

January
2025

The Orchid Grower

Orchid Growers Guild of Madison

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Meeting Dates

- January 19
- February 16
- 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

- February 1-2, 2025 OQ
- 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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NEXT MEETING, January 19th Preparation for Orchid Quest

Let's say you have a beautiful *Paphiopedilum* slipper orchid to contribute to the Guild's Orchid Quest display, but does it get registered in class 35 (Paph hybrids, primary, red/pink)? or class 40 (Paph hybrids, complex, bronze/mahogany)? Each of us can remember the confusion and anxiety we felt entering our first orchid for judging at a national show, but it's really not a difficult procedure once you learn a few basics.

Orchids, exhibits, and other items get registered in at least one of 120 different classes. These are divided into eight different Alliances: *Cat-*

President's Message

Happy New Year OGG Members!

I hope you have had a wonderful holiday season! OGG really starts off with a bang this year with our Orchid Quest arrangements in full swing!

Our January meeting will be zoomed from our location in Meeting room presently, but it would be greatly appreciated if you would attend in person. The sign-up slots need to be filled, information about parking etc, food, set-ups, working, and take down information will be available at the meeting, and any questions can be answered.

Everyone with tasks as the lead of their group for OQ should be keeping notes so the information can be referred to for the next OQ show. What works and doesn't work at the end will be helpful for the success of future shows.

OGG relies upon OQ as our best outreach and fund raiser for our successful functioning as an organization. Although it is a lot of fun it does require all hands on deck to lighten the load.



Rth Fu Shu Glory
'Happy Holidays'

Photograph by Ken Cameron

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PROGRAMMING TIMELINE

- 12:30 Socializing and ribbon judging
- 1:00 Announcements (Sue)
- 1:15 Interactive discussion on show plant registration, staking, and packing, coupled with Show and Tell (Ken and Chuck)
- 2:00 Break
- 2:15 Orchid Quest Planning (Terri)
- 3:30 Meeting adjourned

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President's Message (Continued from page 1)

This is a great way to meet and work with the various members that you might not interact with ordinarily. We are a great group of orchid enthusiasts who love to share our knowledge and experience of growing orchids. As a group we get stronger individually with this shared knowledge.

I want to give a big thank you to Chuck, Ken and Meg for leading us in a fun holiday meeting with the great plants that Chuck had worked hard to purchase for us. Also a thank you to Meg and Nancy for working on the points and awards, Congratulations to Sean Stake (Beginner Grower), to Chuck for Best Grower, and Jim Wasser for most effort for show set-up and take-down.

Also thanks to Jim Wasser and Jeff Metcalf and volunteers for the nice set out of snacks at the meeting!

Thanks to all who were able to attend, especially Wayne and Lorraine King for making the extra effort to attend. And congratulations to Wayne and Chuck for their recognition by the American Orchid Society for their great service of 40 years to OGG!

Hope to see you January 19!

— Sue Reed



Thanks to Melissa and Todd Williams for donating seedlings of *Cattleya* Small World 4N x *Cattleya* Triumphans 4N at the December meeting. If you happened to purchase one please make a name tag for your plant. (Before you forget the name!!)

Thanks again to Melissa and Todd!

— Sue Reed

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tleya, *Cypripedium*, *Vanda*, *Oncidium*, *Cymbidium*, *Dendrobium*, or Miscellaneous Genera. At this month's Guild meeting (January 19) the Member's Programming Committee will help us to prepare our show orchids for registration, display and judging at Orchid Quest with an educational and interactive discussion about the different categories and classes that are evaluated by the American Orchid Society. Handouts will be provided. We also will give tips on staking your orchids and boxing them up for transport to local and away shows. Please bring plants for our Show and Tell table that we can use as examples.

