



# Orchid Opus

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## 2006 IOS Meeting and Show Dates

December 11, 2005	Hausermann's Holiday Party
January 15, 2006	Renaissance Hotel, Program TBA
February 12	Brian Gerhard, Down Under Native Orchids
March 5	Bus trip to NEWOS Show, Greenbay, WI; details TBA
April	TBA – <b>No Spring Show</b>
May	TBA
June	TBA
July	Expected return to CBG
October 14-15	<b>Fall Show @ CBG</b>
April 27-29, 2007	<b>IOS Spring Show with Spring MAOC @ CBG</b>

## 2006 Local Orchid Events

01/28-01/29	Grand Rapids, MI Orchid Society Show
01/28 – 01/29	<u>Orchid Society of Minnesota - Winter Carnival Show, St. Paul, MN</u>
02/04 -02/05	<u>Orchid Growers' Guild Orchid Quest, Madison, WI</u>
02/18 - 02/19	<u>Batavia Orchid Society Show, St. Charles, IL</u>
03/04 - 03/05	<u>NEWOS Orchid Show, Green Bay, WI</u>
03/18 - 03/19	<u>Illowa Orchid Society Show, Davenport, IA</u>
03/24 - 03/26	<u>Spring MAOC, Omaha, NE</u>
03/25 - 03/26	<u>Central Ohio Orchid Society Show, Columbus, OH</u>

## 2006 IOS Board Meetings

All officers and directors are expected to be present. Any board member unable to attend should notify the President, Wendy Wesley. Committee chairs are encouraged to attend. Any society members may attend but, because space is limited, the favor of notification (to the host) is requested.

**Tuesday, January 10, 2006 ... 7:30 PM** at the home of Sandy Fuller

**Tuesday, March 14, 2006 ... 7:30 PM** at the home of Allison Tribble

**Tuesday, May 9, 2006 ... 7:30 PM** at the home of Barry Lubin



**The January Newsletter deadline is December 27th. Submit any news, announcements, photos, comments, advertisements, columns, etc. to Jerry Garner, Editor, [ioseditor@comcast.net](mailto:ioseditor@comcast.net), or mail information to 623 Sheridan Rd., Evanston, IL 60202.**

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**President’s Message**

Wendy Wesley, IOS President

Happy Holiday's to all. Please come and participate in the IOS Holiday potluck party at Hausermann’s. This is the time of year for us to share our good will with our fellow orchardists. The December meeting is always filled with good food and fun! Please remember some of our members may need a lift to the meeting. Car pooling is always a good idea, and there may be some one who lives near you who may not be able to drive or want to travel alone. Remember the cost of admission to the party is a potluck dish that will feed approximately 8-10 people, and bring several printed copies of your recipe to share with others. If you bring serving utensils, put you name on them if you want the returned to you. I’m looking forward to sharing a small part of this joyous season with you.



**Holding Orchids in Place: An Alternative to Rhizome Clips for Keeping Plants in Their Containers**

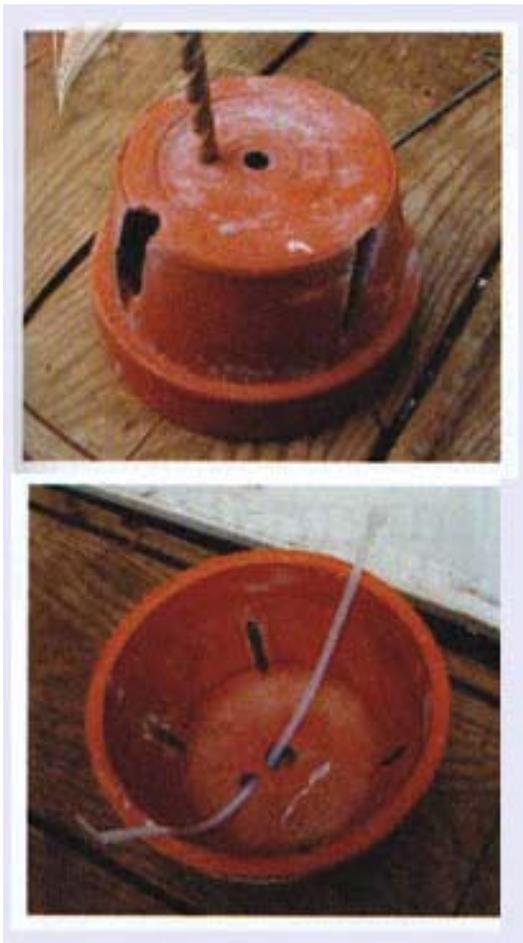
Text and Photographs by Jim Skelly  
Reprinted from Orchids, August 2002

