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FROM THE PRESIDENT, NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 20th John Stuckert on 'Constructing Orchidariums'

Let's welcome John Stuckert, Vice President of the Wisconsin Orchid Society, who will be speaking at our next meeting, Sunday November 20th, at Olbrich Gardens at 1:30 p.m. His topic is constructing orchidariums. John has built a variety of them, both warm and cold, using refrigerator parts from a grocery store. He will prepare a list of what is needed for an orchidarium and instructions on how to assemble one.

Please bring your orchids at 1:00 p.m. for ribbon judging, and any others that you would like advice on. If you need new pots for your orchids, the price list is on page 7 of this newsletter. Contact Sue Reed and she will bring them to the next meeting. If you have any orchids to pass along, there will be a member-only orchid auction with proceeds going to OGG. Jeff Baylis will be bringing three blooming-size species orchids, *Cattleya forbesii*, *Cattleya aurantiaca* (Great Yellow x 'Miami') and *Laelia anceps* which is in spike.

It is time to pay for OGG membership for 2017! Our rates have not changed. 2017 rates remain \$18 per person, \$24 per couple or family. You can also pay \$10 for your Holiday party orchid. Membership price goes up after January 1, 2017.

Thank you to everyone who entered their plants for our display at the Eastern Iowa Orchid Society's show and to Denise Baylis and Sue Reed for setting up and bringing home our display. Our next away show is after Orchid Quest, in the middle of February, 2017.

Terri and her Orchid Quest Committee has been working diligently to make plans for OQ at Olbrich Gardens. We need you at Olbrich!

Please save the weekend of February 3rd -5th to be at Olbrich. We are a small but mighty group who put on Wisconsin's biggest and best orchid event!

See you Sunday November 20th.

Lorraine Snyder

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Meeting Dates

- November 20, Meeting Room
- December 18, Meeting Room

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

Up-Coming Events

- **November 12-13, 2016**
- MAOC Fall Meeting
- **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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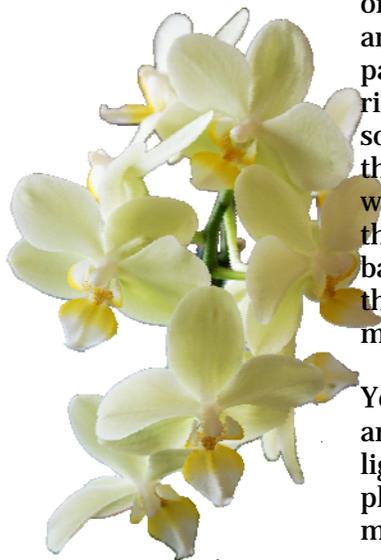
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Followup from last month's article on Stolons:

From *Orchids* Questions and Answers section

Keith Nelson inquired:

Dear Ron: [Ron Mchatton from the AOS]

I have 6 *Paph. armeniacum* seedlings. A few months ago one pot looked like a loop of root was growing out of the top of the pot. It grew quite large. When I pulled it out, an entire small plant came with it that was growing below the surface in the Orchidata. A friend told me this is a stolon and that this particular plant will sometimes spread this way. Now two others seedlings are doing the same thing. I would prefer to have them grow into bigger plants rather than put the energy into stolons. Is there a way to encourage this? I water weekly and fertilize twice a month in the summer with Michigan State R/O fertilizer. In the winter I fertilize once a month. Plants are in a south east facing window with a fair amount of light, but back enough to prevent burning.

Although it seems like *Paphs.* are almost always in a pot, just as an experiment I mounted the plant to see how it would like being mounted.

Thank you, Keith Nelson

Ron Mchatton from the AOS replied:

Keith,

... While all *Paphiopedilum* species are capable of producing stolons under exceptional circumstances it's very rarely seen except in the case of *Paphiopedilum armeniacum*. It's the characteristic way the new growths are produced and they often rarely produce a new growth like other *paphs.* The stolons don't rot away like they do in things like strawberries. They remain for many years holding the plants together. For this reason, this species often does much better in shallow bulb pans or baskets so that the stolons can run. One of the most impressive plants I've ever seen was grown in a basket of sphagnum moss and the plants had almost covered the entire surface; top, sides and bottom so the plant actually looked like a ball. Another option is to mount it on a tree fern ball if you can find one. If the humidity is high enough and you can keep up with the water requirements, they do well that way.

You might be able to minimize the stolon production by putting the plant in an opaque colored pot. It appears to be in a white or translucent pot and light getting into the medium may enhance the production of stolons. Some plants are less prone to these but from the sounds of it, the parents used to make your seedlings are very prone.

Ron

AOS Awards At Eastern Iowa Orchid Society Show

Photographs by Sue Reed

The Eastern Iowa Orchid Society show was held in the Noelridge Park Greenhouse in Cedar Rapids. There are gardens with flowers still in bloom to walk through. The conservatory greenhouse created an interesting site as a backdrop to the orchid displays with its pond, and tropical plants.

