september 2024 The Orchid Grower

Orchid Growers Guild of

www.Orchidgrowersguild.org

NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 15th

Our speaker is Sarah Hurdel of Need More Orchids, https://needmore-orchids.myshopify.com/.

Sarah will be speaking on Layer Cake Potting for Orchids with an emphasis on Bulbophyllums. She will explain how to get hem started in Layer Cake and how to manage the plant once it takes off. She will cover many different types of this large Genus. Truly the easiest way to grow them, even in low humidity.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Terri Jozwiak's Bulbophyllum annamense Hi OGG members,

I hope all of you had a very nice summer. Some members had some outside growing challenges with bugs dining on orchid spikes, and the removal of plants by animals and wind! I hope your outside plants were well protected! I only summered out the Cymbidiums because I knew they could handle the outside swings in temperature and rain fall! My

token Vanda also seemed to like it with the higher humidity than the house!

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Speaker: Sarah Hurdel

President's Message

The Guild has a very busy year ahead of us with a slightly different meeting format and with the challenges of moving our annual orchid show, Orchid Quest, to Monona Terrace in February.

We are hoping to better inform all of the members of the Guild's activities, plus giving members many opportunities to participate. We want to continue to make members a vital part of this organization.

Part of this increased information is a reformatted website with the expertise of Jason leading the way.



- September 15
- October 20
- November 17
- December 15

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

Guild

Up-Coming Events

- September 14-15, Wisconsin Orchid Society Show: "Fall in Love with Orchids", Mitchell Park, Milwaukee
- September 20-22, Chicagoland Orchid Fest
- October 19-20, 2024, Eastern Iowa' Orchid Society's Show, "Orchids Are a Scream 2024", at the Elks' Hall, 801 33rd Ave, Cedar Rapids, IA
- February 1-2, 2025 OQ
- February 15-16 Batavia show
- March 1-2 Milaeger's Show
- March 8-9 Illinois show

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SEPTEMBER PROGRAMING NOTES—TIMES APPROXIMATE

Theme: Welcome Back! A Preview of the Guild's Year Ahead

In addition to our afternoon speaker Sarah Hurdel we will devote time at the beginning of this meeting to introduce the Guild Board members, review committee assignments, discuss upcoming away shows, the annual plant challenge, and other activities planned for 2024-25. It's going to be a great year!

12:00 Doors open for setup

12:30-12:45 Orchids on display, socializing

12:45-1:00 Ribbon judging, socializing

1:00-1:45 Business meeting

1:45-2:00 Orchid show & tell (brief this month)

2:00-2:15 Refreshment break, orchid viewing, socializing

2:15-3:15 Speaker Sarah Hurdel (virtual)

3:15 Door prizes

President's Message (Continued from page 1)

We are hoping to have a "Members Only" section, controlled with a password that changes yearly. We will also try to have incoming information on meetings, shows, sales etc. on the website with the opportunity to do sign-ups online! Of course this is still in the planning stages and we hope to have everything completely running before OQ!

So please bear with us on our foray into the newer digital stage!

All constructive suggestions are welcome as well as any assistance. Just let me know.

There are already many opportunities to help with OQ and Terri is the lead on this. Check page 8 in this newsletter for suggestions.

I hope all of you can attend the September 15th meeting and will have some plants for the Milwaukee Fall Show in the Domes on September 14-15.

I am looking forward to another great year of orchid meetings! See you in September!

Sue Reed

ABOUT OUR SEPTEMBER SPEAKER: SARAH HURDEL OF NEEDMORE ORCHIDS

Sarah is the owner of Needmore Orchids, an artist, orchid blogger, exhibitor and accredited AOS judge. She maintains a collection of well over 600 orchids under lights in her basement. Even without a greenhouse, her plants and exhibits have received AOS award recognition for culture, flower quality, and design. She enjoys sharing her orchid obsession with others through in-person and virtual presentations to societies across the US and Canada. Her talk combines her love of orchids, photography, and illustration with experienced advice and a sense of humor. Sarah currently has two blog pages featuring her orchid photography and cultural information - Something About Orchids on Facebook and Blogspot.

