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President's Message

By Joe Dixler

I am very pleased with our new home at Oakton Community College and I hope you agree. They have more to offer than just a place for our meetings and shows, and you can enjoy visiting the college for other reasons. They have an excellent website at www.oakton.edu that will tell you about their programs. Look at www.oakton.edu/news/gallery/permanent.htm for a tour of their outdoor sculptures and excellent paintings displayed on their interior walls. Their collection is valued at more than \$1 ½ million and includes such masters as Rouault, Hunt, Oldenburg, Paschke, Himmelfarb, Dali, John Kearney, Paschke, Leger, Dubuffet, Miro, Calder, and Motherwell to name a few. Eighty five percent are American artists, with a large percentage from Illinois. Take a moment to appreciate them as you walk through the halls on your way to the Business Conference Center. Walk upstairs to the second floor and you will see even more. I wondered how they obtained this marvelous collection. I found out that 5% of their building funds go toward the purchase of art work. OCC is considered to have one of the finest art collections in the state. On weekdays the William A. Koehline Gallery, near the front entrance, is open. From February 6 to March 21 the Paintings and Constructions of Mark Palmeri will be displayed along with the surreal photographs of Jeremi Bialowas showing his travels in America. There is a self guided tour brochure called "Art Walk at Oakton" available in that art gallery and on the OCC website which will lead you through the art on campus.

Founded in 1969, the original Oakton campus was in four renovated factory buildings near Nagle and Oakton in Morton Grove. Now there are two campuses with a total of 34,000 students enrolled. The second location, the Ray Hartstein Campus, is located in Skokie at 7701 Lincoln Ave., and was formerly the Nile Center East High School. Space was leased from the school in 1980 and then the Community College purchased the building in 1989. The Des Plaines campus site consisting of 170 acres was opened in 1980, and is surrounded by Kloempken Prairie, a prairie restoration that belongs to both OCC and to the Cook County Forest Preserve District. Fifty five acres of woodlands and 1.1 miles of the Des Plaines River are overseen by OCC. Many prairie and river walks are a part of their program.

Oakton has an excellent Performing Arts Center on the other side of the building near parking lot A with both professional and student based productions. Look at www.oakton.edu/news/colrel/spevents.htm to see the programs that are scheduled at the recently renovated 285 seat Footlik main stage and at the more intimate 100 seat "Studio One" black box theatre. Experimental and innovative shows are produced as well as legitimate theater, traditional music and dance. The Bluestem Festival of Arts and Humanities, in early June, includes four days of cultural activities co-sponsored by the OCC Emeritus Program, OASIS, North Shore Senior Center, the Illinois Humanities Council, and the Skokie Fine Arts Commission—check it out. And the OCC Emeritus program of non-credit classes for the public is outstanding—my cousin Leona Roen, who is a new member of our society, teaches the computer classes. Get to know Oakton. They are very happy to have us and we should be even happier to be located at this outstanding and highly rated institution.

The Oakton publicity department has gone out of its way to help publicize our Spring Show in mailings, on the marquee, and with banners and signs on campus. The show will be in the Ten Hoeve Center across from parking lot C. When you come to the next IOS meeting on March 9th, park in lot C and enter exit 37, (where our plant mover will be waiting). You will immediately pass rooms 1604/6/8/and 10 on the left before you walk around

the corridor to get to the Business Center elevator across from the main hall. Take a moment to look inside one of these series of four rooms to see the large area where the entire show will be located. I hope you will be inspired to set up your own exhibit or perhaps share a space with another member. For those with just a few plants in bloom, be sure to bring them for the IOS display. We want this show to be better than ever.

At the March meeting I will be distributing posters for each of you to place in the windows or on the bulletin boards of your local super markets, cleaners, libraries, city halls, restaurants, or other shops. Most businesses are happy to display our attractive publicity piece. Take bookmarks to give out to friends who are interested in coming and need a reminder. We need your help to spread the word to make this first show successful. As Anne has requested, please help by volunteering for the many jobs open for the April 5-6 week-end. We can only accomplish our goal by the combined efforts of the entire membership. Please mark your calendar April 4th for set up and the 5th and 6th for the show.

