

## 2005 IOS Meeting and Show Dates

Meeting Dates	Location / Facilities
Sept. 24-25	Fall Show at CBG
October 9	Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel, Glencoe
November 13	Monthly meeting not at CBG
December 13	Hausermann's Holiday Party
<b>Spring 2006</b>	<b>No Spring Show</b>
July 06	Expected return to CBG
Fall 2006	Large Fall Show @ CBG



## 2005 Orchid Events

**9/23 – 9/25 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicagoland Orchid Festival**

**9/24 – 9/25 Illinois Orchid Society Fall Show, Glencoe, IL**

**10/21–10/23 Fall MAOC, Cincinnati, OH**

## 2006 Events

**3/24-3/26/06 Spring MAOC, Omaha, NE**

## President's Message

Wendy Wesley, President

I would like to extend a big thank you to Oak Hill Gardens. Once again they were wonderful host for our summer picnic. A happy time was had by all! On a personal note, one thing I love about going to Oak Hill is the hidden gems to be found in their greenhouses. This year I found a long sought after *Oncidium pumilum*.

Thanks again to the Pigors and Butler families. September brings our fall show. Please give as much support as you can to assist our club to make this year's show successful.

## Things you can do to help:

- Bring in plants for display
- Bring in plants for the sales table
- Volunteer some of your time during that weekend to help out with the show.

Please coordinate with Lois Cinert about what she needs you to do, and when she may need your help. Your volunteer time will make the show run a lot smoother and Lois' job will be a lot easier if she knows where and when she has help. The show is a lot of fun for everyone. It's a great way to learn more about orchids and to develop some nice relationships with other orchid enthusiasts. You can be a part of it.

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**The Fall Show is only a few days away and Lois still needs your help. Volunteer now. Contact Lois by e-mail or phone: [geolocin@earthlink.net](mailto:geolocin@earthlink.net) or 630.739.1068**

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**Time for the Fall Show****Lois Cinert, Home Show Chairman**

It’s almost here!! Our last show until next October!

We will have our fall mini-show at Chicago Botanic Garden, September 24 & 25, from 10am to 5pm. Setup is Friday, Sept 23, from 2pm to 9pm, with registration closing at 8pm. Judging will be Saturday at 7am.

Bring your blooming plants, a fern, and an art object (bowl, vase, etc.), and you can make your own tabletop display! It’s not hard to do. If you only have one or two plants, call a friend, and do a display together. Be artistic, have fun. If you’ve never put up your own display before, this is an easy show to start with.

If you need room at home for all those plants you’ve just bought at the Orchid Festival, bring some of the extra divisions and the “unbloomable” to our sales table. We will help you make room for the new ones.

Information for display space and volunteer time are on our web page, [www.iosoc.com](http://www.iosoc.com). We need help all three days to help make the show run smoothly.

Take a few minutes to browse through the web page, and see all the great things Tom Franczak does for you there. There is a lot of information. Let us know how you will help out at the show. See you there!

The Society is still in need of several volunteers for vacant positions. If you can spare just a few hours a month, it would benefit the IOS greatly. This is a wonderful opportunity for new members to become involved & meet other members. Not-so-new members should consider volunteering too. Contact Wendy Wesley for more info.



Photo by Jerry Garner

**AOS News**

Rosalie Dixler, AOS Representative

There is a new feature on the American Orchid Society web page at [www.orchidweb.org](http://www.orchidweb.org). Go to the AOS homepage, click on "Orchid Information" along the top line and then scroll down to the bottom of the page to the AOS Forum. You will find a listing of orchids to trade among other interesting postings. You must register and this will be only for AOS members in the future. This addition was requested by some of the sites' frequent visitors. As more people know about it some interesting plants should show up.

