



# Orchid Opus

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## IOS Meetings and Show Dates

**October 11-12, 2008 – IOS Fall Mini Show,**  
Chicago Botanic Garden

**November 9** - Board of Directors Meeting, Chicago Botanic Garden, 9-11:30 AM (preceding monthly meeting). All IOS members are welcome to attend.

**November 9, 2008** – Chicago Botanic Garden  
Speaker: **Ernie Gemienhardt** of Enlightened Orchids.  
Topic: **New Vietnamese Paph Species**  
Workshop: To Be Announced  
Schedule: 11:45 Mentors' Meeting (Fairchild Room)  
12:30 Have plants ready for judging.  
Workshop (Auditorium)  
1:15 Business Meeting  
1:30 Speaker

## Orchid Events

**October 11, 2008 – Orchid judging,** Chicago Judging Center of the American Orchid Society, Chicago Botanic Garden (Auditorium), in conjunction with IOS Fall Mini Show.

**October 25-26, 2008** – Blackhawk Orchid Society Show, Klehm Arboretum, Rockford, Illinois.  
<http://www.blackhawkorchid.com>

## President's Message

*Luis Torres – IOS President*

Amongst many other topics discussed at the September Board of Directors meeting, including the finalization of the IOS budget for 2009, we talked about two shows needing solid membership support. The first was the Milwaukee show (September 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>) hosted by our friends in the Wisconsin Orchid Society. I committed to send my best plants in bloom, which I did, 4-total in fact. It turns out I wasn't alone and, with what I can only assume was a strong turn-out of plants, I understand that we took a best in class for the IOS display! It's been a while since we managed that for an away show so "well done" to everyone that helped! (*Editor's Note - Luis and Joel Edwards also took Best of Class for individual plants. See p. 6 below.*)

The next show we talked about was our Fall mini show scheduled for October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. There are several key positions still open that we need volunteers for. Sandy has sent out a mailing to our membership soliciting help. Do your bit to help the IOS to make this our best Fall show yet and volunteer a little time. Consistent with that request, I'll be manning the repotting and bark sales table (with Joe Dixler) both Saturday and Sunday of the show. I've always enjoyed the camaraderie during set-up and over the course of our shows and encourage each and every one of you to participate. Also, don't forget to bring those extra divisions to the members plant sales table. Last year it was a veritable frenzy around the member plant sales table and I anticipate the same over again this year. The event is a great (and convenient) way to sell those extra plants and the 25% the IOS nets really helps build our budget to finance future shows and bring in good speakers. Last, but by no means least, if you have some blooming plants, but not enough for your

own display, bring them in. We'll find a place for them. As well as show judging for ribbons, there'll also be AOS awards judging. You never know, yours could be the next awarded plant! Imagine your name in AQ Plus, very nice.

In just 3-short months I've already seen quite a bit in the IOS hot-seat, but nothing prepared me for the weekend of our September monthly meeting. Everything had come together as anticipated, except of course, the rain.....bucket loads of it. Over dinner on Saturday night with a few of the board members and our guest speaker Howard Ginsberg, the possibility that our meeting would be cancelled became a reality. Sunday morning saw no improvement in conditions and so the stage was set for the first cancelled IOS meeting I can remember, and it had to happen on my watch; nice! Scrambling around with help from Barry, Loren and Joe, we managed to print a flyer for the CBG security guards to hand to anyone brave enough face the elements and turn-up for the meeting. They were directed to Joe Dixler's house where Howard was conducting plant sales and an informal run through his presentation (which I have to say looked gloriously illustrated). Joe was also gracious enough to provide personal tours of his greenhouse (always a treat) while Rosalie made lunch for everyone. While nowhere close to a full-blown meeting turnout, we did well enough to secure reasonable plant sales for Howard for

which he was grateful. All told, it was a memorable weekend, albeit because of some unfortunate circumstances. In the fullness of time we'll have Howard back for his lecture on minicattleyas so everyone can enjoy what he's put together. As a memento of the weekend, I've included a photograph sent to me by Stephanie Lindemann at the CBG showing just how bad things were there.

