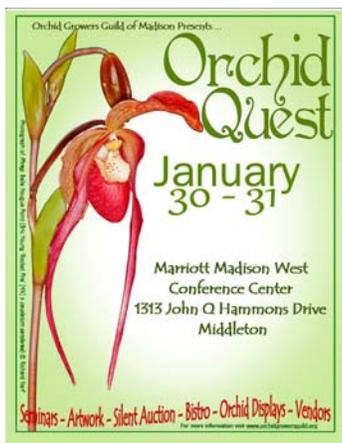


November 2015 The Orchid Grower

Orchid Growers' Guild of Madison
Website orchidguild.org



Meeting Dates

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, November 15th

Hello all

October was a busy month, with our meeting at Orchids Garden Centre, the orchid sale at Olbrich and the away show at Cedar Rapids.

Many interesting orchids were purchased at Orchids Garden Center, large and small. It always amazes me how many interesting orchids remain there.

Many, many thanks to Nancy Thomas and Judy Stevenson for setting up and taking down (Nancy) our exhibit at the Eastern Iowa fall show in Cedar Rapids. We won many ribbons.

Saturday, October 24th was our first fall orchid sale at Olbrich. We did amazingly well, selling a nice variety of orchids in bloom, spike or bud. We had two new members join our Guild! I thank Sue Reed for helping me choose the plants, Keith for organizing the sale with Orchids Garden Centre and being our excellent delivery driver. I am amazed what an excellent sales force our member volunteers are. Thanks to Lucy Lasseter, Keith Nelson,

Shirl Roberts, Sue Reed, Steve Thimling, and Liz Wood for their hours with our customers.

Our next meeting is Sunday, November 15th at Olbrich Gardens at 1:30pm, with Ribbon judging at 1:00 pm. Remember to bring any orchids that are underperforming or that you have questions about.

Our speaker is Catherine Woodward from the Ceiba Foundation speaking on Orchid ecological conservation in Equador.

See you there!

---Lorraine Snyder

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FIRST FALL ORCHID SALE AT OLBRICH

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We had two tables and sold between 10 and 2pm. We took about 50 plants and 2/3 did sell. The mounted ones did sell quite well. Lorraine printed out pictures of them and that helped sell the mounts. Although the large Phals did not sell they helped to draw the crowd in. We grossed about \$567.

While the sale went on outside the Bolz Conservatory, there were mature examples blooming inside of some of the seedlings offered for sale: *Cattleya bowringiana* and *Phal hieroglyphica*.



Set-up at Olbrich for the Fall sale; Some of the OGG volunteers at our Fall orchid sale at Olbrich: Virginia Dodson, Keith Nelson, Lucy Lasseter and Steven Thimling

OCTOBER BLOOMS AT BOLZ CONSERVATORY



Paphinia herrerae



Cattleya bowringiana



Phal hieroglyphica



Cattleya bowringiana



Stanhopea madouxiana 'Treasure'

WHAT IS BLOOMING IN MY ORCHIDARIUM

Text and Photos by Sue Reed

My mini orchids in my orchidarium bloom throughout the year. There are occasions when more are blooming than others. The fall is one of these times. The *Masdevallia Machu Picchu* 'Crown Point' AM/AOS has been blooming for several months, the *Restropia dodsonii* blooms throughout the year but mostly during the spring and fall, and the *Acinathera* syn *Pleurothallis prolifera* blooms year long with more blooms during the cooler weather. (The *prolifera* was pulled for AOS judging at the Iowa show in October.) The *Acia. prolifera* and the *Restrepia dodsonii* are repeat bloomers on old growth.



My orchidarium is in a sunroom by the north windows, so the predominate source of light is from the two T5 light bulbs on the top of the orchidarium. There is a computer fan at the top that circulates the air. The sunroom doesn't have a good source of air conditioning or heat in the winter. The summer temperatures are higher than they probably should be for the cool growing plants that I have in the room. The day-time temperature can go up into the low 80's in the summer and on really cold winter nights down into the 50's.

The plants are mostly minis which do give blooms frequently during the year. Some are mounted and all get daily spraying with rain water or a mix-

ture of 1/3 tap water with 2/3 rain water when I fertilize.

