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Meeting Dates

- April 16
- May 21
- June TBA

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

Up-Coming Events

- May 13, Spring Orchid Sale, Olbrich, Atrium
- 2024, March 1-4, 23rd World Orchid Congress, Tainan, Taiwan

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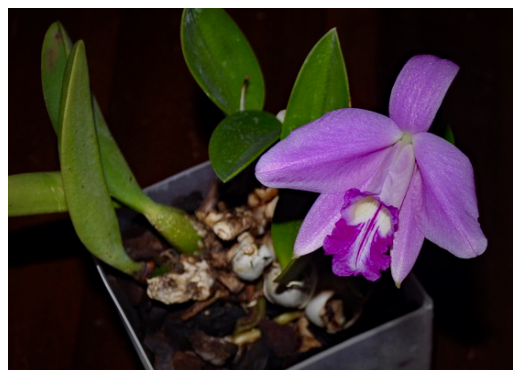
NEXT MEETING APRIL 16TH

Sandra Micucci on "Creating a Tropical Environment at Home"

Micucci: "A few years ago, the orchid society I belong to realized that the many of our members, especially new members, were looking for help and hints on being a successful grower. We also realized a great amount of knowledge and expertise exists in our own society. As you know, much of the information we see in our literature is for growing in warmer climates and in the case of us Canadian societies, for a market we cannot access. As well, they are usually for people who grow in a greenhouse and not in their home. For the next few months, our speakers were members of our society sharing their growing methods, what products they used, where those products can be found and answering questions. Great discussions followed. My talk originated as one of those. I will talk about how I try to artificially reproduce tropical environments for the orchids I want to grow: Orchids of Madagascar, South Africa, South America, Japan, and China in a home in Ontario, Canada."



Sandra Micucci is a student judge in the Toronto Judging Center, and member of the Southern Ontario Orchid Society and the Niagara Region Orchid Society. She has a PhD in Epidemiology and has spent most of her career at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario and a short time at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. After retiring and returning to Canada in 2010, Sandra and Andrew, her husband, started a structural and civil engineering, planning and landscape architect firm in Brantford, Ontario. If it wasn't enough to do already, Sandra went to an orchid show.



Keith Nelson's *Laelia sincorana*

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In March, the ad hoc Meeting Improvement Committee, implemented a new meeting lineup that will help ensure that all programmed activities receive adequate coverage while still allowing the meeting to wrap up on schedule. The meeting opened with highlights from the plant table by Chuck Acker and Ken Cameron. Once again members brought a large number and variety of outstanding orchids. New this month were the tri-fold table tent cards of seven major groups of orchids to help members locate the proper placement of their orchids on the tables making ribbon judging quicker and more efficient. Members have been emailed the ribbon judging form that can be printed at home and completed before the meeting.



Dendrobium
'Blue Twinkle'

Sue Reed, OGG President, gave a short business update and several announcements about upcoming meetings and the OGG spring orchid sale. Details about the sale and volunteer opportunities for the sale will be provided soon. The sale organizers are planning educational activities and possibly an exhibit like displays at orchid shows. The new meeting program allowed for a short break after announcements followed by our speaker, Dr. Harry A. Gallis, MD, giving a talk on antelope-type dendrobiums.

Dr. Gallis has been growing orchids since 1980 and has been very active in the orchid community, including serving as an AOS judge and in many capacities in the AOS organization. His plants have received an amazing 56 AOS awards including three of his own hybrids. Some of the plants that he described during his talk are very large. For example, *Dendrobium gouldii* was described by Dr. Gallis as a monster and *Dendrobium lasianthera* reached nine feet including the spike. However, recent trends in hybridizing have produce smaller plants like the highly sought after *Dendrobium* 'Blue Twinkle' that grows to a mere 26 inches. Blooms on the Blue Twinkle can last up to three months.

If the talk by Dr. Gallis spurred your interest in growing antelope type dendrobiums, there is a local expert on the topic. Bil Nelson, an AOS judge, operates Sun Prarie Orchids with a limited number of plants for sale. His contact information can be found on his website: [Home \(sunprarieorchids.com\)](http://Home(sunprarieorchids.com))

Finally, there was just enough time after the presentation for Chuck Acker to do a quick book review of *Slipper Orchids* by Catherine Cash, 1991 and reprinted in 1999. This book not only includes great cultural information, but Ms. Cash offers her unique opinion and commentary throughout the book which makes it a fascinating and thought-provoking read.