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OGG & ORCHIATA

With our primary local supplier of orchid bark going out of business this summer, Guild members were given an opportunity to participate in our first Orchiata Group Sale. The importer of this quality pine bark based in Savanna, Georgia works with orchid clubs across the country through their "pallet program" to offer 35L bags of Orchiata at a deep discount (~50% less than retail). In the end, 25 OGG members as well as the Guild, itself, ordered 65 bags in three different sizes (Classic, Power, & Power Plus). If you have not picked up and paid for your order (\$35/bag) please contact Ken Cameron. All remaining bark will be blended into custom OGG mixes that we intend to sell to the public at Orchid Quest 2025 as a club fundraiser. Thanks to all who participated in this special activity. Guild membership has benefits!



Chuck's Challenge Plant Update

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer! Here's an update on Chuck's Challenge Plant for the upcoming September meeting. I will be happy to go over any questions you might have about your Gomesa Jiaho Queen 'Jia Ho' FCC/ AOS and also talk about the upcoming judging of them which will be at the October 20th meeting.

I will also be taking time to introduce the next Chuck's Challenge plant for the 2024-25 meeting season, as I have secured 50 plants of an exciting and rare orchid species! If you are interested in participating in the next challenge there will once again be a \$10 fee for a plant that would retail for \$30-\$35. Payments will be accepted for this challenge plant starting at the September meeting and go through to the October 20th meeting when I will be passing out the

plants.

Just a reminder that the **three** categories for judging the 2023-24 Gomesa challenge are;

- 1. First plant to bloom,
- 2. Most robust plant,
- 3. Most creatively grown/potted plant. Prizes will be given out in those three categories!

I'm looking forward to providing you with more details on the new challenge plant at the September meeting when I will show some slides and provide cultural information.

See you all then!

— Chuck Acker



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Wisconsin State Fair

The WI Orchid Society's entries in this year's WI State Fair. Blooming plants are judged by AOS judges to win ribbons (1st, 2nd, 3rd place, Best of Class, Best of Show) along with nominal cash prizes (\$1-10 this year). Next summer OGG members will have a chance to enter their blooming orchids in the 2025 WI State Fair with the assistance of WI Orchid Society colleagues, so keep this opportunity in mind for your summer blooming orchids next August!

Nancy Thomas

JUNE PICNIC RIBBON JUDGING

Everyone was a winner!

Nancy Thomas Angulocaste (Anguloa dubia x Lycaste bradeorum)

Terri Jozwiak Bulbophyllum annamense

Wanda Buckingham Burrageara (Oncostelopsis) Mayor Billy JFo89 (Oncostele Warm Memories

x *Oncidopsis* Francine)

Terri Jozwiak Cattleya Acker's Angel (Cattleya Logden × Cattleya Little Angel???)

Patricia Jones Cattleya Dominiana coerula (1859) (dowiana x purpurata)

Patricia Jones Cattleya purpurata v. carnea

Meg Graham Cattleya Summer Spot 'Carmela' HCC/AOS x B. nodosa

Melissa Williams Cattleya tenebrosa 'None Darker' x C milleri 'Dr. Koopowitz Red' HCC/AOS

Jeff Metcalf Encyclia Tutti Frutti (granitica x tampensis)
Wanda Buckingham Epidendrum (Comet Valley x Rose Valley)

Jeff Baylis Gomesa Jiaho Queen 'Jiaho' FCC/AOS (Mulatta's Dancing x varicose)

Melissa Williams Phalaenopsis unknown Multifloral

Melissa Williams Paphiopedilum Alpine Pleasure (Alpine Glow 'Haley Suzanne' AM/AOS x

Luna Pleasure 'Lehua Again' HCC/AOS)

Meg Graham Phalaenopsis Fuller's Sunset 'Yellow Man'

Dan Schmidt Phalaenopsis unknown Dan Schmidt Phalaenopsis unknown

Wanda Buckingham *Phalaenopsis* Unknown spotted

Melissa Williams Phalaenopsis Yaphon Black Snake #3 (GW Green World X Haur Jih

Princess)

Jeff Metcalf Phragmipdium (Acker's Lovely 'Essence' x kovachii 'Drumlin Sensation')
Meg Graham Phragmipdium Eric Young (besseae f. flavum x longifolium var. hartwegii)

Lorraine Snyder Phragmipdium Grande Nancy Thomas Phragmipdium lindenii

Meg Graham Phragmipdium Paul Eugene Conroy (longifolium Waunakee x wallisii)

