

APRIL
2024



Meeting Dates

- April 21
- May 19
- June TBA
- September 15

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

Up-Coming Events

- April 5 - 7 - Apopka International Spring Orchid Festival - AOS Member's Meeting, Krull-Smith, 2800 W Ponkan Rd, Apopka, FL 32712.
- May 11, Spring Orchid Sale, Evjue Commons

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NEXT MEETING April 21st Ray Bark, "Understanding Orchid Nutrition"

- What are orchids made of?
- What do the nutrients do?
- Where do they get them?
- How can we duplicate that?
- How much do they need?
- How should they be fed?
- What about boosters & stimulants?

We have been supporting the hobby orchid grower, botanical gardens and commercial nurseries since 1994. With over 50 years of orchid-growing experience, coupled with a background in science and engineering, we "demystify" many aspects of orchid culture, making it easier to understand, taking it from mythology passed down for decades to clear, observable science.



Terri Jozwiak's *Robiquetia ceina*

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi OGG members,

I am so glad so many were able to attend the March meeting. Again the April meeting could possibly be in the Commons if the Commons is not rented. Please watch for the meeting reminder for the meeting location. Remember, if not stated otherwise, the meeting will be in the meeting room above the Atrium.

The April meeting is where the slate of officers is announced that will be voted on by the membership at the May meeting. The slate of officers for two year terms are:

President - Susan Reed, Incumbent

Treasurer - Ken Cameron,

and for a three year term on the Board - Nancy Thomas, Incumbent

The April meeting will be another busy meeting. After announcements, it will begin with orchid judging, and an orchid auction from plants that

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APRIL PROGRAMMING NOTES

Times are approximate

12:00 PM Doors open
12:30 PM Ribbon Judging set up
1:00 PM Hybrid Zoom meeting begin - business, followed
by in an order determined day of:

1. Ribbon Judging Review
2. Chuck's Curated Auction

Biobreak

~2:30 PM Speaker, Ray Bark – "Understanding Orchid Nutrition"
Time permitting, discussion of ribbon judging orchid

4:00 PM Olbrich closes



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Chuck has personally selected from various growers that he is familiar with. These will all be quality plants up to Chuck's usual high standard.

After the meeting break: we will then have a presentation by Ray from First Ray's (<https://firstrays.com/>) a great resource for orchid information and orchid nutrients and additives. (check out OGG website for more info: <https://orchidgrowersguild.org/meetings-2>) This presentation will on Zoom if you can't make the meeting.

I am so impressed by our volunteers for Orchid Quest, for our meetings, our board, and the many people who offer their time fulfilling OGG functions. All members will again have an opportunity to volunteer for the OGG Mother's Day orchid sale, Saturday, May 11th the day before Mother's Day. This is a great opportunity to meet other orchid growers and encourage others to appreciate orchids and the challenges of orchid growing! We will be passing out orchid information, talking with the public about orchids, packaging up orchids and managing purchases.

I was impressed that so many of you are also Olbrich members (about 1/3) . As an Olbrich member you are also supporting OGG. Olbrich this year is giving us 206 hours of free meeting space. One reason Olbrich can afford to do this is because of you who are also Olbrich members. Membership offers free Conservatory admission, valuable discounts, exclusive invitations, their informative member newsletter, and more!

It can offer free or reduced costs to other Botanical Gardens across the US by taking advantage of the American Horticultural Society's Reciprocal Garden Network, which offers special admission privileges and discounts at over 360 gardens throughout North America. I have visited Lady Bird Johnson's Botanical Gardens in Austin, TX, as well as one in Maine and the Chicago Botanical Gardens, to name a few.

I would like to encourage you to join Olbrich to show support for Olbrich's support of garden clubs and our organization.

For the May meeting we ask that our members donate their surplus orchids, orchid/plant supplies, and other plants for an auction. Not all will be offered in a live auction, some will be on silent auction with prices all ready listed. And there might be some free to a good home for challenging plants!

Happy growing and see you in April!



