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2005 IOS Meeting and Show Dates

Meeting Dates	Location / Facilities
July 10	Auditorium and Classroom
Aug. 13 (Sat.)	Oak Hill Picnic
Sept. 24-25	Show at CBG
October 9	Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel, Glencoe
November 13	Monthly meeting not at CBG
December 13	Hausermann's Holiday Party
Spring 2006	No Spring Show
July 06	Expected return to CBG
Fall 2006	Large Fall Show @ CBG

2005 Show Calendar

- 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, Freemantle, 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

Anyone interested in submitting plants for judging at away shows should contact Sandy Fuller, Away Shows Chairman.

August Newsletter Deadline is July 20th. Submit any news, articles, photos, announcements and ads to Jerry Garner @ ioseditor@comcast.net

President's Message

Wendy Wesley, President

I hope that everyone is enjoying the beautiful summer we have been having.

I do not have much to add to the bulletin other than we are still looking for a few more people to help out. If you feel like you could possibly donate some time to the IOS, please feel free to contact me or catch me at the meeting.

Happy growing and looking forward to seeing you all at the July meeting.



Laelia perinnii (Photo courtesy of Francisco Miranda)

The IOS Board will meet Tuesday July 12 7:30 p.m. at the home of Sherry Maloney, Elm, Northbrook. Any member may attend Board meeting but you should notify Sherry Wesley beforehand.

New Communications Chairman

New IOS Board member Felicia Cochran has been named communications chairman, replacing Rosalie Dixler. Meeting announcements and other important information is sent to members through Felicia. Felicia also maintains the e-mail and USPS mailing lists for the Society. Felicia's e-mail is (fbc72@sbcglobal.net). Good luck, Felicia!

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Brassia maculata (Photo courtesy of Rick's Tropica)

Monthly Speaker Schedule

Barry Lubin, Programs Chairman

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speakers/Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
July 10	Marguerite Webb, J&L Orchids - Warmth Tolerant Masdevallias and Their Pleurothallid Relatives	CBG
Aug.	Picnic (Saturday)	Oak Hill Gardens
Sept. 24 & 25	FALL SHOW - NO MONTHLY MEETING	CBG
Oct. 9	Fred Clark, Sunset Valley Orchids- Cynoches, Mormodes, & Catasetsums: A Review of Some Trends ****	Renaissance Hotel
Nov. 13	To be determined	Renaissance Hotel
Dec. 11	Holiday Party	Hausermann's

**** New speaker. Sunset Valley Orchids website is www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com. Check it out!

July Program Notes

Barry Lubin, Program Chairman

Our next meeting is on **Sunday, July 10**, at the Chicago Botanic Gardens. We will have use of the auditorium for the workshop and presentation, as usual, but we will be using the **classroom** located in the basement for judging, sales and hospitality. The Mentors (newcomers) meeting will begin at 11:45 in the Classroom.

The workshop will begin at 12:30 PM in the Auditorium. Our workshop host this month will be Jim Spatzek. Jim is a man of many talents, serving not only as our Treasurer, but also as Vice Chairman of the Chicago Judging Center of the American Orchid Society. Jim will talk about *What Judges Look for in an Orchid*. Jim will explain the judging process, discuss how people become judges and how you can participate in judging if you are interested. His talk will also help you prepare plants for display at our fall show or select them from the sales table.

Our featured speaker will be Marguerite Webb of J&L Orchids (<http://www.jlorchids.com/>) in Easton, Connecticut. Marguerite's topic will be *Warmth Tolerant Masdevallias and Their Relatives*. Marguerite and her partners Cordelia Head and Lucinda Winn, have built J&L's reputation internationally as an exceptional source for unusual orchid species and miniatures. Marguerite has had numerous articles published in AOS Magazine. If you have ever marveled at the stunningly beautiful, brightly colored flowers of a Masdevallia, but were afraid to try growing one, this meeting is your chance to learn how to select and grow a Masdevallia that will thrive under your conditions. Marguerite will be bringing plants for sale. You can also order plants directly from J&L for delivery at the meeting at a discount of 15% from the catalog price (see the website for online catalog).

