

January  
2018

# The Orchid Grower

Orchid Growers' Guild of Madison

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



### Meeting Dates

- 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

- **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
- **March 10-11** - Illinois Orchid Society
- **March 24-25, 2018** -- Illowa Show
- **April 7** -- Spring Sale

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## Letter from the President, Next meeting January 21st

Happy New Year to all OGG orchid enthusiasts. 2018 brings a busy time for us as we get busy with Orchid Quest, which is coming up very, very quickly. Please set aside time to get your blooming orchids show-ready, and to volunteer as many hours as you can. It takes all of us plus our friends and family to make Orchid Quest a big success.

Our meeting is Sunday, January 21st at 1:30 P.M at Olbrich Gardens with ribbon judging at 1 p.m. We will be discussing final plans for Orchid Quest, our display and how to classify and enter your orchid for judging, the Show Book and remaining volunteer needs.

Come join us and in the meantime, stay warm.

Lorraine

## HOLIDAY PARTY

The OGG Holiday Party was great as usual. Kudos to the set-up crew for its holiday spirit. Members provided a wonderful variety of items to choose from. Liz Wood reprised her successful role as 'Santa'. Anyone who paid \$10 had a chance to pick an orchid which were 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. No one came to blows this year! Next year OGG will have to explore new options for obtaining our orchids.



Sue Reed with Liz Wood looking on

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# OGG Exhibit at OQ 2017

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**MAOC:** Keith Nelson  
**Orchid Digest:** Open



Photograph by Susan Reed

The OGG exhibit at Orchid Quest last year had a garden theme [see photo]. For 2018 I am planning on a **tropical garden theme**. Nice non-blooming foliage plants such as ferns and bromeliads are greatly appreciated. Please also try to have these clearly labeled with your name so we can make sure that you get these back.

Tropical small items would be appreciated to add some interest to the exhibit. These items could be art, other plants, or natural items, but no artificial plants or flowers are allowed. Remember items need to be at Olbrich by 11:30 AM on Friday, February 2. Also nothing super valuable, please. We are not liable of missing items, but all precautions will be taken to insure nothing happens to your items.

This is a large exhibit to set up and to handle all of the plant labeling and registration. So please offer to help either part or all day on Friday. Any help is greatly appreciated! It is a great learning opportunity for orchid plant registration and how to put an exhibit together. More volunteers to help set up our away shows are needed, so this is the chance to get involved and learn!

--- Sue Reed



## Orchid Quest is coming soon now!

Saturday and Sunday, February 3 and 4 at Olbrich Botanical Gardens

Set-up is Friday, February 2

### Things to do:

- Sign up on SignUp Genius for a post. I know our members do come out of the woodwork to work at Orchid Quest but it is very helpful to know when you are coming and what position you would prefer ahead of time.
- We need people early on Friday– to carry tables and set them up (9 am-11 am). We need people mid-day to set up the OGG exhibit (10 am-5 pm). We need people late in the day to set up the lobby which cannot be set up until after 5 pm. Plus helping vendors to unload all day. PLEASE come sometime on Friday for just a few hours to help.
- We need YOU on Saturday. We need lots of people to help with the judging as usual. Breakfast at 6 am, judging 7-10 am. We need people that will NOT judge to staff the OGG table in the lobby at 9 am, this is very important. While judging, the public will be coming in the front door at 9 am and start visiting the OGG tables in the lobby and going to the vendors.
- We need lots of other shifts during the day on Saturday for MANY other opportunities. Check on Sign Up Genius for an active or relatively inactive job. There will be something for everyone.
- We need people on Sunday for various positions and takedown and clean-up at 3 pm.
- Bring blooming orchid plants Friday before 11 am. With all our members we try to get over 100 blooming orchids for the OGG exhibit. You will help even if you just bring 1 or 2 orchids.
- Bring food to share any day! Keith keeps track of those bringing food. Let him know if you can help out. This keeps our expenses down and is greatly appreciated by both volunteers and vendors.
- Our last meetings to talk about the particulars for OQ will be Wednesday, January 10 AND Wednesday, January 24. Both will be at 6 pm at Panera Bread, 601 Junction Road, Madison. Just off Old Sauk Road off the Beltline.