Enjoy and happy growing.

- Luis.



**Flooding at the front entrance  
Photo courtesy of Chicago Botanic Garden**

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## **View from the Speaker's Chair**

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*Loren Pollock - Speaker Chair*

Firstly, let me apologize to anyone who made the wet journey to the gardens for our September meeting, and was turned away. I have never heard of the Garden closing on account of rain, but my understanding is that the days-on-end of downpour effectively flooded the Garden, making access to many areas impossible. Plus the risk losing power was a big concern at the Garden as well.

On the other hand, we tried our best to make lemonade from the lemons handed to us. Joe and Rosalie Dixler graciously opened their house to anyone that was interested in chatting with Howard, and purchasing some of his incredible

plants. And, the Botanic Garden agreed to hand out flyers about our re-grouping at the Dixlers.

Well the afternoon, with all things considered, turned out to be delightful. Out of thin air, Joe and Rosalie whipped up a delicious (and HUGE) salad and some tasty sandwiches, and members started ringing the doorbell.

Incredibly, Howard did not show any signs of being upset or frustrated. Howard is an interesting, and funny individual, and we all made the most of our afternoon chatting about orchids, and getting mini versions of his mini-Catt presentation. We also got to purchase some

incredible plants (I got a few beauties). Additionally, Howard has agreed to visit us again in the near future (“during a drier month”).

My heartfelt thanks go out to you, Joe and Rosalie, for opening your house to us. It was an incredible gesture, and our meeting-turned-social-gathering would have been a total bust without you! Same time next month? (Just kidding!!!)

In November, our speaker will be our very own Ernie Gemeinhardt. Ernie is an accredited AOS judge who has given presentations throughout the US. For our meeting, he will be discussing *New Vietnamese Paph Species*. Ernie will be bringing plants for sale, however you can pre-order by visiting his website at <http://enlightenedorchids.com>.

This month, as you know, is our fall show, so we won't have a speaker. If you haven't done so already, please sign up to volunteer a few hours of your time. You can do so on the IOS website at <http://www.iosoc.com/show/fallmini-volunteers.shtml>.

See you all at the show!

*-Loren*



Virginia Stauber and Heddi Schellback talk to Howard Ginsberg at the "alternate site" of the Sept. meeting



Luis Torres, Loren Pollock and Karen Castillo eagerly search through the many mini-catts available for sale

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## The IOS Fall Orchidfest

*Sandy Fuller – Home Show Chair*

By the time you read this, our Fall Show will be about less than a week away. I hope you are looking forward to it as I am. There is still a need for volunteers to assist with our show, so if you have not signed up, please do so via the website or a call to Claire Papiewski our Volunteer Coordinator.

Bring your show plants, bring your extra plants for sale and come out and join us in our celebration of Orchids. It's a great way to get to know other Society members. I hope to see you there.

*-Sandy*

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## Orchid Outreach – Activities

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Allison Tribble, Contributing Editor

One of the major focuses of our society is to educate our communities at large about orchids. This is not only reflective of our society's "Mission Statement", but is an important way to continue to grow as an organization, through recruitment of new members. Membership dues, in turn, help the IOS to draw progressive and interesting speakers. Therefore, for our society to meet our members' needs, the IOS must continue to grow and attract new members.

Recently, the society has performed two such community outreaches:

**GARDEN CLUB TALK:** Leo Schordje is well known in the IOS for his very informative yet non-threatening talks on various orchid species and their cultural needs. In July, Leo was invited to present one of his talks to a novice (non-orchidist) group of gardeners in the city. He presented his talk on "Ever Blooming Orchids", which was well received by the club he addressed. Leo says that he was able to "talk up the (value of) IOS" and left membership applications for club members to join when they wanted. He fully expects to hear from several members of the gardening club when the weather gets cold. Another advantage of the timing of his presentation was that he could invite the club members to our Fall Mini Show! Leo, as if these great photos you took weren't enough, it sounds like you hit one out of the ballpark for promoting our Fall Show. Thank you for your hard work, although you did say their food was delicious!