DECEMBER OGG RIBBON JUDGING

First Place

Dan Schmidt	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Formosa Lady (Susan Booth 'Red' x <i>sanderianum</i> 'Sam Tsui' AM/AOS
David Nevin	<i>Cymbidium</i> DollyLin 'Green Multi' (Culpaulin x Dolly)
Gary Lensmeyer	<i>Cynodes</i> (Wine Delight FCC/AOS x <i>Cynodes lehmanii</i> x <i>Mormodes sinuata</i>)
Jeff Metcalf	<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Shin Shiang Diamond '#1' (Kat E-Sun x Tzeng-Weh Beauty)
Jeremy Briggs	<i>Oncidium</i> NOID
Jeremy Briggs	<i>Cattleya percivaliana</i> 'Summit' FCC/AOS
Ken Cameron	<i>Oncidesa</i> Lemon Heart (<i>Oncidesa</i> Sum Lai Woh x <i>Gomesa concolor</i>)
Ken Cameron	<i>Zygopetalum</i> Jumpin Jack (Skippy Ku x Artur Elle)
Ken Cameron	<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Hausermann's Holiday 'Christmas' AM/AOS (James Hausermann x Lisa Irene)
Lynn West	<i>Dendrobium</i> Angel Baby (Snow Baby x Snow Angel)
Lynn West	<i>Brassolaeliocattleya</i> Orange Nugget 'Kadaoka' HCC/AOS x <i>Brassolaeliacattleya</i> Guess What 'SVO' AM/AOS
Meg Graham	<i>Paphiopedilum spicerianum</i>
Melissa Williams	<i>Wuttiphanara</i> Manoonya (<i>Rhynvandopsis</i> Dixie Delight x <i>Perreiraara</i> Bangkok Sunset)
Nancy Thomas	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Phyllis Prestia (<i>conco-bellatulum</i> x <i>thaianum</i>)
Rachel Miller	<i>Dendrobium subacaule</i>
Rachel Miller	<i>Dendrobium cuthbertsonii</i> 'Chris' Red' x 'Red Delicious'
Rachel Miller	<i>Dendrobium cuthbertsonii</i> Pink

Second Place

David Nevin	<i>Cymbidium</i> Dolly-Lin 'Green Multi' (Culpaulin x Dolly)
Gerald King	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> NOID
Justin Endo	<i>Warczewiczella amazonica</i>
Ken Cameron	<i>Rhyncocattlianthe</i> Fu Shu Glory 'Happy Holidays' (<i>Rhyncattleanthe</i> Varut Feastful x <i>Cattlianthe</i> Kauai Starbright)
Lynn West	<i>Cattleya</i> Cosmic Circle 'Summer Candy' 4N x <i>Cattleya</i> Angel Eyes 'SVO' 4N AM/AOS
Lynn West	<i>Rhyncholaeliocattlya</i> Volcano Blue 'Volcano Queen' (<i>Rhyncattleanthe</i> Lois McNeil x <i>Cattlianthe</i> Blue Boy) clone
Meg Graham	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Hawaiian Star (Mem. Barbara Duncan 'Predominately Red' x Hawaiian Treasure 'Incredible')
Meg Graham	<i>Paphiopedilum wardii</i> (Mint Green x 'Chocolate Drop' HCC/AOS)
Melissa Williams	<i>Brassocattleya</i> Jairak Snow (<i>C. luteola</i> x B. Little Stars)
Nancy Thomas	<i>Bratonia</i> Kauai's Choice (<i>Brassia acuigeraa</i> x <i>Bratonia</i> Aztec)
Sandra Gray	<i>Tolumnia</i> NOID
Sandra Gray	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Sighing Barbie (Saiun 'Slipper Zone Alboviride') JC/AOS x <i>barbigerum fma aureaum</i> 'Junior'
Sandra Gray	<i>Paphiopedilum spicerianum</i>
Sue Reed	<i>Phaiocalanthe</i> Kryptonite 'Parkside' AM/AOS (<i>Calanthe</i> Rozel x <i>Phaius tankervilleae</i>)
Sue Reed	<i>Oncidium crocidipterum</i>
Wanda Buckingham	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> NOID
Wanda Buckingham	<i>Encyclia</i> NOID

