

November, 1990

ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY

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WHO: Illinois Orchid Society
WHAT: Monthly Meeting
WHEN: November 18, 1990
WHERE: CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN
Lake-Cook Road, east of Eden's
Glencoe

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sue Golan 708/234-6311

Are any of you old enough to know the song "A Fine Romance"? Fred Astaire sang it to Ginger Rogers in some old movie and I happen to have a tape of Fred Astaire singing it.

There's a wonderful line in it that should appeal to all of you:

*You never gave the orchids I sent a chance,
Now you like cactus plants.
This is a fine romance!*

What better description could there be of a love affair gone wrong? (Thanks, Jerome Kern.)

Our monthly meetings bring together people of similar interests and at the October meeting, Jack Coutts found that his cat, Cocoa, is not the only orchid-eating cat in town. New member, Jonathan Fine, has a room mate whose cat likes to eat Jonathan's orchids.

As Jack says, luckily, Cocoa is his favorite cat. Otherwise Cocoa would probably end up on the compost heap.

Jack is our Assistant Treasurer and Membership Chairman, so most of you have probably had occasion to meet him or have received one of the informative welcoming letters he devised for new members.

Did you know that he is a Canadian, born in Manitoba? He got his Bachelor and Masters degrees there and then went to Purdue for his Ph.D. in Chemistry.

He's been a visiting professor at Northwestern, Berkeley and Purdue and a Fulbright professor at the University of Peshawar in Pakistan in 1958 and 1959.

He was Chairman of the Chemistry Department at Lake Forest College when I met him in Jim Spatzek's beginners' orchid class at the Botanic Garden in 1980.

Now retired, Jack is writing a textbook for science majors at college level, *From Atoms to Galaxies*.

Wouldn't you think a bright man could find a way to keep his cat from eating his orchids.

Dr. Richard Desser is undergoing surgery on December 12. Our fondest hopes and best wishes are with him..

FORMAT: 12:30 Workshop, followed by auction, raffle and short business meeting in the Auditorium at about 1:15 p.m. Speaker will follow. Please have all plants for judging registered prior to 12:30.

WORKSHOP: Mr. Frank Fordyce has agreed to talk about the cultural aspects of mini cats and field questions from the audience with respect to the best conditions of growing them. If you have any mini cats that you would like him to look at, please bring them to the workshop.

PROGRAM: The speaker for the November meeting will be Mr. Frank Fordyce, of Dublin, California. Mr. Fordyce has been at the forefront of Cattleya breeding in the United States for many years, specializing more recently in the development of "mini cats", those colorful small growing multigenetics so suited for indoor culture. His presentation will include current hybridizing activities of Fordyce Orchids in this group. There will be an opportunity to purchase plants from Mr. Fordyce after the presentation.

REFRESHMENTS: It was good to see Jean and Dave Jones in their familiar role at the hospitality table. We miss their personal touch when they are gone.

Our thanks to those who remembered to bring refreshments. Just a reminder, refreshments are brought to our meetings on a voluntary basis, so let's see some of those delicious goodies at future meetings. All are welcome to participate and this means YOU.

Cathy Bloome was kind enough to write us a little article about her trip to New Zealand and the Thompsons not only brought their scrapbook for us to see at the meeting but also brought some books about New Zealand orchids for our library.

John Stubbings took a small group of plants to Peoria for the show. As usual, Otto Leupi walked off with the ribbons, glassware and honors:

Den cuthbertsonii - Silver award
 Den denudens - Silver award
 President's Award

Our condolences to **John Stubbings** on the sudden death of his mother. Many of us had a chance to meet that lovely lady on orchid occasions and will remember her charm.

Wilfried Losert pulled some muscles while at work and will be laid up for several weeks. Heal fast, Wilfried!

CATHY'S NOTES FROM NEW ZEALAND

For over two years I had planned my trip to New Zealand and the 13th World Orchid Conference. Now that I am home, it seems like the three weeks went so fast. I can hardly believe I was there except for the pictures I have to remind me. This was my first WOC so I wasn't quite sure what to expect.

Well, the displays were spectacular, some were huge. The main central display had a spiral walkway leading up to height of at least 20 feet. Another display, a favorite, was a mountain filled with masdevallias named Machu Picchu. Then the display of only reed stem epidendrums, 5-8 feet tall, with colors of red, pinks and yellows. There were displays with boats and even a car. The dendrobiums mainly from Australia, were very different from what we see here.

I went on a few tours arranged by the WOC and heard some of the speakers. Any other free time I spent wandering through the displays and adding new plants to my want list. My only complaint was that there were just too many cymbidiums and not enough paphs. Guess I am a bit prejudiced.

CATHY BLOOME

ROCKFORD SHOW:

Please call Howard Frank @ 708/564-2076 if you have any plants for the show to be held November 10-11. There are several dropoff points.

MID-AMERICA SHOW: At the Mid-Am show in St. Louis October 27-28 our members did us proud. Fox Valley Orchids won the Frank Kuper award for the best paph in the show, Paph adductum "Fox Valley".

