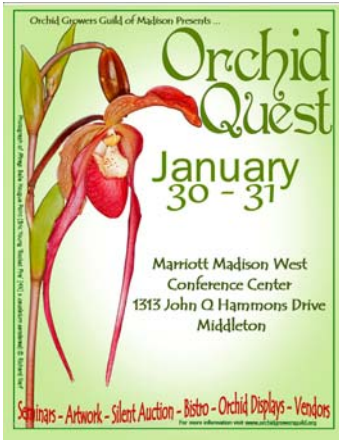


# October 2015 The Orchid Grower

Orchid Growers' Guild of Madison  
Website [orchidguild.org](http://orchidguild.org)



## Meeting Dates

- October 18, Orchids Garden Centre
- November 15, Olbrich, Meeting Room
- December 13, Meeting Room

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

## Up-Coming Events

- **October 10 –11, 2015**-- Illinois Orchid Society Fall Show
- **October 17 -18** - Fourth Annual Eastern Iowa Orchid Show and Sale.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Next Meeting, October 18th at ORCHIDS GARDEN CENTRE

To all Orchid Lovers,

Welcome to the fall season for all Orchid Growers Guild Members.

First of all congratulations are due to all those who helped set up, take down the OGG exhibit at the Wisconsin Orchid Society Show in Milwaukee. We had a display full of wonderful orchids and every exhibiter won a ribbon. This may be a record for OGG! We got four Best of Class Ribbons, two for Sue Reed, and one each to Jeff Baylis and Terri Jozwiak.

Our next meeting is open to MEMBERS ONLY at Orchids Garden Center Sunday, October 18 at 1:30 pm , 1:00 pm for ribbon judging. The orchid green house is not open to the public, but we will have a chance to shop for the many remaining plants. There are lots of species and many others for purchase.

If you are not a paid member, we will begin collecting membership payments for annual membership plus the Holiday plants as usual. Membership remains at \$18.00. The Holiday plant is an additional \$10.00.

Sunday October 24, we will have a fall orchid sale at Olbrich Gardens from 10a.m. - 2:00 p.m, so be ready to sign up to help for a few hours in the morning or afternoon.

Sunday November 15th, we return to Olbrich Gardens with a talk from Catherine Woodward, "Ceiba Foundation on the El Pahuuma Orchid Reserve: 15 Years of Orchid Conservation in Ecuador." Ceiba's headquarters are in Madison.

See you soon!

---Lorraine Snyder

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## SEPTEMBER OGG RIBBON JUDGING

### First place

Lorraine Snyder

*Miltonia regnellii*

### Second place

Shirl Roberts

*Phal Sogo Genki* (Maki Watanabe x Rong Guan Amah)



*Phal Sogo Genki* (Maki Watanabe x Rong Guan Amah)

## Orchid Quest 2016 Up-Date January 30-31 with set-up on January 29

We have Sam Tsui as our featured speaker this year! We will be able to pick the topics of his presentations at a future OGG meeting. We also have Hermann Pigors for his always popular talk for beginners and Leo Schoerdje with the presentation we missed last year because of a little snow (!) "Building an Ever-Blooming Orchid Collection." I am excited about our speakers so far. You will be emailed for planning committee meetings to come.

---Terry Jozwiak

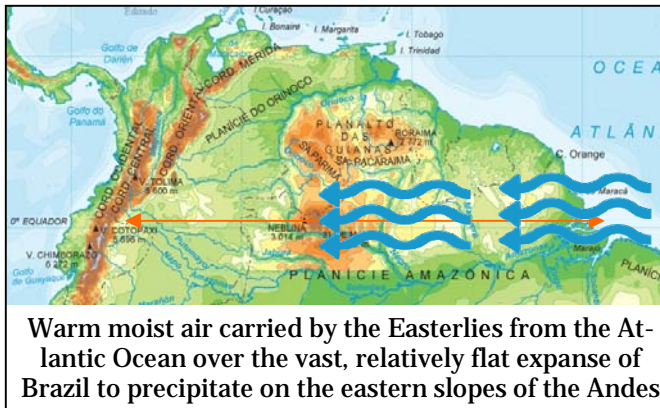


*Miltonia regnellii*

# Re-Cap of Baylis Presentation, MEETING ORCHIDS HALFWAY (TO THE SOUTH POLE) Two Weeks in Ecuador with Ecuagenera

Jeff and I decided to look for orchids in Ecuador because of its famous diversity of orchids. The most recent count of the number of orchid species in Ecuador is **3,787** of which more than **40%** are **endemic** and three (3) out of every ten (10) endemic plants in Ecuador is an orchid. In addition we were familiar with Ecuagenera and knew that they had knowledgeable guides. We were not disappointed.

