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The Orchid Grower

Orchid Growers Guild of Madison

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Meeting Dates

- 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

- May 10, Spring Orchid Sale

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NEXT MEETING, APRIL 27th Annual Members Auction

April brings one of the Guild's most important and enjoyable fundraisers - Chuck's Curated Orchid Auction! This will be an opportunity for Guild members to bid on some of the finest orchid species and hybrids available and personally selected by Chuck Acker.

Guild members in good standing are eligible to bid. Even if you do not plan to bid you will learn a lot as Chuck presents a short overview of each plant before the bidding begins. This exciting and informative auction is one of the Guild's most important annual fundraisers. If time permits, we may also have a debriefing summary of Orchid Quest 2025 in order to strategize on how to make 2026's show even better!



"... my No ID Phal won Best of Class at the last three shows!"
— Chuck Acker

President's Message

Hi OGG members,

We had a fantastic March meeting with a great speaker, Scott Elliot. Thank you all for making Scott's trip successful, he only went home with three plants!

Also thank you for attending the meeting and for bringing plants for the show-and-tell.

On April 27 we are excited to have one of Chuck's great auctions of his hand-selected orchids for our fund raiser. Please invite any interested friends, family members etc. to attend the meeting which we be held in the Education rooms 2 and 3 (the same rooms as the March meeting).

I appreciated your input on the up-coming May meeting. More informa-

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ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY?

As an active member of OGG you attend the monthly meetings. Have you ever wondered how you can meaningfully contribute more? There are two urgently needed places just for you and one or two others!

The Away Show Chair: Nancy has had this position for many years and would like to step down and let someone new participate. She has pointed out that she knew nothing about away shows before she took this position. She is willing to mentor the new Away show committee and new chair in all ways. Nancy is an organized person and has detailed instructions to assist anyone willing to lead this Committee. Nancy can be the Board liaison for this Committee. (All committees will have a Board liaison. All members of the committee do not have to be on the Board but one member must be a Board member.) There are changes that need to be addressed about instruction and responsibilities for this committee which experienced away show people will assist with this formatting and organization.

Hospitality: Jeff and Jim have done a fantastic job and we thank them. The board has budgeted money for this expense. This position can be filled with 1-3 people (or more) who would **co-ordinate** with each other on what is brought, by whom and when. There is a supply of paper products that need to be at each meeting depending upon the items being brought. Although items to be provided are constrained by Olbrich rules, there is flexibility but something should be at each meeting. Maybe just bottled water, but this is up to the Hospitality committee. (Board liaison President)

Thank you for your interest and please ask Nancy or Jim and Jeff any questions or concerns about these great opportunities to be more involved in OGG!!

— Sue Reed

PROGRAMMING TIMELINE

(No Show & Tell This Month)

- 12:00 pm Doors Open
- 12:30 Socializing & Plant Browsing
- 1:00 Meeting Begins; Announcements
- 1:15 pm Orchid Quest Debriefing?
- 1:45 Break
- 2:00 pm Chuck's Curated Auction
- 3:15 pm Door Prizes
- 3:30 pm Meeting Ends

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tion will be coming but the meeting will be at the usual time in the Upstairs meeting room. We will have an invited speaker, but we will need to delay the members silent auction until the June Picnic.

Members can bring in a few plants at other meetings to put in for a silent auction but we will not have room for them in the meeting room for the May meeting.

Thank you for your participation in the OGG!

See you in April!

— Sue Reed

ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY, OGG RIBBON RESULTS



The IOS show was held at the Chicago Botanical Gardens in Glencoe Illinois in conjunction with the Gardens annual orchid fest. It was all hands on deck for set-up and take-down. Ten OGG members sent a total of 79 plants and every member was a winner!

