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IOS Meeting and Show Dates

Dates	Location / Activities
April 27-29, 2007	Chicago Botanic Gardens • IOS Spring Show/MAOC
May 20, 2007	Chicago Botanic Gardens • Workshop: Luis Torres : Putting your Orchids out for the summer. • Speaker: Russ Vernon on How Not to Grow Phalaenopsis.
June 10, 2007	Chicago Botanic Gardens • Workshop Sandy Fuller - Orchids on line. • Speaker: Our own Leo Schordje on Lycastes.
July 8, 2007	Chicago Botanic Gardens • Workshop: Barry Lubin - Big box hardware stores - an orchid grower's best friend. • Speaker: Greg Allikas on Orchid Photography.
August 18, 2007	Oak Hill Gardens Picnic – Saturday • Speaker: Herman Pigors – Topic TBD
September 9, 2007	Chicago Botanic Gardens • Workshop: Lois Cinert - Plant registration just in time for the show. • Speaker: Cathy Bloome on Native Orchids and Conservation
October 13-14, 2007	Chicago Botanic Gardens • IOS Fall Mini Show

Orchid Events

Dates	Activity/Location
Sep 21 – 23, 2007	15 th Annual Chicagoland Orchid Festival
Jan 23-27, 2008	19 th World Orchid Conference, Miami, FL

President's Message

Barry Lubin – IOS President

It's show time! And it's a really big show, too. We are hosting the Mid America Orchid Congress. Many more displays, vendors and activities than at our usual shows will be available for you to enjoy. The show will be in full bloom at the **Chicago Botanic Gardens on April 28 and 29**. Let's look at some of the highlights you won't want to miss:

- **Incredible speakers** from around the world – on both Saturday and Sunday. The speakers, and many of the show activities, will be located at the Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel (2 miles from Chicago Botanic Gardens). Some of the most rare and unique plants will be on sale only at this venue. You must register for the conference for admission to these activities.
- **Saturday Night Banquet** with the speakers and our friends from many other orchid societies. Why not treat your significant other, who patiently tolerates your orchid addiction, to a night out. You do not need to register for the conference to attend the banquet.
- **The Affiliated Societies Breakfast** is on Sunday morning. If you are interested in challenges and opportunities for orchid societies, please join your fellow orchid society members from throughout the midwest for a casual conversation. You do not need to register for other activities to participate in the breakfast.
- **MAOC committee meetings (Friday evening), business meetings (Sunday morning) and Judges Forum** (following the Business meeting) are open to the public.

You can register for the speakers, Saturday night banquet and Sunday breakfast by sending the form at the end of this newsletter and a check to Felicia Cochran. See Leo's and Lois' columns below for additional details.

A huge show such as this one requires many volunteer to be successful. We need help beginning with set up on Thursday to tear down on Sunday evening. If you are planning to visit the show, why not spend an hour or two helping out. Allison Tribble can help you find an activity you will enjoy. Take a look at the Volunteer Sign Up at <http://www.iosoc.com/ShowPrep/Voldir-apr2007/Vol-apr2007.htm> and please lend a hand.

I look forward to seeing you all at the show!

-Barry

Program Notes

Sue Golan – Program Chair

Last month's meeting is still fresh in my mind and I'm hoping you all enjoyed it. Several of you said to me that you really liked watching the judging and since we were split into three groups, it was fairly manageable. We are definitely going to do it more often.

Erich Michels' talk and pictures of Madagascar made me want to book a flight right away. Those Angraecoids are so gorgeous and, often, fragrant. Did you buy a few? If not, you can occasionally get them at Hausermanns, Oak Hill or Natts. I've seen the Tribbles' *Angraecum sesquipedale* and it's gorgeous and they grow it in their apartment. Ask them about it next time you see them.