Photograph by Terri Jozwiak

Chuck Acker' *Phalaenopsis* KV Beauty (Salu Peoker x Chih Shang's Stripes) won Best of Class at the Wisconsin Orchid Society's Spring Show

BATAVIA ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW RESULTS

Set up: Sue Reed, Nancy Thomas, Jim Wasser, Jeff Metcalf
Take down: Nancy Thomas, Jim Wasser, Jeff Metcalf



Photograph by Cheryle Erins

BOC and First

Jeff Metcalf *Phragmipedium Cardinale*
(*schlimii* x *Sedenii*)
Lynn West *Zygopetalum Advance Australia* '
HOF' AM/AOS (Titanic x Helen-Ku)

First Place

Exhibit
Sue Reed *Paphiopedilum lowii*
Chuck Acker *Phalaenopsis Luchia Lip* (Luchia
Lady x Hsinying Lip)
Chuck Acker *Phalaenopsis KV Beauty* (Salu Peoker x Chih Shang's

Stripes)

Chuck Acker *Phragmipedium besseae*
Jeff Baylis *Coelogyne Jannine Banks 'Snow White'* HCC/AOS/OSNSW (*mooreana* x
flaccida)
Meg McLaughlin *Paphiopedilum Hsinying Delight 'Meg's Shock'* HCC/AOS (*spicerianum*
#2 x Stone Lovely 'C.H. #4')
Meg McLaughlin *Paphiopedilum hainanense*
Jeff Metcalf *Wilsonara John Miller* (*Onc. Tribbles* x *Onc. Burning Bed*)

Second Place

Terri Jozwiak *Clowesia Rebecca Northen* (Grace Dunn x *rosea*)
Sue Reed *Paphiopedilum rothschildianum*
Meg McLaughlin *Phragmipedium Paul Eugene Conroy* (*longifolium* 'Waunakee' x *wallisii*)
Jeff Metcalf *Cym. Point Conception 'Sunset Nativity'* (*seidenfadenii* x Trigo Royale)
Jeff Metcalf *Rlc. Darcy-Rose Campbell 'Volcano Queen'* (Goldenzelle x Chyong Guu
Chaffinch)
Jeff Metcalf *Bc. Playa Los Cocos* (*Brassanthe Maikai* x *Cattleya violacea*)
Jeff Metcalf *Bc. Golf Green 'Hair Pig'* (*C. Moscombe* x *B. digbyana*)
Jeff Metcalf *Oda. Susan Preston Richards* x *Odm. wyattianum*
Lynn West *Phalaenopsis Hybrid #2*
Lynn West *Phalaenopsis Hybrid #1*

Third Place

Nancy Thomas *Paphiopedilum delenatii*
Jeff Baylis *Encyclia tampensis*
Meg McLaughlin *Brassavola nodosa* ('Panama Soire' x 'Mas Major' AM/CCM/AOS)
Jeff Metcalf *Lc. Shirayukime* (*C. Tokyo Magic* x *C. Mildred Rives*)
Jeff Metcalf *Blc. Booth Lee* x *Slc.* (Tutankamen x Okarche)
Lynn West *Paphiopedilum In-Charm Grace* (*In-Charm White 'Chao Chou'* BM/TPS
x *niveum forma album 'Sogo'*)
Lynn West *Phragmipedium Fox Valley Fireball* (Barbara LeAnn 'Select' x
Rosalie Dixler 'FV' AM/AOS)
Lynn West *Paphiopedilum Fred's Style* (*Fred's Aura 'White Promise'* x *Egret's Jewel*
'Blond Beauty')

OGG had a great showing at the Batavia Orchid Society Show! You made OGG look good, sending a whopping 41 plants, every one of them a beauty. Sweet success, everyone who sent a plant got a ribbon! High acclaim to Lynn West and Jeff Metcalf who got ribbons on each of their plants plus they each got a BOC. WOW! The display got a first.

Special thanks to Jim Wasser who worked diligently to set up and take down, despite not getting the glory from having a plant "in the fight". It was hard to get a photo of our display because it was wedged in a small space and "someone" (OK, I admit it was me) forgot to take an "after" photo, but here's a post-judging photo from Cheryl and a set-up-day photo of our display. Thanks so much for all of your efforts to participate in the show--I know it's not easy.

