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The Orchid Grower

Orchid Growers Guild of Madison
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NEXT MEETING JANUARY 21st TERRY KENNEDY, "SHOW OFF TIME"

Terry Kennedy will explain to us how to prepare for an AOS judged show.

- Have you ever wondered how your fabulous Annual Orchid Show comes together?
- Have you considered adding YOUR OWN favorite orchids to this wondrous event?
- How do you navigate all those classes in that intimidating Show Schedule?
- How do you get the judges to notice YOUR lovely flowers?
- How do you build a trophy winning exhibit?
- With this presentation, you will get the answers to these as well as other questions you may have. Then you will have the **CONFIDENCE** to "**SHOW OFF**" your orchid flowers to their best advantage and thus contribute to building a fabulous orchid show.
- **And win those coveted ribbons and trophies!**

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Meeting Dates

- January 21
- February 18

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

Up-Coming Events

- 2024, January 27 - 28, —Orchid Society of Minnesota's "Winter Carnival Orchid Show", Marjorie McNeely Conservatory, 1225 Estabrook Drive, St. Paul, MN 55122
- February 3-4 — Orchid Growers Guild of Madison, Orchid Quest, Madison WI
- February 17 - 18 —Batavia Orchid Society's "Winter Wonders", Cantigny Park, 1S 151 Winfield Rd, Wheaton, IL 60189
- March 1-4 - 23rd World Orchid Congress, Tainan, Taiwan
- March 2 - 3 —Wisconsin Orchid Society's "Orchids for Everyone", Milaeger's Garden Center, 4838 Douglas Ave, Racine, WI 53402
- March 9-10 — Illinois Orchid Society Spring Show, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe IL 60022
- April 5 - 7 - Apopka International Spring Orchid Festival - AOS Member's Meeting, Krull-Smith, 2800 W Ponkan Rd, Apopka, FL 32712.

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Susan Reed (2024)

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year!

I hope all have had a nice holiday season!

Now it is time to get ready for Orchid Quest! Terri is our great lead on Orchid Quest and she sincerely appreciates all the time and effort everyone is and will be contributing to this event. Meg is doing a great job fitting people into a volunteer area that they are comfortable with. Orchid Quest is our largest undertaking and our major money maker that underwrites some of the membership benefits that all of you enjoy: discounted orchids, access to varieties of orchids that aren't readily available, great speakers from across the country, and access to experienced home orchid growers etc! Also this is our best chance to share our enthusiasm and knowledge about orchids and orchid growing with the public. Part of our mission is to increase the appreciation of orchids and orchid conservation. With knowledge comes admiration of orchids, of their natural environment and the importance of conservation of natural ecosystems.

Our January meeting will consist of a guest presentation on how to get your orchids ready for orchid shows. This means how the best way to show off your or-

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PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY MEETING

Noon: Doors unlocked

12:30 - 1:00 pm: Ribbon Judging, although if possible please hold your plants for Orchid Quest.

1:00 - 2 or 2:15 pm: Announcements, Orchid Quest Announcements and recruitment of volunteers.

2:15–2:30 pm: bio-break and leg stretch

2:30 pm: Zoom Speaker: Terry Kennedy, “Show-off Time”

Time permitting, discussion of ribbon judging orchids

4:00 pm: Olbrich closes

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chid plant.

Orchid Quest will be a large part of the meeting: How to register your orchids, explanation of how orchid shows function, how to help out at OQ and how to thoroughly enjoy and appreciate the many aspects of putting on an orchid show.

Olbrich will also be having their Orchid Escape ([January 27-March 3](#)) in the conservatory. Orchid Quest weekend is our opportunity to help the public expand their knowledge of orchids and perhaps learn to love them just like we do.

So please attend the January meeting to learn about the Orchid Quest workings, how to best present your orchid plants, and be eager to sign up to help share your orchid and people skills. We will have plant judging, but to save transportation of your plants in cold weather, please save the best for the Guild’s exhibit! You get more points for displaying your orchids at a show than at a meeting and since we are the host, we would like to have a spectacular orchid display to share with our public!

Thank you for being a Guild member! See you at the meeting

— Sue Reed

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Terry lives in Stouffville, Ontario where winters are long and cold and snowy. A greenhouse full of thousands of orchids offers Terry and her husband Doug a little bit of the tropics.

Together, they have exhibited in numerous shows from coast to coast, in Canada as well as the USA, including the two World Orchid Conferences. Creating trophy winning displays is Terry's favorite part of any orchid show.

