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President's Message

By Joe Dixler

I am so pleased to report that our much anticipated first meeting at Oakton Community College was even more successful than we had hoped. Thanks to all of you it was one of the largest meetings that I can remember. The display table was overflowing with show quality plants, our hospitality table was pretty enough for a photo, and our own knowledgeable members of the roundtable and excellent speaker, Bill Rogerson, gave us so many insights for better growing. What a gratifying feeling to see so many new faces, some older faces who reappeared, and so many regulars who came out in spite of the chilling temperature! Our New Year has had an auspicious beginning—and with your help we can continue this momentum throughout the year.

The new facility at OCC seemed to fill our needs very well and having the rolling supply cabinet for storage and refills during hospitality was very helpful to those organizing the activities. With all the activities in one room, everyone can hear the workshop and lecture, and the speaker can refer to plants on the table as examples. The workshop can begin with everyone present participating without a first and second call!

The walk from parking lot D was no farther than the walk had been at the Garden, and we have the choice of using faculty parking lot C for our future meetings. In another article you will find more complete directions to the College and also from lot C to the Business Conference Center. I will be sending out an early meeting reminder e-mail notice this month, because I will be out of town until the day of the February meeting.

I want to give special recognition to several members who put forth an outstanding effort in making this meeting so memorable. First Martin and Wendy made a special trip on Saturday to meet me at OCC to be sure that all was in order, and were back again on Sunday morning—they were there even earlier than I arrived. Thanks also go to our plant movers, Maurice Hardy and Betsy and John Buckles as well as George Cinert, who lent a hand when it was needed, as spouses of president and ex-presidents often step in to do. Again Peggy Parish and Dave and Allison Tribble along with their wonderful friend, new member George Titterton, did a repeat performance of their turn at the November's hospitality table. Jerry Garner's first newsletter continued with the excellent new look that Barbara began and provided us with incentive to attend. And I can't leave out my wife, Rosalie, who was everywhere that I couldn't be. We all appreciated the efforts of those who brought such tasty sweets to fill our hospitality table. And lastly, I am very grateful to the Oakton staff that was so accommodating throughout this changeover. Let's keep the energy going for our February and March meetings and continue into April to make a great first show at OCC. Thank you all for your support.

2003 IOS Meetings

February 9	OCC
March 9	OCC
April 5-6	OCC
	Spring Show
June, July, & August	Our Very First At OCC!
	TBA - NOT AT OCC

Welcome to Allison Tribble, new Board member, replacing Bob Feliszak, who resigned recently.

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From the Editor

It's really amazing how quickly a month passes, especially if you're the IOS Newsletter editor. Hopefully, I'll have the timing perfected by the March Newsletter and you'll have it in your hands BEFORE the March meeting. Also, consider signing up for e-mail delivery of your newsletter. Not only will you receive it on time every time, you'll get to enjoy the color photos and help the IOS cut back on mailing costs.

If you haven't done so already, be sure you mail in your 2003 dues right away. This is the last time we're enclosing the envelope and mailing the newsletter to the entire membership. If you have any questions about your membership, contact Allen Morr ozone03@ameritech.net or 847-5012532.

Enjoy the newsletter and remember your comments and suggestions are always welcome. Just e-mail me at garnerjl@attbi.com.

ORCHID TAKING OVER LEAD AS MOST POPULAR FLOWER.

I'm sure this comes as no surprise to IOS members but the current issue of *Reader's Digest* reports that the orchid has displaced the chrysanthemum as the most popular flower among consumers. The low cost, availability, and ease of growing certain species has convinced the general public that the orchid should be the plant of choice when looking for that perfect gift or houseplant.

NEW DIRECTIONS TO OCC

Coming from the North of 294, exit Golf Road and turn left towards route 58. Turn right on Golf and continue a few blocks to the stoplight at the school. Turn right into the entrance drive and right again into parking lot C or D.

