

November, 1991

## ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY

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**WHO:** ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY  
**WHAT:** MONTHLY MEETING  
**WHEN:** NOVEMBER 17, 1991 at 12:30 p.m.  
**WHERE:** CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

**WORKSHOP:** The speaker of the day, **Dr. Ben Berliner**, will conduct the workshop starting at 12:30 which will address the cultural requirements of the lycaste alliance.

**SPEAKER: Dr. Ben Berliner** recently retired as Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Connecticut. Dr. Berliner is an accredited judge, a former AOS trustee and a member of the Long Island, New York and Connecticut Orchid Societies. He owns Willow Pond Orchids and is a frequent contributor to the *AOS Bulletin*.

His talk will be on the *Zygopetalum* alliance, those orchids from South America with beautiful and fragrant flowers.

All plants for judging should be in place by 12:30. Plants will be sold and refreshments served after the meeting.

**REFRESHMENTS:** Our thanks to those who brought refreshments to the hospitality table in October. Just a reminder that refreshments are brought on a voluntary basis, so if you've enjoyed someone else's goodies and not contributed recently, please do so this month.

**CHANGE IN DECEMBER MEETING DATE:** The date for the Christmas Party at Hausermann's has been changed to December 15.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **John Stubbings** who has just been approved as an accredited judge by the American Orchid Society.

We are hoping for a great recovery by **Forrest Cogswell** who underwent surgery the day after the October meeting but managed not to miss it.

The awards for October will be published in next month's newsletter.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sue Golan 708/234-6311

I had a funny moment of orchid eyesight while writing this article. There was an article in the *Wall Street Journal* about the networks. When I glanced at it quickly and saw F.C.C., I thought, "Oh goody, an article about orchids!" Talk about tunnel vision!

There are 462 of you receiving this bulletin now, 158 of you have joined since January. I hope you'll be able to attend the meetings and that we can provide you with the help and knowledge that you probably expect from the society. Just ask!

The **Rockford show** is the weekend of November 16 and **Sherry Maloney** will need plants for setup on the 15th. Please bring your little darlings to me or Sherry earlier that week (by Thursday, the 14th).

If any of you has Benlate 1991 DF or Tersan 1991 DF, both by Dupont, throw it out if you have not ever used it. There has been a contamination of these two products, which has almost wiped out some Florida growers. Unfortunately (or fortunately for Dupont) there has been little publicity about this problem.

Our orchid **Personality of the Month** is **John Stubbings**, our Treasurer and former President.

John is a chemical engineer, technical director of PMC Specialties Group (used to be the Chemical Division of Sherwin Williams). They make the raw material for fungicide, ink, and something called BHT which is used in plastics, rubber and Twinkies (yuck).

In 1978, while living in Cleveland, John and his wife, Sandy, happened on an orchid show which happened to be a Mid-America show where he happened to buy two orchids from Oak Hill.

By the time he moved here in 1979, the mounted one was dead and the Paph. *Sukhakulii* was suffering. A visit to Hausermann's or Oak Hill saw it rotted and it bloomed soon after.

The African Violets at Hausermann's appealed to Sandy who was growing under lights so they added a few orchids.

Around 1982 John attended an IOS show at the CBG where the sales were in the Exhibit Hall and the exhibits were in the galleries. We've surely advanced since then.

John joined the IOS and the newcomers group and got involved in helping with shows. In 1985 he put together the IOS exhibit for the Mid-America show.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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- 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 15: Christmas Party at Hausermann's (Please  
note change in date)  
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

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT (continued)

The Botanic Garden needed help with their collection about that time so John volunteered to spend a few hours every other week, potting and arranging orchids. He helped put up the first orchid tree, inventoried the collection and led a group of us in repotting and mounting the orchids.

John started clerking at orchid shows and was accepted as a student judge in 1984 and was just accepted as an accredited IOS judge. He judges on trips to Miami near where Sandy's parents live and on vacations in California and, soon, in Hawaii.

He built his greenhouse in 1984 where he specializes in Cattletonias and Phals. Sandy, who is a special education teacher at Maine West, has her violets under lights and is now a student judge of African Violets, as well as President of the Lake Shore African Violet Club.

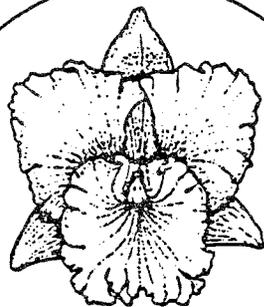
Photography is John's hobby. He is the official photographer for our new judging center and you can see his excellent photographs in the *Awards Quarterly*. He also won a prize in an AOS photography contest.

Scuba diving is their new pastime. Let's hope it doesn't possess them like orchids and violets. We surely wouldn't want to lose this great all-around team.

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER:** The deadline for the December Newsletter is **November 22**. Please submit copy to the Editor.

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