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Jerry Garner, Editor

Officers/Board Nominees Selected for 2005/2006

The Nominating Committee has selected the following slate of Officers for the 2005-2006 year. **Voting will take place at the meeting at the Chicago Botanic Garden on Sunday, May 15, 2005.**

President – Wendy Wesley
1st Vice President (Speaker Chair) – Barry Lubin
2nd Vice President (Home Show Chair) – Lois Cinert
3rd Vice President – (Away Show chair) - Sandy Fuller
Secretary (Recorder) – Sherry Maloney
Ass't. Secretary (Newsletter) – Jerry Garner
Treasurer – Jim Spatzek
Ass't Treasurer (Membership) – Anne Kotowski

Board Member – term expiring in 2006
Vacant

Board Members – term expiring in 2009
Felicia Cochran
Leo Schordje

Respectively submitted,
2005-2006 Nominating Committee
Sue Golan – Chair
Sherry Maloney
Allen Morr



Lc. Trick or Treat

Deadline for submissions to June newsletter will be May 20th. Send any articles, news, photos, etc. to garnerjl@comcast.net

May Program Notes

Barry Lubin, Program Chair

Our next meeting is on Sunday, May 15, in the Auditorium of the Chicago Botanic Gardens. We will also have use of the Multipurpose Room.

The Mentors (newcomers) meeting will begin at 11:45 in the Multipurpose Room. The workshop will begin at 12:30 PM in the Auditorium.

Our speaker will be Steve Eagle of Southwest Orchids, located in Ardmore, Oklahoma (www.sworchids.com). Steve's presentation will focus on ***Oncidium Intergenerics***. Many oncidium species can be crossed with species in other genera to produce new and exciting hybrids. Steve will discuss trends in hybridization, culture and judging of *Oncidium Intergenerics*. Steve is a certified AOS judge and a member of the Board of Directors of *The Orchid Digest*. SouthWest Orchids is a family owned nursery that specializes in the warm and intermediate oncidium species and hybrids (also known as intergeneric oncidiums).

Please have your plants in place for judging by 12:30 PM and bring lots of plants for the members' sale table. You can drop off show and sales plants at the "back door" of the Education Center by asking the parking attendant for permission. He will provide you with a code to open the gate just beyond the attendant's post. Drive around the west side of the gardens, and follow the sign to visitors parking. You can pull up toward the entrance to the building to unload. Carts will be waiting. After unloading, you must park in the main parking lot.

Also, remember to bring something for the hospitality table to share with your fellow members.

From the Editor

Jerry Garner, Newsletter

Is this a monthly newsletter or a quarterly newsletter? You've probably been asking yourself that recently, and I feel the members deserve some explanation. The last March and April newsletters were not sent out because of personal illness. Hopefully, for me and the newsletter, these problems have been brought under control, and the newsletter is back on a monthly schedule.

Please continue to submit news, articles, photos, book reviews, and anything else that might interest fellow orchid growers. I am always looking for text.

President's Message

Wendy Wesley, President

I would like to take a moment to thank all the people who helped with our spring show, especially our show chairman, Lois Cinert. Lois undoubtedly put in many hours to make our show so beautiful. This show was one of the prettiest shows I have seen.

On another note, I would like to mention that Jerry Garner, our newsletter editor, needs some assistance in processing our fine newsletter. Jerry has always put out a very high quality newsletter. If we would like to continue receiving the quality newsletter that we have been, someone needs to step forward and give Jerry a hand. If you are interested,

please contact Jerry at garnerjl@comcast.net.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone to be sure you attend the May 15th meeting. This is probably the most important meeting of the year for the IOS. It is the meeting that we vote the new IOS officers and board members. Please be apart of it.

2005 IOS Meeting and Show Dates

Take a moment to clip this table out of the newsletter and keep it handy for future reference.

