

ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY

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WHO: Illinois Orchid Society
WHAT: Monthly Meeting
WHEN: March 17, 1991, 12:30 p.m.
WHERE: Chicago Botanic Garden
Lake Cook Road, Glencoe

WORKSHOP: This month there will be a double feature for the workshop. With our new members in mind, the first half of the workshop will be devoted to a question-and-answer session on growing conditions, particularly for novice growers. Two of our more experienced growers will be on hand to answer questions. (Note: New growers with an unhappy looking plant can bring it along, enclosed in a plastic bag, for examination. The panel will try to offer suggestions for giving it a better future.)

The second half will be devoted to a discussion (including time for questions and answers) on conservation of wild orchids, led by IOS Conservation Committee Chairman **Cathy Bloome** and the day's speaker, **Carson Whitlow**. Both have some interesting suggestions and points of view to present to the membership.

The workshop will be followed by a raffle and an auction. Plants for judging should be in place by 12:30 p.m.

SPEAKER: The speaker for the March meeting will be **Mr. Carson Whitlow**. Mr. Whitlow is an administrator for the Iowa Department of Public Safety. After having grown orchids for many years, he specializes in both the breeding of blue cattleyas and recently in the propagation and hybridizing of native terrestrial orchids. In 1987, he bloomed the first officially recognized artificial *Cypripedium* hybrid. He will be speaking to us about the culture and conservation of native *Cypripediums*.

REFRESHMENTS: Let's welcome all of the new members with a nice selection of refreshments. Anyone interested in bringing some goodies to the March meeting will help make the social hour after the meeting more enjoyable.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Sue Golan 708/234-6311

Hooray, and Huzzah, we did it! The 34th Annual IOS Show was as lovely as any we have ever produced. **Howie Frank** did us proud and **Cathy Bloome** put together a stunning display with great patience and skill.

We've been presenting orchid shows almost as long as any other society in the U.S. and we can be darned proud of ourselves.

To all of you who helped (and it looked like all of you were there) -- thanks. Wasn't it fun?

9868 visitors came to see the show and went away with armloads of orchids. We should see a lot of new members at our next meeting. **Jack Coutts** is putting a star on their membership cards so that we can easily spot them at meetings. Please make it a point to welcome them.

Altogether 9 AOS awards were granted, 5 on Friday night and 4 on Saturday:

Dendrobium dolichophyllum 'Biel-Bienne'
CBR to Otto Leupi
Sophranitis acuensis - CCM to Otto Leupi
Phalaenopsis Be Glad
HCC 75 points to Wilfried Losert
Phalaenopsis Imagenes "Hampshire"
HCC 75 points to Arnie Klehm
Phalaenopsis armenicum 'Fox Croft'
AM 87 points to Fox Valley Orchids
(Tom Kalina and Howard Frank)
Paph ciliolave x *Vintner's Treasure*
HCC 78 points to Cyps, Etc.
(Tony Grenis)
Miltonia Lyceana 'Stamperland' x Cindy Kane
wasserfall - AM 80 points to Hausermann
Phalaenopsis Carmelas Pixie
AM 82 points to Arnie Klehm
Phalaenopsis Bambook Baby x *violacea*
HCC 75 points to Arnie Klehm

The name **Otto Leupi** is probably known to many of you. He is the big award winner, point scorer every year in our society so I thought you'd like to know a bit more about this outstanding man.

Otto is Swiss, born in Biel, and the name is pronounced "Loypee".

He came to the U.S. in 1967 for a two-year stint with Allen Bradley Co. in Milwaukee and he's been here ever since.

Around 1974 he became interested in acquiring some orchid plants but couldn't find what he wanted in Milwaukee.

A family trip to Florida around then kindled his budding passion and he returned home with four plants which he brought home like precious babies. He never managed to bloom any of the four. (There is hope for all of us.)

Luckily he heard of the Milwaukee Orchid Society, joined and started reading orchid literature. He made a Wardian Case and bloomed *Laelia rubescens* a year and a half later. Hooked!

In 1977, he built himself a greenhouse and got into species. A trip to Jamaica, collecting by himself, was a turning point. He scrambled over razor-sharp volcanic rocks while a cab driver waited nearby. Seeing how they grew, he changed his growing habits and studied more.

He is up at 5 a.m. misting his plants, fertilizing in the minutest amount at every watering; sometimes, on sunny summer days, misting 3 to 5 times during the course of the day and in the evening.

Good flower production is his goal. The AOS awards just arrive, about 16 so far.

Otto believes 250 plants are the most he can handle well. He hates a crowded greenhouse and each plant is treated like a potential award winner. It shows!

This is the friendliest man, always willing to share his experience and knowledge, so don't hesitate to talk to him about your orchid problems or questions.