Terry is a longstanding accredited judge with the American Orchid Society and Chair of the Toronto Judging Center. Currently she is also serving as secretary of the AOS.

Sharing her passion for orchids with both novice and experienced growers is her way of spreading the addiction to orchids.

Orchid Quest 2024

Orchid Quest is right around the corner! February 3-4 with set-up on Friday, February 2. The core committee has met several times and plans are in place.

There are still things to do to get ready for OQ:

- **YOUR Orchids:** Stake them now if they are sprouting a bloom and treat them for bugs.
- **Sponsorship:** For only \$25.00 you can sponsor an orchid award! Think of an award for the best Phal that YOU sponsored! Sign up with Denise Baylis - jrbaylis@tds.net.
- **Lunch:** For only \$17 you will have a guaranteed lunch on Saturday when it is so busy! Lunch from Blue Plate is a boxed cold salad, dinner roll, cup of soup and a gourmet cookie. Sign up with Sandra Gray no later than our next meeting. - sandragray445@comcast.net.
- **Sign-up to volunteer your time:** Figure out what time you can volunteer on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Sign up on Google Doc or let Meg know so she can direct you to where you would like to be assigned. Sign up with Meg McLaughlin - megmcl6@gmail.com.
- **Auction/Raffle:** Do you have items that can be donated??? They can be raffled off or put in the auction to make the auction more fun. If you collect from a business, Lisa Linde - crazycatplantlady@gmail.com has tax forms that they will want. Let Judy Williamson/Carrie Wiesmann judp2d@gmail.com or cleo-katz@msn.com know what items you can donate to the auction. See accompanying article.
- **Refreshments:** Bring single-serve items to OQ for the Snack area: Individual bags of chips, individually packaged cookies, fruit, granola bars, fruit snacks etc. Sign up with Sandra Gray sandragray445@comcast.net.
- **Posters & Bookmarks:** If you have taken any posters and bookmarks, NOW is the time to take them to your local bar or neighborhood store to put them in use. If you need some con-

tact Cynthia Wadsworth - Cynthia727672@gmail.com.

- **Clerking:** We need nearly 30 people at 6:30 AM on Saturday to help clerk. That is nearly a third of our membership. We MUST have YOU for this very interesting activity. No experience necessary so your partner can volunteer too. Sign up with Meg McLaughlin - megmcl6@gmail.com.
- Pre-check out our vendors - Some have discounts and nearly all will take preorders, and bring your plants to the show to avoid shipping charges!
 - Anything Orchids
 - Armstrong Orchids
 - Ecuagenera Orchids
 - Felly's Flowers
 - Green Road Pottery
 - Klehm Gro
 - Maneki Hill Orchids
 - Natt's Orchids
 - Orchid Trading Co.
 - Paradigm Gardens
 - The Grateful Gardener

All the websites for the above vendors can be found on OUR website <https://orchidgrowersguild.org/orchidquest>

The Orchid Quest organizational committee next meets via Zoom on January 9. Everyone is invited to attend.

If you cannot figure out who to contact with your question, and no question is too dumb, contact me - Terri Jozwiak lodijoz@charter.net

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Renewals made this Fall will be active until January 1, 2025

- Students \$15
- Individuals \$25
- Household \$30
- Business \$30

ORCHID QUEST EXHIBIT

Putting on an orchid show is a big deal and creating the host-society's exhibit is a second big deal!. We have been fortunate to have almost 100 of our members' plants in our past OQ exhibits. Needless to say this requires a lot of organization and cooperation between the timely arrival of the plants and the vision of the exhibit team. To make this process move smoothly there is some information on the OGG website to assist you:

Website: <https://orchidgrowersguild.org>
Instructions on plant preparation and how to transport your orchids: <https://orchidgrowersguild.org/away-show-misc>

Dates and items to remember

- Send complete name of plant and parentage (if possible); to Sue (greed@chorus.net) by Monday, January 29. with its registration class
- Send notification of any plant cancellations by Thursday morning, February 1,
- Bring all plants, orchids and foliage plants to Olbrich Atrium by 11 am on Friday, February 2.
- Unpack your labeled pots, plants, and check them in at the exhibit set up area.
- Take your packing material, including

transportation stakes with you.

Thank you in advance for bringing orchids and foliage plants. It is extremely important to label your plants, pots, etc and to have your plant identification with the plant. We sometimes have multiple plants with the same name with different owners entered. Therefore we need to be very careful that members plants are properly identified.