While standing around after the meeting and wondering if I should buy one more plant from Hoosier (they were awfully small and would fit in nicely), I noticed the name-tags on a couple from Michigan. I assumed they were in town for the day or, more likely, the weekend and had somehow found us

and I said Hi and asked about them. They are Kathryn and John Stafford from St Joseph, Mi. Although they belong to their local society, (Kalamazoo Orchid Society), they joined us last fall encouraged by all the coupons and the good speakers.

John is a family doctor whose patients used to bring him orchids for his reception room desk. He started with Phals. Someone in his club was quitting the orchid growing business and John bought 100 orchids. He made a 2nd huge lightstand which is situated in the hall by the bedroom. The family photos went out and the orchids came in.

John and Kathryn like coming to our meetings because they say they learn a lot. They see diverse species on our judging tables, hear good speakers and get a chance to eat some Sushi. Say Hi to them next month.

IOS Membership Report

Felicia Cochran – Membership Committee

We have two new members this month, **Mary Borke** of Chicago, and **Sheila Swanson** of Burr Ridge. Please be sure to stop and say hello to them at our coming show.

Just a quick reminder, if you haven't renewed yet for 2007, your membership privileges expired on March 31st. This means that the Botanic Gardens will no longer accept a 2006

membership card for admission for our meetings, or the MAOC Conference and Show. Renew now to avoid the \$15.00 parking fees.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at fb72@sbcglobal.net.



Cymbidium Twilight Pink 'Contessa'



Paph. Micranthum



Phal. Mini Mark 'Holm'

MAOC Speakers and Schedule – Revised!

Leo Schordje- Contributing Editor

Never attend a MAOC? Ever wonder what that registration fee will get you? In addition to the Goodie Bag, you get to attend the speakers lectures. When you see the line up below you will know you are getting your money's worth. At an MAOC we have to use two venues to hold all the events. The speakers will be in the Ballroom at the Renaissance North Shore Hotel.

These lectures are open to MAOC registrants only, so if you ever wanted to meet any of these speakers, this is your chance. There is always a little time before and after each talk to mingle with the speakers. Hadley Cash and Alfredo Manrique will have plants there for sale.

Speaker Schedule for the Spring Show and MAOC Meeting

Saturday April 28, 2007

1:00 pm – Hadley Cash (*Note that this is revised*) of Marriott Orchids. “The Adventure Begins, The Latest in Complex Paph Hybridizing at Marriott Orchids”. Hadley Cash recently published an overview of his Paph breeding program in Orchid Digest. He has been an avid grower for over 20 years and maintains a 6000 square foot greenhouse with over 75,000 slipper orchids in Kernersville , North Carolina . Hadley will have plants available for sale before and after the lecture. You may order for delivery at the show, MarriottOrchids@triad.rr.com or visit www.marriottorchids.com

3:00 pm – Eric Christenson PhD. – The New Maxillaria – Dr. Eric C hristenson is has been studying the Maxillaria of Peru and has recently described several new species, with more in the works. He will do a survey of the genus with a focus on the wonderful large flowered species of Peru . Eric A. Christenson has extensive education and experience with orchids, including a bachelor's degree in horticulture, a master's degree in genetics, a Ph.D. in orchid taxonomy, and more than five years experience as director of a micropropogation laboratory specializing in the clonal propagation of Phalaenopsis. He is particularly known for his articles, which attempt to bridge the gap between taxonomy and horticulture.

Sunday April 29, 2007

11:30 am - Patricia Harding “The Huntleya Clade”, This is the group of orchids covering the genera Huntleya, Pescatorea, Stenia, Kefersteinia, and Chondrorhyncha among others. She is currently working on a book that will cover the known species of the group, and will share some of her work along with many pictures, stories, and cultural advice for this group. Patricia is retired from the workforce and now does orchids, as a writer, traveler, photographer and observer, with a little orchid growing on the side. When she's not traveling she lives in Oregon .

1:00 pm – Eric Christenson “The Orchids of Peru ”. Eric C hristenson has been working for many years often with David Bennett to develop a modern inventory of the orchids of Peru . He will showcase the more spectacular species and touch on the state of orchid conservation in Peru .

