



NEXT MEETING – February 8th AT OAKTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

In January we published the 2004 Meeting Schedule, including speakers' names and topics, if we had them. We will reprint the schedule bimonthly and as Wendy adds more speakers and updates topics. Remember, the new members session begins at 11:30 a.m. and the workshop begins at 12:30 p.m. All members' sale plants and plants for judging should be set up no later than 12:30. A short business meeting starts around 1:15 followed by the speaker at approximately 1:30 (the talk will last about one hour). By 2:30 the meeting will end with refreshments, socializing, and plant sales. So bring your questions, your ideas, your friends, and your plants and join the fun at the IOS meetings! All meetings are at the Oakton Community College, Des Plaines Campus, unless otherwise noted.

SOME IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

February 8 – Bill Rogerson will share his secrets to growing meat eating *Cattleyas*.

February 14th –15th – Pasquesi Nursery Orchid Sale, Lake Forest and Barrington locations.

February 18th – deadline for news, articles, etc. for the March newsletter.

February 26th – 29th – Hausermann's Open House

March 2 – IOS Board meeting at the home of Steve Lipson.

March 13th – 21st – Navy Pier Flower Show.

March 20th –21st – Geimer's Garden Show

April 3-4 - Spring Show time! Watch for details soon!!



Check the IOS website for more news and photos. Go to www.iosoc.com

Deadline for March Newsletter **February 18th**

Send all news, notices, announcements, and photos to Jerry Garner, garnerjl@comcast.net

2005 Membership Dues

Go to the IOS website www.iosoc.com to renew your 2005 membership dues or mail your \$25.00 to Allen Morr, 253 Summerfield Rd, Northbrook, IL 60062
Don't put it off until later! Do it now! Deadline for renewal is March 31st.



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IOS Board Meetings

The IOS Board meets on the first Tuesday of odd months at 7:30 p.m. at the home of an officer or board member. Any IOS member may attend, but please notify the meeting host or Joe Dixler if you are planning to attend. Upcoming meetings are:

March 2, 2004 at the home of Steve Lipson
May 4, 2004 at the home of Sue Golan
Members’ addresses are in the Membership Directory

SECOND NOTICE !!
DUES ARE DUE NO LATER
THAN MARCH 31st– NEW
PROCEDURE FOR RENEWAL

Allen Morr, Membership Chairman

It's that time again - my how the time flies - to renew your membership for the coming year 2004. This year, what with our world, and IOS, moving more and more into an electronic era, we are changing our renewal procedure to save both time and money (printing and postage). Whereas we used to enclose renewal envelopes in January and February newsletters, which were mailed to the entire membership, for 2004 we are doing the following:

For members who receive their newsletter electronically, a renewal form is downloadable off our web site www.iosoc.com/. Go to HOME, click on ANNOUNCEMENTS, then RENEWAL FORM. If you cannot print the form, just write the requested information on a sheet of paper and mail along with your check.

For members who receive their newsletter by mail, use the renewal form included in last month's newsletter and mail along with your check.



January Plant of the Month – *Phal. amabilis* grown under lights by Wilfred Losert



Bring your plants in for judging. Don't be shy – it's fun and educational!



Your membership card for 2004 will be mailed to you upon receipt of your check. The cutoff date for renewal is March 31st, so please do not procrastinate. Dues for the year are, as before, \$25.00 per household.

Members who joined IOS between September 1 and December 31 are paid in full for 2004. (For these newer members, if you are not sure when you joined, please contact Allen Morr, 847-501-2532 or amorr@ozonology.com, and I will check our records). My thanks to all for working with me on our revised renewal process. I look forward to seeing you in the coming year.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Allen Morr, Membership Chairman

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

Faye Denning ~ Lake Zurich
Fu Sing ~ Darien
Ed Temple ~ Darien
Pamela Cobo ~ Geneva
Joe Burns ~ Des Plaines (recently moved from Philadelphia)

NOTES TO MEMBERS

- Be sure to wear your member badge to all IOS meetings. We have a lot of new members, and the badges help people feel more at ease and welcome.
- Take a second **NOW** or when you are renewing your membership to make sure all of your contact information is correct and up-to-date.
- Periodically check out the IOS website at www.iosoc.com for news, old newsletters, and links to more orchid information.
- Consider using **IOS gift memberships** for your orchid loving friends. They'll be guaranteed 12 months of professional information and camaraderie. Applications

are available on the IOS website, at local growers, and from Allen Morr.