Sometimes, it just hits you that there’s a better way. I had such a moment last week. My wife, Joyce, was busy repotting some cattleyas and I was helpfully watching. Suddenly, I realized that if I drilled a second hole in the bottom of the pot, passed a large plastic cable tie up through the two holes, added plastic peanuts and about half the potting mix, then put the plant in and dribbled the rest of the potting mix around the roots, we could pull the ends of the cable tie over the top of the rhizome and tighten them, thus immobilizing the plant in the pot without hammering down the potting medium or forcing the rhizome clip over the rim of the pot.

We tried it, using a 3/16-inch masonry bit to drill through the clay pot (an ordinary twist drill will cut a cleaner hole in plastic) and found that it was easy and safe to pick up the plant by the leaves and even give it a little shake without its coming out of the pot. Furthermore, cable ties (from 8-to 14-inch lengths, depending on the size of the pot and the plant) can be purchased for about eight cents apiece from one of the numerous vendors my search engine found on the Internet under “cable ties.” Prices go down to about four cents each if you buy a thousand at a time.

The plastic is easier on the fingers than the clip, and probably easier on the rhizome, too. It will not rust, and it’s easily cut with your pruning shears. But I think the main advantage is that you do not have to have murderer’s thumbs to push a rhizome clip down onto the pot.

Cable ties, both large and small can be used in myriad other ways around orchids. We use them to attach tags to pots and plants and to make loopy hangers for pots or baskets.



### December Program Notes

Our next meeting on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> is our annual holiday party at Orchids by Hausermann in Villa Park, Illinois. It is a meeting you will not want to miss. The Hausermann family really rolls out the red carpet and gives us a wonderful place to celebrate the holiday season with our friends and many beautiful orchids!

This is a potluck party, so **please bring a dish or dessert** to the party that will feed 8-10 people. We do have the ability to plug in crock-pots and warming trays. Remember to bring serving implements for your dish, and put your name on them as well as your containers. Let everyone share your wonderful recipes. Please bring the recipe for your dish on an index card, and we will start a collection for use by our members.

The doors open at the greenhouses at 11 a.m. The meeting and eating will start around 12:30. Plants for judging should be in place by then also. Lunch will be followed by an orchid talk by Dana from Hausermann's.

**Members' plants will not be sold at this meeting.**

**Orchids by Hausermann is located at 2N 134 Addison Road (2 blocks north of North Ave on Addison Road). See attached map for details, or call Hausermann's at 630-543-6855. They will be happy to supply you with directions.**

### Recap of November Meeting

Our workshop presenter for the month was our very own newsletter editor, Jerry Garner. Jerry did an excellent job of reviewing a large selection of the newest orchid books hot off the press. Jerry's presentation really helped to focus our library shopping lists toward the best of the new literature of most interest to us.

Our featured speaker was **Rebecca Dandekar**. Rebecca's topic was *Miltoniopsis – Species and Breeding Trends*. Rebecca started with a review of the six species of *Miltoniopsis*, including a description of the flower characteristics of awarded plants and their growth habit. She progressed to an overview of the huge number of hybrids (more than 1,400 crosses have been registered) and showed examples of some of the more than 340 awarded ones. Rebecca discussed the cultural requirements to grow these plants successfully. She also explained how AOS judges evaluate *Miltoniopsis*.

### For Your Collection

**Claire Papiewski, Contributing Editor**

**Painting and Text by Harry Zelenko**

*Trichocentrum pulchrum* Poepp. and Endl. Of the 20 or so species of *Trichocentrum*, probably the best known (and possibly the largest) is *Trichocentrum tigrinum*, from Ecuador and Peru. The genus ranges from Mexico to the south of Brazil.

Although *Trichocentrum tigrinum* can reach fairly large size, most of the plants in the genus are rather small in stature, with flowers that are quite large, considering the size of the plants.