Meeting Dates	Location / Facilities
May 15	Auditorium and Multipurpose
June 12	Auditorium only
July 10	Auditorium and Classroom
Aug. 13 (Sat.)	Oak Hill Picnic
September 11	Auditorium and Linnaeus Room
Sept. 24-25	Show at CBG
October	No meeting
November 13	Monthly meeting not at CBG
December 13	Hausermann's Holiday Party
January – June 06, 2006	Monthly meetings and Spring Show not at CBG
July 06	Expected return to CBG
Oct. 14-15, 06	Show at CBG

Garden Renovations Lead to Minor Changes in IOS Schedule

Barry Lubin, Program Chairman

(Reprinted from February 2005 newsletter)

Please note that the dates of the Fall Show (September 24-25) are different than those previously published. As a result of moving the show to September, we will not have a meeting in October 2005.

The Chicago Botanic Garden has begun a major renovation of its facilities, including the Education Center where we normally meet and hold our shows. Because of these renovations, meeting space will not be available at the CBG

from October 2005 through June 2006. Wendy Wesley, our president has appointed an *ad hoc* committee to identify and evaluate alternative facilities during that time.



Cattleya Once Again

Outreach News

Claire Papiewski, Outreach Chairman

The February Open House at Hausermann's was very busy again this year. We signed up 13 new members and greeted many fellow members at the event. We thanked Mr. Hausermann personally for letting us have a table to announce our upcoming show.

In March, there were two library displays set up by IOS members. Rosalie Dixler installed a display at the Northbrook Library and Claire Papiewski placed one at the Elgin Gail Borden Library. The displays ran for 30 days and provided free advertising for the April show.

From March 12th through the 20th we were busy at the Chicago Flower and Garden Show at Navy Pier. We had a booth where IOS volunteers worked every day handing out bookmarks announcing our April show. Volunteers distributed orchid culture sheets to the public and explained IOS membership benefits. We picked up one membership renewal and 3 new members. Everyone was told to look at the beautifully tiered display where many of our members' plants were displayed; and we are happy to announce that Leo Schordje's plant won Best of Show. Thanks and congratulations to all who participated.

Members in the News

Barbara Schmitz, Chairman

Sue Golan wrote that the International Orchid Conference in Dijon France was wonderful. Over 100,000 attendees, including Sue, the Dixlers, Sherry Maloney, along with Nichola Radcliffe, former member, were part of the scene. It would be wonderful if we could arrange some sort of a group tour to the WOC Miami Show in 2008. What does everyone think about this? Perhaps we could get some special rates. I spent several days in Costa Rica the end of March. One of the highlights was going to Jardin Botanico Lancaster, which has about 1,100 different orchid species, and more than 7,000 individual plants, representing orchid flora from all over the world.

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The gardens are a center for education, conservation and research of tropical plants, with an emphasis on orchids. What a wonderful place!

Congratulations to Leo Schordje for winning Best in Show at the Chicago Flower and Garden Show! Leo has been too modest to report this news but according to Jim Spatzek, the plant was a *Dryadella* sp.

Remember to keep me informed about what you and other members are doing.

AOS News

Rosalie Dixler, AOS Representative

Check out the newly designed AOS website.

<http://www.orchidweb.org>

The Members Login area of the AOS's Web site is currently under construction. When completed, it will be an area of privilege for the Society's most important constituency – its members. Within this exclusive component of the site will be articles, databases, historical archives and other features -- including special offers and giveaways -- accessible to "Members Only." Announcement of the debut of the Members Only section will be made on the homepage and in "Orchids" magazine.

New sections will include:

Orchids A to Z, the "definitive source for information on orchid genera," this is an outstanding resource. Respected authorities will submit content for genera for which they are noted, assuring the availability of top-shelf information.

Orchid Ailments -- the AOS's Pests-and-Disease Series.

From Aphids to Virus, the ongoing 28-part series explores the finer points of insect pests, rots, disease and cultural challenges, to name a few, and offers advice on prevention and treatment for the problems.

