

May 2015 The Orchid Grower

Orchid Growers' Guild of Madison
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Meeting Dates

May 17, Meeting Room
June 27, Annual Picnic, Lodi
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

- **Spring 2016**- MAOC, Cincinnati/Dayton Area

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Next Meeting, Sunday, May 17,

Hello all orchid lovers,

We are in need of your help for OGG Board positions, we have need for a general board position, treasurer, and vice-president. The meetings are monthly in the evening. If you just want to learn more about the workings of the Guild, why not run for the general board position? Do you have 2-2 1/2 hours to help keep OGG going? If so, please let me or Terri Jozwiak know you are interested. Elections are at the May meeting.

In addition to elections or next meeting will feature our member auction at Olbrich. Bring your divisions, supplies, pots, or other orchid related items to auction off. Denise will be bringing some orchid-themed jewelry and other items she has been collecting for OQ 2016. You have the option of donating the proceeds from the sale of your items, or splitting the proceeds 50/50 with OGG.

June 27th is time to picnic as guests of Terri and Rich Jozwiak at their home in Lodi. Details and directions will be available at the May meeting and via e-mail.

Special thanks to John Wirth, Olbrich Gardens for making our tour of the conservancy, greenhouses and inner workings so interesting.

--Lorraine Snyder

PLANT AUCTION!

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Meg McLaughlin examining an interesting plant in one of the greenhouses at Olbrich Gardens.

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Paperwork Problems for the March and April OGG Ribbon Judging

The paperwork for ribbon judging at the March meeting was misplaced. In addition, when I looked at my photographs of the April plants I noticed that I had partial photos of the paperwork for two plants but NO final paperwork. Please contact Nancy Thomas and/or Denise Baylis if you entered a plant and were not credited. If you took photographs of the March entries, they would be useful for reconstruction. Thanks,

--Denise, Newsletter Editor



*Iwanagara Apple Blossom
Fantastic' (Dialaelia Snowflake x Blc. Orange
Nugget,
grown by Terri Jozwiak*

OGG RIBBON JUDGING APRIL 2015

First Place

Meg McLaughlin	<i>Phalaenopsis schilleriana</i>
Terri Jozwiak	<i>Iwanagara Apple Blossom 'Fantastic' (Dialaelia Snowflake x Blc. Orange Nugget)</i>
Nancy Thomas	<i>Bratonia 'Kauai's Choice' or Miltassia 'Kauai's Choice'</i>
Meg McLaughlin	<i>Paph Spicerianum x #2 x Stone Lovely C+H #4 (Elfstone x Autumn Gold)</i>
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Doritaenopsis Beauty Sheena 'Ran Ran' (Moyo Beauty x Moyo Baby)</i>
Jeff Baylis	<i>Rhyncholaelia Digbyana</i>
Sue Reed	<i>Dracula Jester Sherwood (Lotax x Platycrater)</i>
Meg McLaughlin	<i>Phragmipedium Cape Sunset (Eric Young x Schlিমii)</i>
Jeff Baylis	<i>Paphiopedilum Venustum</i>

Second Place

Terri Jozwiak	<i>Epidendrum Sunlight Valley 'Akane' (Prism Valley x Star Valley)</i>
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Paphiopedilum Venustum 'Master' (x Self)</i>
Sue Reed	<i>Dracula Gorgonella</i>
Sue Reed	<i>Odontioda Prince Vultan (Strictum x Nobile)</i>
Wayne King	<i>Phragmipedium Chuck Acker (Eric Young x Wallisii)</i>

Other Plants

Unknown	<i>Dendrobium anosum</i>
	<i>Dendrobium Pixie Charm 4N</i>

APRIL MEETING: A Look Behind the Scene at the Bolz Conservatory

John Wirth, the Conservatory Curator, treated us to a tour of the Bolz Conservatory, greenhouses and the behind the scene workings that make all of this possible. In the Conservatory itself, there are 220 fogging nozzles that keep the relative humidity above 60-percent as well as a 20-foot high waterfall feeding into a stream and pool. The temperature is regulated between 65 and 95 degrees Fahrenheit year-around. A computer linked to an outside weather station controls heat, humidification, exhaust fans, and window vents. Plants are watered daily by hand with reverse osmosis water. A layer of rich soil 18 inches thick sits on top of 12 feet of sand, for drainage. Diseases and insect pests are controlled naturally. After we admired the tropical plants and orchids, we also spotted the free flying birds which included singing canaries, orange-cheeked waxbills, diamond doves, and common and button quail (which eat harmful insects). The water features are



Dendrobium bullenianum



Photograph by Lorraine Snyder
John Wirth examining an *Epigeneium treacherianum*.
OGG member Audrey Lucier in the background.

home to Koi carp. We went behind the scenes to see how all this is made to happen.

A noisy and complicated system of piping and pumps create the waterfall and stream. A generator which functions on natural gas is run every day to make sure it can be relied upon in case of a power failure. The generator supplies sufficient power to run the environmental equipment that regulates the interior climate.

The water they use in the Conservatory and green houses is reverse osmosis, a process which removes dissolved salts. The water is stored in tanks to ensure a sufficient supply. There are small bird cages in the maintenance area where birds are placed for observation for disease, as well to place birds that the public has released into the Conservatory under the misapprehension that they are doing anyone any favors. Ill advised release of birds (and fish) present a risk of introducing diseases and pests into the captive population, as well as introducing species that may harm the collection of plants.

There is a corridor as well as two green-

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houses which contain the very large and diverse orchid collection as well as a selection of tropical plants. Every plant is labeled and a plant census is maintained. Desirable plants can be a kind of currency between ar-

boretums, facilitating trades beneficial to each institution and the continuation of endangered species. Everywhere we looked in these greenhouse we spotted blooming treasures.

ORCHID QUEST 2016 UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

Orchid Quest 2016 is official! We have signed the contract with Marriott for January 30-31 for Orchid Quest 2016. We negotiated the rental to be substantially less than this year's OQ. Unfortunately we did lose money this year overall but considering a 90% drop in attendance on Sunday due to a snow-storm, it wasn't too much. Marriott really came through after listening to our thoughts about OQ 2015. We have an amazing contract with some extra free stuff thrown in to make it more enticing, for example two free

guest rooms. We will definitely make money on OQ 2016.

Mark down the dates. Set-up will be Friday, January 29. All hands on deck! Also the planning meetings for OQ 2016 will be open meetings probably starting at the end of summer. Feel free to come and find out what the plans are, tweak things from this year or just give ideas. We NEED ALL ideas! Just changing one thing a little, can make many things work better. I am anxious to hear what you want to see or change!

--Terri Jozwiak

SAVE THE DATE!

OGG Picnic - Pot luck
Saturday, June 27, noon-4 pm
At Terri Jozwiak's house by Lake Wisconsin!



Beautiful views, fabulous food and a relaxing afternoon await you at the OGG picnic. Special this year: Bring any orchids you would like remounted or repotted (and a few pots). We will have a potting station set up with Orchiata

Bark, sphagnum moss and tools available AND the expertise of experienced members to help!

Bring a dish to pass and a drink to share and enjoy the company!

More information to follow in the June Newsletter.

UP-COMING EVENTS

- **May 31 - June 3** -- Annual Native Orchid Conference, Gorham, New Hampshire
- **Sept 25-27** -- The Fall MAOC will be held in conjunction with Chicagoland Orchid Festival
- **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