I fertilize with about ½ teaspoon per gallon Michigan State Fertilizer about weekly. I always adjust the pH of the fertilizer solution to 6.5-7.0. I mix up about 7.5 gallons at a time so the plants might get more than one watering with the fertilizer solution each week. Once a month or so the plants are watered with plain rainwater for a week.



OGG Ribbon Judging Results, Eastern Iowa Orchid Show October 17 – 18, 2015

SET-UP: Nancy Thomas and Judy Stevenson TAKE-DOWN: Nancy Thomas

OGG Exhibit third place

First Place

Sue Reed *Phrag. besseae* [Species]
 Sue Reed *Acianthera* (syn) *Pleurothallis prolifera* [species]

Second Place

Terri Jozwiak *Psychopsis*
 Terri Jozwiak *Mtdm. Hawaiian Sunrise*
 Terri Jozwiak *Stenocoryne aurea-fulva*
 Lorraine Snyder *Aerangis luteoalba*
 Judy Stevenson *Phalaenopsis* unknown hybrid
 Judy Stevenson *Doritis pulcherrima* v. *champornensis*
 Sue Reed *Phalaenopsis mariae* [Species]

Third Place

Terri Jozwiak *Dend. bracteosum* (white form)
 Terri Jozwiak *Wilsonara* (syn) *Odontocidium* Golden Afternoon
 Lorraine Snyder *Paph. charlesworthii*
 Lorraine Snyder *Paph. Fair Nettie* (Nettie McNay x *fairrie anum*)



Photograph by Nancy Thomas



Aerangis luteoalba

Photographs by Judy Stevenson



Bulbophyllum 'Lovely Elizabeth' (Elizabeth Ann x *rothschildianum*)

The jar of honey and a card with a photo of the display were given to each exhibit. It was a very nice venue in the city park greenhouse and a lovely group of people to interact with. They had about 800 visitors to the show. Thanks for all your wonderful plants and congratulations to those of you who got ribbons!

Nancy Thomas
 Away Show Chair

SNOW MOLD CONTROL

from December 2013 Newsletter

Snow mold is a fungus in the *Ptychogaster* family. It has a white to gray cottony look, similar to a heavy mealy bug infestation. It has a peculiar and somewhat unpleasant fragrance and is found growing on decayed potting material.

Its mold spores are common in the environment but most especially in the stored fir bark from the west coast. Seasonal conditions can inhibit or accentuate the survival of the spores, and packaging and storage conditions can exacerbate the problem. Large stagnant water

Storage sources can also be a culprit. Because it is hydrophobic, water flushes right through the pot preventing water and nutrient uptake by the plant. It also prevents proper aeration at the root zone and subsequently results in plant dehydration and lack of vigor. The mold does not feed directly on the plant but rather on decaying potting material. If left unchecked it can cause plant death. It can be spread by careless handling of affected material as well as extremely close contact between plants and if environmental condition are conducive for airborne spores to travel.

Control, repot in fresh mix. For typical mix use Physan 20™ @ 2 tsp/gal to moisten as a

prophylactic. **Do not use Physan 20™ to moisten Orchiata mix.** Always use new pots or wash old pots in a 10% Clorox solution. Wash and soak roots and rhizome of affected plants for 10 minutes with disinfecting fungicidal solution:

- 50% water, 30% hydrogen peroxide, 20% white vinegar, or
- 1/2 cup Pine-Sol® in one (1) gallon of water, or
- 1 pint of isopropyl alcohol and two (2) tablespoons of cinnamon powder. After letting the mixture sit overnight, strain it through a coffee filter, or 1 part Clorox with 9 parts water, rinse with fresh water.

Other products:

- one (1) tsp Physan 20™ in one (1) gallon of water, or,
- 1/2 ounce Cleary's 3336 in one (1) gallon of water

To prevent snow mold, pre-treat media other than Orchiata (see above). Drench potted plants with Physan 20™ solution every other month. Use good hygiene when handling affected plants by cleaning surfaces, hands and tools using a 10% Clorox solution. Use Physan 20™ (1/2 to 1 tsp/gal) if you are using water stored for an extended period in large containers. Space plants accordingly to prevent contact between pots.

ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE SOON

Take advantage of the savings by paying your dues at the next meeting. After January 1, all renewals will be an additional \$2. See the treasurer at the meeting or mail your payment to the OGG at PO Box #5432, Madison, WI. 53705

ORCHID QUEST 2016 Up-Date

I am sure that all of you are aware by now that Orchid Quest 2016 is the weekend of January 29-31 at Madison Marriot West. Set your work schedules now to allow you to be a part of it.

