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Meeting Dates

- June 24
- September 17
- October 15
- November 19
- December 17

Meetings start at 1:30 pm in the Meeting Room at Olbrich Gardens unless otherwise noted

Up-Coming Events

- August 26 -27, Greater Cincinnati and Miami Valley Orchid Society's "Ohio Valley Orchid Fest", Dayton, OH
- September 16 - 17, Wisconsin Orchid Society "Fall in Love with Orchids", Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory, 524 S Layton Blvd, Milwaukee
- October 28 - 29, Eastern Iowa Orchid Society's 10th Anniversary Show and Sale "Orchids are a Scream", Elks Lodge Hall, 801 33rd Ave SW, Cedar Rapids, IA
- 2024, March 1-4, 23rd World Orchid Congress, Tainan, Taiwan

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NEXT MEETING JUNE 24TH ANNUAL OGG PICNIC

Luau at Ken Cameron's "Fabulous Ranch"
See following page for details



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

OGG members,

We had a very busy and fun May with the Mother's Day sale, election of officers and member's auction! The Guild is strong because of its many active members. Our meeting turn out has been close to 30 members with much orchid discussion and sharing of knowledge.

On meeting day, we now have more members actively helping with set up, plant judging, membership, sales, and library than ever before! Thank you!

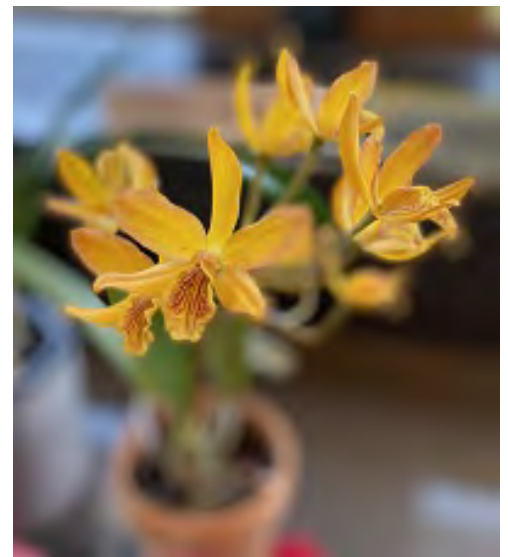
Cynthia, Lynn and Lisa have been selected to continue their respective offices as Vice President, Secretary, and Open Board member. Thank you for agreeing to another term!

Again we had a great showing of fantastic plants for judging!

Our summer meeting will be a picnic at Ken Cameron's lovely home, **June 24**. More information in the newsletter. Please plan to attend, relax, eat, see Ken's great orchid collection, bonsai collection, growing areas, and discuss orchids!

Thank you again all who volunteered, bought plants, donated plants and just showed up!

We will start up again with meetings in September! See you at the picnic!



Jeff Metcalf's *Epicattleya* Kyoguchi
'Peter's Pick' x *Blc* Love Sound
'Dogashima'

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— Sue Reed

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- Theme: Hawaiian Luau, wear your summer island shirts
- BBQ pork, grilled pineapple, and hula music will be provided
- Please bring an appetizer, side dish, or beverage, and your aloha spirit!!
- "The Fabulous Ranch" is situated on 20 peaceful acres along the beautiful Sugar River.
- Two canoes and three kayaks are available for paddling
- There is also a walking path through 10 acres of restored tall grass prairie to explore
- To be rescheduled in case of rain. **More information to follow**

OGG ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC



Join Ken Cameron & Brian Thompson for a

LUAU
PARTY
AND
BBQ

JUNE | NOON-
24th | DUSK

at "The Fabulous Ranch"
318 County Road PB
Belleville, WI 53508
(2 miles south of Paoli)

OGG MAY MONTHLY MEETING SUMMARY

Last Meeting of the Year

The May meeting was the last monthly meeting of this year. The annual picnic will be held in June 24th at Ken Cameron's home. More information will be coming out soon about this event. Monthly meetings will resume September 17th.