*Trichocentrum* differs from other groups in the *Oncidium* Alliance by the distinctive formation of the floral spur, which emanates from the lip, rather than as a prolongation of the column foot.



*Trichocentrum pulchrum*, a variable species, comes from the Amazon areas of Ecuador and Columbia. The plants produce one or two long-lived flowers usually once during the year. There seems to be no specific flowering season for *Trichocentrum*

All of the species in the group are slow growing and do not take well to being disturbed. They can be grown in pots in a well-drained medium, but, because the flowers are pendulous, they are best cultivated on mounts of tree fern, large twigs or cork with a pad of sphagnum moss positioned well below the plant (which will rot if kept too wet). Plants should be grown warm or intermediate, with day temperatures as high as 90° F and night temperatures not below 60° F. *Trichocentrum* require high humidity, dappled bright light and good air circulation.

Reprinted with minor editing from *Orchids*, June 2002

### Membership Report

**Anne Kotowski, Membership Chairman**

It's membership renewal time! Every one should have received a renewal notice by now (at the November meeting or thru the mail. It's very important to check your personal information on the form, and make any changes, especially email and street address. For many members, we have no information on whether you are a member of the Chicago Botanical Garden or the American Orchid Society. In both cases, to receive free parking or be an affiliated society of the AOS, we must have a percentage of members in both groups. Just fill in "yes" or "no". Check the "receive newsletter", email or first class are the two choices. I definitely suggest email. I will have new badges at the holiday party at Hausermann's, so send the form back to me or bring it to the party. New members (anyone who signed up at the fall show or later), your membership includes 2006, so I will have your badge at the party.

If you have not received a renewal notice, let me know. Call after 4:30p.m. (630-833-8042), or email phrag207@aol.com.

### Member's Judging Points

**Alex Manual, Contributing Editor**

#### Plants of the Month:

Last month we had two plants of the month! In the "Light/Windowsill" category, the plant is *Pleurothallis brighemii*, grown by Rebecca Dandekar, who was also our speaker last month. It is a miniature plant with hundreds of tiny flowers. She said she grows the plant in intermediate conditions and she mists the plant daily. The other plant of the month in "Greenhouse" category, *Dendrobium* Mini Salaya, was grown by Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Mestdagh.

It had seven inflorescences and 49 bright purple

flowers. Mrs. Mestdagh said she bought the plant from a yard sale four years ago in Batavia. Congratulations to our winners!

<b>Lights/ Windows</b>	<b>Points</b>
Asin, Karen	5
Buckles, Betsy	11
Cinert, Lois	50
Cochran, Felicia	28
Dandekar,Rececca	30
Edwards, Joel	35
Engle, Beth*	5
Fuller, Sandy	238
Garner, Jerry	37
Hall,Julie*	61
High, Chuck & Jane	60
Hiipakka, Richard*	1
Johnson, Carolyn	16
Jost, Peter*	15
Kiergaard, Cleo	20
Larsson, Greger	10
Losert, Wilfred	50
Maloney, Sherry	134
Manuel, Alex	30
Minonne, Francesco*	5
Papiewski, Claire	21
Reddick, Sherrie	2
Schmitz, Barbara	134
Schordje, Leo	10
Seidel, Gerhard	15
Stam, L & G	11
Tirzmalis, Sue*	10
Torres, Luis	112
Tribble, Allison	78
<b>Vrabel, Ken</b>	168
<b>Greenhouse</b>	0
Dixler, Joe & Rosalie	510
Gamson, Edward	42
Golan, Sue	480
Heller, Tom*	1
Lubin, Barry	25
Mestdagh, J & V	55
Passine, Paul	15
Sahagian, Laima	133
Spatzek, Jim	9
Thompson, Carole*	30
* New Members	

## Chicago Flower and Garden Show

Leo Schordje, Garden Show Chairman

Holiday Greetings to all my fellow orchid growers. The holidays are upon us and it is time to think about the Chicago Flower and Garden Show at Navy Pier, March 11 -19, 2006. Last year we had a fair number of IOS members enter plants for the Horticulture Competition. The IOS would really like to have a good turn out this year for the show. We had almost 20 members submit 48 plants last year, and the group cleaned up on ribbons. We beat the socks off those African violet people. This year we would like to top last year's 100 plants from members if possible. We have regularly done this for the Madison and Batavia orchid shows in the past. Let's see if the IOS can have a big public presence in the center of our region, the City of Chicago. It is a fun show that gets a lot of TV coverage on our local stations. WGN Channel 9 & AM720 are promoting this show very heavily. The IOS won't be having a Spring show at the CBG this year due to renovations, so this is your big chance to show off your plants at a local venue.

