

October, 1991

## ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY

FOUNDED IN 1952

**WHO:** ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY  
**WHAT:** MONTHLY MEETING  
**WHEN:** OCTOBER 27, 1991 at 12:30 p.m.  
**WHERE:** CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

**WORKSHOP AND SPEAKER:** Otto Leupi will talk about, and give a slide presentation on, species orchids, mainly Sophronitis, Brazilian bifoliate cattleyas, high altitude dendrobiums from New Guinea and other cool-growing species. Since he has won so many awards, his presentation should be of interest to everyone.

**REFRESHMENTS:** If you have not contributed to the refreshments during this year's meetings but enjoyed the goodies others have brought, you may want to catch up and bring something to this month's meeting.

**Plants for judging** should be in place by 12:30.

**REPORT FROM FALL SHOW CHAIRPERSON:** The Fall Show is now history. A total of 302 plants were entered for judging. The quality of the displays and the cooperation of IOS members made this a very enjoyable weekend for me and, I am sure, for all of the visitors to the show. I would like to thank each and everyone for the time they helped, from the unloading of the first car to sweeping up the last stray piece of fir bark. The sweetest words I heard all weekend were, "What can I do to help?" and I heard them often. Again, thanks. You made my job simple. Let's do it again in March!

Sherry Maloney

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sue Golan 708/234-6311

A very successful show is behind us now. I salute **Sherry Maloney**, show chairperson, and everyone else involved in putting on the Fall Show for a job well done.

Some new members were manning various posts but when I arrived early to help set up the show and saw **Ed Helmbolt** there putting skirts on the tables already, I knew we were in business.

Some members who can't often attend regular meetings seem to come "out of the wordwork" to help with shows. Could we unload and load cars without **Ed Gamson**? Could we sell plants, usually down to the bare tables, without **Wally Zielinski**? No way!

I had an interesting letter this summer from **Tom Swider** suggesting that many of you would like to understand the judging process better. The IOS Board agreed and **Jim Spatzek** volunteered to elucidate on the subject in an article which appears on the next page.

Tom also mentioned that an "Ask-the-Experts" type of column might be helpful. If anyone has a specific orchid question that you want answered, mail or fax it to the address on the Newsletter and an appropriate orchid grower will get back to you. We certainly have a lot of knowledgeable growers in our society so if you put the questions to us, we can respond. If the question is of general interest, we will print it in the Newsletter.

The **American Orchid Society** puts out a monthly bulletin which is full of interesting articles, gorgeous colored pictures and a question-and-answer section. Membership is \$30 annually. Applications should be sent to: 6000 South Olive Avenue, West Palm Beach, Florida 33405

**MONTHLY COMPETITIONS AND MORE.....**

One of our members, **Tom Swider**, posed a number of questions regarding the **Monthly Competition**, and the Board felt that many of our members might have similar questions. So hopefully, here are some informative answers:

**How Many Plants Can I Submit?** There is no limit to the number of plants you may enter in the competition or send to shows. However, use your discretion and show the best plants you have. It should be quality, not just quantity.

**Can I Submit the Same Plant(s) Year After Year, or Month After Month?** The same plant can be submitted each year when it blooms but should only be submitted once during the year for the monthly competition. As an example, Phalaenopsis violacea can be in bloom for 4-6 weeks. It should not, however, be brought to every meeting that occurs during the blooming period.

The exception is that the same plant may be sent to more than one show, and may get a ribbon and points at more than one show. However, after the first show, it should be marked "Not for AOS Judging", to designate that it has been to more than one show on this flowering. Once a plant has been entered in an AOS-judged show, it is presumed to have been considered for AOS judging and can not be considered again for an AOS award on the **same** flowering. Also, to enter a plant in a show or AOS judging, you must know its name or the cross or the species. Examples: Blc. Marcella Koss, or (Brassavola nodosa x Cattleya luteola), or Oncidium luridum. You can not just enter Cattleya or Miltonia, etc. It must be named and it must be an actual name, not something made up for the occasion.

**How Long Must I Own The Plant(s)?** You must have owned the plant for at least six months to enter the plant in our monthly competition or most shows. However, you can buy an outstanding plant today and take it to AOS judging today and the award is yours. This has happened more than once in our area--most of the time it is one commercial grower selling to another before show set-up.

