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The Orchid Grower

Orchid Growers' Guild of Madison

Website orchidguild.org



FROM THE PRESIDENT, NEXT MEETING DECEMBER 18TH Holiday Party at Paradigm!

Hello all orchid lovers,

December is here and so it's time for our holiday celebration. Santa Liz will be there with a nice selection of orchids for your gift, if you choose.

Meeting Dates

- December 18. Paradigm

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

Up-Coming Events

- January 28-29, 2017** - Minnesota Orchid Show
- February 4-5, 2017**— Orchid Quest
- February 18-19, 2017** -- Batavia Orchid Society Show
- March 4-5** -- Northeast WI Orchid Society Show
- March 11-12** - Illinois Orchid Society Show

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Remember we are meeting At Paradigm Gardens 4501 Helgeson Road at 1:30 p.m. Please bring your orchids for ribbon judging at 1 pm. Bring a dish to pass and any holiday spirits you prefer.

Please let Denise or me know if you would like us to reserve your holiday plant at \$10.00 each.

It is also time to renew your membership at \$18/\$24. Prices go up next year! You can also mail your membership form [it's on our website] to OGG PO Box 5432 Madison, WI. 53705. Please let me or Denise know this week if you would like a holiday orchid.

I am taking this opportunity to wish you all Happy Holidays as I will be traveling to California to spend the holidays with family and friends. I will see you in the new year.

Our January meeting will be all Orchid Quest information and preparation. February will bring us a talk and discussion on deciduous orchids by Gary Lensmeyer.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your family.



Photo by Sue Reed

Catasetum Frilly Doris 'SVO' (Doris's Choice x Dona Marie)

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Chicago Judging Center Liason Notes

Happy Holidays to All:

The December monthly AOS judging held on December 10th will be at the home of Jim Spatzek starting at 1PM Address: 2137 Center Ave., Northbrook, IL. BRING PLANTS you would like judged. Our usual monthly judgings are at the Chicago Botanical Gardens the second Saturday of the month at 1 PM but there was no space in December - hence the change. Jim's email is jamcam21@sbcglobal.net

Orchid Shows coming up in January- February

- Winter Carnival in St Paul at Como Park - Minnesota Orchid Show, January 28-29
- Orchid Growers Guild of Madison Wisconsin - at the NEW location Olbrich Gardens, February 4-5
- Batavia Orchid Show - Suburban Chicago Show at DuPage Cnty Fairgrounds February 18-19
- AND a NEW SHOW the last weekend of February in Racine Wisconsin hosted by the Wisconsin Orchid Society - Final details I do not have yet.

Please see the host society websites for more details on registrations and participation.

ORCHID SHOWS ARE FUN!

Also check out the AOS.org website for details on several winter WEBNARS. These work very well for orchid club programs if you have WIFI at your meeting location. The webinars are recorded after initial live presentation and available to AOS members online for streaming.

All you need is computer, TV connection or projector with speakers.

Finally a reminder about support for the Judging Center. Donations from our regional societies fund operational functions of the Judging Center. Please remember us at holiday time. If you had a judged show - small shows we suggest \$50 to \$100 and larger show more if you can. Send checks to our Treasurer Cheryl Erins 10812 Delifant Rd, Three Rivers, MI 49093; her email is cerins10812@comcast.net

As always if you have questions or comments, please feel free to email me, several of you have used the annual awards powerpoint presentation which I can supply.

-- NILE DUSDIEKER



Photo by Denise Baylis

Haraella retrocalla

RE-CAP NOVEMBER PRESENTATION

John Stuckert on Building Orchidaria

By Sue Reed

John Stuckert Vice-President of the Wisconsin Orchid Society presented the talk at the November meeting. John is an experienced grower of many orchid species but his particular passions are Pleurothallids, Masdevallias and other small high humidity, cool growing orchids. He has acquired former cut-flower refrigerated containers (which is not practical for everyone). He has also used his creativity with found materials to build his own smaller scale cool-growing orchidariums. John is a cabinet maker so he has the tools at hand as well as the knowledge to construct containers out of wood. (He also is more than willing to share his knowledge gained through experience with anyone.)

The night before this presentation he started this project with a purchased deep hydroponics tray. He built a base with upright posts and a cover to accommodate the tray. He painted all the wooden surfaces to seal them. He then stapled polycarbonate plastic to the interior of the wooden structure, com-



Close up of the hydroponics tray used to make the bottom water proof and sturdy with polycarbonate walls screwed in the cabinet corner supports.