The Chicago Flower & Garden Show is different because the competition for Best of Show is across all categories of plants entered, not just orchids. It is interesting to deal with Garden Clubs of America judging standards instead of American Orchid Society judging standards. Big and showy counts for a lot more than perfect form in this show. Though you never know, I actually won the Best in Show 2005 with a miniature *Dryadella* species. Its flowers were less than 1/4 inch across, but it had a lot of them. When I picked the plants up, the African violet people were trying to organize a lynch mob. I barely got out of there alive.

There are 27 different classes for orchids, similar to the MAOC show schedule. Two of the AOS judges from our CJC joined the Garden Clubs of America teams to assist with the orchid judging. Any orchid you have that is looking good can be entered. This is a 10 day show from set up to tear down, a bit longer than what we normally do. But, new this year, IOS member Joel Edwards has volunteered to make certain that plants get watered as needed during the week-long show. For those who don't know, Joel has a little practice watering orchids - he works at Hausermann's and will be at the show every day for the duration. He offered to

check the orchids daily during his breaks from his duties at the Hausermann sales booth.

Did you know there are people that grow plants that are NOT orchids? Some of those people are members of our IOS too. This show is a great show to enter those other plants you have that are looking nice. Many of our members did last year. Cleo Kiergaardt got a First on a Ponytail Palm. It was far from the largest there, but it was nicest. Chuck High sent in two flowering peach trees, in flower. They were beautiful. Laima Sahagian sent in a bunch of cactus and succulents in addition to a half dozen orchids and she took home several ribbons. So please, look at the show schedule. You may have something that would fit nicely into one of the non-orchid categories. You might even consider doing a planting now to grow just for the show. Many of the garden club members do just this.

TO ENTER: Just like last year, the CFGS requires that you register your intention to enter a plant into the competition by February 18. The deadline is only to register that you might be sending in one or more plants. You do not need to know which ones you are sending. It is okay to register and not send any plants. BUT you cannot send plants if you don't register. Last year, very few people registered, so I went down the list of the "Usual Suspects" and registered any club member who had previously sent plants to an away show. All who were on the list last year should have received packets in the mail. If you would like registration forms, please let me know, I will get one to you at the meeting or via US mail or you can email [LSchordje@dataflo.net](mailto:LSchordje@dataflo.net). Please get forms from me. So please fill out your forms and send them in. I would like to see a better showing than last year.



*Miltoniopsis* sp.

## **CBG Educational Center Closed for Renovation**

**Ernie Geimenhart, Contributing Editor**

Because the CBG Educational Center is closed for renovation, Hausermann's has been gracious enough to allow us to meet at its greenhouses in the interim for monthly AOS judging. However, January and July are our business meeting months. Since Hausermann's does not have adequate facilities for these meetings, the AOS judging in January and July 2006 will be at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy. Directions are below. Folks may contact me directly for more information about the meeting site at [corydors@uic.edu](mailto:corydors@uic.edu) or 630-338-3132.

The University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) College of Pharmacy is located at 833 South Wood Street, Chicago, Illinois 60612. Map Quest and Google Maps seem to recognize our address reliably.

NOTE : This is the University of Illinois at Chicago NOT the University of Chicago.

NOTE that the University of Illinois at Chicago campus is split. We are on the west campus near little Italy, Ashland Ave, the UIC hospital,

RUSH, and the Illinois Medical District (not near Halsted). If you get lost, use the University of Illinois at Chicago Hospital (it is just around the corner from us), RUSH Hospital, or the VA Hospital as your landmarks. Larger, more universally known streets that surround the College of Pharmacy are Ogden and Damen to the west, Harrison to the north, Ashland to the east, and Roosevelt to the south.

There is some free street parking that is usually pretty easy for patient people to find on weekend mornings.