IOS DISPLAY: The IOS display received a first - Best of Class. Thanks to Paul Passine, Linda Schubert and Ken Vrabel. If it weren't for them, I would have never finished.

Cathy Bloome

SHOW CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Howard Frank

If you blinked your eyes during the weekend of the Orchid Show, you missed the Mother of all Orchid Shows at the Chicago Botanic Garden. A little opportune advertising, some good weather and the need for some good news, brought almost 10,000 people through the gate to witness our show. As a matter of fact, at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday the line into the show was so long, we had to extend the closing time of the show an extra hour. Our members had to make a monumental effort to deal with the crowds, the questions and the problems. Everything went smoothly and everyone got home with plenty of new jewels for their collections.

I have to thank many people for their efforts in making my job so easy. Everyone knows their jobs so well and performs them so flawlessly, even General Schwartzkopf would be proud.

The weekend started with a fantastic meal Friday night by Dave and Jean Jones. Jean stir-fried a crabmeat and vegetable dish to compliment a beef entree and fresh baked bread. Record sales were handled again by the crew of Jay Mullen, Carol Cloud, Wally Zielinski, Morris Millman and Grace Freeman. Our display was set up by Cathy Bloome and Paul Passine and won a special award.

The raffle, cut flower sales and membership were masterfully handled by Phyllis Kelly, Sue Golan, David Jones, Dorothy Nieter, Barbara Schoos, Grace Junod and Bob Wolf.

Plant registration was completed by 5:30 this year because Linda Schubert and Pat Kralik had it all ready to paste by 5. Traffic in and out went so smoothly that the show was 60% set up by Thursday night and completely orchestrated by Ed Helmbolt, Tom Swider and Ed Gamson.

Security was once again handled by Laura Littlechilds and a cast of thousands.

The programs that will be talked about for a long time were engineered by Jack Coutts and presented with the help of Jim Spatzek and Leo Schordje.

Others that helped were Joel Edwards, James Patrick, Joe Kunsky and Walter Anderson. I know there were many more and I apologize for not remembering everyone but I appreciate your help and hope to see you at our fall show. Many new members were helping and I hope they had a good experience.

IOS members that won awards were:

Fox Valley Orchids	Frank Kuper Award
For Valley Orchids	Chicago Horticultural Award
Otto Leupi	AOS Show Trophy
Otto Leupi	IOS President's Award
Mary Weiss	IOS Award
Orchids by Hausermann	IOS Show Chairman's Award

The following are the Special Awards for Best of Class:

Orchids by Hausermann	Display
Illinois Orchid Society	Display
Otto Leupi & P. Peterson	Display
Arnie Klehm Grower	Paph amabile 'Silver Leaf'
Jim Pupelis	Paph Youngianum
Sue Golan	Aeranthes grandiose
Wilfried Losert	Phal Be Glad
Laima Sahagian	mexico ghiesbreghtiana
Otto Leupi	Dend dolichophyllum
Jim Spatzek	Dend cobbianum
Otto Leupi	Dend pentapterum
Orchids by Hausermann	Phal Joseph Hampton
Orchids by Hausermann	Onc ampliatum var majus

AOS AWARDS; IOS AWARDS; FEBRUARY SUPPLEMENTAL JUDGING
JIM SPATZEK, chairman - (708) 498-4638

Five awards were granted to plants at our 34th Annual Illinois Orchid Society Show and three additional awards were granted at the February Supplemental Judging. Congratulations to all the winners of these awards. For those of you who have never won an AOS award, you can't win one if you do not show a plant. The next scheduled Supplemental Judging in Glencoe is **Saturday, March 23, 1991, at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Linnaeus Room of the Chicago Botanic Garden. Bring your quality plants and learn more about what makes a good plant in the critique following judging. Slides will be shown of plants awarded elsewhere in the U.S., so it's also an excellent opportunity to see what's new in breeding around the country.

Here are the awards from the IOS Show:

- Phalaenopsis Be Glad 'Erika' HCC/AOS
75 pts. - Wilfried Losert
- Phalaenopsis Imagenes 'Hampshire' HCC/AOS
75 pts. - Arnold J. Klehm, Grower
- Sophronitis acuensis 'Evilard' CCM/AOS
86 pts. - Otto Leupi
- Dendrobium dolichophyllum 'Biel-Bienne'
CBR/AOS - Otto Leupi
- Paphiopedilum Armeniacum 'Fox Croft' AM/
AOS 87 pts. - Fox Valley Orchids

SUPPLEMENTAL JUDGING:

The three awards from the Supplemental Judging are:

- Phalaenopsis Carmela's Pixie 'Hampshire'
AM/AOS 82 pts. - Arnold J. Klehm
- Paph (ciliolare x Vintner's Treasure) 'Etc.,Etc.,
Etc. - HCC/AOS - 78 pts. - CYPS, ETC.
- Miltonia (Lyceana x Cindy Kane) 'Villa Park'
AM/AOS - 80 pts. - Orchids by
Hausermann

IOS POINT SCORE ACCUMULATIONS

Listed below are the most current point standings through February, 1991. The totals include all shows to date except our show unless specifically noted but do include all American Orchid Society awards at both our show and at the February Regional Supplemental Judging. If you had plants and/or won ribbons at the IOS SHOW, please mail a list of your plants and ribbons or other awards as soon as possible.