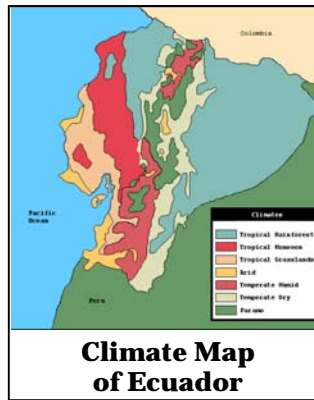
Ecuador straddles the equator, thus its name. Elevations range from sea level on the Pacific



Warm moist air carried by the Easterlies from the Atlantic Ocean over the vast, relatively flat expanse of Brazil to precipitate on the eastern slopes of the Andes

Coast to the highest peak in the Andes of 20,560 ft. Because of its location at the equator, Ecuador experiences little variation in daylight hours during the course of a year. Both sunrise and sunset occur each day at the two six o'clock hours. The Andes divide the country and help to create its diverse landscape: Andean highlands, the Amazon jungle to the east, and the wildlife-rich Galápagos Islands. It also benefits from the rainfall of the easterly winds which bring moist air from the tropical Atlantic Ocean across Brazil. As this warm moist air reaches the eastern side of the Andes, the air rises loses heat, creates clouds and ultimately precipitation due to adiabatic action.

As mentioned earlier, we saw too many or-



**Climate Map of Ecuador**



Our first stop. Hugo is pointing out an orchid to Jeff while Dayneth watches. Notice how little space there is between us and the traffic!

chids to discuss all of them here so we will focus on our first day in the field with our two guides, dayneth and Hugo, both from Ecuagenera. During a light rain we headed west out of Quito on route 20 to a lower elevation. En route we made several stops along the side of the highway to look for orchids. We soon discovered that highway cuts can be ideal locations to see orchids as there is minimally obstructed views. The downside is the racing traffic on the narrow roads.

Our second stop was for a flash of yellow on a hillside. I stayed on the far side of the road and observed as Jeff and Hugo scaled the steep slope to the patch of yellow which was indeed an orchid, an *Odontoglossum halli* var. *sanctinum*.



Jeff heading up the slope towards the 'yellow orchid'

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*Eleanthus species*



*Epidendrum pichincha*



*Pleurothallis deflexa*

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But along his climb, Jeff spotted several others [see above].

Our third stop was 'the rock', jutting out from the side of the road with the highway on one side and a precipice on the other.

Finally the rain stopped and the sun came out. We crossed a river and headed back up into the mountains on a narrow dirt road

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*Odontoglossum halli var. sanctinum*

### A Sample of the Orchids found on "The Rock"



*Epidendrum secundum*



*Trichosapinx chamaelepanthes*



*Stelis species*



*Sobralia gentryi*



*Eleanthus capitatus*



*Trichosapinx chamaelepanthes*, bud



*Maxillaria nubigena*



*Stelis porpax*

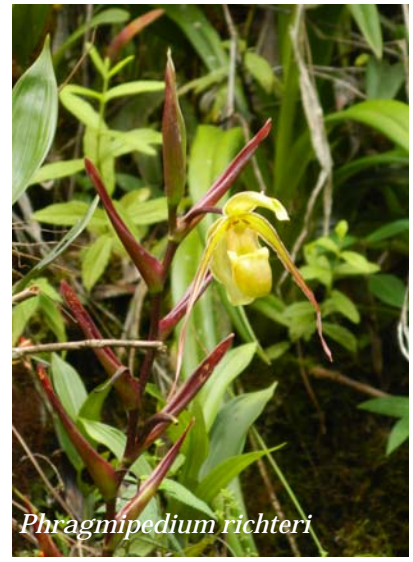
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through pastures and milpas. Almost immediately we saw *phragmepediums*.

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*Govenia fasciata*



*Phragmipedium richteri*



*Epidendrum nocturnum*



*Sobralia gloriosa*, growing in a tree



*Comparettia falcata*



*Epidendrum nanegalense*



*Maxillaria ecuadorensis*



## Mid-America Orchid Congress Fall Meeting Mentoring Members to Assume New Roles Within Your Society September 25-27

After the members' breakfast at the Mid-America Orchid Congress, several dozen participants joined in a discussion of how to increase membership and participation in our local orchid societies. Members reported success with various strategies, which they shared with the group. Most comments spoke either to reaching out to people who are not yet involved or to getting newer members involved in activities.

