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# The Orchid Grower

Orchid Growers Guild of Madison

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## Meeting Dates

- June 29, Picnic
- September 21
- October 19
- November 16
- December 21

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

## Up-Coming Events

- August 6-10, Orchid display, Wisconsin State Fair
- September 13-14, Wisconsin Orchid Society Show: "Fall in Love with Orchids", Mitchell Park, Milwaukee
- September 19-21, Chicagoland Orchid Fest
- November 1-2, Eastern Iowa Orchid Society's Show, "Orchids Are a Scream 2025", Radisson Hotel Conference Center, 1200 Collins Rd, Cedar Rapids IA

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## President's Message

I would like to thank the voting members of OGG for their confidence in electing me as their new president. Along with the newly elected board members I will attempt to fill the large shoes that Sue Reed has filled for the many years she has served as OGG president. With the help of the current board and the newly elected board members we will do our best to maintain the momentum and vision set by the previous board. I welcome the input and opinions of all the members and look forward to showcasing the knowledge, experience and expertise that we all carry within us. The speaker at our May meeting was Robert-Jan Quené who gave a very informative presentation about the process of flasking orchid

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## Past-President's Message

Hi OGG members,

I would like to thank Meg, Sean, Chuck, Sandra, Lynn, Carrie and Ted for stepping up to help lead the Guild. It is wonderful that all of these members are willing to help keep this organization a strong, healthy, and fun organization! My hat is off to them!

Even if one did not win an election, one did not lose, but will have many other chances to work within the Guild to help keep it strong and fun for all.

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seedlings and shared many of his achievements in orchid hybridization. He brought a number of flasks of native *Cypripediums* as well as some *Dendrobium*, *Epidendrum* and the highly prized Ghost Orchid. We look forward to having more in-person presenters for future OGG meetings.

The OGG Member's Silent Auction will be held during the upcoming summer picnic at Theodore Ceplina's house in Deerfield on Sunday, June 29th. For new members who have not experienced this event, it is similar to a swap meet where you can buy and sell anything related to orchid growing or gardening in general. This is a fundraising event and all proceeds go to the OGG. There will also be ribbon judging and show & tell at the summer picnic so bring your prize winning bloomers! This is a fun social event where we mingle, eat, drink and talk all things orchids! More picnic information is also printed in this newsletter and a reminder email will arrive to your inbox later in the month.

After the June picnic the Orchid Growers Guild enters a period of dormancy. Some of us try to get caught up on the rest that we were deprived of last season. Some of us start planning for next year's blooming show season and educational speaker line-up. Next thing you know, the third Sunday in September will be upon us and we will start another exciting period of growth!

Until then- enjoy the summer, think about what skills you have and how you can help the Madison Orchid Growers Guild become even better! I look forward to hearing about your orchid growing success!

— Meredyth Graham

Past President's Message (Continued from page 1)

Congratulations to our new President: Meg; new Vice President: Chuck; our returning Secretary: Lynn; and our new Board member: Ted.

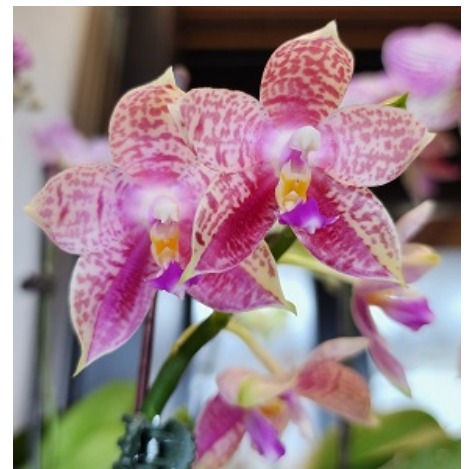
Let's get behind our new board and work with them by helping out and supporting them with your enthusiasm, ideas, and time!

See you at the picnic!

— Sue Reed, Past President

**REMINDER: WISCONSIN STATE FAIR**

Don't Forget You Can Enter Your Summer-Blooming Plants in the Wisconsin State Fair this Summer! Your blooming orchids will need to be ready for the Fair on August 5th with return on August 10th. Keep an eye out for our email with more details about timing and transport as we get closer to August.