3:00 pm – Alfredo Manrique – Phragmipedium Kovachii: Habitat, Culture and Conservation. In 2002 the discovery of a new Phragmipedium in north of Peru was released , In 2003 I was allowed to collect five plants , with the collection we gathered data about soil (Ph 7.9 , Ec 0.4 dS) , Water quality (10 to 20 ppm of TDS) rain pattern (Almost daily) Temperature (from 9°C to 30^a), and other information available that would help to understand the species needs. As today the 5 plants survived and have been divided in to 25 plants , crosses have been made and several dozens of different hybrids created. Despite the loss of thousands of plants from the few habitats discovered due to illegal collecting, the species still exists in the area in unreachable cliffs, the Peruvian Natural Resources Department declared the area banned for forestry or agriculture, the City of Moyobamba declared the site a Natural reserve and the visit to the area is restricted. Alfredo Manrique is the proprietor of Centro de Jardinaria Manrique, an orchid nursery in Lima , Peru . He also is the Past President Club Peruano de Orquideas 2001- 2005. Alfredo will have flasks of Phrag kovachii available for sale before and after the lecture.

If you would like order ahead for delivery at the lecture, Leo Schordje will forward on to Alfredo Manrique your order, contact him at LSchordje@dataflo.com or (847) 309–3821.

IOS/MAOC Show Banquet, April 28

Leo Schordje- Contributing Editor

Networking is a buzzword from the 1990's. I am always a bit out of date, so forgive me for using it now. This week I invited all the speakers to attend the Banquet on April 28, that is part of the IOS Show and MAOC. I have heard back from 3 of the 4 speakers and they will be attending the Banquet. If you ever wanted to have the chance to mingle with **Eric Christenson**, and hear his tales of woe and intrigue, both in the jungles where he collects or in the political charged Florida orchid world, this is the time to do it. **Patricia Harding** always has a fun anecdote at the ready, especially after a glass of wine. **Alfredo Manrique** has graciously agreed to join us. I am

looking forward to meeting him for the first time. **Sue Golan** has arranged a Dixieland Band for entertainment following the dinner. A few of our vendors and many of our out of town AOS judges attend.

This really should be a fun time to mingle and enjoy our guests and hang out with our friends from all across the county. I will be there, hope you will be too.

MAOC – An Event Not to be Missed

Lois Cinert – Contributing Editor

How many of you can manage to grow only one kind of orchid? Or keep from trying something new when you see a blossom that has a color or shape that you've never seen?

Belonging to an orchid society gives you a new chance every month to be exposed to new, beautiful orchids that you can delight in, and perhaps take one home to grow and bloom yourself.

The Mid-America Orchid Congress is a meeting of other orchid societies, and it gives you the opportunity to meet a new group of people, as varied and interesting as the orchids they grow. But you can't meet them and get to know them and find new friends and acquaintances if you don't attend.

There are many events that are interesting, fun, and free or inexpensive. First, of course, is the show. We hope you will participate by bringing your blooming plants for the IOS display. We most want you to enjoy the displays of beautiful orchids. The MAOC Auction is a wonderfully spontaneously fun event on Saturday evening. There is no admission charge, and you don't even have to bid on anything. It's a fun event for you to just be in the audience.

The Affiliated Societies Breakfast is Sunday morning; a plated breakfast, with all of the new friends you've made at the auction the night before. It is a relaxed, casual meeting of people who belong to orchid societies from all over the Midwest. Members of the MAOC will lead an open discussion. There is a fee for this breakfast, \$18.00, and you don't have to be a conference registrant to attend. It is open to anyone who is interested in their orchid society.

The Banquet Saturday night might sound intimidating, but it shouldn't. It is not formal occasion on any level. Our speakers will be joining us for dinner and conversation. It is a great time to share food and friendship with other people involved in

orchids on every level, from hobby grower, breeder, judge, to ordinary orchid society member. The dinner is \$50.00, with a choice of entrée, and special requirement diets are available. We will need to know soon if you want to attend. You do not need to register for the conference to attend the banquet.

