

# March 2015 The Orchid Grower

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



## Meeting Dates

March 15, Meeting Room  
April 19, Meeting Room  
May 17, Meeting Room  
June TBA, Annual Picnic  
September 20, Meeting Room  
October 18, Meeting Room  
November 15, TBA  
December 13, Meeting Room

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

## Up-Coming Events

- **March 7-8**, Northeastern Wisconsin Orchid Society Show, Neenah WI
- **March 13-15**, Illinois Orchid Society Spring Show, Chicago Botanical Gardens
- **March 19-21**, Spring MAOC, Nashville TN
- **March 20-22**, Illowa Orchid Society Spring Show, Bettendorf IA
- **April 4**, Spring Orchid Sale
- **Spring 2016**- MAOC, Cincinnati/Dayton Area

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## Next Meeting on March 15th at Olbrich "Mounting, Think Upside Down"

Our own Keith Nelson with assistance from Terri Jozwiak, will demonstrate mounting techniques at the next OGG meeting. Bring your plants that need to be mounted for the first time, or to be re-mounted. Bring your own mounting slabs, Keith will have string, wire, drills, etc. He does have some



Photograph by Sandy Delamater  
Gary Lensmeyer won a First as well as Best of Class with his *Cymbidium* Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade' (*Cym. floribundum* x *Cym* Sleeping Beauty)

## FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Orchid Lovers,

Congratulations to Terri Jozwiak and all our volunteers who made Orchid Quest a success in our new venue at the Marriott. I thank you all for your dedication and effort in creating a wonderful extravaganza. The Sunday snowstorm dampened attendance, but Saturday was amazing. I have received many positive responses and enthusiastic emails about our new location and programs. We eliminated the parking fee, now if we can only eliminate winter snow storms. Kudos to members Nancy Thomas and Gary Lensmeyer for their AOS and Best of Class awards, respectively.

I am looking forward to our March membership meeting Sunday, March 15. Our program will be Mounting and Dismounting Orchids with Keith Nelson and Terri Jozwiak. Bring your orchid, if you would like advice or assistance.

Saturday April 4 is our Spring Sale at Olbrich Gardens in conjunction with Olbrich's pansy sale. Please sign up to help with set-up Friday or the sale Saturday. You can email me to volunteer, or sign up in March at [lorraine.snyder127@gmail.com](mailto:lorraine.snyder127@gmail.com).

Sunday, April 19 we will tour the Olbrich greenhouses and conservatory, observe Olbrich's orchid

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## Kudos to Terri

Take a deep breathe and exhale, "Orchid Quest 2015" is over! It was a great show despite the crummy weather on Sunday. We will never know how many more would have come on Sunday if we had not had a blizzard but we think it would have been a lot.

The Madison Orchid Growers Guild owes Terri Jozwiak a huge thank you. Everyone knew going in that Orchid Quest 2015 was going to be a challenge. Terri stepped up to fill the void left when an exhausted Judy Stevenson stepped down after a half dozen years as co-chair.

Terri was instrumental in convincing the Board that now was the time to switch to a new venue. For years Alliant has been slowly raising parking fees, making Orchid Quest less and less attractive to the casual visitor. Terri along with a few others explored other venues and studied the results of previous move investigations. She arranged a visit to Marriott by the Board and she had them convinced that a move was the right decision.

Moving to a new venue is not an easy task. We had been at Alliant for years thus many of the tasks are almost by rote: we knew what rooms we want and what we want to use them for. We knew where we would eat breakfast, where the judges would eat lunch and where the banquet would be held. We knew the general configuration for the vendors and the exhibits. Everyone from vendors, to OGG members, to the public had a well-established set of habits.

But a new venue! Now we had a huge space and we can do ANYTHING WE WANT with it. And Terri had BIG ideas. Replacing the unappetizing food counter at the Alliant, she arranged to have a 'Bistro' with healthier food and with tables and chairs. She designed an efficient use of space while opening up the whole venue so that visitors could see the whole show at a glance. Now that parking is free, new options emerge. Visitors have more flexibility to come and go at their convenience.

