

April
May

The Orchid Grower

Orchid Growers' Guild of Madison

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Meeting Dates Meetings on Zoom at 1 PM

- May 15 (Commons)
- June 26 Picnic
- September 18
- October 16
- November 20
- December 18

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

Up-Coming Events

- May 7, Spring Orchid Sale
- August 26-28, 2022, Fall MAOC with Ohio Valley Orchid Fest, in Dayton
- September 17-18, Wisconsin Orchid Society Show, Mitchell Park
- October 8-9, "Orchid Eruption", IOS Fall orchid show and sale, Chicago Botanic Garden, IL

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NEXT MEETING MAY 15TH in the Commons MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

HI OGG members,

Spring is really here now! Right! Now is the time to repot and the time to decide what extra plants you may have for the for the Orchid members' auction at the May 15 meeting!

Also don't forget the Orchid Plant sale at Olbrich on May 7th! Lorraine (Lorraine Snyder <lorraine.snyder127@gmail.com>) is the lead to contact if you can't make your shift or you are offering extra help. Please try to be on time especially for the 8 AM shift to help set up.

Our May meeting will be our annual election of officers. Presently I will run for President, Denise will still tackle the treasurer's job and Nancy will stay on as a board member. If others would like to run, please let us know and nominations may be given on the floor at the meeting, with the nominees' permission.

Our orchid plant sale and our member auctions are currently our only means of income since we have not been able to have Orchid Quest. The Orchid Quest silent auction has been one of our major fund raisers. The sale table rental covers some of our Orchid Quest expenses but our other sales are what make the event successful. Our membership dues do not cover our expenses especially with the new expenses for virtual meetings.

Our virtual meetings have been very successful with speakers from all

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Lorraine Snyder's display of hybrid Phalaenopsis

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over the country, thanks to Cynthia's efforts. Our Hybrid meetings have also been successful due to the use of Cynthia's computer and Brent's knowledge and able assistance.

Our May meeting will be a test for the donated computer to see if we can continue with hybrid meetings using that computer. If this computer isn't satisfactory for hybrid meetings we have choices. 1. Do not hold hybrid meetings; 2. Only conduct Zoom meetings when we cannot meet in person (That is assuming that an officer or member has a computer to run a Zoom meeting); 3. Do hybrid meetings and when necessary Zoom meetings using a new computer with the possible cost of greater than \$500.

I believe that Zoom meetings are what the future holds if the organization wants to successfully continue. Reasons are that we potentially can have varied speakers from all over the world at a reasonable price and the meetings are NOT weather or disease influenced.

Our Barkaria project is underway with a great kick off by the vendor's presentation. Thank you Cynthia and Gary!

Sue Reed

Ghost orchid among new plant species identified in 2021

The ghost orchid (*Didymoplexis stella-silvae*) grows in complete darkness in Madagascar's dense forests. Instead of using photosynthesis, its nutrients come from symbiotic relationships with underground fungi. The orchid pokes its bloom through the forest floor for a single day to attract pollinators, possibly ants. This newly discovered orchid is one of the 205 new species named by the scientists of Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, and their worldwide collaborators in 2021.
- Kew Gardens



Susanne Masters
Didymoplexis stella-silvae

OGG APRIL RIBBON JUDGING

First Place

John Stuckert	<i>Coelogyne nitida</i>
Lynn West	<i>Dendrobium aggregatum</i>
John Stuckert	<i>Lepanthes antioeapra</i>
John Stuckert	<i>Masdevallia purpurella</i>
Jeff Metcalf	<i>Miltoniopsis</i> Golden Snows 'White Light' (Frosty Meadow × <i>roezlii</i>)
Lynn West	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> In-Charm Grace (In-Charm White x <i>niveum</i>)
Lynn West	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> unk hybrid
John Stuckert	<i>Restrepia escobariana</i>
John Stuckert	<i>Stelis declivis</i>
Lynn West	<i>Brassavola</i> Unknown hybrid [grown from seed]
John Stuckert	<i>Masdevallia angulifera</i>

