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# The Orchid Grower

Orchid Growers' Guild of Madison

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## Meeting Dates

- October 18 - Zoom
- 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,

Fall is here and it is past time to start thinking about bringing in your orchids if you put them outside, that is! And if they are not the cold loving cymbidiums! It is also time to think cut about starting to back on some of the fertilization of your ..orchids

For those who may be wondering about Orchid Quest 2021, the Board reluctantly voted to cancel it. Now would have been the time to begin collecting vendor fees, committing to advertising, etc. Olbrich is exploring options for their orchid extravaganza.

For the October meeting Gary will be talking about our orchid growing projects that he has organized for us, the Catasetum and the new paphiopedilum project.

September was a great month for the Guild's first virtual orchid auction! Thanks to Denise, Keith and Lorraine for running the show and to all who attended, donated, and purchased! It was a huge success with only a little problem at the start. About 18 peo-



Cynthia Wadsworth's *Laeliocatonia* Renate now *Guaricattonia* Renate (C. Frenchy's Cheek-La x Grt. Why Not) "I call it my Always in Bloom"

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ple attended, 11 buying and more donating for a record of \$500 in sales! Thank you all for making our September meeting a huge success!!!!

We are going to continue with the monthly plant discussions on photos and information that members send in each month. Please send in your blooming orchid photos by Saturday, October 10 for a ZOOM discussion on these plants on Tuesday October 13. We would like everyone to attend and especially those members sending in photos of their plants. We have had informative discussions about how we grow our plants and interesting information about the plants themselves.

Hope to see you then and at the October 18 meeting!

Sue Reed  
President



Lynn West's *Monnierara* Millennium Magic Witchcraft FCC/AOS. "I bought this one after we got our first project plant. I like the idea of not having to put so much work into it for most of the year after the leaves drop. I thought my grandson would like the spooky flowers around Halloween. I followed the culture advice from the OrchidWeb YouTube video. He says he continues to water the plant throughout the year unlike our first plant project where we stop watering after the leaves drop. So I kept it warm and just slightly damp throughout the winter last year. It was supposed to bloom around Halloween not in August! It's potted in moss. I water it really heavy while it's growing with lots of fertilizer."



Sandy Delamater's *Paphiopedilum* St. Swithin (*rothschildianum* x *philippinense*). "I have had this orchid for a long time, at least fifteen years. I bought it at Home Depot when Arnold Klehm was supplying them with some of his orchids. That was before the last fire that took out his greenhouses in Illinois. Why this orchid was sent to Home Depot was beyond me and still is. This orchid is easy to grow, I always look forward to the blooming season (summer) of this orchid and flowers last a couple of months."

## August Show and Tell

Connie Muscavitch  
Cynthia Wadsworth  
Cynthia Wadsworth

*Ctism. fimbriatum* 'Golden Horizon' x *Ctism. osculatum* 'SVO'  
*Cattleya lundii* (*Laelia Lundii*)  
*Laeliocatonia* Renate now *Guaricattonia* Renate (C. Frenchy's Cheek-La  
x Grt. Why Not)

Keith Nelson  
Lori O'Neill  
Lynn West  
Lynn West  
Nancy Thomas

*Angraecum distichum*  
*Paphiopedilum* unknown hybrid  
*Monnierara* Millennium Magic 'Witchcraft' FCC/AOS  
*Paphiopedilum armeniacum*  
*Beallara* (*Aliceara*) Ysabella 'Lunar Eclipse' (Alcra. Winter Wonderland x  
Onc. Forever Jubilee)

Sandy Delamater  
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Susan Reed  
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*Macroclinium junctum*  
*Paphiopedilum* St. Swithin (*rothschildianum* x *philippinense*)  
*Diplocaulobium tentaculatum*  
*Christensonia vietnamica*  
*Habenaria medusa*  
*Diplocaulobium pulvilliferum*  
*Paphinia cristata*  
*Paphiopedilum godefroyae* var. *leucochilum* councilor x *Paphiopedilum*  
Psyche

Susan Reed

*Slc.* (Katherine Clarkson 'SVO' HCC/AOS x *Slä Dendi's* 'SVO Best')

The growing habits and short history of the above plants were discussed at a Zoom meeting with most of the growers participating.



