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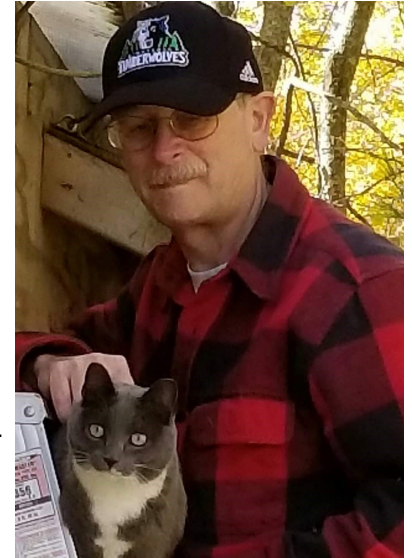
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## NEXT MEETING, October 16th Ross Hella from Deerwood Orchids "Breeding Miniature Paphiopedilums"

Ross Hella's presentation will be a pictorial discussion of one person's attempt to breed compact Paphs with the round shape of traditional standard complex Paphiopedilums.

Ross and Julie Hella had been growing a wide variety of orchids in their home for over 25 years. In 2001, Ross decided to begin hybridizing Paphiopedilums, concentrating on smaller growing plants. In 2010, with orchids growing in literally every room in the house, they built an 800 square foot permanent greenhouse to hold their collection. At the same time, they started Deerwood Orchids. To date, Ross has sent 342 crosses to the lab for germination. Ross and Julie have received 34 flower quality awards, five cultural awards, and one Award of Quality from the American Orchid Society. They currently live near Deerwood, Minnesota with their son, Scott, and greenhouse helper, Mini.



Ross and Mini removing shade cloth

### Meeting Dates

- October 16
- November 20
- December 18

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

### Up-Coming Events

- October 8-9, "Orchid Eruption", IOS Fall orchid show and sale, Chicago Botanic Garden, IL
- October 22-23, "Orchids are a Scream," Eastern Iowa Orchid Society, Elks Lodge, Cedar Rapids, IA
- 2023 February 4-5, Orchid Quest, Olbrich Botanical Gardens
- 2024, March 1-4, 23rd World Orchid Congress, Tainan, Taiwan

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi OGG members!

Autumn is in full swing now and a good time for your cymbidiums (cold periods trigger them to bloom) to spend some time outside! Without a killing frost, just a light frost and some cooler temperatures when brought inside should do the trick! And it is a trick to get these cymbidiums to bloom for me! Ask Chuck or Gary for more helpful information on getting your cymbidium to bloom!

Our last meeting with the Orchid Doctor, Chuck Acker, was a lot of fun! The silent auction went off well and many plants were repotted. Each orchid presented a different challenge and some didn't need repotting. It is important not to repot until necessary, for repotting is stressful for the orchid!

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The October meeting features a new vendor for us, Ross Hella from Deerwood Orchids in Minnesota. Ross is also the President of the Minnesota Orchid Society. Ross crosses the little paphs and will have some to sell at the meeting. You can get a discount by preordering with delivery at the October 16 meeting. He will also have some paphs and other orchid genera to sell at the meeting. Plus he will be donating some orchids for us to auction off at the meeting! This will be a hybrid meeting with the usual zoom link. If you pre-order plants and cannot make the meeting please make arrangements to pay and collect them.

We will be participating in an away show in Iowa with volunteers excited to take your plants there. More details to follow. Terri will be the lead from Madison for set-up and take-down and Jim from Iowa will assist her.

The OGG exhibit did well at the Milwaukee show with many great plants from members! Thank you to the members who participated and Denise and Lorraine for the set-up and Denise for the take-down.

Cynthia is busy lining up some great speakers for our hybrid meetings. We will continue to meet at Olbrich until the weather is bad. We won't have to cancel our meetings due to weather, for we will switch to a straight zoom meeting if necessary.