Joe

Phragmipedium Sedenii

(longifolium X schlimii)

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



OAKTON ORCHID ODYSSEY
OAKTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
1600 GOLF ROAD
DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS
SATURDAY, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
SHOW AND PLANT SALE

Spring Show and Sale **Nuts and Bolts**

- Registration for show plants is on Friday April 4, 2:00 – 9:00 p.m. Displays may be set up between 2:00 and 11:30 p.m.
- Carts for unloading plants into the display area will be available at Exit 38 (across from Lot C) and entry to the show area is at Exit 39.
- A loading dock is available in the Receiving area for nurseries with trucks.
- Exhibitors **must** provide their own backdrops and **NOTHING** may be attached to the walls in the show area.
- Times the show and sale are open to the public are different from times volunteers and exhibitors need to be on site. Public hours will be 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Saturday and 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Sunday. If you are volunteering, exhibiting, or selling, check for the times you need to be at the show. Be early if at all possible!

Conservation Notes *The Mid-American, Fall '02*
There are many constructive activities every orchid grower can undertake to aid orchid conservation. Conservation issues are complex and often interconnected, and no simple answers are available. Here are a few suggestions that may be helpful.

Be educated. Research issues that affect conservation of orchids and other organisms. Be open to a number of resources.

Support organizations that support your goals. Support, financially and with your time, organizations that do good work.

Be vocal. Be vocal locally, nationally, internationally whenever issues arise you care about. Speak out and be heard.

Support tropical range economies. There are many ways to support these economies, including eco-tourism collected plants.

Never buy wild-collected plants.

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Rich Unger	2006	773-685-2677	(aroma-imp@hotmail.com)

Memos to the Members!

We are steadily increasing membership which makes it more and more difficult to get to know new 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!
- **If you haven't done so already, sign up NOW to help out at the Spring Show April 5th and 6th. Details are included in this newsletter.**
- We continue to ask that members be certain their addresses, phone and e-mail information is kept up to date. Contact Allen Morr with any changes or corrections.

March Meeting Notes Wendy Holtzman

Our meeting this month will be Sunday March 9th and we have a lot fun and interesting things going at the meeting that you won't want to miss!

Our workshop will have two parts to it. First, Martin Taylor will be giving us a overview of away shows. He will be talking about what he does as Away Show Chairman and how we can get participate in other societies' shows through the IOS or on our own. Part two of the workshop will be conducted by Joel Edwards. Joel will show us how to set up our own orchid display at AOS approved shows. This information well come in handy for our own Orchid Odyssey Show just around the corner. The workshop will be informative and will help us brush up on our skill displaying our orchids. If you are a newer member Joel's presentation will help you learn how to display your orchids at a shows and have fun doing it.

Our speaker this month is Ron Parsons. He is coming to us from California and will share his love of orchids through photography. Showing us a slide display of rare orchids in their native habitats. His photography skills are well known in the plant world and his photographs have been published in many magazines.

Nat's Orchids will be selling plants at this meeting so if you thought you would be safe from the temptation to bring home another orchid, you were wrong! Check out their web site at nattsorchids.com or via the orchid mall on the web. See you all at the meeting. Happy growing!

IOS Represented at Brookfield Zoo Orchid Extravaganza

The Brookfield Zoo held its Annual Orchid Extravaganza on February 15 and 16. In two buildings of the zoo, orchids were displayed and experts conducted seminars. Although the weather was cold, many hearty souls ventured to the zoo to experience a sense of the tropics and expand their knowledge of orchids. The Zoo provided a wonderful set up for the IOS to distribute membership applications, Lincoln Park Conservatory's Steve Meyer to inform, and Hausermann's to sell! There was even a table for Massey's Vanilla (vanilla is an orchid) to give generous samples of vanilla ice cream. A good time was had by all! Allison Tribble

OAKTON ORCHID ODYSSEY

Anne Katowski, Spring Show Chairman

Well it's almost time for our Spring Show and plant Sale. Vendors are coming, ribbons are ordered, and what else do we need? **VOLUNTEERS**, of course! This year will be even more fun with our new home at Oakton Community College in Des Plaines. You don't have to be an expert or have done any of this before. You just need a desire to help. Anyone who has helped at past shows knows there are many different jobs to fill. If you already signed up at the February meeting, thank you! No need to fill in the volunteer form. I know who are and I'll definitely be putting you to work. If you have a change in availability or want a particular job, just fill in the form included in this newsletter and return to me at the March meeting or through the mail.

The following is a list of the jobs. Any questions you have, please call me at (630) 833-8042 evenings, or e-mail me at phrag207@aol.com.

IOS Display (Fri.)

There will be a Society display for all members who wish to display their plants. Set up time is noon to 11:30 p.m. but come as early as you can. You get double points for ribbons in this competition and one point for simply entering a plant in the display. More in the April Newsletter.