There is an abundance of metered street parking in the blocks surrounding the College. There is a pay parking structure on the west side of Wood Street just south of the College of Pharmacy between Taylor and Roosevelt. The College of Pharmacy is on the east side of Wood Street between Polk and Taylor. Please use the front (Wood Street) entrance. Signs or friendly faces will direct you to the meeting room once in the building.

My cell phone number is 630-338-3132 if anyone gets lost. The following web site has various UIC maps, and information about parking, etc...

<http://www.uic.edu/index.html/maps.shtml>

### **From the North**

Take I-94 (the Edens) toward Chicago. Follow I-94 to I-90/94 (the Kennedy). Take I-90/94 (Kennedy which becomes the Dan Ryan at I-290) toward Chicago. The first exit after the "intersection" with I-290 (the Eisenhower) is Taylor/Roosevelt. There is one main exit for both streets.

The first light is Taylor, second is Roosevelt. Take EITHER Taylor OR Roosevelt. It doesn't matter; this exit is a little confusing for some, but Taylor and Roosevelt run parallel to one another, and as long as you're headed west, you'll get here). Turn right on Taylor OR Roosevelt and follow west (away from downtown). A couple of blocks west of Ashland, turn on Wood Street. If on Roosevelt, turn right for both the parking structure and the College of Pharmacy. If on Taylor, the College of Pharmacy will be to the right, and the parking structure to the left.

### **From the Northwest**

Take I-90 east toward Chicago, then follow the directions above.

### **From the South**

Take I-90/94 (the Dan Ryan) towards Chicago. Take the Taylor/Roosevelt exit. Turn west on Taylor OR Roosevelt and follow the directions above.

### **From the West**

Take I-88 east to I-290 (the Eisenhower) east toward Chicago. Take the Damen exit. At the end of the ramp, turn right (south) on Damen. Pass Harrison and Ogden. Turn left (east) on Polk and turn right (south) on Wood.

### **On the "El"**

The Polk station on the blue line (54th/Cermack branch) is in the parking lot behind the College of Pharmacy. Exit the station avoiding the temptation of the Dunkin' Donuts and turn left (west) on Polk.

At the first corner, turn left (south) on Wood Street. The College of Pharmacy will be on your left.

## **AOS News**

### **Rosalie Dixler, AOS Representative**

Jerry Garner reviewed a number of newly published orchid books for the Workshop at the last IOS meeting. In checking the items sold at the American Orchid Society Emporium gift shop, I found most of those books are available to AOS members at a 10% discount!

**Membership in the AOS** gives you other benefits as well: 12 issues of the award winning "Orchids" magazine, a free copy of "Your First Orchid" and the Orchid Source directory, discounted admission to select gardens, and much more. A 1-Year Membership is \$46.50 and a 2-Year Membership is \$84.00. You can sign up right on the website ([www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)) by going to AOS Membership from the Emporium location:

<http://www.aos.org/aos/HeleoCart/Products/> Then go down to BOOKS on that page, where you can shop using their secure on line shopping cart. They have many unique orchid-related gifts and accessories for the home and garden which would be great selections for the coming holidays. And if someone asks what they can get you, tell them about the Emporium! If you do not have a computer, phone, toll-free, to 1-877-ORCHIDS (672-4437) to become a member

or purchase items from the Emporium. You can also get an AOS application from Rosalie Dixler, the AOS rep, at the monthly meeting. If you join at the meeting, she will give you a free "Orchids" magazine of your choice.

**New happenings at the AOS include:**

AOS members now number 23,800. There have been more than 700 new members added in just the last couple of months. Watch for incentives and news regarding membership.

At the members meeting in Rohnert Park held on October 15<sup>th</sup>, the current officers were re-elected: Art Moore, President; Carlos Fighetti, Vice President, Jim Rassmann, Vice President; Taylor Slaughter, Vice President; Marian Allen, Secretary, and Will Rodehamel, Treasurer. Fred Case was given the new Philip Keenan Award for the study or preservation of native orchids north of Mexico. Fred, who lives in Midland, MI, is a member of the Saginaw Valley Orchid Society. The West Shore Orchid Society of Northern Ohio was given the AOS's Distinguished Orchid Society Award.

The AOS will be launching a new electronic subscription service that will have all of the awards from 1932 – 2005 with 10,000 award photos, plus all of the RHS Sanders hybrid information. Expected to be available at the beginning of 2006, it will cost the same as a subscription to the Awards Quarterly, which will continue in its present format.