This is also the time of year that we need to start working on Orchid Quest 2023! Set up is Friday, February 3 with the show on February 4 and 5. We need all the help we can get for organizing the show by zoom meetings and doing the actual show! The exhibits will be in the atrium with lectures in the new education rooms at Olbrich.

Please volunteer to help out and bring suggestions and willing hands to help make your suggestions a reality! Look for the Orchid Quest meeting announcement.

Thank you all for your great support of Orchid Growers Guild!

— Sue Reed

PS: Board meetings are the first Tuesday of the month! All are welcome, just let me know to send you a zoom invitation.



Phragmipediums in the OGG exhibit



Natt's offered this *Oncidium Jiaho* Queen 'Jiaho' for sale



This large *Aerides laurenceae* was in the Domes Exhibit



# WISCONSIN ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW, September 17-18, 2022

**Set-up:** Lorraine Snyder, Denise Baylis **Take-down:** Denise Baylis

## First Place

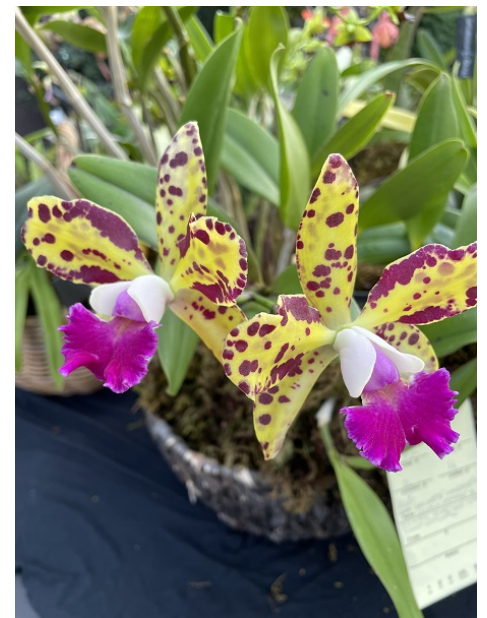
Orchid Growers	Exhibit
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Phrag. besseae</i> 'Fox Valley Flame'
Sue Reed	<i>Psychopsis</i> Memorial Bill Carter (Mendenhall 'Hildos' x <i>papillae</i> )
Chuck Acker	<i>Phrag.</i> Red Sky (Demetria x Twilight)
Chuck Acker	<i>Phrag.</i> Fritz Schomburg ( <i>kovachii</i> x <i>besseae</i> )

## Second Place

Melissa Williams	<i>Rlc.</i> Sun Spots 'Waiomao's Golden Leopard' (C. Mark Jones x <i>Blc.</i> Sun Coast Sunspots)
Meg McLaughlin	<i>Paph.</i> Song of Love ( <i>liemianum</i> x <i>lowii</i> )
Nancy Thomas	<i>Dendrobium convolutum</i>
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Ctsm</i> ( <i>fimbriatum</i> 'Golden Horizon x <i>osculatum</i> 'SVO')
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Phrag.</i> Rosalie Dixler ( <i>besseae</i> x <i>kaieteurum</i> )
Terri Jozwiak	<i>Maxillaria shunkeana</i>
Terri Jozwiak	<i>Paph.</i> (Ouens Oak '10-10' x Acoma For Dinner '10-07')
Chuck Acker	<i>Phrag. longifolium album</i>
Chuck Acker	<i>Phrag.</i> Dominianum ( <i>caricinum</i> x <i>caudatum</i> )

## Third place

Lorraine Snyder	<i>Phal.</i> Unregistered pink with markings
Chuck Acker	<i>Phrag.</i> Grande 'Macrochilum Giganteum' AM/AOS ( <i>caudatum</i> x <i>longifolium</i> )



Photographs by David Nevin

Clockwise from top left: Lorraine Snyder's *Ctsm* (*fimbriatum* 'Golden Horizon x *osculatum* 'SVO'), Chuck Acker's *Phrag.* Fritz Schomburg (*kovachii* x *besseae*), *Rlc.* Sun Spots 'Waiomao's Golden Leopard' (C. Mark Jones x *Blc.* Sun Coast Sunspots) and Terri Jozwiak's *Paph.* (Ouens Oak '10-10' x Acoma For Dinner '10-07')





# More in the Domes . . .



The first three photos are of the OGG exhibit

The Exhibit of the Domes with its Aerides at the left



*Vanda falcata* 'Unjang'



The Orchid Grower October 2022 page 4 of 8 Paph Mark Hasegawa



WOS member Tom Clark just completed this water color painting of *Phalenopsis* 'Ox Prince' in July



# Plant project Follow-up: Barkeria

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone will have some interesting results to share from your experiment in growing Barkerias.

