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Orchid Growers' Guild of Madison

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Meeting Dates

Meetings on Zoom at 1 PM

- October 17
- November 21
- December 19

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

Up-Coming Events

- October 10, Fall Orchid Sale, Olbrich
- October 23-24, Eastern Iowa Orchid Society Show and Sale, Cedar Rapids IA
- 2022 February 5 & 6, Orchid Quest

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NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 17TH Hybrid Meeting "The Plant Doctor is In"

The Plant Doctor will be in for our October meeting beginning at 1:30PM. Chuck Acker will hold an "open forum" so that members can ask questions on a wide variety of topics. The meeting will be our first in-person meeting in a year and a half. It will be a hybrid meeting in that those who cannot attend in person can watch it on Zoom. Members can send Chuck questions in advance if they wish. Those attending in-person can bring their problem plants to the meeting or simply ask questions. Questions can cover a variety of topics: insects, diseases, culture, repotting, potting mixes, fertilizer levels and types, pH levels, water quality and types and so on. **Attendees will follow local Covid protocols.**

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi everyone!

Fall has arrived and is full swing now. So, all orchids that don't benefit from a real cool down, should be safely back into the house! Unless you are growing under lights, this is not a good time to repot. But if the plant is slowly dying, repot it now! Don't be like me and wait until the roots are all gone, and an orchid ICU is mandatory!

Thanks to all of you who sent plants to the Wisconsin Orchid Society Show. We did very well. October will be a busy Guild month! **Don't forget that October 1 is the deadline to contact Gary to participate in the latest plant project!**

We will start the month off with our Fall Orchid Sale at Olbrich on Sunday, October 10. (Please read more about this in the newsletter, page 2.)

The October meeting will be our first attempt at a hybrid meeting. Please be patient with the technology. The OGG computer is too old to do the meeting, so we will be using a member's computer. Our October meeting will be at Olbrich with all wearing masks and practicing social distancing.

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Masks are necessary since we are inside, and we do not want to be listed as a 'spreader' organization!

Remember the same link for all meetings and when in the meeting join muted, stay muted unless you want to talk, and use speaker mode. By using Speaker view, the person speaking will be the largest image. This is best with one speaker, during presentations.

Due to tightening of Olbrich rules, we will not longer be able to bring in homemade treats although coffee and hot water are permitted. All treats need to be commercially purchased. If people want to bring in commercially bought treats they may. As a Guild we need to revisit our meeting treats and see if that is a valid expense for the organization and if members would want to purchase food for the members' snacks.

Our October meeting will have Chuck answering your questions and problem plants. So please come prepared with at least one question!

There will be plant judging. So please bring your plants and leave them for Sue to take home (where they will be isolated from her plants) for the Eastern Iowa Orchid Show and Sale, October 23 & 24. All lists for the plants need to be sent to Sue (greed@chorus.net) and Nancy (mikeandnancy@tds.net) by Monday October 18. All plants need to be at Sue's house by Wednesday, October 20. So, allowing Sue to take your plants home after the meeting will save you a trip and will be easier on your plants. Retrieving your plants on Monday, October 25 can be done with a trip to Sue's house or other arrangements may be made.

--- Sue Reed

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FALL ORCHID SALE

OGG will be having a fall orchid sale on Sunday, October 10th in the Olbrich commons. Hours are from 10 AM to 2 PM or while supplies last. Lorraine has arranged for a selection of orchids from Hausermann's which she will pick up in Illinois. She hopes to bring back a wider variety of plants than are commonly seen at our local supermarket. At our last sale, all of the plants sold out in less than 45 minutes so this year we plan to have more.

We need volunteers to help set-up, beginning at 9 AM, and take-down as well as assistance with sales and questions from the public. We will be able to accept credit cards. If you are willing to volunteer, hours are 10 AM to 12:30PM and from 12:30PM to 2 PM. Contact Lorraine lorraine.snyder127@gmail.com or Sue greed@chorus.net.

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“ORCHIDS ARE A SCREAM” RETURNS! October 23-24

October brings the opportunity to show off your beautiful blooms at the Eastern Iowa Orchid Society's Halloween-themed show, taking place October 23-24 at the Elk's Lodge, 801 33rd Ave SW, Cedar Rapids, IA. Get those lovely plants spruced up and plan to send them with Sue Reed and Nancy Thomas to this fun and friendly venue. If each of you could send one plant to a show this year, OGG's displays will represent us wonderfully.