Third Place

Wanda Buckingham	<i>Dendrobium</i> NOID
Wanda Buckingham	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> pink NOID



Photograph by Amy Holt
Jeff Metcalf's Rlc Shin
Shiang Diamond '#1'



Nancy Thomas's *Bratonia* Kauai's Choice
(*Brassia acuigeraa* x *Bratonia* Aztec)



Jeremy Briggs' *Oncidium*
NOID



Dan Schmidt's *Paph* Formosa Lady (Susan
Booth 'Red' x *sanderianum* 'Sam Tsui' AM/AOS



David Nevin's *Cymbidium* DollyLin
'Green Multi' (Culpaulin x Dolly)



Dendrobium Airy New Normal



Justin Endo's *Warczewiczella*
amazonica



Melissa Williams' *Wuttiphanara* Manoonya
(*Rhynvandopsis* Dixie Delight x *Perreiraara* Bangkok
Sunset)

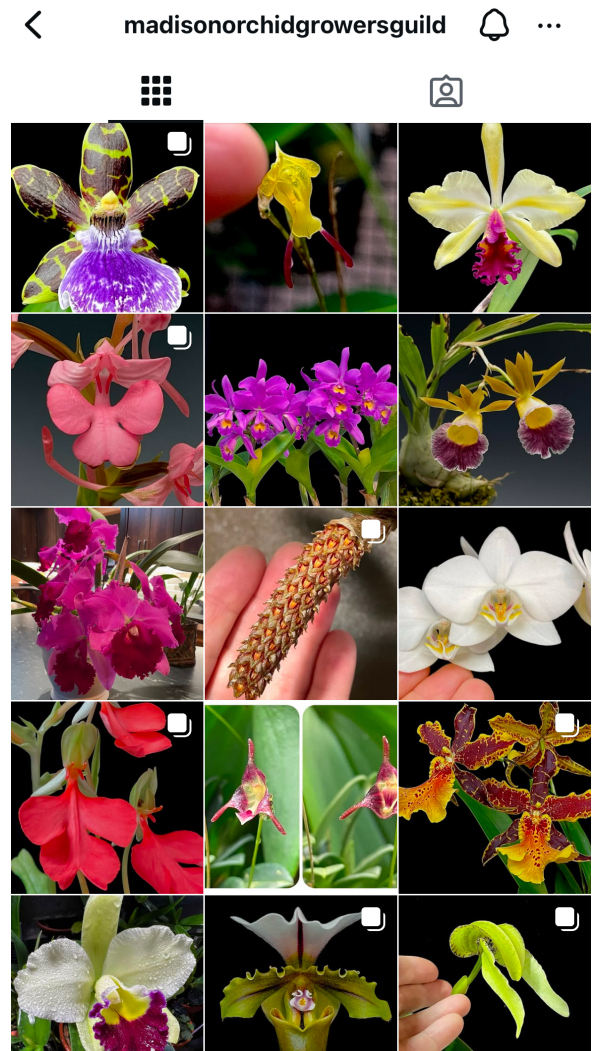


Sue Reed's *Oncidium crocidipterum*

Photographs by Amy Holt

Orchid Growers Guild is now on Instagram

Both Orchid Quest and the Orchid Growers Guild of Madison have been active on Facebook for many years, but now you can follow us on Instagram too! Find us under the name “madisonorchidgrowersguild”. Ken has been doing a great job of posting photos, event reminders, and other content several days per week to promote our organization widely across social media. At the present time there are ~1,500 people following our OGG Facebook page, 551 followers of our Orchid Quest page, and 59 people following us on Instagram (so far). If you use social media please make an effort to interact with our pages. One comment, share, or “like” can amplify our message around the world – let’s make the Orchid Growers Guild of Madison go viral in 2025!



