

March
2025



Meeting Dates

- March 16
- April 27
- May 18
- June Picnic TBA

All in-person and Zoom Meetings start at 1:00pm in the Meeting Room at Olbrich Gardens unless otherwise noted

Up-Coming Events

- March 1-2 "Orchids for Everyone", Milaeger's Show
- March 8-9 Illinois Show, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe IL
- March 22-23 Batavia Show, Cantigny Park, Wheaton IL
- May 10, Spring Orchid Sale

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The Orchid Grower

Orchid Growers Guild of Madison

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NEXT MEETING, March 16th Scott Elliott of Maneki Hill Orchids

Scott Elliott's Maneki Neko Gardens in Ellabell, Georgia, is located on 11 acres in a country setting. Scott and Dominique Elliott grow more than 10,000 orchids and too many daylilies to count. Orchids are sold under the Maneki Hill brand and daylilies are sold under Scott Elliott Daylilies.

Maneki Hill Orchids specializes in miniature, hybrids and mounted small and miniature orchids. Scott and Sue hybridize and sell their own orchids as well as an extensive collection of orchids from Fred Clarke at Sunset Valley Orchids.

Scott is offering a 10% discount on preorders. Members can use their website to browse but should contact Scott directly to place their order. Scott will be bringing a wide selection of catasetinae for sale to the meeting. He is not planning to bring other genera to offer for sale. Please place preorders for specific plants by March 12th..

President's Message

Hi OGG members,

We had great February meeting with many new members in attendance who had joined at Orchid Quest!! Welcome all. We would love to get to know all our new members and to help them feel comfortable with our organization. So new members, feel free to introduce yourself as well as questions! That's what we are all about. We all are continuing to learn about orchid growing and I have learned much from our newer members. Growing orchids is a constantly evolving endeavor and experience! No ONE knows it all! We can all learn from each other!

We continue to have an exciting year with Scott Elliot coming from Georgia to bring Catasetum plants only for sale. (<https://www.aos.org/explore/alliance/catasetum-alliance>) Scott has a large variety of other genera on his website which you may pre-order from him to hand deliver to Madison. We would like to make this a worthwhile trip for him financially because his remunera-

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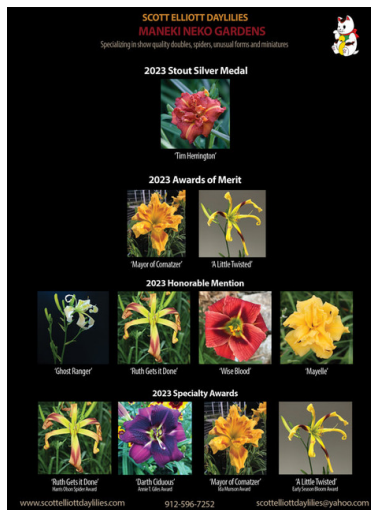
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AOS: Nancy Thomas
MAOC: Lynn West

PROGRAMMING TIMELINE

- 12:00 pm Doors Open
- 12:30 Socializing During Plant Judging
- 1:00 Meeting Begins; Announcements
- 1:15 pm Show & Tell Table
- 2:00 Break
- 2:15 pm Guest Speaker
- 3:15 pm Door Prizes
- 3:30 pm Meeting Ends

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tion is the plants he sells. Please try to be supportive. Do not pre-order on his website rather Email your pre-order directly to him (scottelliottdaylilies@yahoo.com), Scott Elliott Daylilies & Maneki Hill Orchids



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Orchids

Our April meeting will be informative as well as your opportunity to buy some unique orchids at Chuck's auction of specially selected plants.

The May meeting is generally the meeting when we have orchid discussions and members donate their extra and/or stubborn orchids to our silent auction for other members to try their luck with! Many orchids have found congenial homes! Other plants and orchid supplies may also be sold at the silent auction with all proceeds going to the Guild. This is a good way to support the organization by donating and buying! Good deals abound.

