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# The Orchid Grower

Orchid Growers' Guild of Madison

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### Meeting Dates

- March 29
- April 19
- 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

- **March 7-8** - Northeastern Wisconsin Orchid Society Spring Show, Appleton, WI
- **March 14-15** - Illinois Orchid Society Show, Glencoe, IL
- **March 21-22**, Illowa
- **March 21-22** - Wisconsin Orchid Society Spring Show, Milaeger's Greenhouse, Racine, WI
- **April 4** - Spring Orchid Sale

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## NOTE CHANGE OF DATE!! NEXT MEETING, MARCH 29th

OGG Members and Friends! March 29, 2020 is our March meeting date. We will be attending an open Greenhouse event at Dave & Tristan Watson's greenhouse. Dave and Tristan are newer members who are growing mostly Odontoglossum and their crosses with Tristan's tropical fish.

The Greenhouse and fish breeding house will be open from 1 PM until about 3:30 PM. You may come and go when you please. Dave will talk to us about his growing areas at 1:30 and again at 2:30, if you would like to arrive later. Their greenhouse is small but about 20



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello OGG members,

Thank you for your whole-hearted participation in 2020 Orchid Quest! Orchid Quest had over 5,200 visitors which broke all of our previous attendance records.

Despite barely having the exhibit room ready for us on the day we set up, Terri, the show committee, and Olbrich staff did a terrific job of getting the show up and running! We have some areas that need attention before Orchid Quest 2021. This year we had three lectures each day! One of the speakers, Ken Cameron, will be giving his Orchid Quest presentation on Neofinetia falcate at our April 19 meeting.

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people could fit at a time. There will be a few chairs and Dave thinks he will have a few blooming plants for members to buy

We will have refreshments, but no ribbon judging. [In the month of March, we have three orchid shows requiring plants; NEWOS (March 6-8), Illinois OS (March 14-15) and IOWA OS (March 21-22), so there are plenty of shows to exhibit your plants!]

I hope that you can attend!

--- Sue



**The Greenhouse address is:**

**6528 N. State Highway 213 & 59 Evansville, WI 53536.**

**It will be the first left after you pass the 55mph sign heading south on 213 out of Evansville. Follow the gravel drive left and you will see the greenhouse on the edge of a small pond.**

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At the February meeting we were happy to have two new members attend along with five visitors. Keith gave a knowledgeable introduction to orchid growing for our visitors and new members. We were able to have five door prizes which were plants from the vendor, Sophie's Orchids. For everyone who received a door prize please realize that these are bare root orchids and not potted in the moss. So please repot them!

Our March 29 meeting will be at a greenhouse in Evansville, belonging to two of our newer members, Dave and Tristan Watson. Tristan sells tropical fish that Tristan breeds and Dave has just recently started growing orchids. Dave will have a few orchids for us to purchase. This is an opportunity to help out a new Wisconsin orchid grower and to learn about growing *Odontoglossum* orchids. This will be an open house for their greenhouse is small. There will be limited seating available with standing room to view the fish and the orchids. I hope you all can come for a visit to this very interesting greenhouse!

Save the date April 4 for our spring fund raiser, an orchid plant sale at Olbrich. We are also planning a charter bus trip in September to the Chicagoland Orchid Fest which runs September 25-27 so save the date.

So much is coming up! Stay tuned!

----- Sue Reed

# 2020 ORCHID QUEST RESULTS ORCHID GROWERS GUILD

## AOS AWARDS

### First Class Certificate

Chuck Acker *Phragmipedium* Bloody Mary (Andean Fire x China Dragon)

### Award of Merit

Chuck Acker *Phragmipedium* Acker's Starlight 'Waunakee' (Twilight x *besseae*)

### Show Trophy

Orchid Growers Guild Best Exhibit

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### Best of Show

Gary Lensmeyer *Cymbidium* Sara Jean 'Ice Cascade' CCM/AOS (*pumilum* x Sleeping Beauty)

### Best of Class

Chuck Acker *Phragmipedium longifolium* 'Waunakee'

Gary Lensmeyer *Cymbidium* Sara Jean 'Ice Cascade' CCM/AOS (*pumilum* x Sleeping Beauty)

Orchid Growers Guild Exhibit

Gary Lensmeyer *Fredclarkeara* After Dark 'Black Pearl' FCC/AOS (*Mormodia* Painted Desert x *Catasetum* Donna Wise)

### Orchid Growers Guild Award: Best Plant in OGG Display

Gary Lensmeyer *Cymbidium* Sara Jean 'Ice Cascade' CCM/AOS (*pumilum* x Sleeping Beauty)

### First Place

Lorraine Synder *Paphiopedilum* Hsinying Rubyweb x *fairrieatum*

Sandy Delamater *Paphiopedilum* Frank May (Winwine x *fairreatum*)

Chuck Acker *Phragmipedium longifolium* 'Waunakee'

Gary Lensmeyer *Cymbidium* Sara Jean 'Ice Cascade' CCM/AOS (*pumilum* x Sleeping Beauty)