And Orchid Quest was a great success even as we lost our major sponsor as well as a major vendor. Advertising! Many businesses are interested in "goodwill" and are willing to put a small advertisement in the program for a modest sum. Terri was able to find a reliable printer who offered major savings and in color.

This year we saw many new faces among the visitors at Orchid Quest, perhaps as a result of the free advertising Terri obtained in some of the rural weeklies. Or perhaps it was the free tickets distributed by some of our sponsors. Or perhaps it was the free parking. or perhaps it was the more attractive venue. But it doesn't matter why they came as long as they enjoyed the experience and come again next year.

Terri we know that Orchid Quest is a big responsibility which can be overwhelming, but you did a terrific job. We heard so many good comments about the changed venue. Vendors, visiting societies and the general public all said what a great venue and show it was: an attractive and modern facility, the ease of dropping off passengers, the free parking. So, we are saying 'THANK YOU' and giving you a big pat on Your back for a difficult job well done.

-- The OGG Board

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collection and growing methods with our host and expert orchid enthusiast, John Wirth. May 17 is our member auction and exchange, so get those divisions potted up and bring in those unneeded supplies. June is picnic month and hopefully there will be a pop-up native orchid visit somewhere in the area.

----Lorraine Snyder

## AOS 2014 FALL MEMBERS MEETING

I attended the AOS Fall Members meeting held in Orlando on October 29 through November 2. It was held in conjunction with the 16<sup>th</sup> International Slipper Orchid Symposium. There was a lot to see and learn.

There were a couple of familiar faces among the vendors – Sam Tsui of Orchid Inn and Larry Marze, owner of Kool-Logs and Nature Glassworks. Larry created our awards for the 2014 Orchid Quest. Fred Clarke was there too but not as a vendor. He made some donations for the auctions. The Orchid Zone also made some donations for the auctions. I learned for the first time that Terry Root (“the Wizard of OZ”) had sold the Orchid Zone. Apparently the new owner is making the OZ plants more available (but probably still expensive).

The seminars were great. Peter Lin of Big Leaf Orchids (South Lake, Texas) talked about “Novelty Phalaenopsis Hybridizing”. The trend is towards more colorful (and fragrant) phals. He showed slides of new, award winning novelty phals. (For a definition of novelty Phalaenopsis go to <http://www.orchiddigest.com/orchid-digest-77-4.html>) Most had one or more of three species of phals in their background – violacea, amboinensis and micholitzii. Lin said the Taiwanese are working on increasing fragrance in phals. While showing recent award winners, he pointed out that a number of them only had one or two flowers – the emphasis isn’t on the number of flowers, but color and shape.

Robert Fuchs of RF Orchids (Homestead, Florida) spoke about “Vandaceous Intergeneric Hybrids: Where We are Today”. He said these hybrids need to be repotted at the right time or they will die. He

told the story about how he stumbled across a white vanda in Thailand years ago. It was a genetic mutation. He bought it and removed some of its kiki to give to a couple of other people for preservation. That vanda is the ancestor of all white vandas today. He also talked about the recent taxonomic changes. He said many people are ignoring them and keeping the old names. The Japanese in particular are refusing to call neofinitas vandas.

Gary Meyer, Ph.D., of Hawk Hill Orchids (Pacifica California) talked about Dracula culture and Taxonomy. He started by telling us that social media in 2012 started the trend of calling Draculas “monkey face orchids”, much to his irritation. He said only two of the hundreds of species of draculas have monkey faces. He told stories about people coming in to buy draculas from him without any concern for their growing conditions. He said one woman who was having a goth wedding bought a large number of draculas for the wedding which probably died shortly thereafter. Listings started showing up on ebay and other auction sites for “monkey orchid seeds”. The instructions for the seeds said to just sprinkle them around the garden and cover them with a light layer of soil and in a few weeks you would have “monkey orchids”. He’s sometimes found himself in the position of trying to talk people out of buy draculas.