Theodore Ceplina's *Phalaenopsis* Gelblieber (*amboinensis* x *micholitzii*)

# OGG APRIL RIBBON JUDGING

When filling out a judging slip, please remember to put your name on the back. In addition after judging, DO NOT remove the judging slip. The judging slip is used to document judging results.

## First Place

Patricia Jones	<i>Cattleya</i> Claradiana ( <i>intermedia</i> × <i>lueddemanniana</i> )
Gerald King	<i>Cattlianthe</i> Jupiter Drops (Orchidglade ‘SVO’ × Tiny Treasure ‘Star Amethyst’)
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Lycaste</i> tricolor ‘Rick’ × <i>Lycaste</i> Suave ‘Perfect Pixie’
Ken Cameron	<i>Miltoniopsis</i> Lennart Karl Gottling ‘Red Rim’ (Timberline × Pearl Ono)
Ken Cameron	<i>Miltoniopsis</i> Lila Fearneyhough ‘Ethel’ (Raspberry Swirl × Pearl Ono)
Ken Cameron	<i>Miltoniopsis</i> Molten Lava ( <i>Oncidium</i> Cornelia × <i>Brassidium</i> Gilded Urchin)
Ken Cameron	<i>Miltoniopsis</i> roezlii var. <i>xanthina</i>
Brook Johnson	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Crouching Tiger (Bel Royal × <i>philippinese</i> v. album)
Brook Johnson	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> delenatii
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> delenatii
Benji Miranda	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> delenatii var album × sib (White Widow × Snow White)
Meredyth Graham	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> delenatii vini
Travis Wilson	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Egret’s Fantasy (Jeweled Moon ‘Slipper Zone Tall Staff’ × Jewel Green ‘Withdrawn’)
Jeff Metcalf	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Ho Chi Minh ( <i>delenatii</i> × <i>vietnamense</i> )
Terri Jozwiak	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> sukhakulii ‘Hampshire’ CCM/AOS × Red Brier ‘1-07’
Theodore Ceplina	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Gelblieber ( <i>amboinensis</i> × <i>micholitzii</i> )
Theodore Ceplina	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Lyndon Mix Zebra ‘819’ (Lyndon Mixture × KS Super Zebra)
Gerald King	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Mituo Equalacea (Mituo Equalacea × Mituo Purple Dragon ‘Blue Whale’)
UNK grower	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> NOID
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> NOID harlequin
Meredyth Graham	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> NOID pink
UNK grower	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> NOID red
Anne Redford	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> NOID red
UNK grower	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> NOID yellow
Sandra Gray	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> schilleriana × sib
Dennis Pfarrer	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Star
Gerald King	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> SWR Viola ‘Chloe’ HCC/AOS (Sogo Relex × <i>violacea</i> ‘Indigo’)
Theodore Ceplina	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Zheng Min Anaconda (Sunrise Red Peoker × Fusheng’s Super Man)
Gerald King	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Zheng Min Gold (Yaphon Lover ‘Yaphon’ × Zheng Min Quartz ‘Peter 3’)
Dan Schmidt	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Acker’s Fancy ( <i>lindleyanum</i> × <i>andreettae</i> )
Meredyth Graham	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Cape Sunset (Eric Young × <i>schlimii</i> )
Jeff Metcalf	<i>Phragmipedium</i> caudatum
Ken Cameron	<i>Pleione</i> Barbarae ( <i>bulbocodioides</i> × <i>grandiflora</i> )
Lynn West	<i>Rhynchovola</i> David Sander ‘Marla Lai’ ( <i>Brassavola</i> cucullata × <i>Rhyncholaelia</i> digbyana)

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Dennis Pfarrer  
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Terri Jozwiak

*Slc* Fire Gem 'Hot Splash' × *Slc* Angels Fantasy  
*Slc* Seagulls Apricot × *Slc* Angel's Fantasy  
*Tolumnia* Jairak Flyer 'Banana' (Jairak Firm × Jairak Rainbow)