We will have pre-printed plant identification tags to put on the plants as well as the plant registration tags. If owners do some of this labeling this will greatly assist the exhibit set-up. If there are 100 plants and it takes 30 seconds to one minute to label each one, this is 50 to 100 minutes just labeling plants before they can be put into the exhibit!

Plant registration is based upon the Orchid Quest Show Book. This will be available on-line in January. The show book is based upon the MAOC show plant registration book available along with registration information aids at: <https://midamericanorchids.org/education>

Please bring all questions to the January meeting or email me (greed@chorus.net).

Thank you again for your participation in Orchid Quest!

— Sue Reed

**Blooming
at Bolz . . .**



Maxillaria splendens



Rhyncattleanthe One Love 'High Top' (Rhyncattleanthe Pukalani Golden Star × Cattlianthe Little Fairy)

REQUEST FOR DONATIONS TO SILENT AUCTION

Orchid Quest 2024 is fast approaching, and we are busy pulling together DONATIONS for the Silent Auction.

Please bring your donations to the January OGG meeting along with the completed donation form. Judy Williamson and I will be accepting donations at the January club meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, we can also make arrangements to meet up with 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.

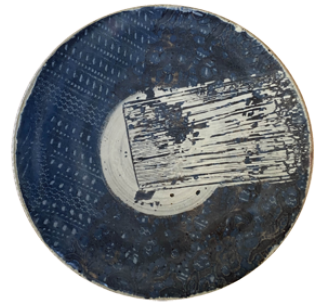
Donation forms ask for the type of item, special information describing the item, and how much the minimum bid should be need to be filled out for each item. Donation forms will also be available at the club meeting. If you have any questions about filling out the forms

or possible donation items, please feel free to ask Judy or myself.

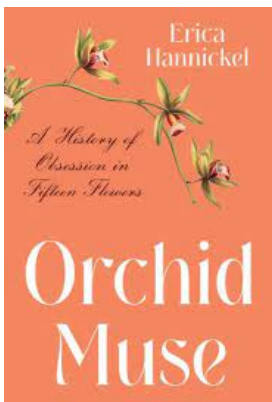
We will also need volunteers to help set-up and run the silent auctions on Saturday and Sunday.

Jobs 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, wrapping 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 Wiesmann



December Meeting Summary



December's meeting included both a Zoom speaker and a return to the OGG holiday tradition, Santa Chuck. The speaker was Erica Hannickel, a professor of history and author from Northland College right here in Wisconsin. The presentation was based on her book *The Orchid Muse: A History of Obsession*

in Fifteen Flowers. Many OGG members purchased copies of her book and the Guild purchased a copy to be placed in our Olbrich library collection which can be checked out by members. Professor Hannickel also provided a copy of her beautifully illustrated power point presentation which was distributed to members via email. If you are unable to locate the email or



haven't received it, please don't hesitate to contact Lynn West (lynnewest15@yahoo.com) to request a copy.

Santa Chuck brought an amazing selection of orchids for members to pick from and to steal. The *Phragmipediums* were especially popular. One plant having been stolen at least 7 times if not more.

Thanks to Jeff and Jim for preparing the holiday snacks and to other members who brought in food for the spread.

— Lynn West

With no ribbon judging at the December meeting, members were asked to share their blooming orchids in the newsletter

What's Blooming at Home . . .

CATTLEYA



Jeff Baylis' *Cattleya* Circle Doll (Circle of Life × Yellow Doll) '12-03A'



Terri Jozwiak's *Blc.* Hausermann's Holiday 'Christmas' AM/AOS (James Hausermann × Lisa Irene). There are 4 stems with 9 flowers



Melissa Williams' *Brassavola nodosa*



Jeff Baylis' *Brassanthe* Maikai 'Mayumi' AM/JOC (*Brassavola nodosa* × *Guarianthe bowringiana*)



The blooms on Melissa Williams' *Brassocattleya* Jairak Snow (*Cattleya luteola* × *Brassavola* Little Stars) will turn white soon.



Lori O'Neill's *Lc.* Acker's Madison × *Slc.* Golden Wax



The first flowering of Melissa Williams' *Rlc.* Mount Hood 'Goliath' × *Rl.* digbyana 'Mrs. Chase' 4N



First flowering of Melissa Williams' *Cattleya* Claradiana intermedia × *lueddemanniana*)

More Blooming at Home . . .

CATASETUM TYPES

“My catasetums are a month earlier this year. The two I had in our OGG exhibit at Orchid Quest last year are blooming in December.”