The committee meetings for the MAOC are Friday evening, and are open to the public. It is interesting to attend, and learn what the MAOC is planning for the future. On Sunday, the business meeting is also open to all. A little later, there is a Judges' Forum, and many judges will attend, to discuss issues involving not only judging, but many of the new species being discovered. All of these meetings are open, and you can attend them without having to register for the conference.

What you do have to register for, and pay the fee for, is our selection of speakers for Saturday and Sunday afternoons. We have gathered an excellent and varied group for you to enjoy and learn from. Hadley Cash, from Marriott Orchids, will also bring plants for sale. Alfredo Manrique will also be selling flasks of *Phrag kovachii*, and seedlings of some of the new hybrids made with *Phrag kovachii*. Patricia Harding will be speaking on the *Huntleya* group. Dr. Eric Christensen will speak both Saturday and Sunday, on *Maxillaria*, and on the orchids of Peru.

There is a registration form attached at the end of this newsletter. Please fill out the events that you wish to attend, and send it on to Felicia Cochran (fb72@sbcglobal.net).

This is an event that we are holding for you, the members of the Illinois Orchid Society. It is a great party for you to have fun, meet new people, and learn more about the orchids that you grow, and those that fascinate you from afar. We want you to attend the parts that interest you, and take full advantage of this chance to meet your fellow orchid growers, as interesting and varied as the orchids that we all love.

Member's Judging Points

Alex Manuel, IOS Awards Committee

I would like to thank all the members who brought their plants to judging. I hope everyone learned a lot from the workshop re: Plant Judging. To the judges (Sue G., Sherry M., Lois C., Leo S., Joel E. and Gerry S.), thank you for sharing your knowledge to the members.

We had two 'Plants of the Month' for March. One was Paph. Rolfei (P.bellatulum x P rothchildianum) awarded for rarity of its blooming cycle. We will see this plant in bloom again after approximately 10 years (if the owner Leo Schordje keeps it alive, but knowing how good of a grower he is, we will see it in bloom again). The other one was Phrag. Brecko-Nitament (P.Nitidissimum x P. Mem.Dick Clements). It was awarded for its spectacular display of flowers. It was beautifully grown by Chuck and Jane High. Congratulations to you.

The points below includes the month of March. It does not include the shows from Milwaukee, Madison and Batavia, because I have not gotten them yet.

Whoever brought Paph. Chuck's Surprise and Paph. Macabre, please identify yourself. Your name was not written in the sheet of paper. Thanks.

-Alex

PS. If you have questions with your points please email me at vandaalex@aol.com

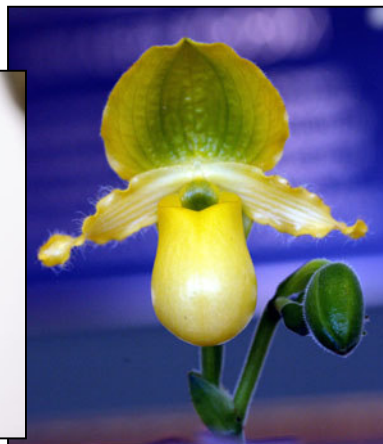
Lights/ Windows	Points
Bestman, Jim & Jerry	32
Bloome, Cathy	25
Bricheno, Justine	46
Bryzinski, Brian & Ingrid	1
Buckles, Betsy	20
Cinert, Lois	37
Cochran, Felicia	56
Dangoia, Phyllis	10
Edwards, Joel	161
Engle, Beth	51
Fuller, Sandy	504
Garner, Jerry	50
Goodman, Joan	20
Hall, Julie	45
Harding, Maurice	4
Herbst, Penny	10
High, C. & J.	75
Johnson,Carolyn	40