Meg Graham Phragmipdium Petit Port x longifolium Patricia Jones Phragmipedium warscewiczianum

Terri Jozwiak Tolumnia variegata



Dan Schmidt's Phalaenopsis unknown



Melissa Williams' Cattleya tenebrosa 'None Darker' x ${\cal C}$. milleri'Dr. Koopowitz

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Wanda Buckingham's *Burrageara* (*Oncostelopsis*) Mayor Billy JF089 (*Oncostele* Warm Memories x *Oncidopsis* Francine)



Orchid Photographs by Amy Hol

Phragmipedium warscewiczianum



Patricia Jones brought in three phenomenal plants: *Phragmipedium warscewiczianum*, *Cattleya* Dominiana coerula and *Cattleya purpurata* v. carnea.



Chuck with Jeff Metcalf's Encyclia Tutti Frutti



Photograph by Jill Hynum Nancy Thomas' Angulocaste (Anguloa dubia x Lycaste bradeorum)

The June 2024 OGG Picnic was a fun success thanks to all who attended and a glorious summer day! Special thanks to Lynn West, Jeff Metcalf and Jim Wasser for coming early to help with hospitality. A special thank you to Chuck Acker for grilling delicious brats and burgers and thanks to all of the members who brought phenomenal side dishes, desserts and contributions to a lovely afternoon. In addition to the fabulous food, we enjoyed orchid show-and-tell and a silent auction. There was a plethora of blooming orchid varieties including Jeff Metcalf's Encyclia Tutti Frutti with its stunning floriferousness and outstanding fragrance.

There couldn't have been a better ending to the 2023/24 OGG season with perfect weather, excellent food, lots of conversation and a record number and variety of blooming orchids for all of us to learn about. See you in September to kick off the adventures to come with the 2024/25 OGG meeting calendar season.

- Meredyth Graham

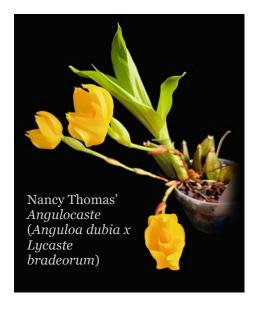


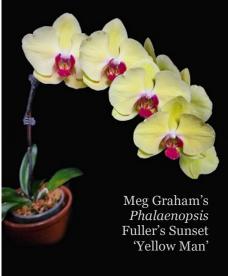
Cattleya purpurata v. carnea

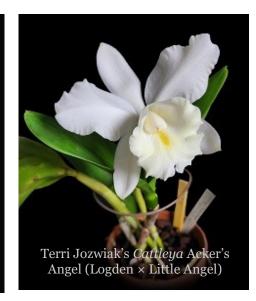


At right: *Cattleya* Dominiana coerula (1859) (*dowiana* x *purpurata*) This is a rare orchid hybrid with large, fragrant flowers that are a stunning shade of blue. It was first bred in 1859 and requires bright, indirect light and high humidity levels to thrive. This orchid is highly prized by collectors for its historical significance and its unique, blue coloration.

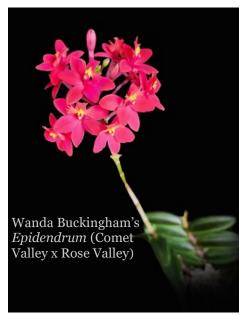
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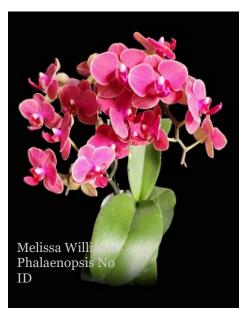


