



# Orchid Opus

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## IOS Meeting and Show Dates

Dates	Location / Activities
January 14, 2007	Chicago Botanic Gardens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workshop: <b>Jim Spatzek</b> on Developing an Orchid Library.</li> <li>• Speaker: <b>Pete Peterson</b> on Growing Specimen Plants.</li> </ul>
February 11, 2007	Chicago Botanic Gardens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workshop: <b>Barry Lubin</b> on Water and Orchids.</li> <li>• Speaker: <b>Bill Thomas</b> on Bulbophyllums.</li> </ul>
March 11, 2007	Chicago Botanic Gardens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workshop: TBD.</li> <li>• Speaker: <b>Erich Michels</b> on Orchids of Madagascar.</li> </ul>
April 27-29, 2007	Chicago Botanic Gardens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IOS Spring Show/MAOC</li> </ul>
May 20, 2007	Chicago Botanic Gardens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workshop: TBD</li> <li>• Speaker: <b>Russ Vernon</b> on How <i>Not</i> to Grow Phalaenopsis</li> </ul>
October 13-14, 2007	Chicago Botanic Gardens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IOS Fall Mini Show</li> </ul>

## Orchid Events

Dates	Activity/Location
January 27-28, 2007	Orchid Society of Minnesota Winter Carnival Show. St. Paul, MN
February 3 – 4, 2007	Orchid Growers' Guild Orchid Quest. Madison, WI
February 16-18, 2007	Batavia Orchid Society Show St. Charles, IL
March 24-25, 2007	Iowa Orchid Society Show Davenport, IA
Mar 31-Apr 1, 2007	Central Ohio Orchid Society Show Columbus, OH
Jan 23-27, 2008	19 <sup>th</sup> World Orchid Conference, Miami, FL

## President's Message

Barry Lubin, IOS President

The New Year has arrived, and this seems like an appropriate time to reflect upon IOS events past and present with a view toward the future.

The past year has been a good one for the IOS. Our return to the new and improved facilities of the Chicago Botanic Gardens was a welcome homecoming. Our show in October, the only one for the year, was successful and enjoyable. Our monthly programs continue to deliver a valuable educational and social experience to our members. Our newsletter, a vital link to IOS for our members, is being published with improved consistency and exceptional quality. We earned high honors for our displays at away shows. We have dedicated Officers, Directors and members willing to do the hard work required to keep IOS growing and fulfilling our mission. IOS is financially stable and our financial resources are increasing. Our website (<http://www.iosoc.com>) has added content and functionality. We attracted many new members to the society and we enjoy their enthusiasm for our hobby and the talents that they contribute to our activities. In short, IOS is on the right track to provide the services and experiences that our members deserve.

As Will Rogers said, "Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there". So, what do we need to do to continue to improve and grow the society in 2007? I'll offer a few of my thoughts below, but this is **your** society, and I encourage you to tell me your thoughts for how we can make the society better.

In April, we host the Mid-American Orchid Conference. The conference is a huge event – it attracts many more visitors and vendors than our usual show. The combination of lectures, displays and shopping are truly a unique experience. We need help from all the members to make this high-visibility event a success. Lois Cinert will tell you more about the conference and how you can participate, either as an attendee or, ideally, as a volunteer.

One element of the mission of IOS as stated in our by-laws (see p. 4 of the Membership Directory for a copy) includes working with and supporting the efforts of concerned groups and agencies in conservation of orchid species in-situ and under cultivation. We have not had the financial or human resources to do much toward fulfilling this element of our mission over the past few years. It is an important area that

affects our enjoyment of our hobby now and increasingly in the future. We need to improve our performance in this area beginning in 2007.

Considering the size of the population in the Chicago area, I believe we are doing a poor job of reaching out to a large number of interested orchid growers who would benefit from membership in IOS. In turn, IOS would benefit from the participation of additional members.

