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NEXT MEETING DECEMBER 15TH



Bring your favorite dish!

The next OGG meeting is the annual holiday party. Please bring a dish to pass. Ribbon judging will be at 1 PM as usual and the buffet line is expected to begin by 1:30m PM.

Gary Lensmeyer will give a short up-date on the catasetum project followed by Terri Jozwiak on Orchid Quest and then the announcement of the annual awards.

We are going to show a video of member orchids at our December party. We changed the rules a bit to make it easier. Everyone who sends in a photo to cynthia727672@gmail.com will be entered into a drawing for a cash certificate that they can use at Orchid Quest. There is no limit on the number of photos you can send. Your name will be entered only once for the drawing. We are interested in what you are growing.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy Holidays OGG members!

Our November meeting was great with Scott Weber giving another one of his very informative talks. The November meeting also had tasty treats provided by Shirl and Wes Roberts as well as others. Thank you all for a great turnout for the meeting!

In November, we discussed some of the challenges we face with 2020 Orchid Quest. We will be spending a little time at each meeting working on these. Since many cannot attend the evening OQ meetings, this will give more members an opportunity for input and to be informed in all phases of OQ. We are open to suggestions and to all willing helpers for pre show and at show assistance.

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Meeting Dates

- December 15

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

Up-Coming Events

- January 25 - 26, 2020** - Orchid Society of Minnesota Show, St. Paul MN
- February 1-2** - Orchid Quest
- February 15-16** - Batavia Orchid Society Show, Wheaton, IL
- March 7-8** - Northeastern Wisconsin Orchid Society Spring Show, Appleton
- March 14-15** - Illinois Orchid Society Show, Glencoe, IL.

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**REMINDER:
2020 DUES ARE
DUE!**
Dues are \$10 for
students, \$20 for
single memberships
and \$25 for duos.
Cash is accepted but
checks are preferred.
Denise Baylis
Treasurer

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December 15th is our Holiday meeting. There will be plenty of socializing time. The annual OGG point awards for members sending plants to shows and to meetings for judging as well as for the setting up and taking down of OGG away show displays will be presented. In addition Cynthia is putting together a slide show of members' orchid photographs!

OGG has been lucky this year with a number of our members' orchid growing talents being recognized by AOS awards at shows. It seems that almost every year at least one member gets an AOS award! Congratulations and thank you to all who have sent plants to OQ, away shows, and brought plants to the meetings.

A sign up sheet for Holiday party luncheon items was passed around at the November meeting. You can still bring whatever you would like to eat to the December meeting whether or not you have signed up. You may also donate cash. I am listing what was filled out on the sign up sheet for a memory refresher and for others to see where we could use a item. Coffee, plates, utensils and napkins will be provided.

Appetizers: No one

Main Dishes:
Cynthia (chicken), Bruce (meatballs), Nancy (Ham)

Side Dishes:
Kathy J (salad), Judy W. (Cheesy potatoes), Sue (Sweet potatoes)

Desserts:
Carrie W., Bryce De Venecia

Beverages:
Wayne K. (soda)

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the December meeting, and family members and friends are welcome to help us celebrate the end of another great year!

Happy holidays!

Sue Reed

P.S. Don't forget your membership dues are due. If you have a family membership and want both members to receive the OGG emails, please provide both email addresses.

DECEMBER CATASETUM CARE

As we move into the colder winter months, our catasetum plants will begin to wind-down vegetative growth, perhaps initiate a flower spike, or start the process of losing yellowed leaves with a move towards dormancy.

Here are a few suggestions as to how to take care of your plant during the big change. Foremost, take clues from how the plant looks and behaves.

1. If leaves are turning yellow, decrease watering. Allow moss to dry before watering again. No fertilizer!
2. If leaves are green, water to keep the moss just barely moist. Use 1/4 teaspoon fertilizer per gallon of water.



A dormant plant with a flower spike.



Late Season Yellowing leaves indicate the first signs of dormancy. At this time, reduce watering by 50 percent.



Dormancy Do not water when a plant is dormant (leafless).
— Text and Photographs by Fred Clarke.

3. If your plant has green leaves and a flower spike. Use 1/4 teaspoon fertilizer per gallon of water.

If a flower spike appears when leaves have fallen and the plant has been in dormancy, be very careful about watering. A little spritzing with water (no fertilizer) may be all that is needed. The major concern with a dormant plant in spike is rot caused by watering the moss.

-- Gary Lensmeyer



The photos on the left and right are of the same plants, however the ones on the right are going dormant

NOVEMBER OGG RIBBON JUDGING

First Place

Nancy Thomas	<i>Beallara</i> Ysabella 'Lunar Eclipse'
Gary Lensmeyer	<i>Blc.</i> Robert Ferguson 'Florida Sunset' (Oconee x Golden Slippers)
Gary Lensmeyer	<i>Cyc</i> Wine Delight (<i>Cycnoches lehmannii</i> x <i>Mormodes sinuata</i>)
Bryce de Venecia	<i>Encyclia cochleata</i>
Keith Nelson	<i>Liparis viridiflora</i>

Second Place

Doug Dowling	<i>Chrisnetia</i> Green Light (<i>Christensonia vietnamica</i> x <i>Neof. falcata</i>)
Keith Nelson	Dend. Unknown
Dave Watson	<i>Wilsonaria</i> Bouley Bay x <i>Odm</i> Parade
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Fair Nettie (Nettie McNay x <i>fairrieianum</i>)



Clockwise from top left: *Encyclia cochleata*, *Blc.* Robert Ferguson 'Florida Sunset', *Chrisnetia* Green Light and *Liparis viridiflora*

Photographs by Sue Reed



November Meeting Recap

Scott Weber wowed us with his great photos of some of the 11 native orchid species found on his & Muffy's Bluestem Farm. Scott spoke about the steps used to cultivate the orchids by flasking with the pitfalls and years required to get to a blooming plant.

Scott, through observation, has noted that orchids seem to grow in areas that don't fit their

usual environments. Orchids are more resilient and not as environmental restrictive as is generally thought. Scott believes that to increase native populations, the best way is to distribute the seeds in their environment rather than artificially growing the orchids in the lab then planting the plants. This would be a more cost effective as well as possibly more productive method of increasing orchid species in their environments.

Keith Nelson took these photos of some of his orchids that bloomed at an inconvenient time:
Monnierara Millennium Magic 'Witchcraft',
Angraecum distichum, and Dumpster Dendrobium [salvaged from the trash]