He told us about a dracula reserve in Ecuador and he mentioned a website, [www.rainforesttrust.org](http://www.rainforesttrust.org), for an organization that is trying to protect animals and plants. Gary works with Alfonso Doucette and brought copies of the book they had a part in, Masdevallia and its Segregates Including Dracula.

John Doherty, an AOS judge, gave a talk called “A Beautiful Mess: Growing and Flowering 2,263 Inches of Petals”. It was about the impact of Paphiopedilum Sanderianum on multifloral breeding. In nature, Sanderianum grows on limestone facing East or Northeast. It likes hot steamy days and warm nights. When its flowers are forming, it likes 90% humidity. He’s from Zephyrus Orchids.

Chen-Chung Chen gave a talk on “Multifloral Paphiopedilums in Taiwan”. Mr. Chen is the Judging Chair at the Taiwan International Orchid Show. He showed slides of outstanding species and hybrids from Taiwan. Peter Lin assisted as a translator when Mr. Chen couldn’t find the right English words to express his thoughts.

Manolo Arias, head manager of Peruflora, talked

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Blc Helen Brown x Blc Goldenzelle



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about growing *Phrag kovachii*. In nature, *kovachii* grows in the cloud forest. He started his talk by showing us photos of one of his excursions leading some Japanese tourists to one of the wild growing areas. It was about a five hour walk through uneven, muddy terrain towards the site. It turns out that was the easy part. Going back, they were trying to get as far as possible before the rains hit. Once the rains hit, it turned the path into one big slip and slide.

In nature, *kovachii* grows on Cretaceous limestone. (Cretaceous is a geologic period that follows the Jurassic period.) The humidity levels are 80% to 100%. He said, in response to a question, that *Peruflora* does use colchicines on some of the *kovachii*. (Colchicine is a chemical that is used to create tetraploidy in some plants). He said that cool nights with humidity will result in flatter flowers with darker colors.

Finally, Rick Lockwood, an environmental toxicologist, gave a talk on "What do Plants Eat". I wasn't that enthused at the beginning of this talk, but ended up finding it really intriguing. The answer to the question "what do plants eat" was answered in the first few minutes. They eat sugar which they make. I think that was the lead-in to the discussion that fertilizer isn't really food.

Lockwood described several years of studying greenhouse grown orchids and orchids grown in nature. He said that the signs of toxicity are often similar to the signs of deficiency which creates problems for growers. That's what inspired his research.

In particular, he talked about potassium. He found that when potassium is given in excess, it reduces the orchid's ability to uptake calcium and magnesium. He said that when using fertilizer, you need to consider that dose = concentration x amount x duration. His growing program has focused on reducing potassium. He said in nature you don't find orchids growing in areas with the amount of potassium that we are often using.

He said that even MSU fertilizer has too much potassium. Originally, he tried to remedy the problem by cutting it with calcium nitrate and Epsom salts. Later he switched to a low potassium fertilizer called "Green Care". He said it's available from First Rays. He also mentioned that Orchidata potting mix doesn't hang on to potassium like some other mixes. He recommends getting a TDS meter so you can check the concentrations in your fertilizer. When asked for a formula for reducing the potassium, he said probably 1/8 tsp of MSU, 1/8 tsp calcium nitrate



This *Phalaenopsis lueddemanniana* may only have one flower but it has an AOS award

and ¼ tsp of Epsom salt.

At the member meeting, Frank Smith, AOS President, said AOS is concentrating on growing membership and helping societies. He encouraged societies to contact AOS when they have questions and concerns. (His email is [orchidFrank@aol.com](mailto:orchidFrank@aol.com)). Currently, AOS is involved in creating a library. It will be located at the Fairchild Botanic garden (donations always welcome). They hope to not only have an online catalog, but to scan the books that aren't covered by copyright restrictions. He also gave out several awards which will probably be listed in the AOS journal (Harold Koopowitz received a Gold Medal for all his years of work for orchids and orchid conservation).

The Fall 2015 AOS Member meeting will be in Reno. They have locked in a rate of \$99 at the Atlantis, which is a four star hotel. The Spring 2015 AOS Member meeting will be in Portland, OR.