## Second Place

Meredyth Graham

*Brassocattleya* Walter August (*C* Summer Spot 'Carmela' HCC/AOS × *Brassavola nodosa*)

Jeff Metcalf  
Terri Jozwiak

*Cattlianthe* Busy Bev (*C.* Dinard × *Cattlianthe* Purple Secret)  
*Cl* Grace Dunn 'Live Oak' HCC/AOS × *Ctsm* Norm Tupper 'SVO Snow Leopard'

Ken Cameron  
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Meredyth Graham

*Miltoniopsis* Edie Brown 'Sparkling Diamond'  
*Miltoniopsis* Keiko Komado 'Pink' (Mary Sugiyama ×x Hajime Ono)  
*Miltoniopsis* Milton Brown (Hajime Ono × Edie Brown)  
*Paphiopedilum* Conco-bellatulum × *Paphiopedilum thainum* 'Super Cuts' AM/AOS

Gerald King

*Phalaenopsis* Mituo Diamond Canary (Diamond Beauty × Yungho Gelb Canary)

Meredyth Graham  
Anne Redford  
Wanda Buckingham  
Lynn West  
Sandra Gray

*Phalaenopsis* NOID (white with pink stripes)  
*Phalaenopsis* NOID red  
*Phalaenopsis* NOID red  
*Phragmipedium* Eumelia Arias (*kovachii* × *schlimii*)  
*Wilsonara* (= *Oncidium*) Space Mine 'Red Rendezvous' AM/AOS (*sphacelatum* × Carmine)  
*Phalaenopsis* NOID

Alice Peterson

## Third Place

Terri Jozwiak  
Wanda Buckingham

*Miltonia spectabilis*  
*Oncidium* [= *Oncostele*] Wildcat 'Rainbow' (*Oncostele* Rustic Bridge × *Oncidium* Crowborough)

Theodore Ceplina

*Phalaenopsis* 'Joy Fairy Tale' (Ho's Princess Arai × Coral Isles)

## Miscellaneous

- Unknown grower: *Cattleya* Irene Finney 'Springs Best' AM/AOS (Bruno Alberts × J. A. Carbone) and *Tolumnia* Jariak Firm 'Sweet Pink' (Rainbow × Plush)
- Terri Jozwiak's *Vanda* (Bitz's Heartthrob × Kasem's Delight) was overlooked during judging



Photographs by Amy Holt

Left to right: Dennis Pfarrer's *Slc* Seagulls Apricot × *Slc* Angel's Fantasy; Ken Cameron's *Miltoniopsis* Edie Brown 'Sparkling Diamond' and Sandra Gray's *Wilsonara* (= *Oncidium*) Space Mine 'Red Rendezvous' AM/AOS (*sphacelatum* × Carmine)

# OGG MAY RIBBON JUDGING

## First Place

Ken Cameron	<i>Miltoniopsis</i> Bert Field 'Eileen' AM/AOS (Mulatto Queen × Woodlands)
Lynn West	<i>Oncidium sphacelatum</i>
Theodore Ceplina	<i>Vaughnara</i> Jairak Kiss ( <i>Epicattleya</i> Tropical Jewel × <i>Brassavola</i> Little Stars)
Damon Smith	<i>Dendrobium unicum</i>
UNK grower	<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> [from xmas party 2024]
Theodore Ceplina	<i>Dendrobium chrysotoxum</i>
Theodore Ceplina	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> ( <i>speciosa</i> 'LSNo7' × <i>celebensis</i> )
Gerald King	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Miki Mok Choi Bear Queen '774' × (Phal Mok Choi Yew × Phal LD's Bear Queen)
Gerald King	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Purple Martin (Kenneth Schubert × <i>violacea</i> )
Steven Fauska	<i>Dendrobium</i> Mtn's Butterfly Kisses ( <i>glomeratum</i> × <i>cuthbertsonii</i> )
Ken Cameron	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Grande ( <i>longifolium</i> × <i>humboldtii</i> )
Chuck Acker	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Acker's Elf (Jerry Lee Fischer × Asuko Fischer)
Meredyth Graham	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Prince Edward Of York ( <i>sanderianum</i> 'Lady in Red' × <i>rothchildianum</i> 'New Dimension' FCC/AOS)
Lynn West	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Wössner Ministar ( <i>henryanum</i> × <i>helenae</i> )
Damon Smith	<i>Mystacidium</i> Neil McCormick ( <i>capense</i> × <i>braybonae</i> )
Lynn West	<i>Cypripedium parviflorum</i> var. <i>pubescens</i>

