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# The Orchid Grower

Orchid Growers' Guild of Madison

Website [orchidguild.org](http://orchidguild.org)



#### Meeting Dates

- 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

- **February 3-4** -- Orchid Quest
- **February 17-18** -- Batavia Orchid Society Show
- **February 24-25** -- WOS Spring Show
- **March 3-4** -- NEWOS Show
- **March 10-11** - Illinois Orchid Society
- **March 24-25** -- Illowa Show
- **April 7** -- Spring Sale

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## NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 18th, in the ATRIUM

The next meeting will take place in the Atrium at Olbrich. This meeting coincides with the Batavia Orchid Society Show, so blooming orchids ought to be sent there. There is to be a debriefing about Orchid Quest as well as a talk by Jeff Baylis on orchid mating systems.

*Orchids have long held a special fascination for humans, and biologists are no exception. Besides being one of the most widespread and diverse families of seed plants, orchids have a very special relationship with their insect pollinators. Plants have mating systems just like animals have mating systems, and orchids appear to have evolved sophisticated mechanisms to insure sexual reproduction and out crossing.*



OGG President with Terri Jozwiak, winner of both Orchid Grower and Exhibiter of the Year awards for 2017

## 2017 OGG Awards: Orchid Grower and Exhibiter of the Year

Our recipients this year were one and the same, as Terri Jozwiak made a sweep of the Guild's annual awards! Terri earned 217 grower points and 69 exhibiter points, outpacing her nearest competition by 63 and 30 points, respectively. Her most remarkable achievements this year were a Best of Class Trophy and an AOS CCM Award (Certificate of Cultural Merit) for her *Phaius tankervillae*, as well as the Best of Class Trophy for her exhibit at the Northeastern Wisconsin Orchid Society Show in March 2017.

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*C. percivaliana* 'Summit' FCC/AOS



*Stenorrhynchos speciosum*



**STOLON**

Lorraine showed her Phrag Sunpop which was blooming from a stolon. Gary Lensmeyer explained strategies to create a separate plant.



Paph Green Gold 'Inviro Ora' x Paph Via



**JANUARY OGG RIBBON JUDGING**

**First Place**

- Gary Lensmeyer *C. percivaliana* 'Summit' FCC/AOS
- Richard Miller *Stenorrhynchos speciosum*
- Lorraine Snyder Phrag Sunpop (Sunspot x Hanne Popow)
- Jeff Baylis Paph Green Gold 'Inviro Ora' x Paph Via Gema 'Limerick Lass'

**Second Place**

- Lorraine Snyder Paph unknown hybrid from Arnie Klehm

**Third Place**

- Lorraine Snyder Paph. Crazy Jolly 'Perfection' x Pacific Shamrock 'Magnificent'

## ABOUT OGG ANNUAL AWARDS

By Nancy Thomas

The Guild's annual awards are given to "promote and reward participation in Guild activities" by recognizing excellence in orchid growing, showing and related artistic endeavors.

The Guild Exhibiter of the Year recognizes participation in orchid shows. Guild members earn exhibiter points by setting up and/or taking down a display at Orchid Quest and away shows, and for any ribbons or awards earned by those displays. The Milo Gilbertson Guild Grower of the Year is named for a Charter member of the Guild well known as the foremost amateur orchid grower in Dane County and winner of numerous orchid awards. Milo was a cymbidium and cattleya grower par excellence, but also grew a wide range of orchids to perfection and, up until his death in 1991, was investigating new and better ways to grow them.

All members can earn grower points by showing

plants at Orchid Quest and away shows, and winning ribbons during ribbon judging at OGG meetings. The Guild awards the Milo Gilbertson award to the top grower of the year (December through November), in either the Beginner's Class (less than 3 years' experience growing orchids) or Experienced Class (3 years or more experience). A second grower's award is given to the best grower in whatever experience class didn't receive the Milo Gilbertson Award (if there is one). The OGG annual awards are accompanied by a monetary prize of \$35 for the Milo Gilbertson Award, and \$25 each for the second grower and Exhibiter of the Year.

Needless to say, these awards are a tribute to sustained effort and excellence, and we owe hearty applause to all who earn them. (For details on the awards and points policy, see the OGG website under Membership for the OGG Points System and the Orchid Guild Handbook).

