

IOS MEETINGS AND SHOW DATES

Generally, meetings at CBG follow the following schedule:

- 11:00 a.m. Meet & Greet
- 11:30 a.m. Mentors meeting
- 12:30 p.m. Judging starts
- 12:30 p.m. Monthly workshop
- Short Business Meeting
- 1:15 p.m. (approximately), the Speaker begins
- Schedule is subject to change as needed.
- Please note: There is to be no recording or videotaping of our meetings or guest speakers without the express written approval by the Illinois Orchid Society.

Coming up:

- **August 9th, 2015:** Chicago Botanic Gardens Workshop: Diane Mulkerin and Anne Kotowski: Do's and Don'ts of Show Displays

Speaker: Barry Woolf: Variegated Asian Cymbidiums...Those other Cymbidiums

Barry will be bringing plants for sale

Members plant sales: Yes

Plant Judging: Yes

Please bring your home made goodies for all to share!

- **August 15th, 2015:** Porter's Orchids Annual Summer Sale, 10am - 5pm. Royston Road at St. Joe Hwy, Grand Ledge MI 517-622-4188

For more information: <http://portersorchids.com>

- **September 6th, 2015:** Chicago Botanic Gardens Speaker: Fred Clarke: Topic: *Catasetum* Species, Hybrids and their Culture
Members' plant sales: Yes. Plant Judging: Yes. Please bring your home made goodies for all to share! And start prepping your plants for October!
- **September 25th - 27th, 2015:** Chicagoland Orchidfest 2015: <http://www.chicagolandorchidfest.com/html/schedule.html>
- **October 10th & 11th, 2015:** IOS Fall Show!! Chicago Botanic Gardens

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Anne Puvalowski, President, Illinois Orchid Society

Small is beautiful

I've recently downsized my living accommodations, which has come with the need to downsize just about everything else in my life (except my children, who are getting dangerously close to surpassing me in height). So I'm learning the virtues of simplifying. I have long admired those of you with the self-control to curate a small but thriving (and blooming!) collection.

My friend Carrie, although not (yet) a member of the IOS, is just such a grower. I'm happy to say that I introduced her to orchid growing with a trip to one of our favorite former haunts, Oak Hill Gardens. She purchased a mounted *Tolumnia* at OrchidFest one year as I looked doubtfully at the little plant, but kept my thoughts to myself. Most of us experienced growers can't keep these little things alive, let alone a newbie. I hoped she wouldn't get discouraged when it shriveled and died. Wouldn't she like to try something more sturdy and forgiving while she learned to grow? An *Oncidium* perhaps? Nope.

Much to my delight, not only did Carrie keep her little *Tolumnia* alive, she has bloomed it several times since then and it looks much healthier than any of my orchids. We also both purchased *Holcoglossum wangii* which I subsequently killed and she bloomed so well that I featured it in the 2014 IOS calendar. In the few years that have passed since then she has selectively acquired (and I have asked her to adopt) several other small, mounted orchids. They are all fabulously happy. She gets more blooms out of her little collection of 10-15 plants than I get out of my collection

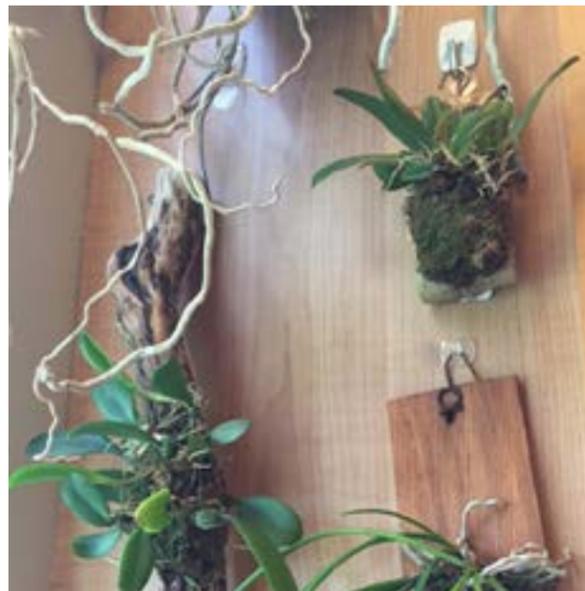


President's article, *cont'd*:

of 200 plants. Her secret is the care and attention she lavishes on her little collection. Almost all of her orchids hang on the cabinets above her kitchen sink. As she spends time in the kitchen every day, she pulls each one down, gives it a rinse from her purified water tap and hangs it back up in the south-facing window. *Vandas*, *Cattleyas*, *Holcoglossums*, *Tolumnias* and *Bulbophyllums* all thrive and bloom in this little space. She loves the exotic look that the *Vandas* give to the kitchen. It is a match made in heaven.

