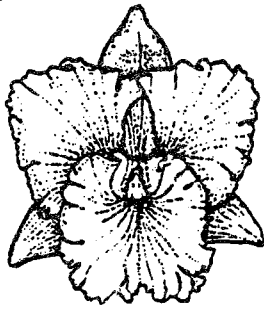


ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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JANUARY, 1992

ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY

FOUNDED IN 1952

WHO: ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY
WHAT: MONTHLY MEETING
WHEN: JANUARY 19, 1992, 12:30 p.m.
WHERE: Chicago Botanic Garden
Lake Cook Road, east of Eden's
Glencoe, IL

WORKSHOP: A lot of interest has been expressed by the membership in judging. Therefore, the January meeting will be devoted to that subject.

There are two main types: The first is show or ribbon-judging and the second is for AOS awards.

To demonstrate what it is all about, the plants brought to the meeting by members will be publicly ribbon-judged. You will receive an explanation why and how certain orchids are considered better than others and some of the ways decisions are arrived at.

SPEAKER: The speaker will be Mr. Robert F. Nagel, training coordinator for the Mid-America region of the American Orchid Society. He is in charge of seeing that student and probationary judges are competent and knowledgeable. He will tell us about this and the AOS system of evaluating and judging orchids.

The information you will gain will help you when choosing an orchid to buy or sell and add to your knowledge of these fascinating plants.

PLANTS FOR JUDGING: Plants for judging should be in place by 12:30. Plants for the sales table can be dropped off anytime but plants can not be bought until after the conclusion of the meeting.

REFRESHMENTS: If you have not contributed to the refreshments during the past year, how about bringing something to the January meeting? The social part of the monthly meetings is something you do not find at many societies' meetings.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Thanks to all of you who brought the delicious food to the Christmas Party. There was plenty of food and drinks and fun was had by all.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sue Golan 708/234-6311

Well, our party at Hausermann's is just a memory now but from the feeding frenzy I glimpsed at the checkout counter, most of you have a few "keepsakes" to remind you. May they all bloom! That's my New Year's wish for all of you (and me).

Thanks to all of you for your wonderful food. There was plenty for all and Maggie Kuntz and Lois Cinert set it up so attractively. Sandy Stubbings was working right with them while John tried to save some of his orchid "allowance" for their upcoming trip to Hawaii. (He has promised to write an article about what it's like there "orchid-wise" and otherwise.)

These are dog days for greenhouse growers, short days, visions of heater failures, etc. Here's where you under-light growers have a real advantage.

Pretty soon it will be show time again: March 13-15. Be sure to plan to exhibit and to help. It's fun!

Believe it or not, we are already working hard on the fall show which will not be a mini but a regular show plus. Grace Freeman's article will explain what a Mid-America show is.

I've promised to do P.R. for that show and would love some posters if anyone is artistically inclined. Please call me @ 708/234-6311 if you can help.

Get-well wishes to Joe Koss who had surgery recently. His recovery should be helped by the knowledge that Chicago was approved as a Supplemental Judging Region at the December business meeting in St. Louis. Joe is our judging chairman and made it all possible.

Some of you might find these sessions interesting to observe. The next one will take place on January 26 at 7 p.m. in the Linnaeus Room at the CBG. You don't need to bring a plant to observe. Come and see

BEGINNERS' COLUMN

Now that you've bought one or more orchids to embark on what can become an engrossing (and even addicting) hobby, what are some of the best ways to guard your investment, that is, get your plants to rebloom faithfully?

Rule #1 is to attend as many of the monthly IOS meetings as you can manage. Here you will pick up valuable cultural hints (especially by getting there by 12:30 so you can profit from the workshops); moreover, be sure to overcome any innate shyness in your makeup to ask questions of some of the more experienced growers also in attendance. Another benefit of the meetings is the eye-opening displays (on the judging and sales tables) of varieties whose existence you have been unaware of, and which you would like to try to grow.

Equally important is Rule #2—the one we are going to concentrate on in this month's column—to acquire one or more orchid books, study them carefully, and refer to them when questions arise about potting media, repotting techniques, fertilizing, fighting pests, as well as providing appropriate temperatures and light levels for specific varieties.