*Dracula vampira* Luer.  
Painting by Stig Dalstrom

**Book Review**

**Jerry Garner, Newsletter Editor**

*Fragrant Orchids*. Steven A. Frowine. Timber Press. 2005. Cloth. \$29.95. 200 pages with 110 color photographs. ISBN – 0-88192-739-2.

The subject of orchid fragrance is a fascinating and complicated area of study. Most publications on this subject are scientific analyses of the chemicals and the physiological processes involved in why some orchids have a pleasing or repulsive scent. Steven Frowine's *Fragrant Orchids* is the first on this subject I've found

written for a popular audience rather than for botanists and biochemists. The book doesn't water down the information, but it does present it in a way that both the hobbyist and the professional can learn from it.

The author is the former manager of the 1000+ orchid collection in the Missouri Botanical Garden's orchid collection. Currently he is an active garden writer and lecturer. His long time interest in orchid fragrance and his experience make him well qualified for this task. The book is scientifically accurate, clearly written, and easily understood by laymen.

*Fragrant Orchids* begins with a discussion of fragrance in general and how we perceive certain smells. This is the science section and Frowine deserves the thanks of all orchid hobbyists for providing just the right amount of information at a reasonable depth for all to understand. The chapter on selecting and buying orchids is standard fare compared to many other books.

However, the next section, growing basics, contains information on the subject than many books devoted entirely to the subject. In addition to the "basics," the chapter includes material on the scents of specific orchids and other related information. Both chapters are well written and readable.

The truly unique part of this book begins with the chapter on orchid species and hybrids. Frowine starts with the Cattleya Alliance, then continues with dendrobiums, oncidiums, the Vanda Alliance, the Pleurothallid Alliance, maxillarias, hybrids and other groups of orchids. A color high resolution photograph accompanies each of the 110 plants discussed. The descriptions include a pronunciation guide, fragrance information, plus the expected information: size, light and temperature requirements, etc. Personally, I would purchase this book just for this section.

The appendices, which make up half the book, include tables of orchids arranged by light requirements, temperature requirements, fragrance intensity, bloom season, and time of day for fragrance. These tables provide an almost overwhelming amount of useful information in an easy to access format. The book concludes with a short but helpful list of sources of fragrant orchids.

*Fragrant Orchids* is a concise but thorough book on a topic too long inaccessible to the hobbyist. Frowine's attention to detail and writing style result in a readable and understandable reference on this fascinating group of orchids.



*Dendrobium unicum*  
Photo from Oak Hill Gardens

## **From the Editor**

**Jerry Garner, Newsletter Editor**

I have only two things to address in this column this month. First, I apologize that you are receiving this newsletter so late this month. I know I have been close to this point in the past, but I don't think I've ever been this late.

This leads to my second point: **I must resign as primary editor of the newsletter for health reasons.** My doctors have ordered me to do this, much to my chagrin. I enjoy doing the newsletter, and I am very reluctant to give it up. I have discussed this with Wendy, our president, and we have come up with some options good for the Society and that allow me to remain involved.

The best solution, in our thinking, is a co-editor. I would continue to do the writing, and putting the newsletter together. The coeditor would be responsible for emailing it, reproducing it, and mailing it out to members by USPS. The coeditor would also maintain the email list for the newsletter. For me, this is the real labor of the newsletter, the part my doctors want me to drop. If anyone is willing to pick up this portion of the newsletter, please contact me immediately. The process is very simple, and requires approximately one half day's work a month. The coeditor could also help out with the writing and editing, and

that person eventually might take over the responsibility completely if he or she desired.

Other options include a replacement for me, that is, a new editor. Anyone interested should contact me and I'll be happy to teach you how the newsletter is put together each month and how to handle the distribution. After one or two months working together, you could then take over on your own.

There are many other ways to address this creatively and the Board is willing to entertain suggestions.

**If you have any interest at all, please respond immediately.** I will have to make some adjustments very soon, and I don't want to see the newsletter with no editor even for a brief period. I know you writers and editors are out there. Now is your chance to fulfill those creative yearnings and serve your IOS in a very satisfying capacity.



*Sobralia Mirabilis*  
Photo by Greg Allikas

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*Rhynchostylis gigantea*  
Photo from Orchids by Hausermann's