The Barkerias in my greenhouse and I are happy to be past our torrid summer. Many are beginning or are well underway in developing their flower spikes, somewhat earlier than usual. Perhaps it's due to the weather. My preference would be that they develop later when the cooler temperatures would result in better flower quality.

This is the time of the year when you need to cut back on watering. In the last two weeks I've cut back from almost daily watering (to battle our summer heat) to once every 2-3 days in late morning so the visible roots are white and dry by evening. If the humidity is high, I turn off the pumps on the evaporative coolers and run fans on the Barkerias to make sure they are dry. By December I'll be watering once a week and only on sunny days. I'm still fertilizing every 2-3 waterings and will continue to do so until December. That way any late-starting or second growths can mature by then.

Many Obovata section hybrids, such as Oaxacan Showers, are still finishing this year's growth since they are later bloomers

than Scandens section hybrids, and thus have not started to drop leaves. But, others are beginning to lose the lowest leaf or two on their pseudobulbs. There will be slow leaf-loss through December, then there will be heavy leaf-loss in

January and February with many Barkerias going entirely deciduous or keeping just a leaf or two on this years growth. At that point I'll be watering every 7-10 days, but even every 2 weeks would be okay, depending on the weather.

It's early for Barkerias to be dropping all leaves. Plants that do are probably stressed, due to underwatering, too low humidity or temperature, or too little light. Nevertheless, once the leaves drop, you have to let the plants go dormant, with minimal watering and rapid drying, until new growths emerge in mid to late spring. As long as the pseudobulbs and roots are healthy – both plump and the roots green when wet and white when dry – the plant is okay. Also check that there are no mites or other pathogens that could cause the leaf-drop. Spray with horticultural oil (not Neem) or horticultural oil plus Orthene if needed.

The above advice is for greenhouse culture. If growing in your house, adjust for the lower humidity.

Happy Orchid Growing,  
Robert



One of Cynthia's plants is still growing strong



Another appears to be going dormant

## MAOC Fall 2022 Meeting and Show

I had the opportunity to attend the Mid-America Orchid Congress (MAOC) fall meeting and show as the representative of the Orchid Growers Guild of Madison. The MAOC meeting was held in conjunction with the first annual Ohio Valley Orchid Fest hosted by the MAOC, Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society, the Miami Valley Orchid Society with space donated by the Emmanuel Lutheran Church. The event was held August 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> in Dayton Ohio. There were 13 vendors, I saw several familiar vendors from Orchid Quests shows and many vendors that were new to me. The sales were setup outdoors under a spacious tent. Food was available to volunteers, judges, and the public from a variety of food trucks. There was also a hospitality room for judges and volunteers.

I volunteered to clerk at the ribbon judging on Saturday morning. To streamline the process, the plants were not placed in displays but simply arranged by class. My favorite plant in the show was a *Maxillaria marginata*, which I had never seen before. I was invited to sit in on the AOS judging after the plants had been identified and pulled from ribbon judging. It was a great experience to learn how the judges approach the judging of the plants and award points. The judges really take this process seriously, but they were happy to share information on the process and answer all my questions. Since I sat



*Maxillaria marginata*

in on the AOS judging, I missed one of the talks, but I was able to attend the talk on miniature orchid species by one of the keynote speakers, Ron Parsons.