Set-up: Jeff Metcalf, Lorraine Snyder, Steven Liu and Denise Baylis,

Take-down: Jeff Metcalf, Lorraine Snyder, Chuck Acker, Meredyth Graham and Denise Baylis

Best of Class

OGG

Jeff Metcalf

Exhibit

Rhyncattleanthe Kaboom 'Mem. Ebony Metcalf Small' (Guess What x Schroder's Love)

Jeff Metcalf

Phragmipedium Acker's Marvel (Waunakee Wonder x *kovachii*) **[class 112]**

Chuck Acker

Phalaenopsis NOID **[class 62]**

First Place

OGG

Terri Jozwiak

Exhibit

Rhyncattleanthe (Life's Charm 'SVO Round Wonder' x Telling Lies 'SVO Best')

Terri Jozwiak

Vanda Nopporn White Diamond (Nopporn Gold x Muang Thong)

Gerald King

Phalaenopsis Mituo Equalacea (Equalacea x Mituo Purple Dragon 'Blue Whale' AM/AOS)

Gerald King

Phalaenopsis SWR Viola 'Chloe' HCC/AOS (Sogo Relax x *violacea* 'Indigo')

Jeff Metcalf

Calanthe Kryptonite 'Parkside' (Rozel x *tankervilleae*)

Jeff Metcalf

Cymbidium Showgirl 'Malibu' (Sweetheart x Alexanderi)

Jeff Metcalf

Rhyncattleanthe Kaboom 'Mem. Ebony Metcalf Small' (Guess What x Schroder's Love)

Jeff Metcalf

Oncidium John Miller 'Kimberlyn Helen' (Tribbles x Burning Bed)

Jeff Metcalf

Brassocattleya Mari's Glory 'H & R' (C. Mari's Song x Bc. Morning Glory)

Jeff Metcalf

Phragmipedium Acker's Marvel (Waunakee Wonder x *kovachii*) **[class 112]**

Meredyth Graham

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

Meredyth Graham

Dendrobium (Sunny Vista x Dunokayla)

Ken Cameron

Miltonidium Melissa Brianne 'Dark' (Milt. Anne Warne x *Onc.* Mrs. Rudolf Pabst)

Ken Cameron

Pleurothallis *maduroi*

Jeff Baylis

Tolumnia Jairak Flyer 'Coco Drop' (Jairak Firm x Jairak Rainbow)

Jeff Baylis

Brassavola *nodosa*

Chuck Acker

Phragmipedium d'alessandroi 'Acker's Fire Tower'

Chuck Acker

Phalaenopsis Fuller's Sunset 'Yellow Moon' (Taisuco Date x Chian Xen Queen)

Chuck Acker	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Acker's Light (Magdalene Acker x Margit Moses)
Chuck Acker	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> NOID [class 62]
Chuck Acker	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> NOID tag 2 [class 60]
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Cardinale (Sedenii x <i>schlimii</i>)
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Diane Dahlquist (<i>sukakulii</i> x Red Brier)
Second Place	
Terri Jozwiak	<i>Clowesia</i> Grce Dunn (<i>warczewitzii</i> 'SVO' x <i>rosea</i> 'Fantastic Andy')
Gerald King	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Yen Shau Sweet Girl 'Shiny Girl' (Little Gem Stripes x Tzu Chiang Prince)
Jeff Metcalf	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> <i>sukhakulii</i>
Jeff Metcalf	<i>Cattlianthe</i> Jewel Box 'Orange' HCC/AOS (<i>Gur. aurantiaca</i> x <i>C. Anzac</i>)
Jeff Metcalf	<i>Gastrophaius</i> Lady Ramona Harris 'Looking at you' (<i>Phaius. Gravesiae</i> x <i>Gs. pulchra</i> var. Perrier)
Meredith Graham	<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Verdant Venture (Green-heart x Emerald Meadow)
Meredith Graham	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> <i>rothschildianum</i>
Rachel Miller	<i>Cattleya coccinea</i>
Ken Cameron	<i>Cymbidium</i> <i>goeringii</i> 'Jiun Ji Huang'
Ken Cameron	<i>Porroglossum</i> <i>sororculum</i>
Ken Cameron	<i>Cymbidium</i> Showgirl 'Linda Cristal' (Sweetheart x Alexanderi)
Ken Cameron	<i>Vanda falcata</i> 'Wonhwa'
Jeff Baylis	<i>Maxillaria</i> <i>variabilis</i>
Chuck Acker	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Pink Panther (<i>schlimii</i> x <i>fischeri</i>)
Chuck Acker	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> NOID tag 1 [class 60]
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Les Varines (<i>sargantisium</i> x <i>kovachii</i>) [class 112]
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> LEEANUM (<i>insigne</i> x <i>spicerianum</i>)
Third Place	
Gerald King	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> FANGtastic News (Bellina f. <i>coerulea</i> x Mitue Golden Tiger)
Jeff Metcalf	<i>Cattleya</i> Melody Fair 'Carol' (Stephen Oliver Fouraker x Horace)
Jeff Metcalf	<i>Rhyncattleanthe</i> Tsiku Lily (<i>Rth. Fuchs</i> Orange Nuggett x <i>Ctt. Trick or Treat</i>)
Jeff Metcalf	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Acker's Marvel (Waunakee Wonder x <i>kovachii</i>) [class 45]
Meredith Graham	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Acker's White Cap (Yerba Buena x Acker's Pinnacle)
Rachel Miller	<i>Dendrobium</i> <i>cuthbertsonii</i> ('Chris' Red' x 'Red Delicious')
Ken Cameron	<i>Brassocattleya</i> Yuan Nan Star War (<i>C. Memoria</i> Robert Strait x <i>Bc. Wonder Star</i>)
Ken Cameron	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Strawberry Roan (Lauren Klehm 'Johnny' x Inca '1-17')
Ken Cameron	<i>Brassidium</i> Nittany Gold 'Dr. John' AM/AOS (<i>Brs. verrucosa</i> x <i>Onc. Ghiesbreghtianum</i>)
Ken Cameron	<i>Vanda falcata</i> 'Wonhyo'
Sue Reed	<i>Clowesia</i> Grace Dunn (<i>warczewitzil</i> x <i>rosea</i>)
Chuck Acker	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Acker's Beauty (<i>lindleyanum</i> x <i>kovachii</i>)
Chuck Acker	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Acker's Watercolor (Waunakee Sunset x <i>besseae</i>)

ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW



Orchid Growers Exhibit



Aliceara Tropic Lily 'Chocolate Drop' (Onc. Nichirei x Aliceara Tropic Splendor)



There was a variety of different types of displays including photography, numismatic, needlework, artwork, origami and lego-type construction [see above]



Cynoches Ecuagenera
(*farnsworthianum* x
lehmanni)



Dendrobium Chanthaboon Sunrise 'Orange Eye'
(*lamiyanae* x *friedricksianum*)



Jeff Metcalf's *Rhyncattleanthe Kaboom 'Mem. Ebony Metcalf Small'* (Guess What x Schroder's Love)



Rhyncholaeliocattleya Shin Shiang Diamond
(*Kat E-Sun* x *Tzeng-Wen Beauty*)



Rhyncholaeliocattleya Dick Smith (Hisako Akatsuka x Hawaiian Lightning)



Vanda coerulea

MARCH OGG RIBBON JUDGING

First place

Melissa Williams	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Taisuco Jasper 'KV509' (Sogo Medal x <i>pulcherrima</i>)
Gary Lensmeyer	<i>Rhyncattleanthe</i> [= <i>Brassolaeliocattleya</i>] Love Sound 'Dogashima' AM/AOS x <i>Cattleya</i> [= <i>Sophrolaeliocattleya</i>] Cosmic Delite 'Cosmic Sparks'
Sandra Gray	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> NOID
Melissa Williams	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> NOID
Steven Thimling	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> NOID
Melissa Williams	<i>Dendrobium</i> Roy Tokunaga (Pink x Pink Best)
Lori Getter	<i>Dendrobium</i> Mini Snowflake (<i>aberrans</i> x <i>johnsoniae</i>)
Ken Cameron	<i>Cymbidium</i> goeringii 'Jin Ji Huang'
Ken Cameron	<i>Cymbidium</i> goeringii 'Lu Ying'
Ken Cameron	<i>Cymbidium</i> tortisepalum 'Long Chang Su'
Jeff Baylis	<i>Maxillaria</i> variabilis
UNKNOWN	<i>Aliceara</i> Hawaiian Nights (<i>Alcra</i> Winter Wonderland x <i>Onc</i> Memoria Dale Lawless)

