

# January 2016 The Orchid Grower

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



## Meeting Dates

- January 17, 2016, Meeting Room
- February 21, Meeting Room
- March 20, Meeting Room
- April 17, Meeting Room
- May 15, Meeting Room
- June Picnic TBA
- September 25, Meeting Room
- October 16, Meeting Room
- November 20, Meeting Room
- December 18, Meeting Room

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

## Up-Coming Events

- Batavia TBA
- **March 5-6**, NE Wisconsin Orchid Society Show
- **March 12-14**, Illinois Orchid Society Show, Glencoe, IL
- **March 19-20, 2016** -- The Spring MAOC, Cincinnati, OH

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## Next Meeting January 17th Olbrich Meeting Room "Getting Ready for the 29th Orchid Quest"

Orchid Quest is just around the corner and the next meeting will be on preparations for this show.

## HOLIDAY PARTY

The OGG Holiday Party was great as usual. We used SignUpGenius.com again for RSVPs which lets everyone know what others are bringing and a general idea of numbers for the set-up crew. Liz Wood reprised her successful role as 'Santa'. Earlier this year Lorraine Snyder and Keith Nelson selected species orchid plants from Orchid Garden Centre & Nursery.

Anyone who paid \$10 had a chance to pick an orchid. Keith concealed the orchids in brown paper bags. When our number was called we could either take someone else's plant or take a mystery plant from the table. Only a few orchids traded hands this year!

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Keith Nelson with his orchid and 'Santa' Liz in background

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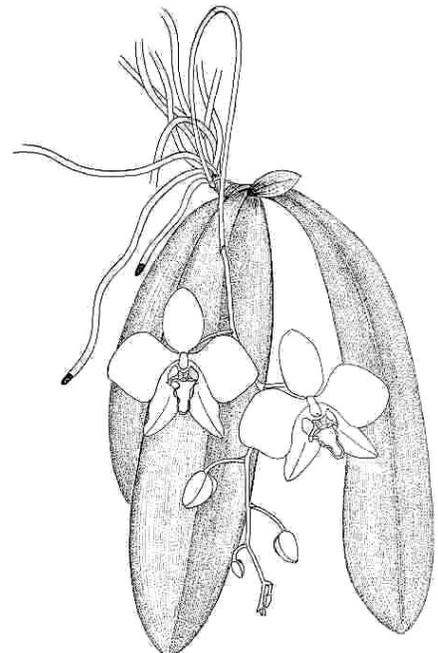
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# Olbrich Botanical Gardens

A wonderful asset to Madison is Olbrich Botanical Gardens. When you visit Orchid Quest, an excellent additional stop is Olbrich Gardens on the east side of Madison. The indoor Bolz Conservatory provides a fantastic break from winter by providing a chance to stroll through a warm, tropical forest.

At the entrance to the conservatory there is always a superb display of blooming orchids. Conservatory Curator John Wirth cultivates the orchids at Olbrich and displays his best specimens at Orchid Quest. Last year John displayed a *Dendrobium cassinode* and won a prestigious HCC/AOS and First Award from the American Orchid Society.



## ANNUAL AWARDS

Three years ago, we revised the growing awards program so that there were only two levels of growers – experienced growers with more than 2 years of experience and new growers with 2 or less years. We also have an exhibitors' award for participating in away shows and Orchid Quest.

For 2015 we didn't have any new growers who submitted plants for judging. As the grower with the most points, Terri Jozwiak received the Milo Gilbertson certificate in addition to a gift certificate to Orchids Garden Centre.

The exhibitor with the most points was



Terri Jozwiak earned the Milo Gilbertson Award

Nancy Thomas. Nancy received an award certificate and a gift certificate to Orchids Garden Centre. Congratulations to both Nancy and Terri.



The results of the ribbon judging done at our monthly meetings, Orchid Quest and away shows are published in our newsletter, along with any best of class, AOS or special awards received. Make sure you check those listings for errors. If there is an error or omission, please contact the editor. Also, when you're registering your plants, make sure you put your name on the slip and leave it on the table so you get credit for your plant.



Nancy Thomas was Exhibitor of the Year

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## RAFFLE DONATIONS NEEDED

We still need donations to the Raffle and the Silent Auction. Remember that your donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law and you will receive a receipt for your records. Contact Lorraine Snyder at [lorraine.snyder127@gmail.com](mailto:lorraine.snyder127@gmail.com) to notify her that you will be making donations.

If you have obtained a donation from an area merchant please let the Show Chair Terri Jozwiak know so that she can give you special tickets to Orchid Quest for those merchants.