To start with an anti-climax: two of the best books for beginners are out of print, but in the opinion of many experienced growers they are so helpful in getting started that they should be mentioned anyway; one or both are probably available in your local public library. If so, you can always check them out for study and photocopy any pages that you find especially helpful. The first of these out-of-print gems is the volume, *Orchids*, from a Time-Life series of books on gardening. Especially valuable in this book are two Appendices (pp. 148-154); the first appendix deals with pests and diseases (symptoms, causes, and remedies), and in the second appendix are listed characteristics of 223 orchids, specifying such things as blooming seasons, optimum temperatures and light for growing, and informing you whether they are evergreens or deciduous. The other valuable out-of-print book is *Orchids for Everyone* (Gallery Books). Like the Time-Life Book, it has excellent discussions on cultural conditions and is lavishly illustrated with photos of species and hybrids.

Now for the good news—a listing of a few reasonably priced books that are readily available from such sources as the American Orchid Society (with a 10% discount for members); by mail from Twin Oaks Books at P. O. Box 290940, Greenfield, Wisconsin (phone 414/321-4660); and from the gift/book shop (10% off for members) at the Botanic Garden:

Simon & Schuster's Guide to Orchids. 1988; available in paperback at \$13.95; includes a fairly comprehensive introduction and 250 color photographs of more than 160 cultivated species. Each photograph is accompanied by best temperature and light conditions and cultivation hints.

Orchid Growing Illustrated, Rittershausen, Brian & Wilma, 1985, Blandford Press. Excellent pictures illustrating equipment for greenhouse and home growing, potting and propagation, pests and diseases, and the art of growing, \$24.95.

Orchids as Houseplants—Rebecca Northen; 1975 (reprinted in 1989), Dover. \$3.50. Concise, well-illustrated with black-and-white photos and step-by-step "how-to" drawings. Specially good for the chapters on Windows and Cases, Artificial light, potting, and plenty of recommendations on kinds to grow indoors and how to encourage them to perform.

There you are—any one or two of the above are enough to launch you; once you've made a commitment to orchids (and that may not take long) you'll want Rebecca Northen's much larger book, found in the library of every orchid nut, *Home Orchid Growing*, 4th edition, Van Nostrand Reinhold; \$45.00.

(Contributed by Jack Coutts, IOS Asst. Treasurer)

MID-AMERICA FALL SHOW: The Fall show will be hosted by the IOS on September 25-27, 1992 at the CBG.

A steering committee has already started to work. Some plans are beginning to jell. Others are still incubating. And what we need the most is **HELP!** All of you will be important in making this show work.

Before going any further, I have been asked to explain a bit about what "Mid-America" means. There are in the United States and parts of Canada, four regional orchid congresses. They are the Eastern, South, Western and our own, Mid-America, which is an association of orchid societies located in the Mid-America region. This includes 14 states: Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Nebraska, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, part of Kansas, Ohio, Wisconsin, Indiana and

Illinois; and parts of Canada (Ontario and Winnipeg). The Congress meets twice a year, spring and fall, and is hosted by one of the affiliate societies which also mounts a show. There are about 50 societies taking turns in rotation as hosts.

As hosts for the Fall '92 Show, numerous committees are being formed. We still have many openings and welcome your interest and desire to be put to work. The buzz word is: **VOLUNTEER!**

Call me at 708/832-3297 or contact any of the officers. I assure you you will receive a hearty welcome (and an assignment).

**Grace Freeman, Chair,
Mid-America Fall '92 Show**

REPORT OF AWARDS COMMITTEE

Suki Kroeber, chairman, (708) 954-1020

The Christmas Party at Hausermann's was a treat for everyone. The punch was delicious, as were the many dishes brought in by members for lunch. Many beautiful plants were brought in for judging, and the specials of the month went to Laima Sahagian (greenhouse) for her Haemariae discolor, and to Joel Edwards (lights) for his Paph. Maudiae.

Nine people participated in the Rockford show and the points are included below. Arnie Klehm has been traveling to many shows lately and has received many awards. At the October judging at the CBG his Opsistylis Shree 'Hampshire' was awarded an AM/AOS. At the December judging in St. Louis two HCC/AOS awards were given: one to EFG Orchids for their Paph Maudiae 'George' and one to Hausermann's for a lovely Phal hybrid which was not yet named and registered at the time of judging. Congratulations to all on the awards!

For our mini-show, I am still missing some of the points for plants shown but not awarded, each of which is worth 2 points. Please call me so I can correct the point scores next month.