Some members reported receiving damaged or incomplete newsletters in January. Some didn't get the newsletter until days after the meeting. I have discussed this with the postmaster here in Evanston and he has apologized and asked that I keep him informed if the problems continue. Let me know whenever you experience any problem with the mail delivery of your newsletter and I'll follow up with the post office.

AOS Chicago Judging Center

Judging in February will take place at the Chicago Botanic Garden beginning at 1:00 p.m. Plants should be in place no later than one hour before judging begins.



January IOS Judging Table – Why don't you have a plant on that table?

Navy Pier Flower Show

Sue Golan, IOS Board Member

I would love to hear from anyone who might have a plant or three for the Garden Clubs of America show at Navy Pier in March. Call me in early February if there's the slightest chance you will want to be included. I will be contacting those of you who normally bring plants for judging at monthly meetings. Otherwise, call me at 847-234-6311.

Unfortunately I cannot be at the February meeting since I will be orchiding in Ecuador, but I will be

back on the 18th and since the show is March 13th, there will be plenty of time to discuss what is about to bloom and to arrange transportation. It will be an enormous boost for the IOS to have a good showing here and I hope we can recruit a lot of new friends and members while we are there. This is usually a great show, so try to come see it. If you have a plant in the show you can hang out at the display and brag. Onward and upward with the Orchidaceae!

Volunteers Still Needed for Outreach

Claire Papiewski, Outreach Chairman

The IOS has been invited to set up an information table at the following growers' open houses:

❖ **Geimer's Greenhouse**

Long Grove

Sat. February 7th 9am – 5pm

Sun. February 8th 11am – 4pm

❖ **Pasquesi Nursery's Orchid Sale**

February 14th and 15th 11am – 2pm

Lake Forest and Barrington locations

❖ **Hausermann's Greenhouses**

Villa Park

February 26th – 29th 8am – 5pm

❖ **Geimer's Greenhouse**

March 20th and 21st

IOS presence at these shows previously has resulted in great p.r. and many new members. Please contact Claire at 847/622-8664 to volunteer your help, even if you can only work an hour or two. Sign up sheets will be available at the February meeting.

January President's Message

Joe Dixler, President

Since many of you have computers and like to surf the web, I thought that during these cold winter days when you are indoors, you might like to look at some of my favorite sites, which hopefully will not change addresses! I assume you are all familiar with our own site, maintained by Tom Franczak, a former Chicagoan now living in Ohio. Tom is still an IOS member and while we allowed him to move, we did not allow him to stop doing our website! We are very grateful to him for providing and maintaining it in such an outstanding way. Be sure to check it regularly for our news at www.iosoc.com. You can also look at Tom's homepage and other orchid sites through links that he provides.

I assume you all have seen the **American Orchid Society** website www.orchidweb.org

The chat room can give you help—some is good but some isn't what our IOS Mentors

would advise because of climate and other variations. Ask our own mentors first! As you know, Rosalie is our AOS rep and is also on the Affiliated Society Committee of the AOS if you have any questions about their work.

Wendy Wesley is our MidAmerica representative. You can learn about **MidAmerica** activities, by going to www.midamericanorchids.org. The Illinois Orchid Society is a member along with about 56 other societies in this division.

The Orchid Forum is another discussion location where you can get advice on growing, special care, sources of plants, etc. It is at <http://forums.gardenweb.com/forums/orchids> There are a number of other web sites that I recommend. Check out **O.G.R.E.S. (Orchid Growers Rating and Evaluation System)**, a website devoted to listing and rating orchid sources. It gives over all ratings, how many people have rated it, the website (if any) and links directly to the company. E-bay sellers are also included.