Admissions (Sat. and Sun.)

Collects \$5.00 admission fee and makes sure no one gets in for free, except members' spouses and anyone under 14 with an adult.

Traffic (Fri.)

Helps exhibitors bring in their plants and get them to the display areas. You are the first to see what the vendors are selling.

Registration (Fri.)

Assists exhibitors writing the plant tags needed for judging.

Hospitality (Sat. - Sun.)

The judges' breakfast and lunch will be catered, but we need help with cleanup. Food will be available for volunteers and vendors Saturday and Sunday. We need donations of non-refrigerated snacks for these two days.

Photography Host (Sun. 8-9am.)

Watch over the exhibit hall while photographers take

pictures. Plants and displays must not be touched.

Security (Sat. and Sun.)

Keep eyes on the public as they enjoy our show.

Raffle/Info (Sat. and Sun.)

We are doing the raffle again!

Teardown (Sun. 5pm-?)

Helps return the room to the condition it was in Friday a.m. We need a couple of wet-dry shop vacs for emergencies all weekend especially Sunday night.

Plant Sales (Sat. and Sun.)

Wally is heading up this area, but he will need lots of helpers.

Clerking (Fri.)

Assists the judging team. This involves writing dates on the ribbons, looking for certain plants in the displays, keeping track of where to go next. This is my favorite job, don't worry if you can't say the names right, I can't. Judging begins at 7:00 a.m. and clerks can have breakfast with the judges at 6:30 a.m.

VOLUNTEER FORM

FRIDAY APRIL 4

<u>Activity</u>	<u>NAME & TIME AVAILABLE</u>
Registration	_____
Traffic	_____
IOS Display Set Up	_____
Remove Hospitality	_____

SATURDAY APRIL 5

Clerking	_____
Admissions	_____
Plant Sales	_____
Security	_____
Raffle/Info	_____
Hospitality	_____
Clerking	_____
Have you clerked before?	Yes No

SUNDAY APRIL 6

Admissions	_____
Photography Host	_____
Security	_____
Raffle/Info	_____
Hospitality	_____
Plant Sales	_____
Teardown	_____

2003 SPRING SHOW & SALE
Registration for Exhibitor Space

Name (Include names of all exhibitors)

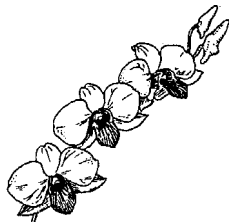
Contact person _____
 Address _____

Phone # (____) _____
 E-mail _____

Exhibit space request:
 ___ 25 Sq. Ft. ___ 50 Sq. Ft. ___ 100 Sq. Ft.

Return to; *Anne Kotowski*
430 Addison
Elmhurst, IL. 60126

Fill in this form and return to Anne immediately.



**MONTHLY
 JUDGING
 RESULTS**

Listed below are the updated point totals for the Monthly Judging. Included are points from the Jan & Feb. monthly meetings. Lets keep bringing those plants for March. Remember to 'groom' your plants and check for unwanted visitors before bringing them. Plan to have your plants in place, registered for judging by 12:30 and, if possible, leave them in place for others to admire during the hospitality period after the speaker. I am hopeful that we have worked out the computer 'bugs' in getting your points properly listed in this newsletter. Questions can be sent to me at smmaloney@earthlink.net or call 847/498-0249.

Sherry Maloney
 Monthly Judging Chair

LIGHTS/WINDOWSILL

Bennett, Barbara	166
Buckles, Betsy	37

Cinert, Lois	123
Davis, Joan	22
Delvecchio, Pat	20
Fuller*, Sandy	80
Gemeinhart, Ernie	101
HalL*, Julie	5
Hiebert, Brad	18
High, Charles & Jane	132
Holtzman, David & Wendy	9
Jaich-Westine*, Ann	6
Jehangir, Rusty	18
Johnson, Carolyn	11
Kotowski, Anne	4
Labahn*, Loieuse	10
Losert, Wilfred	224
Maloney, Sherry	454
Manuel*, Alex	167
Nielsen, Diana	180
Papiewski, Claire	71
Pollock*, Loren	15
Samuelson*, Helen & David	10
Schmitz, Barbara	152
Schordje, Leo	30
Spillers*, Kelly	20
Stam*, Leo & Gayle	1
Taylor, Martin	501
Teppel*, Ken	37
Tirzmallis*, Susan	1
Titterton*, George	5
Tribble*, Allison	26
Unger, Rich	72
Vrabel, Ken	77
Wallace, Dottie	22
Winfield*, Arlene	20
GREENHOUSE	
Cohen*, Edward	25
Dixler, Joe & Rosalie	1382
Gamson, Ed	129
Golan, Sue	237
Lipson, Steve & Judy	176
Lubin, Barry	45
Morr, Allen	31
Nelson, Bil	125
Passine, Paul	56
Rogerson, Bill	76
Sahagian, Laima	140
Stubbings, John	75
Thompson, Carol	50
Wolf, Bob	4