— NancyThomas



Susan Reed's *Cl* Grace Dunn 'Live Oak' HCC/AOS × *Ctsm.* Orchidglade 'Davie Ranches' AM/AOS



Lynn West's *Ctsm.* *fimbriatum* 'Golden Horizon' × *Ctsm.* *osculatum* 'SVO', Project plant



Nancy Thomas' *Fredclarkeara* After Dark 'Sunset Valley Orchids' FCC/AOS (*Mormodia* Painted Desert × *Catasetum* Donna Wise)



Nancy Thomas' *Monnierara* Millennium Magic 'Witchcraft' FCC/AOS (*Catanoches* Midnight Jem × *Mormodes* *sinuate*)



Lynn West's *Monnierara* Millennium Magic 'Witchcraft' FCC/AOS (*Catanoches* Midnight Jem × *Mormodes* *sinuate*)



Lynn West's *Phragmipedium Achen-tal* (Hanne Popow \times *richteri*)



Sue Reed's *Phragmipedium* (sargentianum \times caudatum)



Lynn West's *Phragmipedium Cardinale* (Sedenii \times schlimii)



Jeff Baylis' *Phragmipedium Barbara LeAnn* (besseae \times fischeri)



Lori O'Neill's *Phragmipedium Belle Hogue Point* (Eric Young \times *x caudatum*)



Phragmipedium Ackers Fireworks



Jeff Baylis' *Phragmipedium besseae* 'Cow Hollow II' FCC/AOS

Nancy Thomas' *Phragmipedium Ackers Fireworks* (Sunspot \times *besseae v. flavum*). "Chuck explained that hybrids made with Sunspot exuberantly produce stolons (upright runners with new shoots) that climb out of the pot, so I looped the stolons around the perimeter of the pot and have 3 flower stalks blooming now."



And More Blooming at Home . . . ONCIDIUM TYPE



Lynn West's *Colmanara Masai Red* (*Rst. bictoniensis* × *Onc. cariniferum*)



Jeff Baylis' *Oncidesa (Oncidium) Gower Ramsey* (*Oncidesa Goldiana* × *Oncidesa Guinea Gold*)



Lynn West's *Oncostele Succubus 'Night Shift'* (*Oncidium fuscatum* × *Oncostele Blackata*)

MINI/OTHERS



Susan Reed's *Dracula hirtzii* is just opening growing in her BiOrb.

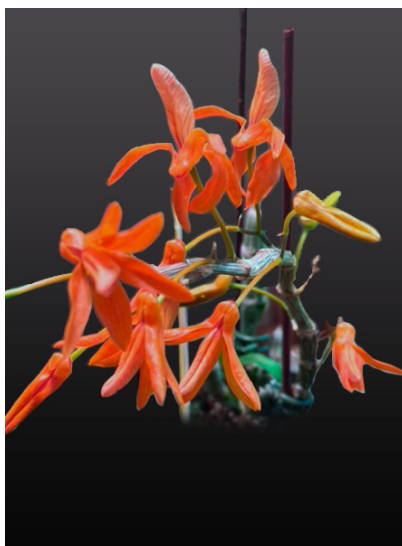


Christina Keeley's *Haraella retrocalla*



Terri Jozwiak's *Maxillaria schunkeana* has tiny flowers but there are 7 of them

DENDROBIUM



The Orchid Grower January 2024 page 9 of 10 Susan Reed's *Dendrobium unicum 'Giant Horn'*



Melissa Williams' *Dendrobium Micro chip* (*Dendrobium normanbyense* (syn *Dendrobium atrovioleaceum*) × *Dendrobium aberrans*)

And More Blooming at Home . . .



This *Paphiopedilum* (*spicerianum* 'Enticing' x *spicerianum* 'St Albans') is Jason Berry's first orchid and first bloom.



Lori O'Neill's *Paphiopedilum* Stark Raving Maude (Barry Starke x Red Maude)

PAPHIOPEDILUM



Susan Reed's *Paphiopedilum* (*chamberlianianum* x *rothschildianum*)

MISCELLANEOUS



Jeff Baylis' *Coelogyne* Jannine Banks 'Snow White' HCC/AOS/OSNSW (*mooreana* x *flaccida*) has another spike on its opposite side plus several more starting



Christina Keeley's *Phalaenopsis* *speciosa* 'Purple Mountain'



Christina Keeley's *Phalaenopsis* Miki Pink Fox (variegata & peloric)

PHALAENOPSIS



Lori O'Neill's *Vanda* Sansai Blue 'Acker's Pride' FCC/APS (Crimson Glory x *coerulea*)



Christina Keeley's *Vanda* Nopporn Gold alba (Pete Balasky x Charles Goodfellow)

VANDA