<http://www.proinnovation.com/ogres/default.asp>

The Orchid Mall has links to vendors, speakers, societies and other orchid websites all over the world go to

<http://www.orchidmall.com/>

Orchid Photo Encyclopedia is great for helping to identify your species—the last time I looked there were 4183 photos included. It's at <http://www.orchidspecies.com/>

The Orchid Wire is a resource directory with vendors, travel, books, culture, software, photos, art, and more. It's at

<http://www.orchidwire.com/>

For favorite and useful places like orchid vendors, societies and people's home pages plus gardening, wine, and all sorts of other things, go to

<http://www.orchidworks.com/orchids/links.htm>

Orchid Digest's website is

<http://www.orchiddigest.com/>

The Orchid Exhibits Idea Book is located at <http://www.homes2sell.com/ozone/ideabook/ideabook.html>

Bibliorchidea is an orchid literature database and bibliography and claims to be the most complete and comprehensive orchid literature bibliography existing. You can find it at <http://www.bibliorchidea.net/>

The Orchid House has all sorts of information like pests and diseases, organizations, pictures, taxonomy, information sources, etc. and is at

<http://retirees.uwaterloo.ca/~jerry/orchids/osites.html#info>

Then there are specific sites for various species such as *Phragmipedium* at <http://www.phragweb.info/>
Pleurothallids can be found at http://www.pleurothallids.com/The_Pleurothallid_Alliance.htm
Maxillarias are located at <http://www.geocities.com/RainForest/5278/>
The Slipper Alliance can be found at <http://www.slipperorchid.org/>
Look for **Stanhopeas** at <http://houstonorchidsociety.org/Stanhopea/>
Even **fragrant orchids** have a website at <http://www.chebucto.ns.ca/Recreation/OrchidSNS/frag.html>
Orchid Tips gives advice and information about the care of orchids and how to choose them at a nursery along with recommended growers. Check this site out at <http://www.imagine123.com/orchidtips/>
I have a few favorite home pages of individual orchid lovers. **Lynn O'Shaughnessy's** page can be accessed through the **Pleurothallid** website above or go directly to it at http://www.pleurothallids.com/Lynn's_Pleurothallids.htm
Carlos Hajek's page on **Peruvian Orchids** is excellent and can be found at <http://www.peruvianorchids.org/>
Linda, and Her Orchid Lady website, is at <http://www.orchidlady.com/> Paph. people will enjoy **Dr. Tanaka's** home page written in English with a Japanese accent!
Check out <http://www.orchid.or.jp/orchid/people/tanaka/indexe.html>

Let it snow! This should keep you busy this month! Unfortunately I will miss the February meeting but will see you all in March.

February Meeting Notes

Wendy Wesley, Program Chairman

Our February meeting is on Sunday, February 8th at Oakton Community College. Diana Nielsen will be conducting our workshop
Beginning at 12:30. Diana will talk about the use of florescent bulbs for growing orchids under lights. Diana has done quiet a bit of research in finding the "perfect bulb". I think we will all find her talk informative whether we use florescent bulbs as a main light source for growing our orchids or only as supplemental lighting.

Our main speaker will be Bill Rogerson, back by popular demand to continue his talk on *Cattleya* species. We had such an overwhelming response last year to Bill's talk on man-eating *Cattleya's* that we have invited him back to continue sharing his expertise in this great species. You don't want to miss this talk!
We will not have a vendor this month selling plants. We are asking our members to bring in lots and lots of plants for sale.
This is a great opportunity for members to sell those extra plants that may no longer fit in your collection. Remember, every plant you sell opens up a little space for that new orchid you've been dying to get. Remember too, that the seller gets 75% of the sale price and the IOS gets the other 25% to put toward programs, shows, and more.
Please do not forget to bring in food and drinks for the meeting. We all enjoy a few snacks while we're together and the snack table looked a little sparse on the at the January meeting.

ReCap on the January meeting:

Rosalie Dixler gave us a wonderful and informative workshop on "How to Travel and See Orchids." She recommended a few tools to use to aid us in our research of traveling with orchids activities. Rosalie recommend a book on how to travel to see Orchids which the AOS sells. She also recommended using the Orchidmall as a resource.

Our speaker Sam Tsui did a wonderful job on discussing Parvi and Brachy *Paphiopedilum's*. He discussed the various needs of each type culture as well as current hybrids. He even talked about the benefits of combining the two groups to enhance thier potential.
Some easier to grow hybrids Sam recommended are:
Paph Armeni-White, *Paph niveum* X *Joyce Hasagawa* and *Paph Golddollar* X *rothschildianum* to name a few.