Check out the IOS website: <http://www.iosoc.com>

FROM THE EDITOR Jerry Garner

Thanks to everyone who submitted information for this month's Newsletter. This issue is literally overflowing with news. The newsletter is the members' means for communicating important announcements and sharing interesting information about orchids. I'm inviting more of you to participate in putting the Newsletter together. If you see an article in a magazine, newspaper, etc. and it might interest other members, copy it and send it to me for the Newsletter. I'll take care of getting the permissions to reproduce the article. If you have some special way of taking care of your orchids, share that with other members through the Newsletter. Read a good orchid book or periodical article? Write it up and send it to me. This is the memberships' newsletter and it shouldn't become simply a means of announcing meeting dates and show results, as important as that might be.

The **Spring Show** is just around the corner and the IOS needs your help. When you attend the March meeting, be sure to stop by the area we'll be using for the show. It's a wonderful space for our show and sale. (See President's Message for details). Be sure to read over the volunteer job descriptions in this Newsletter and, more importantly, sign up for something now. If everyone contributes a little time, no one is overworked and everyone can enjoy the Show. An application for exhibit space is included here too.

As an added attraction, we will be running videos continuously during the show about growing orchids and **Rick Unger** will conduct a workshop on fragrances (orchids, I assume) to add to the fun.

Welcome New Members

Please extend a warm welcome to the following members who have recently joined the IOS:

Georgene Stanford – Elk Grove Village
Rebecca Dandekar – Lake Villa
Kimberly Johnson – Mt. Prospect
Linda Cooper – Evanston
Pam & Jerry Hampton – Long Grove
Gabrielle Rychlik – Glenview
Greg & Brenda Grabacki – Elmhurst
Christopher Campbell – Chicago
Mary Seyfarth – Highland Park

You may already know Chis and Mary. They've been bringing those beautiful purple clay Chinese pots for display and sale at the meetings.

I would encourage our "old" members to introduce themselves and personally welcome

these newcomers to our Society.

As of February 9, 2003 we had 292 members! And more have been added by now. All this talent and knowledge! **Get involved** in your IOS now. Be sure to **volunteer for the Show and Sale**. **Submit articles and news** to the Newsletter. **Volunteer as a speaker** and share your love and knowledge of orchids. **Volunteer for a committee**, or bring something for the refreshments table at the meetings. But **get involved!** The IOS is only as great as its members make it. Allen Morr, Membership

American Orchid Society Judging

AOS judging takes place at the Chicago Botanic Garden the second Saturday of each month at 1:00p.m. All are welcome to enter plants for judging. The April judging will take place April 5th at 7:00 a.m. at Oakton Community College in Des Plaines in conjunction with the IOS Spring Show and Plant Sale.

Please note this change on your calendars.

© Greg Allikas (**Phalaenopsis aphrodite**)
www.orchidworks.com



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

Deadline for articles and information for the April Newsletter is March 18. I'm sorry this is so soon but we need the newsletter in members' hands well before the Spring Show.

NOTE

Be sure to periodically check the IOS website for meeting and show information and a lot of other news.. Tom Franczek does a great job and keeps the site up-to-date. Back issues of the Newsletter are available from the site and links to other orchid sites can be found there too. <http://www.iosoc.com>. Check it out!

Mentor Program Formally Announced

To help new members and beginner orchidists, our Society is launching a mentor program comprised of knowledgeable growers who have volunteered to answer questions about orchids and their culture. We hope you find this resource beneficial towards improving your success in this rewarding hobby, and that you will soon be showing off your "successes" with plants brought to our monthly meetings for judging and awards.

The following list provides e-mail and telephone contact information, locale, growing environment, and (where noted) specialty of the mentor. If possible, use e-mail, but be sure to include your telephone number and best time to call. The mentor will likely choose to contact you personally.