We will continue to pursue various ways to attract new members, through our show, through participation in other

organizations' orchid-related events and through some creative new avenues (more to follow in next month's newsletter). Please remember our Membership Drive – a \$100 gift certificate for bringing in the most new members by March 31.

2007 promises to be a great year for enjoying our hobby and sharing our passion for orchids. I wish you all a happy new year and good growing.

-Barry

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## Program Notes

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*Sue Golan – Program Chair*

I hope you all had as good a time at our Holiday Party as I did. The food was wonderful as usual, (thank you all for your generous offerings), and Dana gave a helpful talk about which orchids bloom when so that you can plan a continual supply of blooming plants. (When I started growing orchids, I used to ask for ones that would bloom in March because that's when our shows were.)

In January we will be hearing from former IOS president Jim Spatzek about how to put together an Orchid Library. Although he's not an old guy, he's been growing orchids for over 30 years and was responsible for putting together the outstanding library that the Judging Center received from the IOS when the Center was started.

The speaker for the meeting will be Pete Peterson from Milwaukee. An accredited judge and the former chairman of

the Chicago Judging Center, Pete will talk about growing specimen plants. Perhaps he will bring a few slides to show us the *Angraecum sesquipedale* that he received an FCC for or the *Coelogyne lawrencianum* for which he received a CCE or Certificate of Cultural Excellence. These two are the highest awards you can receive for quality and culture.

Pete is a former Wisconsin Orchid Society president. He just retired as chairman of the Chicago Judging Center. A former special ed. teacher, he started his orchid-growing career under lights in his basement and then built a small greenhouse attached to his garage. He has his *Coelogyne* there growing in an enormous garbage can cover for lack of a big enough pot!! Come hear his secrets to success.



Oda. Florena Shading x Fort Paint  
Grower: Bob Mack



V sanderiana var alba 'Kathleen'  
Grower: Bill Rogerson



Dana discussing how to assemble an orchid collection that will bloom throughout the year

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# The MAOC is Almost Here – and You’re Invited!

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*Lois Cinert, Contributing Editor*

We’re having a party, and we want you to attend. We’re going to have some great orchid blooms for you to see, and some outstanding vendors for you to visit, to add to your orchid collections. We’re going to have a great lineup of speakers for you – three so far, with four lectures scheduled, and perhaps another special guest speaker. Information on all of these events is on our web page, [www.iosoc.com](http://www.iosoc.com), and we will keep updating that for you as we have confirmations from our vendors and exhibitors.

On Saturday evening, April 28, we will hold an auction for the benefit of the MAOC. This is always a fun event, with lots of plants, art objects, and some odd and unusual items available, some for very little money. It is always a memorable occasion. Afterwards, we host a dinner for our orchid guests. The food at the Renaissance Hotel is very good, and their service has always been excellent. This is a chance for you to dine with fellow orchid growers, and meet members of other societies. It is a relaxed, easy evening, and it is always special to find new friends among our guests.

Sunday morning, the Affiliated Societies Breakfast brings together members of orchid societies in our region, who discuss topics of interest to society members. This spring the conversation will be ‘Challenges Facing Local Societies’. Your ideas and opinions are welcomed; this is an opportunity

for you to add your voice to the direction our society may follow. Later on in the morning is the MAOC business meeting. Again, you are invited to attend. There is a lot going on in areas of outreach and conservation, and it is worth a little time to join the group. You will also find out the latest information about what the MAOC is doing for the local societies – that’s us.

Our society is not alone. We belong to the American Orchid Society, and we also belong to the smaller but not less interested Mid-America Orchid Congress. These are the folks who have provided us with our show schedule, and work to conserve local native orchids.

Some of these events are free; you are welcome to attend as a member of the Illinois Orchid Society. Some of the events have to have a fee involved. The registration application is on our web page, and we will have them available at our monthly meetings for you. The MAOC is an inclusive organization, and we want you to be included in every event possible for you.