From Chicago take I-90/94 North towards O'Hare. Continue about 3 ½ miles to exit 43B. This connects to 294 North. Continue on 294N and exit at US 14 West at E. Dempster St. Bear right on E. Dempster and proceed about a mile. Turn right onto Rand Road. Bear right again onto S. Des Plaines River Road/N. River Road. Make another right on E. Golf Road and proceed to the OCC entrance. Follow the road to the right to the parking lots.

For those living east of Des Plaines, take Dempster Ave. west and turn right on Milwaukee Avenue. Proceed about a mile to Golf Road. Turn left and the school is about a mile ahead on your right. Follow the entrance road to OCC and turn right to parking lot C or D.

MORE PARKING AVAILABLE

We now have permission to park in faculty lot C or student lot D. Lot C is smaller, across from the loading ramp, near exits 36-38, the entrances nearest to our show location at the TenHoeve Center. This lot is on the right side of the road before you reach lot D, and requires less walking. After you enter the double glass doors at exit 38, you will see the four adjacent rooms in the 1600 series. That is the exhibition area. Follow the rather circuitous route around the hallways until you reach the main corridor of the school that you used from parking lot D. You will walk across that hall and see the Business Conference Center sign to the right. Enter the short hallway that leads

outside. Turn right to take the elevator to the lower floor.

IOS Board Meetings

The next meeting of the IOS Board will be held on March 11, 2003 at the home of John Stubbings, 2825 Weller Lane, Northbrook, hosted by Joel Edwards. Dates and locations of future board meetings are published in the newsletter in advance. Board meetings take place bimonthly and all IOS members are welcome to attend. Please call Joe Dixler in advance for information.

AWAY SHOWS - IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

The Fall Season was very successful, with more plants sent and exhibited than in the previous seasons, and we would like to keep up the momentum during this peak blooming season. So yet once more I appeal to you...

... please entrust your blooming plant(s) to us – we'll take good care of them; they are the key to our Society putting on a Good Show, as well as to supporting our neighboring Societies who turn up to our shows so faithfully! And if you can come help with transport and enjoy the shows, that would be wonderful, and much appreciated! Here is the Winter/Spring away schedule:

1/31/03-2/20/03: Orchid Quest 2002, Madison, WI

2/14/03-2/16/03: Batavia Orchid Society Show, St. Charles, IL

2/28/03-3/2/03: Northeastern Wisconsin Orchid Society Show, DePere, WI

3/21/03-3/23/03: Illowa Orchid Society Show, Davenport, IA

(NOTE: You can also check the "Upcoming Shows & Events" section of the IOS website, www.iosoc.com, for this schedule and updates)

We are again planning to have a northern plant drop off point at the home of Sue Golan (599 W. Old Mill Rd., Lake Forest; 847-234-6311; sgolan@aol.com), and a southern drop off at my house (Martin Taylor, 1042 Robbins Court, Wheaton; 630-682-0464; martin_taylor@vwr.com or dmtatcenco@aol.com – drop-off/pickup after 6pm).

<http://www.iosoc.com> check it out!

Latest drop off dates for these shows are:

Wisconsin - Madison: Thursday, 1/30

Batavia: Thursday, 2/13

Wisconsin – DePere: Wednesday, 2/27

Davenport: Thursday, 3/20

In each case, you can also drop your plants off earlier in the week. Plants will be available for return the day after the show closes.

For those who haven't participated in an away show before, I encourage you to try it. Remember, it's a great way to earn DOUBLE points in the monthly competition, and EVEN MORE if your plant comes back with an award! And if you can visit the shows with us, it's fun! - What could be better than a day surrounded by blooming orchids? Martin Taylor



Phragmipedium Sedenii
(longifolium X schlimii)

<http://www.oakhillgardens.com/images>

First Spring Show at Oakton April 5 - 6

The first IOS Spring Show at Oakton Community College will be held April 5th and 6th and all members are urged to volunteer now to help out. The College is providing us with a lot of free publicity and Board Members are already hard at work to make this show successful. Our new location should increase public interest and attendance and the facilities are the best! Anne Kotowski is coordinating the Show but she can't do it alone. Call Anne **TODAY** and find out how you can help now and during the show. (630-894-9486 or phrag207@aol.com). This is a great fund raising and publicity opportunity for the IOS with the added attraction of the enjoyment of orchids and our fellow members.