Orchid displays were set up by eight societies



On the left is a *Phrag.* Red Wing 'Flame Hot' from Orchids Limited with 86 points; above is a *Paph.* Barb Hella x *Paph. helenae* (Unnamed hybrid which needs a name before the clonal name can be added) with a Certificate of Cultural Merit from the Minnesota exhibit; and below is the Batavia Society exhibit which was difficult to photograph because there were plants hanging on all the sides of the trellis. They had many orchids in their display arranged very well. Silver AOS Certificate

and three vendors. There were also two display tables where individuals could enter single plants into the orchid judging. One of these plants, owned by the Noelridge Park Greenhouse, won a culture and a flower AOS award! There were about nine AOS awards including the silver AOS show exhibit award that went to the Batavia Orchid Society and the show exhibit AOS trophy.



... more AOS Awards



The Friends of Noelridge Gardens received an AOS award for culture as well as an AOS flower award for their *Papiliovanda* TMA with 58 flowers and 32 buds.



Clockwise from directly above: this *Paph charlesworthii alba* from Illowa Orchid Society's exhibit received an AM; the specimen-sized plant of a miniature species, *Dryadella simula*, that measured over a foot in width and 7 inches high with about 480 flowers and 55 buds. It was a perfectly grown round mound of foliage, from Orchids Limited. The *Paph* Shun-Fa Golden earned an AM for a member of The Greater Kansas City Orchid Society.



EIOS Ribbon Judging for OGG

Set-up and take-down by Susan Reed and Denise Baylis

Exhibit second place

First Place

Jeffrey Baylis

Cochleanthes amazonica x sib (Hilo Large)
[pulled for AOS]

Terri Jozwiak

Bulbophyllum laxiflorum species

Terri Jozwiak

Psychopsis [unknown hybrid]

Susan Reed

Paph. Angel White ((*Ang-Thong* x *niveum*) x *niveum*)

Susan Reed

Phalaenopsis amboinensis ('Nashville' x 'Rocky Creek')

Susan Reed

Phalaenopsis [hybrid mini]

Lorraine Snyder

Phrag Acker's Berry (*kovachii* #2 x Waunakee Sunset Cherry)

Judy Stevenson

Oncidium bifolium species

Second Place

Terri Jozwiak

Den. Little Green Apples (*Den.* Green Elf x *Den. convolutum*)

Lorraine Snyder

Paph. spicerianum species

Lorraine Snyder

Phrag. sedenii 'Blush' (*longifolium* x *schlimii*)

Judy Stevenson

Dpts. Surf Song ('Taipei Gold' x 'King Shiang's Rose')

Third Place

Terri Jozwiak

Brassidium Adaglossum Summit 'French Town' AM/AOS (*Ada keiliana* x *Odontoglossum bictoniense*)

Robert Lasseter

Encyclia cochleata species

Wayne King

Cattleya Mrs Mahler (*C. bicolor* x *C. guttata*)

Nancy Thomas

Phragmipedium Rosalie Dixler (*besseae* x *kaiteurum*)



Thank you all who sent plants to Eastern Iowa Orchid Society's Orchid show. Twenty-four plants were exhibited. Everyone who sent plants received at least one ribbon! The Guild members received 8 first place ribbons, 3 second place ribbons, and 4 third place ribbons and Jeff

Baylis's *Cochleanthes amazonica* was pulled for AOS judging. For a grand total of 15 ribbons which means 63% of our plants received ribbons! Congratulations! This is fantastic for you know how difficult it is to get a ribbon at a show where you are competing with greenhouse growers and professional growers!

In addition to Guild members growing their orchids much better, the exhibit showed off the plants very well! At least that is what the exhibit organizers think! The exhibit received a second place ribbon.

Sue Reed



Acianthera prolifera grown by Susan Reed

Why Do We Go To Orchid Shows?

By Susan Reed

After coming back from setting up and taking down the OGG exhibit at the Eastern Iowa Orchid Society Orchid Show with Denise, I remembered how much fun it is to go to orchid shows.

It was a long weekend with almost three hours of driving Friday [thanks Denise], exhibit set-up, optional dinner with members of other societies, a night in a hotel, breakfast and judging in the morning. Before driving back Saturday morning, we viewed the show, and did some orchid shopping. We returned on Sunday afternoon in time to do some more photography, and shopping before taking the exhibit down. Even though it was busy weekend we both enjoyed the experience in Iowa while still being able to get some things done at home.

The chance to see the variety of orchids that others grow, the opportunity to talk with experienced growers, the chance to meet and talk with so many others that enjoy orchid growing is really a unique experience. Helping with judging and being on a fun judging team is a chance to learn more about the judging, growing, hybridization, and the uniqueness of orchids that doesn't have a price tag.