We have room for one more volunteer to go with us for set up on Friday October 22 and/or take down on Sunday October 24. We are planning to pre-arrange plants to make set-up quicker, so this is an ideal chance to get a first-hand view of an away show with time to explore the displays and vendors' stock. If interested, contact Nancy Thomas (608-523-3607, mikeandnancy@tds.net) -- we'd love to have you join us!

--- Nancy Thomas

ORCHID QUEST 2022 UP-DATE

Planning for Orchid Quest continues. An outline of current plans is as follows:

1. We are pleased to announce that our exhibit will be back in the Atrium where the lighting will be good for viewing and for photography regardless of what the sun is doing.
2. The media centers in the education wing will be accessible to us this year. We will be using them for talks, seminars and the member tables.
3. Carrie and Judy are testing a system for on-line auction to supplement the silent auction.
4. Plant check will be in the Lobby.

Overall we want the Orchid Quest attendees to experience the beauty of the event and return the following year.

We have a variety of committees that report back to the board and to Terri. We have a couple of open positions.

Advertising:	Cynthia Wadsworth
Awards:	Nancy Thomas
Budgeting:	OGG board

Donations:	Lisa Linde
Food:	Kathy Johnson
Gifts:	Nancy Thomas
Judges:	Terri Jozwiak
Logistics:	Terri Jozwiak
Member Table:	Gary Lensmeyer
Parking Shuttle:	OPEN
Photographer:	Scott Weber
Plant Check:	Rich Jozwiak
OGG Exhibit:	Sue Reed
Raffle:	Doug Dowling
Registration:	Julie Ulland
Seminars/Speakers:	Cynthia Wadsworth
Silent Auction:	Carrie Wiesman and Judy Williamson
Vendors:	Lorraine Snyder
Volunteer Coordinator:	OPEN

If you would like to contribute your ideas or your time please contact the appropriate person. If you do not have their contact information please contact Denise at jrbaylis@tds.net.

--- Cynthia Wadsworth

From WOS . . .



Miltonia Lillian Nakamoto



LAST CALL, PLANT PROJECT #3

Hi Guild members,

At the September Guild meeting, a discussion took place about starting a new project. Those that attended the meeting favored the idea of growing an orchid that is deciduous and blooms while in dormancy. Since many of our members have gained experience through our previous Project #1 by growing a catasetum, the decision was to purchase a plant in the Catasetinae family that meets those requirements. Clowesia or its hybrids would be ideal candidates. The goal is to learn the culture of Clowesia-type orchids through guided, hands-on experience with actual plants.

Clowesia and its hybrids tend to have blooms that are longer lasting (3-4 weeks) and are fragrant in comparison to most other catasetinae.

As with previous projects:

1. Each member wishing to participate will receive a plant. I have contacted Fred Clark, an expert hybridizer of Clowesia to supply plants generated from one of his crosses .
2. The plant you receive will be mature enough to bloom in next year's cycle.

3. The cost to you is \$5/plant with the Guild subsidizing the remaining amount for a plant that usually retails for \$18.
4. The project should begin in early October so members can see the stages of leaf drop, rest period, emergence of new growth in spring, repotting plant and vegetative growth during summer culminating in flowers during early winter.
5. Time will be set aside, at meetings for a question/answer/problem-solving, sharing session to address the progress members are experiencing with their plants. Our newsletter will be another resource to communicate information.

If you wish to participate in the project, email me by October 1, 2021 so the order can be placed and plants can arrive in time for the project to move forward.

My email is: glimsnwi@gmail.com
I look forward to your participation.

Best regards,
Gary Lensmeyer



Rlc Lois Spangler x Rlc Irene Creeden

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Blc Purple Ruby #15

WISCONSIN ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW

Milwaukee, September 18-19 2021

Exhibit Setup by Susan Reed and Judy Stevenson, take-down by Denise Baylis and Margaret Swanson

Exhibit earned First Place

Best of Class

Nancy Thomas *Aliceara* Hilo Ablaze 'Hilo Gold' (*Bratonia* Olmec x *Oncidium* Mantinii)

First Place

Meg McLaughlin *Phragmipedium* Living Fire (*besseae* x Sorcerer's Apprentice)

Sue Reed *Dendrobium* Hibiki (*bracteosum* x *laevifolium*)