**ANDERSONVILLE BLOCK PARTY:** The Sunshine Committee has been busy thinking of novel ways to increase our presence in our neighborhood. George Titterton and Allison Tribble went to a Block Sale on a mission! This Block Sale is BIG, covering fifteen square blocks in the upscale "Edgewater" community. George was going to take a space at the Yard Sale in Andersonville when he thought, "Why not make this an opportunity to promote the Fall Show? Hmm..." So, at ten in the morning on a

recent Saturday, George and Allison were working to push "out-of-style" furnishings and orchid paraphernalia. For a very spunky-looking yellow oncidium donated by George, one dollar per entry drawing was charged and we raised \$30.00 for the IOS. Really, what more can a person get for a dollar now-a-days, and expert orchid info to boot? The winner of the plant was delighted, and we distributed IOS cards and Show bookmarks a plenty! Very clever, that Sunshine Committee.



Leo Schordje & gardening club members in the inner city.



George Titterton and Allison Tribble push the fall show in Andersonville

These are fun, humorous, and inspiring examples of IOS ingenuity! In each of these cases, the IOS members had a ton of fun while promoting our society in a new venue. If you think about it, I think that many of us have ways to talk about our organization and interest new potential members. If there's a group you belong to, mention our Fall Show. If there's a group

you belong to, think about giving a "repot" talk, as most people have an orchid or two. Wouldn't it be fun to take a group "Field Trip" to Hausermann's this winter? Think about reaching out to people you know who might like to know about the IOS!!!

-Allison

## Points – why isn't your name here?

*Lois Cinert - Monthly Judging*

Now is the time to earn those points towards our prizes next spring! While we didn't have judging for September, we did attend two shows, and did very well at them. Members who sent plants got double points for their effort and good growing.

Joel Edwards and Luis Torres both earned Best of Class trophies for plants sent to Milwaukee.

Our Fall Show will also earn double points for all your blooming orchids, so bring them in to CBG. We will also attend the Blackhawk Orchid Society Show later in the month, in case some of your plants are too shy for our show. Every blooming plant that you bring to a meeting or show earns points.

-Lois

Greenhouse		
Name		Total
Dixler, J & R		90
Gamson, Ed		21
Golan, Sue		173
Lubin, Barry		70
Rogerson, Bill		470
Thompson, Carole		20

Lights/Windowsill		
Name		Total
Castillo, Karen		5
Cochran, Felicia		20
Criscuola, Margo		10
Edwards, Joel		196
Engle Beth		23
Fuller, Sandy		127
Goodman, J		20
Hall, Julie		16
High, C & J		111
Johnson, Carolyn		22
Kotowski, Anne		2
Maloney, Sherry		75
Opitz, Albert		12
Papiewski, Claire		11
Powell, Ellen		73
Rainbow, Jo Ann		27
Titterton, George		41
Torres, Luis		213
Tribble, Allison		162
Tropp, Bob		5
Vrabel, Ken		119

- Lois

**From the Wisconsin Orchid Society Show:**



**Paph. Vanguard**  
Best of Class  
Grower: Luis Torres



**Eria copelandii CBR/AOS**  
Grower: Sue Golan



**Paph. leucochilum**  
Best of Class  
Grower: Joel Edwards



Anne Kotowski applies the finishing touches to the IOS display which earned Best of Class for a society

Photos by: Lois Cinert

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## Financial Fun and more!

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*Beth Engle, Treasurer*

It would be worthwhile having a cultivated garden if only to see what autumn does to it.

Alfred Austin

*The Garden That I Love (1894)*

I know what autumn means to me. Beautiful ornamental grasses, and nights acting like a chicken with my head cut off — trying to get all the orchids and other plants into the garage before the frost hits. Now is the time when I really appreciate those non-fussy, cool-loving Cymbidiums!

Hope everyone is getting ready for the fall show. Either in thinking about and preparing what you will put in a display, or what you will be putting on the IOS sale table. I have been; well, more the latter than the former. I have a couple of plants in bud, but nothing quite yet in bloom. I have been getting my sale plants together. Your items net you 75% of your sale price, and the other 25% goes to support the IOS.

