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# The Orchid Grower

Orchid Growers Guild of Madison

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## Meeting Dates

- 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

## Up-Coming Events

- October 19-20, Eastern Iowa Orchid Society Show
- February 1-2, 2025 OQ
- March 1-2 Milaeger's Show
- March 8-9 Illinois show
- March 22-23 Batavia show

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## NEXT MEETING, OCTOBER 20th

### Peter Lin: Mini-Catts: Delightful Cattleyas in Miniature

The journey will begin with a review of the miniature species, early hybrids, and then to some of the relevant hybrids of today. We will also review how to grow these wonderful plants.

*Peter Lin is an avid orchid hobbyist, hybridizer, and AOS judge and resides in Southern California. Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS awards. His interests in orchids include Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and Neofinetias. He is also known as "Mr Sophronitis" as he has a passion for growing and collecting them. He maintains a collection of a several thousand orchids at his home in Southern California in three small greenhouses, outdoors, as well as an offsite greenhouse.*



Peter Lin

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi OGG members!

Our September meeting was another great meeting and very well attended. There was so much to cover that we didn't get to discuss everything as we had planned.

We were again lucky to have use of the Olbrich Commons and we thank Olbrich for letting us use that large room.

The speaker, Sarah Hurdle, has been growing a variety of orchids and has experimented with different ways of growing. The layer cake method works well for her for some of her orchids. So remember to only try on a few of your orchids at a time and be careful of the genus that you try this on. Try to learn how they grow in nature and if this method or any new method would work. Grow-

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ing orchids is always an experiment which sometimes turns out well and other times are learning experiences!

I was glad that so many asked questions from several of our expert orchid growers after the meeting and probably also at the break time. The doors are open at noon, which allows us time to set up. You may come at 12:30 or earlier to ask questions or just socialize. If we find that the members would like this extra time, we will try to set up something. Perhaps we could have an informal zoom meeting during an evening for orchid Q & A. Just let us know what you would find useful. We are all about learning how to grow better and being introduced to new orchids!

This fall is very busy with another fall show falling on October 19 and 20 our meeting Sunday. So please try to send your orchids to the Eastern Iowa Halloween show! (Information coming about this show participation).

Also on October 20 the MidAmerica Orchid Congress is sponsoring a zoom presentation given by Guido Braem on "The Genus Tolumia". Dr. Braem is an internationally known orchid expert. The Guild has paid the membership fee and all OGG members will be allowed view the recorded presentation after October 20. The link will be emailed to all members after the 20th of October.

This fall is also busy with OQ pre-show arrangements. This is a team effort and as with all teams, good communication is essential. Your committee arrangements probably affect other committees, please communicate your plans to all that could be affected. Each committee is like a brick in a brick wall and if one falls down the entire wall is endangered, but if they all are connected the wall will be strong! This is across the board for any organization. If you are not sure which others might be affected, Terri will know. She will share your committee's plans with the pertinent groups.

Thank you all for being members in OGG!!

-- Sue Reed



Jeff Metcalf's *Vuyl*. Melissa Brianne 'Dark' (Anne Warne x Mrs. Rudolf Pabst) won First Place and Best of Class and his *Arundina graminifolia* Second at the WOS show

**OCTOBER PROGRAMING NOTES**  
**—TIMES APPROXIMATE**

12:00	Doors open for plant setup and socializing
1:00-2:00	Announcements
2:00-2:15	Break, orchid viewing, socializing
2:15-3:15	Speaker Peter T Lin (virtual)
3:15	Door prizes, Distribution of Challenge plants

## SEPTEMBER OGG RIBBON JUDGING

### First Place

Dan Schmidt	<i>Ctsm</i> (Melana Davison 'Snowy White' x Diana's Dots 'SVO')
Gary Lensmeyer`	<i>Galeandra greenwoodiana</i> 'SVO Purple lip' x <i>Galeandra greenwoodiana</i> 'SVO Purple Lips Too'
Ken Cameron	<i>Habenaria janellehayneiana</i>
Ken Cameron	<i>Habenaria</i> Galah 'Full Moon' ( <i>rhodocheila</i> x <i>janellehayneiana</i> )
Gary Lensmeyer	<i>Ctsm</i> (Kay Lowe 'Sofia Altagracia Margolis' HCC x Dark Odyssey)
Ken Cameron	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> unknown (Moonshine??)
Ken Cameron	<i>Paph philippinense</i> alba 'Green Tea' x self
Sandra Gray	<i>Paph</i> Booth's Sand Lady (Lady Isabel x <i>sanderianum</i> )
Jeremy Briggs	<i>Hawkinsara</i> Keepsake ( <i>Slc</i> Precious Stones x <i>Cattleytonia Ctna.</i> Why Not)
Ken Cameron	<i>Cattleya</i> Exotic Fireworks (Virginia Dickey x Memoria Trudi Marsh)