Second Place

Melissa Williams	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> NOID
Sandra Gray	<i>Cattlianthe</i> [= <i>Sophrolaeliocattleya</i>] Jewel Box 'Orange' (<i>Guarianthe auranticaca</i> x <i>Cattleya</i> Anzac)
Jeff Metcalf	<i>Epidendrum</i> (Comet Valley x Rose Valley)
Steven Thimling	<i>Epidendrum</i> (Comet Valley x Rose Valley)
Gerry King	<i>Sc</i> Lana Coryell (<i>C</i> Beaufort 'Big Circle' x <i>C walkeriana</i> 'Suprema')
Chris Neuman	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> NOID
Terri Jozwiak	<i>Clowesia</i> Rebecca Northen (Grace Dunn x <i>rosea</i>)
Jeff Metcalf	<i>Monnierara</i> Millennium Magic 'Witchcraft' FCC/AOS (<i>Catanoches</i> Midnight Jem x <i>Mormodes</i> sinuate)
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> leeanum (<i>insigne</i> x <i>spicerianum</i>)
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Don Wimber (Eric Young x <i>besseae</i>)
Chris Neuman	<i>Ludisia</i> discolor
Jeff Baylis	<i>Coelogyne</i> cristata
UNKNOWN	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Pink Fred (Fair Fred x <i>primulinum</i>)

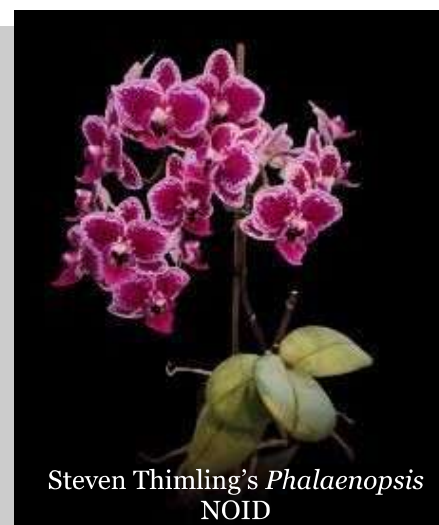
Third Place

Wanda Buckingham	<i>Cymbidium</i> NOID
UNKNOWN	<i>Dendrobium</i> NOID

Melissa Williams's *Dendrobium* Roy Tokunaga (Pink x Pink Best)



Steven Thimling's *Epidendrum* (Comet Valley x Rose Valley)



Steven Thimling's *Phalaenopsis* NOID

March Meeting Summary

The March members' meeting had a record attendance. In addition to our continuing members, many new members who joined the Guild at Orchid Quest attended the March meeting. Chuck asked the new members to introduce themselves and to provide highlights of their orchid growing journeys.

Even though it was a cold day we had an excellent group of plants for ribbon judging and discussion. Ken brought Asian Cymbidiums which are not grown by a lot of Guild members (yet). If people are interested in trying Asian Cymbidiums here is the culture that Ken uses to get them to bloom and grow well:

- For a potting mix, Ken combines lava rock, pumice, Akadama (a clay-like mineral), and a small amount of bark. His recommended proportions were described as “a little of this and a little of that”, the exact amounts are not critical. The mix just needs to be well draining and provide some organic material.
- The key to blooming them is to provide a hot wet summer and a cold dry winter. Try to maintain a temperature around 34 degrees Fahrenheit during the winter and do not water. If you are interested in the traditional elongated Cymbidium pots, Ken mentioned that he got his from Amazon.

The speaker was Scott Elliott, the owner of Maneki Hill Orchids and a member of the Guild. The business is in Georgia and Scott flew to Madison to present his talk in-person. He also brought a huge selection of Catasetinae genera for members to purchase. It's amazing how many plants can be packed into two suitcases. But dormant plants with no leaves travel well. His talk covered the breeding and cultivation of the seven Catasetinae genera. Catasetinae are easy to grow and bloom if the cultural requirements are followed. That's the hard part. Overwaterers know who you are! Don't water plants that are flowering if it is the dormant season. Seedlings need to be monitored during the dormant season so that they don't dry out as much as a mature plant. Scott provided printed culture sheets. If you need a copy, they are available on his website:

<https://www.scottelliottdaylilies.com/orchid-care-sheets.html>

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 EXPLORATION ORCHID SHOW AND SALE

April 5, 9 AM – 3 PM

Save the date and join the Northeastern Wisconsin Orchid Society at the Winnegamie Dog Club (2043 Manitowoc Rd, Menasha, WI) for an Orchid Show and Sale.

- Three orchid vendors will have plants and supplies for sale
- Orchid repotting for a nominal fee
- Q&A with society members
- Educational orchid displays
- Presentations on growing orchids
- Society members plant and supplies sale

Admission is free to the public, but donations are appreciated. Visit our website or Facebook page for the most up-to-date schedule and information.