Lights/ Windows	Points
Jost,Peter	5
Juberg, Collin	1
Juberg, Linda	11
Kowalski, Dan &Terri	10
Kotowski, Anne	24
Kwiatkowski, Cheryl	5
Larson, Greger	10
Lentini, Victor	101
Losert, Wilfried	81
Maloney, Sherry	172
Manuel,Alexander	131
Minonne, Francesco	31
Ortega, Norine	10
Papiewski, Claire	23
Reddick, Sherrie	1
Sahaigian,Laima	18
Schordje, Leo	70
Seidel,Gerhardt	40
Stafford, John & Kathryn	56
Temohuk, Barbara	10
Teplica, Dave	36
Tirzmalis ,Sue	2
Torres, Luis	351
Tribble,Allison	289
Tropp, Bob & Jackie	26
Vrabel, Ken	136
Younghale, Bob & Helen	21
Zielinski,Wally	2

Greenhouse	Points
Dixler, Joe & Rosalie	724
Gamson, Ed	16
Golan, Sue	465
Hale,Jeff	45
Mack,Bob	306
Mastdagh, J. & V.	20
Passine, Paul	130
Thompson, Carole	121



Lc. Fiery-Walkeriana x Minipurple



Paph. Primulinum var album

It's Show Time!

Allison Tribble, MAOC Volunteer Coordinator

The IOS will need the help of many of our enthusiastic members for the upcoming IOS-MAOC Spring Show. Volunteering to help our society at show time is a group effort and always turns out to be tons of fun, too!

While the show will be on Saturday and Sunday, 4/28 and 4/29, we will also need volunteer help on the Thursday and Friday preceding the big weekend.

Jobs are available at the following times:

	Thurs 4/26	Fri 4/27	Sat 4/28	Sun 4/29
CBG	9am-8pm	9am-8pm	6am-5pm	9am-8pm
Hotel	12noon-8pm	9am-8pm	9am-7pm	10am-5pm

To see the availability of specific jobs visit the IOS web page and look for *Volunteer Sign Up* on the Show page. Individuals who have already signed up can check their assignments on this page. You are listed by the ID initials we sent you by e-mail.

If you are unsure of a specific job, then pick a day and time slot and we will use you as an 'Ad-hoc' volunteer. We'll assign you to a job when you get there.

I can be contacted with offers to help by phone at 773-728-4874 or by e-mail at allisont@rcn.com. I will also be making phone calls to many of you as we recognize specific needs for help. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR ANTICIPATED HELP!!!

*Allison Tribble
MAOC Volunteer Coordinator*

Got camera? Your website needs you!

Tom Franczak – IOS Webmaster

This is my plea that you stock up on extra memory cards, charge your batteries and take your camera with you to the show, from Thursday through Sunday. Or if you still have one of those antiques that use film, take the film to be processed where you can get the photos put onto CDs. One way or another, get those pictures to me during the month of May so I can prepare webpages from them as a record of our show.

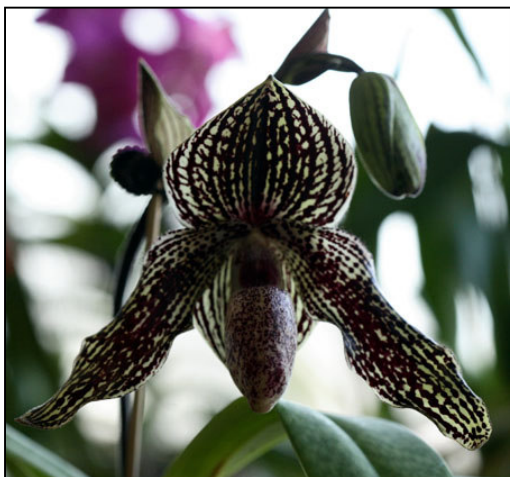
Pictures of the plants and exhibits are necessary, of course, and I expect I'll receive a pretty complete bunch of those from Lois and/or a designated photographer. But what I want from you are pictures taken during setup, during teardown, at the auction, at the dinner, the hospitality suite, the society breakfast, the lectures, the business meetings, the sales areas, during judging, pictures of our volunteers and of visitors and of yourselves posed alongside your favorite exhibit.