We were supposed to have a cook-out at Frank Smith's nursery (Krull-Smith Orchids) but the temperature was expected to be unusually cold for Florida (in the low 40s), so the event was moved indoors at the hotel. He made up for the canceled visit to his greenhouses by having an open house the next morning. Judith Rapacz was at this meeting so she drove a few of us to Krull-Smith to see the greenhouses. Frank also breeds show chickens so he had a whole village of really nice chicken houses and fancy chickens. I learned that Smith is a landscape architect who is rumored to have a contract with Disney World. So orchids aren't really his day job.

Article and photography by Jill Hynum, AOS Liaison

## BATAVIA RESULTS OGG 2015

Set-up: Keith Nelson, Nancy Thomas, Denise Baylis

Take-down: Keith Nelson, Denise Baylis

### First Place

	Exhibit
Audrey Lucier	<i>Paph</i> Travis Shane Lawless ( <i>Paph dianthum</i> var album 'Albino Beauty' x <i>Paph primulinum</i> var album 'Yellow Bird')
Audrey Lucier	<i>Colmanara</i> Wildcat 'Carmela' ( <i>Odcdm</i> Rustic Bridge x <i>Odcdm</i> Crowborough)
Audrey Lucier	<i>Phal japonicum</i> (Sedirea) species
Wayne King	<i>Paph haynaldianum</i> species

### Second Place

Jeff Baylis	<i>Brassocattleya</i> Maikai 'Mayumi' ( <i>B nodosa</i> x <i>Gur bowringiana</i> )
Nancy Thomas	<i>Maxillaria</i> ( <i>tenuifolia</i> x <i>sanguinea</i> )
Wayne King	<i>Paph</i> ( <i>primulinum</i> x <i>armeniicum</i> )
Wayne King	<i>Phrag Calurum</i> ( <i>longifolium</i> x <i>seddenii</i> )

### Third Place

Audrey Lucier	<i>Aerangis luteoalba</i> species
Audrey Lucier	<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Yen Corona 'Green Genie' (Blc) (C Brazilian Treasure x Rlc Memoria Helen Brown)
Audrey Lucier	<i>Phal</i> Mistral's Sunrise Flame 'Mendenhall' ('Golden Bells' x 'Habsburg')
Jeff Baylis	<i>Cattleya loddigesii</i> ('Elen' BM/JOGA x 'Martinelli')

Photographs by Denise Baylis



Audrey Lucier's *Phal* Mistral's Sunrise Flame 'Mendenhall'; on right is *Doritaenopsis* Fuller's Sunset (*Phal.* Taisuco Date x *Dtps.* Chain Xen Queen)



## OGG RIBBON JUDGING FEBRUARY 2015

### First Place

David Kahlwey	<i>Epicanthe</i> Volcano Trick (Lc. Trick or Treat x <i>Epi. stanfordianum</i> )
Gary Lensmeyer	<i>Otaara</i> [ <i>Rhyntonleya</i> ] Hwa Yuan Bay 'She Shu' AM/OSROC ( <i>Cattleytonia</i> Peggy San x <i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Sunset Bay (Miyamoto))

## OQ 2015: BEST OF CLASS AND OTHER OGG AWARDS

**Best of Classes 1 through 3** - Sponsored by Barbara Nillson, in Memory of Harold J. Anderson  
New Vision Orchids

**Best of Classes 5 through 7** - Sponsored by Shirl and Wes Roberts  
Eastern Iowa Orchid Society, AOS Show  
Trophy Best Exhibit

**Best of Classes 4, 8 - 9**  
University of Wisconsin, Botany Greenhouses

**Best of Classes 10 through 14: Cattleya Alliance - Epidendrum, Encyclia, Brassavola, Broughtonia, Laelia and Sophronitis** - Sponsored by Judy Williamson, in Memory of Ken & Jan Williamson

Mary Tarkinow of Wisconsin Orchid Society for *Epidendrum* Wedding Valley 'Sakura Komachi' (Princess Valley x Pearly Valley)