GREENHOUSE

O. Leupi	755
L. Sahagian	682
S. Golan	603
G. Freeman	296
M. Kuntz	195
J. Mullen	191
J. Spatzek	119*
R. Wolf	100
J. Coutts	91
G. Steuben	82
J. Stubbings	56*
L. Soule	45
N. Radcliffe	42
C. Thompson	35
C. Hartman	30
J. Sikora	25
C. Cloud	20
S. Kroeber	20
H. Labinsky	18
F. Cogswell	17
S. Dux	10
T. Saranskas	10
R. Minnis	5
C. Dubenic	5
H. Frank	4

LIGHTS

M. Nichele	221
M. Schmidt	161
C. Bloome	149
J. Edwards	142
S. Swann	105
W. Losert	100
K. Langwell	71
P. Kralik	55
S. Maloney	47
J. Pupelis	30
B. Glowacki	27
D. Clausen	25
L. Cinert	22
T. Franczak	17
K. Vrabel	16
C. High	12
W. Krahl	10
M. Casserly	10
J. Badali	5
M. Millman	5
W. Anderson	5
E. Juracic	3

COMMERCIAL

A. Klehm	2117
Fox Valley	548
Hausermann	240
River Kwai	160
Cyps, Etc.	130
EFG Orchids	120
Inverness	60

*Indicates IOS Show points received and included.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 17: Monthly IOS Meeting at CBG
March 23: AOS Judging at CBG
March 25: Board Meeting at the Jones'
April 21: IOS Greenhouse Tour
May 19: Open House at Klehm's
June 22-23: Judging seminar at CBG; AOS student presentations 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
June 22: AOS Judging at CBG
July 21: Monthly IOS Meeting at CBG
August 18: Picnic at Oak Hill Gardens
September 27-29: IOS Fall Mini-Show
October 27: Monthly IOS Meeting at CBG
November 17: Monthly IOS Meeting at CBG

JUDGING STUDY GROUP: The next meeting of the Judging Study Group will be held March 27 at the home of John Stubbings.

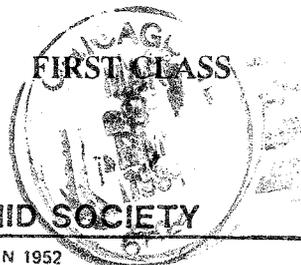
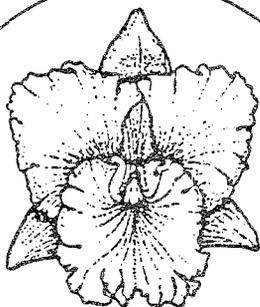
NEXT BOARD MEETING: The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 25, at the home of Jean and Dave Jones. All Board members and committee chairmen are encouraged to attend the meeting which is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m. If you cannot attend or need directions, please call Jean or Dave.

COMMUNICATIONS CENTRAL

Wilfried Losert will have a plant sale on Saturday, March 23, and on Saturday, May 4, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at 2721 Spruce in River Grove. **Directions:** From the north: South on 294 to Irving Park, east to River Road. Make a right (south) to Grand. On Grand go west 2 blocks to Spruce, north on Spruce to 3rd house on right. From the south: First avenue to Grand, west to Spruce. There will be a lot of blooming plants.

NEWS FLASH: Sue Golan, IOS President, does it again! Sue Golan has won yet another AOS award. Last Saturday, at the St. Louis Mid-American Regional Judging, her well-grown plant of Paphiopedilum Rothschildianum was awarded an HCC of 76 points. It will carry the clonal name of 'Old Mill'. The plant was purchased from the late Dr. Clements and is an example of his ability as a breeder. **CONGRATULATIONS!**

APRIL TOUR OF GROWING FACILITIES: If you are interested in opening your growing facilities (under lights, windowsill or greenhouse), please send a map with written directions to Heddi Schellbach unless you participated in a tour in recent years in which case the directions are on file. In that case, just call (708) 674-4671 and leave your name. Deadline is March 25 which is also the deadline for the next Newsletter.



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