## **Member's Judging Points**

Sandy Fuller, Away Show Chairman

<b>Lights / Windows</b>	<b>Points</b>
Asin, Karen	5
Buckles, Betsy	1
Cinert, Lois	30
Cochran, Felicia	16
Engle, Beth *	5
Fuller, Sandy	129
Garner, Jerry	27
Hall, Julie *	40
High, Chuck & Jane	60
Hiipakka, Peter *	1
Jost, Peter *	10
Kiergaard, Cleo	15
Larsson, Greger *	10
Losert, Wilfred	40
Maloney, Sherry	80
Minonne, Francesco *	5
Papiewski, Claire	20
Schmitz, Barbara	26
Seidel, Gerhard	15
Tirzmalis, Sue *	10
Torres, Luis *	56
Tribble, Allison	46
Vrabel, Ken	152
<b>Greenhouse</b>	
Dixler, Joe and Rosalie	10
Golan, Sue	212
Heller, Tom *	1
Lubin, Barry	25
Mestdagh, J&V	10
Sahagian, Laima	118
Thompson, Carole	30

\* New members

## **Orchids On the Internet**

Sherrie Reddick, Contributing Editor

Our neighbor to the north, the state of Wisconsin, offers us a wide variety of native orchids to explore and enjoy in its website, [http://www.botany.wisc.edu/Orchids/Orchids\\_of\\_Wisconsin.html](http://www.botany.wisc.edu/Orchids/Orchids_of_Wisconsin.html). Click on "Taxa Lists" and brows through the various genera. You'll find pictures and blooming dates and geographic areas of growth. This is a useful and fun guide for browsing. Imagine visiting the website and then

heading north just in time to enjoy the blooming orchids of the nearby region. Truly a rare chance to explore native orchids! I'm positive you'll enjoy this unique website as much as I did.

*(Last month I inadvertently left out Sherrie's column. My sincere apologies. Jerry Garner, Editor)*

## **September Program Notes**

Barry Lubin, Program Chairman

Because our fall show is on September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, we will not have a regular monthly meeting in September. Our next monthly meeting will be on October 9<sup>th</sup>. The speaker will be Fred Clark of Sunset Valley Orchids

(<http://www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com>) in Vista, California. His topic is "*Cynoches, Mormodes, and Catasetums: A Review of Some Trends.*"

Because remodeling construction will have started at the Chicago Botanic Garden, the meeting will be held at our temporary home, the Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel. The hotel is conveniently located a short distance south of the Garden on the west side of Route 41. The address is 933 Skokie Blvd., Northbrook, IL. More about this in the October newsletter.

## **August Meeting Recap**

Our picnic at Oak Hill was as pleasant and enjoyable an event as we have come to expect when we visit our gracious hosts, the Butlers and Pigors. The incomparably experienced Hermann Pigors was our speaker. Hermann talked about several topics that were requested by the members. He started with a few tips about growing in general. Then he covered topics ranging from insecticides that are safe for people as well as orchids, hot weather orchid care, some unusual Dendrobiums that are worth the effort to grow, and the importance of good water quality. Only Hermann could address all these topics on such an expert level! Many thanks to our hosts, the Butlers and Pigors, for another memorable picnic and meeting.

**For up-to-date IOS news, meeting schedules and photos, go to the IOS website at [www.iosoc.com](http://www.iosoc.com).**

## **Member Profile**

Allison Tribble, Contributing Editor

(This is the first in a series of profiles of long-time and new members. Don't be surprised if you are approached next.)

Wendy Wesley has been the President of IOS since 2004, and an active member of our society since 1995. Wendy became interested in orchids in 1994 when her employer, Tiffany's on Michigan Avenue, used groups of cattleyas, phalaenopsis, and oncidiums to display fabulous jewels in the windows. Wendy, a self-described nature lover, could not stand by when the display staff later had the plants headed for the dumpster. She adopted the tired orphans to nurse them back to health and so began her orchid journey.

Fortunately, Wendy's career at Tiffany's has flourished as well as her plants. She is now the Merchandise Coordinator for the store and can indulge her orchid obsession. Wendy's specialty is paphiopedilums, and she is quite expert on the genus. However, she is readily approachable and knowledgeable and willing to help newer growers of any genera. As President of our society, Wendy is keenly interested in community outreach as well as developing the growing skills of our current and new members in a friendly atmosphere.