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, please remember to **bring something for the hospitality table** to share with your fellow members. By the way, we will be returning to our long-standing tradition of saving the hospitality goodies until completion of the presentation.

June Meeting Recap

Ron Setiawan, our workshop presenter, did an outstanding job of describing and illustrating the attributes to look for in selecting *Euphalaenopsis* for your collection. After explaining what to look for, the slides on shopping for a plant, where we applied the concepts that Ron had discussed, were particularly enjoyable.

Our main speaker was Jason Fischer of Orchids Ltd. in Plymouth, Minnesota (<http://orchidslimited.com>). His topic was *Native Orchids of Japan*. Jason reviewed the main orchid species that are native to the Japanese islands. He explained that in Japan, the leaves, roots and even the pots are considered in judging quality – flowers, if any, are a secondary consideration. Jason's discussion of the passion, and prices, surrounding the culture of *Neofinetia falcata* was simply amazing.

New Members' Report

Anne Kotowski, Membership Chairman

As my first official duty as membership chairman, I would like to welcome **Nancy Elin Eisenberg** from Northbrook. Everyone be sure to welcome her at the next meeting.

If anyone is having any problems with membership, I think I'm getting a hang of the computer. You can contact me most evenings at (630) 833-8042 or e-mail me at phrag207@aol.com.



Masdevallia coccinia (Photo courtesy of Joseph Dougherty)

New Outreach Chairman Needed

Claire Papiewski has informed me that she recently resigned as Outreach Chairman. Anyone interested in heading up this important committee should contact Wendy Wesley right away. This position is a great way of staying on top of all the orchid related events in our area and for getting to know IOS members and growers in Chicagoland.

IOS to Host 2007 MAOC Spring Meeting

Lois Cinert, Chairman

The Illinois Orchid Society was founded in 1952. It has been our practice for many years to celebrate our founding by inviting guests from around the area to celebrate with us, at five-year intervals. We have, in the past, hosted American Orchid Society Members' Meetings, and MidAmerica Orchid Congress Meetings. Our next occasion for this celebration is 2007, and we have been granted the honor of hosting the MidAmerica Orchid Congress spring meeting.

This will involve meetings and lectures, along with our orchid show and sale. We will need all of your best efforts to help make this a success. There will be lots to do over the next two years (less!!), and we will be calling upon all of you as members of the Illinois Orchid Society to make your plans now to help with this event.

Orchid growers, societies, and judges from 38 states and Canada will be attending this Congress, and we want to put our best foot forward. Each of you has a skill and a talent that we will need for this event. We look forward to finding everyone's place to shine.

There will be more information on this in the coming months. Please think about what you would like to do to help us celebrate our 55th anniversary in style.

Members' News

Barb Schmitz, Chairman

This month we are featuring an amazing member, someone we all savor every meeting without recognizing who that member is. Linda Juberg, a five star PASTRY MAVEN unfailingly brings huge quantities of luscious "to die for" pastries, cakes, cookies. I'm talking about ten dozen Pizelles, (Linda modestly states, "they're easy".) I know "easy". Pizelles are extremely time consuming, and she makes these the morning of the meeting!

My mouth and stomach start watering and growling when I watch her unload her cart of three unique and separate wonders. Not one, not two, but three!

Linda is someone who deserves our appreciation and applause. Just wish you would type up all of your recipes Linda. But of course the missing ingredient would be your incredible generosity.

Everyone make sure you try some of Linda's pastry and more importantly, to thank her for sharing her baking skills with the IOS.