We have well over 200 photos that were taken during the 2002 MAOC that we hosted and we're glad we have them. Check out this webpage to see what kind of pictures we treasure from that event: <http://www.iosoc.com/ShowExhibits/2002thumbnails.shtml>

So please don't leave home without your camera and don't be shy about using it! Send me a hundred photos! And Got Wordprocessor? Write a paragraph, blog style perhaps, about what impressed you most at the show and send it to Loren for inclusion in a future newsletter.

See you at the show. (Yeah, really.)

-Tom Franczak



Paph. Rolfei



- 6 - Erich Michels speaking on the orchids of Madagascar.

Mid-America Orchid Congress Auction

Sandy Fuller – Home Show Chair / MAOC Auction Coordinator

Did you know that “the MAOC sponsors six American Orchid Society judging centers in central US and Canada?” We (the IOS is a member of the MAOC) support the judging centers by working with the AOS to provide training for the judges and information to orchid growers. Would you like to help us support the MAOC? We need orchid related items donated for the auction, which will be held at the MAOC Show on Saturday, April 28th and Sunday, April 29th. The Auction will be held at the Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel at

5:30 pm Saturday evening and is open to all (even if you have not registered for the MAOC). All proceeds will go to the Mid-America Orchid Congress. If you have any orchid related item(s) you would like to donate or you have any questions, please give me a call at 847-977-5842.

Thanks for your support.

-Sandy

IOS Shirts Ordered

Allison Tribble, Contributing Editor

The IOS shirts have been ordered. They look beautiful!! Many thanks to those of you who chose to support our society and show your pride at the big MAOC Show. For those of you who did not pre-order, there will be a small number of shirts that are not already assigned for sale at the Show.

For those of you who pre-ordered, you will be able to pick up the shirt you ordered at the IOS table at the Show. Please make payment in full at that time either by cash or check (to IOS).

IOS Board Members – 2006 - 2007

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Mid-America Orchid Congress Registration Form

April 27 – 29, 2007

Illinois Orchid Society Show and Sale Registration Form

First Registrants Name				Name to Appear on Badge			
Address				City	State	Zip	
Telephone		Fax		e-mail			
Home Orchid Society				MAOC Office or Committee Position			
Judge (Circle Status) AOS ___ Non-AOS _____ Emeritus Senior Accredited Probationary Student Clerk				Do you wish to participate in Ribbon Judging		Yes	No
				Do You wish to participate in AOS Judging		Yes	No
Second Registrants Name		Choose	Full registration	Selected events		Name to Appear on Badge	
Address							
Telephone				Fax			
Home Orchid Society				MAOC Office or Committee Position			
Judge (Circle Status) AOS ___ Non-AOS _____ Emeritus Senior Accredited Probationary Student Clerk				Do you wish to participate in Ribbon Judging		Yes	No
				Do You wish to participate in AOS Judging		Yes	No
Code	Description	Day	Before 3/1/07	After 3/1/07	Person #1	Person #2	Total
REG	Full Registration includes Show		\$60	\$75			
JL	Judges Luncheon (judges registered before 4/01/07)	Saturday	Included	Included			
JLN	Judges Luncheon (not registered and/or non judge)	Saturday	\$15	\$15			
ASM	Affiliated Societies Breakfast Mid-America Orchid Congress	Sunday	\$18	\$20			
BMC	Banquet –Chicken Oscar	Saturday	\$50	\$55			
BNS	Banquet –Baked New York Strip Loin	Saturday	\$50	\$55			
BHF	Banquet –Herb Crusted Salmon	Saturday	\$50	\$55			
						Total Due	

Please Note:

All food reservations must be made or cancelled by 4/1/07.

Mail this form and your check made payable to the Illinois Orchid Society to:

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