My judging team consisted of a high school student, a local educator, and a person who

had grown up in Puerto Rico. I learned a different way to pot up my Phrags as well as information about fertilizers. Besides these learning experiences there is the opportunity to talk with the public and educate them about orchids. The sharing of our knowledge and appreciation of orchids is part of the Orchid Growers Guild mission statement. It is very rewarding to exhibit orchids that we have grown, and have the personal opportunity to educate the public. This is accomplished easily and most effectively at orchid shows. Conservation of orchids and their habitat are important to all living creatures for all species benefit from environmental conservation. If people realize the variety of orchids that come from diverse environments, they may be more aware of environmental preservation

efforts and be more willing to support them with the knowledge of the possible consequences of the failure to protect the world's ecosystems.

We produce our own show, Orchid Quest, with the help of other societies exhibiting their plants. We reciprocate by setting up our exhibit at their shows.

Thank you all for your help with sending plants, attending shows, and helping with our great Orchid Quest show.



Photograph by Sue Reed

OGG Exhibit

OGG Ribbon Judging October 2016

First Place

Shirl Roberts
Nancy Thomas
Richard Miller
Steven Thimling
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Ansellia gigantea nilotica 'Waunakee'
Paph Supersuk 'Eureka' x *Paph* Raisin Pie 'Hsinying'
Oncidium Tsiku Marguerite "HOF #1" (Twinkle x *sotoanum*)
Bulbophyllum medusae (aka stinky)
Pelatantheria insectifera
Phal unknown cross

Second Place

Richard Miller
Steven Thimling
Nancy Thomas

Paph Hung Sheng Red Apple "#C" *Paph fairrieanum* 'Mr. Lee'
Bulbophyllum microscopical
Maxillaria marginata



Bulbophyllum medusae (aka stinky)



Bulbophyllum microscopical

OGG Orchid Pot Sales

Small green square (2x2" h), 5 @ \$1.00
Small Clear square (2x3" h), \$.50 / pot
Medium Clear square (3½x4" h), \$.75/ pot
Medium Clear Round (4x4" h), \$1.00/pot
Large Clear Round (6½x5" h), \$1.25/pot
3" Clay pot \$.50/pot

To order pots for delivery at the next OGG meeting, contact Sue Reed

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Maxillaria marginata

Photographs by Jeff Baylis

2016 Dillon/Peterson Essay Prize

AOS is now accepting entries for the 2016 Gordon W. Dillon/Richard C. Peterson Memorial Essay Contest. Let your imagination run wild for the opportunity to win a cash prize and certificate suitable for framing.

This year's theme is: *Why I grow the orchids I grow*. Membership in the American Orchid Society is not necessary to enter the contest. The deadline is **November 30, 2016**. The winning entry, if any, will be published in the June issue of *Orchids* of the following year.

Contest Rules:

- The essay must be an original, unpublished article.
- The contest is open to all persons except employees of the American Orchid Society and their immediate families.
- Submissions must be no more than 5,000 words in length.
- Manuscripts must be submitted in English, type-

written and double-spaced or submitted in Word or other compatible electronic format.

- Submissions will be judged without knowledge of the identity of the author. The decision of the judges is final. If no entries meet the expected criteria of excellence, the award will be withheld.
- Artwork is not necessary for entering this competition.

Non-winning entries will be returned to the contestant if requested. Such entries are eligible for resubmission in subsequent contests. These non-winning entries will also be considered for publication by the editor of *Orchids* and may be used in *Orchids* or other AOS publications including the AOS website.

Email all entries to Ron McHatton at mchatton@aos.org. Paper submissions should be mailed to the Dillon/Peterson Memorial Essay Prize at AOS headquarters: Ron McHatton, American Orchid Society at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, Florida 33156.

ORCHID QUEST 2017 UP-DATE

Planning session prior to next OGG meeting at noon

Orchid Quest, February 4-5, (set-up Fri. Feb. 3) at Olbrich Gardens. New site, work load changes. We love all the new ideas that are coming in for OQ. Please join our informal group meeting about Orchid Quest just BEFORE the next regular OGG meeting, Sunday, November 20 at noon at Olbrich. Just come early for the OGG meeting and see the planning for OQ at Olbrich.

Vendor checks are coming in, awards are planned,

plant registrations has a spot, publicity had started (needs more work), speakers can be lined up now, signs can be made, ideas for the OGG presence in the lobby planned and other ideas. We would love to get your feedback, views and ideas. Attending does not mean you are volunteering to be chairperson of the event, it just means you are interested in seeing how it is all put together while you are with some GREAT easy going orchid people. See you there.

Terri Jozwiak

UP-COMING EVENTS

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- **February 18-19, 2017** -- Batavia Orchid Society Show
- **March 4-5** -- Northeast WI Orchid Society Show, Neenah WI
- **March 11-12**, Illinois Orchid Society Show, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe IL
- **November 8-12, 2017** -- 22nd World Orchid Conference, Guayaquil, Ecuador