First on the agenda were the nominations for board members for the next year. Sue Reed announced the list of nominees for the board positions and noted that all current board members had agreed to continue for an additional term. She then asked if there were any additional nominations from the floor. Since there were no additions to the slate of candidates, Lorraine Snyder motioned for a vote by the members present at the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jeff Metcalf and was passed unanimously.

Chuck Acker and Jeff Metcalf reported on the amazing orchids brought in by members for ribbon judging. Chuck noted that this was an excellent display for the month of May since most orchids are no longer in flowering mode. Meg McLaughlin brought her *Phragmipedium rothschildianum*, a plant that she won in 2013 at the Guild Christmas party when for \$5, members could select a mystery plant in a brown paper bag. Meg remembers a few comments from

members about the likelihood of that plant surviving more than a few months. But it has bloomed three times already. Way to go Meg! One of our members from Milwaukee, Patricia, brought her first time blooming *Phragmipedium rothschildianum*. Gerry King showed off his *Oncidium (Gomesa)* Jiaho Queen 'Jiaho' GM/TOGA that was purchased from Natt's Orchids at Orchid Quest 2023. The plant has striking yellow and black flowers and is a miniature warm/intermediate grower requiring bright light. I've heard a few members have already purchased their own Jiaho Queen. I got mine in the mail yesterday.

Finally, Chuck led the annual members' plant auction. In addition to members' plants there were a few plants left from the spring sale and the donation from Sophie's Orchids. Chuck also had a great selection of Phrags that were non-blooming.

Hope to see everyone at the June picnic. Have a great summer.

— Lynn West



Patricia Jones' *Paphiopedilum rothschildianum* FIRST BLOOM



Photograph by Sue Reed

Gerry King's *Oncidium (Gomesa)* Jiaho Queen 'Jiaho' GM/TOGA



Jeff Metcalf's *Miltonia* 'Morris Chestnut' H171 (*Miltoniopsis* Martin Orenstein × *Miltoniopsis* Goodhope Bay)

THE MOVE

OGG maintains a storage garage to keep props, orchid supplies, old records, etc. Items that are in use frequently are kept at the users' residence as are items affected by extremes of temperature such as computers, printers, label makers, projectors, etc.

Our long-time location in Middleton was torn down to make way for a medical clinic so we moved to a site across from Woodman's West found by Lorraine Snyder. We paid \$80 for a 10' x 10' locker until the facility was bought out by a national corporation last year which upped the rent to \$112/month and then last month to \$145 which they described as "market rates", to



Tarp folding

to be sold nor are they anticipating increases of more than a few dollars/month.

Two days were spent by OGG volunteers moving/ sorting and arranging. On May 20 the last items needed were moved and new shelving purchased, built, and set up.

A big thank you to Jeff B, Denise, Terri, Rich, Lynn and Cynthia for all of their physical and mental labor involved. Thank you to Denise for helping dispose of the unwanted items.

By the way we have some closet shelving free for the transportation as our last item to move!

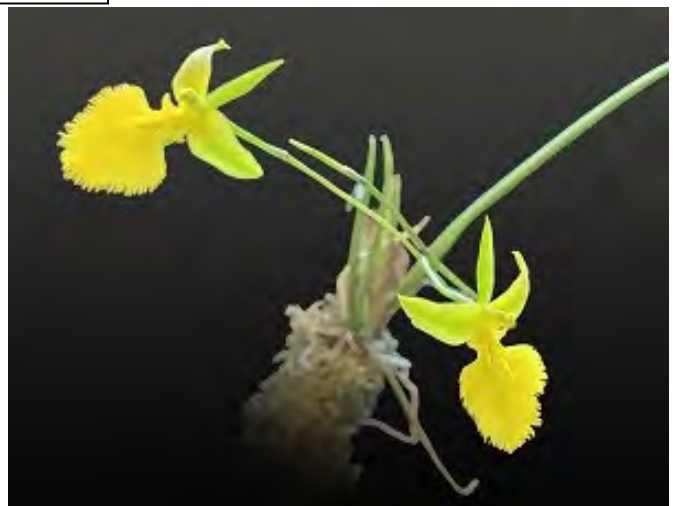


Orchid Guild stuff

Orchid Quest stuff

be reassessed every six months.