2025 Orchid Growers Guild Membership Dues

Individual: \$25 Household: \$30 Student: \$15

OGG membership runs by calendar year. If you joined after September 2024 you will continue to be in good standing through 2025. Multiple ways to pay have been developed. See below:

Zelle (preferred). Most banks allow you to transfer funds directly from your personal checking to the Guild without fees. Simply log in to your bank / credit union account and select “Send Money with Zelle” (you may have to set this up for the first time). Then, simply send a payment to OGGTreasurer@yahoo.com. In the notes field please write your name and indicate that this is for 2025 dues.

Credit Card or Apple Pay. Secure online payments using all major credit cards are accepted at <https://square.link/u/nnCFDcAm>

Check. Bring a personal check made out to “Orchid Growers Guild” to one of our monthly meetings for the Treasurer (Ken). If you prefer to mail your check, please send it to Madison Orchid Growers Guild, P.O. Box 5432, Madison, WI 53705

Cash (least preferred). Our Treasurer (Ken) will accept cash at one of our monthly meetings. Exact change is greatly appreciated.

And the Winners Are...

Each year the Orchid Growers Guild recognizes members who have contributed much energy and effort into making the organization strong and viable. The various awards go to the people that accrue the most points from December to November with the winner announced at the Holiday celebration in December.

Points are earned by members when they bring blooming orchids to the monthly meetings. Points are 4, 3, 2 respectively for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbon judging. These points are doubled when the member sends blooming plants to "Away Shows" such as Wisconsin Orchid Society's show in Milwaukee or the Illinois Orchid Society's meeting at the Chicago Botanic Gardens as well as Orchid Quest. These points are 8, 6, and 4 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons. Members earn additional points for the total number of plants sent to each show. And! There are 25 bonus points for Best of Class or a Special Award and an even bigger bonus of 50 points for an AOS Award or AOS Best Plant in the Show award at these public shows.

In addition to the Grower Points there are Exhibitor of the Year points earned for setting up and taking down the exhibits at the away shows as well as additional points for award-winning displays. This past year the Board of Directors of the Orchid Growers Guild approved some changes to the Awards policy. One of those changes is to allow points awarded to six members participating in Away Show set up (instead of the previous four). This year there were nine members that did the display set up for four away shows plus OQ. So with the new policy more of us have the opportunity to "earn while we learn" -how to set up Away Shows. If you haven't considered doing this, perhaps this will provide some incentive to learn from the experience of our expert exhibit setter-uppers!

— Meredyth Graham



Photographs by Amy Holt

Exhibitor of the Year Award- This year there were 36 members that sent plants to the four "Away Shows" or brought them to Orchid Quest. There were nine members who took turns arranging these plants into displays for the public. There was only one person who contributed to the set up of all four Away Shows, many of which won 1st place ribbons at an AOS show. That person for the 3rd Year in a row was **Jim Wasser**.



The Second award is the Novice/Beginner Grower Award and goes to the person with three years or less experience growing orchids. This person has really stepped up participation in the Guild since he joined. Not only can you see his smiling face at the Orchid Growers Guild sales table he can grow some pretty spectacular orchids. This year's winner was **Sean Stake**.



Finally we come to this year's Milo Gilbertson Award. In July when the OGG Board met to revise the Awards policy there was some discussion that involved making that award more inclusive. Members should not be discriminated against for growing just one kind of orchid. Nor should they be discriminated against because they grew up in a greenhouse or can't remember a time when they couldn't pronounce or spell warscewiczianum (war-skew-wick-ee-a-num). This person has sent an average of 10.4 plants to all five AOS shows. He won five AOS awards this year alone giving him 250 points over the runner up (Sorry, Ken). Our winner was **Chuck Acker.**

Grower Points

Chuck Acker	640	Sean Stake	24
Jeff Metcalf	482	Melissa Williams	24
Ken Cameron	396	Patricia Jones	23
Meredyth Graham	266	Jim Wasser	22
Lynn West	210	Rachel Miller	18
Lorraine Snyder	119	Sandra Gray	17
Sue Reed	113	Amy Holt	14
Gerald King	112	Liz Wood	13
Jeff Baylis	92	David Niven	8
Terri Jozwiak	86	Steve Thimling	8
Brook Johnson	66	Sue Hill	7
Christina Keeley	55	Cynthia Wadsworth	6
Wanda Buckingham	44	Jill Hynum	5
Gary Lensmeyer	42	Steven Liu	4
Dan Schmidt	38	Jason Berry	4
Nancy Thomas	38		