WISCONSIN ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW

Set-up: Terri Jozwiak, Jeff Metcalf, and Jim Wasser

Break-down: Terri Jozwiak, Jeff Metcalf, and Jim Wasser

Clerking Saturday morning: Terri Jozwiak, Jeff Metcalf and Jim Wasser

BOC and First Place

Chuck Acker *Phalaenopsis* KV Beauty (Salu Peoker x Chih Shang's Stripes)

First Place

Lynn West *Rhynchovola* David Sanders (*Brassavola cucullata* × *Rhyncholaelia digbyana*)

Meg McLaughlin *Paphiopedilum* Hsinying Delight 'Meg's Shock' HCC/AOS (*spicerianum* #2 x Stone Lovely 'C.H. #4')

Chuck Acker *Phalaenopsis* Hybrid

Chuck Acker *Phalaenopsis* MS Dancing Orange

Chuck Acker *Phalaenopsis* Fangmei A Hot (Tai Lin Red Angel x Dou-dii Golden Princess)

Jeff Baylis *Coelogyne* Jannine Banks 'Snow White' HCC/AOS/OSNSW (*mooreana* x *flaccida*)

Second Place

Lynn West *Phalaenopsis* #2 unknown hybrid

Meg McLaughlin *Brassavola nodosa*

Meg McLaughlin *Paphiopedilum* Meredyth Ellen (*hainanense* x *wolterianum*)

Meg McLaughlin *Phragmipedium* Saint Ouen (Hanne Popow x *besseae*)

Chuck Acker *Phragmipedium* Fritz Schomburg flavacolor

Jeff Baylis *Encyclia tampensis*

Jeff Metcalf *Wilsonara* John Miller (Onc. Tribbles x Onc. Burning Bed)

Jeff Metcalf *Phragmipedium* Cardinale (*schlimii* x *Sedenii*)

Third Place

Lynn West *Phalaenopsis* #1 unknown hybrid

Meg McLaughlin *Phragmipedium* Paul Eugene Conroy (*longifolium* 'Waunakee' x *wallisii*)

Congratulations on all the plants you sent to WOS/Racine. Nearly everything got a ribbon! We had a lovely display. Chuck received a Best of Class. It was a fun weekend, the people from Batavia were very nice and Mileagers was great. We attended a unique farmers market at Mileagers on Sunday. You could buy an alcohol beverage and carry it around while you shopped for dog treats, sweet treats, bread, cheese, curds, pot pies, soap, Mexican food, desserts and more! What fun!

— Terri Jozwiak



Photograph by Terri Jozwiak

ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY Spring SHOW



Set-up: Terri Jozwiak, Jeff Metcalf, and Jim Wasser
 Break-down: Terri Jozwiak, Jeff Metcalf, and Jim Wasser
 Clerking Saturday morning: Terri Jozwiak, Jeff Metcalf and Jim Wasser

BOC and First Place

Lynn West

Rhynchovola

David Sander (*Brassavola cucullata* × *Rhyncholaelia digbyana*)

First Place

OGG

Exhibit less than 25'

Lorraine Snyder

Paphiopedilum (William Ambler x Lady Isabel 'Shogun')

Lynn West

Phalaenopsis #2 unknown hybrid

Terri Jozwiak

Blc. Hausermann's Holiday 'Christmas' AM/AOS (James Hausermann x Lisa Irene)

Jeff Metcalf

Phragmipedium Cardinale (*schlimii* x *Sedenii*)

Jeff Metcalf

Cymbidium One Tree Hill 'Solstice Gold' (Coraki x Dolly)

Jeff Baylis

Coelogyne Jannine Banks 'Snow White' HCC/AOS/OSNSW (*mooreana* x *flaccida*)

Chuck Acker

Phalaenopsis MS Dancing Orange

Chuck Acker

Phalaenopsis KV Beauty (Salu Peoker x Chih Shang's Stripes)

Chuck Acker

Phragmipedium Fritz Schomburg flavacolor

Meg McLaughlin

Paphiopedilum Meredyth Ellen (*hainanense* x *wolterianum*)

Second Place

Lorraine Snyder

Phragmipedium Acker's Berry (*kovachii* #2 x Waunakee Sunset 'Cherry')

Jeff Baylis

Encyclia tampensis

Chuck Acker

Phragmipedium Acker's Angel (Acker's Lovely x *besseae*)

Meg McLaughlin

Phragmipedium Paul Eugene Conroy (*longifolium* 'Waunakee' x *wallisii*)

Meg McLaughlin

Brassavola nodosa

Third Place

Nancy Thomas

Paphiopedilum lowii

Lynn West

Phragmipedium Fox Valley 'Fireball' (Barbara LeAnn 'Select' x Rosalie Dixler 'FV' AM/AOS)

Lynn West

Paphiopedilum Fred's Style (Fred's Aura 'White Promise' × Egret's Jewel 'Blond Beauty')

Chuck Acker

Phragmipedium Polar Shift 'Ghost Writer' AM/AOS (*pearcei* x Silver Eagle)

Meg McLaughlin

Phragmipedium Saint Ouen (Hanne Popow x *besseae*)

Meg McLaughlin

Paphiopedilum Hsinying Delight 'Meg's Shock' HCC/AOS (*spicerianum* #2 x Stone Lovely 'C.H. #4')

RELECTIONS ON AN AWAY SHOW

Congratulations to all the plants that went to the Illinois Orchid Society Show in Chicago. Even through the snowstorm, the plants arrived safely and were placed. The exhibit was beautiful, and got a FIRST. And Lynn West's *Rhynchovola* David Sander earned a Best of Class. Congratulations to Lynn!!! See the attached picture of this beauty!!!!

