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The Orchid Grower

Orchid Growers' Guild of Madison

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Meeting Dates

- May 17
- June TBA
- September 20
- October 18
- November 15
- December 20

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

Up-Coming Events

TBA

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello OGG members,
First of all I hope that all of you are safe and well. This is a trying time to get through each day with the new temporary social and work restrictions. I hope you are coping well and let us know if there are things we can do to help each other.

Given this COVID-19 pandemic, all OGG programming scheduled for April 2020 has had to be canceled. The board is monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic with the CDC and the City of Madison guidelines.

The health and safety of our members, and their family members remain our primary concern. We will keep you informed of changes and updates through emails, our newsletter and our website.

The board is meeting using Cisco Webex, a free version. The board is looking into a system to use possibly for our general meetings since we do not know for how long the social distancing will last. Many of our members are at the age that is at the highest risk as is the board. So until there is a vaccine, social distancing will be a fact of life.

The Guild did make money on Orchid Quest, around \$4000, and we did not participate in the Chicago or the ILLOWA orchid shows. We won't be doing our April orchid fund raising sale, but we did save the expenses

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Photograph by Nancy Thomas

Brassioccattleya Maikai 'Mayumi' HCC/AOS
grown by Jeff Baylis Earned first place and Best of Class at NEWOS Show

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from those two away shows, so the Guild is financially viable.

Our May meeting might not happen due to Olbrich being closed and the restrictions of small group meetings. Our May meeting is our plant auction (another fund raiser) and our election of officers. Again our Guild is financially viable for we have tried to keep enough money in reserve to cover three years worth of expenses, but we will have to watch our spending until there are opportunities to raise money from plant sales.

May is also our election month. The President, Treasurer and an open board position. The current President (myself) and the current Treasurer (Denise) have agreed to continue. Barb Soderling has decided not to run again and we thank her for her assistance with the board. Thus we have one open board position for a three year term. The Open Board position can be filled with anyone willing to attend monthly board meetings (except in the summer), and take a leadership role to help guide and organize Guild activities. It would be good for this board member to work on the Guild Library as a start but not required. If you are interested or would like to nominate someone, email Sue Reed (Greed@chorus.net)

Please submit photos and questions on orchid growing to Denise to put into our newsletter to help you continue growing your orchids!
Stay well!

--- Sue Reed

FROM ORCHID QUEST CO-CHAIR

`With social distancing in order now, I am ever so grateful to have had a successful Orchid Quest 2020 behind us. We had more than 5000 visitors and many of our members came out to help. It was a very impressive weekend with so many visitors saying they had never seen such beautiful displays of orchids. (as if we had never done this before) The display in the new classroom area was absolutely stunning and overwhelmingly magnificent. Our own display, that took over six hours to create (and many hands) won the AOS Show Trophy for Best Exhibit. The plant check and sales in the lobby worked great. Vendors were very happy with their sales. I would say we were fortunate to have our event when we did and have it be such a success. I truly want to thank everyone who gave an hour or gave several hours or gave the weekend. Now that we cannot meet at all for a while, think back to what we did do together.

Terri Jozwiak
OQ Chairperson

See page 9 for award recipients of new OQ Award

NORTHEAST WISCONSIN ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW RIBBON JUDGING

Exhibit set up by Keith Nelson, and Bruce Luebke Second Place

Best of Class

Jeff Baylis *Brassiocattleya* Maikai 'Mayumi' HCC/AOS

First Place

Keith Nelson *Brassavola nodosa* #1
 Jeff Baylis *Brassiocattleya* Maikai 'Mayumi' HCC/AOS
 Susan Reed *Mps. roezlii* var xanthine

Second Place

Keith Nelson *Brassavola nodosa* #2
 Lorraine Snyder *Paph.* Rick Barry
 Lorraine Snyder *Phragmipedium* Eumelia Arias
 Lorraine Snyder *Phaleanopsis* unknown hybrid
 Susan Reed *Paph. lowii*
 Susan Reed Mtssa. CM Fitch 'Izumu' AM/AOS
 Susan Reed *Lycaste lasioglossa*

Third Place

Keith Nelson *Brassavola nodosa* #3
 Keith Nelson *Phragmipedium* St. Ouen (flavum)
 Keith Nelson *Cyclopogon lindleyannum*
 Lorraine Snyder *Paph. Barbilight*

Exhibit tear down by Nancy Thomas, Lisa Linde, Brent McCoy, and Judy Williamson



Photograph by Nancy Thomas
 Show Chair Award to went to this *Coryanthus micrantha*



Photograph by Nancy Thomas
Sudamerlycaste barrowiorum 'Baby Totz' from Big Oak Orchids, earned an Award of Merit 83 and Botanical Recognition



Photograph by Nancy Thomas
Paphiopedilum mastersianum Deerwood, Award of Merit with 83 points

NEWOS Exhibits



Top to bottom:
NEWOS got the show trophy ;
IOS had a beautifully artistic
exhibit like always; WOS
made off with a whole lot of
the BOC; and OGG earned
second place

Photographs by Nancy Thomas



Catasetum Project

I would like to share an email from one of our members participating in the project. Some of you may be experiencing similar behavior with your plant.