Members' Judging Awards

Sandy Fuller, Awards Committee

Lights / Windows	Points
Bestman, Jim and Gerry	1
Bloome, Catherine	47
Buckles, Betsy	53
Burns, Joe *	28
Cinert, Lois	117
Cobo, Pam *	21
Cochran, Felicia *	132
Dandekar, Rebecca	55
Delvecchio, Pat	2
Edwards, Joel	235
Fuller, Sandy	807
Garner, Jerry	36
Gemeinhart, Ernie	66
Hall, Julie *	41
Hardy, Maurice	5
High, Chuck & Jane	99
Johnson, Carolyn	22
Jost, Peter *	2
Juberg, Linda *	1
Kiergaard, Cleo	20
Kotowski, Anne	115
Losert, Wilfred	794
Maloney, Sherry	748
Manuel, Alex	60
Millman, Morris	20
Minonne, Francesco *	15
Nielsen, Diana	263
Papiewski, Claire	51
Robbinson, Jack *	2
Samuelson, Helen and David	19
Schmitz, Barbara	354
Schordje, Leo	294
Seidel, Gerhard	48
Spitz, Nancy	25
Stam, Leo & Gale	67
Teppel, Ken *	62
Tirzmalis, Sue *	30
Tribble, Allison	82
Tse, Mina *	2
Unger, Rich	201
Vrabel, Ken	209
Wesley, Wendy	73
Wilson, Nicole *	37

Greenhouse	Points
Dixler, Joe and Rosalie	1331
Gamson, Ed	89
Golan, Sue	590
Lipson, Steve	38
Lubin, Barry	257
Mestdagh, J&V	85
Morr, Allen	11
Passine, Paul	61
Sahagian, Laima	373
Spatzek, Jim	2
Thompson, Carole	152
Zielinski, Wally	17

* New members

This is the total of points for June 2004 through May 2005. Annual awards were given out at our June meeting. Thanks to all who participated in helping to make our meetings more colorful. Please continue to bring your plants in and also please support **Jerry Seidel** who will be taking over the position of **Awards Committee Chair**.



Phalaenopsis photo courtesy of Aloha Orchids

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From the Editor

Jerry Garner, IOS Newsletter Editor

We are always trying to bring you a better, more informative, and better-looking newsletter. To that end, this month we are introducing a new column. Sherrie Reddick (most of you know Sherrie for her volunteering, her constant support of the IOS, and her friendly good humor) has volunteered to help with the newsletter surfing the net for new and interesting orchid related websites. Sherrie's column debuts this month – be sure to read it and give Sherrie some leads on other sites!

Also, I want to thank all of you who volunteered to help with the newsletter. Although many of you haven't gotten an assignment yet, your turn will come.

Next month, I am starting a member interview in each newsletter with words of wisdom from our president, Wendy Wesley. If there is a specific member you would like interviewed in the future, please let me know.

Next month I hope to get back to including a book review or two, a novice and a collector section, and a regular genus of the month. Let me know what you think of these ideas.

A word of thanks to Rosalie Dixler and to Claire Papiewskie. Their contributions to the newsletter and their support of the IOS have been greatly appreciated. Remember, Rosalie and Claire, you can still send me news, articles, photos, etc.

I do need some member input. Reading many other society's newsletters, I have come to realize that other societies have a name for their newsletter. Well, what do you think? Should we get a name for ours too? Maybe we could have a contest for the best name and the winner receive some appropriate reward. Let me know what you think.

Finally, a reminder that I have an e-mail address just for IOS business – ioseditor@comcast.net. Maybe now I won't lose IOS mail in with all the other mail I get for some unknown reason.

Check out the IOS website for up-to-the-minute news about meetings, shows, conservation, and other orchid related news – www.iosoc.com

The Orchid Web

Sherrie Reddick, Surfer

While browsing the Internet, I came across two interesting and unique (to me) fonts of orchid information. The North of England Orchid Society, first organized in 1897, is located at www.orchids.org.uk/neos. Among other things, this site gives information on the origins of the different kinds of orchids e.g. cattleyas, dendrobiums, and many others. Plant care, including disease and pest control, are also included. Links to numerous American and international commercial outlets are another helpful part of this website.