### Second Place

Ken Cameron	<i>Galeandra greenwoodiana</i> 'SVO Purple Lips Too' x self
Ken Cameron	<i>Habenaria</i> Yellow Warbler (Tanager Yellow x <i>xanthocheila</i> )
Ken Cameron	<i>Phrag humboldtii</i> 'Fortuna'
Jeremy Briggs	<i>Phrag</i> ( <i>kovachii</i> 'Ken's Best' x Priscilla's Pirouette 'Le Nguyen's Cutie')
Ken Cameron	<i>Oncidium</i> Sharry Baby (Jamie Sutton x Honolulu)
Christina Keeley	<i>Tolumnia</i> Jairak Firm 'Brown Derby' (Rainbow x Plush)
Ken Cameron	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Kenneth Schubert 'Hualien Blue Wave' ( <i>violacea</i> var <i>coerulea</i> x <i>pulcherrima</i> )
Ken Cameron	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Jordon Winter (Citrus Candy x Krull's Red Bird)

### Third Place

Unknown	<i>Aliceara</i> Big Shot 'Hilo Sparkle' ( <i>Aliceara</i> Tahoma Glacier x <i>Miltoniopsis</i> Maui Titan)
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Clockwise from upper left: *Aliceara* Big Shot 'Hilo Sparkle' (*Aliceara* Tahoma Glacier x *Miltoniopsis* Maui Titan); Ken Cameron's *Phalaenopsis* Jordon Winter (Citrus Candy x Krull's Red Bird); Ken Cameron's *Oncidium* Sharry Baby (Jamie Sutton x Honolulu); Kristina Keeleys' *Tolumnia* Jairak Firm 'Brown Derby' (Rainbow x Plush); and Ken Camerons's *Phal* Kenneth Schubert 'Hualien Blue Wave' (*violacea* var *coerulea* x *pulcherrima*)





# OGG RESULTS WISCONSIN ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW

Set-up/take down: Lorraine Snyder, Denise Baylis, Jeff Metcalf and Jim Wasser

## Best of Class and first in class

Jeff Metcalf *Phragmipedium* Cardinale 'Mem. Beverly Metcalf' (*schlimii* x *Sedenii*)

## Best of Class and first as a Specimen plant

Jeff Metcalf *Phragmipedium* Cardinale 'Mem. Beverly Metcalf' (*schlimii* x *Sedenii*)

## Best of Class and First

Jeff Metcalf *Vuyl.* Melissa Brianne 'Dark' (Anne Warne x Mrs. Rudolf Pabst)

Susan Reed *Lycaste macrophylla*

Lorraine Snyder *Phragmipedium* Misty Rose (Waunakee Sunset 'Peachy' x *fischeri* 'F-6-4')

## First Place

Lynn West *Paphiopedilum* Wossner Ministar (*henryanum* x *helenae*)

Meredyth Graham *Paphiopedilum* Song of Love (*liemianum* x *lowii*)

Meredyth Graham *Sarcoglottis splendidum*

Terri Jozwiak *Tolumnia* Jairak Rainbow 'Hybrids' (Tsiku Vanessa x Catherine Wilson)

Terri Jozwiak *Miltonia* Kismet 'Kind Kai' (*Bluntii* x *candida*)

Lynn West *Cattleya* Mildred Rives (Rita Renee x Bou Philipppo)

Lorraine Snyder *Phragmipedium* Peruflora's Cirila Alca 9 (*kovachii* 'Tupac Amari' x *dalessandroi*)

Chuck Acker *Phragmipedium* Acker's Royalty (Twilight x *fischeri*)

Chuck Acker *Phragmipedium* kaiteurum 'War Eagle'

## Second Place

Meredyth Graham *Phragmipedium* Paul Eugene Conroy (*wallisi* x *hirtzii*)

Meredyth Graham *Odontonia* Pacific Paranoia 'Other Side of Cool' (*Miltonia* Honolulu x *Odontoglossum bictoniensis*)

Jeff Metcalf *Phragmipedium* Don Wimber (Eric Young x *besseae*)

Jeff Metcalf *Pot.* Velvet Rubies x *Pot.* Starfire

Jeff Metcalf *Arundina* graminifolia

Jeff Metcalf *Bc.* Rustic Spots 'H&R' (*Bc.* Richard Mueller x *C.* Landate)