May is also our month to elect board members. The Vice-President position and a board position are up for election. Cynthia has agreed to stay on for another term as Vice-President. Carrie's board position is open. The officers, President, Vice president, Secretary and Treasurer positions are for two years but the three board position terms are for three years, for a total of seven members. Thus each election cycle has at least two positions open with always a named position and a board position. The open board position is a good spot to learn about the organization while helping to make decisions concerning the budget, and other functions of the Guild.

If interested please just contact me or another board member. (Board meetings are monthly on Zoom, the first Tuesday of the month and are not terribly time consuming or difficult to attend). All board members have duties that are suited to their abilities, so there is some extra responsibilities and time commitment depending upon the individual.

June is our picnic which is held at a member's house, guests bring a dish or beverage to share. It is generally held outside and the date in June is decided by the hosts/hostesses. We would like a volunteer to offer their house for this fun and informal gathering.

Thank you for joining the Guild and attending the meetings!!

— Sue Reed

Orchid Quest 2025

Thank you all for all the labor and support that you provided to Orchid Quest 2025. Some of the positive reactions were that the venue was a beautiful space, it was great working with the staff of Monona Terrace, and the food was delicious.

We had about 1400 visitors on Saturday and about 500 visitors on Sunday. That rivals some of our best years at the Alliant Center.

I think the advertising committee did a great job of getting the word out about our change of venue.

Our treasurer is still getting our finances straightened out but YES we made a profit.

And we taught all these folks about growing, re-

potting, and reblooming orchids.

We also got about 25 NEW members to OGG! Fantastic!

Our exhibit was outstanding with more than 150 blooming orchid plants that were placed creatively for the best effect in a thoughtful design.

Our vendors were happy (one said he would NOT recommend our show to others because he didn't want to share our great show).

Overall it was a successful year for Orchid Quest. Thank you to ALL who helped and supported us. YOU made the difference.

Orchid Quest 2026 will be February 7-8 with set-up on Friday, February 6.

— Terri Jozwiak
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February Meeting Summary

The February members' meeting was held a few weeks after the Orchid Quest 2025 (OQ25) show and sale and was also the Guild's annual public meeting. This was the first opportunity for members to get together and talk about their OQ25 experiences at the new Monona Terrace venue. Our display was possibly the largest that the Guild has ever created with about 150 plants submitted by 21 Guild members. Numerous AOS awards were received by both individual exhibitors and for the display. So far feedback on the show from vendors, judges, and Guild members has been very positive. This is amazing given that this was the first show at the new venue. Congratulations to all of the planners and volunteers that helped make the show a success. There were about 65 volunteers; also amazing.

Before the presentation, Chuck Acker polled the members on their preference for the April meeting between having a member auction of curated plants or having a pollination demonstration. The members voted to have an auction similar to the one we had last April.

The speaker for the meeting was Ken Cameron, Guild member and UW Madison Professor. His



Jeff Metcalf's *Cymbidium* One Tree Hill 'Solstice Gold' (Coraki × Dolly) earned Best of Class, First Place and Kid's Choice Special Award

presentation was on Vanilla orchids. If you are interested in more information about Vanilla orchids, Ken has written a book on this topic, *Vanilla Orchids: Natural History and Cultivation*. Unfortunately, it is out of print with limited availability. I rushed home to find my signed copy but couldn't find it anywhere!

Also, if you missed this presentation or previous talks and are looking for an opportunity to watch a video of the meeting, please contact Sue Reed (greed@chorus.net). Some of the videos have been stored and she can share a link to these talks.

— Lynn West

ORCHID GROWERS GUILD RESULTS, ORCHID QUEST 2025

AOS Show Trophy—AOS Silver Certificate (87), Best Exhibit

Orchid Grower's Guild Of Madison

AOS Award of Merit

Chuck Acker *Phragmipedium longifolium* fma. album

AOS Certificate of Cultural Excellence

Chuck Acker *Phragmipedium* Bel Royal 'Charles' AM/AOS (Mem. Dick Clements × Sorcerer's Apprentice)

Jeff Metcalf *Barkeria* Oaxacan Showers F3-1 (Rebecca Marsh x Obosa Ivory)

