IOS Meetings and Show Dates

December 12th, IOS Holiday Potluck, Hausermann’s Orchids, Villa Park.
- Doors open at 11:00 a.m.
- Plants must be on the judging tables before 12:30 p.m.
- Lunch starts at 12:30 p.m.
- No member plant sales
- Bring your best dish to share and your appetite

Jan 9th, 2011 Klehm/Ovation Orchids, Hampshire, IL. Speaker: Arnie Klehm
www.klehmgrowers.com
www.ovationorchids.com

Feb 13th, Speaker: Dr. Bill Mathis; ‘Gardening with Perennial Orchids’
Chicago Botanic Gardens
www.wildorchidcompany.com
wildorchidco@earthlink.net

March 26th and 27th, 2011 IOS Spring Show
Chicago Botanic Gardens

Orchid Events

February 5-6, 2011, Orchid Quest,
Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI
http://www.orchidguild.org/orchidquest.html

February 19-20th, 2011 Batavia Orchid Society,
www.bataviaorchidsociety.org

March 5-6, 2011, Northeastern Wisconsin Orchid Society Show
Neenah, WI 54956
davidbluma@aol.com

March 5-13, 2011, Chicago Flower and Garden Show, Navy Pier Chicago
http://www.chicagoflower.com/

March 12-13, 2011, Illowa Orchid Society Show, Bettendorf, IA
http://www.illowaorchids.org/

President’s Message

Loren Pollock, President

For many, December is the traditional month to reflect on the past, and plan for the future. Upon reflection, for me this has been a year of experimentation. I’ve tinkered a bit more than usual with the types of plants that I’ve introduced to my collection, and I’ve made some interesting changes to my growing setup. In both cases, I’ve met with mixed results.

None of the experiments were failures. Yes, yes, a few plants died (Shock! Horror!), and I’m still tweaking the irrigation system, but I certainly don’t feel that I failed. I learned something, and for me, that is success.

When I look back, it seems a lot has changed for our society: The internet now provides a wealth of information on a dizzying array of orchid species and hybrids that can be ordered from a number of orchid vendors, and shipped right to your doorstep. Long gone are the days where orchid societies were the only place to find unusual specimens and the cultural information on how to grow them. The economy is suffering, and it appears that we don’t have as much money to spend on our hobby.

As a result, we – as the Illinois Orchid Society - need to look more closely at ourselves and ask the questions, “What do we offer? What is the reason for our existence?” We have asked this question many times before, and here we are in December - time to ask again. Thanks to Victor and the efforts of our Board of Directors, a survey has been created that we hope, with your participation, will help answer these questions.

Within the next few weeks, watch for an invitation in your e-mail to participate in this survey. Please take the time to participate. The
answers you provide will help us shape this society for everyone. It is imperative that the programs and activities available in our society meet the needs of its members. Answer the questions, and offer any insight you might have that will help guide the society. It will make the IOS that much more meaningful and exciting for everyone.

I am sure that our Speaker Chair, and other newsletter contributors, will encourage you to come out to our Holiday Party at Hausermann’s on December 12th (Except that I get to tell you first!). If you have never participated, you are in for a real treat!

As a pot luck meal, this is your opportunity to show off your favorite recipe. Bring a dish with enough to feed about 6 – 10 people: savory or sweet – your choice. But, more importantly, it is a great opportunity to let your hair down and share some holiday cheer.

With that said, I would like to wish you all a very happy holiday, and healthy New Year. Hopefully your lists of New Year’s resolutions are as easy to compile as mine (I just use last years).

I hope to see you all at Hausermann’s!

~ Loren

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**View From the Speaker’s Chair**

_Victor Lentini, Speaker Chair_

All I want is an inflorescence for Christmas. Or maybe just somebody to do the watering!