Terri Jozwiak

“The experts say orchids are epiphytes or lithophytes but they are actually parasites. They suck all the money out of your wallet” - Chris Phillipps

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- **January 27-28, 2018** -- MN Winter Carnival Orchid Show
- **February 3-4** -- Orchid Quest 2018
- **February 17-18** -- Batavia Orchid Society Show
- **February 24-25, 2018** -- WI Orchid Society Spring Show
- **March 3-4** -- Northeast WI Orchid Society Show, Neenah
- **March 10-11** -- Illinois Orchid Society show at the Chicago Botanic Garden
- **March 24-25, 2018** -- Illowa Orchid Society Spring

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### 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](mailto:greed@chorus.net)

# Holiday Fun!



**Bruce Luebke**



**Nancy Thomas**  
A woman on a mission



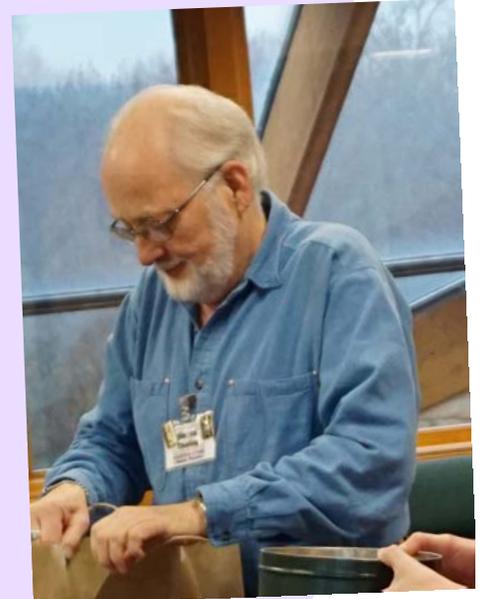
**Lucy Lasseter**



**Jean Karls**



**Lisa Linde**



**Steven Thimling**



## Why do we do Orchid Quest?

It seems like a lot of work, doesn't it? But it sure is fun!

It is a lot of work, but I think it is worth while for the Guild do put the effort into it. It is a chance for our out reach and education of the public about orchids. This will lead to more awareness of orchids, appreciation of them and hopefully concern for them in the wild. Conservation is extremely important due to economic factors and environmental change due to population as well as climatic change.

What do members get out of Orchid Quest? A chance to buy more plants from the various vendors without having to travel great distances. The chance to meet other orchid growers and to learn from them and the vendors. A chance to make new friends in the orchid community as well as with the public.

What does the Guild get out of Orchid Quest? Our mission statement and tax exempt status requires the organization to be promote education and conservation of orchids. Also this is a chance for the Guild to meet some of its fundraising needs. Since we cannot charge admission, we need to meet our expenses as well as raise money for the Guild to function as an organization with furnishing speakers, and door prizes, and to meet our insurance, storage rental, and away show expenses.

So how do we raise money at the show? We have the raffle and the silent auction. The raffle is a very important part of the show income. The donations are secured by members who ask business to donate a item or two or to donate gift cards. The vendors at the show are required to donate at least one plant or item to the raffle. (We have been very lucky that Paradigm Gardens has been generous to donate a nice light fixture, as a grand prize.) So any members who would like to ask their local business, please just let Carrie Wiesman , to avoid duplication of efforts. Monetary donations are also gladly accepted to help fund the show and the Guild.

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(We are a Wisconsin Tax exempt organization did I mention ?)

The Silent Auction has been our largest fundraiser for several years. Better quality items and larger gift certificates will be entered into the Silent Auction. Please check with Denise and Judy Williamson for any help with your items.

We also make money selling items at the OGG table. This year we are also asking members to donate their extra orchid plants or unusual plants to sell at Orchid Quest. These would be plants that you would consider buying (if you were in the market for them!). Meaning nice looking plants, healthy, bug free plants. You can bring those either day of the show. They will probably sell quickly, but we won't mark them down as low as last year! Keep a record of what you bring to aid in the selling of the plants. Plant information would be helpful.