AOS Highly Commended Certificate

Chuck Acker *Phragmipedium richteri*

Best of Show

Jeff Metcalf *Cymbidium* One Tree Hill 'Solstice Gold' (Coraki × Dolly)

Best of Class

Jeff Metcalf *Cymbidium* One Tree Hill 'Solstice Gold' (Coraki × Dolly)

Ken Cameron *Zygopetalum* Jumpin Jack (Skippy Ku × Artur Elle)

Chuck Acker *Phragmipedium* Bel Royal 'Charles' AM/AOS (Mem. Dick Clements x Sorcerer's Apprentice)

Chuck Acker *Phragmipedium longifolium* fma. album

OGG Exhibit

Melissa Williams *Laelia anceps* var. pink perfection

Ken Cameron *Paphiopedilum* Faire-Maud (Maudiae 'Los Osos' × *fairrieantum* '1-02')

Jeff Metcalf *Oncidium* John Miller (Tribbles × Burning Bed)

Jeff Metcalf *Angraecum* Crestwood '3 spurs' (clone) (Veitchii × *sesquipedale*)

BGG Favorite Overlooked Orchid

Chuck Acker *Phaiocalanthe* Kryptonite 'Parkside' AM/AOS (Cal. Rozel × *Phaius tankervilleae*)

Kid's Choice

Jeff Metcalf *Cymbidium* One Tree Hill 'Solstice Gold' (Coraki × Dolly)

Richard and Patricia Narf Memorial Award

Chuck Acker *Phragmipedium* Bel Royal 'Charles' AM/AOS (Mem. Dick Clements x Sorcerer's Apprentice)

First Place

Chuck Acker *Phragmipedium* Bel Royal 'Charles' AM/AOS (Mem. Dick Clements x Sorcerer's Apprentice)

Chuck Acker *Phalaenopsis* No ID B

Chuck Acker *Phragmipedium* Fritz Schomburg (*kovachii* × *besseae* v. *flavum*)

Chuck Acker *Phragmipedium longifolium* fma. album

Dan Schmidt *Phalaenopsis* No ID

Gerry King *Phalaenopsis* David Lim 'Stars' AM/AOS (*gigantea* × *amboinensis*)

Gerry King *Phragmipedium* Devil Fire (Grande 4n × *humboldtii*)

Jeff Baylis *Oncidium* (*Trichocentrum*) *splendidum*

Jeff Metcalf *Angraecum* Crestwood '3 spurs' (clone) (Veitchii x *sesquipedale*) clone

Jeff Metcalf *Cymbidium* One Tree Hill 'Solstice Gold' (Coraki × Dolly) **(class 88)**

Jeff Metcalf *Cymbidium* One Tree Hill 'Solstice Gold' (Coraki × Dolly) **(class 113)**

Jeff Metcalf *Oncidium* John Miller (Tribbles × Burning Bed)

Jeff Metcalf *Barkeria* Oaxacan Showers F3-1 (Rebecca Marsh × Obosa Ivory)

Ken Cameron *Zygopetalum* Jumpin Jack (Skippy Ku × Artur Elle)

Ken Cameron *Paphiopedilum* Faire-Maud (Maudiae 'Los Osos' × *fairrieantum* '1-02')

Ken Cameron *Brassanthe* Maikai 'Mayumi' (*B. nodosa* × *Gur. bowringiana*)

Ken Cameron *Miltonidium* Melissa Brianne 'Dark' (*Milt.* Anne Warne × *Onc.* Mrs. Rudolf)