**Best of Classes 15 through 25: Cattleya Alliance** - Sponsored by Jill Hynum, in memory of Jan Rapacz

Lorraine Heyden from NEWOS for *Barkeria scandens* 'Lorraine's Surprise' AM/AOS

**Best of Classes 27 through 29: Cypridium Alliance, Paphiopedilum species** - Sponsored by Joan Smalley, in Memory of Eugene B Smalley  
Orchid Inn, *Paph malipoense*

**Best of Classes 30 through 34: Cypridium Alliance [Paphiopedilum Primary Hybrids]** - Sponsored by Lorraine Snyder In Memory of Carol Eberts

Fox Valley Orchids, *Paphiopedilum* William Ambler (*rothschildianum* x *wilhelminiae*)

**Best of Classes 35 through 39: Cypridium Alliance [Paphiopedilum Complex Hybrids]** - Sponsored by Scott Weber, in Memory of Richard Shackelford

Joel Edwards from IOS for *Paphiopedilum wellesleyanum* x *Paph* In-Charm White

**Best of Classes 40 - 42: Phragmipedium species, besseae hybrids & other hybrids** - Sponsored by Meg McLaughlin

Roy & Lauren Lenz from WOS for *Phragmipedium* Cardinale 'Birchwood' AM/AOS (*sedanii* x *schlimii*)

**Best of Classes 43 through 57: Vanda & Phalaenopsis Alliance** - Sponsored by Nancy Thomas, in Memory of Josephine Thomas  
Marcia Whitmore from Illowa for *Phalaenopsis* Mikki Valentine

**Best of Classes 58 through 69: Vanda & Phalaenopsis Alliance** - Sponsored by Barbara Nillson, in Memory of Harold J. Anderson  
Tony Nuccio from Batavia Orchid Society for *Rhynchostylis gigantea* 'Red' species

**Best of Classes 70 through 78: Oncidium**

**Alliance** - Sponsored by Jeffrey & Denise Baylis, in Memory of George W. Baylis, Jr.

David Wujek from Illowa for *Oncostele* Midnight Miracles (*Rst bictoniensis* x *Onc cariniferum*)

**Best of Classes 79 through 81: Cymbidium species, hybrids & intergeneric**

Gary Lensmeyer, *Cymbidium* Sara Jean 'Ice Cascade' (*floribundum* x Sleeping Beauty)

**Best of Classes 82 through 88: Dendrobium** - Sponsored by Anonymous

Orchid Trading Company, *Dendrobium spectabile*

**Best of Classes 89 -90: Masdevallia & Dracula**

New Vision Orchids, *Masdevallia* Golden Sun 'New Vision Orchids AM/AOS (Canary x Angel Tang)

**Best of Classes 91 -92: Pleurothallids**

Claire Rojohn of WOS for *Stelis* species

**Best of Classes 93 -96: Lycaste, Maxillaria, Zygopetalum, Catasetum, Cycnoches, Mormodes**

Olbrich Botanical Gardens for *Maxillaria variabilis* species

**Best of Classes 97 - 99: Bulbophyllum and miscellaneous**

Cheryl Erins from Batavia for *Coelogyne huettneria* species

**Best of Classes 27 - 42, and 58 – 99 Miniature Species** - Sponsored by Susan Reed

Hauserman, *Paph malipoense*

**Best of Classes: Art Entries** - Sponsored by Judy Stevenson, in Memory of Magdalene Rose Acker  
Marcia Whitmore, watercolor

**Breast Cancer Awareness Award, Breast Cancer Survivors' Favorite Pink Orchid in the Show**, Sponsored by Madison Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure

Roy & Lauren Lenz from Wisconsin Orchid Society for *Phragmipedium* Cardinale 'Birchwood' AM/AOS (*sedanii* x *schlimii*)

**Show Chair Favorite**

Orchid Trading Co, *Bulbophyllum purpureorchachis*

**President's Award**

Fox Valley Orchids, *Paphiopedilum* Hilo Green Mountain (Hilo Jewel x Hsinying Citron)

**Best of Show**

David Wujek from Illowa for *Oncostele* Midnight Miracles (*Rst bictoniensis* x *Onc cariniferum*)