So I find myself in the humbling position of learning from one of my students how to be successful with these little critters. I don't suppose it is surprising that these organisms thrive when care and attention are devoted to them – most do. Many of us have tried and failed to grow tiny mounted plants. Maybe the key to success is to start small and stay small. And to pay close attention to the lessons our students can teach us.

Happy growing,
Anne



VIEW FROM THE SPEAKERS' CHAIR

Beth Engle, *1st Vice President and Program Chairperson*

Greetings all!

I hope you enjoyed the July meeting. I wasn't in attendance, due to a work trip. I hope you noticed I wasn't there...I won't ask if I was missed though, as I might not like the answer. LOL!

Thank you to Nile for coming in again to speak to the Society. Our Society members are smart and generous with their time. If you would like to share your knowledge with the group, as Nile does, please contact me.

For August we have a double line up for you!

I received a request for a workshop on setting up show displays – the do's and don'ts of orchid displays. So, I twisted the arm of our own Diane Mulkerin and Anne Kotowski to give a workshop on the subject. Diane is our own away-show chairperson, and Anne has been working on IOS displays for many years, and helps out Diane whenever she can. These two will give you the lowdown that can increase the odds for some pretty ribbons decorating your own display. Don't forget, our fall show is in October, and it isn't too early to start planning ahead. Thank you to both Diane and Anne in advance for putting on a workshop. I really appreciate our Society members who are willing to stand up and give us a workshop of their area of interest and expertise.

I am very excited about our speaker for August. Since taking on the role of Speaker Chair, I have been trying to bring in a mix of requested speakers and topics, ones that are new to us, and of course those I am interested in personally. Our guest speaker for August fits the bill perfectly, as I have quite a number of the orchids that he will be speaking to us about. And boy, do I need a better understanding of these plants! I love these plants' petite stature and lemony fragrance to the flowers that many of them have. The range of variegation that some have is an added bonus.

Barry Woolf works with Ten Shin Gardens from Taiwan, and will be our speaker for August. Barry himself calls the great state of Maryland home. The title of his talk: *Variegated Asian Cymbidiums: Those Other Cymbidiums*. I have spoken to Barry a number of times, and I think you will really enjoy his talk. Barry will be bringing in plants for sale. Barry has already been very generous in helping me set up other future speakers for your education and enjoyment. Barry is a professional photographer, and has helped other orchidists with their orchid photography for publication.

Here is Barry's biography:

With a background in Education & Photography, Barry is a long time orchid grower and a long-time member of several Orchid Societies. In these societies he has held almost every role, including Membership Chair, Show Chair, Treasurer, Publicity, and President.

Barry is currently representing Ten Shin Gardens of Taipei, Taiwan. Ten Shin started by producing & selling native Taiwanese species, especially variegated *Cymbidiums*. Their current mission is to grow and provide line bred orchid species and select hybrids for the orchid collector. Their goal: To produce species that are easier to grow; To perpetuate species that are endangered or lost in nature due to habitat destruction and poaching of wild populations. To do all of this while providing their orchids at reasonable prices. This job entails speaking and selling at select Orchid Societies and Shows in the U.S. and Canada.

In this presentation, he will discuss the culture and diversity of the variegated Chinese *Cymbidiums* native to Taiwan. He will share how he grows these showy but surprisingly easy-to-grow group. Much of which he has learned has been by "trial & error." Armed with this knowledge, even novice growers will succeed with Ten Shin's variegated, showy and often fragrant *Cymbidiums*.



Speaker's Chair report, cont'd:

Time permitting, he will showcase a few of his favorite species that are new and novel while easy to grow on windowsills, in a light-room or greenhouse. This discussion will facilitate home and greenhouse success with any species by showing how to quickly find culture information.

Barry's only claim to orchid fame is that while trying to discover the limits to the physical conditions under which the various species will survive, he has probably killed more orchids than anyone in the area.

I think that you can tell from all this, we can look forward to an engaging and informative August meeting!

On a personal note, and as way of reminder, I went out on a recent Sunday morning to see how my orchids were enjoying their summer outside. I had to evict one spider and one slug from just a couple of the plants I picked up. Don't forget to take a closer look at your orchids over the summer, and see if they might need to be moved to a different spot, repotted, or need some other care. Have you been fertilizing regularly? If not, is it time to apply a light application? With all the rain we have had, and if your plants are outside, there is a potential that any fertilizer application might have been washed away by now. Same thing may apply if you put on any pesticide. We still have (hopefully) a month or so of reasonably warm weather, and now is the time that many of the new growths will be getting bigger and hardening off. A little effort now means happier plants with more flowers for our fall show (and the sales table).