[Please send suggestions for future articles or regular columns to Jerry Garner, Newsletter Editor, garnerj@comcast.net/](mailto:garnerj@comcast.net)

Away Show News

Diana Nielsen, Away Show Chairman

The three March away shows are all scheduled very close to each other and they each require significant driving from the Chicagoland area. If anyone could help with these, please call me (630/894-9486). With some assistance from other members, we should be able to exhibit our members' plants at all five away shows, plus it's a great way to learn a lot about judging orchids.

2004 Away Show Schedule

St. Charles, IL Batavia Orchid Society
February 21 – 22

Green Bay WI NE Wisconsin Orchid Society March
March 6 – 7

Davenport, IA Illowa Orchid Society
March 20 – 21

Fort Wayne, IN Three Rivers Orchid Society
March 27 – 28

Contact Diana if you will have plants for these away shows and arrangements can be made for you to drop them off or for Diana to pick up your plants. (Be sure to read Diana's article on preparing plants for away shows in the October 2003 newsletter before sending off your plants.)



Brassia maculata – Rick's Tropica

earth.

Winter Housekeeping Notes

Submitted by a shy expert

There are a few things you can do in these cold winter months to help your housebound orchids survive a little better.

If you have water spots on the leaves, now is a good time to wipe the leaves gently with a soft cloth. You can use a mild vinegar solution to help dissolve any mineral build-up. This will help the leaves absorb light. Even a light coat of dust and lime will lower the amount of light the plant is getting.

If it's not time to actually repot your orchid, check the level of the media in your pot. As the media ages, it tends to settle, and the base of your plant may now be above the level of the media. You can top-dress the pot to get those roots into media. **This is not a substitute for repotting!!!** I know my Phals try to crawl out of the pot, and I like to keep most of the new roots covered. The same for new growths on Odont-Oncidiums, and Cattleyas. The new growth is always a little higher than the last, and the roots need something to get into.

Keep your plants clean. The dry guard-leaves from new Cattleya growths are a favorite hiding place for insect pests. When they are dry and brown, they will peel off easily. If there is some left over, your damp cloth will help wipe them from the pseudobulb. Check the bases of Phals, Paphs, and other monopodials. The little pests like to get into all the little nooks and crannies



January Judging

Sandy Fuller, Judging Chairman

| Lights / Windows | Points |
|------------------------------|--------|
| Bennett, Barb | 35 |
| Bestman, Jim and Gerry | 5 |
| Buckles, Betsy | 45 |
| Cinert, Lois | 139 |
| Dandekar, Rebecca * | 21 |
| Davis, Joan | 10 |
| Delvecchio, Pat | 10 |
| Edwards, Joel | 134 |
| Emmerich, Joan | 15 |
| Fuller, Sandy | 193 |
| Garner, Jerry | 5 |
| Gemeinhart, Ernie | 27 |
| Hall, Julie * | 25 |
| Kotowski, Anne | 10 |
| Losert, Wilfred | 232 |
| Malone, Sherry | 689 |
| Manuel, Alex | 115 |
| Millman, Morris | 22 |
| Nelson, Bil | 15 |
| Nielsen, Diana | 89 |
| Papiewski, Claire | 60 |
| Samuelson, Helen and David * | 51 |
| Schmitz, Barbara | 144 |
| Schordje, Leo | 22 |
| Seidel, Gerhard * | 10 |
| Spitz, Nancy | 5 |
| Stam, Leo & Gale (L) | 18 |
| Taylor, Martin | 60 |
| Tribble, Allison * | 134 |
| Unger, Rich | 113 |
| Vrabel, Ken | 121 |
| Wesley, Wendy | 51 |
| Greenhouse | |
| Dixler, Joe and Rosalie | 948 |
| Gamson, Ed | 178 |
| Golan, Sue | 190 |
| Hoel, Bob | 20 |
| Lipson, Steve and Judy | 6 |
| Lubin, Barry | 10 |
| Morr, Allen | 35 |
| Passine, Paul | 286 |
| Rogerson, Bill | 110 |
| Sahagian, Laima | 119 |

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|------------------|----|
| Thompson, Carole | 57 |
| Zielinski, Wally | 21 |

* New members

Awards Update

We had such a great display of plants at the January meeting that we are going to add a table to give us more room to display our plants. Plant of the month in the lights and windows category was *Phalaenopsis amabilis* grown by Wilfred Losert. Be sure to present your plants at their best by cleaning the leaves and staking the flowers so that they can be seen easily.



