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Meeting Dates

- March 19
- April 16
- May 21
- June TBA

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

Up-Coming Events

- March 4-5, Wisconsin Orchid Society Spring Show, Milaegers
- March 11-12, Illinois Orchid Society Show, Chicago Botanical Gardens, Glencoe IL
- May 13, Spring Orchid Sale, Olbrich, Atrium
- 2024, March 1-4, 23rd World Orchid Congress, Tainan, Taiwan

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NEXT MEETING MARCH 19

Harry Gallis, "Antelope Dendrobiums, My Twisted Passion"

Harry Gallis will cover some background on Dendrobium in general, then look at the various antelope species. What is an antelope dendrobium? "Depending on who is classifying and when there are 10-15 sections of dendrobium species, generally arranged by morphology and geographic location. The two sections I will concentrate on in this talk are spatulata ("antelopes") and phalaenopsis - inflorescence and flowers look like phalaenopsis. These species generally come from the South Pacific including Australia, New Guinea and New Zealand. They are easily grown in intermediate to hot temperatures and Cattleya or more light. I will try to cover the most interesting species and currently available hybrids."



Harry Gallis at work in his greenhouse

"I am a native of Athens, GA, and graduate of Duke University School of Medicine where I practiced and taught internal medicine and infectious diseases. I've been formally retired from medicine for 10 years but still work part time as a medical consultant for Social Security.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi OGG members,

We had another very successful Orchid Quest again, thanks to Terri's leadership, everybody's hard work and the many members who stepped up and carried out the necessary tasks!

We had a great February meeting with an interesting and informative presentation by Fred Clark and a great turn out of members, both former and new, as well as visitors. We also had the Olbrich library staff in attendance for the kick off of our new partnership with Olbrich's Schumacher library. Eva Stefanski, the Horticultural Librarian and her Sunday staff attended the

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this process.

Thank you all for attending and bringing plants to the meeting and for the Batavia Orchid Society show for judging More about Batavia in the next newsletter.

We still have two more orchid shows ,one in Racine for the Wisconsin Orchid Society on [March 4-5](#), Illinois Orchid Society at Chicago Botanical Gardens, [March 11-12](#). These are great places to show off your orchids while supporting OGG!

See you at the March meeting!

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meeting and welcomed us to use the library at noon (an hour before) our regularly scheduled [Sunday](#) meetings. The library is usually not open on [Sunday](#)'s but Olbrich library staff are doing this just for us . OGG members may checkout OGG books for a month to be returned at the next monthly meeting. If you are also an Olbrich member you may check out Olbrich books.

Orchid Quest allowed OGG to purchase plants for the February meeting raffle and auction. We usually don't have that many plants (over 10) available for auction/raffle but with members continued interest we will be able to support this at future meetings. (Even the library staff were able to go home with an orchid!) Members also donated plants for the auction which is a great way to share your hobby, and support the Guild!

We will be having another auction/raffle at the next meeting with some non-plant items.

At the February meeting we had a huge number of interesting and well grown plants. Unfortunately we did not have time to talk about them. Therefore we are changing our meeting agenda to facilitate this opportunity to learn from fellow growers who have brought their orchids in for us to enjoy.

Approximate times:

- Check out Olbrich library at 12 noon.
 - 1 PM Meeting socialization
 - Orchid judging starts at 1:15 sharp (with Ken and Chuck and other members)
 - 1:30 short announcements and short business
 - 1:45 Review of plants from the judging table by Chuck and Ken
 - 2:00 short break
 - 2:15 introduction to speaker
 - 3:15 Raffles/auctions
 - 3:30 meeting adjourned
 - Socialization can continue but Olbrich would appreciate us to be out by 4 PM.

For the plant judging you may take slips home to fill out before the meeting. We are working on ways to speed up