Jeff Baylis' *Guarianthe (Cattleya) aurantiaca*



Jeff Metcalf's *C aurantiaca f. punctata x C aurantiaca f. punctata*



Sandra Gray's *C aurantiaca f. punctata*

Guarianthe (Cattleya) aurantiaca

Guarianthe (Cattleya) aurantiaca is widespread across much of Mexico, south to Costa Rica and is an extremely diverse species of orchid. Not only are the flowers diverse, the plant sizes range from very tall and slender to short and compact. The flowers of *Gur. aurantiaca* range in color from red, orange, yellow and also the albanistic white form. Along with the color diversity in the flowers, this species also displays a variety of markings from fine spotting to heavy barring and with some displaying a slight stripe. The labellum is also variable among individual plants with some displaying various patterns of striation and color intensity. Plants of this species display a wide range of height, pseudobulb thickness and leaf color. To sum it up, no two plants of this species are exactly alike.

— Chuck Acker

What's Growing at Home



Steven Thimling's *Ascocentrum miniatum*, "is a warm grower so I grow it in my orchidarium, which also maintains a higher humidity. It is a monopodial orchid looking similar to a miniature vanda." The flowers are 12mm (1/2") across



Gary Lensmeyer's *Morm. Exotic Treat 'SVO' AM/AOS x Morm. andreetae 'SVO' AM/AOS*



Gary Lensmeyer's *Cycnodes Wine Delight 'Jumbo Orchids' BM/JOGA*



Review of Orchid Quest 2024

By Ken Cameron

Orchid Quest 2024 was a huge success, with more than 5,000 visitors recorded over the weekend, but there is always room for improvement. As we look forward to next year an online survey was conducted via Survey Monkey that asked Guild members to answer seven questions. A total of 23 members completed the survey (thank you!) and the results were presented and discussed at our March meeting. They are briefly summarized below:

What did you like about Orchid Quest?

People enjoy many aspects of the annual event, but the top three most popular responses were: the chance to share orchid knowledge and enthusiasm, the chance to get first crack at orchid purchases from vendors, and the chance to view so many different exhibits. Additional responses included “team building with fellow Guild members and a sense of pride in our club.”

What didn't you like about OQ?

Just a few people selected: “snack item selection”, “Saturday crowd issues”, and “flow of visitors”, but some additional concerns were raised. These included comments related to food and drink, and also guests not knowing the difference between OQ and Olbrich's Orchid Escape.

What would you suggest changing?

The top choice with 39% responding was “crowding concerns” followed by “snack items” (17%). In addition Guild members offered up a number of suggestions for improvement. For example: use of a microphone during presentations, rotation of exhibits within the atrium, a welcome announcement and introductions before judging begins, addition of water/light features in the displays, moving OQ to a larger venue, assigning a “runner” each day. These were all very positive and constructive comments.

What is a way you want to help with OQ?

Only 7 people answered this questions (16 skipped it), but all were very positive in offering to help in any way. One person said, “I will help where I can.”

How would you change an issue you have with OQ?

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Again, respondents offered a variety of suggestions (11 of 23 answered the question). These included: a debriefing meeting, a budget for food, directing traffic into the atrium since many stood confused in line for the conservatory, being more efficient at plant tag generation, larger vendor area, rethink the flow, online sign up sheet for volunteers, and move the ribbon table to another space.

Overall how happy are you with Orchid Quest?

Nearly 80% said they were “Very satisfied” and 12% said they were “Satisfied”. Nobody indicated dissatisfaction.

Any other suggestions for OQ?

Ten of 23 respondents replied. Some of the more notable answers included comments about space configuration, more presentations, more volunteers needed, rethinking the vendor display tables (some of which were very poor or left empty), questioning use of both the black and the white tags on each plant, possibility of selling custom blended bark mixes, and more concerns about food availability.



The final anonymous comment in the Survey Monkey stated that “*Terri does a terrific job organizing people!*” Yes, indeed, she does!

OGG RIBBON JUDGING, CHICAGO ORCHID SOCIETY

Set up: Lynn West, Sue Reed, Jim Wasser, Meg Graham, Chuck Acker, and Jeff Metcalf

Take down: Ken Cameron, Jim Wasser and Jeff Metcalf

AOS Award of Merit

Lynn West *Rhynchochola* David Sander (*B. cucullata* x *Rl digbyana*)

Best of Class

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

Ken Cameron *Coelogyne flaccida*

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

Lynn West *Rhynchochola* David Sander (*B. cucullata* x *Rl digbyana*)

Chuck Acker *Phalaenopsis* NOID

First Place

OGG Exhibit

Meg Graham *Phalaenopsis* Rose Tris x Brother Passat 'B580' (*Rose Tris* x *Brother Passat* 'B5809')