Hello! Gary,
I just want to check in about the Catasetum "project" orchid ... making sure I begin watering when I should . The newsletter made it sound like it's not time yet, but I do have some new growth so want to make sure ... I'll include a photo. Let me know your thoughts! Thanks!
-- An OGG member



Hi OGG Member,
You are correct that a new growth is poking through. Do not water until the new growth develops roots that are at least 3 inches long. The roots emerge from the base of the new growth and will grow along the top of the moss. The process will take awhile. During this time period, all moisture is supplied by the mother pseudobulb from which the new growth is emerging.
Hope this helps.
Best,

Gary Lensmeyer

Members' Orchid Photos



Cymbidium pipeta Photographed by Scott Weber



Fredclarkea After Dark SVO 'Black Pearls' photographed by Judy Williamson



Paphiopedilum lowii photographed by Susan Reed

March Virtual Ribbon Judging

Thanks to all of you who sent in photos for the March orchid judging.

The board met “virtually” for the March meeting. We used Cisco Webex to judge the plant photos submitted by ten members. These plants were (are) blooming during the month of March, grown and flowered by members. We requested that two photos be sent, one of the flower and one of the flowers and plant.

We will have judging again for April with a deadline of April 19. Plants should be blooming after the March deadline or in April. During the April judging a small problem arose judging the size of the plant and the flowers. So for April plant judging we request the two best photos you can take plus a photo with a ruler to help judge the flower and/or plant size.

First Place

Keith Nelson	<i>Dendrobium anosum</i>
Jeffrey Baylis	<i>Dendrobium chrysotoxum</i>
Judy Williamson	<i>Phal</i> Pink Challenge 'Maria Teresa' x <i>equestris</i> 'Ruby'
Lorraine Snyder	Mini white <i>Phal</i> unknown I
Susan Reed	<i>Odonotoglossum</i> unknown hybrid
Nancy Thomas	<i>Paphiopedilum delenatii</i>
Susan Reed	<i>Paphiopedilum lowii</i>
Susan Reed	<i>Paphiopedilum stoneii</i> [First bloom, seedling]
Bruce Leubke	<i>Slc</i> Jewel Box 'Dark Waters'
Jeffrey Baylis	<i>Rhyncolaeliocattleya</i> Mount Yellowstone 'Sun Peak' (Tapestry x Fabled City)

Judy Williamson	<i>Fredclarkea</i> After Dark SVO 'Black Pearls'
Susan Reed	<i>Pleurothallis grobyi</i>
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Phrag</i> Rosalie Dixler
Scott Weber	<i>Cymbidium pipeta</i>
Judy Stevenson	<i>Phal</i> Mount Lip
Judy Stevenson	<i>Phal</i> unknown hybrid

Second Place

Keith Nelson	<i>Dendrobium aphyllum</i>
Lorraine Snyder	Mini white <i>Phal</i> unknown II
Dave Watson	<i>Mlt</i> blunting x <i>Oda</i> Masquerade
Keith Nelson	<i>Paphiopedilum fairrieanum</i>
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Phrag</i> Sorcerer's Apprentice
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Phrag.</i> Eumelia Arias

Third Place

Keith Nelson	<i>Dendrobium</i> Sky Blue
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Paphiopedilum delenatii photographed by Nancy Thomas



More Members' Orchid Photos



Clockwise from top left:
Phalaenopsis unknown hybrid photographed by Judy Stevenson; Mini *Phalaenopsis* unknown Hybrid II by Lorraine Snyder; *Dendrobium anosum* by Keith Nelson; *Rlc* Mount Yellowstone 'Sun Peak' (Tapestry x Fabled City) by Jeff Baylis; *Pleurothallis grobyi* by Susan Reed and *Slc* Jewel Box 'Dark Waters' by Bruce Luebke



BIRDING IN GUYANA

Our trip to Guyana was hard but interesting. I expected mostly rain forest but we spent more time in savanna habitat. It was very hot (90s) and dry. We learned a bit about the country, its politics and geology which is all very different from ours. They are celebrating their first 50 years as a republic.