If you are interested in orchids, and the organizations that you belong to, you will want to attend the functions of this Congress.



Onc. Florida Gold 'Merkel'



Howeara Lava Burst 'Puanani' AM/AOS  
Grower: Sandy Fuller



Phrag. Rosy Charm x Twilight  
Grower: Leo Schordje

# Member's Judging Points

Alex Manuel, IOS Awards Committee

I hope everyone had a happy holiday. Our holiday party at Hausermann's, as always, was well attended. It is always nice to see friends that I have not seen for a while. Thank you to all the members that brought their beautiful plants and delicious food.

The 'Plant of the Month' for December is *Lycaste virginalis*, it had 7 beautiful white flowers and 2 buds. It is owned by Joe & Rosalie Dixler. Congratulations!!!

I will see you next month at CBG. Happy New Year!

-Alex

PS. If you have questions with your points please email me at [vandaalex@aol.com](mailto:vandaalex@aol.com)

Lights/Windows	Points
Bestman, Jim & Jerry	32
Bloome, Cathy	25
Bricheno, Justine	30
Buckles, Betsy	20
Cinert, Lois	31
Cochran, Felicia	56
Dangoia, Phyllis	10
Edwards, Joel	135
Engle, Beth	51
Fuller, Sandy	349
Garner, Jerry	50
Goodman, Joan	10
Hale, Jeff	5
Hall, Julie	20
Harding, Maurice	4
Herbst, Penny	10

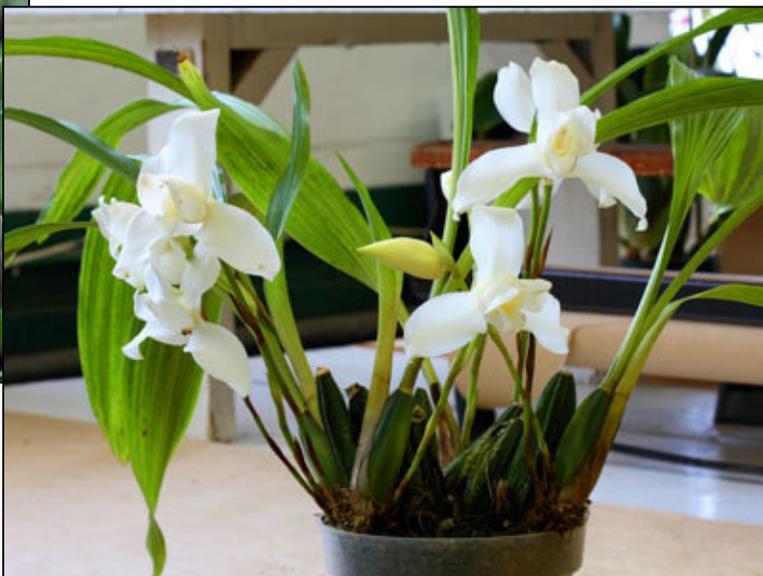
Lights/Windows	Points
Johnson, Carolyn	35
Kowalski, Dan & Terri	10
Kotowski, Anne	24
Kwiatkowski, Cheryl	5
Larson, Greger	10
Lentini, Victor	101
Losert, Wilfried	81
Maloney, Sherry	124
Manuel, Alexander	26
Minonne, Fransco	6
Ortega, Norine	10
Papiewski, Claire	12
Sahaigian, Laima	18
Seidel, Gerhardt	20
Teplica, Dave	36
Tirzmalis, Sue	2
Torres, Luis	270
Tribble, Allison	135
Vrabel, Ken	95
Younghale, Bob & Helen	21
Zielinski, Wally	2

Greenhouse	Points
Dixler, Joe & Rosalie	442
Gamson, Ed	16
Golan, Sue	350
Mack, Bob	202
Mastdagh, J. & V.	20
Passine, Paul	130
Thompson, Carole	111

\* New Members



Lapanthes telipogoniflora



Lycaste virginalis  
Grower: Joe and Rosalie Dixler

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## MAOC Volunteers Needed!