Wendy has a variety of unique interests other than orchids. As a nature lover, she has a fondness for fauna as well as flora! She shares her home with cats and dogs and finds time to ride horseback. Her favorite horse is the American Saddlebred. Wendy says these horses are "like Arabians...lean and not lumpy... 'hot' horses." Her great-grandfather, horse trainer to the Kaiser of Germany around WWI, inspired her equestrian appreciation.

In conclusion, Wendy summed up the interview by saying passionately, "I love animals and nature!"

This interviewer thoroughly enjoyed getting to know our IOS President a little better and I'm sure you would too.

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*Potinara Cameron's Delight.* Oak Hill Gardens

## **Members In The News**

Leo Schordje, in case you hadn't heard, won Best in Show in the Horticulture Competition during the 2005 Chicago Flower and Garden Show for his *Dryadella edwallii* 'Robert'. Be sure to congratulate Leo.

Wilfried Losert just returned from a long trip to Germany, which is why you haven't seen him at meetings recently. Wilfried reports that his e-mail address is incorrect in the membership directory. His address is [wilfried.l@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wilfried.l@sbcglobal.net). Make a Note in your directory.

## **How to Grow *Neofinetia falcata***

Article by James Rose reprinted from the AOS Bulletin April 1994,

*Neofinetia falcata* is one of the most adaptable orchids, making it extremely easy to grow using a wide variety of methods. In Japan, in nature, it clings to moss-and lichen-covered trunks. Hobbyists can create epiphytic conditions several ways. The Japanese use New Zealand sphagnum moss, while Thai growers cultivate the plants in teak baskets with no medium. One of these methods should work for anyone wishing to try this species. A bark medium for Cattleyas is satisfactory, although most of the roots end up outside the container. Currently, at Cal-Orchid, Inc.\* we have found that osmunda fiber, although more expensive than bark, is the best for plants in both pots and baskets.

Water thoroughly twice a week in late spring and summer. This is typhoon season in the plant's native habitat, which is the time of active growth. Apply moderate doses of balanced fertilizer every other watering at this time. In late autumn and winter, the plants are quite dormant; give less fertilizer then.

In preparation for the spring bloom season, grow plants under bright filtered light. If too little is given, the plant will become soft and weak. Due to its small size, *Neof. falcata* can be grown on windowsills successfully. The temperature range is best kept between 50° and 80° F, although this durable species can tolerate more extreme temperatures. When these simple guidelines are followed, *Neof. falcata* rewards the grower with a profusion of coconut-and spice-scented flowers from spring into summer.



Photo from Oak Hill website.

(This is one in a series of reprints submitted by Claire & Al Papiewski. More to come in future newsletters.)

### **Remember**

**Fall show September 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> at the Chicago Botanic Garden.**

**October members' meeting October 9<sup>th</sup> at the Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel in Northbrook.**

## **2005 Chicagoland Orchid Festival**

The Chicagoland Orchid Growers Association presents the 2005 Thirteenth Annual Chicagoland Orchid Festival, Friday through Sunday, September 23-25, 2005, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

The festival takes place simultaneously at five different orchid greenhouse locations in the Chicago suburbs. Spanning a three-day period, Oak Hill



Gardens, Klehm Growers, Windsong Orchids, Orchids by Hausermann, and Natt's Orchids will be open to the public during the festival.

The festival features a vast array of plants for sale by "guest growers" as well as the host growers, presentations by world-renowned orchid specialists, refreshments, special bargains, and the opportunity to stroll among the most exotic and beautiful plants found in nature.

For a map to the host locations and a complete list of guest growers and speakers, go to [www.chicagolandorchidfestival.com](http://www.chicagolandorchidfestival.com).