The show was at the Chicago Botanical Gardens. Oh, man, did they have a display in the greenhouses! They took all their orchid plants and grouped them for effect, like putting all these pale yellow Paphs on a giant bonsai ball and displaying it as hanging from the ceiling. That was done many times using different colors of Paphs. Plus there were many more groupings of different kinds of orchids.

Advantages of going to this show... was to see all the other plants that were brought for the exhibits AND see all the orchids that the botanical gardens displayed. WOW. The botanical gardens called it "The Orchid Show: Magnified." For this, they had plenty of large magnifying glasses hanging so that you could see the orchids close up. VERY COOL. That part of the show runs February 11-March 26. This Illinois Orchid Society show just enhanced the already magnificent botanical gardens show.



Photograph by Terri Jozwiak
Lynn West's *Rhynchovola* David Sander
(*Brassavola cucullata* × *Rhyncholaelia digbyana*) earned a first place ribbon as well as Best of Class

Another advantage to doing an away show.... Another access to the vendors. I came home with seven new orchids, hopefully, to make next year an outstanding year for my blooming collection. I, myself, took only ONE orchid plant to be judged and that was a *Cattleya* that I bought at last week's show (it did get a blue ribbon). My collection is young – young plants – and I am hoping for more showing next year or the following.

Another advantage to doing an away show... Not all of it is work. We took the opportunity of being in Chicago to go to a theater show. We saw the Blue Man Group. It is hard to describe but fun and funny and definitely worth it. We also visited one of my aunts that lived about an hour south of where we were staying. Again definitely another plus.

To all those thinking about doing an away show.... They will start again next fall (there are 1-2 fall shows) in different cities. You don't have to set-up alone. I had Jeff Metcalf and Jim Wasser to help me and that worked out great. The extra person/s to unload/load and get ideas from was so beneficial.

To all those who might send ONE plant to an away show.... It is easy to put it in a box, protect it from the cold and then deliver it to the assigned drop-off site. It may come back with a ribbon being recognized by the AOS (American Orchid Society) as one of the best in the show!!!!

— Terri Jozwiak

MARCH OGG RIBBON JUDGING

First Place

Chuck Acker	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> MS Dancing Orange
Chuck Acker	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> KV Beauty (Salu Peoker x Chih Shang's Stripes)
Chuck Acker	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Bel Royal 'Charles' AM/AOS (4N) (Memoria Dick Clements x Sorcerer's Apprentice)
Chuck Acker	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Polar Shift 'Ghost Writer' AM/AOS (<i>pearcei</i> x Silver Eagle)
Chuck Acker	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Amazon Sunset (Mem. Dick Clements x Bright Spot)
Chuck Acker	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Acker's Beauty (<i>lindleyanum</i> x <i>kovachii</i>)
Gary Lensmeyer	<i>Dendrobium</i> Chocolate Chip (Micro Chip x <i>normanbyense</i>)
Gary Lensmeyer	<i>Dendrobium</i> Roy Tokunaga-White (<i>atroviolaceum</i> x <i>johnsoniae</i>)
Jeff Metcalf	<i>Dendrobium</i> Star Sapphire (Friendship x Sancyo)
Jeff Metcalf	Lc. Santa Barbara Sunset 'Showtime' (<i>anceps</i> x Ancibarina)
Jeff Metcalf	<i>Cymbidium</i> One Tree Hill 'Solstice Gold' (Coraki x Dolly)
Jeff Metcalf	<i>Cymbidium</i> Parish Red 'Andijk' (<i>parishii</i> x Finger of Suspicion)
Ken Cameron	<i>Phragmipedium</i> 'Grande' (or <i>grandiflorum</i> ?)
Ken Cameron	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Lady Isabel 'Handsome' x Johanna Burkhardt 'Perfection'
Lynn West	<i>Rhynchovola</i> David Sander (<i>Brassavola cucullata</i> x <i>Rhyncholaelia digbyana</i>)
Jim Wasser	<i>Miltoniopsis</i> Silver 'Copper Splash' x Bertha Baker 'Florentine' HCC
Sandra Gray	<i>Paphiopedilum victoria-regina</i>
Sandra Gray	<i>Paphiopedilum sukhakulii</i> 'Hampshire' x Red Brier'
Sandra Gray	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Unknown Hybrid
Meg McLaughlin	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Hanne Popow 'Raspberry Velvet' HCC/AOS (<i>besseae</i> x <i>schlimii</i>)
Meg McLaughlin	<i>Sarcoglottis spectrodos</i>
Meg McLaughlin	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Paul Eugene Conroy (<i>wallisi</i> x <i>longifolium</i>)
Meg McLaughlin	<i>Phragmipedium</i> St Ouen (Hanne Popow 4N x <i>besseae v. flavum</i>)
Meg McLaughlin	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Belle Hogue Point (Eric Young x <i>caudatum</i>)

