

2006 IOS Meeting and Show Dates

Meeting Dates	Location / Facilities
September	Orchids by Hausermann
October 14-15	Fall Show @ CBG*
November 12	Chicago Botanic Gardens
April 27-29, 2007	IOS Spring Show/MAOC, @ CBG

*Note that our fall show will be our large show for the year (normally our spring show).

2006 Orchid Events

Dates	Location / Facilities
September 16-17	Wisconsin Orchid Society Show, Milwaukee, WI
September 22-24	14th Annual Chicagoland Orchid Festival
October 14-15	IOS Fall Show, Chicago Botanic Gardens
October 27-29	Blackhawk Orchid Society Show, Rockford, IL
November 4	9 th Annual Slipper Orchid Symposium, Kissimmee, FL. Contact Jamie Lawson at 888-619-7687, or jimorchids@aol.com
Mar. 27 – Apr. 2, 2008	19 th World Orchid Conference, Miami, FL

President's Message

Barry Lubin, IOS President

As you are reading this newsletter, I trust you share my appreciation of its value as both a communication tool linking us with our fellow IOS members and as a ready source of orchid news and educational information. The newsletter is an essential part of the society and we will continue to devote substantial resources to its publication. We currently spend a considerable amount of time (thanks again, Loren) and money each month printing and mailing paper copies of the newsletter to a minority of our members. The cost of printing and postage provides no benefit to most of our members. Accordingly, beginning with the January 2007 issue, we will distribute the newsletter only via e-mail.

Approximately two-thirds of our members currently receive the newsletter via e-mail each month, and they will see no change from the current distribution. We already have an e-mail address for many of the members receiving a paper copy and we will begin sending the newsletter to them electronically over the next few months. We don't have an e-mail address for a relatively small number of members and we will be contacting them directly to ask for their e-mail address.

Please help us keep our e-mail information current. Let Felicia Cochran (fbc72@sbcglobal.net) know about any changes to your contact information.

-Barry



Lc. Logo Tone 'African Beauty'. Grower: Oak Hill Gardens



Stanhopea wardii. Grower: Oak Hill Gardens



Phal. Mini Mark 'Holm'. Grower: Oak Hill Gardens

September Program Notes

Barry Lubin, Program Chair – Retired

Our next meeting is on **Sunday, September 10 at Orchids by Hausermann**, 2N 134 Addison Road, Villa Park. Call 630-543-6855 for directions.

The Mentors (newcomers) meeting will begin at 11:45. This is your chance to ask any questions you may have of our experienced growers. You can also bring in any plants with which you are having problems for expert examination and diagnosis.

The workshop will begin at 12:30. IOS member Tom Heller will be speaking about Orchid Companion Plants of the carnivorous Kind. Tom will cover a wide variety of Carnivorous plants that are beautiful, unusual, interesting that grow well with orchids and aid in pest control.

We will have a brief business meeting at 1 PM.

Our main presentation features a panel and virtual tours of the 3 primary growing environments used by our members – windowsill, under lights and greenhouse. Panel members Dave Tribble, Sherry Maloney and your truly will describe and photographically illustrate our growing conditions and equipment. We will address the cultural challenges with tips on how to manage in each type of environment.

Please have your plants in place for judging by 12:30 PM. **We will not have member plant sales.** Hausermann's greenhouses will be open for your shopping enjoyment beginning at 11 AM. Also, please remember to bring something for the hospitality table to share with your fellow members.

Recap of August Speaker's Presentation

Our picnic at Oak Hill on August 12 was most enjoyable and educational. Hermann Pigors was our speaker. Hermann talked about several topics that were requested by the members, including hot weather plant care and alternative growing media.

Many thanks to our hosts, the Butlers and Pigors, for another great meeting.



Everyone enjoying a perfect day at Oak Hill Gardens



And the lucky winner is...

Membership Report

Felicia Cochran, Membership Committee

Please extend a warm welcome to our new member for the month of August, **Sally Joy Goodman** of Lake Villa. We also have a returning member, **Linda Loye** of Chicago.

Please be sure to say hello to Sally and Linda at the next meeting.

IOS Fall (Spring) Show on October 14th and 15th

Sandy Fuller, Home Show Chair

The Fall Show is fast approaching. Before we know it, it will be here. I can remember the first IOS show I signed up to help with. I signed up to assist with traffic and had a great time walking around, keeping an eye on the displays and chatting with members and show attendees. The biggest benefit that I received for helping out with the show was getting to know other members and a feeling of belonging in the IOS. Before then I had attended meetings, but I did not feel quite connected. So if you are looking for a way to get connected this show would be a great way to start.