Sue Reed *Paphiopedilum* Hsinying Rubyweb x *fairrieatum*

Nancy Thomas *Aliceara* Hilo Ablaze 'Hilo Gold' (*Bratonia* Olmec x *Oncidium* Mantinii)

Lorraine Snyder *Phalaenopsis* Pink Multiflora

Second Place

Meg McLaughlin *Blc.* Verdant Venture (*Rlc.* Green-heart x *Rlc.* Emerald Meadow)

Nancy Thomas *Rhyncholaeliacattleya* Dal's Horizon x *Brassolaelia* Richard Mueller

Chuck Acker *Phragmipedium* Rising Son (Jason Fischer x Barabara LeAnn)

Third Place

Sue Reed *Paphiopedilum* concolor var chlorophyllum

Nancy Thomas *Phragmipedium* Rosalie Dixler (*besseae* x *kaieteurum*)

Lorraine Snyder *Phragmipedium* St. Ouen flavum (Hanne Popow 4 N AM/RHS x *flavum* Chuck's Choice)



Sue Reed and Judy Stevenson with OGG's First Place exhibit



Chuck Acker's *Phragmipedium* Rising Son
(Jason Fischer x Barabara LeAnn)

ORCHIDS FROM WOS...



Seidenfadenia mitrata



Rlc Sky of Sunshine



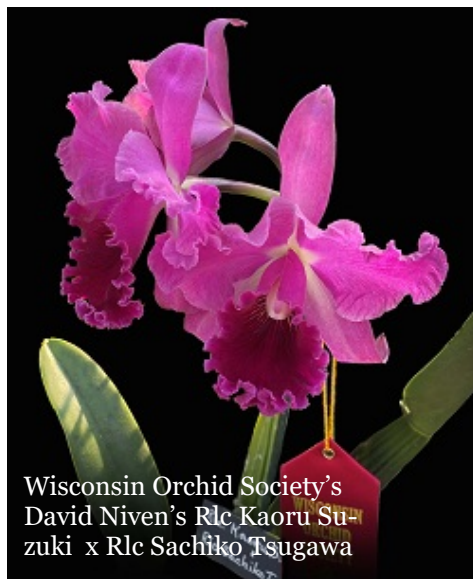
Phalaenopsis
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chids earned
Best of Class



Sue Reed's C. Mark Jones x C
Chocolate Drop



Batavia's
Dendrobium
Enobi Purple
Splash was
Best of Class



Wisconsin Orchid Society's
David Niven's Rlc Kaoru Su-
zuki x Rlc Sachiko Tsugawa



Wisconsin Orchid Society's Walter
Crawford's *Dendrobium eriiflorum*

What's Blooming at Bolz . . .

These are a few of the blooming orchids that were on display in the Conservatory during September. Information gleaned from AOS



Gomesa crispa. *Gomesa* is a Brazilian tropical orchid. There may be several more species than the dozen currently recognized, but these names so far have not been clarified. These plants grow in mountainous coastal tropical rain forest at altitudes from 1,500 to 4,000 ft. A few species find their way a bit more into the interior but always in humid forests around rivers. In the natural habitat, plants are epiphytic or lithophytic, usually with a lot of organic material trapped on the sheaths of the pseudobulbs. Plants of *Gomesa* produce fairly well-developed pseudobulbs, and the whole plants are more of a light dull green color than typical *Oncidium* types. Inflorescences are arched and produce numerous small (to 1") flowers where the dorsal sepal and petals stand up and lateral sepals point down, producing very peculiarly shaped flowers. Flowers are uniformly greenish-yellow to green, regardless of the species so it is sometimes quite difficult to set them apart. The flowers are usually strongly fragrant. The most common species in cultivation are *Gomesa recurva* and *G. crispa*, although a few others sometimes find their way into cultivation.



Dendrochilum magnum. Carl Blume established this genus of sympodial orchids in 1825. The generic epithet is from the Greek *dendron* = tree and *cheilos* = lip, referring to the epiphytic habit and, in some species, the conspicuous labellum. The majority of the species are small-growing plants from elevations over 1,000 meters. The flowers, though small, are usually produced in great profusion.

Dendrochilum magnum is truly the king of this genus and seems to grow easily under cattleya conditions (60 F nights and 80° F days with bright light). We use a medium similar to what we would use for paphiopedilums or oncidiums, and prefer to underpot. Keep evenly moist while in active growth and repot in spring before new growths emerge.



Paphiopedilum species