My second eye opener was Winterview Orchids and Supplies (www.winterview.com), which focuses on Asian cymbidiums. This site includes a history of Chinese, Korean and Japanese orchids, and is a source of growing supplies, unique pots and a wide selection of plants.

(If anyone has a favorite website to share with other members, just let Sherrie know.)

Dear Orchid Lover,

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to the 10th annual Open House at Hilltop Orchids.

The meeting will take place on Saturday August 13, from 11:00am to whenever you orchid buffs get tired of talking orchids.

H. P. Norton of Orchidview will be our featured speaker. He will be discussing orchid culture, with a focus on Phalaenopsis & the lady slipper orchids. As always there will be hands-on workshops for potting, dividing & general care of your plants.

There will also be an opportunity to learn about lab techniques for anyone who has an interest.

H. P. will have his outstanding plants for sale, and as always, there will be a selection of Hilltop hybrids, species, stem props, compots, flasks, fertilizer and potting supplies.

There is no charge for the Open House, and lunch will be provided by Marvin's Restaurant of Greencastle, Indiana.

If you need directions to the greenhouse, or inform about area motels, please don't hesitate to give us a Sincerely,

Dick & Sandy

Hilltop Orchids is located in Cloverdale, IN. Call 765.7956016 or e-mail rwells@ccrtc.com for directions or more information.

IOS Fall Show - Orchid Adventure

Lois Cinert, Home Show Chairman

Relax. This one is going to be easy. Our fall show Orchid Adventure, will be held at Chicago Botanic Garden September 24th & 25th. This is our show, produced by our members, with displays by our members only, and with our members' plants for sale.

This is our opportunity to show off the results of our good growing. We want you to bring your blooming plants to display on tabletops for our guests to see and admire. It's not much more difficult than bringing plants to our regular meetings. The displays can be as simple or as complicated as you like. Join with a friend, and use a whole table, or bring five or six blooming plants for a half-table. It's easy, and we will have other members available to help you through the process.

This is a good time to show off your collections of orchid related items. Stamps, linens, ceramics, lamps, and anything else orchid related are all welcome. It can be something you made yourself, or something you have collected. Bring it in and show it off. Not everybody who is interested in orchids can grow them. Let's show our guests that they can participate in the orchid hobby on many levels.

Bring your plants for sale. Bring duplicates, divisions, and perhaps something that just won't bloom for you. Give your extra plants a good new home with someone who has been looking for just that plant. This is an excellent opportunity to gain more space in your growing area for that plant that YOU have been looking for.

If you have not volunteered to work at a show, this is a good time to start. This show is a little smaller and a little more laid back than our last show. You will have a chance to see what your fellow members can do with a few plants. Orchids always look great, and it is fun to see what the variety of ideas our members come up with. You can help out with plant sales, information, book and pin sales. It's an easy show to work. We will have sign-up sheets at the July and August meetings.

Conservation Notes

Leo Schordje, IOS Board Member

(This was adapted from a posting on the Orchid Digest chat line)

To: Orchids@orchidguide.com

From: Leo Schordje

Subject: [OGD] *Platanthera praeclara* & *P. leucophaea* & Loving Orchids to Death

Viateur's note brought to mind a pleasant memory. As "Schlepper-in-Chief", I carried camera bags and gear for a good friend on a trip into Manitoba just to photograph *Platanthera praeclara*. The trip was a success and we were rewarded with the sight of hundreds of these beauties in bloom. And yes, their fragrance is very sweet. The sight in Manitoba was part of a recently created Canadian park / wildlife reserve. Hopefully, the population will be safe and

hopefully, there will be few visitors to this remote site. Hopefully, photographers will not trample them anytime in the future. *P. praeclara* is a spectacular species, possibly the only *Platanthera* larger and more fully formed than *P. leucophaea*.