# AOS AWARDS



Nancy Thomas won AM/AOS with her *Dendrobium Green Flash* (Andree Millar x *convolutum*)

- AM/AOS *Dendrobium Green Flash* (Andree Millar x *convolutum*), Nancy Thomas, OGG
- AM/AOS *Phrag kovachii* 'Tesoro Morado', Orchids Limited
- FCC/AOS *Phrag kovachii* 'Ray Raab', Orchids Limited
- HCC/AOS *Paph fairrieanum* x Icy Galaxy, Orchid Inn
- HCC/AOS *Paph Predatious* x *rothschildianum*, Orchid Inn
- HCC/AOS *Dendrobium cassinode* species, Olbrich Gardens, OGG
- AOS Show Trophy, Best Exhibit, Eastern Iowa Orchid Society



HCC/AOS *Paph Predatious* x *rothschildianum*, Orchid Inn



HCC/AOS *Paph fairrieanum* x Icy Galaxy, Orchid Inn



*Dendrobium pendulum* (syn. *cassinode*), Olbrich Gardens, was awarded HCC/AOS

Photographs by Richard Narf





Photograph by Jill Hynum

Orchids Limited: The top two orchids are *Phragmipedium kovachii* 'Ray Raab' species and *Phragmipedium* Glen Decker (Jason Fisher x *kovachii*). The 'Ray Raab' earned a second in addition to an AOS/FCC while the Glen Decker earned a first.



*Oncostele* Midnight Miracles (*Rst bictoniensis* x *onc cariniferum*) grown by David Wujek of Illowa Orchid Society was pulled for AOS judging. It earned a first, BOC and BOS.



Both plants earned first and BOC, Above: Marcia Whitmore's (Illowa) Phal Mikki Valentine ; Below, close-up of one of the inflorescences of Mary Tarknow's (WOS) Epi Wedding Valley 'Sakura Komachi'



Photographs by Richard Narf

*Bulbophyllum purpureorchachis* from Orchid Trading Company. It won Show Chair's Favorite Orchid





## NEW *DRACULA* RESERVE

The Fundación EcoMinga is organizing support for a new *Dracula* Reserve in Ecuador, on the west slope of the Andes near the Colombian border. They have asked OCA to help raise the money for the reserve. EcoMinga's proposal to the OCA is available from a new 'Dracula Reserve' project page on our website; see [http://orchidconservationalliance.org/OCA/OCA\\_A\\_Dracula\\_Reserve.html](http://orchidconservationalliance.org/OCA/OCA_A_Dracula_Reserve.html).

In its first phase the reserve will be 324 acres in three properties, costing \$88,000 in total. We have decided to try to raise half of that sum, or \$44,000. The Rainforest Trust has agreed to match us 1:1, providing the second half. Thus the cost per acre to us individually is \$136/acre. That

is an incredible bargain. We should do our utmost to raise that sum quickly.