## Second Place

Chuck Acker	<i>Gomesa</i> Jiaho Queen 'Jia Ho' FCC/AOS
Sandra Gray	Mini <i>Phalaenopsis</i> NOID
Christina Keeley	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> NOID (red on yellow)
Theodore Ceplina	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Yaphon Perfume (Tying Shin Cupid × Tzu Chiang Balm)
UNK grower	<i>Brassocattleya</i> Hamlyn's Magic 'Leilani' (Catt. Jalapa × <i>B. nodosa</i> )
Lynn West	<i>Cattlianthe</i> Joyce Marie Rose ( <i>Cattleya</i> Angel Eyes × <i>Cattlianthe</i> Orchidglade)
Theodore Ceplina	<i>Encyclia tampensis</i>
Gerald King	<i>Slc</i> (Candy Sparks 'Gold Spark' × Laszlo's Spark 'Mini Flair')
Gerald King	<i>Potinara</i> Twenty-Four Carat 'Lea' AM/AOS × <i>Sc</i> Beaufort 'Hartfords's Elwood 4N' AM/AOS
Lynn West	<i>Phragmipedium</i> (Inca Rose × <i>besseae</i> v. <i>flavum</i> )
Ken Cameron	<i>Zygonisia</i> Cynosure 'Blue Birds' AM/AOS ( <i>Aganisia cyanea</i> × <i>Zygopetalum</i> Skippy Ku)



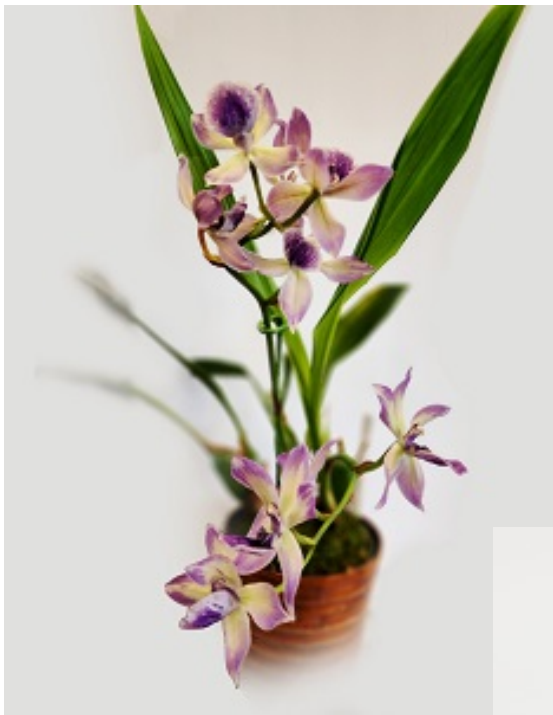
Christina Keeley's *Phalaenopsis* NOID



Theodore Ceplina's *Phalaenopsis* Yaphon Perfume  
(Tying Shin Cupid × Tzu Chiang Balm)

Photographs by Amy Holt





Ken Cameron's *Zygonisia* Cynosure  
'Blue Birds' AM/AOS (*Aganisia cyanea*  
× *Zygopetalum* Skippy Ku)