Taking a little time to groom your sale plants can earn you more money, just as grooming your show plants can earn you awards. I also want to remind you that orchid related items can also be put on the sales table. Orchid books, magazines, etc are welcome additions. This is a great opportunity to clear out those old magazines gathering dust on your book shelves!

If you haven't put items on the sale table previously, it is easy to do. Use the tri-colored forms for anything you put on the sale table. Please fill out all information on the form, and clearly. Filling out the comments section is very helpful as flower color and any cultural hints are a real asset. If you have a picture of the plant in bloom, that is a great addition.

The **white** page needs to be taped to the item you are putting in the sale. The **yellow** page needs to be put into the clear plastic container provided on the sale table. The **pink**

copy is for your records, and you take that page with you after you drop off your items. You will be paid if your item sells, and both the white page and the yellow page can be matched up. I want to get everyone paid as quickly as possible, so please be sure to print on your forms.

If your item doesn't sell, plan to pick it up on Sunday evening. In the past, some people haven't wanted their plants back. Please let me know if this is what you decide. We will either distribute the plants to people working the sale, or make a donation to CBG. CBG appreciated the plants left over from the spring show.

Please also, plan on sticking around for the Sunday clean up, after the show. There is plenty of work to be done, and **“extra hands make light work”**

Here is a snapshot of the current IOS finances:

Checking account: \$5,301.92

Money Market: \$22,509.82

As always, if you have any questions about the IOS finances, please contact me.

*-Beth*

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## Culture Corner – *Treating Boisduval Scale*

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Dave Tribble, Contributing Editor

*The following article appeared in the September 2008 issue of the Ann Arbor Orchid Society Newsletter. It is reprinted here with permission. My thanks to George Titterton who submitted it.*

Those of you that know me know that I constantly complain about my problem with the dreaded boisduval scale on my Cattleyas and to a lesser extent on other orchids. I recently wrote a question to the AOS asking how to kill these horrible pests.

I received a very thoughtful reply from a knowledgeable scientist! I am going to try this method and will be able to report how successful it is in the coming months. In the meantime, I would like to share with the membership of the AAOS what I learned.

Q – Why is it that I spray, clean, and scrub my cattleyas if I see scale on them, yet it always comes back, year after year?

A. – Cattleyas can have scale living on their roots, in tiny cracks along the rhizome, and in nearly invisible scars anywhere on the plant. The only way to kill them is to use pesticides.

Q. – What chemicals should I use?

A. - Use three pesticides in rotation, and add a bit of dish soap to the spray. Spray cattleyas to the point of runoff, to get the root scale.

Commercial greenhouses start with Orthene, then 10 days to 2 weeks later, spray with Merit (available as Bayer Tree and Shrub Spray), and then again 10 days to 2 weeks later with Enstar.

I am planning on trying this technique before bringing my plants inside the greenhouse this fall. If you also decide to use these chemicals, be sure to follow all safety precautions!

~Denise Nash

[Note: for detailed info on various types of scale visit the U. of Minnesota entomology department site at:

<http://www.entomology.umn.edu/cues/inter/inmine/Scale.html>

-Dave

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## It's Easy, and We'll Help

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*Lois Cinert - Contributing Editor*

The IOS Fall Show is our show – we are the show. Exhibits for this show are all members of IOS, and guest societies. No vendors. So we have an opportunity to show off our good growing and great orchids.

It's not much more difficult than bringing plants to the monthly meetings. A display can be

as simple as a few orchids and a green plant or two. If you only have one or two blooming plants, join with an orchid friend for a half-table display. We can also find room for your plants in other members' displays – there's always room for one more. The important thing is to bring them.

There will be lots of IOS members at Chicago Botanic Garden on the set-up times, and most of us have helped put up displays. We will all be glad to help out with that first one that you do. It really isn't hard to do. You don't have to be a great artist or designer. Orchids almost arrange themselves on a table.