Second Place

Chuck Acker	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Acker's Angel (Acker's Lovely x <i>besseae</i>)
Chuck Acker	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Barbara LeAnn (<i>besseae</i> x <i>fischerii</i>)
Chuck Acker	<i>Phragmipedium caudatum</i>
Chuck Acker	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Acker's Elf (Jerry Lee Fischer x Asuko Fischer)
Dan Schmidt	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Novenka 'Eileen' x Winston Churchill
Gary Lensmeyer	<i>Dendrobium</i> Snowflake
Gary Lensmeyer	<i>Dendrobium</i> Diane Meyer x Royal Wings
Jeff Baylis	<i>Guarianthe aurantiaca</i>
Ken Cameron	<i>Clowesia</i> Rebecca Northen (Grace Dunn x <i>rosea</i>)
Ken Cameron	Blc Hausermann's Holiday 'Christmas' AM/AOS (James Hauserman x Lisa Irene)
Lynn West	Unknown <i>Phalaenopsis</i>
Meg McLaughlin	<i>Zygonesia</i> Snow Bird 'Kaila' HCC/AOS (<i>cyanea</i> x Jumpin Jack)
Meg McLaughlin	<i>Cattleya</i> Summer Spot 'Carmela' HCC/AOS x <i>Brassavola nodosa</i>

Third Place

Dan Schmidt	Unknown <i>Phalaenopsis</i>
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A NEW SPECIES OF ORCHID HAS BEEN DISCOVERED IN JAPAN, AND ITS PETALS LOOK LIKE THEY'RE SPUN FROM GLASS

By Kunal Kambli



Kenji Suetsugu

A newly identified species of orchid found in Japan was named *Spiranthes hachijoensis*

It might seem natural to think that all undiscovered plant species are hiding away in the depths of remote forests and unexplored territories, but that isn't always the case. Sometimes, they can be right under our noses, shining brightly at us as they hope for some acknowledgement.

Such is the story of the new orchid species recently discovered in Japan, which scientists found in places you'd least expect: the country's parks, gardens and even the potted plants on people's balconies! Its appearance is also hard to miss, with the delicate and rosy pink petals making the flower seem like it is spun from glass.



Masayuki Ishibashi

It has smaller flowers with wider bases and straighter central petals than other *Spiranthes* species.

The species was initially spotted near Hachijo Island in Tokyo Prefecture, and has therefore been named *Spiranthes hachijoensis*.

The genus *Spiranthes* houses a wonderful variety of orchids that display a broad range of morphological traits. With that said, its flowers are typically small and in shades of white and pink, and their spiral arrangement around a central stalk has earned them the moniker 'ladies' tresses'.

Apart from being well-known and -loved in Japan, these orchids are also significant to the country's culture. In fact, their mention dates back all the way to the eighth-century Manyo-shu, Japan's oldest extant anthology of poetry.

This find is incredibly interesting for two reasons; first, the discovery of a new flowering plant species in Japan is considered extraordinarily rare, considering the region's flora has been extensively documented and studied.

Secondly, its existence corrects the popular belief that the *Spiranthes* on the Japanese mainland constituted just a single species (*Spiranthes australis*).

It took the researchers a comprehensive and multifaceted ten-year study involving DNA analysis, field observations, morphology checks and more to be able to differentiate between *Spiranthes australis* and the new-found *Spiranthes hachijoensis*. While the level of molecular divergence between the two is high, their morphological (body plan) difference remains minimal.

All in all, this discovery further reinforces the thought that beauty remains hidden in plain sight, just waiting to be noticed — all we need to do is open our eyes and look!

The paper was published online in the *Journal of Plant Research* on March 17, 2023