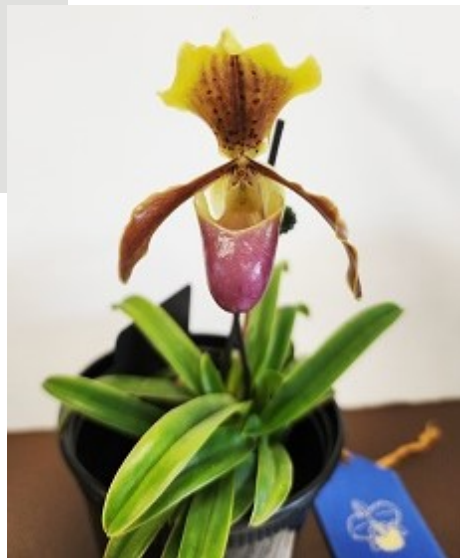


*Rhyncholaeliocattleya*

Photographs  
By  
Amy Holt



Chuck Acker's *Phragmipedium*  
Acker's Elf (Jerry Lee Fischer ×  
Asuko Fischer)



Lynn West's *Paphiopedilum* Wössner  
Ministar (*henryanum* × *helenae*)



Lynn West's *Cattlianthe* Joyce Marie  
Rose (*Cattleya* Angel Eyes ×  
*Cattlianthe* Orchidglade)



Gerald King's *Phalaenopsis* Miki Mok Choi Bear Queen  
'774' × (Phal Mok Choi Yew × Phal LD's Bear Queen)



Steven Fauska's *Dendrobium* Mtn's  
Butterfly Kisses (*glomeratum* ×  
*cuthbertsonii*)



Damon Smith's *Mystacidium* Neil  
McCormick (*capense* × *braybonae*)

## MAY ORCHID SALE AT OLBRICH

Thank you and to all OGG members who helped to make a great and successful Mother's Day sale at Olbrich Gardens on Saturday May 10th.

OGG member, Chuck Acker ordered plants from Hawaii. Lorraine, Lisa Linde and Sandra Gray drove to Hausermann's in Illinois and brought back a wonderful selection of orchids in bud and bloom.

Thank you to OGG members who helped set up tables, unloaded orchids and priced them the morning of the sale. Others worked as our sales force, cashiers and plant wrappers. Member's smiles, enthusiasm and expertise, made for a very, successful event.

Miraculously, by 10:30 AM, a majority of the 270 + orchids had found new homes. We closed the doors at noon and headed home with our own new orchids, too.

According to our treasurer, gross sales were approximately \$6,281.00



By 10:30 stock was mostly sold

Thank you again to all who worked to make this a fun and great event including Amy Kraus, Chuck Acker, Denise Baylis, Ellen Karlson, Gerry King, Gina LaLiberte, Jeff Baylis, Jeri Nelson, Kathy Johnson, Ken Cameron, Lisa Linde, Lori Getter, Lynn West, Meg Graham, Sandra Gray, Sean Stake, Steph Metzger, Sylvie Charest, Terri Jozwiak, Terry Bucheger, and Wanda Buckingham. I apologize if I omitted anyone.

— Lorraine Snyder

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## MAY ORCHID SALE AT OLBRICH “Made Me Proud to be an OGG Member!”

It was a little before 9:00 AM on Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> as I entered the Commons at Olbrich Gardens to deliver the orchid plants I had acquired for the OGG May Sale. Many of the signed-up volunteers were hustling and bustling to set up the plants that were already there from the Hausermann purchase. As I set my boxes of plants on the tables and began the unpacking process, I was immediately approached and helped by several members.

As the unpacking process was taking place, I caught myself looking around at the most wonderful group of people, all very enthusiastically doing tasks of arranging and pricing the plants for sale as well as checking to see what plants they may want to purchase for themselves. What really struck me was I noticed a good share of the volunteers were new members who had joined the OGG less than one year ago. This dis-

play of willingness and enthusiasm to partake and learn about this event warmed my heart with such joy, solidifying that the OGG really is the place to be for orchid lovers in our area!

A special shout out to those volunteering new members, Lori Getter, Amy Kraus, Steph Metzger, Jeri Nelson, Wanda Buckingham, Terry Bucheger, Ellen Karlson, Sylvie Charest and Gina LaLiberte! I apologize if I missed anyone and please know that your participation was as important as anyone else's.