I live near a site with *Platanthera leucophaea*, and sadly it is in a state of decline. There are two major causes for the decline of this site protected by the Nature Conservancy. The single greatest damage to this site is foot traffic by photographers. An observation I have made at a number of orchid sites is that generally the soils are soft and loose. This is particularly true for wet mesic prairie orchids. When in prairie orchid habitat you can take your hand, extend your fingers out straight and stab them into the soil up to your palm with little resistance. Yes, the soil is that soft and loose. This type of prairie loam compacts easily. When foot traffic compacts this soil, it no longer will support orchids, or the host of other prairie species that are not orchids. The prairie I live near is the Chiwaukee Prairie for those of you who are local to the Middle USA. Chiwaukee Prairie is now crossed with hundreds of compacted trails where well-intentioned photographers have struck out looking for orchids and wildflowers. There are compacted rings visible on the ground where many well-meaning people have encircled a spectacular specimen and have trampled and compacted the soil trying to get that perfect picture. It sounds trivial, but this prairie is near a huge metro area and the photographers can number hundreds in a week and thousands over the summer.

These compacted rings around plants have remained visible for several years, and sadly, the plant in the center, more often than not, does not appear to bloom again. Likely the plant perishes due to soil compaction, though it is difficult to spot the vegetative *Platanthera* sp. when out of bloom. They blend with the grasses. On these trample trails, weedy Eurasian species are common, and the prairie grasses are only found back away from the compacted trail. I have seen knee prints in the soil last for 2 or 3 years before fading. A kneeling photographer leaves a big print in the ground. It is shocking how big a zone of compaction a pack of photographers can leave, especially if it is a diminutive species they are photographing. Photo clubs are the worst for trampling big areas around a plant.

The point of my note is: all you well-meaning photographers, please stay on established trails. Do not wander off. Don't step off the established trails to get your shot. Especially in heavily visited urban and suburban habitat, your heavy boots compact the soil, killing seedlings, and destroying the habitat. Yes, your boots are as bad as an asphalt steam roller used to compact asphalt. Yep, your boots do it 150 pounds at a time. (Okay, I'm a lot heavier than that, but some of you are lighter). The Chiwaukee Prairie has at least 6000 "little steam roller" visitors a year, maybe more, all wanting those great nature shots for their photo albums. Please, when you visit, try not to leave a

single footprint as evidence of your visit. Be considerate; you are loving the orchids to death.

As another example, the only specimen of *Platanthera psychodes* (Purple Fringed Orchid) I have ever seen in bloom in Illinois Beach State Park was trampled by photographers. I return to the site weekly, and in 12 years, it has not reappeared at that site, most likely due to soil compaction. Yes, I live within walking distance of Illinois Beach State Park, and I have been watching it change over the course of the last 20 years. Some good, many bad changes. The *P. psychodes* was a few yards off a paved trail I use to walk to the beach, sadly all too visible to passersby.

Insects and freeze/thaw cycling will eventually soften the soil again, but in these near urban refuges, the amount of traffic is too frequent to allow this. Stay on the oldest and widest trails. Use a telephoto lens. Crushing everything in a four foot wide circle around a spectacular plant may kill the plant as effectively as digging the thing up with a shovel.

The shovel comment brings me to the second source of damage: predation by gardeners with shovels has reduced the population *Platanthera leucophaea* by a significant percentage. Every year I see a couple of new holes. Each year it seems to be perpetrated by only one or two miscreants, but over the 20 years I have been watching the Chiwaukee Prairie, there have been quite a few plants pirated. If the orchid population were larger and more stable this might not be a problem, but with all the soil compaction, the replacement rate by new seedlings seems to be too slow to replace the missing plants. This is significant but a very distant second to the damage by well-intentioned photographers.