Happy Holiday’s to all you dedicated and passionate growers! Stop and thank yourself for a minute. If you’re like me, you’ve spent quite a bit of time this year taking care of your babies. From the watering, light adjustments and pest battling, to the packing and presenting at the Orchid shows, it takes delicate care and patience to bloom a plant. Congratulations to every one of you because whether it blooms or not, lives or dies, there is a lesson or technique learned that has made you a better grower.

How does one celebrate such great achievements?? No, not by draping tinsel on your Vanda. It’s hitting the holiday punch bowl at Hausermann’s Annual Holiday Party! Our sojourn to Villa Park rolls out this month with another festival of food, frolic and festivities. If you haven’t met all your orchid goals, browse the greenhouse to add to your collection or show your recipe in our pot luck. Bring a dish, dessert or delectable that will silence the critics and the Top Chef. Better yet, steal some great ideas from our crack cooking society!

I hope to see you all there. Dana Hausermann will again deliver a workshop on orchids like you haven’t heard before. Ain’t that right Dana! Dana? Dana, step away from the punch bowl.

I’m looking forward to 2011. We have some really big things planned. More great speakers from around the world that will be revealed in January or keep your eyes peeled to [www.iosoc.com](http://www.iosoc.com) for an advance announcement.

Something new this January is a field trip. We get rare and exclusive access to Klehm/Ovation Orchids in Hampshire, IL. You’ll have the opportunity to get highly decorated award winning plants that have never before been available, until now. So keep January 9, 2011 marked on your calendar. More information will be in January’s newsletter.

Thank you so much for sharing your plants and knowledge. We do learn from each other. Also thanks to all our expert speakers this year for taking us places we’ve never been or knew about.

Have a fabulous Holiday Season!

~ Victor
Membership Renewal Time!

By George Titterton

Happy Holidays Everyone!

We hope you plan on celebrating with us at the Holiday Party at Hausermann’s Orchids on December 12th. This will be our last organized event for 2010, and a wonderful time to chat, eat, laugh, eat, shop, eat, and RENEW your membership in the IOS!

- Perhaps you know someone who has never been to Hausermann’s. **BRING THEM!**
- Perhaps you know someone who loves amazing flowers. **SHARE THE EXPERIENCE.**
- Perhaps you want to be Santa and give a membership to a friend. **MAKE THEM SMILE.**

Traditionally, the Illinois Orchid Society begins the renewal season at the Holiday party. With so many members in one place at one time, this is a great opportunity to update your information, and to hand out 2011 membership cards for those who renew, or join up.

Your renewal form will be ready for you at the Holiday Party. Much work has been done in advance to make this process as easy as possible for you to renew your membership. Please check over the information, and make any corrections needed. Don’t forget to check your e-mail address! Once you know, we have your information correct, get your checkbook or wallet out and for the low, low rate of $25.00, you’ll be renewed for the 2011 calendar year! It’s just that simple!

Every membership renewed in person is one less that has to be mailed. This saves the society money and time, as well as being environmentally friendly. We all work as a team to make the IOS a terrific experience. We hope you can take advantage of the easy renewal process.

At this time I would like to mention, we have a few different levels of membership. Have you ever considered supporting the IOS at a higher membership level? Elect to renew as a:

- Bronze Membership $50.00
- Silver Membership $75.00
- Gold Membership $100.00

Show how much you enjoy the Illinois Orchid Society and if possible, give a little more this year.

Please watch out for the smiley faces on membership badges, while you are enjoying the party. Those smiley faces mean that the person wearing the badge is a new member, and is probably enjoying the Holiday party for their very first time.

Please welcome them, and tell them how happy we are to have them join us. They may just have been the one that made that wickedly good chocolate cake!!

~ George

Away Show Chair

By Joel Edwards

Joel is getting in his ‘long winter’s nap’ until February 2011’s newsletter, when the away shows pick up again.
Ribbon Judging

By Lois Cinert

I’m always amazed when I see the plant table at the monthly meetings. We (you all) keep bringing wonderfully beautiful plants to our meetings. Thank you! Everyone there appreciates walking into a room full of fragrant, lovely orchids.

