

September
2017

The Orchid Grower



Meeting Dates

- September 17
- October 15
- November 19
- December 17
- January 21, 2018
- February 18, Atrium
- March 11
- April 15
- May 20
- June, Picnic TBA
- September 16
- October 21
- November 18
- December 16

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

Up-Coming Events

- **September 16-17** - WOS Show
- **September 22-24** - Chicago-land Orchid Fest
- **October 21-23** - Fall MAOC, Cincinnati, OH
- **November 8-12** -- World Orchid Conference
- **January 27-28, 2018** -- MN Orchid Show
- **February 3-4** -- Orchid Quest
- **February 17-18** -- Batavia Orchid Society Show
- **February 24-25, 2018** -- WOS Spring Show
- **March 3-4** -- NEWOS Show

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Orchid Growers' Guild of Madison
Website orchidguild.org

From the President, Next Meeting September 17th

Hello Orchid Lovers,

I hope summer has treated you and your orchids well. Members enjoyed a wonderful picnic at the home of Liz Wood, then a productive field trip with Scott Weber and preliminary planning for OQ 2018 is in-train.

I am looking forward to a great series of speakers for our fall meetings beginning with our first meeting Sunday September 17th at 1:30 P.M. with ribbon judging at 1:00 P.M. We will hear from Joe Meisel, of the Ceiba Foundation, Madison. He will update us on conservation efforts in Peru and inform us about Ceiba's collaboration with Colombia.

October 15, our speaker is Ken Cameron, Chair and Professor, University of Wisconsin Department of Botany. He will give us an update of current orchid research projects at UW.

November 19th not only brings us cooler weather but a presentation from our own Jeffrey Baylis, retired UW Professor. We will learn more about orchids in other parts of the world.

Others events in September are the Wisconsin Orchid Society Show at the Domes in Milwaukee September 16th and 17th. This show is always fun and will give you a chance to purchase orchids from a variety of vendors who do not come to Orchid Quest in Madison. Get your orchids to bloom and send them with Sue Reed and Keith Nelson for our display!

The following week is the Chicago-land Orchid Fest at Hausermann's in Villa Park, Illinois and Natt's in Naperville, September 22-24.

See you the 17th!

-- Lorraine Snyder

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- **March 24-25, 2018** -- Illowa Show
- **April 7** -- Spring Sale
- **April TBA** - Illinois Orchid Society

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In Memoriam

Patricia L. "Pat" Narf

Sadly this summer we lost a member of the OGG family. Patricia Narf was the wife of OGG past-President Richard Narf. She and Rich hosted several OGG picnics at their home. Among other duties, she showcased her cooking skills when she provided the refreshments for OGG meetings for several years before illness forced her to slow down.



She passed away on August 3, 2017, while fighting a recently diagnosed aggressive kidney cancer. She and Rich were married for 53 years. Patricia was a loving mother and grandmother. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be gifted in Patricia's name to the American Cancer Society or Agrace HospiceCare.

JUNE OGG RIBBON JUDGING

First Place

Bruce Luebke
 Keith Nelson
 Keith Nelson
 Liz Wood

Vanda Chulee Delight
Neofinetia falcata 'kiunkata'
Phal violacea Joshua [Irwin?] Ginsberg
Phalaenopsis Timothy Christoper [white]
 (Cassandra x *aphrodite*)
Phalaenopsis Metcafe

Liz Wood
Second Place

Liz Wood

Phalaenopsis Golden Peoker

Third Place

Keith Nelson

Nageliella purpurea



Vanda Chulee Delight, hangs on a curtain rod in an east window. Bruce waters it twice a day and sprays when he remembers



Phalaenopsis Timothy Christoper [white] (Cassandra x *aphrodite*) has been an amazing parent in multitudes of multifloral miniature hybrids and today is still one of the most sought-after of all multifloral *Phalaenopsis*



Liz Wood hosted another successful OGG picnic. The storms held off and the day was warm and sunny as we sat in the shade of the large trees in her backyard. The food was delicious as usual. There was ribbon judging and repotting. Jeff Baylis brought in a *Brassavola nodosa* Grandiflora that was in dire need of repotting. Not only had it outgrown its pot but its roots and insinuated themselves into the wrought iron stand the pot was in for stability. Harsh surgery by Keith Nelson, ably assisted by Terri Jozwiak while Jeff looked on with trepidation, resulted in two larger plants for Jeff and 5 smaller plants. We'll wait and see if the surgery was successful!