## **"Baggit" and Other Good Advice**

Sue Golan, Contributing Editor

I saved a life last month! One of my favorite orchids, an awarded *Phalaenopsis stuartiana*, was down to one leaf, one pathetic looking leaf and no plump roots. Desperate, I took a clear plastic bag from the supermarket, a handful of damp sphagnum moss, and I bagged it. The bag had to be large enough to hold the plant without touching its' surface. I clipped the bag closed and put it on a shaded shelf in the greenhouse, in effect, a greenhouse within a greenhouse. Weeks later, I have two new leaves and I've potted it with plastic peanuts in a 2" layer topped with sphagnum. I breathe on it a lot because plants thrive on carbon dioxide. If it doesn't start new roots, it's back to the bag!

You can also bag plants when you go on vacation. Water thoroughly before you bag them. Years ago, because I was leaving town for a couple of weeks, I put all my houseplants in the

bathtub, sprinkled them lightly with water and covered the top of the tub with weighted down cleaners' bags. There is a window in the bathroom so the plants had some light daily. When I returned two weeks later, the plants looked like **they** had been on vacation! One more bit of advice. If your orchids aren't cooperating, write "omy" on their tags. I learned that from our best grower years ago. It stands for "one more year." They'll get the message.

## **Letters To The Editor**

### **Open Letter to Members**

from Lois Cinert

We are so lucky to belong to a large, strong orchid society. We are able to tap into our communal knowledge about plants and growing – and we have a great resource in our membership. We have access to wonderful rare, exotic, and beautiful awarded plants owned by our members. We see them at each monthly meeting. We can enjoy their beauty and fragrance, and learn how to grow them to perfection. We can share our enthusiasm with these other orchid growers, and know that everyone appreciates how challenging it is to grow an orchid well, and bloom it. We can learn from all of the great speakers that our society brings in for our education and pleasure. Not all societies are able to bring in the well-known speakers that we take for granted. Smaller societies look within themselves for their educational programs, and only have guest speakers occasionally.

The size of our society is an asset. There are more of us to contribute our dues to allow us to afford the luxury of our monthly programs. But our dues only cover a part of our annual budget. The rest of our income comes from our shows, from plant sales, and from books, raffles, donations, and plant sales. Without these sources of income, our society would not be able to pay the fares and fees for our monthly speakers. The people who attend our shows, who buy our plants and books and raffle tickets

provide the balance of our income, to support our educational programs.

But there needs to be a 'show' to attract these people to us, to inspire them to want to join our society, read a book about orchids, take a chance on a new kind of plant to grow. That is where you come in, in two ways.

One is to support our home shows with your blooming plants – the 'show'—and with your volunteer time. We need your friendly faces to greet our guests and talk to them.

We need your help with all of the little things that need to be done at the show. We need your sale plants, to help support the activities of the society. Two is to support our away shows. Our neighbor societies – Batavia, Blackhawk, OGG, Wisconsin, NEW, Michiana, Illowa, and several others send displays to our show, and help us by providing more 'show' for our visitors. We need to reciprocate by bringing displays to their shows, and help them keep their societies viable and lively. We need you to send your plants to our away shows. We are a large society, and should be sending the largest, showiest display with the best plants in the area. We are that large, and our members have a high level of quality, well grown plants. We should be seeing those plants at our away shows.

**The point is** that the Illinois Orchid Society can only function at the level that we all expect it to, if **everyone** contributes to its success. We can only be as successful as we **all** work to be. If you only attend meetings to hear the speakers, you are getting far more than your money's worth from your dues. We need more from you. We need your involvement in the society. Bring plants – to monthly meetings, to home shows, and to away shows. Bring something for the hospitality table. Bring your extra plants to the sale table. Volunteer your time to help at a home show or away show. Some of them are quite close. Batavia, Rockford, Milwaukee are close enough for a day trip.

Volunteer to help at the monthly meeting. There is always something you can do to help.

And please, volunteer your good ideas. We each expect something from our membership in the

society, and in order to provide what you need, we have to hear from you. All of the board members are listed in the directory and in the newsletter, with phone and email contact numbers. Please let us know what you want from the society. Suggest a workshop, suggest a speaker, suggest a new way to make money. We want your experience as a member of the IOS to be fulfilling for you and your orchids.