And the tastes of our membership vary, so that we get to see the rare, odd, and unusual orchids, too; not just the ones us ordinary mortals can grow and bloom. We got to see and wonder at the Harella, Rodriquezia, Malleola, and a different Leptotes. One of the more interesting flowers was a Coelogyne usitana, brought by Carolyn Johnson, with a dangling white and dark rust flower, upside down. All these along with our usual line up of Phals, Catts and Paphs that we all love to grow, is quite a sight!

Our plants of the month are Vanda ‘Loke’, grown by Sue Golan, an admirable feat with our mostly cloudy winters; and Aerangis biloba, grown by Chuck and Jane High, a second POM for this plant. We saw it at Hausermann’s party last year, too.

Speaking of which, our annual December bash is always a great time to see lots of flowers. It seems like we see more plants from our members there than any other monthly meeting. Bring yours, too. We want to see your wonderful blooming orchids.

Note: I have two plant tags that are indecipherable, from the November meeting. If you don’t see your points, please let me know, and we’ll get that fixed. I’ll bring them to Hausermann’s, too, to see if we can get them identified.

~ Lois

Ed. note: Tags for judging are also available on the IOS website, so you can prepare them in advance. ☺

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My First Orchid

Last month I asked you all to tell me about your first orchid and how you got started in this fascinating hobby! Thank you to everyone who responded! I have really enjoyed compiling your responses. Some are funny, some are sad; all are interesting and it is clear that we are all obsessed! If you didn’t respond to last month’s question please consider responding to this month’s new question (see further in the newsletter). We would love to hear what you have to say!

…”If Grandpa can’t grow it then no one can,” or so I was told as a teenager when I asked my parents to bring me back an orchid from their trips to Florida (you know, the little Phals in the boxes at the gift shops, like the tiny lemon and lime trees). My grandpa seriously has 10 green thumbs, but didn’t do well with orchids. But shortly after moving to Philly I ran into an orchid show at the local mall and I couldn’t resist all of the beautiful and unusual plants (some things never change). Thank goodness I chose the Colmanara Wildcat instead of a Cattleya or I might not be growing today! You have probably seen this plant at our monthly meetings (it still blooms twice a year) and I’ve probably dragged each of you over to see it and bored you with my story several times. So let’s move on to some more interesting stories…

~Anne Puvalowski

My First Orchid

My first orchid was a phal which I bought at my first ever IOS show. I bought two. One promptly died. The other one is still with me. So...a big thanks to the IOS shows or I would not have orchids......or on the other hand, maybe that wasn't a good idea. Bad addiction, now…

~ Ellen Powell

IOS Financial Fun

By Rebecca Luce, Treasurer

Hello IOS’ers!

Hope everyone is enjoying these lovely fall days! The sun has been shining and the orchids are grateful for it. Soon, it will the holidays, and I am certainly thankful for my discovery of orchids – they bring me so much joy and fulfillment, and I’m sure you agree! Except for those plants we all have that just don’t seem to want to bloom…for those plants, I am thankful for my patience! 😊

Next month is our IOS Holiday party on December 12th at Orchids by Hausermann’s in Villa Park, which is always a good time. Many folks bring their blooming plants to this meeting and it is such a joy to see these beautiful orchids blooming this time of year when the temperatures are dropping! I think that any plant that blooms during the cold winter months is truly a gift from Mother Nature! They are quite a marvel to see, so I hope to see YOU at the Holiday Party! We invite you to bring a dish to share, enough for a few or many people, to contribute to the “potluck” table.

That’s all for now! See you soon at the Holiday Party, and hope you enjoyed your Thanksgiving!

~Becky
Ovation Orchids - Origins
By Luis Torres – Ovation Orchids Co-Founder

Pop Quiz: Where is Osterley Park?
Clue: Take a look at the Piccadilly Line on a London Underground train map.