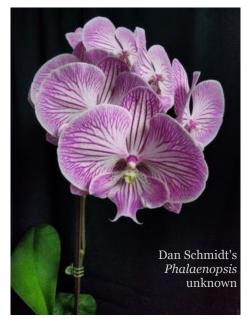






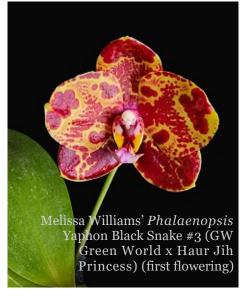


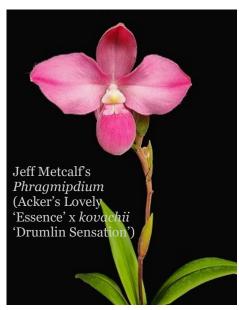


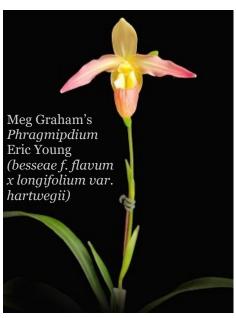


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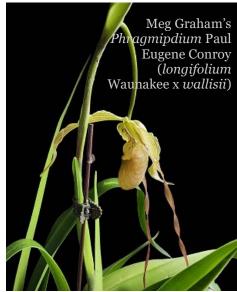














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ORCHID QUEST UP-DATE

NEW VENUE: Monona Terrace.

Orchid Quest (OQ) February 1-2, 2025 with set-up on Friday, January 31



Imagine walking into ONE massive area that smells and looks like an indoor tropical paradise! Imagine our exhibits lit by giant 20+ foot windows!!! Imagine a vendor area that disperses the crowds better! Imagine a sound system

in the seminar room that all audience members can clearly hear. This is what the new location at Monona Terrace will provide to Orchid Quest 2025.

Have you decided where you want to help? OQ uses a multitude of volunteers with jobs that are broken down into small pieces for easy handling. If you are looking for your niche, check this list. There are many opportunities at the bottom of the list. If there is someplace you would like to work that is already "taken" there may be room for more assistance. If you want to volunteer for a job, contact Terri Jozwiak at looking-acceleration-net. Most jobs work semi-independently UNLESS you want help.

- Show Chair Terri Jozwiak
- Publicity Cynthia Wadsworth & Ken Cameron
- Speaker Program Cynthia Wadsworth
- Head clerk Liz Barlow
- Registration Coordinators Julie Ulland, Steve Thimling, Brent McCoy.
- Computer Program Christina Kelley, Lisa Bane, Julie Ulland
- AOS Photographer Scott Weber, Jacqui Ziegler, Amy Holt
- Judging Awards & ribbons Nancy Thomas

- Orchid Society Coordinator Nancy Thomas
- Webmaster Jason Berry
- Show Book Susan Reed, Denise Baylis
- Graphics (for show book and poster)
 Denise Baylis
- Auction item procurement Lorraine Snyder, Denise Baylis
- Sponsors, Raffle & Auction items procurement – Judy Stevenson, Jill Hynum
- Volunteer Coordinator Meg Graham
- Catering Sandra Gray
- Vendor Coordinator Lorraine Snyder, Lisa Linde?? wants an assistant
- Donation Coordinator Lisa Linde
- Truck Rental/Electronic media advertising – Ken Cameron
- Run the Raffle Anne Redford
- Membership Table Lynn West, Cynthia Wadsworth, Sandra Gray
- MC for the speakers Jeff Baylis??
- Auction (set up & run auction) Judy Williamson, Carrie Wiesman Saturday auction, needs someone to run Sunday auction
- Plant Check –
- Ticket Committee (running the admittance table at OQ) –
- Kids Area Terri unless someone else wants this
- Show Co-chair –
- Gift Coordinator (gets gifts for Judges, Vendors & societies) -
- OGG Sales table (where we sell member plants, tiles, pins, pots, etc)
- OGG Exhibit –

NEXT OQ Planning meeting will be held via ZOOM on Tuesday, September 17 at 7 pm. We will be discussing Advertising in all medias, Friday set-up times and other timely topics.

Terri Jozwiak Show Chair 608-592-7906

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ON THE HUNT FOR NATIVE ORCHIDS IN DOOR COUNTY

By Judy Stevenson

For the third year in a row, Lorraine Snyder, Denise Baylis and I ventured to Door County to hunt for spring native orchids. We went one week earlier than last year because the weather was warmer. That was a wise decision.



The first place that we explored on June 5, 2024 was Bailey's' Harbor Ridges County Park on 2301 Ridges Rd., Baileys Harbor. We

were not disappointed and the decision to come earlier was wise. The orchids had reached their peak and they were just starting to loose some of their robustness. There were orchids on both sides of the road but the most were on the side closest to the water. The orchids that had the chestnut coloration

were my favorite. The Cypripedium parviflorum at this location were the densest. They grew in filtered light and under a canopy of tall deciduous trees and rich forest soil. The orchids varied in height but were on the taller side approximately 10" to 12". They were in clumps or single.