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*Lois Cinert, Contributing Editor*

In January we will begin signing up volunteers for our spring Mid-America Orchid Conference. Our last show of this size was five years ago, and was a success because of the generous gift of time and labor from our society members. We hope that you all will want to be a part of this special event.

I know many of you have worked at our shows before, and found it to be a great opportunity to talk to the growers about their plants. It is also a chance to see many more kinds of orchids than is usual for a show. It's a time to learn and become a better grower. This is also the time for those of you who are new to the society, or who have not worked at a show to dive in and participate. There are about 200 households in the Illinois Orchid Society, and we need you all to volunteer for some of the 40 hours that encompass the setup, judging, and public viewing hours of the show. If you each work a few hours, we can get it done, with plenty of help to spare. We will need help for four days – from noon on Thursday, April 26, until about 8 PM on Sunday April 29.

During that time, we will have guests to meet at the Renaissance Hotel, and vendors and exhibitors arriving at Chicago Botanic Garden. On Friday, the plants will all be arriving, and your help will be needed with unloading and locating the exhibitors. On Saturday and Sunday, we will need help with all of the usual jobs involved with a show – clerking, selling raffle tickets, books and pins, sweatshirts and polos, and answering questions our guests might bring.

We need your help to make this event a success. Allison Tribble is the Volunteer Coordinator, and will work with you to schedule a job that suits your ambition and expertise. Please call or email her if you have any questions. This is 85% fun – seeing some great orchids, meeting lots of friendly people, and talking about orchids.

Please help us have the best show ever. It is your society, and it can only be as good as you make it.

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## Shop & Share Fund-Raising!

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*Jim Spatzek, Contributing Editor*

The Illinois Orchid Society will hold a **Shop & Share** fund-raising program on January 15, 16 & 17, February 12, 13 & 14, and March 12, 13 & 14 at all **Jewel-Osco Stores**.

By shopping a **Jewel-Osco** on one of those days, 5% of the total purchases, excluding tax, will be donated by **Jewel-Osco** to the Illinois Orchid Society.

The Illinois Orchid Society will use the money generated by their **Shop & Share** to fund its educational, charitable and public programs.

Anyone interested in helping **The Illinois Orchid Society** by shopping at Jewel-Osco on those dates will need a "Shop & Share Identification Slip" and should contact **Beth Engle** at (815) 886-4953, email: [hortpotter@wmconnect.com](mailto:hortpotter@wmconnect.com) to obtain a slip before shopping. We will have the identification slips for your use at our January, February and March meetings for pick-up. Only contact Beth if you cannot pick up a slip at the meeting. We encourage you to give slips to all your friends and relatives and encourage them to shop of these days and help us.



Epi. porphyreum



Masdevallia hirtzii  
Grower: Joe and Rosalie Dixler



Onc. Twinkle. Grower: Sandy Fuller

# Transporting Your Orchids During the Winter

*Lois Cinert, Contributing Editor*

It's safe to transport your orchids to meetings and shows in the winter, with a little care.

Make sure the box you are using is sound – thicker cardboard or heavy plastic insulate better. To keep your orchids warm, use plastic bags to hold your box, or cover it. Tape or staple the plastic, to make it as air-tight as possible. If

it is very cold out, you can place something in the box to keep it warm. A simple Rubbermaid or Tupperware container with hot water in it will work for a couple of hours. Or, the chemical hand warmers (about a dollar at hardware and sporting goods stores) will last longer or warm a larger container. Make sure your plants are not in direct contact with the hand warmer.

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Odontoglossum wyattianum  
Grower: Sue Golan



Phrag. Eric Young x Andean Fire  
Grower: Allison Tribble



Neofinetia falcata 'Amami Furan'