There are many areas we need members to help with: setup, traffic, registration, clerking, membership, the IOS display, plant sales, repotting, hospitality, AOS membership, and teardown. At our August meeting we had around 15 people sign up. That was a great start, but we need more for this show to be successful. The hours that volunteers are needed are Thursday (October 12th) noon to 9 pm, Friday (October 13th) 10 am to 9 pm, Saturday 7am to 5 pm, and Sunday 10 am to 5 pm. I know everyone is busy, but please consider signing up for at least an hour or two. I will have the sign up sheets at the September meeting.

Remember, this show is really our belated Spring Show, so we will have lots of vendors and more displays than our usual Fall Show. And it is our return to the Chicago Botanic Garden so we want it to be a great Show.

If I can assist you in determining how you can help, please call me or send me an email at sjfuller62@comcast.net.

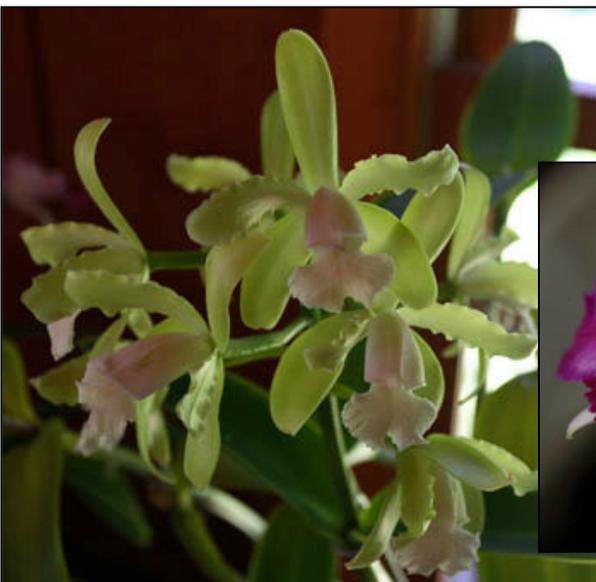
Orchid Fest Update

Claire Papiewski, Contributing Editor

We are having two membership/information tables at the Orchid Fest, September 22,23 and 24th. Hours: 8 – 5. Hausermann's in Villa Park, and Oak Hill Gardens in Dundee have invited us to be at this event.

We need members to help man the tables. An hour or so of your time would be appreciated.

It's a good feeling, welcoming a new member or informing the public about our Fall Show. Call me at 847-622-8664 or email dreflap@yahoo.com if you'd like to volunteer.



C. guttata v. alba 'Fields' HCC/AOS. Grower: C. Thompson



*Cattleytonia Maui Maid x Blc. Mahina Yahiro.
Grower: Oak-Hill Gardens*



Pleurothallis grobyi. Grower: Oak Hill Gardens

Report on the MAOC in Lexington Kentucky

Lois Cinert, Contributing Editor

The Mid-America Orchid Congress met in Lexington, Ky for their fall meetings in conjunction with the Blue Grass Orchid Society show and sale. It was a fun weekend, with lots of old friends, and the opportunity to meet new people who love to grow orchids. The show was great, with 23 displays, with loads of quality orchids, and a dozen or so vendors to tempt those who attended. The AOS judges chose six of the plants for AOS awards. The IOS attended, with a display of our own. At the members' meeting, the MAOC presented each society with their latest CD, on orchid pronunciation. The Saturday night Auction was a success, with Dick Wells of Hilltop Orchids presiding, and wheedling the last cent out of the bidders, for some interesting and amusing objects, along with some good orchid plants.



IOS display at the Lexington, KY MAOC

These meetings offer a chance for orchid growers and society representatives to meet and discuss ways to better serve the members of our societies. Every society needs to find more members, better programs to help growing techniques, and keep the membership interested in growing their society as well as their orchids. We will be hosting the next MAOC next spring, and it will be a great time for all of you to meet with society members from across the 38 states and Canada who are members of the MAOC. Trade ideas about growing, and about getting the most out of your orchid society. We only do this once every five years, and this is your opportunity now to get involved, and enjoy meeting some very friendly, helpful people.

MAOC Help Wanted!!!

Lois Cinert, Contributing Editor

We have had generous response to our requests to the IOS membership for leaders to help with the upcoming MAOC in April, 2007. Most of the committee chairs are filled, but we still need a few good people to help with some of the chores. We need you to take charge of one of the remaining jobs, and see it through to the end of the conference.

None of this is hard work. Well, maybe a little hard work. But most of this can be handled with phone calls, or personal contacts. Of course, the flurry of activity will be at the time of the show and conference, or just before. Please plan ahead if you want to volunteer for any of these activities.

We need transportation to and from the hotel and CBG. If you are interested in making a few phone calls to arrange this, let me know. We have different needs for this show than for our 2002 AOS/MAOC, so the vehicles we need and the time involved are a little different. Knowledge of contracts and experience in negotiation are helpful.

