

# September 2015 **The Orchid Grower**

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



## Meeting Dates

September 20, Meeting Room  
October 18, Orchids Garden Centre  
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
- **September 19 –20**, -- Wisconsin Orchid Society Fall Show, Milwaukee

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT Next Meeting, September 20th

Hello all Orchid Guild members and guests,

It is hard to realize that fall is soon to arrive, and our meetings will begin for another interesting year. And with the new season comes a new round of orchid shows. The next show will be in Milwaukee the same weekend as our meeting. I hope that you will consider sending your blooming orchids to that show rather than to our meeting. Denise and I will take great care of them for you.

Our first meeting is Sunday, September 20th at 1:30pm at Olbrich Gardens. As usual, please have your plants available by 1:00 p.m. for ribbon judging if they were not sent to Milwaukee.

I am happy to announce that our speaker will be Jeffrey Baylis, PHd. His talk is 'Meeting Orchids Half-Way (Between the Poles!) or Orchid Tourism in Ecuador'.

Sunday, October 18, we will meet at Orchids Garden Center for an exclusive **MEMBERS ONLY** sale as there are many unique plants still available to us. We hope few specials may be available. This sale is not available to the public.

So mark your calendars, and we will see you in September.

-- Lorraine Snyder



Musical entertainment at the June picnic

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northern Africa. In North America, it is widely naturalized mostly in the Northeastern United States, eastern Canada and the Great Lakes Region, but also in scattered locations in other parts of the continent. In the US it is sometimes referred to as the "weed orchid" or "weedy orchid" and is increasingly considered invasive, in areas including Michigan, Wisconsin and the San Francisco Bay Area. (Wikipedia)

Photos by Jeff and Denise Baylis



## ORCHID QUEST 2016 UP-DATE

The volunteers who responded to the email invitation to assist with Orchid Quest met at the Marriott Madison West. Publicity responsibilities were divided up so many minds can contact (hopefully) many more sources of free publicity. If you have any ideas like clubs, newsletters or websites that could use the information contact Terri Jozwiak [lodijoz@charter.net](mailto:lodijoz@charter.net)

We are also brainstorming for our speakers. Again, if you have ideas, email Terri.

## NATIVE ORCHID TOURISM

By Denise Baylis

I was out in the Bay Area in late July visiting family. We usually take a daily hike with the dogs into the Oakland hills which support numerous parks and recreation areas. I am always on the look out for orchids when I hike and one day I was not disappointed! Although California is in the midst of a serious drought, fog funnels in through the Golden Gate towards the Berkeley hills and precipitates on the trees. this particular trail is in a heavily wooded shady gorge and was relatively damp from said dew. Lo and behold I spotted two different orchids, one is a native *Piperia elegans* and the other is an invasive species called Broad-leaved Helleborine (*Epipactis helleborine*).

Some nature loving friends told us about two natural areas in Upper Michigan where they had seen orchids blooming the spring. The parks were Fumee Lake Natural Area near Iron Mountain and Carney Fen State Natural Area further east, near Carney. Both are well known for their orchid diversity with 17 and 26 identified respectively. The ideal time to go to see showy species would be the middle of June but due to one thing and another we were unable to get away until early July.

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*Piperia elegans* and far right, Grass Pinks *Calopogon tuberosus*



Fumee Lake park has two spring-fed lakes created by impoundments decades ago to provide municipal water for the city of Norway. The area had been protected as a source of clean drinking water for 50 years before it became a county park in 1992. Thus a relatively undisturbed natural area has been maintained. There are miles of hiking trails, cross-country ski trails and some snow mobile trails there as well. Along the banks of the lakes and nearby shore we found remnants of *Cypripediums*, probably *calceolus* (Yellow Lady's Slipper.) But we were too late, the plants either had seed pods or deer had cropped off the bloom.

Carney Fen is totally undeveloped unless you can call a highway with an adjacent utility line 'developed'. Luckily we had our rubber boots as this is definitely a fen. Jeff went out and explored and found pitcher plants as well as grass pinks (*Calopogon tuberosus*) blooming in the fen. Checking along the utility right-of-way (which was currently under construction,) we found Showy Lady's Slipper (*Cypripedium reginae*) along the tree line. Of the 40 plus plants we found, all but three had been cropped by deer. With the deer heard as large as it is, even those three were probably gone within days, and this species cannot reproduce at this location.