Pottery Classes

This year is the 40th Anniversary of the founding of the Orchid Growers Guild of Madison. Throughout the year we will be sharing information relating to the Anniversary and perhaps introducing some of you to members you may not know, showcasing their talents and giving the members an opportunity to get to know them better. Chuck Acker is one example of a long term member you can see at every meeting. More on this later.

Brook Johnson of Green Road Pottery in Stoughton is another member. Brook has been crafting beautiful pottery, showing his orchids and vending at Orchid Quest, in fact his pottery sales go way back to Orchids by the Ackers. He has a shop in Stoughton: Yahara Chocolate, 261 W. Main St, Stoughton www.greenroadpottery.com, where he sells his pottery creations and artisanal chocolates, as well as a large variety of teas.

He also teaches pottery classes and has given OGG Members an opportunity to come to a class and in 1 to 1.5 hours you will be able to complete one 3-4" ceramic orchid pot with a dish or two 2" mini pots. Add your own decoration, cutouts, feet, or anything else that would make your orchids happy. The finished pot can be fully glazed

or left unglazed. The unglazed pots are not as strong but will wick, absorb, and transpire water. The cost to members is \$25 to create something uniquely your own.

July 13th, Sun 2pm FULL

July 16th, Wed 6pm

July 21st, Mon 6pm

Aug 2nd, Sat 2pm 4 spaces left

Aug 15th, Fri 3pm

Aug 16th, Sat 2pm 4 spaces left

Sep 6th, Sat 2pm 4 spaces left

Sep 7th, Sun 2pm

As you can see there are plenty of spots open, contact me at kajohnson212@gmail.com, I'm on the member list as well. The spots will be reserved for you on a first come first served basis so don't wait too long.

— Kathy Johnson



These photos show freshly made pots that aren't finished yet.

ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR CANDIDATES TO OGG BOARD

We are asking members to self-nominate, or nominate with permission, candidates for four officers to be on the OGG board. All nominations must be submitted by April 15. The nominee should designate which position they are standing for along with a short description introducing themselves and their particular abilities to fill the office. This information will be published in the May newsletter. (Please send your information to Sue; greed@chorus.net, Ken; kmcameron@wisc.edu or Kathy Johnson; kajohnson212@gmail.com)

So please volunteer or nominate!

Positions and responsibilities from the OGG by-laws:

PRESIDENT: (Term for one year to complete the present term, with re-election possible in May 2026) The President shall preside at all meeting of the Guild and Board. He or she may call meetings as needed to conduct the business of the Guild and/or upon the request of the member, officers or director. **(No Incumbent)**

VICE PRESIDENT: (Two year term) The Vice President shall, in the case of the temporary absence or disability of the President, perform the duties of the President. In addition, the Vice President shall perform the duties of any officer in the case of temporary absence or disability. If more than one officer is temporarily absent, the President, or Vice President acting as the Presi-

dent, shall appoint an individual or individuals to fulfill these duties, as needed. The Vice President shall also perform those duties assigned by a majority vote of the Board. **(Cynthia Wadsworth, Incumbent,** Cynthia is in charge of our speaker program, and publicity and lead on these committees plus board liaison on the Membership committee.)

Secretary: (Two year term) The Secretary shall keep the records of the Guild, taking minutes for both the Membership and Board meetings. In addition, the Secretary shall perform all of the duties usually pertaining to this office, including those assigned to by a majority vote of the Board. **(Lynn West, Incumbent.** Lynn presently takes all minutes, sends out the newsletter, works on the membership committee, and maintains the active membership list etc.)

ONE DIRECTOR: (Three year term). The Guild shall have three Directors who, along with the four officers, shall constitute the voting members of the Board. **(Carrie Weisman, Incumbent)**

NOTE: There is some flexibility in the positions other than the required obligations. All board members must take an active roll in at least one committee as a board liaison and working member. This is necessary for good information exchange between the Board and committees for a smoothly running organization.

—Nomination Committee

What's Happening at Olbrich



While we were busy with Orchid Quest, Olbrich Botanical Gardens was holding their annual funding raising event, Orchid Escape. This year the theme was "Secrets of the Canopy."