Classics of Orchid Literature. In this section, there will be featuring reprints of these classic papers, each of which -- some, decades after publication -- are terrific educational resources for today's serious orchidist.

Judy White's Beginners Series

Judy's passion for the hobby combined with her incredible writing talent to create a sparkling seven-part series that began in December 1989 and ran through July 1990.

Orchid History Archives

The collection and preservation of orchid history has long been a focus of the AOS. The AOS's [Library and Archives Committee](#) is made up of a very active group of dedicated individuals who spend a great deal of time, effort and monies (all personal, as volunteers) in efforts to gather AOS and orchid history.

What else would you like to see?

Send your suggestions for "special" Members Only possibilities. What can't you easily put your hands and eyes on that was a treasured resource at one point in your orchid-growing experiences? Send your ideas to the editorial department at jmengel@aos.org.



Paph. Hellas 'Westonbirt'

June meeting on the 12th at the CBG
Be there and bring some plants for judging or for sales.

Membership News

Allison Tribble, Chairman

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please extend a warm welcome to the following 66 new individual members who joined since February. We all welcome these newcomers to our forum to exchange information and share friendship in the context of orchid growing. We are pleased to welcome:

Rodney & Barbara	Campbell	Frankfort
Eva	Chow	Chicago
Linda	Derr	Western Springs
Madeleine	Dugas	Palatine
Susan	Faught	Lake Forest
Fay	Groh	Lake Bluff
Pamela	Herbst	Deerfield
Richard & Cheryl	Hiipakka	Chicago
Lane	Imberman	Winnetka
Renate & Herbert	Kilian	Downers Grove
Alan	Kostyniak	Elk Grove Village
Jane & Perry	Lewis	Chicago
Grace	Murchy	Des Plaines
George	Perez	Minooka
Minh	Phu	Wheaton
Conney	Sawyer	Chicago
Arlene & Michael	Winfield	Long Grove
Laura	Brand	Glenview
Clarence	Bump	Manteno
Francine	Duda	Brookfield
Greger	Larsson	Palatine
Llewellyn	Ong	Chicago
Cary & Rebecca	Pickands	Schaumburg
Mellhor	Rammiz	Villa Park
Ronney	Raymer	Justice
Jeffrey	Roberts	Bloomington
Gary	Slack	Winnetka
Jack	Tromp	South Holland
Robert	Walsh	Forest Park
Karen	Asin	Northbrook
Richard	Burnstine	Glencoe
Fran	Collopy	Highland Park
Mike	Coots	Prospect Heights
Janet & Philip	Demma	Mt. Prospect
Gail	Dugas	Chicago
Laura	Dutzi	Palatine
Jeff	Hale	Chicago
Dan & Terri	Kowalski	Orland Park
Stu & Ellen	Mechlin	Buffalo Grove

John F.	Miller	Chicago
Susan	Milojevic	Oak Park
Tamara	Newell	Evanston
Linda	Niemczyk	Romeoville
Elizabeth & Rebecca	Peterson Hall	Wilmette
Judy	Reuter	Mundelein
Heidi & Joe	Rose	Lake Bluff
Joy	Rosner	Chicago
Peggy	Schermerhorn	Techny
Bobbi	Steiner	Chicago
Cathy	Strey	Glenview
Luis	Torres	Rolling Meadows
Osvaldo	Wagener	Chicago
Cheri & Mark	Wilcox	Palatine
Justine	Bricheno	Chicago
Lila Meitus	Lang	Chicago



Lailia Beachview

Spring Show at Botanic Garden a Success

Lois Cinert, Home Show Chairman

I hope you all had a chance to come to Chicago Botanic Gardens for our spring show. Our exhibitors brought us an amazing collection of superior plants, to fill our senses with color and scent and beauty. The 42 displays were excellent expressions of enthusiasm for the love of beautiful orchid flowers. Over 30 plants were pulled Saturday morning for AOS judging, and nine were awarded. It was a show not to be missed.