Keith is sending out postcards to garden clubs and nurseries. The bookmarks are almost ready to go, the banquet menu is under discussion, and our wonderful quartet will be back to provide beautiful music once again. We will be reorganizing the vendor area and OGG/auction area. Just tidying it up a bit and making the workspace more ef-

ficient. Advertising is being worked on. Many additional ideas are being talked about to see what will work. I am excited about the additional ideas!

Remember many hands make the load light both in advance work and that weekend. Our next meeting is the Monday before Thanksgiving, Monday, November 23 at 6:30 p.m. at Madison Marriott West. Hope to see you there.

Terri Jozwiak

Check out the table below from AOS for hints on watering and more from AOS on this topic in the December newsletter

Conditions Affecting Watering Frequency

Water an Orchid More Often:

- When high-light conditions prevail.
- When subject to high temperatures.
- Under low humidity conditions.
- With rapid air movement.
- With thin, broad and abundant leaves.
- When in active growth.
- In a coarse, porous mix.
- In fresh potting medium.
- On a slab.
- In a clay pot.
- In a small pot.

Water an Orchid Less Often:

- When low-light conditions prevail.
- When subject to low temperatures.
- Under high humidity conditions.
- With little air movement.
- With thick, narrow and few leaves.
- When not actively growing.
- In a fine-grade, water-retentive mix.
- In old, decomposing medium.
- In a pot.
- In a plastic or non-porous pot.
- In a large pot.

FROM THE EDITOR

The editor would like to thank Sue Reed, Lorraine Snyder, Keith Nelson, Judy Stevenson, Nancy Thomas, and Terri Jozwiak for their contributions to this newsletter.

From the MAOC October Newsletter:

...Since this meeting of the Congress was not associated with an orchid show, the leadership of the Congress requested a new American Orchid Society service of the personnel of the Chicago Judging Center, an "outreach judging". This is an event where official AOS judging takes place NOT at an orchid show, maybe at a meeting of a local orchid society. In this



Cattleya maxima 'La Pedrena'
SM/JOGA

case, Jim Spatzek chaired AOS judging at noon on Saturday at the Chicago Marriott Naperville; 27 judges participated, evaluating nine orchids. **Russ Vernon** of New Vision Orchids got a CHM of 83 points on his *Cattleya maxima* 'La Pedrena' SM/JOGA, previously awarded also a Silver Medal in Japan. His beautiful *Cattleya* was unusual in being a semialba variety of maxima.

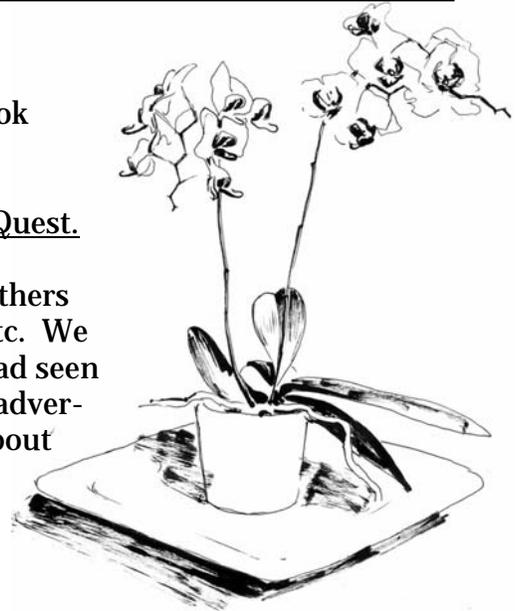
FACE BOOK

Did you know that Orchid Growers Guild has two Facebook pages?

They are [Orchid Growers' Guild of Madison](#) and [Orchid Quest](#).

So please 'Like' these two sites and 'friend' them so that others can see the postings on your timeline of OGG activities, etc. We did have people buying orchids at Olbrich because they had seen the information on Facebook! We do need all of the free advertising that we can obtain. This will also let others know about our great organization and decide to join us! Thank you!

Sue Reed



UP-COMING EVENTS

- **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 12-14**, Illinois Orchid Society Show, "Amazing Orchid Odyssey", Chicago Botanic Gardens, 1000 Lake Cook Rd., Glencoe, IL
- **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