Ken Cameron *Paphiopedilum* Faire-Maud (*Maudiae* 'Los Osos' x *fairreanum* '1-02')

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

Ken Cameron *Phalaenopsis* I-Hsin Sesame 'OX1178' (*Ching Her Buddha* x *Leopard Prince*)

Ken Cameron *Coelogyne flaccida*

Ken Cameron *Vanda falcata* (species sib 'Koto' x sib 'Shutenno')

Ken Cameron *Vanda falcata* 'Kinroukaku'

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

Jeff Metcalf *Cattleya* Valda x *Brassavola nodosa* (*C. Valda* x *B. nodosa*)

Jeff Metcalf *Epidendrum* Miracle Valley (*Crystal Valley* x *Rose Valley*)

Jeff Metcalf *Enanthleya* Exotic Sea Shell (*C. Florence Lin* x *Gcy. Kyoguchi*)

Jeff Metcalf *Guaricyclia* Kyoguchii (*Gur. aurantiaca* x *E. incumbens*)

Lynn West *Paphiopedilum* In-Charm Grace (*niveum forma album* 'Sogo' x *In-Charm* White 'Chao Chou' BM/TPS)

Lynn West *Mexipedium xerophyticus*

Lynn West *Rhynchochola* David Sander (*B. cucullata* x *Rl digbyana*)

Lynn West *Laeliocattleya* Dinard 'Blue Heaven' AM/AOS (*Lc. Saint Gothard* x *C. Dinah*)

Chuck Acker *Phalaenopsis* NOID

Chuck Acker *Phragmipedium d'alessandroi*

Second Place

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

Meg Graham *Paphiopedilum* Acker's White Cap (*Yerba Buena* x *bellatulum*)

Meg Graham *Phragmipedium* Belle Hougue Point (*caudatum* x *Eric Young* 'Rocket Fire' 4N)

Meg Graham *Phalaenopsis* Pink multifloral NOID

Ken Cameron *Phragmipedium* Jason Fisher (Mem. Dick Clements x *besseae*)

Jeff Metcalf *Cymbidium* Point Conception 'Sunset Nativity' (*seidenfadenii* x *Trigo Royale*)

Jeff Metcalf *Phaicalanthe* Kryptonite 'Parkside' (*Cal. Rozel* x *Phaius tankervilleae*)

Jeff Metcalf *Sophrolaeliocattleya* Jewel Box 'Orange' (*C. aurantiaca* x *Slc. Anzac*)

Chuck Acker *Phalaenopsis* Surf Song (*Taipei Gold* x *King Shiang's Rose*)

Chuck Acker *Phalaenopsis* Fangmei A Hot (*Tai Lin Red Angel* x *Dou-dii Golden Princess*)

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Chuck Acker
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Third Place

Gerald King
Susan Reed
Meg Graham
Ken Cameron
Jeff Metcalf
Jeff Baylis

Phalaenopsis Fuller's Sunset (Taisuco Date x Chian Xen Queen)
Phalaenopsis KV Beauty (Salu Peoker x Chih Shang's Stripes)

Phalaenopsis Sogo Alania 'Solar Flare' (Haur Jin Princess x Sogo Meili)
Paphiopedilum charlesworthii
Phragmipedium Apopka (Leslie Gray x *besseae*)
Cymbidium goeringii 'Akagiyama'
Paphiopedilum Joanne's Wine x Red Zinger (Joanne's Wine x Red Zinger)
Maxillaria variabilis



Orchid Growers Exhibit earned first place at the Chicago Show
Photograph by Jim Wasser



Lynn West's *Paphiopedilum* In-Charm Grace (*niveum* form album 'Sogo' x In-Charm White 'Chao Chou' BM/TPS)



Lynn West's *Laeliocattleya* Dinard 'Blue Heaven' AM/AOS
(*Lc.* Saint Gothard x *C.* Dinah)



Lynn West's *Rhynchovola* David Sander (*B. cucullata* x *Rl digbyana*) earned an AOS Award of Merit, Best of Class and First Place!