Thank you to members who gave us input on locations for our use. We appreciate Ken's kind offer of his barn. We believe that the new location of Tuck A Way storage is convenient and the most reasonable, especially when a 10' x 10' is available for \$85/month. Presently we have two, 5' x 5' lockers one for Orchid Quest/show supplies and the other one for travel show supplies/history/membership/educational items @ \$55/month. This storage facility is locally run by a family and presently is not in consideration



Susan Reed's miniature *Oncidium calochilum* = *Tolumnia calochila*

SPRING ORCHID SALES

This spring has been very busy with orchid sales! Lorraine and Denise drove to Hausermann's Orchids to purchase orchids to supplement the ones Chuck obtained from Hawaii for our Spring Orchid sale. (For several years we have had this sale at Olbrich to coincide with their pansy sale in April which had attracted a lot of buyers.) Last year we moved the date to May, just prior to Mother's Day. This has proven to be a timely sale.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped set up, price, organize, sell, and take down. Gary Lensmeyer manned the education table and the many volunteers from OGG offered educational information and practical knowledge to the public. We had a great group of very friendly and helpful OGG volunteers who helped also encourage several buyers to become new members. Terri handled the sales transactions and records. There were 55 purchasers. After expenses, the Guild netted \$2239.79.

Thank you to our members who volunteered and or purchased. Thanks to Lorraine, Denise and Chuck for making the sale possible.

The following week was the annual Member's Auction. Our meeting was relocated to one of the classrooms which was a great venue with lots of room and great natural light. Chuck acted as our extremely knowledgeable auction-



Sue Reed, Chuck Acker and Jeff Metcalf discussing orchids presented for ribbon judging

eer, and again Terri handled the sales transactions and records.

Sixteen members made purchases. After expenses we made \$971.78, a new record!



OGG Members Dan Schmidt and Gary Lensmeyer at the Information Table at the Spring Orchid Sale.



Ken Cameron found orchids in the Czech Republic

May OGG Ribbon Judging

First Place

Chuck Acker	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Acker's Angel (<i>besseae</i> x Acker's Lovely)
Jeff Metcalf	<i>Miltonia</i> 'Morris Chestnut' H171 (<i>Miltoniopsis</i> Martin Orenstein x <i>Miltoniopsis</i> Goodhope Bay)
Jeff Metcalf	<i>Miltonia</i> Golden Snows 'White Light' (<i>Miltoniopsis</i> Frosty Meadow x <i>Miltoniopsis roezlii</i>)
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Paphiopedilum hirtussimum</i> x sib ('Gigantic' x 'High Color')
Meg McLaughlin	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> St. Swithin (<i>rothchildianum</i> x <i>philippinense</i>)
Susan Reed	<i>Paphiopedilum philipenense</i> album FIRST BLOOM SEEDLING
Meg McLaughlin	<i>Paphiopedilum rothschildianum</i>
Gary Lensmeyer	<i>Encyclia</i> Rufly Profuse (<i>rufa</i> x <i>profuse</i>)
Chuck Acker	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Jordan's Peach Tango (Acker's Sunbeam x <i>dalessandroi</i>)
Patricia Jones	<i>Phragmipedium</i> unknown hybrid
Chuck Acker	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> MS Orange Smoothie
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Ming Hsing Red Dancing Lady
Susan Reed	<i>Miltonia</i> Rene Komoda 'Pacific Clouds' (<i>Miltoniopsis</i> Edwidge Sabourin x <i>Miltoniopsis roezlii</i>)
Patricia Jones	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Quintal Bang (QF Kamakallo Tyler x Twilight)
Meg McLaughlin	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Kolosand (<i>kolopakingii</i> x <i>sanderianum</i>)
Gerry King	<i>Oncidium</i> Jiaho Queen 'Jiaho' (<i>Mulattas</i> x <i>varicosa</i>)