See you in August!

ξ Beth



Left: Barry Lubin's wonderful *Paphiopedilum* Transit Saint, which earned him Plant of the Month in June!

Below: *Laeliocattleya* Featherrae 'Misty Blue' grown by J Hall



THE HOME SHOW REPORT

Rose Matchen, *Home Show Chair*

It appears that summer has arrived, just in time for kids to go back to school - already?! It seems we wait and wait for summer to come and then it's gone before you know it! That also means it's getting closer to our fall show on Oct. 10th and 11th! Now is definitely the time to look those plants over and get them show-ready! An exhibitor display application will be available on the website shortly, or just email me and I can forward one to you. All displays are tabletop, full table (30 inches by 6 feet) or half table. There will be an IOS orphans' table for those having just one or two plants. If you have three or more plants then you can do a half table! Do you have plants that you may want to part with? Start prepping them too, as well groomed plants will sell easily and for more \$\$\$ for you and the society!

Enjoy the rest of the summer and may your garden give you some great veggies this month!

- Rose



Wilsonara Opalescent 'On the Edge' - S Maloney



Paphiopedilum Wossner Pinkjack - G Larsson



Phragmipedium After Glo - Janet Plantinga



Paphiopedilum Avalon Pearl - Ken Vrabel

Chicago Judging Center, June-July

Lois Cinert, AOS Judge

The Chicago Judging Center doesn't take a summer vacation. We continue to meet each month, and would love to see your blooming plants every month. We are scheduled for the second Saturday of each month in Annex 1 at Chicago Botanic Garden. There are exceptions: We judge in affiliation with the two Illinois Orchid Society shows. And sometimes CBG gives us another space. The IOS newsletter will have the dates and times for each meeting.

All you have to do is bring your blooming orchid plant. There is a form to fill out to enter – plant name, parents if you know them, and your name. Easy as pie. You can sit in and watch judging sessions, but not at the table where your plant is being evaluated. It is interesting to see how the judges come to their decisions on each plant. You can learn how to be more selective in purchasing flowers, and sometimes get tips on growing them better.

In June we awarded four plants. Bill Rogerson, long-time IOS member and excellent *Cattleya* grower brought *Cattleya granulosa* 'Kathleen', which earned an AM 86; also *Cattleya warscewiczii* 'Stewart's Meteor' which now has a Certificate of Cultural Excellence of 92 points. Bil Nelson, a member from Milwaukee, brought some sibling *Paphiopedilums*. Two *Paphiopedilums* (Nike's Sunny Delight x Avalon Mist) earned identical HCCs of 79 points.

In July we awarded two plants. Bill Rogerson again brought some of his wonderful *Cattleyas*. *Cattleya schilleriana* 'Aphri' earned an AM of 85. *Cattleya warscewiczii* 'Geneslag' earned two awards – an AM of 81 points for the excellence of its flowers, and a CCM of 84 for the perfection of its culture.

Our next session will meet August 8, in Annex 1 at Chicago Botanic Garden. Plants can be brought to judging after 12pm on the dates of sessions. Judging begins at 1pm. There is a little bit of paperwork that needs to be done.

Please join us. Bring flowers.



Cattleya granulosa 'Kathleen' AM 86



Cattleya warscewiczii 'Geneslag' CCM 84, AM 81

IOS Member Points Totals 2013 - 2014

Name	G	July	AOS	Total
Dixler, J & R		40		40
Lubin, Barry		30		30
Matchen, Rose		15		15
Rogerson, William			352	352
Name	W,L	July	AOS	Total
Castillo, Karen		10		10
Edwards, Joel		40		40
Hall, Julie		10		10
High, C & J		35		35
Kotowski, Anne		10		10
Larsson, Greger		15		15
Maloney, Sherry		10		10
Nelson, Bil			158	158
Plantinga, Janet		7		7
Tirzmalis, Sue		26		26
Tomaszewski, Larry		40		40
Torres, Luis		30		30
Vrabel, Ken		6		6

Editor's note:

Congratulations to all our award-winning growers! Please bring your plants to our meetings and shows so you can add points and earn awards too. We all learn from one another's successes and challenges, and *most* importantly, we want to see **YOU** - AND your plants!