Our return to Chicago Botanic Garden was greeted by over 9,000 guests who wandered the exhibit hall and browsed the vendor areas – many leaving with orchids of their own. Thank you to Susan Cole Bainbridge, and Stephanie Lindemann for helping to make this possible, and to Cynthia Greenwood for bringing in the TV cameras and personalities to talk about our show, live and on tape.

All of this is the result of the hard work of our volunteers, who gave their time and effort for many months before the show, and during those four busy, hectic days of the show itself. We appreciate every moment spent working to make this show the success that it was. The list of names is long, with many familiar to our shows, and some who came to help for the first time.

Nancy Spitz, Merle Gross, Ken Vrabel, Carolyn Johnson, Ed Weisz, Joe Burns, Ed Gamson, Barry Lubin, Toby Green, Sherry Maloney, George Cinert, and Al Opitz helped with setup, registration, and unloading. Pat Kralik again provided our show schedules, essential to registration and judging, and saw to it that registration went smoothly. Saturday, very early, our crew of judges and clerks arrived to do their jobs, and apply ribbons to the very best orchids and displays in the show. Ed Gamson, Diana Nielsen, Joe Gardner, Reme Tesch, Cleo Kiergaard, Felicia Cochran, Leo Stam, Anne Kotowski, Sherry Maloney, Laima Sahagian, Jane High, Chuck High, and the Bennetts, from Iowa City joined the judges in their long task. A special “thank you” to Phyllis White of Anything Orchids, and Reme Tesch, who made corsages until their fingers turned blue. It was supposed to be a short demonstration, and turned into an all day – two day – job, by popular request. And they make beautiful corsages!



Setting up or taking down?



Photos above are from the IOS website. Check out more photos from the 2005 show at www.iosoc.com

Back in the Galleries, Barry Lubin sold the bark he mixed himself, and the special fertilizer, created for the IOS. Sue Tirzmalis and Barb Schmitz, Sandy Fuller and Sue Golan, Sherrie Reddick, Francisco Minnone, and Maurice Hardy all helped with traffic, membership, and door prize chores. Rosalie Dixler kept the AOS membership table busy, Dave and Allison Tribble manned the membership table, with Joe Dixler tirelessly repotting plants, both days of the show, with help from Barry Lubin and Loren Pollock. Wally Zielinski managed IOS plant sales were again, with incomparable help from Ralph and Mary Minnis, Wilfried Losert, Pam Cobo, and Sandy Fuller. Morrie Millman arrived Sunday morning to help out too. Sunday brought the Mestagh's, and Jane Stastny and Linda Juberg and Susan Faeget (sp?) to help out, wherever needed. And they did indeed.

Teardown went smoothly, with many hands to help with loading our guests and their plants for the trip home. Chuck High, Leo Schordje, Anne Kotowski, and Isabel Montoya helped out, and Linda Juberg stayed almost to the end.

I have a special thanks to several people who were at the show for almost the entire stretch, and helped out at every turn. Felicia Cochran did innumerable chores gleefully, and was a pleasure to work with. Wendy Wesley, our esteemed President, helped out all over, greeted guests, answered questions, and did hard labor. Cleo Kiergaard added her knowledge and experience to dive in to help without asking, and took care of lots of details that needed completing. Anne Kotowski is tireless – until Monday – and worked at any job assigned. She is also responsible for creating the IOS members' display, with the flowering plants provided by all of you.

Without the help of all of our volunteers – and I apologize if I missed naming one or two – our show could not happen. I hope it was a fun weekend for you, and you got to find time to search out the orchid of your dreams. See you next time, at the show.