Exhibitor Points

Jim Wasser	84
Sue Reed	81
Lynn West	81
Jeff Metcalf	72
Dan Schmidt	65
Irene Mackie	65
Denise Baylis	46
Lorraine Snyder	34
Ken Cameron	28

LETTER FROM SANTA

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Santa Chuck Orchid Plant Game and to those of you who purchased all the remaining plants! Santa brought a total of 63 plants in 25 different genera and 19 species to start the game. There were also several AOS awarded clones in the mix of plants. Orchid plants were chosen when a member's number was called by Santa's Elf and then a brief description of that plant was then given by Santa.

Since we did not allow the stealing of plants this year, members were given the option to "Horse Trade" with other members after the game was completed. No one wanted to horse trade their plant except one of the Elves. Poor Ken, no one wanted to trade with him so Santa had to do some magic to save his Elf! Santa is already looking forward to providing the OGG with a bagful of plants in 2025.

Happy Growing!

The American Orchid Society Certificate of Recognition Awarded

"In honor and gratitude for his role as a founder and original Orchid Growers Guild Board Member, and subsequent 40 years as a continuous active member."

The American Orchid Society Certificate of recognition is our small way of acknowledging the contributions of our members.

Wayne King and Chuck Acker founded Orchid Growers Guild in 1985 with several other orchid enthusiasts. Each has continued their membership adding their orchid knowledge, experience and leadership to the Guild for 40 years.

Wayne has served as President, newsletter editor, and has helped set up many orchid show exhibits. Wayne started to appear on the Garden Talk Wisconsin Public Radio program when we had Orchid Quest at the Alliant Energy Center about 1998 or 1999. Wayne also did other radio programs on orchids.

Chuck, while at Orchids by the Ackers, helped with getting orchids ready for the orchid shows and educational programs for the Guild. For our Mother's Day Sale, Chuck helped supply orchid flowers for corsages, then orchid plants when corsages were no longer popular. Chuck now does the Garden Talk radio program before Orchid Quest each year answering orchid questions from across the listening area. He actively



strives to educate the membership on a variety of topics. Chuck is currently very involved in finding quality orchids at reasonable prices for the Guild membership and for the Guild's auctions and sales. Chuck also has been assisting with all our orchid shows by supplying quality orchids for the OGG display.

Wayne and Chuck are two of the Orchid Growers Guild many treasures!

Thank you Chuck and Wayne!

AWARD ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

It is a great honor to have received the American Orchid Society's Certificate of Appreciation! As one of the founding members of the OGG, I have been very blessed to know the many amazing OGG members throughout these past 39 years. My family and I have spent many years of our lives making orchid growing in the Upper Midwest area something that we can all enjoy and the OGG is a great part of continuing that legacy. I am very thankful for the opportunity to be a supporting member as well as receiving this award!

I would also like to thank the Board for their revision of awards to be more inclusive, which led to my opportunity to win the Milo Gilbertson Award. I am again honored and grateful for the

recognition given to me by the OGG. I cannot thank the Board enough for these great honors and I look forward to

my continuation of supporting, educating and providing orchid-related benefits to our wonderful organization!