Cattleya schilleriana 'Aphri' AM 85



Bil Nelson's *Paphiopedilum* Nike's Sunny Delight x Avalon Pearl 'Sunprarie' HCC 79



2nd awarded *Paphiopedilum* Nike's Sunny Delight x Avalon Pearl 'Sunprarie' HCC 79!



Cattleya warscewiczii 'Stewart's Meteor' CCE 92

Who? What? Where? When? Why?

No, it's not a murder mystery. At least, I hope you're not murdering your plants! I hope you're planning on bringing every blooming orchid you have to our monthly meetings, shows, away shows, and AOS judging.

YOU can bring your plant, or send it with a friend. Every IOS member. It doesn't matter if you think it is too small, not colorful enough, not grown well enough. Bring your blooming plants. We can all learn from each other, and if you plant needs some adjustments to its culture, we can help you with that, too.

EVERY blooming orchid plant. See above. Some of us grow *Cattleyas* well, some grow *Paphiopedilums*; we don't all grow the same types of orchids. And we don't all grow them the same way. It is the conversation around the plants that helps us all to learn about kinds that we haven't tried yet, and learn how others grow their orchids. Perhaps you will find one new idea that will help you grow better, and have more flowers to enjoy.

MONTHLY MEETINGS, and our two shows each year. Also, we go to six or more away shows each year, to let our neighbor societies see our flowers, too. And every month AOS judging is available at CBG. Dates and times are shown in the schedule on the front page of the newsletter.

EVERY monthly meeting, except June. Two IOS shows, spring and fall. Away shows throughout the year. AOS judging every month at CBG. We show off our plants at every opportunity. It is a major accomplishment in the horticultural world to bloom an orchid, especially in the northern part of the country. We have temperature, humidity and light issues to deal with. We want to see the results of your hard work and ingenuity.

BECAUSE. It is a compulsion to want to show what you've accomplished. I bloomed an ORCHID! Because you will earn points for your flowers, and may earn an award at the end of the contest year. Because you can win ribbons at shows, home and away. Because you can learn about flowers you have never seen before. Because you can teach about flowers that you bloom. Because an AOS award is a national recognition of your flowers and your good growing. Because it is just plain fun.

Any questions? - Lois



Paphiopedilum Ang Thong (godefroyae), grown by Joel Edwards



Paphiopedilum leucochilum, grown by Joel Edwards

FROM THE AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY
Kevin O'Rourke, AOS Representative

As your new AOS Representative I must first make a confession. I have always been more of a reader than a writer, and more of a listener than a speaker. Bearing that in mind, I will try my best to convey news of current AOS events, meetings, webinars, and other educational information as timely as possible.

In trying to find a replacement to fill this role Beth Engle previously mentioned that "the AOS is a great asset for the orchid world...with perks for both members and non-members alike". That is very true!

If you're currently not a member of the AOS, a great asset is *ORCHIDS* magazine. It is filled with excellent articles on cultivation, history, conservation, etc. Well worth the price of your membership fee alone. Another perk is the webinars; which are open to members and some are open to non-members too. The next webinar is OPEN to EVERYONE:

August 6th – 8:30 – 9:30pm (EDT) Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton

Ron McHatton, AOS judge and Director of Education, will conduct a Q&A session on how to grow and care for your orchids. He will provide expert advice to help with your culture issues. If you have questions, please submit them via email by August 4th to stillisch@cox.net.

Webinars have limited participant space, so if you are interested, make sure you register for the session at your earliest convenience. To register go to: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2216481668600180737>

After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Upcoming Orchid shows:

August 7-9 Hilo Orchid Society Annual Show "Orchids Avant – Garde"

One final note about the Illinois Orchid Society's relationship with the AOS is a brand new benefit of membership credits for affiliated societies. How does this work? Simple! The Illinois Orchid Society can now earn one month extensions of their AOS society membership for each new AOS member that we refer (renewals don't count). What a great symbiotic relationship! If twelve people join the AOS, the IOS will receive a full year of AOS membership. That savings can be used by our own society towards speakers, shows, or even conservation. Consider joining the AOS today to greatly benefit our Illinois Orchid Society. If you are interested, see me at our monthly meeting to complete your application. Doing so in person you will receive one free past issue of *ORCHIDS* magazine. Otherwise, go to www.aos.org and download and print the "AOS Membership Application Form". Make sure you check the box "YES" specifying you are a member of a local orchid society, fill in the name of IOS, and then mail your application and payment to:

AOS

10901 Old Cutler Road

Coral Gables, FL 33156



Unlabeled *Phalaenopsis* grown by Sue Tirmalis



Phragmipedium Fritz Schomburg, grown by Larry Tomaszewski



Phragmipedium Magdelene Rose, grown by Joe and Rosalie Dixler



Rossioglossum Rawdon Jester- Luis Torres

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Christopher Claussen, *Membership Chair*

We have 2 new members this month-- Grace Abernathy and Ruby Krueger. Grace joined us at the July meeting and Ruby joined on the website. Please join me in welcoming them to the group!