Think Spring at Brookfield Zoo's Orchid Extravaganza

Shake away those winter blues and head to Brookfield Zoo for a change of color at Orchid Extravaganza, Saturday and Sunday, February 15 and 16. From 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day, view

vibrant tropical blossoms on display, attend orchid demonstrations and discussions, and even purchase some beautiful orchids to enjoy at home. Visit the zoo's Tropic World, Perching Bird House, and The Swamp exhibits to see a variety of orchid species, including *Oncidium* sp. (butterfly orchid), *Angraecum* sp. (Christmas star orchid), and *Ludisia* sp. (jewel orchid). All species will be identified. The Orchid Express, a free heated shuttle bus, will transport you from each of the exhibit buildings and Discovery Center, where orchid experts will host demonstrations and question and answer sessions.

Join Diane Dunlap, one of the zoo's horticulturists, at 11 a.m. or 1 p.m. as she demonstrates how to plant and care for orchids. At 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Dr. Pati Vitt, conservation scientist from the Chicago Botanic Garden, will share her work on the endangered eastern prairie fringed orchid. Learn about the ways orchids lure insects in their pollination schemes from Steve Meyer, horticulturist from the Lincoln Park Conservatory, at noon or 2 p.m. And at 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., Craig Nielsen and Dan Fox of Nielsen-Massey Vanillas, Inc., producers of premium pure vanilla products since 1907, will explain the process of making vanilla extract from the bean or seedpod from the vanilla orchid. They also will be offering recipes and free samples of vanilla extract, while supplies last.

Throughout the weekend, members of the Illinois Orchid Society, Inc. will also be on hand to answer questions about orchids. Objectives of this not-for-profit corporation include providing the general public with botanical and horticultural orchid information and aiding concerned groups and agencies in improving orchid species conservation both in their natural habitat and under cultivation. In addition, the video, "All About Orchids with Dana Harrison," will play continuously. Filmed at Orchids by Hausermann in Villa Park, the 40-minute video features a wide spectrum of information about the culture of orchids, and is an excellent introduction for the novice orchid grower. Brochures on orchid

conservation and raising orchids courtesy of Hausermann and the American Orchid Society as well as orchid activity coloring sheets for children will be available to take home.

Discover the wonders of a particular orchid—vanilla. Its scent thought to be sensual and intoxicating is used in modern perfumes and body lotions. But, the popular bean is probably best known as an ingredient used in a favorite frozen dessert. The vanilla bean is a capsule filled with thousands of seeds, which are the tiny dark specks seen in vanilla ice cream. Samples of this delectable treat are available, while supplies last. If you have a passion for orchids, a variety of species, including *Cattleya* (queen of the orchids),

Phalaenopsis (moth orchid), *Paphiopedilum* (lady slipper), *Oncidium* (butterfly), and *Miltoniopsis* (pansy orchid), will be available for purchase. Those who have orchids at home and no longer wish to care for them may donate theirs for display in the zoo. To arrange for a drop off, call the zoo's Grounds Department at (708) 485-0263, ext. 537 or 536. Orchids are the largest group of flowering plants in nature. They are among the most ancient of plants and one of the most versatile, having evolved over the centuries and adapted their growing habits to environmental changes. Although orchids are found on every continent except Antarctica, and have developed many features to cope with natural disasters and predators, they are threatened throughout the world due primarily to habitat destruction and extraction of wild plants for trade. In North America, many orchid species are listed as threatened or endangered under the U.S. and many states endangered species acts. Globally, the adoption of the provisions of the Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Fauna and Flora (CITES) by 120 nations has lessened this threat. For further information on Orchid Extravaganza, call Brookfield Zoo at (708) 485-0263, ext. 879, or visit the zoo's Web site at www.brookfieldzoo.org. Brookfield Zoo is known throughout the world for its innovative, naturalistic, multi-species exhibits, its international role in animal population management and wildlife conservation and its devotion to helping people develop a sustainable and harmonious relationship with nature. Open every day of the year, Brookfield Zoo is located off First Avenue between the Stevenson (I-55) and Eisenhower (I-290) expressways, just 14 miles west of downtown Chicago. The zoo is also accessible via the Tri-State Tollway (I-294), Metra commuter line, and PACE bus service.