Joe Dixler: jmd@dixler.com; 847-432-7708; Highland Park; greenhouse; Paphiopedilum, Phragmipedium, and other genera

Sue Golan: sgolan@aol.com; 847-234-6311; Lake Forest; greenhouse

Sherry Maloney: smmaloney@earthlink.net; 847-498-0249; Northbrook; under lights (HID)

Barry Lubin: BRLNo1@aol.com; 847-432-6005; Highland Park; greenhouse with supplemental lighting; Phragmipedium

Barbara Bennett: bbennett.mmc@attbi.com; 847-883-0069; Lincolnshire; under lights (HID); Masdevallia

Diana Nielsen: dnielsen3@msn.com; 630-894-9486; Roselle; under lights (fluorescent) and on windowsills

Lois Cinert: geolocin@earthlink.net; 630-739-1068; Bolingbrook; under lights (HID)

Joel Edwards: 847-564-9537; Northbrook; greenhouse; Phalaenopsis

Rich Unger: aroma-imp@hotmail.com; 773-685-2677; Chicago; greenhouse

Paul Passine: platep@aol.com; 219-663-5255; Crown Point, IN; greenhouse; Vanda and Ascocenda

Martin Taylor: dmtatcenco@aol.com; 630-682-0464; Wheaton; under lights.

Tom Heller: stochr@sls.lib.il.us; 708-456-6474; Norridge; greenhouse and under lights; Bulbophyllum and Brassavola

Steve Lipson: stevenlipson@attbi.com; 847-328-1837; Evanston; greenhouse



AOS JUDGING RESULTS

December brought a record number of plants (60) for a monthly Chicago Center judging. Among the many awards given were 5 to IOS members Joe and Rosalie Dixler. They received CBR's for *Barbosella propens* 'Tiny Tim', *Masd. Selenites* 'Yellow Tails', *Dendrochilum auriculare* 'White Spots' & *Pleur. Maduroi* 'Chiquita'. An AM of 81 points for *Eria coronaria* 'Meow-Meow' rounded out their totals for December.

In January, a more modest number of plants were presented for judging, but again the Dixlers were well represented in the awards – CBR's to *Restrepia condorensis*, *Pleur. roezlii* 'Black Rain', *Masd. Olmosii* 'Flying Lady' and *Masd. Papillosa* 'Tia'. *Masd. Panama Stripes* 'Chica' received an AM of 81 points. At the February judging, IOS member, Bill Nelson, received an HCC 75 for his *Paph. Saint Swithin*..

Remember, the AOS judging take place on the second Saturday of each month at 1:00 p.m. at the Chicago Botanic Garden and visitors are always welcome. If you have a plant you feel might be AOS quality, please bring it. There are no costs involved in presenting a plant to be judged, and it is always a learning experience.

IOS meetings are held the second Sunday of each month at Oakton Community College, 1600 Golf Road, Des Plaines, Illinois in the Business Center, located near parking lots C and D. The meeting room is on the ground floor of the Center. Sales and display plants should be set up between noon and 12:30. The workshop portion of the meeting begins at 12:30, followed by a speaker. Speakers generally bring plants for sale throughout the meeting. The meeting ends generally by 3:00 p.m.

ORCHIDS IN THE NEWS

The March/April 2003 issue of *Chicagoland Gardening* features a good introductory article on orchids and orchid growing, including a lot of good photos. The AOS and the IOS are both mentioned in the article, which encourages readers to join an orchid society. Be sure to pick it up the magazine.

**2003 IOS Meetings
Oakton Community College**



Remember, you can park in Lot C now. This lot is closer to the Business center and to a ramp for unloading and loading plants. Be sure to use this lot if you are bringing plants to the Show and Sale April 5th and 6th. It's closer to the exhibit rooms than Lot D plus there will carts and volunteers there to assist you.

MEMBERS PLANT SALE AT SPRING SHOW

Members are encouraged to bring plants to the Spring Show from their personal collections that they would like to sell. A members' sale table will be set up both days of the show. A small portion of the sale price goes to the Society and it's a great way to make room for new, more challenging plants in your collection. Martin Taylor and Lois Cinert are organizing this portion of the weekend.

Bring plants to the IOS display early Friday, April 4th, for tagging and organizing the display. Late arriving plants require a lot of work and reorganization, so please cooperate and bring your plants early. Volunteers to help arrange the display and work the sale table are always appreciated and this is a great opportunity to learn how to set up a display in the future. If you have questions, contact Martin or Lois. Their phone numbers and e-mail addresses are in this newsletter on page 3.

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

**SPRING SHOW APRIL 5th and 6th
OAKTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Details Inside!**

**NEXT MEETING MARCH 9 - OAKTON
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**