Bring a fern, or an out-of-bloom African Violet to fill in space. How about that Pothos, or some of the greens from your outdoor baskets and window boxes? You can bring any plant to fill your display, as long as it is not in bloom.

Do you have a couple of fancy glazed cache pots? This is a great time to show off some of

your fancy pottery, with an elegant blooming orchid inside.

We will have our limited supply of black cloth for you to borrow for your first display. We will help with registration and getting name tags on your plants. If you decide at the last minute to bring your plants, that's ok, too. We can always find room for you.

The important thing is for you to bring your plants to the show, and enjoy the fun of showing off your beautiful orchids to all our visitors.

*-Lois*

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## **From the Chicago Judging Center**

*Jim Spatzek, Chairman, Chicago Judging Center*

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There were no AOS awards at the September judging of the Chicago Judging Center much to the chagrin of two IOS guests, Julie Hall and Gerry Seidel. However Arnie Klehm did a presentation on recent AOS awards.

We had spectacular results at the AOS judging at the Iowa Speaker's Day judging in Des Moines (Johnston, IA) in late July to some "knockout" plants. Here's the results of that judging:

Phal.equestris var. albescens "Snow Charm"  
CCM/83,  
Orchids Ltd., Plymouth, MN

Phrag.Don Wimber 'Denny' AM/82,  
Orchids Ltd., Plymouth, MN

Paph. Becky Fauke "Omaha" AM/83,  
Joe & Karen Lankton, Omaha, NE

Psychopsis Kalihi 'Green Valley' AM/81,  
Jacklyn Moore, Iowa City, IA

Neofinetia falcata var. Shutennau "High Five"  
AM/84 & CCM/88  
Orchids Ltd., Plymouth, MN

Neofinetia falcata 'Morning Sun Palace'  
CCM/87,  
Orchids Ltd., Plymouth, MN

Phrag. Alien Syndrome "Martian Attack" AM/81,  
Orchids Ltd., Plymouth, MN

Epidendrum whittenii "Livingston" CHM/83,  
Steve & Kim Livingston, Bloomington, MN

Maxillaria tenisiana "Sweet Nothings"  
CBR/AOS,  
Barry Jones, East Peoria, IL

Almost 40 plants were presented at this judging combined with a great Speaker's Day. This is becoming THE EVENT of the summer. You ought to plant to attend next year. This judging is under the auspices of Chicago and is about as far away as we go except for Winnipeg, Manitoba.

*-Jim*

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## Book Review

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*Bil Nelson - Contributing Editor*

### ***Moth Orchids: The Complete Guide to Phalaenopsis***

by Steven A. Frowine

This fall, Timber Press has hit a grand slam with the release of three fine orchid books, one of them being our favorite orchid genera. Steven A. Frowine, the author of *Miniature Orchids* and *Fragrant Orchids*, has created a wonderful and informative look into the *Phalaenopsis* genus. He collected information from a number of International *Phalaenopsis* Alliance members such as Carri-Raven Riemann, Carlos Fighetti, Eric Goo, Tom Harper and Peter Lin just to name a few. The book begins with the introduction “what makes an orchid a *Phalaenopsis*?” He provides an easily comprehended but in-depth look at plant structure and naming. The next chapter takes a look at individual species, giving information on its history, descriptions and contributions to hybrids. The bulk of the contents deals with hybrids. Each chapter is devoted to a certain color or type. Building blocks are explained in depth. Frowine describes the developmental history of each color type and provides a fascinating insight on how we have achieved the

modern and sometimes complex hybrids of today. Included is a look at Standard white, Pink, Yellow, Oranges, Reds, Purples, Harlequins, Novelties, Multifloras, and Miniatures. A section on culture offers a well rounded array of information that every orchid grower from beginner to seasoned will find useful. He covers lighting, potting, diseases and pests to name a few. The volume concludes with information on how to select and purchase plants and lists contact information for various North American growers. The use of high quality photos, illustrations and diagrams throughout the entire book only enhance an already recommended volume for every level of grower.

204 pages  
328 color photos  
6 color paintings  
16 b&w drawings  
1 b&w map  
2 color diagrams  
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