Angraecum leonis grown by Claire and Al Papiewski and an IOS blue ribbon winner.

Get Ready For An Orchid Adventure

Lois Cinert, Show Chairman

We are embarking on our next **ORCHID ADVENTURE**, our Spring Show at Oakton Community College. Our show is April 3 & 4, 2004, at the Oakton campus. This is our second major show there, and we are looking forward to welcoming our guests, vendors, and members to a great weekend full of beautiful orchids.

Our show will be held in the spacious TenHouve Center, with its easy accessibility and friendly atmosphere. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., both Saturday and Sunday. This is our Society's showcase event, and we would like you all to participate. It is a fun weekend, with opportunity to show off your orchids, and meet and talk to the vendors who will bring their best for us to see – and buy. There is a great storehouse

of growing experience and knowledge for you to tap into. All you have to do is come to the show.

Admission is free for IOS members; for the general public, we will charge a \$5.00 fee. We will offer repotting service for your orchids (thank you, Joe), informative videos, and orchid culture books, all at a reasonable price. Our very own IOS sweatshirts and polo shirts will also be available for purchase. Allison Tribble will take your pre-order at our February meeting. And our very own Chicago formula fertilizer will be sold again.

Oh, yes. We will be asking you to volunteer to help. This requires no previous experience. All we need is your enthusiasm. We will have volunteer sheets available at the February meeting at Oakton. The jobs are easy. We need folks to help unload our visitors and help with setup. We need help at the IOS plant sales table. We need people with friendly smiles at our information and membership table, to take admissions at the door, and to help sell our books and pins. On Friday night, we need help with plant registration, and on Saturday, help clerking at the plant judging.

The best part is learning more about your orchids, and meeting people who are growers, or want to be growers. The very best part is having first dibs on the sale plants.

We want you to enjoy the show on every level – as a guest enjoying the beautiful flowers, and as a volunteer helping your society make this a successful show. Come and join us.

Members' Questions

Last Month Pat DelVecchio submitted two questions regarding names of crosses and name registration. (Sorry, but space does not permit reprinting Pat's letter; see the January newsletter for details.) Ernie Gemeinhart responded:

If **WildCatt** (a regularly updated, very useful, and equally pricey orchid database available on CD) is not available, the RHS maintains a free searchable web site specifically for orchid hybrids at

http://www.rhs.org.uk/research/registration_orchids.asp . To start, click on Parent Search or Grex Name Search and fill in the fields. A Parent Search will look for the hybrid name if you know the parents. A Grex Name Search will

find the parents of a named hybrid. It is very sensitive to spelling and to punctuation, and it will only find hybrid names when the capsule and pollen parents are entered as the hybrid was registered. If no hits are found, it will prompt you to reverse the parents and try again. You can shorten the names such as "Pa" "sto", "Pa" "ang". This returned a couple *Paph.* Winston Churchill crosses for me. Do not use "ang-thong" as the "-" commonly confuses it. It is not case sensitive unless you check "exact match" box. It also lists the person that made the cross as registered, the person that registered it, and the registration date. For manmade genera, like *Doritaenopsis*, it is better to leave the genus fields empty as they could be *Phalaenopsis*, *Doritis*, or *Doritaenopsis*. It takes a little getting used to, but it is a good alternative to **WildCatt** for orchid hobbyists. It does not give any information about specific clones or awards. By the way, your hybrids are not registered.

Next question -every cross made and sold does not have to be registered. In fact, I'd guess a considerable number of orchid hybrids are not registered. Many crosses go nameless forever. If you are considering naming a hybrid, check the AOS and RHS websites for more info and the proper form with instructions and fee information. One of the requirements of naming a hybrid is the permission of the person that made the cross or proof of adequate attempts to get permission.