In my 40 years of being an OGG member I can say that I have never been prouder to be a part of this group as I am today. Thank you all for your contributions to the OGG May sale, making it a huge success!

Happy Growing!

— Chuck Acker



## MAY MEETING SUMMARY

The May meeting is important because it includes the selection of open Orchid Growers Guild Board positions by member vote. The open slots were president, vice president, secretary, and one member at large. Members who attended the meeting via Zoom were considered to be present and a mechanism which allowed Zoom participants to vote anonymously was set up by Ken. In person attendance was 43 members and nine members attended via Zoom. Congratulations to Meg Graham, Chuck Acker, Lynn West, and Ted Ceplina who will start the new term on June 1, 2025. A gigantic thank you to the retiring board members for their extraordinary service.

Since the meeting was held in the smaller meeting room, it was decided to postpone the members' plant auction until the June picnic. Watch your email for information about the picnic and the auction. Auction forms will be attached to an email. Printed forms will also be available at the picnic. There will also be ribbon judging at the picnic and there will be extra forms available for ribbon judging.

The May meeting featured an in-person speaker, Dr. Robert-Jan Quené, who is a longtime friend of Chuck Acker. Dr. Quené is the owner of Clear-

water Orchid Laboratory in Superior, WI. His talk was titled "Lab Propagation: From Seed Pod, Flask, Compot & Beyond". Dr. Quené described his process for making media and preparing green pods (preferred) for flasking. Most of the species that he works with will germinate in about two weeks. Then 20 protocorms are replanted to a second flask after about two or three months where they remain for an additional five months. Plants are then removed from the flask and placed in a community pot with an appropriate orchid-type medium. Plants remain in the compot for two to three years. Some will flower in one to two years. Even though he prepares flasks for his clientele, he has created many awarded hybrids of his own which the members were awed by. Dr. Quené brought a selection of flasks for members to purchase and he donated a flask of *Epidendrum* for the door prize that was won by Jeff Metcalf.

Some members were so inspired by his talk that a new project was started by Terri Jozwiak to share pollen and learn how to pollinate orchids and create new hybrids. If you missed Terri's email contact her at [lodijoz@charter.net](mailto:lodijoz@charter.net)

— Lynn West

## Sex on a Kitchen Table

By Terri Jozwiak

Our May speaker, Robert Jan Quené, owner of Clearwater Orchid Laboratory in Superior, WI inspired me. I really want to work on fertilizing some orchids. As I looked at my small greenhouse I had a stunning *Bulbophyllum annamense* blooming with several clusters with 10-14 flowers on each. I also had one I bought at the Mother's Day Sale, a *Paphiopedilum* Macabre Allure with a very large maroon lower pouch, many maroon dots on the 2 side petals and a white and green striped dorsal sepal. I also had a *Phragmipedium caudatum* that was light greenish with a huge lip and side petals that were about 12 inches long and still growing.

So, if you note, I had 3 flowers that could not be

bred with each other; *Bulbophyllum*, *Paphiopedilum* and a *Phragmipedium*. So how could I do the deed of fertilization? I got the idea to ask other guild members if they had matches for my blooming plants. In order to entice someone else to share their plant, they would have to see mine, so I put out a notice with pictures. Of course I knew that I would have to tap into Chuck Acker's expertise because I didn't know how to fertilize two orchids. I



*Bulbophyllum  
annamense*

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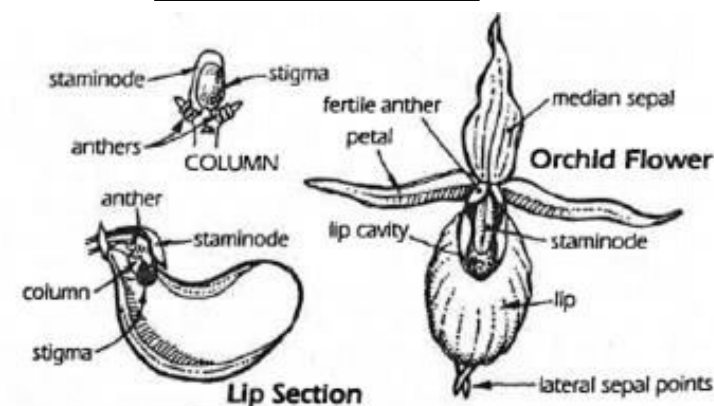


