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2018

The Orchid Grower

Orchid Growers' Guild of Madison



Meeting Dates

- October 21
- November 18
- December 16

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

Up-Coming Events

- **October 13-14**, Illinois Orchid Society Fall Show
- **October 26-28**, MAOC Fall Meeting
- **October 27 - 28**, Eastern Iowa Orchid Show

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NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 21st *Phragmipedium*

Tom Kalina of Fox Valley Orchids, Ltd. will be our October speaker. Fox Valley Orchids, Ltd. is a small, independent plant nursery specializing in tropical lady's slipper orchids. They propagate rare and unusual Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium species and hybrids. The talk will be on Phragmipedium orchids. Tom's hybridizing program is focused on the creation of compact growing Phragmipedium hybrids with large, brightly colored flowers. Tom Kalina is a former AOS judge. Around 1 PM he is going to share his knowledge of judging with us. Please have your plants on the table at 1 PM for this judging. Discussion starts at 1:00 pm. Come early and listen in. All are invited to attend this session. The regular meeting will start about 1:30



-- Cynthia Wadsworth
Programs

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to fall OGG members!

We have more interesting meetings to look forward to and more orchid shows: Illinois Orchid Society Fall Show, Chicago Botanical Gardens, Glencoe on October 13-14, as well as the Eastern Iowa Orchid Show and Sale in Cedar Rapids and the Fall Mid-America Orchid Meeting and Show in Independence, MO; both October 27-28.

Thanks to Keith and Jeff for a great September meeting discussing TDS [total dissolved solids] and pH measurements in our water. Members were encouraged to bring water samples from home to be tested and there were a few surprises! Water for general watering should be maximum around 100 TDS and the same when fertilizing. Which means if your water is routinely over 100 TDS then you will need to dilute your water with distilled water or rain water

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or ROH water. Excessively high or low pH is bad for orchids. Close to neutral (pH 7) to slightly acid (6.0-6.5 pH) are best for orchids. Tom Kalina, our October speaker, will also talk about water quality.

The Guild has an exciting time ahead with great meetings planned and our biggest show and activity, Orchid Quest 2019! The Orchid Quest planning meeting will be the second Tuesday in October, October 9, at Panera Bread, 3416 University Avenue, at 6:30 PM. All are welcome to attend. Fresh ideas and enthusiastic members will make a more successful and fun Orchid Quest.

The Guild is expanding into the realm of social media and electronic media. So people willing to help with the website and the face book sites are very welcome!

I have taken charge of the ribbon meeting judging but now with the role as President, I don't have the time to devote to this as well as to take photos at the meetings. So a volunteer to help with this would be greatly appreciated. It is a good learning experience and you do not have to do the judging yourself, you enlist others to help you. We will have guidelines to assist the members in the ribbon judging.

September Door prize winners were Jim and Carla! Congratulations! Each month we try to have a door prize.

I am looking forward to this exciting new year and working with all of the members and especially our newer members.

-- Susan Reed



From Meg McLaughlin "Look what happened on my front porch when I wasn't looking. It's an *Epidendrum* Pink Vision pod! "

ORCHID QUEST 2019 UP-DATE

The next Orchid Quest planning meeting will be on Tuesday, October 9 at 6:30 pm at Panera Bread on University Avenue, West side of Madison. We will be concentrating on all the ideas that involve advertising and any other items that need to be covered in a timely manner but primarily advertising. Both Free and Paid advertising. All ideas welcome.

Just show up and grab a bite to eat and join us.

---Terri Jozwiak

HOSPITALITY

Thanks to Keith and Lorraine for the September's Hospitality. October hospitality will be provided by Sue and Barb. Others also may bring items to share.

WISCONSIN ORCHID SOCIETY RIBBON JUDGING - OGG

Set-up: Keith Nelson, Erin Thornburgh, Lorraine Snyder

Take-down: Lorraine Snyder, Denise Baylis

AOS/CCM 84 pts

Keith Nelson *Psychopsis* Mendenhall 'Hildos'

Best of Class

Nancy Thomas *Cymbidium* Fire on the Mountain 'Orange'

Keith Nelson *Psychopsis* Mendenhall 'Hildos'

First Place

Nancy Thomas *Cymbidium* Fire on the Mountain 'Orange'

Keith Nelson *Psychopsis* Mendenhall 'Hildos'

Sandy Delamater *Vanda* Pachara Delight 'Pachara' (Karulea x Gordon Dillon)

Second Place

Jeff Baylis *Cymbidium* Peter Pan 'Lawsons #5' x Sugar Magnolia 'Pink 21'

Teri Jozwiak *Dendrobium* Mini Snowflake (*aberrans* x *johnsoniae*)

Teri Jozwiak *Gomesa* *crispa*

Third Place

Keith Nelson *Dendrobium* Pegasus [White]