FEBRUARY OGG RIBBON JUDGING

First Place

Chuck Acker	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Elizabeth Castle 'Maximus' AM/AOS 4N (Mem Dick Clements x Hanne Popow)
Chuck Acker	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Columbianum (<i>manzurii</i> x <i>schlimii</i>)
Patrician Jones	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Eric Young (<i>besseae</i> x <i>longifolium</i>)
Meg McLaughlin	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Paul Eugene Conroy (<i>longifolium</i> 'Waunakee' x <i>wallisii</i>)
Chuck Acker	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Fritz Schomburg (<i>kovachii</i> x <i>besseae</i> v flavum)
Meg McLaughlin	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Hsinying Delight 'Meg's Shock' (<i>spicerianum</i> #2 x Stone Lovely)
Terri Jozwiak	<i>Clowesia</i> Rebecca Northen (Grace Dunn x <i>rosea</i>)
Patricia Jones	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Hanne Popow (<i>besseae</i> fma flavum x <i>schlimii</i>)
Meg McLaughlin	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Acker's Whitecap (Yerba Buena x Acker's Pinnacle)
Terri Jozwiak	<i>Masdevallia</i> (<i>herradurae</i> x <i>nicaraguae</i>)
Meg McLaughlin	<i>Phragmipedium</i> St Ouen v flavum (Hanne Popow 4N x <i>bessaea</i> v flavum)
Patricia Jones	<i>Coelogyne cristata</i> var. <i>grandiflora</i>
Meg McLaughlin	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Acker's Spirit (Acker's Lovely x Hanne Popow)
Chuck Acker	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> KV Beauty (Salu Peoker x Chih Shang's Stripes)
Lorraine Synder	<i>Phragmipedium</i> LaVingtaine (Memoria Dick Clements 'Sandy's Gem' AM/AOS x <i>kovachii</i> 'Muscular')
Jeff Metcalf	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Cardinale (<i>schlimii</i> x <i>sedenii</i>)
Gary Lensmeyer	<i>Cymbidium</i> Skippy 'Koharu Biyori' (October x <i>floribundum</i>)
Patricia Jones	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Cardinale 'Bion' (<i>schlimii</i> x <i>sedenii</i>)
Dan Schmidt	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Saint Swithin (<i>rothschildianum</i> x <i>philippinense</i>)

Second Place

Meg McLaughlin	<i>Paphiopedilum hainanense</i>
Meg McLaughlin	<i>Brassavola</i> (<i>nodosa</i> 'Panama Soire' x <i>nodosa</i> 'Mas Mejor' AM/CCM/AOS)

Third Place

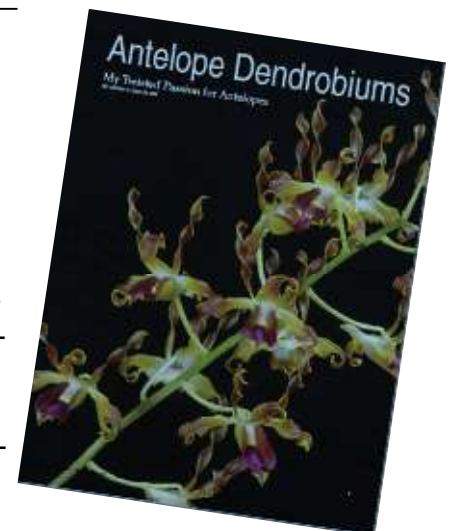
Meg McLaughlin	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Meredyth Ellen (<i>hainanense</i> x <i>wolterianum</i>)
Chuck Acker	<i>Phalenopsis</i> Fuller's Sunset (Taisuco Date x Chian Xen Queen)
Gary Lensmeyer	<i>Oncidium</i> (unknown grows on rocks)
Jeff Metcalf	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> (Joanne's Wine 'Siren' x Red Zinger 'Double Fun')

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I began growing orchids in 1980, initially purely as a hobbyist, ultimately growing my collection to a small commercial backyard operation with 3500 plants. I have been a member of the AOS since 1980, entered the AOS judging program in 1991, chaired the Carolinas Judging Center, served as AOS judges' training coordinator, AOS Trustee from 2004-2010 and 2013-16, and as Chair of the Judging Committee of AOS from 2010-14 and now an Emeritus Judge. I left the board in April 2016 but continue to serve as an Honorary Vice President and member of the AOS Governance Committee. I have been active in the Triangle Orchid Society here in Durham mostly also since 1980, past president, program

chair and everything else.

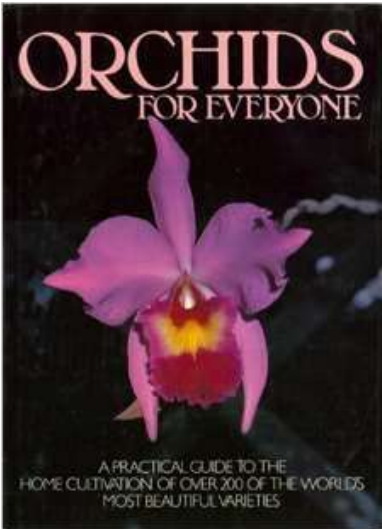
My plants have received 56 AOS awards including three of my own hybrids: Den Alex Gallis, Den Sara Gallis and Rct Savannah Hope Gallis. My collection consists primarily of Cattleyas and Dendrobiums."