In summary, **please stay on the trails**. Remember, if you were able to get there, other people will too. Assume all habitats are heavily visited, even if they seem remote. If your cell phone still works, you are in an urban area that will have hundreds of visitors over the year. Take your photographs, but leave nothing behind, not even footprints. **You are trampling to death the very orchids you love.**

Check List for July/August

Adapted from the AOS Website, Ned Nash & James Rose

Cattleya

Cattleyas this month require careful attention to their watering and fertilizing needs owing to characteristically high temperatures. Evaporative cooling is a must in areas of the country where it is effective. Where it is not (the more humid regions), care needs to be paid to proper venting to keep temperatures within reason. Bottom vents in conjunction with top vents provide enough rising airflow to help keep plants cool. Increased air flow reduces humidity and dries plants out more quickly, necessitating more frequent damping down and watering in areas where high humidity is not a problem. Higher light and heat indicate more fertilizer. The growths your plants are making now are the source of this autumn, winter and spring's blooms, so applying adequate fertilizer this month is the best way to ensure future blooms. Higher temperatures and

humidity may also lead to fungal or bacterial rot problems, so it is important to closely observe your plants for any early indication of problems. Pests are also at a high point this month for the same reason.

Paphiopedilum

Cooling and air circulation are especially critical in these two months to prevent stress and avoid disease problems. Watering needs to be closely monitored to ensure that plants do not dry out. Warmer-growing hybrids will be at the peak of their blooming, with attention needing to be paid to staking of spikes. Look for water lodging in growths, which can rot emerging spikes and lead to the loss of the entire growth.

Phalaenopsis

Most, if not all, potting should be complete by now. This month and next are when these plants achieve their maximum growth. This growth will be that from which they set their spikes for the coming season. The more leaves the plants grow, the better potential for spiking will be realized. Growers in cooler areas such as the Pacific coast have the advantage this month, should they choose, of cooling for early season spikes. Lots of heat and light call for liberal applications of water and fertilizer.

Cymbidium

Summer can be the most rewarding season for cymbidiums. Growth should be coming strong now. The leaves of the new growths are best when they are broad and fairly stiff. The color should be a light green to nearly yellow. Early flowering varieties should be showing flower spikes, so move the plants into a cooler area with lower light. For mid-season varieties, lower the dosage of nitrogen to assist in spike initiation.

High-Elevation Plants

For cooler-growing plants, such as Masdevallias, other Pleurothallids and the like, the next few months will be a challenge. During the hottest times, keep your plants more shaded and be sure to keep the humidity level much higher. Do not let plants dry out. Delay any potting until the weather cools.



Lc. Woltarae

Laelia purpurata

The flowering season of this majestic plant will be coming to an end, presenting a good time to report. As soon as the new roots start to appear, clean off old bark and repot into a clean medium-grade fir bark. Place the plant in a little less light and higher humidity to relieve stress until it is more established, which is about one month after potting.

Odontocidium

Many of the intergeneric crosses between Odontoglossums and Oncidiums, such as Odontocidium, Wilsonara and Colmanara, will be blooming now. Take special care to train the spikes for best floral display. Keep plants under fairly shady conditions. Watch for snails and slugs.

Vandaceous

Genera plants will be growing quickly now and really enjoying the hot humid days so similar to their native habitat. Watch for pests though, as many of these also enjoy the same conditions as the plants. Check flower spikes so that they can extend unimpeded for the best flower presentation later.

Upcoming Orchid Events

- July 15th – 17th International Phalaenopsis Alliance Show, Philadelphia, PA www.phal.org
- July 16th 2005 Orchid Digest Speakers' Day. *Slipper Orchid Extravaganza*. Huntington Botanical Center, San Marino, CA.
Contact Simone Friend
orchidsimonef@aol.com
- July 23rd SLIPPER-MANIA SATURDAY, 10 AM to 6:00 PM Porter's Orchids (www.gypsyglenorchids.com)
- August 13th Hilltop Orchids open house and plant sale. Cloverdale, IN
rwells@ccrtc.com
- August 20th Porter's Orchids annual summer open house and plant sale. Grand Ledge, MI orchidsuzi@aol.com or <http://portersorchids.com>

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Photo of *Stanhopea wardii* by Greg Allikas

July IOS Meeting at CBG July 10th

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