Thank you, Chuck Acker



What's Blooming at Bolz...in October

Some HUGE plants
with little flowers



Bulbophyllum rothschildianum



Bulbophyllum lilacium



Cattleya maxima

Dendrobium Hawaiian
Punch (Norma Jackson x
Blue Twinkle)



Dendrobium Thanes Blue (Bota Blue x
Thai Jewel)



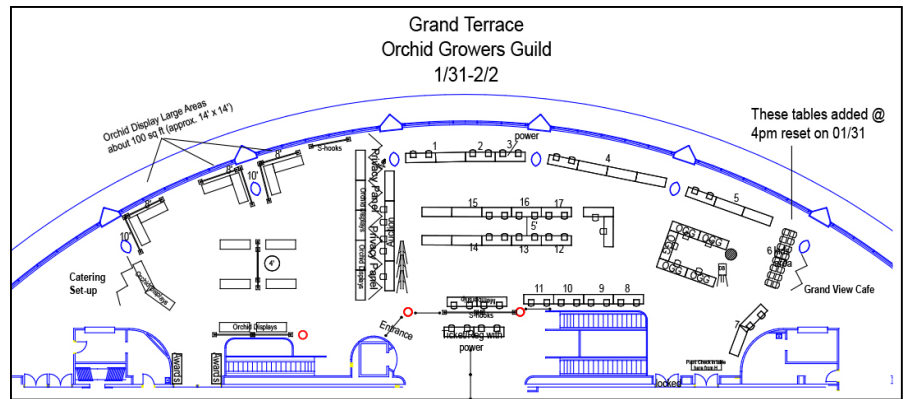
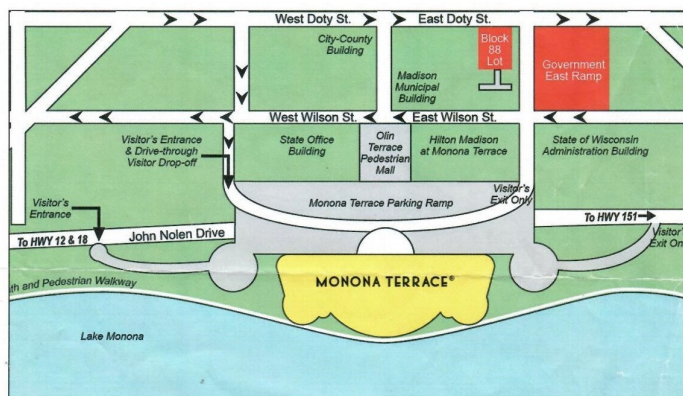
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Orchid Quest 2025 Up-Date

Orchid Quest is Saturday and Sunday, February 1 and 2 with set-up on Friday, January 31 at Monona Terrace (MT)

- Did you pick up posters and book-marks at the December meeting? It is time to pass them out to businesses and social clubs and everywhere!
- Our vendors for OQ 2025 are: Felly's Flowers, Grateful Gardener, Wisconsin Greenhouse Company, Natt's Orchids, Friday's Embroidery, Dr. Bill's Orchids, Sunprarie Orchids, Ecuagenera, New World Orchids, Anything Orchids, Klehmgro Orchids, Manecki Orchids and Green Road Pottery. Many of these vendors are taking pre-orders of their best plants or materials. Check OUR website to find a vendor's web-site.
- Are there any of your orchids spiking? Stake them and check them for bugs.
- Are there any plants that just don't do well for you? Think of donating them to the OGG table to sell. Maybe in another home environment they will thrive.
- Last chance to contact Judy Williamson and Carrie Weisman with an item you may want in our auction.
- Are there any items you have that can be given away in our raffle? Contact Terri Jozwiak for these.
- Please acknowledge our sponsors: Jung Garden Centers (all locations), Morgan Stanley, Wisconsin Greenhouse Company, Felly's Flowers, and Klein's! They were all very generous!



- One extra job to fill: We need one person to rent a truck (OQ will pay the bill) on Sunday, bring it to Monona Terrace at about 3 pm, and we will load it with the stuff for the OGG locker, drive it to the locker and unload it (you will have help). Then return the truck. Call Terri Jozwiak to sign up for this.
- Go to area businesses to see if they will donate something for our raffle. Gift certificates are good, as is an item. Just say, "We are planning an event with orchids that over 5,000 people came to last year. Would you like to donate something to get your business's name recognized at the event?"
- Would you like to know the ins and outs of parking at Monona Terrace? Enter the "Visitor's Entrance" on the attached map. Additionally, come to the January meeting and it will be explained in detail.
- The Monona Terrace parking garage's height restriction is 8 feet, 2 inches. If your vehicle is taller than that, do not enter the garage.
- Want to know the layout of Monona Terrace? See the attached Grand Terrace map. Additionally, come to the January 19 OGG meeting and it will be explained in detail.
- Sign up to volunteer at your favorite time, not sure where to sign up? Ask Meg megmcl6@gmail.com.
- Do you have an idea for your own educational exhibit? Contact Nancy mikeand-nancy@tds.net