For reaching new members, one participant stressed the importance of offering contact information—email and a phone number—at the top of the **local society's website** offering visitors quick access to consultation and questions. Even if people do not have questions at the time they first browse the website, they will remember contact is available for future reference. Websites should also provide some simple how-to advice for common questions to reinforce the message that the local society is a source of help.

Several groups had advice about **publicity for society events**, and recommended distributing business cards, calendars, and information about upcoming events—particularly sales—at events like state and county fairs. Groups with a university nearby have had success distributing flyers about shows and other information to appropriate university departments.

Other participants recommended cooperating with regional groups to publicize events. List all orchid activities within a 200-mile radius on web sites and newsletters. Encourage other clubs also to do so.

Publicizing orchid events among **people with related interests** has been useful for

some groups. People who keep reptiles and frogs sometimes grow orchids in their habitats, and people who raise carnivorous plants are often interested in orchids. Check their websites for contact information, and send key members of these groups electronic newsletters and announcement. Invite them to attend your society's events.

Get the email address of anyone who shows interest and send them announcements and newsletters. Follow up with a call to invite them to meetings.

Participants also had ideas for strengthening bonds with new members. One group reported success with a small "Meet and Greet Committee" of experienced members tasked with making sure new people feel welcomed and well-informed. Among the tasks this committee can perform:

- Call new members before each meeting to invite them.
- Invite them to come early to the meeting with plants to re-pot and with questions like "What is going on with this plant?"
- Have experienced members visit and engage new members socially even outside of orchid activities, and be alert for common interests even outside orchids.
- Have separate drawings for new members only.
- Give away extra divisions to new members.
- Consider calling new attendees who miss a meeting saying, "Hope you can come next time."

Finally, participants had several suggestions about encouraging current members stay in



*Stelis pusilla*

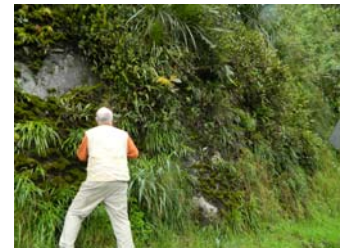
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The road was steep and winding and we crossed several streams. Originally the plan was to loop back to Quito however heavy rains had forced road closures and we had to turn back. On the return trip in the rain we stopped where the hillside was covered with pleurothallis and stelis pusilla along with a few examples of a third orchid and pluerothallis. The pavement was slippery but we managed to fight the rain and stay on our feet for a few photos.



*Elongatia restrepoides*

Of course not everyday was a feast for the eyes, and after a while certain orchids were too common to be of particular interest, and some habitats we traversed were not suitable to sustain orchids. But when there was a suitable habitat, orchids were EVERYWHERE!



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involved and active. At membership renewal time, some clubs have had success with a mailer reminding less-active members of all upcoming events for the next year. Include club meeting dates even if the topic is not known.

The Duluth Club, a small one, reminded other clubs not to over-reach, lest a few people do all the work and burn out. Their recommendation was to be realistic about what projects the club can and cannot take on.

For those tasks a club does decide to take on, recruiting people for jobs by saying "We need - - -" was discouraged. Instead, start by

reviewing club members' skills and preferences within the executive committee, asking who would be good at something. Then ask them personally to take on the task.

Charles Wilson reported that the Memphis, Tennessee society creates a separate committee for every task related to set-up for a major show. Less experienced members tend to be hesitant to lead committees, so make them part of a committee. Help less experienced members learn what goes on at an exhibit by building an exhibit at a monthly meeting, and reviewing the section on the MAOC website that describes what goes on at shows.