I have very happy memories growing up in a modest semi-detached home across from Osterley Park, the formal residence of the Earl of Jersey located in west London. As my interest in orchids blossomed I sometimes wondered about one day launching a modest enterprise and that I would call it Osterley Orchids, for no particular reason other than it rolls off the tongue easily. As it happens I eventually landed on something else, Ovation Orchids, and this is the story of its beginnings.

Back around 2006 I made it a point to visit the Klehm greenhouse in Hampshire Illinois. With a little detective work I had tracked it down as the wholesale source of some nice complex Paphs that were cropping up in Home Depot locations in the area. One cold December morning I took the drive over to the greenhouse where I met and introduced myself for the first time to Arnold Klehm. Arnie was a little surprised to see me just show up, but he was gracious enough to tolerate my nosing around and in the fullness of time I was treated to a tour of his breeding benches, in full bloom no less. It really was a phenomenal sight. Just about everything he had there was growing like a horse in 10” azalea pots. To this day I have never seen such an impressive collection. When we got to his spotted collection my jaw dropped at the sight of the biggest Paph flowers I’ve ever seen. Being the noted diplomat that I am, and in a slight state of awe I asked “How much for a division?” In an instant, I knew that I’d put my foot in my mouth. Nothing new there. A couple of minutes later I was back outside in the cold.

It was more than a year later, January 2008 I believe, before I visited again. Arnie remembered me and even let me pick from loads of plants he had in bloom that had been pulled for wholesale. We struck up a conversation and again I was privileged to be given the tour of his stud benches. Second time round was no less breath taking than the first. This time I remembered not to be so vulgar as to inquire about divisions. Instead, I listened keenly as Arnie shared a wealth of insights and knowledge accumulated over the course of many years breeding complex Paphs. After a pleasant visit I wished Arnie the best and that was it for another year, although this time I had a collection of eight choice plants in bloom that I’d picked out. A few have since gone on to win plant of the month, best in class and show blue ribbons.

January 2009 was a catalyst visit for me over at Arnie’s greenhouse. I walk in and to my amazement discovered not only were there hundreds of things in bloom, but Arnie had divided out his stud bench! That was a very cool moment. I left with a handful of seedlings in bloom and my first piece of P. Kinzua Bufo, an absolutely HUGE spotted toad, very nice. Interestingly enough Hadley Cash, a recent guest speaker of ours, managed to get his blooming division of P. Kinzua Bufo awarded just a month later.

In February of 2010 I was at home recovering from shoulder surgery and with time on my hands Barry Lubin agreed to drive us over for a visit to Arnie’s greenhouse. While we’d just missed the best of the blooming it was interesting to see all of Arnie’s divisions burgeoning but still there! I suspect the same thought was on Arnie’s mind because not long after that visit, we started socializing the idea of an online retail venture focused on turning Arnie’s inventory of divisions and select seedlings. And then not much of anything happened until August of 2010. Barry took on the L-directed task of constructing the web site while I took on the R-directed role of creative director. (The curious can read Daniel Pink’s book, A Whole New Mind. Arnie started organizing his inventory and photographing what was in bloom for the web site while Talitha, his daughter and company president, got to work developing the operations logistics. What was I doing in the mean time; trying to think of a name for the enterprise. I was whetted to the weight
and pace of Osterley Orchids but knew it would mean nothing to a mostly U. S. domestic market. Messing around on Go Daddy for a domain name it came to me in a flash and Ovation Orchids was born.

Our “Go Live” first day of business was Monday 1st November. Since then we’ve processed and delivered our first order. Not sure why, but we all fell out our proverbial seats when it landed! But this is just the beginning of what I hope will be an interesting endeavor. My goal is to break from the saying within the orchid vendor community that says, “The way to make a small fortune in orchids is to start with a large fortune”.