(Press Release from the Brookfield Zoo)

A big "thank you" to Dave and Allison Tribble for already volunteering to represent the IOS at the Zoo meeting, but they need more help!

Memos to the Members!

- Please remember to wear your Illinois Orchid Society **membership badge** to the meetings. We want to get to know you!
- Encourage **your friends** to join the Illinois Orchid Society. Bring them along to a meeting so they can see what the IOS is all about!
- **Call Allison Tribble (773-728-4874) to volunteer your help at the Brookfield Zoo Orchid Extravaganza February 15th and 16th. We need more help recruiting new members and spreading the word about the IOS.**



Phalaenopsis aphrodite

(<http://www.oakhillgardens.com/photopge.htm>)

Second Notice – Dues

Enclosed with this newsletter is a dues renewal envelope. Dues for 2003 are \$25.00 to cover the increased cost of postage and first class mailing of all newsletters. Please take a moment to make out your check and drop it in the mail. It saves us time and money if we do not have to send out a second notice! Also, please indicate if you are an AOS member, and to help us contact you about upcoming events, remember to include your current e-mail address if it is incorrect in the membership directory.

If you have joined the IOS subsequent to September 1st, 2002, your dues are paid through 2003. In that case contact Allen Morr for a 2003 membership card.

Questions about your membership status? Contact Allen Morr (847) 501-2532 or amorr@ozonology.com.

Remember, if you are interested in participating in the IOS mentorship program, contact Allen at the e-mail address or phone number above.

Website

Be sure to check out the IOS website at www.iosoc.com. Plus the many links you can find there. Thanks to Tom Franczak for all the time and hard work he puts into the site.

Member Brian Costello's Recipe for Candied Pecans

2 lbs. shelled pecans
3 egg whites

1 cup sugar
2 Tbl. Water
4 tsp. Cinnamon
butter

Combine and beat the egg whites and water until firm. Fold in the sugar and cinnamon until well blended. Add the pecans and stir until well coated. Spread the mixture on a buttered cookie sheet and bake in a pre-heated 275 degree F. oven for 60 minutes. Stir every 15 minutes.

February Meeting by Wendy Holtzman

I can't think of a better thing to do on a cold winter day than to spend time looking at and learning more about orchids. Please join us for our February 9 meeting at 12:30. Our workshop this month will be on repotting orchids (always a sticky subject). Lois Cinert will be conducting this workshop. This will be a hands-on workshop so please bring in a orchid plant that needs to be repotted, some medium, a new pot and a bag to hold all the old stuff Get ready to get your hands dirty! I have found whether I have participated in the workshop or just watched, I have always come away with some new tidbit about re-potting. Our speaker this month is Tim Volas. He will be talking to us about intergeneric oncidiums that are warm temperature tolerant. Tim is working on hybridizing oncidiums and will be talking about how he is hybridizing and why. He will be selling plants that he feels are good in warm climates. Tim's talk has gotten rave reviews on this subject in the past and I can't wait to hear his lecture.

On a side note I would like to remind every one to send in any recipes you would like to share with other IOS members. Send them to wendyholtzman@netzero.net

(See above for the first recipe submission)

Monthly Judging Results Correction

Due to one of those unexplainable internet demons, the following was omitted from last month's judging results. We apologize for the oversight.

Brad Hiebert 18 points
Dave and Wendy Holtzman 9 points

New Member Category
Alex Manuel 60 points

In the future, judging results and points will be reported in the Newsletter every two months, rather than monthly.

Sherry Maloney – Monthly Judging Chair

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Keep growing and Showing!

Sherry Maloney

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NEXT MEETINGS ARE FEBRUARY 9th & MARCH 9th at OAKTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