Steven Thimling's *Habenaria medusa*



"The plant is 17.5 inches tall. The flower width is 3 inches, and it has 11 flowers on each of two spikes. It dies back, I let it dry out and leave it in the pot. The pot looks empty until new growth starts, then I water it twice a week."



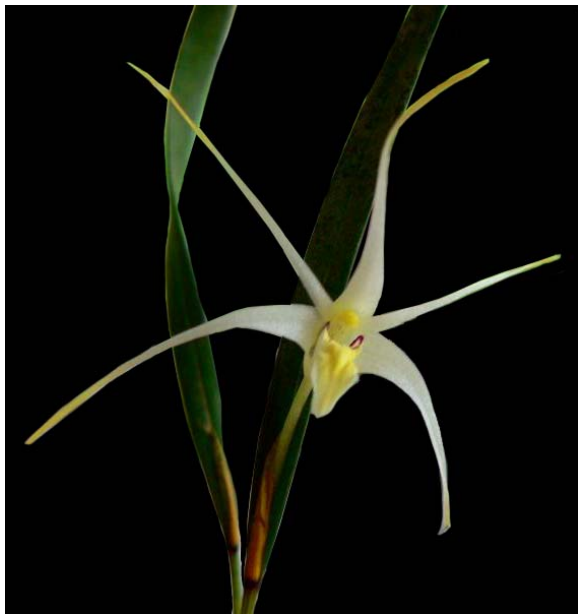
Susan Reed's *Diplocaulobium pulvilliferum*. "This is a small plant with large flowers and blooms several times a year."

*It is also known as the Small Cushion Carrying Diplocaulobium. This small plant flowers frequently (about once a month). A single pseudobulb blooms multiple times. The flower remains open only for a couple hours. Diplocaulobium plays an essential role in the lives of local people in Papua New Guinea. It is believed that bunches of Diplocaulobium guard the house and protect its owners. The grass roofs of typical village houses are often decorated with bunches of these plants*



Cynthia Wadsworth's *Cattleya lundii* (*Laelia Lundii*) is fragrant and its flowers are about the size of a quarter.

*It is named after Peter Wilhelm Lund, a Danish paleontologist, zoologist, archeologist who spent most of his life working and living in Brazil.*



Sandy Delamater's *Diplocaulobium tentaculatum*.



Sue Reed's *Paphiopedilum godefroyae* var. *leucochilum* councilor x *Paphiopedilum Psyche*

## REMINDER

OGG annual membership renewals are coming due December 31. The cost remains the same: \$10 for a student, \$20 for a single membership and \$25 for a household.



Nancy Thomas' *Beallara (Aliceara)* Ysabella 'Lunar Eclipse'. "The flowers are white when first opening and become more purple with time. The flowers are 3.75 inches tall x 4 inches wide"



Lori O'Niel's *Paphiopedilum* unknown hybrid. "I received this paphiopedilum from a work colleague in October 2014 who couldn't get it to bloom again. It bloomed for me in August 2018 and again this summer. It is lovely and very delicate looking."



Sandy Delamater's *Macroclinium junctum*. "I bought this orchid four years ago when I went to San Diego. The orchid society was having an orchid show at that time so I went. I bought this orchid from Andy's Orchids who was at the show. It's a fun orchid to grow."



Susan Reed's *Slc.* (Katherine Clarkson 'SVO' HCC/AOS x Slà Dendi's 'SVO Best') is a mini cattleya from Sunset Valley Orchids, less than 6 inches tall.



Connie Muscavitch's *Ctsm. fimbriatum* 'Golden Horizon' x *Ctsm. osculatum* 'SVO' has a light fragrance in the morning.