JUNE 11th OGG FIELD TRIP, LAKE MILLS

With temperatures hovering near 90 degrees, it was with some trepidation that we headed out on a field trip to see orchids in their native habitat. Our leader, Scott Weber, was waiting for us at the trailhead in Lake Mills. We found a very nice facility there with covered picnic tables and bathrooms with a shower!

We geared up, either slathered with sunscreen or with all extremities covered, and our protective hats and headed out. Although the temperature held at around 88, there was a strong breeze. There were no bugs to speak of and it was an easy walk along the bike trail on an old railway bed. There were trees shading the walk, a bridge over Rock Lake with a few people fishing, and a view of zillions of boaters enjoying the sunny day.



Scott identified some of the plants and birds we encountered along the way although no one needed him to identify the family of cranes walking on the trail ahead of us. Although we all kept our eyes open, it was Scott who eventually spotted our first showy ladyslipper in a boggy area after about a mile or so. Wow! After locating two larger clumps, we called it a successful day and returned to the depot for some cheese and crackers washed down with iced tea.

Sorry you missed it!

--- Denise Baylis

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
greed@chorus.net*

Home Shade House

Keith Nelson has shared with us how he turned an unused wooden swing set into a shade house for his orchids.



Take one unused wood frame swing set. Cover it with lattice. This swing set is facing west. I covered the west and south facing sides. A tree on the north side provides shade.



Cover the lattice with shade cloth. At first I thought the shade cloth might be too heavy, but after seeing the intense afternoon sun think it is appropriate.



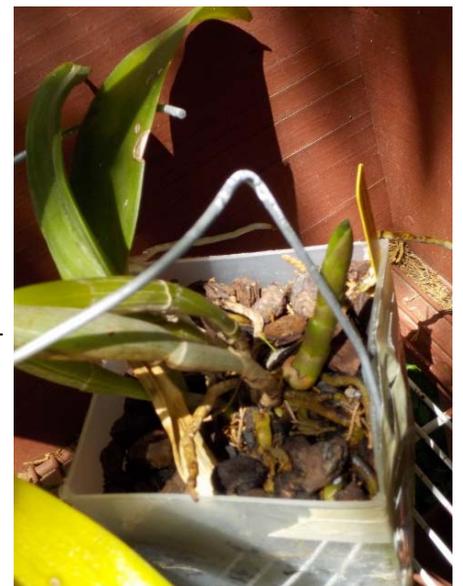
Install a heavy-duty pipe to hold plants. The rings on the top bar which used to hold swings are perfect for hanging plants.



The shade house with plants installed. The shelf on the frame was used for smaller plants in secure trays.



Left: I use moth balls to repel rodents. Last year I also put moth balls around my outdoor orchid area and had no problems with rodents. Remember to put some around the legs of any tables or supports that touch the ground. Right: Close up of a happily growing cattleya. Almost all my outside plants are mature cattleyas as well as a few dendrobiums.



CATASETUM REDUX

When Gary Lensmeyer spoke about *Catasetum* he mentioned a feature that *Catasetum* species share with *Cycnoches* is that they bear separate male and female flowers with occasional intermediate or hermaphroditic forms. The female flowers of all the many species of *Catasetum* are very similar in shape. It is almost impossible to determine the species from female flowers. The male flowers of *Catasetum* are highly variable among the



Ctsm. Pontagee Star 'Brian Lawson's Sunrise' HCC x Ctsm. Susan Fuchs 'Burgundy Chips' FCC/AOS. The "pink" [male] version appeared when it bloomed June 29, last year.

many species with at least 12 to 15 different basic shapes. The early confusion among the varying sexual and floral forms led to the de-



The "green" [female] version appeared May 25, 2017, when it bloomed again.

scription of several different genera that were united into *Catasetum* around the middle of the 19th century when Charles Darwin resolved the puzzle when writing *Fertilisation of Orchids*.

Terri Jozwiak has shared photos of one of her plants, Ctsm. Pontagee Star 'Brian Lawson's Sunrise' HCC x Ctsm. Susan Fuchs 'Burgundy Chips' FCC/AOS which goes dormant in the winter. It has bloomed almost exactly a year apart, first the male form and currently, the female form.

From the Editor:

As most of you are probably aware, OGG is a 501c(3) tax exempt organization dedicated to the education of both OGG members and the public about orchids and their culture. Maintaining our presence our local Orchid Quest and at away shows allows us to continue to be tax exempt. With this in mind, we need your help. OGG needs more members to help with these shows.

AWAY SHOWS

By Nancy Thomas (Away Show Coordinator)

Volunteers needed for the Eastern Iowa Orchid Society Show October 21-22, 2017!