Bruce Luebke



Virginia Dotson



Sue Reed



Jerilyn Gjertson



David Kohlwey



Melissa Williams



Meg McLaughlin



Dawn Weckler



Steven Thimling



Liz Barlow



Judy Stevenson



Wayne King

## December OGG Ribbon Judging 2015

### First Place

Terri Jozwiak	<i>Cattlianthe</i> Chocolate Drop 'Volcano Queen' ( <i>Cattleya guttata</i> x <i>Guarianthe aurantiaca</i> )
Meg McLaughlin	<i>Dendrobium bigibbum</i> (species)
Terri Jozwiak	<i>Rhynchostylis coelestis</i> (species)
Terri Jozwiak	<i>Bulbophyllum fascinator</i> (species)
Steven Thimling	<i>Angraecum sesquipedale</i> (species)
Terri Jozwiak	<i>Onc</i> Twinkle ( <i>Onc. cheirophorum</i> x <i>Onc. sotoanum</i> )
Don Fago	<i>Cym</i> Showgirl 'Linda Crystal' (Sweetheartx Alexanderi)
Judy Williamson	<i>Phrag</i> Rosalie Dixler ( <i>besseae</i> 'Big Smoky Falls' x <i>kaieteurum</i> )
Judy Williamson	<i>Paph</i> Greensleeves x <i>Paph</i> Acker's Peak
Judy Williamson	<i>Onc</i> Tsiku Marguerite '#2' ( <i>Onc</i> Twinkle x <i>Onc. sotoanum</i> )
Nancy Thomas	<i>Tubecentron</i> Hsinying Girl ( <i>Ceratocentron fessellii</i> x <i>Tubecentron</i> Niu Girl)

### Second Place

Melissa Williams	<i>Beallara</i> Big Shot 'Hilo Sparkle' ( <i>Aliceara</i> Tahoma Glacier x <i>Miltoniopsis</i> Maui Titan)
Terri Jozwiak	<i>Vandachostylis</i> 'Lou Sneary' ( <i>Vanda falcata</i> x <i>Rhynchostylis coelestis</i> )
Terri Jozwiak	<i>Dendrobium</i> Compact Phal Type
Wayne King	<i>Sophrolaeliocattleya</i> (Slc) Acker's Romance ( <i>Cattlianthe</i> Acker's Madison x <i>Cattlianthe</i> Golden Wax)

### Third Place

Terri Jozwiak	<i>Brassolaeliocattleya</i> Chia Lin 'Shinsu #1' ( <i>Rlc</i> Oconee x <i>Rlc</i> Maitland)
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*Bulbophyllum fascinator* (species) [right] and *Brassolaeliocattleya* Chia Lin 'Shinsu #1'

# Orchid Quest Updates

Orchid Quest planning is almost completed. The prospective theme this year is a tropical orchid garden. If you have any suitable props contact Sue Reed.

The speaker's program is set, check our website for the line-up. \$1 off admission coupons are now on the bookmarks which will be available at the OGG January regular meeting.

The Marriott will allow us to bring our lunches with us while we are setting up on Friday but not during the show itself. We will not be offering box lunches this year as we will continue to have a 'Bistro' during OQ with selections from the Marriott menu. Terri has had discussions with Marriott to better indicate what food items are available.

Denise Baylis is the Volunteer Coordinator again this year. If you want to volunteer and cannot use SignUpGenius, contact her and she will do it for you. Also on SignUpGenius is a list of awards at OQ that you can sponsor for \$50 (tax deductible.)

## **OQ Banquet on Saturday Night**

The banquet begins at 5:30 PM. Dinner is again at Benvenuto's Italian Grill, 1109 Fou-

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## **AWAY SHOW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Volunteers are needed to set up and take down OGG orchid displays at three away shows in the Spring. It is NOT necessary to both set-up AND take-down exhibits. The shows are Batavia, date not yet set; Northeast WI Orchids Society Show, Neenah, March 5-6; and Illinois Orchid Society Show, Chicago Botanic Garden – March 12-13. So far all slots for Batavia are open. If you haven't had the experience of setting up a display but are interested, you can be **teamed up with an experienced**

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*Cattlianthe* Chocolate Drop 'Volcano Queen'

rier Drive, Madison. The meal is \$30.00 including gratuity. If a vegetarian meal is desired, please indicate that when you make reservations. Sign up for the OQ dinner with Nancy Thomas ([mikeandnancy@tds.net](mailto:mikeandnancy@tds.net))

Reservations and payment for dinner are due by noon January 30. Please make the check out to 'Orchid Growers' Guild' and mail to Nancy Thomas, Orchid Growers' Guild, PO Box 5342, Madison, WI 53705.

6:00 PM Keynote speaker, Sam Tsui will speak on "The Care & Culture of Brachypetalum & Parvisepalum". It should be a great meal, a good talk and a great time to relax from a busy, full-packed work day.

**member** to learn the ropes by signing up for either the Neenah [two already signed up] or the Chicago show [three already signed up.]

Questions??? Ask Nancy Thomas: 608-523-3607, [mikeandnancy@tds.net](mailto:mikeandnancy@tds.net)

## **NAME TAGS**

Need a new name tag for Orchid Quest? Carrie Weisman would be happy to make you a new one if you have lost yours.

You can contact her at

[carrie.wiesman@dwd.wi.gov](mailto:carrie.wiesman@dwd.wi.gov)

# Orchid Quest 2016

## Logistics

As each show approaches there are always new challenges and many rewards. As the host organization we try to have one of the best if not the best exhibit in the show. We have had as many as 100 blooming orchid plants in our exhibit! This is great considering the size of our organization. So to do a show takes the whole organization plus many friend, family and many other helpers!