Activity/award	Place	Points
AOS award/equivalent (plant or exhibit)		50
AOS show ribbon	1st	8
	2nd	6
	3rd	4
Away show plant sent		1/plant
Away show exhibit:		
Away show set up		12
Away show exhibit ribbon	1st	4
	2nd	3
	3rd	2
Away show tear down		6
Best of class (plant or exhibit)		25
Best plant in show		50
Special award		25
Meeting ribbon	1st	4
	2nd	3
	3rd	2

Member	2017 Grower Points	2017 Exhibiter Points
Bruce Luebke	12	21
Denise Baylis	12	12
Doug Dowling	7	
Gary Lensmeyer	137	
Jeff Baylis	68	
Keith Nelson	145	24
Liz Wood	24	
Lorraine Snyder	27	18
Nancy Thomas	154	
Phil Gonsiska		15
Richard Miller	8	
Robert Lasseter	7	
Sandy River	7	
Shirl Roberts	3	
Steve Thimling	19	
Sue Reed	120	39
Terri Jozwiak	217	69
Wayne King	6	

## Orchid Quest, One Last Note

Orchid Quest is imminent. The floor of my living room is piled with the things I am going to bring and it keeps growing. Like the orchids in my greenhouse, the pile has life. I sent my plant list to Sue. I cleaned my plants to bring. I chose some other plants to donate and sell at the OGG table. I will be making my Taco Soup tomorrow. And Friday I will be there to help see it to fruition. Just like the orchids, Orchid Quest grows also. It starts as a sprout at 9 am on Friday when the first volunteers start to arrive. It is

watered and nurtured by every other volunteer in the door. Will it bloom on Saturday with a deformed flower or bloom with cascading beauty? That is up to YOU. If every member gives Orchid Quest just a little nurturing it turns out so easy to grow and shows grace and elegance to all who come. Come and volunteer and encourage your friends to come on Saturday and Sunday to see the grandeur that we can create.!

Terri Jozwiak

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## Spring Show Season: Volunteers and Plants Needed for Away Shows February and March 2018!

Once the flurry of activity for Orchid Quest dies down we're in immediate need of orchid enthusiasts to set up and take down the OGG exhibits at:

Batavia Orchid Society Show, Wheaton IL,  
Feb. 17-18, 2018

Northeast WI Orchid Society Show in Neenah,  
Mar. 3-4, 2018

Illinois Orchid Society show at the Chicago  
Botanic Garden, Mar. 10-11, 2018

Illowa Orchid Society show, Rock Island IL,  
Mar. 24-25, 2018

We haven't exhibited at the Illowa Show recently, but members at the January OGG meeting decided we should add it as a new opportunity this year! For each show we could use at least one experienced member along with first-timers who'd like to learn the art of orchid displaying. Consider a spring get-away! Away shows are a great opportunity to meet other orchid lovers, learn from knowledgeable speakers, and see what other orchid societies are doing. See Sue Reed's excellent article "**Why Do We Go To Orchid Shows?**" in the OGG November 2016 newsletter for insights into the experience.

OGG will reimburse travel expenses (see the

guidelines in the Away Show Reimbursement Policy posted on the OGG website under the Membership section). If you are interested or just want more information, please contact Away Show Chair Nancy Thomas ([mikeandnancy@tds.net](mailto:mikeandnancy@tds.net); 608-523-3607) and/or sign up on the sign-up sheet circulated at our monthly meetings.

If you're unable to go to a show, how about sending your blooming plants to one of our upcoming away shows? It's a great way to support OGG functions, get feedback on your plants, and maybe get a surprising reward by way of ribbon, trophy or even an AOS award! If you haven't considered it before, be assured we'll do our best to make it easy and rewarding for you. We'll help any way we can to get it registered in the proper class, display it to show off its best attributes, and treat it with TLC.

### REMINDER: DUES ARE DUE!

2018 dues are due. Most members have renewed but I am waiting for a few. Dues are \$20 for single membership and \$25 for duo. I accept cash but prefer checks.

Denise Baylis  
Treasurer

# Bolz Conservatory, What's Blooming



Some of the orchids on display in January



*Paph esquirole*



*Stanhopea reichenbachiana*



*Lycaste aquila*

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- **March 3-4** -- Northeast WI Orchid Society Show, Neenah
- **March 10-11** -- Illinois Orchid Society show at the Chicago Botanic Garden
- **March 24-25** - Illowa Orchid Society Spring Show