Melissa Williams *Cattleya amethystoglossa* 'Hutch' AM/AOS

Melissa Williams *Laelia anceps* var. pink perfection

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Meredyth Graham	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Hsinying Delight 'Meg's Shock' HCC/AOS (<i>spicerianum</i> #2 × Stone Lovely)
OGG	Exhibit
Second place	
Chuck Acker	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Acker's Ballerina (Icho Tower × <i>fischeri</i>)
Chuck Acker	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Acker's Comet (Twilight × Asuko Fischer)
Chuck Acker	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Fritz Schomburg (<i>kovachii</i> × <i>besseae</i>)
Chuck Acker	<i>Phragmipedium</i> d'alessandroi 'Acker's Flamenco Dancer'
Chuck Acker	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Mantinii (Conchiferum × <i>longifolium</i>)
Dan Schmidt	<i>Cattleya</i> Irene Finney 'Ingrid' HCC/AOS (Bruno Alberts X J.A. Carbone)
Dan Schmidt	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Formosa Lady (Susan Booth 'Red × <i>sanderianum</i> 'Sam Tsui' AM/AOS)
Elizabeth Wood	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> MS Hermosa Pink Peach 'MBLo26'
Gerry King	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Zheng Min Gold (Yaphon Lover 'Yaphon' × Zheng Min Quartz 'Peter 3') (class 56)
Gerry King	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Zheng Min Gold (Yaphon Lover 'Yaphon' × Zheng Min Quartz 'Peter 3') (class 112)
Gerry King	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Lyndon Mix Zebra 'Raspberry' (Lyndon Mixture × KS Super Zebra)
Gerry King	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Mituo Equalacea (Equalacea × Mituo Purple Dragon 'Blue Whale' AM/AOS)
Jeff Baylis	<i>Coelogyne</i> Jannine Banks 'Snow White' HCC/AOS/OSNSW (<i>mooreana</i> × <i>flaccida</i>)
Jeff Metcalf	<i>Ryhnecattleanthe</i> Pop City 'NN' (Ctt. Tutankamen × Rlc. Chia Lin)
Jeff Metcalf	<i>Oncidium alexandrae</i> (<i>alexandrae</i> 'Barba Roja' × <i>alexandrae</i> 'Jaguar') (class 82)
Jeff Metcalf	Gomesa Jiaho Queen 'Jia Ho' FCC/AOS (Mulatta's Dancing × <i>varicosa</i>)
Jeff Metcalf	<i>Zygopetalum</i> (Artur Elle × Blue Blazes)
Ken Cameron	<i>Cattleya</i> Bob Betts 'White Lightning' (Bow Bells × <i>mossiae</i>)
Ken Cameron	<i>Maxillaria hedwigiae</i>
Ken Cameron	<i>Brassidium</i> Nittany Gold 'Dr. John' AM/AOS (<i>Brs. verrucosa</i> × <i>Onc. Ghiesbreghtianum</i>)
Ken Cameron	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> No ID (white)
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Rita Chambers (Nulight 'Hampshire' × Lippewunder '19 WOC')
Lynn West	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Evelyn Röllke (<i>sukhakulli</i> × <i>bellatulum</i>)
Melissa Williams	<i>Cattleya</i> Walkerinter (<i>walkeriana</i> 'Midnight Blue' × <i>intermedia</i> 'Blue')
Meredyth Graham	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Acker's White Cap (Yerba Buena × <i>bellatulum</i>)
Meredyth Graham	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Kolosand (<i>kolopakingii</i> × <i>sanderianum</i>)
Steven Liu	<i>Cymbidium sinense</i> 'Dharma Mid-Translucent'
Sue Reed	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> No ID A
Sue Reed	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Priscilla's Pirouette (<i>dalessandroi</i> × Acker's Ballerina) (class 112)
Terri Jozwiak	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Dick Meade (Ouens Oak '10-10' × Acoma For Dinner '10-07')
Wanda Buckingham	<i>Dendrobium</i> No ID
Wanda Buckingham	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> White Dream 'V3' AM/AOS (Morning Moon × Joseph Hampton)
Third place	
Brook Johnson	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Reverend Canon Mari (Kolosand × <i>philippinense</i> fma. <i>alboflavum</i>)
Chris Neumann	<i>Paphiopedilum villosum</i> var. <i>laichauense</i> 'Chuck's Warrior' AM/AOS
Christina Keeley	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> I-Hsin Venus 'Sweet Fragrant' JC/AOS (Dragon's Gold × I-Hsin Viola Tris)
Christina Keeley	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> 1 No ID
Chuck Acker	<i>Phragmipedium richteri</i>
Chuck Acker	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Elizabeth Castle 'Maximus' AM/AOS (Mem. Dick Clements × Hanne Popow)
Chuck Acker	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Rockland Lake (Petit Port x <i>longifolium</i>)
Chuck Acker	<i>Phragmipedium</i> d'alessandroi 'Acker's Fire Tower'