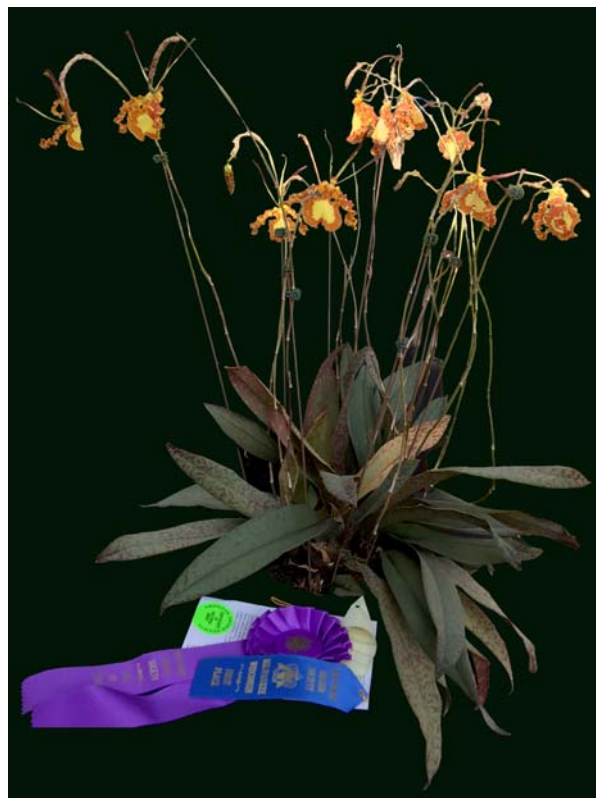
Jeff Baylis *Cattleya* *forbesii* species

Jeff Baylis *Brassavola* (now *Rhynchovola*) David Sander (*cucullata* x *digbyana*)

Lorraine Snyder *Zygolum* Louisendorf 'Rhein Moonlight' (*labiosum* x Artur Elle)



Nancy Thomas earned a Best of Class and First Place with her *Cymbidium* Fire on the Mountain 'Orange'



Keith Nelson earned a CCM with 84 points, Best of Class and First Place with his *Psychopsis* Mendenhall 'Hildos'

SEPTEMBER OGG RIBBON JUDGING

First Place

Doug Dowling *Vandachostylis* Lou Sneary 'Blue Bird' (*Vanda falcata* x *Rhynchostylis coelestis*)

Gary Lensmeyer *Catasetum* 'Frisly Doris' (Doris's Choice x Dona Marie)

Second Place

Gary Lensmeyer *Epicattleya* (now *Catyclia*) Leaf Hopper (El Hatillo x *tampensis* v. *alba*)

Shirl Roberts *Phalaenopsis* (unknown hybrid)



Epicattleya (now *Catyclia*) Leaf Hopper (El Hatillo x *tampensis* v. *alba*)



Catasetum 'Frisly Doris' (Doris's Choice x Dona Marie)

What's Blooming at Bolz Conservatory



Dendrobium cymboglossum



Bulbophyllum sp.

The Conservatory appeared to be between blooming cycles. Carnivorous plants were on display but only a few blooming orchids.

What's Blooming in the Pantanal?

By Nancy Thomas

The Pantanal is an immense tropical wetlands located mainly in western Brazil's Mato Grosso and Mato Grosso do Sul states. Renowned for its wildlife, it's home to hundreds of species of birds, along with fauna like jaguar, caiman, tapir and capybara. Summer rains flood the region, while the winter dry season creates plentiful lagoons where wildlife concentrate. Eco-lodges provide access to canoeing, horse-back riding and hiking trails. - Wikipedia

In late July (Brazil's winter) we travelled to this unique place by flying to Cuiaba, Brazil, driving into the only portions of the northern half accessible by road, and then flying in a small plane to Jardim, near Campo Grande in the southern state. The Pantanal was wonderful for wildlife. It's renowned as the premier spot to see jaguars. We didn't have many opportunities to look



Broken down bridge along the Transpantaneira "highway"

for plants because we usually were in vehicles or boats, but some spring-blooming trees and shrubs were beginning to flower as spring was approaching. The place is definitely remote. The Transpantaneira "highway" that runs partway into the northern half is a dusty trip with broken down wooden bridges (93 I think), but loaded with birds. My neck and back are still trying to recover.

We spent four nights on a boat (called a



Cattleya nobilior, Found at Buraco das Arras in the south Pantanal near Jardim, but also seen in the north at SouthWild.

"Flotel") on the Cuiaba River going out on small boats twice a day to look for jaguars, birds and other critters such as giant river otters. The animals were very cooperative! The other lodges where we stayed were on rivers or a ranch (where we took anteater-spotting trips in vehi-

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Photograph by Mike Samuel
Jaguar

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cles out in the fields).

The food was delicious, with loads of fresh fruit and juices at every meal. The people were amazingly friendly. Their national drink, the caipirinha, made of a distilled sugar cane liquor called cachaça and crushed limes, was delicious--I sampled it at each of our venues.

This *Oncidium cebolleta* was attached to a tree in the courtyard at SouthWild, in northern Pantanal, about half-way between Pocone and Porto Jofre. The leaves looked like *Brassovola nodosa* to me. ID was based on our guide's powerpoint on native orchids of the Pantanal.



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