RE-CAP FEBRUARY MEETING

Fred Clarke on Catasetinae

The February Orchid Growers' meeting was also the Guild's annual public meeting. After a briefing by Orchid Quest Show Chair, Terri Jozwiak,



on show attendance and revenues, the standing room only crowd was treated to the first book review by Chuck Acker of the book *Orchids for Everyone*. The book is now available to members from the Guild's collection in the Olbrich library. It is just one of the many excellent Orchid reference materials in the collec-

tion. Although the book was originally released in 1987, Chuck described the work as inspirational for both the novice and experienced grower. Chuck is planning to review a new book each month. Next month he will review the latest addition to the collection. The library is open during the monthly meetings as a benefit to our members.

Fred Clarke, founder of Sunset Valley Orchids (SVO) in Vista, California, gave a presentation via Zoom on the use of *Cycnoches*, *Mormodes*, and *Catasetums* in his breeding program which has produced numerous awarded hybrids. His many hybrids are not only spectacularly beautiful but are excellent plants for the orchid hobbyist. One of the best known of these crosses produced the *Fredclarkeara* (Fdk.) After Dark 'SVO Black Pearl' clone which is described by Fred as having black flowers. According to the [Orchid Roots](#) website this hybrid has in its parentage 25% *Morm. sinuata*, 25% *Ctism. tenebrosum*, 19% *Cl. rosea*, 13% *Ctism. expansum*, 13% *Ctism. pileatum*, and 6% *Cl. warczewitzii*. His latest direction in hybridization with *Catasetinae* has produced the six-time awarded *Ctmds. Dragon Glade*. Some of the plants of this grex produced nearly black flowers, while others produced yellow flowers. Flowers of the hybrid are longer

lasting than any of the parents; almost as if the flower life from each parent was additive.

In addition to wowing the audience with beautiful images of his many hybrids, Fred also described the fascinating breeding strategy of sexual dimorphism in *Catasetums* and *Cycnoches* (*Mormodes* have perfect flowers). This strategy makes self-pollination virtually impossible thereby increasing genetic diversity. *Catasetums* are famous for their pollen ejecting capability. The male flowers have the capability to eject pollinarium at a speed of 60 feet per second effectively attaching it onto the thorax of the pollinator, a species of Euglossine bee. Stunned by the attack from the male flower, the once bitten twice shy bee seeks out a flower with the same fragrance signature but with an entirely different look leading the bee to the female flower. The bee may forget the encounter with the male flower quickly and repeat the process.

Fred mentioned several times that these hybrids are excellent plants for the hobbyist. However,



Nancy Thomas' and Lorraine Snyder's Fdk. After Dark 'Sunset Valley Orchids' FCC/AOS (Mo. Painted Desert x Ctm. Donna Wise) from OGG Exhibit, OQ 2023

there are important cultural requirements that must be followed to grow these plants well. The plants grow naturally in monsoon conditions. They like hot and wet conditions during the summer when they grow rapidly. Water

frequently and fertilize every watering with 1/2 tsp of fertilizer per gallon of water (Use MSU for RO water if using RO, distilled, or rainwater, or

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ORCHID QUEST WRAP-UP

Orchid Quest is over and THANK YOU to everyone who helped. I am so proud of our member volunteers! There were more than 40 members helping. All those hands made all the jobs smaller and more manageable.

We had over 3600 attendees which is one of our highest attendances ever at an OQ. The glitches we experienced were not because of lack of volunteers! YOU were all great! We made money this year and after two years of coasting (COVID) it was so pleasant to see a profit. All our committee members were superb in their chores and got volunteer-help as they needed it. Thank you to all committee heads, Lorraine Snyder, Nancy Thomas, Doug Dowling and Gary Lensmeyer, Sue Reed, Sandra Gray, Carrie Weisman and Judy Williamson, Meg McLaughlin, Cynthia Wadsworth, Julie Ulland and Steve Thimling and Brent McCoy, Jacqui Zeigler and Scott Weber, Lisa Linde and so many more.....

AND thank you also to Girl Scout Troop 8268 of the Badgerland Council for making our first year of a Kids Korner a supreme success. I heard nothing but great comments about the kid's activities amongst the larger show. The kids enjoyed coloring (orchid pages of course!), the Sorting game (sorting orchid pictures by color or variety), the Orchid Hunt (looking for specific orchids in the Show Room) and face painting. Parents liked that their child was fully involved searching the (otherwise boring, so said some children) showroom. Parents could also shop at the OGG tables while their children were occupied at the Kids tables.

We signed up seven new members at OQ. Our guild membership used to hover around 40 but we

now over 70 members with 20 joining in the last few months. We are sure doing something right!!!

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who helped make Orchid Quest such a successful event.