MARCH OGG RIBBON JUDGING

First Place

Lynn West	<i>Rhynchovola</i> David Sander (<i>B. cucullata</i> x <i>Rl digbyana</i>)
Jeff Metcalf	<i>Cattleya</i> Valda x <i>Brassavola nodosa</i>
Terri Jozwiak	<i>Maxillaria variabilis</i>
Susan Reed	<i>Paphiopedilum charlesworthii</i>
Meredith Graham	<i>Paphiopedilum rothschildianum</i>
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Rosalie Dixler (<i>besseae</i> x <i>kaieteurum</i>)
Chuck Acker	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Acker's Angel '#1' (Acker's Lovely x <i>besseae</i>)
Chuck Acker	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Acker's Angel '#2' (Acker's Lovely x <i>besseae</i>)
Melissa Williams	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Cardinale (<i>schlimii</i> x <i>Sendenii</i>)
Meredith Graham	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Belle Hougue Point (Eric Young 'Rocket Fire' 4N x <i>caudatum</i>)
Ken Cameron	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> NOID (pink peloric)
Sean Stake	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> NOID #1
Dan Schmidt	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> NOID pink
Lynn West	<i>Dendrobium aggregatum</i>
Terri Jozwiak	<i>Dendrobium</i> Little Norman (Little Atro x <i>normanbyense</i>)
Ken Cameron	<i>Cymbidium goeringii</i> 'Akagiyama'
Ken Cameron	<i>Coelogyne flaccida</i>
Gary Lensmeyer	<i>Cymbidium</i> Fairy Wand 'Ruby Wine' (<i>floribundum</i> x <i>Princesse Maria</i>)
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Acker's Berry (<i>kovachii</i> #2 x <i>Waunakee Sunset</i> 'Cherry')
Wanda Buckingham	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Upcheri (<i>argus</i> x <i>mastersianum</i>)
Wanda Buckingham	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> (Olympic spots rooter x <i>Stone Lovely Green Angle</i>)
Terri Jozwiak	<i>Robiquetia ceina</i>

Second Place

Jill Hynum	<i>Burrageara</i> (<i>Oncostelopsis</i>) Sunkissed 'Buttercup'
Jeff Metcalf	<i>Epidendrum</i> Miracle Valley (Crystal Valley x <i>Rose Valley</i>)
Sandra Gray	<i>Cattleya aurantiaca</i>
Lorraine Snyder	<i>Paphiopedilum delanatii</i> x sib
Terri Jozwiak	<i>Paphiopedilum rothschildianum</i> x <i>Paphiopedilum rothschildianum</i>
Ken Cameron	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> NOID (white big lip)
Sean Stake	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> s NOID #3
Sean Stake	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> s NOID #2
Dan Schmidt	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> s NOID
Sean Stake	<i>Dendrobium</i> NOID
Jim Wasser	<i>Dendrobium</i> NOID
Terri Jozwiak	<i>Phaius</i> 'Orchtoberfest' AM/AOS (<i>Phaius</i> Microburst hybrid: <i>Gastrophaius</i> Micro Burst)
Jeff Metcalf	<i>Cattleya aurantiaca</i> f. <i>punctata</i> x <i>Cattleya aurantiaca</i> f. <i>punctata</i>
Jeff Metcalf	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Jerry Lee Fischer (<i>besseae</i> x <i>Incan Treasure</i>)
Wanda Buckingham	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> (Wilson's Mawr '208-13 x <i>Nulight</i> 'Hampshire')
Jeff Metcalf	<i>Potinara</i> Marlene Lindquist 'Orange Delight' (<i>Rlc.</i> <i>Classy Lady</i> x <i>Rlc.</i> George King)

Third Place

Terri Jozwiak	<i>Slc</i> Memoria Trudi Marsh 'Sunflair' x <i>Pot</i> Fantasy Circle 'Flaming Hot'
Terri Jozwiak	<i>Maxillaria tenuifolia</i>
Jill Hynum	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Janet Kunkle album (Memoria Allegria Gutierrez x <i>Maudiae</i> 'Napa Valley' HCC/AOS)

OGG March Ribbon Judging — Photographs by Amy Holt



Terri Jozwiak's *Slc Memoria Trudi*
Marsh 'Sunflair' x *Pot Fantasy Circle*



Jeff Metcalf's *Potinara Marlene*
Lindquist 'Orange Delight' (*Rlc.*
Classy Lady x *Rlc. George King*)