For now Barry and I are enjoying the challenges of setting up and maintaining a web presence retail venture. In the fullness of time we want the Ovation site to be a media rich experience for folks visiting. Some our most radical marketing ideas have included bringing you “Barry and Luis, the naked repotting guys”. Look for us on YouTube in the not too distant future!

In the more immediate future, Talitha and Arnie have graciously offered to host the IOS January 9th 2011 members meeting with a wine and cheese reception at their Hampshire, IL greenhouse. There you’ll be able to browse and choose from literally hundreds of orchids in bloom. You’ll have the pick of the crop. Given the time of year and distance, I understand that for many, this represents a significant undertaking but sincerely believe the experience will be worth the effort. I’d encourage car pooling together with a designated driver as we will be serving vintage Klehm wine minted right there on site.

For those of you who aren’t aware, Arnie is experimenting with various grapes with the goal of one day establishing a Hampshire vineyard.

Mark the date in your calendar and make it a point to visit, you won’t be disappointed.

Best regards, ~ Luis.
AOS Corner

By Lynn Fuller, AOS Affiliated Societies Committee Chair

The AOS Members Meeting held the end of October in conjunction with the Merritt Huntington Symposium in Virginia Beach was a big success. The speakers were fabulous, AOS Committees met, the Board of Trustees meeting was open to all members, the Affiliated Societies Breakfast was well attended, ‘town hall’ meeting was held where many of the current AOS topics were discussed, there was a live demonstration of the new upgrade of AQ Plus, a successful auction and banquet were held. It was a busy, wonderful experience and I hope some of you will have the opportunity to attend one of the AOS bi-annual members/trustees meetings.

Are you looking for a special ‘orchid’ gift this holiday season? Try these AOS products and services:

- **The American Orchid Society’s 2011 Calendars.** To order on line, go to [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org) – “Shop.” The 2011 calendar is 24 pages long, has 13 color photographs, is shrink-wrapped with heavy card stiffener and measures 11 x 22 inches when open. Orders for shipment within the United States are $12.50 (includes shipping and handling). For orders shipped to addresses outside the United States, call 561-404-2025 or email Shop@aos.org Order No. CL919N or call 561-404-2025 Monday-Friday 8:30AM to 4:00PM Eastern Time.

- **American Orchid Society membership or a gift of renewal.** Visit [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org) – “Join” where the many benefits and the costs of various memberships are noted. Indicate that it will be a gift membership. You can also find a membership form on the Affiliated Societies Blog at [http://aosaffiliates.blogspot.com](http://aosaffiliates.blogspot.com).

- **AQ Plus or AQ Plus Renewal.** May be ordered on line at [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org) – Shop – AQ Plus.

Best wishes to you all for a safe and happy holiday season. ~Lynn Fuller

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**My First Orchid**

I am a fairly new member to IOS. I got my first orchid several years ago but promptly killed it, along with the next few I bought. I finally decided there had to be a way to keep them alive so started researching and learning. Now, nearly 200 orchids later, I have many more success stories than disaster stories. And I am constantly learning as I go.

~ Synda Nelson

**Baptistonia enchinata**
Grower: Victor Lentini
Crazy with critters? Problems with potting? Floundering without flowers? E-mail me your questions at hortpotter@att.net, and we will have them addressed by our panel of experts...

If possible, please provide pictures/details of your plants/conditions and a list of what plants are effected, your growing conditions (ghse, windowsill; bark mix/IOS mix, etc) or any other info that might be helpful, so our experts can provide you with the best possible suggestions.

~ Editor

My First Orchid

My first orchids were two *Oncidium*, ‘Gower Ramsey’ and Sharry Baby ‘Sweet Fragrance’. Sounds like a cute couple! I picked them from the half-off section for past bloom orchids at Buckingham Greenhouse, a lovely place in my neighborhood that is no longer in existence. Their orchids flowered on a rock wall that reached to the ceiling; a bubbling waterfall enhancing the effect. I was so hoping I could grow and flower them in our new apartment. Our northern exposure had caused the demise of my *Hibiscus*, *Begonias*, and *Impatiens*. Happily, the two *Oncidium* did grow, and in the late fall ‘Gower Ramsey’ produced two spikes three feet tall.