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Dan Schmidt	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> (Novenca Eileen × Winston Churchill)
Gary Lensmeyer	<i>Cycnodes</i> Jumbo Puff (<i>Cyc. warczewiczii</i> × <i>Morm. badia</i>)
Gary Lensmeyer	<i>Cymbidium</i> Pipeta (<i>floribundum</i> (syn. <i>pumilum</i>) × Spartan Queen)
Gerry King	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Star Little (<i>cornu-cervi</i> × <i>amabilis</i>)
Jeff Metcalf	<i>Cattleya intermedia</i> tipo (<i>intermedia</i> '0736' × <i>intermedia</i> '0879')
Jeff Metcalf	<i>Oncidium</i> Heaven Scent 'Redolence' (Ruffles × Sharry Baby)
Jeff Metcalf	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Acker's Meredyth (<i>kovachii</i> × Priscilla's Pirouette)
Jeff Metcalf	<i>Oncidium alexandrae</i> (<i>alexandrae</i> 'Barba Roja' × <i>alexandrae</i> 'Jaguar') (class 112)
Ken Cameron	<i>Oncidium</i> Gay Spice 'Electric Avenue' (Issaku Nagata Arlington)
Ken Cameron	<i>Pectabinaria</i> Ptarmigan (<i>Pe. Snow Bird</i> × <i>Hab. Medusa</i>)
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Charlie Hanson (<i>richteri</i> × <i>fischeri</i>)
Melissa Williams	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Diane Dahlquist (<i>sukhakulii</i> 'Hamphire' CCM/ AOS x Red Brier)
Steven Liu	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Timothy Christopher (Cassandra × Aphrodite)
Steven Liu	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Sogo Vivien 'Leaf's Edge' (Sogo Alice × Zuma's Pixie)
Steven Liu	<i>Brassocattleya</i> Yun nan Star War (<i>C. Memoria Robert Strait</i> × <i>Bc. Wonder Star</i>)
Sue Reed	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> No ID B
Sue Reed	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Virginia Creeper (<i>barbatum</i> × <i>acmodontum</i>)
Sue Reed	<i>Miltoniopsis</i> Molten Lava
Terri Jozwiak	<i>Maxillaria schunkeana</i>
Wanda Buckingham	<i>Ianclarkara</i> Cheyenne Marie 'Lemoncello' (<i>Pbn. Eva's Blue Amazon</i> x <i>Zglm.</i>)



The Orchid Growers Guild exhibit earned multiple awards. In addition to the AOS Show trophy for the Best Exhibit it also was awarded a Silver Certificate with an 87 on the show trophy scale, plus Best of Class, and First Place. Kudos to Sue Reed, Chuck Acker, Ken Cameron, Dan Schmidt, and Lynn West plus many others who made this possible.



Some Exhibits at Orchid Quest



A peek at Bil Nelson's Exhibit



Batavia Orchid Society Exhibit



Illinois Orchid Society Exhibit



Sue Reed's BioOrb with *Dracula*



Eastern Iowa Orchid Society Exhibit

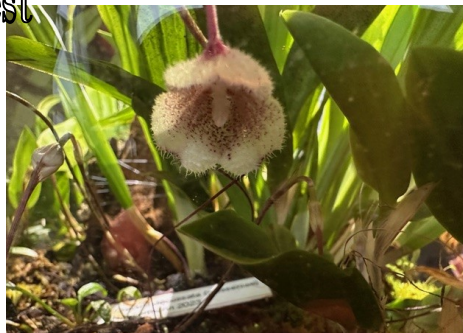


Miniature orchids from the Wisconsin Orchid Society Exhibit

Some Orchids at Orchid Quest



Pleurothallis Tomebamba (Walnut Valley x *teaguei*) Illinois exhibit



Dracula decussata



Ken's *Porroglossum*



Dendrobium Yellow Song 'Canary' (Midas Gold x Santana)



Cymbidium Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade'