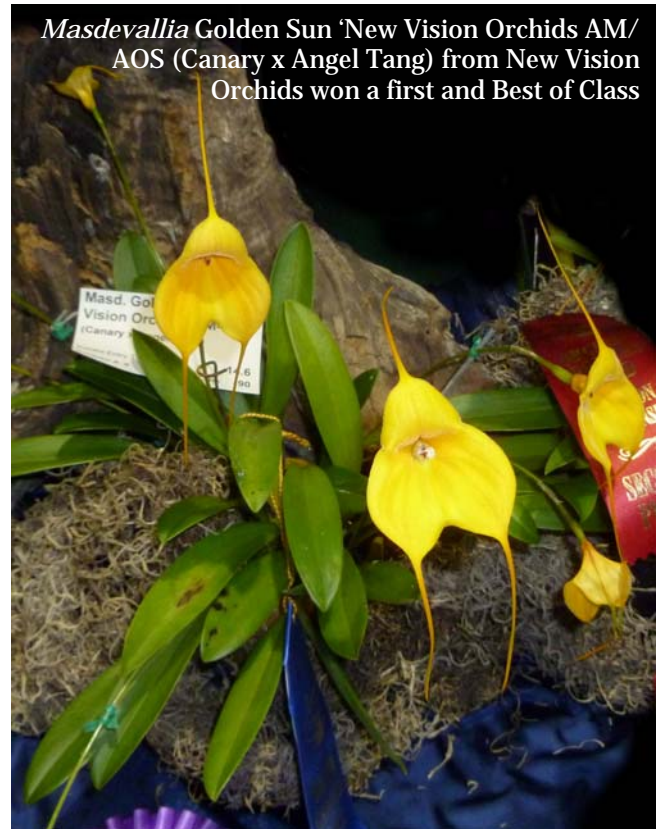
The genus *Dracula* was once considered part of *Masdevallia*, having been separated only about 30 years ago. When a new road to Maldonado, Ecuador, was opened up it provided easy access to many new *Dracula* species. Fieldwork by Ecominga botanists and their colleagues have discovered several fairly intact areas that still remain and these are the areas targeted for protection in reserves. Some lower elevation properties have already been purchased. The properties targeted now for acquisition are at higher elevation with a different spectrum of species. On our 'Dracula Reserve' project page are images of nine of the species found in the reserve, including a stereo pair of *Dracula vampira*.

I hope every member will dig deep to help make this reserve a reality. You did it for Reserva Serra Bonita in Brasil, where we ended up enabling the purchase of 250 acres. Now we need to all pull together for this reserve. I know we can do this.

Peter Tobias  
Director and OCA President

## NEWS FROM AOS

- To advance our orchid conservation goals, we have partnered with Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden in a five-year conservation project called The Million Orchid Project. Our aim is to reintroduce the native *Encyclia tampensis* and the *Cyrtopodium punctatum* to urban South Florida, especially in the places where people work, learn, and commute.
- The AOS received a grant of \$50,000 to fund applied research on the topic, "LED Lighting: Optimization for Orchids." We are now notifying researchers of the topic and will be reviewing proposals to determine who will do the research. We will be reporting on the progress of this research on the website and in *Orchids* magazine.



*Masdevallia* Golden Sun 'New Vision Orchids AM/AOS (Canary x Angel Tang) from New Vision Orchids won a first and Best of Class

**The Spring 2015 AOS  
Annual Members Meeting is Fast  
Approaching! April 29-May 3, 2015**

Don't miss this exciting meeting at the Doubletree Hotel Lloyd Center, Portland, Oregon. Our hosts, the Portland Orchid Society and the Cherry City Orchid Society have planned a fantastic meeting, conference and show for us. If you don't live in the Pacific Northwest, now is your chance to see some of the spectacular orchids that growers in this cool, coastal environment grow so well!

Don't miss this chance to hear world-class speakers and shop for orchids from around the world! The list of vendors includes Floralia Orchids (Brazil), Gold Country Orchids (California), Hatfield Orchids (California), Hillsvie Gardens (Oregon), Ingram's Better Orchid Books (yes a book vendor!), New World Orchids (Indiana), Norman's Orchids (California), the Orchid Zone (California), Seattle Orchids (Washington), Yih Cheng Orchids (Taiwan), Aitkens Salmon Creek Garden (Washington), Aloha Orchids (Oregon), Terry Thompson Orchids (Oregon) and more to follow.

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**UP-COMING EVENTS**

- **March 7-8**, Northeastern Wisconsin Orchid Society Show, Holiday Inn Neenah Riverwalk, 123 East Wisconsin Ave., Neenah WI
- **March 13-15**, Illinois Orchid Society Spring Show, 'Focus on Orchids,' Chicago Botanical Gardens
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**ANNUAL NATIVE ORCHID  
CONFERENCE, MAY 31 - JUNE 3**

The 2015 Annual Native Orchid Conference meeting will be held May 31 - June 3, 2015. The meeting will take place in Gorham, New Hampshire about 10 minutes from Mt. Washington. So save the dates on your calendar. Jean Stefanik has been working on all the details of the meeting which will be announced as they are finalized. There may be some pre- and post-conference activities so set aside the time before and after the meeting if you are able.