Second Place

John Stuckert	<i>Dendrobium vexilarius</i>
John Stuckert	<i>Masdevallia meleagris</i> #1
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> unk hybrid #1
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> unk hybrid #3
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Phragmepidium</i> Don Wimber (Eric Young x <i>besseae</i>)

Third Place

John Stuckert	<i>Masdevallia meleagris</i> #2
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> unk hybrid #2

Not Awarded

Lorraine Snyder	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Ming Hsing 'Dancing Lady'
John Stuckert	<i>Phragmepidium</i> unk hybrid



Lynn West's *Dendrobium aggregatum*; John Stuckert's *Masdevallia meleagris* #2 and *Coelogyne nitida*; and Lynn West's unknown *Brassavola* hybrid grown from seed



John Stuckert's *Lepanthes antiloeapra*



Lynn West's unknown hybrid *Phalaenopsis*



John Stuckert's *Restrepia escobariana*



John Stuckert's *Stelis declivis*



Lynn West's *Paphiopedilum* In-Charm Grace (In-Charm White x *niveum*)



John Stuckert's *Masdevallia meleagris* #1



John Stuckert's *Masdevallia angulifera*



John Stuckert's *Masdevallia purpurella*



Lorraine Snyder's *Phalaenopsis* Ming Hsing
'Dancing Lady'



Jeff Metcalf's *Miltoniopsis* Golden Snows
'White Light' (Frosty Meadow x roezlii)



John Stuckert's unknown hybrid *Phragmepidium*



Lorraine Snyder's *Phragmepidium*
Don Wimber (Eric Young x besseae)



John Stuckert's *Dendrobium vexilarius*

California Dreaming

By Denise Baylis

I am one of those rare persons who was actually born in California. Alas domestic responsibilities required a move east and the abandonment of the orchids we had been growing there. Some found new homes with friends [and burned up in Oakland hill fires], some with a collection history went to the U.C. Berkeley Botanical gardens, and others to my mother. A few hardy orchids followed us east.

When I return to visit my family I try and visit 'our' orchids. The grocery store Cymbidiums that we left with my mother have thrived in the Bay Area climate and have been divided many times over the last forty years and subsequently found new homes. When I visited by sister at the end of March 'our' cymbidiums were blooming profusely. I also visited Pat, a friend down the street who grows her orchids outside. She proudly showed me her *Dendrobium kingianum* and gave me several kiekies. She told me that this plant grows so well here that "you can't give them away."

My friend is on the Board of the Diablo Valley Orchid Society which was hosting an event that weekend. They were forced to cancel their orchid show because of covid and were attempting another venue to raise money and interest in their society. The idea was to sell tickets to visit the greenhouses at the homes of some of their members and sell divisions and orchid supplies at each site. My friend had volunteered to help at one of the sites and she took me along.

Her friend is Diane Bond who is the current president of the orchid

society and a student judge. She had a very nice set up for her plants located up in the Oakland hills. Her home is in

a sunny location and sports two green houses, one for tropical orchids and another shade house for her cymbidiums. Her plants were so fabulous that it was depressing. What if we had been able to stay in California? What would our plants have been like?



Cymbidium Sarah Jean 'Pearl Falls'

Diane had a variety of division for sale, some of large blooming cymbidiums. Unfortunately I couldn't buy anything because the plants were too large for my suitcase, although I did buy a small bag of kiwi bark from a different vendor. Apparently their guild got together with another one and purchased two pallets from Fred Clark who has the franchise in the US. She also showed me a cymbidium pot that I didn't recall seeing before. It could be handy for plants that don't like their roots wet.



Pat Bacchetti with her backyard *Dendrobium kingianum*

We had a chance to discuss issues with orchid

societies and it seems they all share the same woes: recruiting younger members, maintaining energy and raising money.



Cymbidium Cali Night 'Geyserland'