Lorraine Snyder *Paphiopedilum* Memoria Kay Dancy '9-20' x Hampshire Cloud '9-20'

Lorraine Snyder *Rlc* Otto Effling (*Rlc.* Lenore's '9-13' x *C.* Circle Spirit '10-02A')

Chuck Acker *Phragmipedium* Acker's Ornament (Eric Young x Asuko Fischer)

## Third Place

Terri Jozwiak *Alcra.* Hilo Ablaze 'Hilo Gold' HCC/AOS (*Mtssa* Olmec x *Onc* Mantinii)

Jeff Metcalf *Rth.* Chief Sweet Orange 'Sweet Orange' (*Rth.* Tutankamen x *Rlc.* Chyong Guu Chaffinch)

Lorraine Snyder *Phragmipedium schlimii*

Jeff Baylis *Oncidesa* Gower Ramsey (Goldiana x Guinea Gold)

Chuck Acker *Phragmipedium* QF Red Wings (Eric Young x Red Rocket)

Sue Hill *Galeandra dives*

Jeff Metcalf *Zygo.* Artur Elle x Blue Blazes

Meredyth Graham *Dendrobium* Pink NOID

Jeff Metcalf *Milt.* QF Hokulea (*binotii* x *spectabilis*)

Jeff Metcalf's *Bc.* Rustic Spots  
'H&R' (*Bc.* Richard Mueller x *C.*  
Landate)



## Wisconsin Orchid Society Show



Orchid Growers Guild Exhibit



*Paph Helene*



Susan Reed's *Lycaste macrophylla* won First Place and Best of Class



Jeff Metcalf's *Zygo. Artur Elle* x  
Blue Blazes



Sue Hill's *Galeandra dives*

## October is Chuck's Challenge Plant Judging!

Bring your Gomesa Jiaho Queen 'Jia Ho' FCC/AOS challenge plant to the meeting Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup> for judging! The three categories for judging the Gomesa challenge plants are; 1) first plant to bloom, 2) most robust grown plant, 3) most creatively grown/potted plant. Prizes will be given out in those three categories. Congratulations Ken Cameron for being the first plant to bloom in April!

I'm also looking forward to distributing our next challenge plant prior to the end of the meeting. Cultural information and judging instructions will be included with your plant when you receive it. There are a few plants remaining for those of you who have not signed up. See you all then!

— Chuck Acker



Ken Cameron's winning first bloom from April

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## Summary September 2024 Meeting

Sarah Hurdel was the speaker for September, the first monthly meeting of the 24-25 season. Sarah is well known for growing Habenaria but is also an expert grower of Bulbophyllum orchids. Sarah grows most of her plants in the basement of her Maryland home under lights. Winters in this part of the country can be dry even in the basement and the orchids that she enjoys cultivating are moisture-loving plants that require higher humidity.

A ten-year experiment to develop ideal conditions for her plants lead to a new technique that she calls "Layer Cake Potting." In short, media is chosen which will provide consistent moisture from the top of the pot to the bottom of the pot, reduce salt buildup, and reduce the number of repottings needed (thereby reducing the cost of buying media). Additionally, if all plants are potted in a similar medium, they can all be fertilized using the same fertilizer regime. The basic recipe is a 10% organic layer on the top, 90% inorganic material under the organic. For example, 10% Promix HP, 90% perlite and packing

peanuts (not the type that dissolves in water). The grade of the perlite will vary depending on the size of the plant. The peanuts are placed into the root ball. The organic material chosen will depend on the cultural requirements of the plant. Cattleya orchids need to dry out more between waterings so a bark medium might be chosen for the top layer instead of Promix HP or sphagnum moss.

For more information check out Sarah's website and Facebook page:

Shopify Link:

<https://needmore-orchids.myshopify.com/>

Blog Link:

<https://somethingaboutorchids.blogspot.com/>

Facebook Link:

<https://www.facebook.com/askmeaboutmyplants/>

— Lynn West



# ORCHID QUEST UP-DATE

**Saturday, February 1 and Sunday, February 2 with set-up on Friday, January 31**



**NEW LOCATION: Monona Terrace, One John Nolan Drive, Madison**

The advertising committee has met, and a well-planned proposal is in place.

The tickets will cost \$10, students will be \$7 and children 5 and under are free. We still need someone to organize and supervise the admission table. It is not necessary to man the table for the entire event, just set it up and oversee the volunteers.