**How Many Points Are Assessed for First, Second, Special, AOS, etc.?**

SHOWS		MONTHLY MEETINGS
20	1st Place	10
10	2nd Place	5
5	3rd Place	3
2	Plant/no ribbon	1
20	Silver/Special Award	20
60	AOS Award	60

**When Do Points Start and Stop Accumulating?** Generally, points begin accumulating June 1 of each year and stop on May 31 of the following year to coincide with the change of officers.

**Where Do I Get Registration Forms?** They are available on the judging table prior to each meeting. The form must be filled out completely and the portion with your name is folded over so that no one knows the owner of the plant during the judging.

**How Do I Find Out Why My Plant Won or Lost?** This is very difficult at the Monthly Competition because of the volume of plants shown. Also, the judging is comparative. For instance, all paphs are judged against each other; all pink phalaenopsis are judged against each other, etc. Unless you have a judge with an outstanding memory, it is very difficult to remember all of the details about all of the plants in a particular grouping. At the monthly AOS Judging (4th Saturday of each month at 7 p.m. at the CBG), all plants entered into competition are critiqued following the judging.

**In General Terms, What Are the Judges Looking for?** They look for well-grown, well-flowered plants that meet or exceed the judging standards for that genus. As an example, a phalaenopsis should be a full, rounded flower without any "air space" (open areas) between the petals and sepals; with a good flower count on the inflorescence with as many flowers as possible open. A white phal with two or three flowers only on a spike will generally not be judged, especially in AOS judging. If, for instance, you are judging three white phals that are very close in quality, you use the opposite tactic and look for defects to determine first, second and third. You are trying to judge against perfection which comes from the experience of looking at thousands of orchids.

**MORE.....**I thought new members might want to know something about the details of sending plants to shows since shows are the "life blood" of most societies: to raise funds and recruit new members. Societies count on other societies, commercial growers and individuals to exhibit and make the shows a success. By the same token, we are expected to reciprocate by exhibiting at other shows. Here's the procedure:

Generally, on the Wednesday or Thursday before an "away" show, plants are delivered to one or two drop-off points--usually one north and one south. The Show Chairman, or his/her designated volunteer, delivers the plants and accessories for the display to the show site, and sets up the exhibit. Obviously, without members' blooming plants, an IOS display can not be created. It is a way to gain recognition for your plants. Also, **plants sent to shows gain double points!** The plants can usually be picked up on Monday at the drop-off site.

Volunteers are always needed to help or totally set up the IOS display, or bring home the display and the plants. Remember, the IOS is a volunteer organization which needs your help, not a service to take your plants to shows. So, if you can help with a show here or there, you'll get some idea of what is involved. Maybe a couple of members could go together and set up. The next show coming up, I believe, is in Rockford on November 16-17, which is only 1 1/2 hours away.

To close, if John Stubbings and I can set up a display and win blue ribbons and specials, anyone can! Why not give it a try and get involved.

**Jim Spatzek**

## REPORT OF AWARDS COMMITTEE

Suki Kroeber, chairman, (708) 954-1020

I need to correct some misinformation in my last report. In July Bob Wolff's dendrochilum filiforme 'Happy Birthday' was awarded a CCM of 95 points at the monthly AOS judging. I said that it had over 150 inflorescences with more than 5,500 flowers. Not true. It had over 450 inflorescences and 55,000 flowers!

**Sherry Maloney** set up a beautiful exhibit at the Peoria show, which won a second place ribbon. Ribbons were awarded to plants exhibited by **Grace Freeman, Nicola Radcliffe, Mel Schmidt, John Stubbings** and **Bob Wolff**. Two Special Awards were given--one to **Mel** for his laelia kettiana and one to **Bob** for his miltonia spectabilis var. moreliana. Congratulations, gentlemen.

Our Fall Show was a great success. The President's Award went to **Otto Leupi** for his Dendrobium cuthbertsonii; the Show Chairman's award went to **Bob Wolff** for his huge Miltonia spectabilis var. moreliana; and the Chicago Horticulture Ribbon went to **Hausermann's** phalaenopsis Angel Dancer 'Show Girl'.