Any other questions or concerns, call or email Terri Jozwiak
608-592-7906 lodijoz@charter.net

— Terri Jozwiak

Catering for OGG Volunteers at Orchid Quest

OGG members who serve as Orchid Quest volunteers for two hours or more will be admitted free to the event. Your meals and refreshments will be provided courtesy of the guild, but you *must sign up* for your meals no later than January 19, our OGG meeting date. You must also wear your OGG name tag to collect your meals. It is important to have an head count for our caterer in advance.

For meals signup contact Sandra Gray
by email sandragray445@comcast.net
by text (608) 514-5624
or in person at the January meeting

Catering Schedule

Friday 10 a.m. Morning Break Coffee and Orange Juice

1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Lunch "Grab n Go" Deli Sandwiches

3:00 p.m. Coffee, Energy Bars

Friday catering will be set out on the Girl Scouts tables in the main exhibit area

Saturday in the Hall of Ideas Room I

6:30 a.m. to noon or until it's gone, Continental Breakfast

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. or until they're gone, "Bag your own" Lunch

Deli Sandwich or Wrap, Chips, Cookie, Coffee, Apple and Cranberry juice.

Bags are provided.

Sunday in the Hall of Ideas Room H

10:00 a.m. to noon or until it's gone, Coffee and orange juice

Noon to 3:00 p.m. or until it's gone, Coffee, Iced Tea, Lemonade,
Sparkling Fruit Punch, Bagels with Cream Cheese and Preserves,
bowls of pretzels, potato chips.

OQ: SILENT AUCTION

The January OGG meeting is your Last Chance to bring your donations along with the completed donation form for the Silent Auction. Judy Williamson and I will be accepting donations at the club meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, we can also make arrangements to meet you to accept your donations.

We are looking for the unique items you think would be desirable for the Silent Auction such as art pieces, pictures, clothing, jewelry, or anything else that you would like to contribute to this major fundraiser for the Orchid Guild.

Donation forms providing information on the name of the item, special information describing the item, and how much the minimum bid should be will need to be filled out for each item and will also be available at the club meeting. If you have any questions about filling out the forms or possible donation items, please feel free to ask Judy or myself.

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Please sign up to help set-up and run the silent auctions on Saturday and Sunday. Jobs that we need help with include setting up the auction tables on Friday, running the auction on Saturday and/or Sunday, and teardown on Sunday. One thing we did discover last year is that we will need A LOT of help to close down each auction on Saturday and Sunday. This will require people who can help identify winning bids, wrap items, organize items according to the highest bidder, and help collect money from the winners. The more people willing to help make this event a success will make the work lighter, the event more fun, and enable everyone to enjoy the show.



— Carrie Wiesman

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO SHOW YOUR ORCHID

For all of you entering orchid plants in the OQ exhibit as well as all orchid shows the following information needs to be sent to the people doing the orchid plant registration for each show. For Orchid Quest the information will go to Sue Reed (Greed@chorus.net) and to Lynn West (LynneWest15@yahoo.com) by January 27. No additions after January 28, but we MUST know about any deletions as soon as possible.