Second Place

Susan Reed	<i>Oncidium calochilum</i> = <i>Tolumnia calochila</i>
Patricia Jones	<i>Paphiopedilum rothschildianum</i>
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Paphiopedilum delanatii</i> x sib FIRST BLOOM
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Rosalie Dixler (<i>besseae</i> x <i>kaieteurum</i>)
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> unregistered hybrid
Chuck Acker	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Fritz Schomburg (<i>kovachii</i> x <i>besseae</i>)
Chuck Acker	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Ralph Goldner (Mem Dick Clements x St Ouen)
Jeff Metcalf	<i>Epicattleya</i> Kyoguchi 'Peter's Pick' x <i>Blc</i> Love Sound 'Dogashima'



Lorraine Snyder's *Phalaenopsis* unregistered hybrid



Gary Lensmeyer's *Encyclia* Rufly Profuse (*rufa* x *profuse*) [three feet tall!]



Chuck Acker's *Phalaenopsis* MS Orange Smoothie

What's Blooming at Bolz . . .

Some of the blooming orchids on display during May included:

- Cyrtopodium punctatum*
- Maxillaria tenuifolia*
- Chysis bractescens*
- Miltoniopsis*
- Coelogyne lawrenceana*
- Coelogyne pandurata*
- Maxillaria splendens*
- Phragmipedium richteri*
- Vanda*
- Vanda garayi*
- Coelogyne speciosa v salmonicolor*
- Ascda Brighton Gold*
- Vanda curvifolia f. franksmithiana*
- Dendrobium gouldii*
- Dendrobium senile*
- Smitinanadia micrantha*
- Ceratostylis retisquama*
- Anguloa X ruckeri*
- Myrmecophila thompsoniana*
- Encyclia alata*
- Oncidium Mendenhall 'Hildos'*
- Cattleya purpurata 'Blue Sky var. werkhausen*
- Stelis allenii*
- Bulbophyllum leysianum*
- Cirrhopetalum gusdorfii*



Cyrtopodium punctatum



Vanda



Coelogyne pandurata

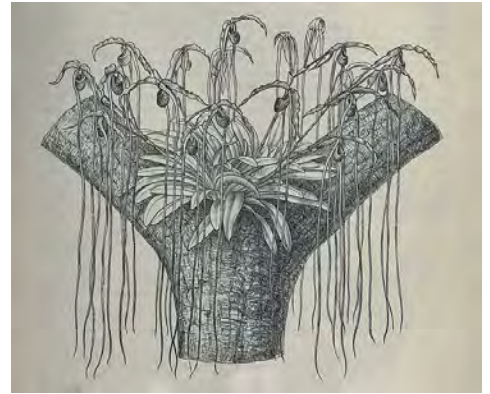


Cattleya purpurata 'Blue Sky var. werkhausen

What's Blooming at Home . . .

Robert Rolfe revised all the slipper orchids in 1896. Those species native to the tropical Americas were placed in either *Selenipedium* or *Phragmipedium*. All species are either epiphytic or terrestrial and grow at elevations between 1300-7200 feet. Inflorescences can be up to 3 ft. long and can bear up to 15 flowers. The flowers themselves can measure 30 inches or more from the tip of the dorsal sepal to the tip of a lateral petal. Spring is when they bloom as evidenced by the examples brought in for ribbon judging and these provided by home growers.

— From AOS



Phragmipedium caudatum, from *Pflanzenreich*, Vol. 50



Jeff Baylis' *Phragmipedium warszewiczianum var wallisii* petals 25" +



Nancy Thomas' *Phragmipedium humboldtii* has petals 28". Bought at OQ from Tom Kalina (Fox Valley Orchids)



Keith Nelson's *Phragmipedium caudatum* 24"



Nancy Thomas, "This yellow ladyslipper (*Cypripedium parviflorum*) is in my front yard, 14 flowers. I won the plant at an OGG auction years ago. *Stelis trichostoma* (formerly *Pleurothallis trichostoma*) is a miniature that I bought from Andy's Orchids when they were a vendor at Orchid Quest."



Stelis trichostoma



Jeff Baylis, "I bought this Phal from Hausermann's the last time they were at Orchid Quest. The flowers are 5" across."