2005 IOS Show. Photo from IOS Website

2005 Away Show Calendar

- 5/28 – 5/29 Northwestern Mich. Orchid Society
Traverse City, MI
- 6/4 –6/5 Central Ohio Orchid Society, Columbus, OH
- 7/31 Central Iowa Speakers Day, Des Moines, IA
- 9/1 –9/4 5th New Zealand International Orchid Expo
Hamilton, NZ
- 9/13 – 9/19 WA Orchid Spectacular, Fremantle,
Western Australia
- 9/17 – 9/18 Wisconsin Orchid Society Show, Milwaukee
- 9/23 – 9/25 13th Annual Chicagoland Orchid Festival
- 9/24 – 9/25 Illinois Orchid Society Fall Show, Glencoe, IL
- 10/21–10/23 Fall MAOC, Cincinnati, OH
- 3/24-3/26/06 Spring MAOC, Omaha, NE

More Photos From the Spring Show



The Spring Illinois Orchid Society Show Awards

Jim Spatzek, Judging Chairman

What a great show it was! I sincerely hope all of our members had the opportunity to view the show and participate. I would personally like to thank **Lois Cinert** for once again organizing a fabulous show. Many of the judges commented that our show was larger and better than the last 3 AOS trustees meeting shows combined; that's an accomplishment.

I would also like to thank all of the members who volunteered to clerk at the judging. Clerks are an important part of the judging and it is an opportunity for participants to learn more about judging, the judging rules and what makes a great plant. A big "Thank You" to all who helped.

The American Orchid Society Show Trophy was won by the **Wisconsin Orchid Society** for their great exhibit which featured orchids. People sometimes ask what makes an award winning exhibit? The answer is that orchids should predominate; they should call out that this is an ORCHID EXHIBIT. Hoosier Orchid Company was in a close race for the trophy; they also had a great exhibit.

Thirty-two plants were selected from the show for consideration for American Orchid Society awards. Nine awards were actually presented. At this time, some of the owners are still not know but here are the lucky plants and winners where known:

Lycaste(Malibu Canyon x Koolena) 'Pink Mint'
AM/AOS 83 pts.
Porters Orchids-Michigan

Mokara Razzmatazz 'Inboriboon' HCC/AOS 78 pts.
Natt's Orchids

Phal. (Ching Her Buddha "B#1" x Brother New Player
'B#1') HCC/AOS 77 pts.
David Bird and Bird's Botanicals, Iowa

Rhynchostele cordatum AM/AOS 81 pts.
Owner Unknown (Hoosier Orchids Display)

Phramipedium (Belle Hogue Point x Barbara LeAnn)
HCC/AOS 77 pts.
Orchids by the Ackers, Waunakee, Wisconsin

Masdevallia venezuleana CCM/AOS 84 pts.
Walt Crawford, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Pleurothallis nipterophylla 'Uchii' CBR/AOS
Kathy Creger, St. Louis Park, MN

Gongora Colibre CCM/AOS 85pts AM/AOS 86pts.
Owner Unknown (Hoosier Orchids Display)

Congratulations to all these great orchid growers.

IOS Members Judging Points

Sandy Fuller, Local Judging and Away Show Chair

(These numbers do not include points from the Spring Show. Those points will be reflected in the June newsletter.)

<i>Lights / Windows</i>	Points
Bestman, Jim and Gerry	1
Bloome, Catherine	47
Buckles, Betsy	26
Burns, Joe *	1
Cinert, Lois	117
Cobo, Pam *	19
Cochran, Felicia *	53
Dandekar, Rebecca	55
Delvecchio, Pat	2
Edwards, Joel	229
Fuller, Sandy	721
Garner, Jerry	26
Gemeinhart, Ernie	66
Hall, Julie *	15
Hardy, Maurice	5
High, Chuck & Jane	80
Johnson, Carolyn *	10
Jost, Peter *	1
Kiergaard, Cleo	20
Kotowski, Anne	68
Losert, Wilfred	592
Maloney, Sherry	638
Manuel, Alex	28
Millman, Morris	20
Minonne, Francesco *	5
Nielsen, Diana	219
Papiewski, Claire	51
Samuelson, Helen and David	19
Schmitz, Barbara	300
Schordje, Leo	227
Seidel, Gerhard	48
Spitz, Nancy	25
Stam, Leo & Gale	42
Teppel, Ken *	62
Tribble, Allison	71
Unger, Rich	151
Vrabel, Ken	184
Wesley, Wendy	62
Wilson, Nicole *	37