Otto Leupi won two silver awards for Dendrobium irioflorum and Dendrobium cuthbertsonii.

Leo Schordje volunteered to take and set up the IOS exhibit. Thanks, Leo.



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the new members that have joined the IOS since the last newsletter was published:

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IOS POINT SCORE ACCUMULATIONS

JIM SPATZEK, chairman - (708) 498-4638

Sixty plants were brought by 16 people to the October 21 meeting. Thirty-two were greenhouse grown, brought by eight people, and 29 plants were brought by eight people who grew under lights. A special award was given to Pat Kralik for Under Lights for Asconopsis "Irene Dobkin". Sue Golan received a cultural award for Paph fairieanum, grown in a greenhouse.

Other firsts under lights were:

L. Beemster:	Plurothallis gnofigii BLC Kedvea mendenhall AM/AO
C. Bloome:	Dend. Spellbound x dalbertsii
L. Cinert:	BLC Star of Bethlehem
J. Edwards:	Paph concolaure Paph niveum
M. Schmidt:	Phal. violaceae Borneo I x II
M. Nichele:	Paph sukakullii

Other firsts in Greenhouse were:

J. Coutts:	Rhyncovanda Herbert Kurihara "K. Nitta"
S. Golan:	Paph Faireanum Paph wardii
J. Mullen:	Vanda Luzonica
N. Radcliffe:	BL Fladoss x B. Cordata
L. Sahagian:	Ascda 50th State Beauty Mayumi Asctm jumeli Bulb medusae Steles Muscefira "Williamsburg" Brassia Rex "Piper" V. Ellen Noa x Ascda Sunkist x V Sandriana Alba

POINT STANDINGS

LIGHTS		GREENHOUSE		COMMERCIAL	
M. Nichele	100	L. Sahagian	309	A. Klehm	677
M. Schmidt	59	S. Golan	189	Fox Valley	180
J. Edwards	49	J. Mullen	136	River Kwai	160
J. Pupelis	30	O. Leupi	120	Cyps, Etc.	70
P. Kralik	25	G. Freeman	105	Inverness	60
W. Losert	20	M. Kuntz	65		
L. Beemster	20	J. Spatzek	45		
C. Bloome	20	G. Steuben	41		
K. Vrabel	16	C. Hartman	30		
S. Maloney	11	J. Sikora	25		
K. Langwell	10	C. Cloud	20		
W. Krahl	10	J. Coutts	20		
L. Linert	10	N. Radcliffe	10		
B. Glowacki	7	F. Cogswell	6		
N. Radcliffe	5	J. Stubbings	6		
E. Jaracie	3	C. Thompson	5		
		C. Dubenic	2		

Points are awarded as follows:

Shows:	1st = 20
	2nd = 10
	3rd = 5
Each plant brought	= 2
Silver	= 20

Meetings:	1st = 10
	2nd = 5
	3rd = 3
Each plant brought	= 1
Plant of Month	= 10

DATES TO REMEMBER

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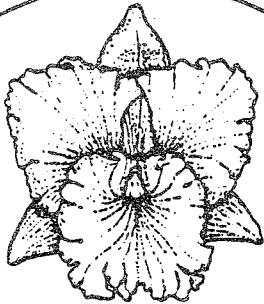
November 10-11: Rockford show
November 18: Monthly IOS meeting at CBG
November 24: AOS Judging at CBG
November 26: IOS Board Meeting
December 9: Christmas Party at Hausermann's
December 22: AOS Judging at CBG

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January 20: Monthly IOS Meeting at CBG
January 26: AOS Judging at CBG
February 22-24: IOS Spring Show at CBG

NEXT BOARD MEETING: The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 26, at the home of Heddi Schellbach at 3825 Jarlath in Lincolnwood (1 block north of Touhy and 1 1/2 blocks east of Crawford).

All Board members and committee chairmen are encouraged to attend the meeting which is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m. If you cannot attend or need directions, please call Heddi @ 708/674-4671.



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SUPPLEMENTAL JUDGING CENTER

The fourth session of the Supplemental Judging Center was held on Saturday, October 20, at 7 p.m. Three awards were given to **Fox Valley Orchids** for the following:

Paph insigne var. sanderianum
AM 81 pts and CHM 80 pts
Paph Docteur Knock
HCC 77 pts

JUDGING STUDY GROUP

The first meeting of the Judging Study Group met on October 24 at the home of John Stubbings. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 28, at the home of Heddi Schellbach, 3825 Jarlath, Lincolnwood. (See directions under Board Meeting.)

CLOSING DATE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER

Please submit copy for the December Newsletter by November 21 either by mail to the address shown or via FAX @ 312/440-7494.

COMMUNICATIONS CENTRAL

New Member in Oak Forest looking to house about 100 plants in a greenhouse until new greenhouse has been completed.. Will rent space or help with plants. Please call Cary Pickands @ 708/687-4722.

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