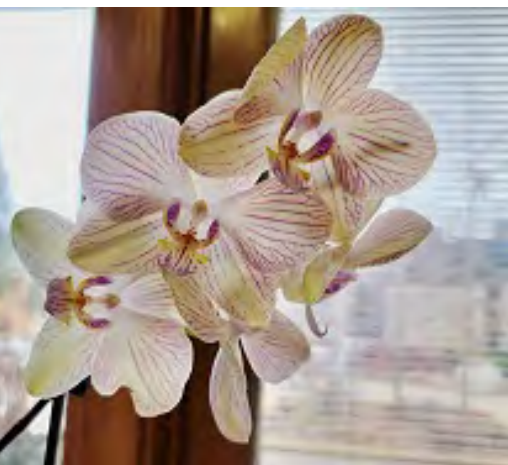
Lorraine Snyder's *Paphiopedilum*
delanatii x *sib*



Wanda Buckingham's *Paphiopedilum*
(Wilson's Mawr '208-13 x Nulight
'Hampshire')



Dan Schmidt's *Phalaenopsis*
NOID pink



Sean Stake's *Phalaenopsis* NOID #1



Jeff Metcalf's *Cattleya Valda* x
Brassavola nodosa



Terri Jozwiak's *Maxillaria variabilis*

Quiz Question?



What is this a picture of?



CHUCK'S ORCHID CHALLENGE CHECK IN

A reminder of the 3-tier challenge of your *Gomesa Jiaho* Queen 'Jia Ho' FCC/AOS.

1. **The first tier:** The member who first gets their plant to flower and proves that by sending a photo of them holding their plant in flower in an email to cacker@tds.net.
2. **The second tier:** The plant that has the most robust overall growth and size to the leaves and pseudobulbs.
3. **The third tier:** The plant that presents the most creative or innovative potting/growing arrangement, i.e.; mounted, type of mount, semi-hydro pot, custom-made pot, etc.

The plants competing in the second and third tiers should be brought to the September meeting to be judged by a panel of your peers, along with Chuck. Each participant can only win in one category. Judging and prizes for this challenge will be at the OGG monthly meeting on September 15th, 2024. Check in with Chuck if you are experiencing issues with the plant or have any questions regarding this challenge.

CALLING ALL ORCHIDS LOVERS

We need your smiling faces and sales expertise for our spring orchid sale Saturday, May 11th at Olbrich Gardens. We will have a variety of orchids from Orchids by Hausermanns' and from Chuck Acker's grower friends.

We need your help from 8:30 AM until 2 PM or sell out.

The early shift sets up and puts colored price dots on each sale orchid. At 10 AM we help customers with selection, sell orchids, collect money, wrap and bag plants for customers and give our expert advice.

Shifts

8:30 am - 12 noon

11:30 am- 2 pm or sell out

You can sign up at the April meeting or by contacting: Lorraine Snyder.

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Bring your smiles and your money. Mother's Day is May 12th.



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 normally announced at the Holiday celebration in December. Pandemics and busy meetings have postponed the awards until now.

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 so 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 bonus -25-points for Best of Class or a Special Award and even bigger bonus -50!-for an AOS or 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 year's awards:

Exhibitor of the Year Award- Once again a tie between Jeff Metcalf and Jim Wasser. Jeff and



2023 OGG Annual Award Winners
Milo Gilbertson Award—Meredyth Graham
Exhibitor of the Year Award- tie between Jeff Metcalf and Jim Wasser.

Jim did set-up and take-down for all 5 away shows plus Orchid Quest, winning First Place on 5 of the 6 exhibits and an AOS for the Orchid Quest Exhibit.

The Novice Grower Award goes to the person with 3 years or less experience growing orchids. This year's winner is Christina Keeley. Christina accrued a total of 66 points and even won a Best of Class at Orchid Quest for her Vanda. We look forward to learning more about how Christina grows her Vandas!

This year's Milo Gilbertson Award, given to a member with more than three years of growing experience, went to Meredyth Graham. She accrued 333 points by sending plants to all 5 away shows plus Orchid Quest as well as bringing plants to the majority of the Guild's monthly meetings.

Other Grower Points		Other Exhibitor Points	
Jeff Metcalf	276	Sue Reed	104
Lynn West	218	Ken Cameron	66
Sue Reed	171	Terri Jozwiak	46
Lorraine Snyder	160	Nancy Thomas	44
Jeff Baylis	131	Denise Baylis	22
Terri Jozwiak	98	Lorraine Snyder	22
Ken Cameron	89		
Nancy Thomas	77		
Gary Lensmeyer	76		