We will do a tropical orchid garden exhibit this year, so tropical plants with mostly green leaves will be needed as fillers and back ground.

This year for the OGG exhibit I will lead the team and so I am looking for team members! Consider if there are 100 plants and each plant takes a minute to prepare, there is a minimum of 100 minutes invested with just getting plants ready!

The tasks for the exhibit include checking in the plants when they arrive. I members could check in their own plants that would be a time savings. We need to know exactly what plants will be in the exhibit BEFORE the list can go to the registration table. Of course everyone has sent in their listing of plants with the class (and hybrids with the parents) lists by the Monday, January 25. But as you know now all plants make it to the show for one reason or another. We will not be able to take our list to registration until all plants have been received (11:30-noon on January 29 at the very latest!).

Once plants are registered all of the registration tags need to be placed where they can clearly been seen, then the plant gets placed into the display!. Meanwhile some of the staging can be completed while waiting for plants.

Plants pots are wrapped as the plants are placed if possible then the the final touches of moss, bark, etc are finalized. Time is well spent in the set up for that generally leads to more awards for the plants and the exhibit.

Many hands make short work!

### Exhibit:

1. Plant lists with registration class sent to Sue Reed ([greed@chorus.net](mailto:greed@chorus.net)) by January 25.
2. Blooming orchid plants and nice tropical plants brought to Marriott West by 11:30AM on January 29.
3. Plants checked in and unpacked by owners.
4. Sunday Jan 31 4 PM owners help with exhibit take down and pack up their plants.
5. If owners can't make the take down they must make arrangements for others to be responsible for their plants.

Good luck to all and thank you for your plants and help!

---Sue Reed

### Orchids give off human 'body odor' to attract mosquitoes

By Elizabeth Pennisi

**PORTLAND, OREGON**—Orchids are masters of deception. To lure potential pollinators, some resemble nectar-laden flowers, yet offer no sweet reward. Others smell like rotting meat. Still others look and smell like female insects. Now, sensory biologists have discovered orchids that emit an odor just like the human body. Their target: tiger mosquitoes. Although mosquitoes are considered poor pollinators, *Platanthera obtusata*, a bog orchid common in the United States, seems to rely on the blood-sucking insects for reproduction. The orchid rarely interbreeds with its closely related *Platanthera* cousins, which often live alongside it in the same bog. As a result, sensory ecologists suspected each species remains true to its own kind by attracting different pollinators. To test this idea, the researchers put air-tight bags over several kinds of orchids to collect their odors, and then analyzed each one's chemical components. Along with components common to many flowers, *P. obtusata* gives off some chemicals found in human body odor, the researchers reported here today at the annual meeting of the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology. Although the orchid's "body odor" is barely detectable by humans, it does set off electrical activity in the mosquito's antennae, indicating it may very well attract the insects. To verify this attraction, the researchers are carrying out behavioral tests. They suggest that such studies could lead to the identification of natural chemicals that could be used as bait in mosquito traps.

## GETTING YOUR ORCHIDS READY FOR A SHOW

by Susan Reed

If you have been in sending plants to the shows this is familiar stuff but if you haven't here are some guidelines and tasks.

1. Start staking your plant spikes as soon as possible to have them grow as up right as your can. This makes for much easier transport and much better presentation at the show.
2. Keep a watchful eye out for bugs and always treat immediately. I use a spray of rubbing alcohol early and often or an insecticide that last longer. I have noticed that the dry air is encouraging mealybugs again!!
3. Clean up your plants NOW, so there is less to do right before the show when you will have many plants to deal with (hopefully). Cut off all brown leaves and anything that detracts from the plants appearance. Dry pseudobulb sheaths should be removed for example and brown leaf tips.
4. Make sure the plant is stable in the pot. If not use a larger outer pot for stability. If your plant isn't stable on your shelf, it will be even more unstable in the display and might fall and hurt your plant as well as other plants.
5. Make sure that all pots are labeled with your name on the bottom or side very bottom.
6. Leave the plant tag in the plant with your name on the tag. If the tag is really large, make a new smaller one that will be easily hid-

den in the pot.

7. Label your boxes and remove the transportation supports at the show. You need to hang on to the transportation supports. Your boxes might be needed for the show set up. So if they can be they especially need to be labeled. There should be a storage area at the show for storage of boxes.
8. Get your plant information in on time to Sue Reed ( Monday, January 25). And get your plants to the show on time! By 11AM or noon at the latest)
9. Be willing to step in and help out at the exhibit or any place that you can will help make the show a great success!
10. Remember to tell your friends, coworkers, any one you can about our great orchid show!!

Thank you so much for your great past support!!

Also please bring nice green foliage house plants for the exhibit to help fill out the background! Again clean up those plants and label the pots to make sure you get them back!

Remember that take down is at 4 PM on Sunday, January 31, so make sure you have a way home for all of your plants from the display and from your purchase!

Have fun and enjoy the show!

### UP-COMING EVENTS

- **March 5-6**, NE Wisconsin Orchid Society Show, "Orchid Magic"
- **March 12-13**, 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