It was quite marvelous!

~ Julie Hall

My First Orchid

I walked into the shopping mall with no more on my mind than to buy some new socks. I didn't realize how that simple errand would change me so profoundly. She was sitting under a skylight along with the others in the show. In the radiance pouring down from above, she sparkled. I could tell she was special - tall, stately demeanor, gorgeous curves and she smelled so good! She was my first, and she moved in immediately. She became the love of my life.

She taught me how to care for one so special. We were together for more than 25 years. Sadly, over time people and plants grow apart. One day, she left me for another by way of the IOS member sales table.

Many others have come and gone, but the first will always be special.

~ Barry Lubin
My First Orchid

My friend was driving me home from the dentist after I had two wisdom teeth removed. He decided to stop at an orchid nursery and that is where I got my first plant…

~ Larry Tomaszewski

My First Orchid

I purchased my first orchid plants in the mid 70's at Hausermann's Orchids. They were a beautiful white *Phalaenopsis* and a red complex ("Bulldog") *Paphiopedilum*. When I brought them home the first thing I did was to throw out the plant ID tags. After the plants were through flowering, they were also interred in the dumpster. It wasn't until several years later that I tried to re-flower them on my own, and I quickly realized the value in keeping the plant ID tags. I've been going to Hausermann's ever since.

Holy crap! I just realized that I've been growing orchids for about 35 years. Time well spent in my humble opinion. Happy growing everyone.

~ Jerry Seidel

Malleola baliensis
Grower: Sue Golan

My First Orchid

About nine years ago a friend of mine gave me an *Oncidium* Sharry Baby ‘Sweet Fragrance’, which I was successful at flowering. It was beautiful and very fragrant. Since I was able to flower that plant, he decided to give me *Cattleya* ‘Whirlpool’. Shortly after that it spiked and the flower opened the day before Thanksgiving when I was hosting my family and the Tribbles. A family member gave me “The Orchid Thief” for the holiday and I spent the weekend reading the book and enjoying the lovely fragrance of my beautiful *Cattleya*. Dave and Allison insisted that I bring it to the next IOS meeting. I called my friend to thank him for the plant and tell him about the bloom and found out that he had passed away over the holiday weekend. So in his honor, I took the plant to the next IOS meeting and earned a first place ribbon.

~ George Titterton
My First Orchid

My first orchid was a *Dendrobium* that I acquired at Trader Joe’s about a year ago. I brought it home, set it on the table and went to use the restroom. By the time I returned my cat had chewed off the bloom spike! Fortunately, it is now in spike again (Editor’s note – my understanding is that yes, the cat is still alive)

~ Matt Lovell

* Sophronitis cernua
Grower: Ken Vrabel

* Blc. Theresa Winkelman 'Barbara'
Grower: Maureen Kenny

My First Orchid

It was a *Dendrobium* (not a *nobile*, one of the ones that spikes from the top of the cane) I received as a "membership gift" from the Illini Orchid Club when I became a member back in 2002. It sat in my college dorm room and didn't do anything for about 10 months, and then I gave it to my Mom who promptly put it in our west-facing kitchen bay window and it bloomed soon thereafter! It was very pretty and I soon became addicted.

We actually had a huge bench in a greenhouse at school that was reserved for IOC when I was in college & grad school, so most of the orchids I had in college lived there, and I left them there...I mean, I donated them to the IOC...when I moved to NYC in 2003 😊

~ Rebecca Luce
My First Orchid

My first orchid was a leaf orchid, *Ludisia discolor, hort var dawsoniana* that I got from the Michigan State University Botany Greenhouses when I was a Horticulture student. I still have that same plant (or a part of it) these many years later. As much as I love this plant, I avoided any other orchids for a very long time, as I had always thought that it was too difficult to flower orchids (never worried about being able to grow, just flower). My first 'flowering' orchid I bought was a *Cattleya* type that I bought at one of the IOS plant sales at CBG, shortly after I moved to Illinois. I think that Mr. Barry Lubin talked me into (or at least told me about!) the plant and helped convince me to buy it. I actually got that plant to flower...then I killed it. Those might have been the first orchids, but not last; the compost pile hasn't stopped growing either...