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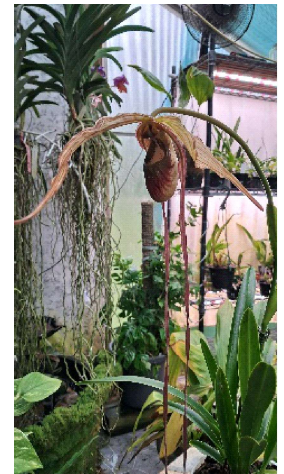
knew you needed pollen and ovaries but where those are on a Paph or Bulbo, I had no idea. Chuck had me use a magnifying glass now because the next parts were so small. Looking from the side, behind the staminode, I could now see the two anthers which had the pollen inside, on the upper right and the upper left side behind that staminode. By touching each anther, I could knock off the anther “capsule” that held the pollen. After it landed on the table, I could get at it and scrape out the pollen from inside with a toothpick. Now the pollen was on the toothpick. Next I had to rub that pollen on the stigma, which was also behind that staminode, but in the center. This was crazy, exacting and very interesting work.

Next, I practiced on the *Bulbophyllum*. Now all these same parts were super tiny. Putting the magnifier on and adding extra light helped. The *Bulbophyllum annamenses*, had an extra tiny piece of a petal in front of the staminode. We determined that that small petal was in the way and removed it with a tweezer. Now that tiny staminode with the pollen behind it was available. After removing the anthers with the pollen inside, it revealed the teeny tiny depression that was the stigmata, that the pollen would be put into. Touching into the stigmata depression puts a little sticky substance on the tip of the toothpick, enough to pickup the pollen capsule. Then the pollen capsule is placed directly into the stigmata area. I practiced quite a bit with fertilizing each flower on the *Bulbophyllum annamense*.

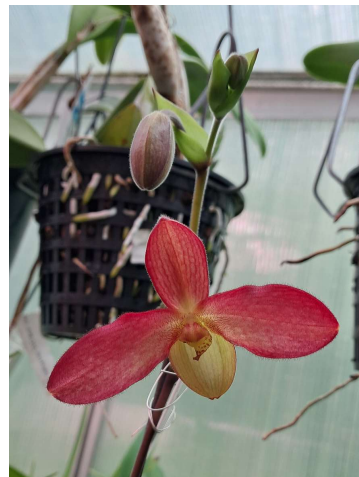
Now I was ready to start on the *Phragmipedium*



*caudata*. Meredyth Graham was there and provided her *Phragmipedium* Rosalie Dixler. Rosalie was a Bessie hybrid and had a medium flower with rounded lateral petals especially compared to the giant caudata flower. In deciding which plant would be the Mother with the ovaries and which the Father with the pollen, Chuck elaborated on giving the larger flower's pollen to the smaller flower's ovaries because the large flower's pollen is stronger but of course try going both ways. So off came the two pouches.



*Phragmipedium caudata.*



*Phragmipedium Rosalie Dixler.*

Meredyth put each pouch on her fingers and started her fingers “walking” around with the slippers on. It was very cute. With the entertainment finished, I took the pollen anthers off, scraped the pollen from them and deposited them carefully. Labelling each flower with the date and which flowers were used to cross it was the final step. Now we wait and hopefully

acquire a seed pod.

I have always wanted to fertilize some orchids but I was reluctant to do this in past years because it takes soooo very long to get a seed pod, flask the seeds, grow them in flask and then compost and tiny plants. Years!

If I don't start now, I will just be 2-3 years older in 2-3 years, instead of in 2-3 years getting a flask to start a compost of something I fertilized myself! I am very excited. What do you have blooming? Want to cross it with something else and make something new????

*Paphiopedelum* Macabre Allure will soon be mated with Damon's *Paphiopedilum* Supersuk!