That afternoon we also found the *Cypripedium* parviflorum at New-



port State Park on 475 CTH -NP, Ellison Bay, WI. There was an interesting trail opposite the Ranger Information Station but the orchids were smaller and less numerous. Again, they were growing in rich forest soil under deciduous trees.

On June 6, we found one lone Cypripedium parviflorum along a trail in Egg Harbor and many tiny little vellow slippers along the road behind the Ridges Sanctuary in Bailey's Harbor. We found two light houses on Lake Michigan and hiked along Sturgeon Bay canal but did not find orchids. Rain in the

afternoon slowed our search.

June 7 we hit the jackpot, first at Whitefish Dunes State Park at 3275 Clark Lake Road, Sturgeon Bay. We took the Brachiopod Trail which was away from the beach closer to Bay. It was an easy trail. As we got closer to Clark Lake, we started seeing Cypripedium acale Aiton on both sides of the trail. This orchid used to be identified as the moccasin flower orchid. The area where the orchids were



located was swampy with water standing in adjacent bogs. The orchids were taller than the yellow lady slipper and were growing on the top of the ridges around the bogs.

Later that afternoon, we walked through the Ridges Sanctuary and found just one fenced *Cypripedium* acale. There we also saw a research area where a couple of Cypropedium californicum (Ram' Head) were growing but they were hard to see because they were small and the flowers semi-open.

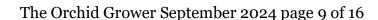
Next we drove to Toft Point. (From the intersection of Highway 57 and Ridges Road on the north side of Baileys Harbor, go east on Ridges Road about 1.4 miles, then north on an access lane at fire number 8380 to a parking area and trailhead.) From there,

walk on a wide path. Denise and Lorraine found a lovely stand of Corallorhhiza striata [Neottia striata](Striped Coral Root) growing in alkaline soil. (Judy's legs gave out).

We had a quick stop in Peninsula State Park, 9462 Shore Red, Fish Creek. Near the Ranger's Station where we found very small soft yellow Cypripedium parviflorum just 8" tall.

The trip to Door County was very worthwhile and I

would encourage all OGG members to venture north the first part of June.



LOOKING AT ORCHIDS IN NATURE: SPAIN

"An orchid blooming in its native habitat is one of the miracles of the natural world that every orchid lover should see at least once." Orchid Conservation Alliance.

This spring I went on an Orchid Conservation Alliance eco-tour to Northern Spain, the Basque region. There were seven of us, including two guides. One guide was Judith Rapacz-Hasler, a former OGG member. Teresa Farino was the other guide. She is a naturalist and author with a special interest in the flora, butterflies and moths of the Iberian Peninsula.

She moved to Northern Spain from Britain several years ago.

Our first day out, we visited the coastal town of San Sebastián and strolled along the Bay of Concha. There was a beautiful



beach and a lot of rugged coastline. This is a popular tourist area.



The next day, we drove up into the mountains of Picos de Europa, which is a National Park and part of the Cantrabrian Mountain Range. Our guide knew the area where the orchids were so

we didn't have to search the entire park. The first orchid I saw was the "Bumble Bee" orchid.

The next few days were spent driving an hour or so to the mountains and picking an area to search. There were many relatively flat areas in the mountains which is where



we usually stopped.

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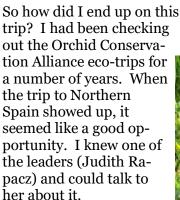
We also took a ride on a cable car at Fuente De' up 5,900 feet where there was a flat area with gentians and other wild flowers. And a few orchids.



The last day or so were spent doing more touristy

Pomar de Valdivia

things like touring the Guggenheim Museum. Then the more knowledgeable members of our group spent time pouring over photos and notes to agree on the identity of the flowers and write a report. That report should be available on the OCA website.



The Picos de Europa is a national park which Spain keeps up as a beautiful playground. There's camping, hiking, bicycle



Cillorigo de Liébana

touring, motorcycle touring and more. There's no fee for entrance. Nearby are some more touristy places such as San Sebastián which gets a little crowded. Spain is starting to limit the places where cars can go. In San Sebastián we had to walk a bit into town.