Friday's Embroidery's "ideal orchid"



Dendrobium pendulum



Walter Crawford's *Porroglossum sergii*
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Ionopsis utricularioides



Cynodes Taiwan Gold 'Orange'

FEBRUARY OGG RIBBON JUDGING

First Place

Rachel Miller	<i>Vanda falcata</i> 'Magenta Queen' x <i>Vanda falcata</i> 'Purple Angel'
Dan Schmidt	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> unk
Wanda Buckingham	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Wilson's Mawr '208-13' x <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Nulight 'Hampshire' HCC/AOS)
Dan Schmidt	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Mantinii (Conchiferum x <i>longifolium</i> album)
Jeff Baylis	<i>Phragmipedium</i> besseae 'Cow Hollow II' FCC/AOS
Meg Graham	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Rockland Lake (Petit Port x <i>longifolium</i>)
Meg Graham	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Saint Ouen flavum (Hanne Popow 4N x <i>besseae flavum</i>)
Dan Schmidt	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> (<i>haynaldianum</i> 'Purple Dorsal' x <i>haynaldianum</i> 'Semi-Vini')
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> (Barbi Playmate x Nulight)
Dan Schmidt	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Gary Romagna (Saint Swithin x <i>rothschildianum</i>)
Gary Lensmeyer	<i>Cattleya</i> Mahalo Jack (<i>walkeriana</i> x Orpetii)
Rachel Miller	<i>Dendrobium</i> cuthbertsonii
Sandra Gray	<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Sun Spots 'Super Spot' x <i>Cattleya</i> Interglossa 'Exotic Orchids'
Rachel Miller	<i>Cattleya</i> coccinea
Meg Graham	<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Verdant Venture (Green-heart x Emerald Meadow)

Second Place

Meg Graham	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Acker's Meredyth (<i>kovachii</i> x Priscilla's Pirouette)
Meg Graham	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Kolosand (<i>kolopakakingii</i> x <i>sanderianum</i>)
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Diane Dahlquist (<i>sukahkulii</i> x Red Brier)
Jeff Baylis	<i>Tolumnia</i> Jairak Flyer 'Coco Drop' (Jairak Firm x Jairak Rainbow)
Kaylee Finseth	<i>Oncostelopsis</i> Mayor Billy (<i>Oncostele</i> Warm Memories x <i>Oncidopsis</i> Francine)



Lorraine Snyder's *Paphiopedilum* (Barbi Playmate x Nulight)



Rachel Miller's *Cattleya coccinea*

What's Blooming at Home . . .



Keith Nelson's *Paph* Mem. Glenn Gardner (Shun-Fa Golden x *rothschildianum*) is 6.25 inches across, from Paph Paradise



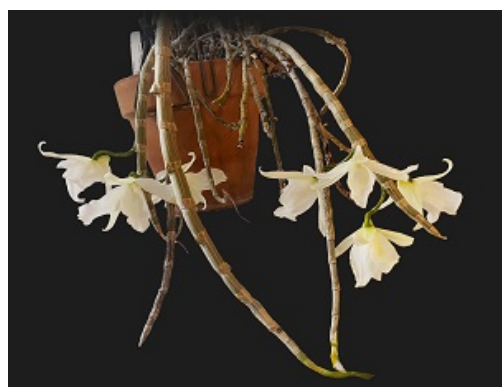
Keith Nelson's *Oncidium Splendidum*



Jeff Baylis' *Oncidium sotoanum* is fragrant



Sue Reed's *Lycaste tricolor* opened up after OQ!!



Jeff Baylis' *Dendrobium anosmum* var. *superbum album* is fragrant



Sue Reed's *Dryadella hirtzii* has 8 blooms on a tiny plant



Keith Nelson's *Epidendrum paniculatum*



Jeff Baylis' *Phragmipedium* Barbara LeAnn (*besseae* x *fischeri*)



Jeff Baylis' *Sophrolaeliocattleya* Circle Doll '12-03A' is a supermarket orchid from Arnold J. Klehm

March is the Month of Away Shows

March is the month of away shows. The best way to understand our own show is to attend shows of other societies and to notice how others do theirs and what might be helpful for us!