We're in immediate need of orchid enthusiasts to set up and take down the OGG display at the Eastern Iowa Orchid Society's show in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on October 21-22. This is a friendly, fun show that takes place in the Noel-ridge Greenhouse, a Cedar Rapids park and a lovely venue. We could use at least one experienced member along with first-timers who'd like to learn the art of orchid displaying. Away shows are a great opportunity to meet other orchid lovers, learn from knowledgeable speakers, and see what other orchid societies are doing. OGG will reimburse travel expenses (see the guidelines in the Away Show Reimbursement Policy posted on the OGG website under the Membership section). Please contact Nancy Thomas (mikeandnancy@tds.net; 608-523-3607) with any questions or if interested.

Also, for a shorter trip, consider joining Sue

Reed and Keith Nelson to set up and/or take down our display at the Wisconsin Orchid Society's Fall Show, held at the Milwaukee Domes September 16-17. And even if you're not inclined to set up an exhibit, try sending your blooming plants to one of our upcoming away shows—it helps make our exhibits lush and eye-popping, and we'll do all we can to make it easy and rewarding for you.

We'll be participating in at least three away shows next spring after the dust settles from Orchid Quest, so volunteers will be needed for:

- Batavia Orchid Society Show, February 17-18, 2018
- Northeast WI Orchid Society Show in Neenah, March 3-4, 2018
- Illinois Orchid Society show at the Chicago Botanic Garden, April 2018

Keep these dates in mind for a spring get-away!

FIRST AWAY SHOW OF THE SEASON IS ON THE HORIZON

September 16-17

Wisconsin Orchid Society's Fall Show, Mitchell Park Domes, Milwaukee

It is NOT TOO SOON to start getting your plants ready for the next show scheduled in two weeks. It is important to start staking your spikes as soon as they are long enough to use a support stake. This will insure that the presentation of the flowers is at their best and that the spike will not break off. By the same token keep the plant in the same orientation to light to keep the spike growing straight. Clean the leaves and cut off any brown leaves or tips of leaves. Lemon juice takes off the white water spots that can form on leaves. And check and spray for insects!

More information to follow shortly on registration etc. Note that the drop-off site for plants for this show will be at the residences of Keith Nelson and/or Sue Reed.

Orchid Quest 2018

We will be back at Olbrich Botanical Gardens for Orchid Quest (OQ) 2018 on February 3-4, 2018. Why do we talk about Orchid Quest now even though it is six months away? Because there are things to work on now so everything is in place when the time comes.



I am excited to let you know we have a Orchid Quest co-chair! Cynthia Wadsworth. You can contact her at cynthia727672@gmail.com. She is "in training" but she will know who to contact to get answers for you.

We also have a new coordinator for our raffle prizes: Carrie Wiesman and you can contact her at carrie.wiesman@dwd.wi.gov. She is going to keep track of who is collecting what from whom. If you have received a raffle prize from a donor, or have an idea for a raffle prize donor, let her know. We want to avoid duplication of effort as well as the appearance of harassing potential donors. The more raffle prizes the better for our visitors! OR if you pick-up something to donate, let her know.

We also have a new email JUST for Orchid Quest questions. Feel free to give this out to EVERYONE. OrchidQuestMadison@gmail.com.

A **really important change** is that Orchid Quest will open at 9 am on both Saturday and

Sunday. Keep that in mind when you volunteer. We need some people on Saturday who will NOT be helping with judging to work at the OGG table in the lobby while the bulk of our members are in the exhibit room until 10 a.m.

The poster and bookmarks are at the printer as of September 1, so we should have them really early to put on websites and give at away shows.

Great start. Like it.

Want to help at a small project before OQ? Let me know: lodijoz@charter.net

Terri Jozwiak
Co-chair Orchid Quest



UP-COMING EVENTS

- **September 16-17** - Wisconsin Orchid Society's Fall Show, Mitchell Park Domes, Milwaukee
- **September 22-24**, 25th Annual Chicagoland Orchid Fest
- **October 21-23** - Fall MAOC, Cincinnati, OH
- **November 8-12** -- 22nd World Orchid Conference, Guayaquil, Ecuador
- **January 27-28, 2018** -- MN Winter Carnival Orchid Show
- **February 1-18** - Batavia Orchid Society Show
- **February 24-25, 2018** -- WI Orchid Society Spring Show
- **March 3-4** - Northeast WI Orchid Society Show, Neenah
- **March 24-25, 2018** -- Illowa Orchid Society Spring Show
- **April TBA** - Illinois Orchid Society show at the Chicago Botanic Garden