This was a lovely trip but not one with a great deal of shopping or museum-visiting opportunities.

FALL ORCHID SHOW SEASON IS HERE

With Fall, two of our favorite away shows approach, and we'd love to have your participation in both.

First is the Wisconsin Orchid Society's Fall Show "Fall in Love with Orchids 2024", taking place in Milwaukee at Mitchell Park Conservatory (The Domes) on September 14-15. Are you interested in helping to set up or take down our OGG display? Lorraine Snyder and Denise Baylis will be our leaders for this show. Set up will be done on Friday September 13, so if you're free to help, you'll have a chance to learn the ropes and practice your artistic design skills arranging our Guild members' plants. Take down is on Sunday September 15, and is a good way to see the show, visit vendors, and get the first look at all the ribbons and awards our plants have garnered.

Our second show is Eastern Iowa's Halloween-themed show in mid-October, "Orchids Are a Scream 2024",October 19-20, 2024, at the Elks Hall, 801 33rd Ave, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Decorations are imaginative (can you visualize a grave-yard filled with dead orchid plant stakes as head-stones? Or a cornucopia filled with the dry, dead flowers from hundreds of orchid plants?). The local hosts are costumed for the public at this one, making it a really special event. We need show leaders as well as other volunteers for set up and take down too.

If you can't participate on site for either show, you can send your beautiful blooming plants to help make our displays fantastic. Away shows are our way to thank and support our fellow societies who participate in making Orchid Quest a great event. We encourage you to do what you can to support our away show efforts. If you'd like to join the set up/take down crews, we'd love to have you! If you haven't tried this in the past, you'll be with plenty of experienced members who can teach you the ropes. Just contact Nancy Thomas (mikeandnancy@tds.net, 608-523-3607) and we'll include you in the arrangements. If you might be able to send plants, watch your email in the week or two before each show for instructions on preparing your plants, drop off and pick up details. Here's to a great 2024-25 Away Show season

- Nancy Thomas

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What a Growing at Home ...



"This is my project plant blooming for the first time for me. It's *Clowesetum* Amazing Grace (*Clowesia* Grace Dunn 'Live Oak' HCC/AOS x *Catasetum* Orchidglade 'Davie Ranches' AM/AOS," Nancy Thomas



Yellow ladyslippers in Nancy Thomas' yard this spring



Jeff Baylis' Brassavola cucullata, common name daddy long-legs orchid

Lynn West's SVO10055 (Slc. Angel Eyes 'SVO' AM/AOS x C. Orchidglade 'SVO' HCC/AOS)



Brassidium Kenneth Bivin 'Santa Barbara' AM/AOS (Oncidium cariniferum x Brassia arcuigera)

What's Growing at Home ...



Chuck Acker with Ken Cameron's collection of Neofinetia



Amy Holt's *Tolumnia* Jairak Flyer 'Leopard' from Natt's.

What's Growing at Terri Jozwiak's Home...



Sophrolaeliocattleya (Candy Sparks 'Gold Spark' x Laszlo's Spark 'Mini Flair')



Vuylstekeara Melissa Brianne 'Dark'



Vanda Nopporn White Diamond (Nopporn Gold x Muang Thong)



Procatavola Key Lime Stars '808 Orchids' (Epicattleya Lime Sherbet x Brassavola nodosa)

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What's Growing at Sue Reed's Home ...



Paphiopedilum Paris Master (Parisienne Venus x mastersianum)



Miltoniopsis Rene Komoda 'Pacific Clouds' (Edwwidge Sabourin x roezlii)

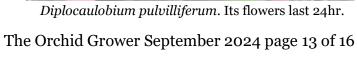


Lycaste macrophylla



Paphiopedilum Conco-bellatulum 'SVO'AM/AOS x Paphiopedilum thaianum 'Super Cute'







Dendrobium cuthbertsonii

What's Growing at Lori O'Niell's Home ...



 ${\it Miltoniopsis}$ Lemon Drop 'Glow Worm' (Lîla Fearneyhough x Maui Sunset)



Oncostele Red Silk HOF (H970)



Phalaenopsis #J3



Phalaenopsis blush #24



Phragmipedium Cardinale. "I took this for judging in Des Moines in July and received a CCM and I gave it the clonal name Mem. Beverly Metcalf," Jeff Metcalf.