## **Weekend Getaway**

Tom Franczak

### **Cincinnati, October 21<sup>st</sup> –23<sup>rd</sup> : The Fall MAOC Show: Why You Really Ought to Make an Effort to Attend:**

- The IOS is planning on sending an exhibit (talk to Lois Cinert and Sandy Fuller). Your help will be much appreciated throughout the weekend, but especially during setup all day on the 21<sup>st</sup>.
- This is not an ordinary show. This is a MAOC show. Part of it is open to the public, part of it is a series of lectures for which you must register and pay a fee. But it's a bargain, believe me.
- We (the IOS) are staging such a show in 2007. We are blessed with many veterans of MAOC shows of yore, but we need to renew our cadres of experienced hands. We need you to attend, observe what's involved in these shows, make some friends outside the IOS, and bring what you learn to our own shows.
- I'll be wandering around the show trying not to get in people's way during setup, but I'll

also be spying on the procedures. Why? Because we (COOS) are going to request the 2009 show as part of the Central Ohio Orchid Society's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. And while I'm moseying around during the show, I want you to stop me and say hello.

Seriously, this is an ideal time to visit. And if you can make a weeklong trip out of this, you can consult the maps and see how easy it is to stop off in Brown County, Indiana for a few days on your way home. Now that is a treat.

*(For more information, read the following article.)*

### **You're Invited...!**

Barry Rhinehart,

The Greater Cincinnati and Miami Valley Orchid Societies invite your society to exhibit and your members to attend "Orchidfest," the fall 2005 Mid-America Orchid Congress. "Orchidfest" will run October 21, 22, and 23 at the King Island Resort and Conference Center in Mason, Ohio. Orchidfest will be several times larger than a typical orchid show, drawing orchid societies from as far south as Georgia and Tennessee and as far west as Illinois. Several hundred orchids will be on display in artistically designed exhibits. Orchid plants and supplies will also be available for purchase from vendors from Hawaii, Florida, the west coast and the Midwest.

Admission to the show October 22 & 23, which includes the exhibits and sales area, is FREE. For a fee, anyone may register for the Orchid Congress and attend lectures by internationally recognized speakers from England, Brazil and the United States. FREE sessions explaining how to grow orchids in the home and greenhouse will be given Sunday afternoon, October 23, 2005.

Information about the show's hours, speakers and registration forms to attend the Orchid Congress are available on the MAOC web site:

[www.gardenersutopia.com/MAOC2005fall/](http://www.gardenersutopia.com/MAOC2005fall/).

Hope to see you there!

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## **From the Editor**

Jerry Garner, Newsletter Editor

In the August newsletter, I asked for some suggestions for a name for our newsletter. Prior to the September newsletter deadline, I received two responses, from Carole Thompson and from Allen Morr. Carole's suggestion was *Orchid Opus*. I really like the title, and I agree the newsletter sometimes seems like an opus. Allen's suggestion was IOSynopsis, another good name that accurately describes the goal of the newsletter. I still want more members' input. Let me know what you think of Carole's and Allen's suggestions. Do you have a preference or even another name you would want to suggest? I'll publish any additional responses in the October newsletter for your consideration. If I don't receive other suggestions, I'll toss a coin and the winner will become a part of our masthead. There is no New Member column in this month's news and I apologize to Anne for that. For some

reason, I couldn't open her file, and I forgot about it until it was too late. The October news will bring you up to date on new members.

Look for your October newsletter very soon. **The October members' meeting is October 9<sup>th</sup> at the Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel in Northbrook**, and not at the Botanic Garden. Be sure to note this change on your calendar. More information on this in the October newsletter.



*Cymbidium Pipeta* 'York'  
Photo from Oak Hill website.

October Newsletter deadline is September 26th. Submit any news, Announcements, photos, advertisements, columns, etc. to Jerry Garner, Editor, at [ioseditor@comcast.net](mailto:ioseditor@comcast.net) or mail to 623 Sheridan Rd. Evanston, IL 60202.

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