We decided at the last OQ meeting that OGG members can arrive after 9 am on Friday and societies and vendors will be invited to arrive after 10 am. You will be asked to bring your plants to the OGG staging area by 11 am. Plant Registration will take place until 5 pm and all must exit the building by 9 pm. OGG will provide everyone, including vendors and societies with free parking on Friday. Parking on Saturday and Sunday will cost only \$5 per day.

The Silent Auction will run by Carrie Wiesmann and Judy Williamson on Saturday and on Sunday it will be run by Kathleen Johnson and Wanda Buckingham. Pick out your silent auction donations anytime now. Think jewelry, crystal, framed photos and paintings or other worthy items. The OGG Sales table will be run by Sean Stake.

Each little decision at the monthly OQ meetings means more plans are falling into place.

Thank you for your participation!

The next OQ Planning Meeting will be 7 pm on Tuesday, October 15 on ZOOM.

For More information on Orchid Quest call Terri Jozwiak at 608-592-7906 or email at [lodijoz@charter.net](mailto:lodijoz@charter.net).

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## COMING NEXT MONTH . . .

Next month Ken will share his recent experience attending the 8th International Orchid Conservation Congress in Perth, Western Australia, which included a four day fieldtrip into the Aussie bush to see kangaroos, emus, cockatoos, and hundreds of native orchids.





## New Summer Home for Orchids

I purchased and assembled the Yardistry Meridian greenhouse kit from Costco early this summer. The finished kit is 6.7ft x 7.8 ft and cost about \$1350. I anchored the greenhouse to 4 x 6 green treated lumber and finished the inside with concrete pavers. Although the kit is made of cedar, I decided to stain all of the wood surfaces with 2 different colors of stain from Home Depot. I added trim on the roof and corner brackets for a Victorian style. I have three fans running during the day and a 50% shade cloth on the south side.

— Lynn West





# Chicagoland

The Chicagoland Orchid Festival took place over three days from September 20-22 and Guild members Lorraine, Ken, and Gary carpooled together on Saturday to take advantage of it. Their first stop was the historic glasshouses of Orchids by Hausermann, in business since 1920. The St. Louis and Minneapolis orchid societies had organized buses to bring dozens of their members to the festival for shopping the day before, but with thousands of orchids growing under three acres of glass there were still plenty to choose from

Gary picked up half a dozen *Tolumnias* and Lorraine went for several cute miniature *Phalaenopsis*. Ken was excited to bring home the classic dark red Slc. Jewel Box 'Scheherazade' with three pseudobulbs in sheath. It should bloom right around St. Valentine's Day. After a stop for lunch (Chicago style hotdogs at Portillo's – where else?!) the three amigos headed over to Natt's Orchids in Naperville. The family run glasshouses are filled with a very different assortment of orchids on benches and in hanging baskets. It was like being a kid in a candy store and we checked out with dozens of exotic beauties for our collections.

Outside vendors were on site at both locations as well. These included Ecuagenera (Ecuador), Orchids by Katia (Colombia), and New World Orchids (Michigan). Did I mention the free food and socializing with fellow orchid enthusiasts from the local clubs? It was a great day! We are so fortunate have these world class nurseries just a few hours drive from Madison. It would be wonderful if next year the Guild could organize a van or bus so that more of us can enjoy this unique annual event together. Ken, Gary, and Lorraine will definitely be going back!



## Eastern Iowa Orchid Society Show is Coming Up!

Our second fall orchid 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 and the local hosts are costumed for the public at this one, making it a really special event. Jim Wasser, Jeff Metcalf, and Ken Cameron will be our show crew for this one, but if you'd like to help set up or take down, contact Nancy Thomas ([mikeandnancy@tds.net](mailto:mikeandnancy@tds.net), 608-523-3607). If you're unable to go in person, plan to support our display effort by sending your beautiful blooming orchids!.





# What's Growing at Ken's . . .

These *Habenaria* are in bloom right now. Soon they will go dormant as their tubers rest over winter, but they will re-emerge next spring to flower again the Fall.



*Habenaria Galah (H. carnea x janellehayneana)*



*Habenaria janellehayneana* (a new species discovered in 2027)



*Habenaria Yellow Warbler*  
(first flowering out of flask)

# . . . and at Nancy's



*Prosthechea cochleata*



*Catasetum Bella's Dream* (Bela Vista's Sangria 'Jamie's Purple Passion' x *pileatum* v. *imperale* 'SVO Blood Red')

"I got this *Catasetum* years ago from an OGG member auction and have been unable to get it to grow well or bloom until this year when it finally had 1 flower. It looks quite different than any other photos I've seen of it on the web." — Nancy Thomas



*Bulbophyllum*  
(*Cirrhopetalum*)  
*tingabarinum*