The Illinois Society show is March 8 and 9 at the Chicago Botanical Gardens. There is an admission charge but if you are a member of Olbrich there is a reciprocal arrangement and you do not have to pay admission to the Gardens. There is also a special large Botanical Gardens Orchid show going on which, if you want to attend you need to pay for. The Illinois Orchid show does not charge admission. It is a nice day trip or make a weekend out of it. The Botanical Gardens is easily reached off the interstate on the north side of the city.

[Orchid Show](#)

illinoisorchidsociety.org

10Am-4Pm both days

The Batavia Orchid society show is a little

smaller with fewer vendors but still the quality vendors, like Natt's, that attend our show. Batavia show is **March 22-23** (<http://www.bataviaorchidsociety.org/show-info/>). This is held in Cantigny Park, Wheaton, Il. Another day trip south to check it out. It is a more relaxed show than the busy Botanical Gardens show.

So plan a weekend to either one or both. If you plan on attending on **Sunday**, you might be able to help with the take down of the Guild's exhibit and get a feel for how it is done, which is a good stepping stone to helping putting an exhibit up!

The other orchid shows are in the fall, Milwaukee in September and Eastern Iowa over Halloween.

I hope you can find time to check out these shows!

Sue



Rachel Miller's *Vanda falcata*
'Magenta Queen' x *Vanda falcata*
'Purple Angel'



Wanda Buckingham's
Paphiopedilum Wilson's Mawr
'208-13' x *Paphiopedilum*
Nulight 'Hampshire' HCC/AOS)



Rachel Miller's *Dendrobium cuthbertsonii*

AOS Supplemental Judging

Much to my surprise I saw a long time friend and orchid enthusiast Duane McDowell from Minneapolis, at Orchid Quest this year. Duane and I first met in the mid 80's when he was working for Orchids Limited, Plymouth MN. He would drive Jerry Fischer's van down to our greenhouse at Orchids by the Ackers and load up with budded *Cattleya*, *Cymbidium*, *Phalaenopsis* and many other genera for Jerry's business to re-sell. During many of those visits Duane would stay overnight since the drive down and back was just too much for one day. We spent many nights staying up late talking everything Orchids!

Duane is a very intelligent person and I learned a lot from him in those days. Well, as it turns out he was at Orchid Quest as part of the AOS judging contingent from the Twin Cities and is now a student AOS judge. What a surprise to see him and hear about that! During our conversations in the judging room he mentioned to me that he makes the trip down to the Chicago Botanic Gardens every second Saturday of the month for AOS supplemental judging there at the gardens. He said that he would be delighted to stop on his way through and take anything along that I may want to have judged, so I took him up on that offer!

On February 8th he transported four of my *Phragmipedium* hybrids down to Chicago with him for the judging event. I sent a *Phrag*. Don Wimber - flavacolor, *Phrag*. Acker's Ballerina, *Phrag*. D'alessandroi and *Phrag*. Yoko W. Fischer named for Jerry Fischer's wonderful wife. By mid afternoon that day I received a phone call from Duane stating that the judges awarded the *Phrag*. Yoko W. Fischer a 92 point

FCC and that he needed a clonal name for it! I wasn't terribly surprised at the fact it received an AOS award but I was very surprised for an



Chuck's *Phrag*. Yoko W. Fischer 'Chuck's Superstar' (Peruflora's Cirila Alca x besseae) earned a 92 point FCC at AOS supplemental Judging in Chicago

FCC. The single flower presented on the inflorescence was next to perfectly shaped and had a natural petal spread just over 11 cm with intense deep orange/red color! The clonal name I gave for this plant is 'Chuck's Superstar' and what a super looking flower it is!

Since Duane will be making these trips through Madison every second Saturday of the month, he is more than willing to take any plants to

supplemental judging for pick them up at my house in Waunakee on the Friday prior to those judging dates. If any of you have something you would like to send to be judged, please reach out to me and I'll make arrangements to get the plants.

Happy Growing Everyone!

Chuck Acker



Masdevallia Aquarius (cibstructa x davisii)