This show is a group affair and will only be a success if as many members as possible can participate in whatever way they can. Many hands make a successful show!

Thank you all for your efforts!

Sue Reed

### 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

# Getting Plants Ready for Orchid Quest!

It is time to start getting your plants ready for shows especially for Orchid Quest!

## Now:

- One key item is to start staking your spikes as soon as they are long enough to use a support stake. This is important to make sure that the presentation of the flowers is the best and that the spike won't break off.
- Keep the plant in the same orientation 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.
- Check and spray for insects, clean with rubbing alcohol.
- If your plant label is large for the plant and won't be easily hidden, make a new smaller tag to keep with the plant when exhibiting it.

## For the Show:

- Please label all pots with your name and put your name on your plant tag.
- For Orchid Quest please send a listing of all of your plants to Sue Reed ([greed@chorus.net](mailto:greed@chorus.net)) by Tuesday, January 30.
- The registration is done on computer, so I need your list to be sent in your email with the class for your plant's registration (no attachments please).
- Registration requires the complete name of your plant, its parents, if it is a hybrid, and the judging class.

## Registration:

- If you have trouble with plant registration, please use the resources found at the Mid-America Orchid Congress (<http://www.midamericanorchids.org/judging/>)
  - *Orchid Classification:* will tell you the class(es) for your orchid de-

pending if it is a hybrid or a species.

- *Intergeneric Cross Reference:* will help you identify the genera used to make your plants cross.
- *MAOC show schedule:* is the document that lists all classes and is the basis for the Orchid Quest Show book. But OQ has some minor class omissions.
- Use the Orchid Quest Show book to find your class. Please read the beginning of the show book for it explains some of the classes with aids to help you decide upon the correct class for your plant.
- Google is a good resource to get information about your plant.
- Label all materials that you bring for your plant including the box etc.
- Remember that we will be working with close to 100 different plants, many of the same species, so please help us ID your particular plant.

## Transporting:

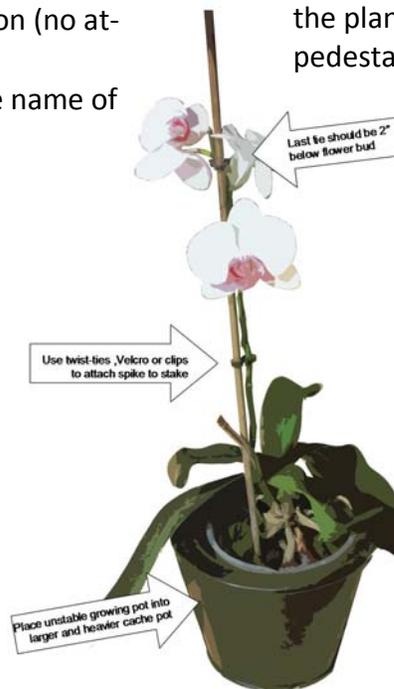
- Make sure that your plant is stable in the pot. If not, use a larger pot for stability. If the plant needs to be hung or set up on a pedestal, then please bring what is needed to display your plant.
- Make sure your plant is well watered, for we will not be watering the plants in the exhibit.

## Arrival and pickup:

- All plants for the exhibit need to be at Olbrich Botanical Gardens by 11:30 AM on Friday, February 2.
- Plants need to be picked up at Olbrich at the end of the show after 3 PM on Sunday, February 4.

## Thank you & Good luck!

- Thank you for sending your plants. And good luck! We cannot have a show without an exhibit, so your plants are important!



## December OGG Ribbon Judging

### First Place

Keith Nelson  
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Jeff Baylis  
Keith Nelson

*Neostylis* Lou Sneary  
*Phragmipedium Sedenii* (*longifolium* x *schlimii*)  
*Paphiopedilum venustum*  
*Brassavola nodosa*

### Third Place

Steven Thimling     *Epidendrum nocturnum*



This *Brassavola nodosa* nods on a rock.  
"Between a rock and a hard place"?



*Phragmipedium Sedenii* (*longifolium* x  
*schlimii*)



*Neostylis* Lou Sneary



*Paphiopedilum venustum*

# Bolz Conservatory, What's Blooming



Some of the orchids on display in December

