markets, orchid farms, wildlife sanctuaries, and mountain excursions into an amazing trip proposal. Dates of the trip are March 20 to April 4, 2015. The cost of the trip is \$2250 per person double occupancy, \$2850 per person single occupancy, not including air fare to Thailand. The trip will be led by OCA Director Mary Gerritsen and is limited to 14 travelers.

Summer 2014 – Botanical Illustration On The Brazilian Amazon

Dulce Nascimento is a Brazilian botanical artist living in Rio who also teaches botanical illustration. Some of you have seen and purchased her work in the OCA booth at orchid shows. She and American print artist and illustrator Kathi McCord will be leading a trip on the Amazon riverboat 'Otter'. Dulce's work can be seen here

[www.dulcenascimento.com.br] and a link to



Ram's Head Lady's-slipper orchid
Cypripedium arietinum

Photograph by Jeff Baylis

her 2013 trip can be seen here

[www.dulcenascimento.com.br/NewFiles/viagem.html], although it is in Portuguese. The trip will run from June 3rd to June 12th, 2015 and originates in Manaus. Cost is \$2150 for double occupancy and \$2950 for single occupancy, not including airfare to Manaus. The trip is limited to 14 passengers.

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- **September, 10-14, 2014**, 21st World Orchid Conference, "Orchids: Gold in the Green Age", Johannesburg, South Africa
- **September 13 – 14, 2014**, Wisconsin Orchid Society Show, Mitchell Park Domes, 524 S. Layton Blvd., Milwaukee, WI
- **September 19-21**, Chicagoland Orchid Festival, at Natt's Orchids and Orchids by Hausermann, www.chicagolandorchidfest.com
- **October 11 – 12, 2014**, Illinois Orchid Society, "Fabulous Fall Orchids", Chicago Botanic Gardens, Lake Cook Rd., Glencoe, IL
- **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 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
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