Greenhouse	
Dixler, Joe and Rosalie	1153
Gamson, Ed	77
Golan, Sue	420
Lipson, Steve	38
Lubin, Barry	245
Mestdagh, J&V	55
Morr, Allen	11
Passine, Paul	35
Sahagian, Laima	249
Spatzek, Jim	2
Thompson, Carole	120
Zielinski, Wally	17

* New members



Monthly Checklist: May - June

Ned Nash, AOS Website

Cattleya

The last of the spring-flowering types -- those that flower from a ripened hard pseudobulb -- will be finishing, while the first summer-blooming types will be showing buds on their rapidly growing, soft pseudobulbs. Both may need potting, as signaled by deteriorating mix, this month. The spring bloomers present no problems, as you will be dealing with fully ripe, well-hardened pseudobulbs. They will be ready to root on the mature front pseudobulb and will establish quickly. The summer bloomers, will be brittle and may be in bud. Nonetheless, experienced growers know that unless potted now, they may not root later, as this type tends to be seasonal in its rooting behavior. Stake the lead growth to avoid breakage. May can still present some changing light conditions that can lead to burning of the foliage if the plants have not been properly acclimatized. Allow them to build up their tolerance to higher light gradually. Changing light and temperatures can also be the source of some frustration when trying to determine when plants need watering. While Cattleyas will be entering into a period of rapid growth starting

this month, they have still not built up sufficient momentum to be significantly slowed by your missing a day or two of watering owing to dark weather. As always, it is safer to err on the dry side than on the wet. It is important, though, especially to the summer bloomers. Too much shade will cause rapidly developing inflorescences to droop unattractively.

Paphiopedilum

The Paphiopedilum Maudiae types will be well into their season now, so a careful eye should be used toward staking. Do not be too anxious to stake, however. Many of this type, if staked too soon, will develop nodding flowers that do not face the observer. It is better to allow the flowers to ripen naturally, then support the spike right below the ovary for best display. This is especially common in *Paphiopedilum fairrieianum*-derived hybrids. If you have to do something when you first see the emerging spikes, just put the stake in the pot next to the spiking growth. Not only will this help you, but you will be able to see where the spikes are, so you can continue to pay attention to their development. The multifloral types will be entering their most active growth phase, so lots of light, water and fertilizer are called for to mature their large growths. Many will be spiking in the next couple of months, so be on the lookout for the emerging inflorescences. These may benefit from earlier staking than most, as the inflorescences grow

so quickly in some cases that they can be quite soft. Again, best support is right below the ovary of the first flower. This will allow the most natural presentation of the blooms.

Phalaenopsis

Except for the latest-spiking plants, all Phalaenopsis should be ready for potting or already potted. Because Phalaenopsis are tropical plants, they tend to be seasonal in their rooting behavior. The critical point for potting is when new roots emerge from the base of the plant. This is absolutely the best time to repot a Phalaenopsis. The summer-flowering types, based on Doritis background, have ideally already been potted and are becoming freshly established, ready to support their soon-to-emerge spikes. Phalaenopsis potted at the right point in their growth cycle will reestablish almost immediately, with fresh roots growing into the new medium nearly uninterrupted. As soon as the flush of new root growth is seen, begin regular watering and fertilizing to make maximum use of the major growing season. Do not get over-exuberant with your watering, though, allowing water to splash between plants. This can be a source of infection for both water-borne pathogens and viral contamination. Phalaenopsis are much more susceptible to virus than was previously thought. Take extra care to keep your collection free of bacterial and viral problems, which you can accomplish by maintaining a clean growing area.

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