--Keith Nelson

## WISCONSIN ORCHID SOCIETY - OGG RIBBON JUDGING

Exhibit set-up by Lorraine Snyder and Denise Baylis. Take-down by David Kohlwey  
Exhibit earned first place

### First Place/Best of Class

Sue Reed	<i>Paph. haynaldianum</i> v. album 'Chandoney' x self
Jeff Baylis	<i>Epicattleya</i> Siam Jade 'AVO' ( <i>Cattleya</i> Penny Kuroda x <i>Epicattleya</i> Vienna Woods)
Sue Reed	<i>Paph. Kolosand</i> ( <i>Kolopakingii</i> x <i>sanderianum</i> )
Terri Jozwiak	<i>Rhynchostylis retusa</i> var. <i>praemorsa</i>

### First Place

Lorraine Snyder	<i>Paph. fairrieianum</i> 'Red Glen #10 x <i>Paph.</i> Magic Leopard #1
Nancy Thomas	<i>Dendrobium</i> Green Mist ( <i>johnsoniae</i> x <i>convolutum</i> )
Nancy Thomas	<i>Blc.</i> Dal's Horizon x <i>Bl.</i> Richard Mueller
Judy Stevenson	<i>Cattleytonia</i> Why Not ( <i>Bro. Sangainea</i> x <i>C. Aurantiaca</i> )

### Second Place

Keith Nelson	<i>Neofinetia falcata</i> 'Kinkounishiki'
Keith Nelson	<i>Gomesa crispera</i>
Audrey Lucier	<i>Dendrobium thyrsoflorum</i>
Sue Reed	<i>Masd.</i> Machu Picchu 'Crown Point' AM/AOS ( <i>Regalia ayabacana</i> x <i>Masd. coccinea</i> )
Jeff Baylis	<i>Cochleanthes amazonica</i> x sib (Hilo Large)
Jeff Baylis	<i>Blc.</i> Empress Worsley 'Roman Holiday' HCC/AOS ( <i>Brassanthe</i> Bill Worsley x <i>Cattleya</i> Red Empress)

### Third Place

Audrey Lucier	<i>Blc</i> Martha Clarke Remake ( <i>Slc</i> Circle of Life 'Trailblazer' AM/AOS x <i>Blc</i> Love Sound 'Dogashima')
Nancy Thomas	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Rosalie Dixler ( <i>Bessiae</i> x <i>kaiteurum</i> )



Photograph by David Kohlwey



Photograph by Denise Baylis

Another exhibit at WOS



**From the EASTERN IOWA ORCHID SOCIETY:  
SHOW AND SALE**

The Eastern Iowa Orchid Society in cooperation with the Cedar Rapids Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to announce The Fourth Annual Eastern Iowa Orchid Show and Sale. It will be on October 17 & 18th, 2015, at the Noelridge Park Greenhouse, 4900 Council Street NE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402. The show is free and open to the public Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM and Sunday 10 AM - 4 PM.

Over 500 blooming orchids will be featured, arranged in beautiful displays by exhibitors from throughout the Midwest. Activities include American Orchid Society orchid judging, floor and table top orchid exhibits by regional orchid societies, amateur hobbyists and professional orchid growers. Orchid related crafts and collectables will also be exhibited. Several vendors will have a wide variety of orchid plants for sale. Volunteers will be present to answer questions about orchids in the show and how to grow orchids. Daily lectures are scheduled on *Re-*

*potting, Basic Culture, and Reblooming Orchids.* Visitors are encouraged to cast their vote for the 'People's Choice Award', the best orchid display in the show. Other special awards include: *Grand*



*Champion and Reserve Grand Champion* for the best two blooming orchids; *Nature's Best Award* for the best orchid species; *Weird and Wonderful Award* for the most unusual orchid; and *Mini but Mighty Award* for the best miniature orchid. This show venue is family friendly and offers visitors an 'up close and personal' view of some of nature's most exotic orchid blooms in artistically arranged displays.

Visit our website is:

<http://www.easterniowaorchidsociety.org>

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## UP-COMING EVENTS

- **October 10 –11, 2015**-- Illinois Orchid Society Fall Show, "Spotlight on Orchids", Chicago Botanic Gardens, Lake Cook Rd., Glencoe, Il. Contact: Rose Matchen 847-587-6525 [goldrosey@att.net](mailto:goldrosey@att.net)
- **October 17 -18** - Fourth Annual Eastern Iowa Orchid Show and Sale. Noelridge Park Greenhouse, 4900 Council Street NE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402.
- **January 30-31, 2016** - Orchid Quest
- **January 30-31, 2016** - Orchid Society of Minnesota "Winter Carnival Orchid Show," Como Park, Marjorie McNeely Conservatory, 1225 Estabrook Drive, St. Paul, MN
- **March 19-20, 2016** -- The Spring MAOC will be in the historic Netherland Hilton Hotel in downtown Cincinnati, OH
- **November 8-12, 2017** -- 22nd World Orchid Conference, Guayaquil, Ecuador