Arundina graminifolia, commonly called the Bamboo orchid



Phalaenopsis yellow



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Orchid Growers Guild Committees

Orchid Growers Guild has been growing over the last few years and we are excited to see so many new members. The Board would like to make everyone feel welcome in our quest to find the perfect orchid and to learn how to become better orchid growers. Therefore we are formalizing chances for all to learn and share their orchid enthusiasm. We are putting together committees which other members might want to join or to help participate in as their time and interest allows. We are listing the committees with the first person listed as the lead and with board members names with an *. All committees have at least one board member as a member as the liaison to the board for the committee. If you have ideas that you would like to bring to a committee feel free to talk with a committee member anytime. We would like your input and involvement. Thank you, The OGG board.

Here is a listing of the committees and their members:

- American Orchid Society Representative: Nancy Thomas* (Communicate with AOS and share AOS information with OGG members)
- Away Shows: Nancy Thomas*, Susan Reed*, Lorraine Sander, Denise Baylis (Help organize responsibilities for set up and take down for away orchid shows.
- Hospitality: Jim Wasser, Jeff Metcalf, Nancy Thomas* (Bring paper products and snacks to meetings, maintain nonperishable items for refreshments.)
- Membership: Sandra Gray. Cynthia Wadsworth*, Lynn West* (Collect membership fees and information, keep record of meeting attendance and keep updated membership lists.)
- Meeting Speaker Programs: Cynthia
 Wadsworth* (Selects and invites speakers to
 about 6 of the monthly meetings; September,
 October, November, February, March, & May.)
- Membership Meeting Programming: Ken

- Cameron*, Chuck Acker, Meredith Graham (Organizes the hour of the monthly meetings, except for the entire meetings on December, January, April and June.)
- Monthly Meeting Door Prize: Susan Reed,*
 TBD (Selection of Door prize(s) for monthly
 meetings)
- Membership Participation Points: Meredyth Graham, Nancy Thomas*. Lynn West*, Susan Reed* (Registration of all points earned at meeting ribbon judging, AOS judged shows in OGG exhibits, and points earned in set up and take down of OGG exhibits.)
- MidAmerica Orchid Congress Representative: Lynn West* (OGG representative to MAOC meetings and communication, attend yearly MAOC meeting in person)
- Mother's Day Orchid Sale: Lorraine Snyder, Denise Baylis, Chuck Acker, Susan Reed* (Works with Orchids by Hausermann and Chuck for blooming orchids to sell at Olbrich the Saturday before Mother's Day.)
- Newsletter: Denise Baylis, Amy Holt, Susan Reed* (Edit, organize material and images for monthly newsletter)
- Orchid Quest: Terri Jozwiak, Cynthia
 Wadsworth*, Susan Reed*, Lorraine Snyder,
 Nancy Thomas*. Sandra Gray (The whole Orchid
 Quest work group is much larger than listed
 above and consists of many subcommittees.)
- OGG Orchiata use: Ken Cameron*, TBD
- Publicity for General Meetings: Cynthia Wadsworth* (Radio advertising, Olbrich media)
- Social Media: Ken Cameron* (FaceBook pages)
- **Ribbon Judging** (Meetings): Chuck Acker, Ken Cameron* (Judge orchid plants at meetings and share orchid educational information
- Website: Jason Berry, Cynthia Wadsworth*, Susan Reed*, Lynn West*, Terri Jozwiak, Ken Cameron * (Work to set up and keep website current)

Start Making Plans Now For The

31st Annual Chicagoland Orchid Fest

September 20th -22nd, 2024 8:00am - 5:00pm Friday & Saturday 10:00am - 3:00pm Sunday

Special sale items & refreshments available at both locations.

Guest Growers at each location will be offering plants for sale from all over the world.

Visit two different, interesting and unique orchid nurseries located within a 40 minute drive.

GRAND PRIZE DRAWING

Nursery Gift Certificates valued at \$600 will be awarded at the festival's conclusion. A total of five (5) winners will be drawn from participants who have visited both locations during the festival weekend. Winners will be able to choose from which nursery they wish to have their certificate issued. See festival website or contact participating grower for an application form.

Look for festival special offers at both locations by visiting the festival website at WWW.chicagolandorchidfest.com

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Consider creating a car pool to travel to this event!