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John Stuckert with OGG member Scott Weber securing the door

pletely covering the inside walls of the orchidarium. He repurposed the glass fronts he found in a resale shop for the top and for the front door. He purchased his lights (four T5 fluorescent) which he set on the glass top. He also used dealings to go around the door. The glass panels came with about a 1-2 inch diameter hole through which he could insert his humidifier hose (inexpensive humidifiers that you can find at re-sale shops work best). He used an inexpensive small cylindrical rotating fan inside, and set up sensors to monitor the humidity and to control the humidifier. He also has used cooling systems in the past that are used for salt water aquaria to help keep the orchidarium cool in the summer.

John is more than willing for orchid growers to contact him for aid in building their own orchidariums. John gave us an entertaining look at some of the challenges he has faced to haul some of his purchases to fulfill his passion to create the proper environment for his ultimate passion of growing challenging small orchids. He has won his orchid society's Grower of the Year Award.

ORCHID QUEST 2017 UP-DATE

How can I help out with Orchid Quest?

With a new venue for Orchid Quest 2017, Olbrich Botanical Gardens, the Guild has new challenges to having a successful show. But what is a successful show? One measure is that after the Guild covers all expenses, there is some profit. Another measure is that the Guild was able to entice a number of people to visit the show and for them to come away with an appreciation of orchids. Another would be that the Guild gains some new members! Another very important point is that our members had fun and learned more about orchids.

So how do we have a successful show? The major part of a successful show is the Guild members. Guild members that step in where, whenever, and however they can. How can you help?

1. Guild members can talk up the show with friends, family, co-workers, and anyone who happens to want to talk "orchids"! Word of mouth is not only our cheapest but it is our best form of advertising.
2. Offer to help out Terri and the others working on the show by stepping in to assist with some tasks before, and /or during the show.
3. Donations of food for the Saturday judging breakfast and judging lunch. Snack items for Hospitality during Friday set-



up, the Saturday show and a few things for Sunday. These can be food donations that are homemade or purchased, or cash to help cover items that need to be purchased. (See Keith Nelson)

4. Help with publicity (See Terri or Lorraine)
5. Contact local business for gift certificates and/or raffle prizes. Donor will be recognized.
6. Donation of money. Help cover the cost of the Best of Class awards (about 19) or some of the special awards with a \$50 tax deductible donation. Your name will be listed as sponsoring the award, i.e. Best of Classes 10-14 Cattleya Alliance, sponsored by or in memory of (More information coming).
7. Donation of items for the Silent Auction and/or the Raffle.

Contact Terri, or Lorraine or Denise about where you would like to help make Orchid Quest 2017 a huge success!

Thank you!

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- **November 8-12, 2017** -- 22nd World Orchid Conference, Guayaquil, Ecuador

OGG Ribbon Judging November 2016

First Place

Lorraine Snyder
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Nancy Thomas
Shirl Roberts
Jeff Baylis
Gary Lensmeyer

Paphiopedilum Neptune (Io x *rothschildianum*)
Phrag (Sunspot x Hanne Popow) [newly named Sunpow]
Haraella retrocalla [monkey face orchid]
Bc Maikai 'Mayumi' HCC/AOS
Cattleya trianae
Catasetum Frilly Doris 'SVO' (Doris's Choice x Dona Marie)

Second place

Gary Lensmeyer
Richard Miller
Lorraine Snyder
Nancy Thomas
Wayne King
Jeff Baylis

Paphiopedilum unknown hybrid
Masdevallia Cheryl Shohan (Xanthino-Veitchiana x Redwing)
Phrag memoria Dick Clements
Paphiopedilum henryanum
Paphiopedilum Magic Mood (Gold Diana x Peter Black)
Blc 'Empress Worsley' (*Brassanthe* Bill Worsley x *Cattleya* Red Empress)
Bc Inboriboom (*Cattleya* Jose Marti 'Mother Favorite' x *Brassavola nodosa*)

Wayne King

Third Place

Richard Miller

Paphiopedilum maudiae 'Bankhouse'



Phrag (Sunspot x Hanne Popow)



Paphiopedilum Neptune (Io x *rothschildianum*)



Blc 'Empress Worsley' (*Brassanthe* Bill Worsley x *Cattleya* Red Empress)

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

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