Showy Lady's Slipper  
(*Cypripedium reginae*)



## OGG RIBBON JUDGING JUNE 2015

### First Place

Nancy Thomas	Mokara (Aranda) Salaya Red
Steven Thimling	<i>Vanda coerulea</i>
Terri Jozwiak	Psychopsis
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Jeff Baylis	<i>Cattleya maxima</i>
Steven Thimling	Ctna Why Not ( <i>Guarianthe aurantiaca</i> x <i>Broughtonia sanguinea</i> )
Steven Thimling	<i>Pelatantheria insectifera</i>

### Second Place

Shirl Roberts	Phalaenopsis
Jeff Baylis	Bc 'Ports of Paradise' ( <i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Fortune x <i>Rhyncholaelia digbyana</i> )
Terri Jozwiak	Phal. Fuller's Sunset (Phal. Taisuco Date x Dtps. Chain Xen Queen)



*Vanda coerulea* shown by Steven Thimling

Photographs by Jeff Baylis



Phal Fuller's Sunset (Phal. Taisuco Date x Dtps. Chain Xen Queen), grown by Terri Jozwiak

# THE MID-AMERICA ORCHID CONGRESS

## FALL MEETING OF MID-AMERICA ORCHID CONGRESS

The Mid-America Orchid Congress (MAOC) is doing something unique in its long history for its fall meeting! Scheduled for September 25-27, 2015, the meeting coincides with the Chicagoland Orchid Festival. This Festival is held at two commercial greenhouses, Orchids by Hausermann and Natt's Orchids. The Conference hotel, the Chicago Marriott Naperville (1801 North Naperville Boulevard, Naperville, IL 60563), will host all of the Congress's activities. The Hotel is located between the two greenhouses, about 25 minutes from Hausermann's and 10 minutes from Natt's, and the MAOC will provide transportation to visit both on Saturday. Registrants can shop for orchids from a vast array of plants for sale by "guest growers" and enjoy presentations by world-renowned orchid specialists. Registrants who prefer to visit the Orchid Fest on their own should plan to join us Saturday evening for the ever-popular and entertaining Mid-America auction, followed by a casual dinner and another orchid lecture at the Marriott.

Another not-to-be missed event is the Affiliated Societies Breakfast on Sunday morning. For as long as I have been attending meetings of the Mid-America Orchid Congress, I always find this Breakfast discussion to be the most practical, useful part of the Congress! In Naperville we shall talk about "Mentoring Members to Assume New Roles Within Your Society". Has your Society ever struggled to find members willing to serve as officers, committee chairs? My guess is "yes". Come see what people in other societies have found to help with this situation.

I hope, too, that you will attend the Congress' Business Meeting (following the Affiliated Societies Breakfast) on Sunday morning. We need your input and your participation to make the Congress as relevant as it possibly can be.

Join me in Naperville!

Doris Asher, President, MAOC

## CLASS AT OLBRICH GARDENS Orchid Growing for Wimps

Sunday, September 13, 1:30-3 pm

Ellen Zachos, author of Orchid Growing for Wimps, will discuss the profiles of 16 easy-to-care for orchids, all of which can rebloom in average household conditions. She will also share basic care instructions and professional “tricks” to get the most out of each plant. Not all orchids are temperamental tropicals – many make low-maintenance, free-blooming houseplants. Limited space; register early.

Registration Deadline: September 3  
\$15/\$12 member

Ellen Zachos is an instructor at the New York Botanical Garden where she teaches for both Continuing Education and The School of Professional Horticulture. She lectures on a wide variety of topics at flower shows, nurseries, and for horticultural organizations around the world.

## 23rd Annual Chicagoland Orchid Festival & MAOC

The Chicagoland Orchid Growers Association is holding its 23rd annual Orchid Festival Friday, Saturday, and Sunday on September 25, 26, and 27, 2015. The festival will be held concurrently at two (2) orchid nurseries: Orchids by Hausermann and Natt's Orchids. More detailed information (maps, guest grower/speaker list, etc.) can be found on the festival website: [www.chicagolandorchidfest.com](http://www.chicagolandorchidfest.com)

*Mid-America Orchid Congress is meeting in conjunction with this event. See addendum to the newsletter for more information.*

### NEW WEBMASTER

Many thanks to Rich Narf who is stepping down as webmaster. Our new webmaster is Rich Jozwiak. His new email address for “info, corrections, additions that should go on the website” is: [OGGweb@charter.net](mailto:OGGweb@charter.net). If there are corrections, additions, suggestions or changes on the website contact Rich at that email address.

### UP-COMING EVENTS

- **September 19 –20, 2015** -- Wisconsin Orchid Society Fall Show, “Fall In Love with Orchids,” Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory (The Domes), 524 South Layton Blvd., Milwaukee, WI. Contact: Bil Nelson, 414-672-6446, [gorchids@att.net](mailto:gorchids@att.net)
- **Sept 25-27** -- The Fall MAOC will be held in conjunction with Chicagoland Orchid Festival
- **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 [goldrose@att.net](mailto:goldrose@att.net)
- **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