# WHAT'S BLOOMING AT HOME . . .



Keith Nelson at home with his *Oncidium sphacelatum* - 151 blooms!



Nancy Thomas' *Phragmipedium Schroederiae*



Lynn West bought this *Phrag* Samuel Crothers at the 2024 Illinois Show from Ecuagenera. "It refuses to be in bloom at the time of any meetings. It drops the flowers on Fridays and the next flower opens on the Tuesday or Wednesday after a Sunday meeting."



Lynn West's *Cypripedium parviflorum* var. *pubescens* grows in her yard. A photo earned first place in May ribbon judging



Sue Reed's *Oncidium calochilum* or *Tolumnia calochila*, otherwise known as the Beautiful Lip Tolumnia. Flowers are 3-4 cm

## . . . AND ELSEWHERE



Nancy Thomas' found this *Cypripedium acaule* near Hayward

Denise Baylis found the *Cypripedium parviflorum* and the *Galearis spectabilis*, commonly known as Showy Orchis, along the Table Bluff segment of the Ice Age trail west of Cross Plains





# OGG Annual Picnic POT LUCK, June 29 beginning at noon

**HOSTED BY: Theodore Ceplina**

**WHERE: 108 Main Street, Deerfield**

- *Pot Luck*
- *Plant Judging*
- *Silent Auction*
- *Good Fellowship*

The event will be from noon till whenever we wrap it up. I will hang some balloons or decor on the mailbox so people can find me. If anyone is lost my cell is 608-236-3186. I have a 10 x 10' tent and tables we can set up for plant judging. Bring a dish to share. There should be enough tables to set up food in the garage as well as some outlets for crock pots, etc.

I plan to grill something and will provide a few cocktail options and coolers of ice so folks can bring their own drinks of choice too. I do have some patio furniture but chairs are highly encouraged. My yard is mowed, no ticks that I'm aware of. This is my first season here so I cannot speak to mosquitoes. I would say it is not a child friendly environment, no playgrounds or stuff like that immediately nearby but there is a park four blocks away.

I have a large array of IKEA glass cabinets to show and discuss.

Attached is a map that shows in red the best areas to park. If you park in my long narrow driveway you likely will be parked in. Best to save the driveway for those who may have mobility issues.

-- Theodore Ceplina

## POTTERY CLASSES

### Last Chance to Sign up June 30th

The deadline to sign up for class openings will be **June 30th**. Please email me ([kajohnson212@gmail.com](mailto:kajohnson212@gmail.com)) or text (608-213-6294) with your choice/s by **June 30th**. If you have questions you can also ask me about details.

The classes are listed below. The class will be \$25 per person and you can choose either to make two small pots or one larger pot with a saucer. This is "slab" pottery and Brook will take care of the firing. Space is limited so we want to shoot for no more than 8 people per session. There may be exceptions if you have a friend and there is only one opening. It never hurts to ask. Please be prepared to pay Brook Johnson, on the members listing that came with the May Newsletter, the day of class. Green Road Pottery is on Main Street in Stoughton. Fun Fact; they also specialize in artisan teas and chocolates.

- SUNDAY, JULY 13 @ 2PM: Carrie Weisman, Carmen Golde, Terri Jozwiak, Sue Reed, Christine Kelly, Jason Berry, Jeri Nelson (one space available).
- WEDNESDAY, JULY 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6PM. 8 openings. Find a group to sign up!
- FRIDAY, AUGUST 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 2PM. Lisa Bane, Simon Golde, Mary Kraft-Lee, Stephanie Metzger and Terry Bucheger and 2 openings.
- FRIDAY, AUGUST 15<sup>th</sup> @ 3PM. Jill Hynum, Judy Stevenson, 6 openings.
- SATURDAY, AUGUST 16<sup>th</sup> @ 2PM. **Full**
- SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6<sup>th</sup> @ 2PM. Lorraine Snyder, Amy Holt, Sylvie Charet, Wanda Buckingham, Anke Johnson, 3 openings.



Any questions, please ask.

— Kathleen Johnson