—Terri Jozwiak



Sue Reed and Jim Wasser working on the OGG exhibit



Exhibit room (above) and vendor room (below)



2023 ORCHID QUEST—ORCHID GROWERS GUILD RESULTS

AOS Award—Highly Commended Certificate
AOS Show Trophy - Best Exhibit, First Place
Best of Class, First Place
Best of Class, Second Place

Chuck Acker *Phragmipedium* Manzur la Aldea (*manzurii* x *besseae* v. *flavum*)
 OGG Exhibit
 Chuck Acker *Phragmipedium* Eumelia Arias (*kovachii* x *schlimii*)
 Jeff Baylis *Oncidium* *splendidum*

First Place

Gary Lensmeyer *Cymbidium* Pipeta (*pumilum* x Spartan Queen)
 Gary Lensmeyer *Cymbidium* Sara Jean 'Ice Cascade' CCM/AOS (*pumilum* x Sleeping Beauty)
 Nancy Thomas *Fdk. After Dark* 'Sunset Valley Orchids' FCC/AOS (Mo. Painted Desert x Ctm. Donna Wise)
 Jeff Metcalf *Lc.* Shirayukihime (Mildred Rives x Tokyo Magic)
 Meg McLaughlin *Paphiopedilum* Hsinying Delight 'Meg's Shock' HCC/AOS (*Paph* *spicerianum* #2 x Stone Lovely 'C.H. #4')
 Chris Neumann *Paphiopedilum* (Hilo Leopard '#1' x Captivatingly Wood 'Fireworks')
 Terri Jozwiak *Phaius* Micro Burst 'Oktoberfest' (*Gastrorchis pulchra* x *Phaius tankervilleae*)
 Chuck Acker *Phragmipedium* Dennis Kleinbach 'Waunakee Warrior' HCC/AOS (*czerwiakowianum* x *longifolium*)
 Chuck Acker *Phragmipedium* *kovachii*

Second Place

Gary Lensmeyer *Cymbidium* Cherry Blossom 'Profusion' (*floribundum* x *erthrostylum*)
 Meg McLaughlin *Paphiopedilu* *hainanense*
 Chuck Acker *Phalaenopsis* Unknown
 Meg McLaughlin *Phragmipedium* St Ouen (Hanne Popow 4N x *besseae* v. *flavum*)
 Chuck Acker *Phragmipedium* Peruflores's Spirit (*kovachii* x Eric Young)
 Ken Cameron *Phragmipedium* 'Grande'
 Jeff Metcalf *Wilsonara* John Miller (*Once*. Tribbles x *Onc.* Burning Bed)
 Lynn West *Zygopetalum* Advance Australia 'HOF' AM/AOS (Titanic x Helen-Ku)

Third Place

Jeff Baylis *Dendrobium* *peguanum* x sib
 Lorraine Synder FDK After Dark 'Sunset Valley Orchids' FCC/AOS
 Susan Reed *Paphiopedilum* (Little Trouble #1 x King Charles)
 Meg McLaughlin *Paphiopedilum* Acker's White Cap (Yerba Buena x Acker's Pinnacle)
 Nancy Thomas *Paphiopedilum* *delenatii*
 Lynn West *Paphiopedilum* In Charm Grace #2 (In-Charm White 'Chao Chou' BM/TPS x *niveum* forma album 'Sogo')
 Chuck Acker *Phalaenopsis* Unknown
 Chuck Acker *Phragmipedium* Acker's Meredyth (Priscilla's Pirouette x *kovachii*)
 Chuck Acker *Phragmipedium* Inca Rose 'White Hot' (*besseae* x Pink

Panther)

Chuck Acker *Phragmipedium* Pink Panther (*schlimii* x *fischeri*)
 Chuck Acker *Phrag-*



Photograph by Irene Mackie
 Chuck Acker's *Phragmipedium*
 Acker's Meredyth (Priscilla's Pirouette x *kovachii*)



Photograph by Irene Mackie
 Ken Cameron's *Phragmipedium*
 'Grande'