Susan Reed's *Paphinia cristata*. "I bought it bare root from Ecuagenera. This plant doesn't usually lose its leaves but if it does don't worry for it can come back! Mine did and now is in the process of having two spikes! Large pendant flowers that last at the most 2 weeks. It sits in water underlights in the basement, 5" flower"



Keith Nelson's *Angraecum distichum*. "This is 8 years old. It gets lots of sun in the morning and then indirect sun. It likes high humidity and blooms sporadically."

*It is native to Central Africa. It is also known as the Two Rowed Angraecum for the bright green, triangular and succulent type leaves and is often grown for the foliage alone. It is a dwarf epiphyte blooms all year long with many single 1/2" delicately scented pure white flowers.*



Steven Thimling's *Christensonia vietnamica*. "I got this at an OGG Christmas party 4-5 years ago. It gets lots of light in an orchidarium. It has two flowers, about 1 - 1 1/2 inches."

*This plant was discovered by the Czech botanist Jiri Haager during a geological expedition in southern Vietnam. The genus was created in 1993 and named after Eric Christenson in recognition for his work with Vandaceous orchids of the subtribe Aeridinae.*



Lynn West's *Paphiopedilum armeniacum*. "I have it in a basket lined with coco fiber to hold in the bark medium. It was an experiment to help the medium dry out faster after watering. I add extra Ca to the fertilizer all summer. I've had the plant for two years now (got it at OQ 2018). Last winter I moved it to my basement which stays around 50-55 degrees F. I have one of those small indoor greenhouses and I bought LEDs with really high output. The humidity is a constant 50 percent. I also reduced the watering schedule and the fertilizer. In the summer I have it upstairs in my south facing window plus LED grow lights. I haven't been putting any of my plants outside anymore because they get so beat up by chipmunks and insects etc. I can't remember if the green color went away as the flower matured. It tried to pollinate it, but it didn't take so the flower didn't last that long and I didn't take any additional photos. I had another *Paph armeniacum* a few years ago, but it got knocked out of the pot and just went down hill after that so I wanted to give it another try. I've been going with a lot of Paphs lately because they seem less prone to virus and pest problems."

*This species is known commonly as the apricot orange paphiopedilum and golden slipper orchid. It is endemic to China, where it occurs only in Yunnan and was discovered only in 1982. This plant grows in limestone substrates in rocky, brushy habitat, spreading via creeping stolons. The flower is yellow in color, streaked and spotted with maroon and up to 9 centimeters wide. The population is fragmented and the species is in decline due to habitat destruction. The valuable plant is also poached for use in the horticultural trade*

# Catasetum Project October 2020

During the past month, many of you have shared photos of your blooming project plant. Pictures of the blooms appear here and others will be posted in upcoming newsletters. As a reference point, the parents used in the cross for the project plant are included below.

*Ctsm. fimbriatum* 'Golden Horizon'

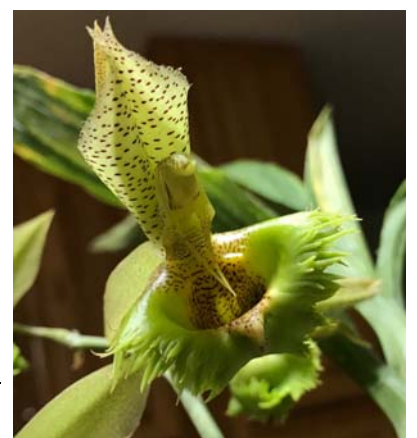


*Ctsm. osculatum* 'SVO'



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The following blooms are the “children” of this cross. Note the varied melding of bloom morphology of the parents in the progeny of the cross. Thank you Connie Muscavitch, Bruce Luebke and Kathy Johnson for your pictures and kudos to your growing skills.



Keep the photos of your blooms coming. Send to [glmsnwi@gmail.com](mailto:glmsnwi@gmail.com).  
Happy growing! Gary Lensmeyer