Do you have a question about orchids? As you can tell from the responses above, the IOS has a lot of expertise just waiting to be tapped. Send in your questions to Jerry Garner garnerjl@comcast.net



Photo courtesy of Francisco Miranda from his website

IOS Board Plans Orchid Field Trip for Early Summer

June Orchid Excursion

Rosalie Dixler

A summer bus tour to Madison, Wisconsin on Sunday, June 13th has been planned by the IOS board. Previous visits to Michigan and Indiana were so successful a threepeat was inevitable.

A chartered bus will be departing from OCC at 7:45 a.m. (from parking lot C), and should return by 6:00 p.m. The first destination will be Orchids by the Ackers in Middleton, a suburb of Madison, WI. They have a large variety of beautiful orchids including new Besseae crosses. The nursery was purchased in 1964 by Walter Acker and has remained a family business over the years. Acker has expanded the business to include several greenhouses full of *Phalaenopsis*, *Paph*, *Cymbidium*, *Vanda*, *Phragmipedium*, *Cattleya*, *Dendrobium*, *Oncidium*, *Miltonia*, and *Zygopetalum*. Visit the website at www.orchidsbytheackers.com. Everyone will find something pleasing.

After Ackers we stop for lunch at J.T. Whitney's Pub & Brewery, a legendary Wisconsin eatery. They brew their own award winning beer and ale and have great food. Read about the many awards they have won at www.jtwhitneys.com. You will have a choice from three entrees included in the price of the trip, but drinks will be additional.

After lunch we will visit Olbrich Gardens in Madison, WI. The gardens will open the private orchid house especially for our society. Their lovely Conservatory always features beautiful orchids from this greenhouse. The Thai Chapter of the University of Wisconsin's Alumni Foundation donated a magnificent Thai Pavilion to the University. Olbrich was chosen as the site for the Pavilion because of the garden setting and the proximity to water. This Thai pavilion is one of three of its kind found outside of Thailand, and the only one to be located in the continental United States. Thai artisans traveled to Madison to assemble the pavilion. Construction took approximately six weeks the estimated value of the pavilion is \$1.5 - 2 million. Olbrich's horticulture staff has designed a garden to

replicate gardens in Thailand. Visit www.olbrich.org for more information.

The price for the excursion will be \$45.00 per person including lunch, a bargain for sure. We anticipate a full bus, so send your checks (made out to the Illinois Orchid Society) to Rosalie Dixler, 811 Stone Gate Dr., Highland Park, IL 60035 as soon as possible, to assure a reservation. Space is limited - there will only be one bus available. Don't wait until the last minute; the bus may fill up quickly. Mark your calendars now for this special orchid event! This trip will be our membership June meeting.



New members meeting at the January business meeting . Photo courtesy of Sandy Fuller.

Remember

- The MidAmerican no longer mails a paper newsletter. You can read or download it, however, from the MidAmerica website.
- Dues are due **now**. Please pay Allen Morr ASAP and make sure your personal info is correct.
- Wear your name badges to meetings. We have a lot of new members and we want them to feel welcome and a part of the IOS right away.
- The Board would like your input on increasing membership. If you have some ideas on this subject, talk to Allen Morr, Membership Chairman. We are maintaining our numbers, but we would like to grow.
- Join the AOS – if for no other reason than to receive the best orchid publication around.
- Think about an IOS membership when you're looking for a unique gift for a friend or family member.
- Volunteer, volunteer, volunteer! Plenty of opportunities with all those open

houses, the IOS Spring Show, and the monthly meetings. Talk to Claire Papiewski, Lois Cinert, Diana Nielsen, Wendy Wesley. They'll be happy to work with you. Write an article for the newsletter!



Cattleya violacea. Photo courtesy of Rick's Tropica website

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NEW MEMBERS' MEETING – 11:30 a.m.
February 8th, before the workshop by
Diana Nielsen on florescent lighting

TIME TO PAY 2004 MEMBESHIP FEE
Second Notice - DETAILS INSIDE

February Meeting @Oakton C.C.
February 8th: Speaker – Bill Rogerson on
Cattleya species