Gary Lensmeyer *Cattleya percivaliana* 'Summit' FCC/AOS

Gary Lensmeyer *Fredclarkeara* After Dark 'Black Pearl' FCC/AOS (*Mormodia* Painted Desert x *Catasetum* Donna Wise)

Doug Dowling *Dendrobium moniliforme* 'Benibotan'

Keith Nelson *Phalaenopsis* Unknown Pink Hybrid markings

Doug Dowling (*Christensonia vietnamica* x *Neostylis* Lou Sneary) unnamed hybrid

Jeff Baylis *Brassavola nodosa* var. *grandiflora*

Chuck Acker *Phragmipedium* Incan Treasure (*longifolium* x *kovachii*)

Orchid Growers Guild Exhibit

### Second Place

Gary Lensmeyer *Cymbidium* Dag 'Dorthy's Musical Notes' CCM/AOS (Esmeralda x *pumilum*)

Susan Reed *Oncidium* Peacock

Elizabeth Wood *Blc* Your Mine (Fuchs Orange Nuggett x Wakurdal)

Keith Nelson *Brassavola nodosa*

Keith Nelson *Dendrobium* Pegasus White

Jeff Baylis *Angraecum sesquipedale*

Chuck Acker *Phragmipedium* Bloody Mary (Andean Fire x China Dragon)

Chuck Acker *Phragmipedium besseae* 'Peruvian Sunset'

### Third Place

Gary Lensmeyer *Cymbidium* Showgirl 'Malibu' HCC/AOS S/CSA (Sweetheart x Alexanderi)

Lorraine Synder *Phalaenopsis* Sogo Vivien (Sogo Alice x Zuma's Pixie)

Susan Reed *Cychodes* Wine Delight JEM FCC/AOS (*Cyc. lehmanni* x *Morm. sinuata*)

Nancy Thomas *Dendrobium* Green Mist 'Josephine' AM/AOS (*johnsoniae* x *convolutum*)

Steve Thimling *Paphiopedilum spiceranum*

Chuck Acker *Phragmipedium* Hanne Popow 'Jersey' (*besseae* x *schlimii*)

Chuck Acker *Phragmipedium* Acker's Starlight 'Waunakee' (Twilight x *besseae*)

Chuck Acker *Phragmipedium* Eumilia Arias (*kovachii* x *schlimii*)

Terri Jozwiak *Phalaenopsis* Hinamtsuri Raintan Star 'M03'



Irene Mackie, Bruce Luebke, Susan Reed and Cynthia Wadsworth with OGG AOS Show Trophy-winning exhibit

The Orchid Growers Guild Orchid Quest exhibit won a first place, Best of Class, Best in the Show and the AOS award with 82 points!!!! Thank you to the 16 members who brought over 70 plants for the exhibit! The exhibit was really a team effort with many people offering their creative two cents! For example, Denise said that the backdrop needed to be higher, to put it up on the shelf behind the exhibit. So with Chuck and Meg's help this was accomplished! Additional backing needed to be added to keep the light from filtering through, so Chuck figured out a solution for that.

Cynthia worked on placing the plant name tags that Nancy had made with the matching plants, Chuck and Meg figured out a uniform way of putting the black plant name labels and the registration labels on the plants. Consistent, uniform labeling that can easily be seen make a great presentation of this information. Cynthia was the color flow expert, with Bruce and Irene placing the plants, covering the pots and being chief moss organizers!

What a winning team! Thank you all for your great help, including little helpful comments from passerby!  
----- Sue

## Spring Orchid Sale April 4th

In order to support our mission, OGG holds two public events each year to raise funds. The first (Orchid Quest) has recently ended and the second, our Spring Orchid sale at Olbrich, is coming Saturday, April 4. This is usually held in conjunction with the Friend's Pansy sale but due to the new green house construction this sale wasn't held last year nor will it be this year.

Last year we sold out in 30 minutes! Obviously, we ought to have had more orchids but since we purchase them outright and cannot take back those that don't sell, we try to use our best guess taking into account the weather, up-coming holidays and the stock available. The sale is scheduled this year from 10 AM to around 12 PM.

On Friday two teams will be driving to Hauser-

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mann's in the Chicago area to pickup the plants that are preordered and select ones to round out the purchase; bring them back to Madison, and then ferry them to Olbrich at 8 AM so that the sales area can be set up. Set up involves putting out the tables and chairs that we will need for the sales and information areas, pricing and displaying the plants. We will need volunteers to do the early morning setup [and get first dibs on the best plants!], then volunteers to work from 10 - noon selling plants or staffing the informational table, and then take-down.

Rather than pass around a signup at the next meeting which is a field trip, an email will be sent out to the membership and those of you who are interested can contact the lead person Sue Reed at [greed@chorus.net](mailto:greed@chorus.net). This is actually a fun event with lots of interaction with orchid lovers!