### The Silver Awards for Best of Class were:

Class 1-3	<b>Arnie Klehm</b>
Class 5-6	<b>Northeastern Wisconsin Orchid Society</b>
Class 9-10	<b>Sue Golan, Grace Freeman and J. Coutts</b>
Class 15-32	<b>Lorraine Heyden</b> for BLC Greenwich 'Elmhurst'
Class 33-44	<b>Omaha Orchids</b> for Paph godefroyae
Class 45-60	<b>LeRoy Peterson</b> for trichoglottis brachiata
Class 61-77	<b>Hausermann's</b> Phal Angel Dancer 'Show Girl'
Class 78-91	<b>Sue Golan</b> for Rodriguizia venusta
Class 110-119	<b>Otto Leupi</b> for Dendrobium cuthbertsonii and <b>Bob Wolff</b> for Ceratostylis rugra

### IOS POINT SCORE ACCUMULATIONS

#### GREENHOUSE

R. Wolf	562
L. Sahagian	325
G. Freeman	210
S. Golan	150
N. Radcliffe	147
O. Leupi	130
S. Kroeber	58
G. Stueben	50
B. Walsh	46
C. Cloud	42
B. Shaban	40
J. Mullen	35
J. Stubbings	17
R. Desser	15
J. Coutts	10
C. Thompson	5

#### LIGHTS

M. Schmidt	175
J. Edwards	149
C. Bloome	92
J. Pupelis	90
W. Losert	54
S. Swan	39
B. Youngdale	32
T. Franczak	29
M. Nichele	29
P. Kralik	28
B. Rogerson	25
M. Poor	21
K. Vrabel	11
K. Langwell	10
O. Boor	1
C. Boreland	1

#### COMMERCIAL

Hausermann's	265
E.F.G. Orchids	255
Arnold Klehm	230
Oak Hill Gardens	200
<b>Greenhouse/Lights???</b>	
P. Possini	35
W. Zielinski	20
R. Jezioro	10
L. Possini	5

**NOTE:** For our Fall Show I am missing the points for plants shown but not awarded, each of which is worth 2 points. Please call me so I can update the point scores for next month.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

1991

- October 27: Monthly IOS Meeting at CBG, 12:30 p.m.
- October 26: AOS Judging at CBG, 7 p.m.
- November 17: Monthly IOS Meeting at CBG, 12:30 p.m.
- November 18: Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Grace Freeman's home, 65 Acorn Lane, Highland Park Tel. 708/831-3297
- November 23: AOS Judging at CBG, 7 p.m.
- December 8: Christmas Party at Hausermann's
- December 28: AOS Judging at CBG, 7 p.m.

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- January 19: Monthly IOS Meeting at CBG, 12:30 p.m.
- January 20: Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- January 25: AOS Judging at CBG, 7 p.m.
- February 16: Monthly IOS Meeting at CBG, 12:30 p.m.
- February 22: AOS Judging at CBG, 7 p.m.
- March 13-15: Spring Show at CBG
- March 28: AOS Judging at CBG, 7 p.m.
- March 30: Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- April 19: Tour of Growing Facilities
- April 25: AOS Judging at CBG, 7 p.m.
- June 15: Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- September 27-29: Mid-America Show at CBG

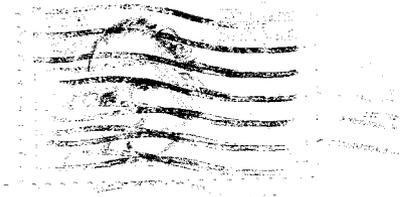
**COMMUNICATIONS CENTRAL**

**WANTED: Light Cart.** Windowsill grower can't bring all his plants back inside. If you are thinking of selling your light cart, please call Jim McMillan @ 708/884-0849.

**JUDGING STUDY GROUP:** The next meeting of the Judging Study Group will be held **October 23** at the home of Heddi Schellbach. Please call 708/674-4671 if you can not attend.

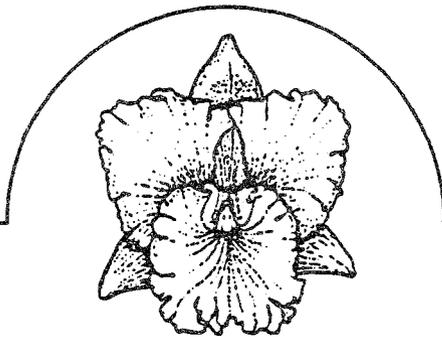
**DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER:** The deadline for the November Newsletter is **October 22**. Please submit copy to Heddi Schellbach, 3825 Jarlath, Lincolnwood, IL 60645-1015 or via Fax @ 312/440-7494.

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