I am planning on having the 2015 Member directory available at the next meeting. Please plan on attending the meeting if you need one. We will not be mailing them.

The next membership drive will be during Orchid Fest September 25-27, 2015. If you aren't on their mailing list they will have special sales and drawings for the fest. It is held at both Orchids by Hauserman and Natt's Orchids. They also bring in additional vendors for the event. If you need a reason other than to see and buy beautiful plants, please consider volunteering.

I have been learning how to use our website and hope to have volunteer sign ups available soon for those generous enough to volunteer to do some "recruiting".



Paphiopedilum Harold Koopowitz - J&R Dixler



Podangis dactyloceras, grown by C&J High

Editor's note: Harold Koopowitz is Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the School of Biological Sciences at the University of California, Irvine. He has long earned distinction in the orchid field for his academic work on Orchid Conservation and ornamental horticulture. He has a special interest in slipper orchids and ornamentals such as clivias and adeniums. He has traveled extensively to study orchids in the wild. His book *Orchids and Their Conservation* is a valuable classic for anyone serious about their hobby. A long-standing member of of conservation committee of the AOS, he is also editor-in-chief of the Orchid Digest. About time someone named an orchid after him, right?

Orchids on the Web

I hope everyone had a chance to check out Pinterest. It has some faults and probably isn't for the serious collector but it does have great pictures and it is a way to connect with other orchid lovers by following them.

This month I stumbled on a fantastic site. It is a directory of orchid organizations and vendors called OrchidWire. The thing that makes it so fabulous is the variety of sites and the locations of the organizations. It has sites from around the world. It even has our site!

Here is a picture of the home page:



The designer of the site has made it so there are several ways to look at the listings. *Category* lists the sites by things like supplies, culture, art and books. *Wild* shows you sites about wild orchids! *Genus* of course, sorts the site by orchid type.

Here is a sample listing:



When you click on the organization name, it opens the site for you. What could be easier?



I think this site is a real gem. It is easy to use and has lots of interesting listings.

Folks, if you have a site you would like to share with the group, let me know. I will be happy to include it in the next article.

More show-stopping flowers from the June meeting!!



Paphiopedilum 'Honey' x *haynaldianum*, grown by Janet Plantinga



Paphiopedilum Dollgoldi grown by L Tomaszewski

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The IOS always needs your skills!

Want to meet other members and make a difference for orchids? We are looking for interested parties to help in the following positions. Please contact the indicated board member for more info or to volunteer.

Plant Sales Assistant: We very much need someone to pick up orchids from Chalet/Wilmette as needed for our meetings and shows! Contact Anne Nies: 630-595-1891 or anneknies@me.com.

Hospitality Committee: Warmhearted folks are needed to help Josh accept and organize donations, set up and man the hospitality room to feed judges and volunteers during our shows: two weekends a year.

Membership Committee: Assist with development and expansion of the IOS membership. Computer skills required. Contact Teresa Bernal-Lara: iosocmembership@gmail.com

Public Relations: Do you have knowledge, experience and contacts on how to promote our shows and obtain sponsors in this ever changing world of advertising? We need you! Contact Anne Puvalowski: president@iosoc.com.

Show assistants: Learn the ins and outs of running an orchid show by assisting the show chair through various tasks before and during the show. Contact Rose Matchen: 847-587-6525 or showchair@iosoc.com.

Ways and Means Committee: Help plan and support the Society's fund-raising activities. Contact Anne Nies: 630-595-1891 or anneknies@me.com.

Children's Table Supervisor/Assistant: Person(s) needed to interact with the kids, hand out supplies, etc. during show hours. The IOS furnishes supplies. If you enjoy working with children and seeing how creative they can be, this is for you! Contact Kathy Garness: 708-366-7584 or kmgfinearts@comcast.net.

And please feel free to send orchid pictures for the newsletter (with a note as to species or variety, along with photographer's and grower's name) to: iosoceditor@gmail.com - thank you!

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Habenaria roebellenii - J Edwards



Habenaria erichmichaelii - J Edwards



Psychopsis papillio 'Mendenhall' - J&R Dixler



Habenaria rhodocheila - J Edwards