The live auction was held on Saturday evening after the show closed to the public. It was a very lively event celebrating getting together for the first time in two years with a non-alcoholic bubbly toast. People were very generous with the bidding and the event raised significant funds which were split among the hosting organizations. The silent auction ended after the live auction and the funds were also split. OGG donated four items for the silent auction.

Sunday morning, I attended the MAOC business meeting, and I took one last tour around the plant sales area before leaving to drive back to Madison. MAOC is a huge organization whose member societies span from Minnesota to Florida and even include portions of Canada. Providing assistance in organizing the Ohio Valley Orchid Fest is just one of the many benefits that the MAOC offers to its member organizations. In addition to providing aid in organizing events and stipends to help defray travel costs, the MAOC has conservation and educational programs. A portion of their annual budget is allocated to fund small grants applications to these programs.

— Lynn West, MAOC Representative



Vending area



## Orchid Quest Planning Meeting Wednesday, October 12 at 7 PM on ZOOM

Orchid Quest will be February 4-5, 2023 with set-up Friday, February 3. The next Zoom Orchid Quest Planning meeting will be Wednesday, October 12 at 7 PM on ZOOM. In 2022 we had many volunteers in place before we cancelled the show. Please review volunteer list below and see if you are able to step forward again this year. Let me know ASAP if you cannot. Bookmarks are printed and available to be released. There is a lot of planning to do for such a large show and hundreds of people look forward to seeing the stunning orchid exhibits in the middle of winter. We always put our best foot forward and that cannot be done without many hands. Thank you for your gift of time and talent. Terri Jozwiak 608-592-7906.

- **Show Chair** – Terri Jozwiak
- **Show Co-chair** – Cynthia Wadsworth
- Head clerk – Liz Barlow
- **Registration Coordinators** – Julie Ulland, Steve Thimling
- **Computer Program** – Julie Ulland
- **AOS Photographer** – Scott Weber, Jacqui Ziegler
- **Gifts & Awards** – Nancy Thomas
- **Webmaster** – Rich Jozwiak
- **OGG Sales table** – Gary Lensmeyer, Doug Dowling
- **Publicity** – Cynthia Wadsworth
- **OGG Exhibit** – Susan Reed, Irene Mackie, OGG membership
- **Graphics** – Denise Baylis
- **Auction** – Judy Williamson, Carrie Wiesman
- **Auction item procurement** – Lorraine Snyder, Denise Baylis
- **Speaker Program** – Cynthia Wadsworth
- **Volunteer Coordinator** – Meg McLaughlin
- **Refreshment** – Kathy Johnson, OGG members
- **Show Book** – Susan Reed, Denise Baylis
- **Vendor Coordinator** – Lorraine Snyder
- **Orchid Society Coordinator** – Nancy Thomas
- **Donation Coordinator** – Lisa Linde



Photograph by Lorraine Snyder  
Ctsm Fong Cing?



Photograph by David Nevin  
Lorraine Snyder's Ctsm (*fimbriatum* 'Golden Horizon x *osculatum* 'SVO')



# September Re-cap



Chuck Acker divided this Cattleya into 5 separate plants which were auctioned at the September meeting

Chuck Acker's Q&A and repotting demonstrations were very enlightening, even for veteran orchid growers.

- He pointed out the dissolved solids in our water sources can vary over time, perhaps influenced by rainfall so regularly check your water. Note that municipalities may have multiple wells, each with its unique water chemistry.
- If you use tap water, whether from a well or municipal water system, confirm that your cold water taps are not connected to your water softener; orchids hate salt.
- RO water is short of calcium and magnesium and these should be replaced by using a fertilizer designed for use with RO water.
- Oyster shell as a top dressing can supply calcium, but be sure to rinse it thoroughly to eliminate any salt. Unless specifically designed for plants, chicken grit or aquarium supplies might be salt laden.
- The repotting information was more complex. Chuck uses 4 parts orchita mixed with 1 part perlite for more aeration. He demonstrated how to position pseudobulbs in a pot, how to clean the roots, how to flame your tools, which roots can be cut off. Every plant was a learning experience.



Plants and pots offered for auction



Chuck at work