What we need from you by Monday January 27 is:

- The COMPLETE Orchid name copied off the orchid's name tag
- If is a species the last part of the name will be lower case.
- If it is a hybrid it should all be started with Capital letters and any awards listed (i.e. AM/AOS)
- If it is a named hybrid, please include the parental names used in the cross.
- If the parentage is not listed on the tag, please research by Googling the name to find the parentage.
 - If you still cannot find it ask Chuck or Sue for help.
- With 100 plants in the exhibit Lynn and

Sue do not have hours to research your crosses, so please make every effort to find the parentage

- The Parentage helps the judges judge your plant correctly
- If an unknown orchid please list it as such, using flower for the correct class
- Please include the correct CLASS for your orchid plant.
 - Come to meeting on **Sunday January 19** with questions on how to class your orchid
 - Remember some classes depend upon size and or color of the flower which only YOU know.
- Thank you for sending your orchid plants!

More information will come out closer to the show but always clean the leaves, stake spikes, cut off any brown leaves and old flowers. Label the pot with your name and the plant's name. Having the orchid clearly identified greatly helps with set-up and take-down of the display. Spikes should be staked now for the show and if necessary, separate staking for transport.

Again thank you!

— Sue Reed

FOLIAGE PLANTS NEEDED

OGG members:

Besides your beautiful blooming orchids, please consider bringing green foliage plants to add to the exhibit. Foliage plants are useful to fill in the blank spots and make a more tropical and natural feel to the exhibit. The foliage plants as well as the orchids must be clean, with all brown tips and leaves removed. Foliage plants that accent the orchids and don't detract from the orchids are what the exhibit needs. No blooms other than orchid blooms are allowed in the orchid exhibit.

Please bring all plants to Monona Terrace by noon on Friday, January 31. Label your orchid pots and foliage plant pots and be prepared to



take your plants home on Sunday at take down, after 3 pm.

Thank you for making the Guild exhibit great!

— Sue Reed

New Logo for Orchid Quest

To coincide with our exciting expansion to the Monona Terrace this year Orchid Quest is unveiling a new logo! We commissioned the design by a graduate student at UW-Madison who is a talented botanical illustrator. It features a stylized flower of *Cattlianthe* Acker's Madison (see last month's OGG newsletter for a history of this orchid hybrid) and a magnifying glass to represent the public's annual "quest" for new orchids and knowledge of how to grow them better. The



letters are made using an open source font called "Mestiza Sans" with a bit of artistic flare. Our hope is that this simple logo will become recognizable for many years to come as a branding and marketing tool for Orchid Quest. Look for it in advertisements, on banners, posters, t-shirts, and other products used to promote the Guild's popular orchid show and sale.

What's in a Name?

I was so busy at Orchid Quest 2024 I wasn't able to find time to buy any orchids, except one or two from Ecuagenera where I had been helping the vendor.

I had my eye on a paph with two buds from Arnie Khelm's table, but by the time I was done helping Ecuagenera and participating in the Saturday afternoon panel, another OGG member had already bought it.

Sometime in April, I spotted a tray of Arnie's orchids at Woodman's West, very reasonably priced. I took home a Paph and a Cattleya and

repotted them.

To my surprise they both produced buds and bloomed in September. I entered them and asked Arnie Khelm if they were registered. He had named the Cattleya after his grandson, Otto Effling. He had not registered the paph. So I entered the plant name as the grex.



Photograph by Lorraine Snyder
Paph Lorraine Snyder (Mem Kay
Dancy x Hampshire Cloud)

Later in September I sent the OQ 2025 registration to all OQ vendors, including Arnie. Some time in October, he sent his check in for OQ and asked if I wanted the paph named after me! It was still going strong, so I sent him a photo. Arnie registered it as Paph Lorraine Snyder (Mem Kay Dancy x Hampshire Cloud)! What a total surprise. I am honored. Let's hope I keep her alive.

— Lorraine Snyder

YOU ARE INVITED

I just want to send out an invitation to attend a special Wisconsin Orchid Society meeting on February 9th. We are convening at the Mitchell Park Conservatory 'The Domes' at one o'clock for a social hour and plant judging before we get an exclusive look behind the scenes hosted by the horticultural staff. Please spread the word. Any OGG standing member is invited and will be allowed entry free of charge.

Sincerely,
John Paul Stuckert
President, Wisconsin Orchid Society