# Examples from OQ 2020



Photograph by Sandy Delamater  
 Gary Lensmeyer with his *Cymbidium Sara Jean 'Ice Cascade'* CCM/AOS which won multiple awards



Ken Cameron's educational exhibit 'Samurai Orchids' won First place and Best of Class



*Dendrobium strongylanthum* grown by Walter Crawford won second place



*Pleurothallis Ecuagenera Perfection* (*dilemma x teaguei*) grown by Walter Crawford won second place



Ctt. Gold Digger 'Buttercup' (Ctt. Red Gold x Ctt. Warpaint) grown by Lois Duisdiker won first place

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*Rhyncattleanthe Your Mine 'V'* (Fuch's Orange Nuggett x Wakurdal) grown by Roy and Lauren Lenz won first place

## AOS AWARDS AT ORCHID QUEST 2020

From Orchid Growers Guild, the exhibit won the Show Trophy for Best Exhibit [see page 2]. From Batavia, OQ head judge Cheryl Erins won a Certificate of Botanical Recognition for her *Acianthera quadricristata*.



Photograph by Denise Baylis

Pat Calvey from Wisconsin Orchid Society won a Judge's Commendation for *Dendrobium Pittero Gold 'Diamond Ring'*



Photograph by Denise Baylis

Tony Quirk of Illinois Orchid Society won a Certificate of Cultural Merit for his *Paphiopedilum insigne*.

Illowa Orchid Society member Deno Kandis won an Award of Merit for his *Paphiopedilum* Deno's Success 'Forest Park' (Emerald Lake x Satin Stone)



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Chuck Acker for OGG won an Award of Merit for his *Phragmipedium* Acker's Starlight 'Waunakee'

Chuck Acker won a First Class Certificate for his *Phragmipedium* BloodyMary (Andean Fire x China Dragon)



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# BATAVIA OGG RIBBON RESULTS

Set up Denise Baylis and Sue Reed, Take down Denise Baylis

## First Place

Exhibit

Keith Nelson

*Brassavola nodosa*

## Second Place

Keith Nelson

Jeff Baylis

*Oncidium splendidum*

*Brassiocattleya* Maiki  
'Mayumi' HCC/AOS

## Third Place

Keith Nelson

*Paphiopedilum*  
*farrieanum*



Sighted at Batavia



*Diacattleya* Chantilly Lace 'Twinkle' (C. El Dorado Splash x *Diacm. bicornutum*)



*Masdevallia* Copper Angel 'Highland' AM/AOS



*Phalaenopsis* KD9964



*Epidendrum* 'Ice Castle'

# Catasetum Project Update

March 2020

Your project plant should be sleeping by now and look like the plant in Image 1.



Image 1

During the dormant period, water should not be applied to the moss in which the plant is potted. I store my plants in the basement (Temp 62-68 deg. F), near my lighted growing area but not under

lights. Here is a picture of the dormant plants at rest. (See image 2)



Image 3

out new growth. My general observation, with most catasetinae that I have grown, is that the minimum time a plant remains dormant is about a month but this period can vary from year to year for any one plant. With all of these scenarios, the rule is: do not water the plant until the roots of the new growth are at least 3 inches. A light spritz of a shriveled mother bulb is okay but do not wet the potting material. I do not spritz any of my dormant plants.

Some catasetinae will send flower spikes out after the leaves fall out and the plant appears to be going dormant. Clowesia commonly follow this pattern. Here is a picture of my fragrant Clowesia Rebecca Northen which is in bloom now. The moss is kept just barely moist. The mother bulb provides most of the needed moisture to the flowers. (See image 4)

Until next month,  
Happy Growing!  
Gary Lensmeyer



Image 4



Image 2.

Occasionally, a plant will not go dormant, but will send out new vegetative growth prematurely from the base of the mother pseudobulb while the leaves are still green and attached to the bulb. (See image 3).

On occasion, some plants will lose leaves, go dormant for just a couple weeks and then send

## OGG RIBBON JUDGING FEBRUARY

### First Place

Bruce Luebke  
Keith Nelson

*Paphiopedilum* Northern Mood '1-10' x Hellas Sunset  
*Phragmipedium* Peruflores Spirit (Eric Young x *kovachii* 'Warbird')



*Paphiopedilum* Northern Mood  
'1-10' x Hellas Sunset



*Phragmipedium* Peruflores Spirit (Eric  
Young x *kovachii* 'Warbird')



Bryce made these orchid-themed spring rolls for the February meeting!

### SHORT NOTE FROM OQ CHAIR

I haven't heard moneywise but I think OQ went very well. There were TONS of compliments from visitors.

I had the pleasure on Sunday to talk to vendors, OGG members, John Q. Public and get lots of ideas for next year. Care to add any?

I left town on February 7 and will not return until March 1 so we have not had a wrap up OQ meeting. Please send me your suggestions for next year so I can add them to my master list.

LOVE YOU ALL FOR ALL THE WORK THAT WAS DONE OVER THE WEEKEND!

Terri Jozwiak  
Orchid Quest Chair

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