We need a great PIN to give to our registrants, and commemorate this event. Our last special pin was for our 2002 anniversary show. We would like to have another great design for this MAOC, too. More phone calls or on-line shopping needed. This needs to be done fairly soon.

We have to have an AUCTION, and this is probably one of the most demanding chores. We have to solicit donations to be auctioned – plants, supplies, any orchid-related object. These have to be accumulated before the show, and displayed on Saturday

afternoon and evening before the auction. Materials to use at the auction (paper plates with numbers/letters have been used of late) have to be acquired. An auctioneer has to be buttonholed and captured. There are always several willing candidates. You will need a small staff to help with this, and with the actual conduct of the auction. Experience is not necessary. This is a lot of work, but also a very satisfying job.

We need lots of PUBLICITY. Chicago Botanic Garden will provide us with a lot of their expertise and contacts. This is an event at their facility, and they also want it to be successful. We need someone to work with them in getting the whole Chicago area excited about our show.

AOS is Out of the Book Business

Rosalie Dixler, AOS Liason

I want to bring you all up-to-date on some great changes at the AOS which affect how you buy your orchid books. With the full support of the volunteer leadership the AOS is out of the book business! They cannot compete with Amazon so they've joined forces with them and you can now get your books more quickly and more cheaply. And it's a win-win situation for all because the AOS will get a small percentage of all sales that go through their website.

Here's how you do it. Go to the AOS homepage at www.aos.org, click on "Shop AOS" at the top of the page. go to "Orchid and Horticultural Books" on the left side of the page and click on it, then go to "Orchid Books". You will see a display of all the books that Amazon has available. They have many more books than the AOS could stock and they're cheaper too.

Orchid Lab Equipment For Sale

Complete Orchid Lab, including laminar flow hood, flasks and chemicals for seed and tissue culture asking price- \$6000. Contact Dr. K. Xavier at (517) 263-3557
2500 Sand Creek Hwy
Adrian MI 49221

Light Fixtures for Sale

IOS Member Mark Anstett has an assortment of 4 foot long fluorescent fixtures for sale- both 2 and 4 bulb units. The 2 bulb fixtures are VHO, while the 4 bulb units are standard. Asking price: \$35 per fixture. Contact Mark at anstettmark@yahoo.com

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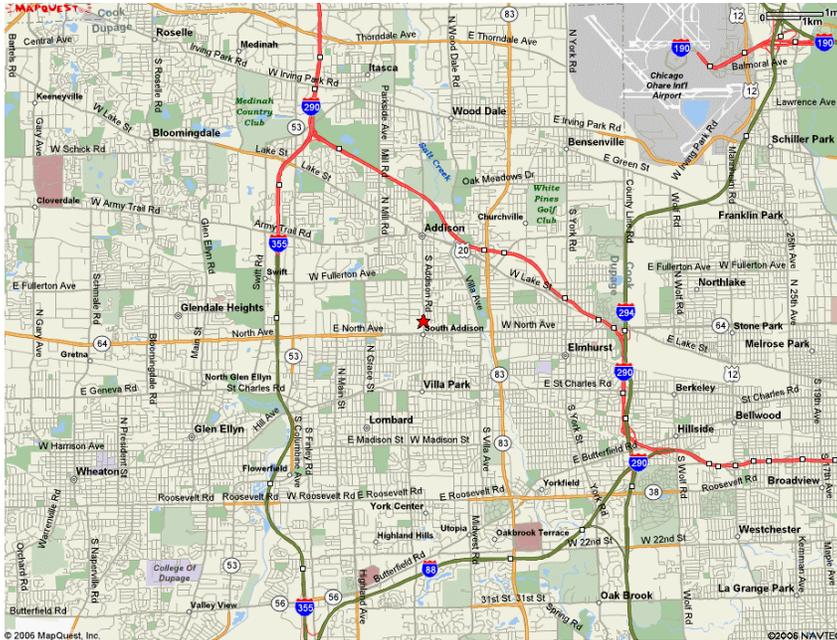
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Directions to Orchids by Hausermann

Orchids By Hausermann, Inc. is located 20 miles west of downtown Chicago in Villa Park. From Chicago, go west on 290, 15 miles, then exit North Avenue -- Route 64, (exit 13 B). Take North Avenue west 4 miles to Addison Road then turn right (north) on Addison Road, two blocks to our orchid greenhouse on the west side of the street.

To get to our orchid greenhouse from the Tri-State (294) Southbound exit Route 64, North Avenue. Northbound exit sign marked 290, Route 20, Route 64 then proceed on Route 64 as mentioned above.

From I-355, exit Route 64, go east 2 miles to Addison Road, turn left (north) 2 blocks to our orchid greenhouse.



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***The September members meeting will be held at
Orchids by Hausermann on Sunday, September 10th
See inside for details.***