2023 Best of Class Awards

BOS 4, 9-10, Exhibits, Educational, Amateur	Grateful Gardener	
BOC 17-27, Cattleya and Guarianthe	Jeff Metcalf, Eastern Iowa Orchid Society Natt's Orchids	<i>Rhyncattleanthe</i> Velvet Fire (<i>Rth</i> Star Fire x <i>Rlc</i> Velvet Rubies)
BOC 31-36, Paphiopedilum Primary Hybrids		<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Michael Koopowitz (<i>philippinense</i> x <i>sanderianum</i>)
BOC 43-47, Phragmipedium kovachii hybrids	Chuck Acker, Orchid Growers Guild	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Eumelia Arias (<i>kovachii</i> x <i>schlimii</i>)
BOC 48-62, Phalaenopsis Species	Walter Crawford, Wisconsin Orchid Society	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> <i>lobbii</i>
BOC 63-78, Vanda Alliance	Walter Crawford, Wisconsin Orchid Society	<i>Schoenorchis</i> <i>paniculata</i>
BOC 79-86, Oncidium Species	Jeffrey Baylis, Orchid Growers Guild	<i>Oncidium</i> <i>splendidum</i>
BOC 87-89, Cymbidium hybrids, flowers smaller than 3 inches	Liz Fitzgerald, Batavia Orchid Society	<i>Cymbidium</i> Ming 'Emperor' (Oiso x Rusper)
BOC 90-96, Dendrobium	Olbrich Botanical Society	<i>Dendrobium</i> <i>spectabile</i>
BOC 104-111, Orchid grown for foliage interest	Andy Coghill-Behrends, Eastern Iowa Orchid Society	<i>Ludisia</i> <i>discolor</i>



Phalaenopsis lobbii, Walter Crawford, Wisconsin Orchid Society



Oncidium Splendidum, Jeffrey Baylis, Orchid Growers Guild



Schoenorchis paniculata, Walter Crawford, Wisconsin Orchid Society. The flowers on the plant are about 2 mm.



Photograph by Irene Mackie
Paphiopedilum Michael Koopowitz (*philippinense* x *sanderianum*), Natt's Orchids

2023 ORCHID QUEST SPECIAL AWARDS

AOS Trophy for Best Exhibit

Orchid Growers Guild

Best of Show - Best Orchid Plant

Andy Coghill-Behrends, Eastern Iowa Orchid Society

Ludisia discolor

President's Award

Deno Kandis, Eastern Iowa Orchid Society

Lysudamuloa Red Jewel (*Lysudamuloa* Geysler Gold x *Angulocaste* Red Jade)

Show Chairs' Weird and Wonderful Award

C & J High, Illinois Orchid Society

Trichopilia x *ramonensis* (*suavis* x *marginata*)

Orchid Growers Guild Award - Favorite Overlooked Orchid Exhibited by an OGG Member

Terri Jozwiak, Orchid Growers Guild

Clowesia Grace Dunn (Cl. Warczewitzii 'SVO' x Cl. Rosea 'Fantastic Andy')

Richard and Patricia Narf Memorial Award – Most Photogenic Orchid Kid's Choice, First Place

Walter Crawford, Wisconsin Orchid Society

Dendrobium aphanochilum C. Fritz Nicholas 'Spring Dance'

Kid's Choice, Second Place

Liz Fitzgerald, Batavia Orchid Society

Chuck Acker, Orchid Growers Guild

Phragmipedium kovachii

Kid's Choice, Third Place

William Wrate, Illinois Orchid Society

Blc. Chyong Chaffinch 'Sunset Blaze'



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use a 20-20-20 fertilizer if using hard tap water. This will help ensure the pH is in the correct range). Around Thanksgiving the plants begin to go into dormancy. The leaves start turning yellow and will eventually drop as these are deciduous plants. Reduce watering gradually at this point and stop fertilizer application. When most or all of the leaves have dropped, discontinue all

watering. Repot as needed when the new growth just starts using a well-draining potting medium. The roots develop in anticipation of the “rains” coming not due to the application of water. But don’t water yet. Wait until the roots on the new growths are at least 3-6 inches long before starting the cycle over.

—Lynn West

**RUNNERS UP: Orchid Growers Guild Award
Favorite Overlooked Orchid Exhibited by an OGG Member**



Photograph by Cynthia Wadsworth
Susuan Reed's Paph Lynleigh Koopowitz
(*maliense* x *deleantii* var Dundel)

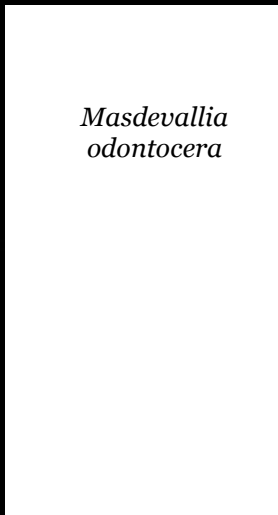


Photograph by Cynthia Wadsworth
Chuck Acker's *Phrag. Twilight* (Eric Young x Living Fire)

Editor's Favorite
Miniature Orchids



Dendrobium albiflorum



Masdevallia odontocera



Bulbophyllum lasiochilum

Bulbophyllum lasiochilum
Tag
Collector K. 18
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Class 1.0