~ Beth Engle
My First Orchid

For quite a few years I had been tempted to purchase an orchid but, as many others, thought they would be too fragile for the home. I finally purchased my first about 3 years ago. It was a *Milt.* ‘Morris Chestnut’. I was delighted when it re-bloomed. I still have it and it appears to be happy although no longer alone. It doesn't take long to get hooked on orchids, does it?...

~ Rita Fleig

My First Orchid

I think my first orchid was an orange *Cattleya* (I just can't remember for sure). I remember putting it in the window, misting daily and watching the three or so peachy orange flowers fade and fall off. Then... the plant died. End of story - for that plant anyway. Not the end of my orchid story. It was a long time ago. Actually, if it weren't for the orchid pushers (to think that I call them 'friend') I would have kicked that habit right then and there…

~ Loren Pollock
My First Orchid

My first orchid was purchased in 1998 at Home Depot. It was a white *Phalaenopsis*. These flowers were one of my mother’s favorite, so in honor of her I purchased one and then another. 12 years later she has given me a gift and hobby with a collection of over 150 plants and a dedicated grow room in my basement. Thanks Mom…

~ Victor Lentini
"Heard on the Street"

What is the dumbest thing you ever did when caring for your orchids?

Send me your response to this month’s question at apuvalow@hotmail.com. If you want to be anonymous I’ll honor your request – just send me the info (it’ll be our little secret). Personally, I could write an entire column on this, so there is no need to be ashamed. Your responses, as space permits, will be in the January newsletter!

~Anne Puvalowski

Frank Bellrose Award
Illinois College in Jacksonville...
Professor Lawrence Zettler and his students have been growing rare orchids in the laboratory. Students are caring for Hawaiian orchids of the species *Platanthera holochila*. Next spring, a team will travel to Hawaii to reintroduce the most mature plants, adding to the existing population. Dr. Zettler's students are being honored with a People and the Prairie Award.

http://www.carmitimes.com/homepage/x1272818637/People-and-the-Prairie-Award-winner-named

Interested in writing for the newsletter? I’m interested in your submission of stories and articles about orchids. All submissions must be sent by the 20th of the month. If you have suggestions or any questions, please e-mail me, hortpotter@att.net

~Beth Engle

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Plant of the Month - Greenhouse
*Vanda* ‘Loke’
Grower: Sue Golan
Presented by Loren Pollock

Plant of the Month - Under Lights
*Aerangis biloba*
Growers: C & J High
Presented by Sue Golan
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Rotisserie Chicken with Pecan Gremolata & Winter Squash

Our rotisserie chickens are seasoned then slowly flame-roasted until deliciously tender and juicy. They're perfect for quick and easy weeknight meals such as this one.

2 small (1-pound) squash, such as butternut, quartered, seeds scraped out
2 Tbs. unsalted butter, cut into 8 pats
1 Tbs. brown sugar
Salt & pepper
3 Tbs. chopped pecans
3 Tbs. finely chopped cilantro
1 small garlic clove, finely chopped
1/2 tsp. grated lime or lemon zest
1 rotisserie chicken

Top each squash quarter with a butter pat. Sprinkle with brown sugar and a generous amount of salt and pepper. Place squash on a plate and microwave on high until tender, about 8 minutes.

Meanwhile, make gremolata by combining pecans, cilantro, garlic and zest. Car chicken into serving pieces; sprinkle gremolata generously over chicken and lightly over cooked squash, then serve.

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