Possibly a *Bletia*

Political regions were set up by the location of different tribes and their villages. The vast majority of the population lives on the coast and have never been to the interior (which is where we spent most of our time). We met the vice president of the country (who happened to be the father of our bird guide) campaigning at one of the villages we stayed in. We saw only one blooming orchid (attached), on the Guianan Shield near Kaieteur Falls (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guiana_Shield), a huge stone ridge that spans Guyana and neighboring countries. The local guide called it "Rosa Lindali" but it looks like an orchid to me-- although I can't find it in a Google image search. I saw orchid leaves on high tree limbs when we did a canopy walk, but no flowers. Birds were beautiful and different but often far away (first time to see a Harpy Eagle, Cock of the Rock, and Hoatzin).

With extended time at home now I'm hoping I can get some long overdue repotting done.

Nancy Thomas

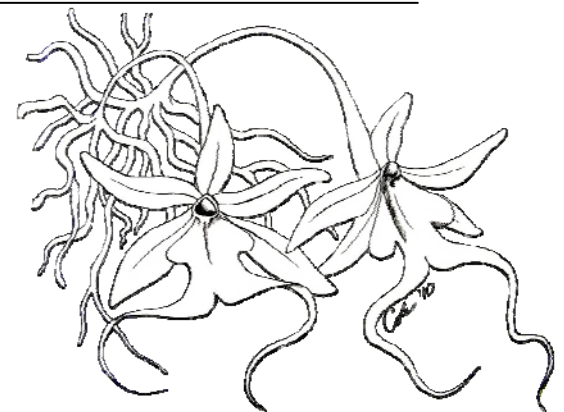
GHOST ORCHID

Several members have sent in links to videos [with fabulous photos!] on the ghost orchid which is native to the Everglades.

Catch them before they disappear from the web:

<https://www.biographic.com/ghosts-of-the-everglades/>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=43&v=Ob80Cfo9T8&feature=emb_logo



Orchid Quest ABCD Awards.

At the February meeting Cynthia gave out the newly named awards: Orchid Quest ABCD Awards. There were so many members and members' families that helped make Orchid Quest 2020 a really grand success. We would like to recognize some of you for ALL that you do. Some people do a little and some do a lot and we are grateful to every single hour that each of you devote to the promotion, planning and the weekend of Orchid Quest. It is so true that many hands make the work-load lighter and you came through again like champions. We (the co-chairs) would like to recognize some of the best of the best of the volunteers in 2020 with the new ABCD award:

Going Above and Beyond the Call of Duty in preparation & fruition of Orchid Quest 2020

Terri Jozwiak and Cynthia Wadsworth, OQ 2020 Co-Chairs

Bruce Luebke arrived early to Orchid Quest and was one of the last to leave the event. He was first to arrive on **Friday** to set-up and silently pushed, pulled and carried tables to all the corners of Olbrich all day long. He was there to unload and ferry the vendor's and society's precious cargo to their final sites. He set up chairs, mopped messes on the floors and took responsibility for many of the set-up burdens. Then he came back on **Sunday** to help disassemble the mess. He pushed carts, assisted vendors, loaded cars and swept floors. He was tireless and efficient at everything he did. Thank You Bruce for going Above and Beyond the Call of Duty in preparation & the fruition of Orchid Quest 2020.

Lorraine Snyder did an outstanding job to make sure our Orchid Quest vendor room was packed full. She was tireless as she contacted, connected and reached out repeatedly to each and every vendor. Even though she was on vacation she was still up-to-date on every detail that the vendors needed and wanted and never let up until every vendor table was sold. She has mastered the art of diplomacy and communicates so effortlessly no matter what the occasion. She created her own paintings that she donated to the Orchid Quest auction. She treated everyone with respect and consideration. Thank You Lorraine for going Above and Beyond the Call of Duty in the preparation and fruition of Orchid Quest 2020.

More members will be recognized in the next two newsletters

Cisco Webex Meetings:

How many of you could attend an on-line meeting using for example the free Webex format? You can join using a land line or a smart phone as well as any mobile device or computer. There is no cost except for the cost of a long distance phone call if using a land line. The only issue with the land line is it is only audio which would work for some types of meetings and not for others. Power points could be sent out to members before the meeting as a pdf to be read along with the presentations.

With the Cisco Webex, webinars can be run with the presenters' screen being shown and everyone attending on mute. Then using chat or unmuting yourself, you can ask questions. The attendees would only be audio to

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help with the bandwidth. If the Guild paid for a web-based system, the performance might be better, but we haven't tested this.

How many would be able to attend a Cisco webex meeting in April with Dr. Ken Cameron doing a powerpoint presentation over the internet?

The Application is free and just click on the emailed link before the meeting starts and you are ready to go! This is the way of the immediate future and might be the future.

Please respond April 12 if you are willing and able to connect to a webex webinar.

Thank you all!
Sue Reed