IOS POINT SCORE ACCUMULATIONS

GREENHOUSE

L. Sahagian	660
R. Wolf	562
S. Golan	433
G. Freeman	325
N. Radcliffe	169
O. Leupi	130
J. Mullen	126
P. Passine	86
J. Coutts	83
S. Kroeber	75
T. Sarauskas	70
M. Kuntz	69
J. Hirt	56
G. Stueben	50
B. Walsh	47
C. Cloud	42
R. Desser	41
B. Shaban	40
J. Stubbings	17
C. Thompson	17
H. Labinsky	5
L. Passine	5

LIGHTS

M. Schmidt	341
J. Edwards	239
C. Bloome	206
W. Losert	137
J. Pupelis	90
T. Franczak	71
P. Kralik	54
S. Swan	49
S. Maloney	42
B. Youngdale	32
M. Nichele	29
B. Rogerson	25
K. Langwell	22
M. Poor	21
K. Vrabel	15
C. High	11
A. Huehl	10
L. Schordje	3
M. Begy	1
O. Boor	1
C. Boreland	1

COMMERCIAL

Arnold Klehm	1,055
Hausermann's	325
E.F.G. Orchids	315
Oak Hill Gardens	200
Greenhouse/Lights???	
W. Zielinski	24
R. Jezioro	10
E. Gamson	10

A BIT OF IOS HISTORY

*Illinois
Orchid
Society*

1325 Sibley Blvd.
Dolton, Ill. 60419
November 1970

Dear Member,

November marks the time for our very special and biggest social event of the year - the Annual Awards Banquet - a must for your calendar! The date is Nov. 14th and the place is The Mansion Restaurant, 6250 W. 63rd, Chicago. (This is west of Central Ave. on 63rd). We are especially fortunate this year to have Mr. Craig Foster as our guest speaker. His wife Bettye will be accompanying him. Do make your reservations now if you have not already done so. The tickets are \$7.00 per person and send your check to our Treasurer, Mr. Richard Rottet, 911 Northwest Hwy., Park Ridge, Ill., 60068. Cocktails are at 6:00 P.M. and Dinner at 7:00. Reservations must be in before Nov. 6th.

The fall Mid-America Orchid Congress Show takes place Nov. 5, 6, and 7. We are sending a cut flower exhibit and our Show Chairman, Mr. David McNair, requests all flowers to be delivered to Hausermann's anytime on Monday or Tuesday, Nov. 2 and 3 from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. If you have plants in bloom, please donate them so that we may be well represented in Knoxville....blossoms only, please!

According to the amended Bylaws, our dues are now due and Mr. Rottet will be most happy to receive your check. In order to rearrange our dues calendar, we are asking that you pay \$7.50 per first family member and \$1.50 for each additional member for this year only. You will be paid up until Sept. 1st, 1972. Thereafter, we will return to the \$5.00 and \$1.00 fees and the normal 12 month period - September to September.

Please note: Our December meeting will be held at Hausermann's Orchids in Elmhurst rather than at the Museum this year. The date is Dec. 13th - the second Sunday of the month - and the meeting will begin at the usual 2:00 hour. Plants will be judged as before and a Christmas social hour will follow the meeting.

A reminder: Do not bring plants for judging to the Banquet. We want a good turnout of our members, though, and you won't want to miss hearing from Mr. Foster. Good food, awards, and prizes will be plentiful!

Best wishes,

Jeanne R. Albert
Jeanne R. Albert (Mrs. J.R.)
Secretary

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check #342
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ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY SPRING SHOW SIGN UP

March 12 - 15, 1992

The jobs listed and described below are all very important to the success of our show. Please fill in the name of the job(s) you would like to do next to the time you will be available. (EX. Sat. Mar.14 1:00-5:00 - Raffle)

TABLE SET UP - (Thursday, after noon) - involves putting skirts on tables, labeling exhibit spaces, etc.

PLANT REGISTRATION - (Thursday p.m., Friday until 4:00 p.m.) helping exhibitors register plants, organizing registration slips, pasting into folders.

TRAFFIC -(All day Friday & Sunday 4:00 - 5:30) Help with the unloading (& reloading) of plants, organize traffic in and out of loading area.

HOSPITALITY - (Friday evening, Sat. & Sun. all day) Help organize the donations for judges dinner Fri. Keep hospitality room supplied with fresh coffee & goodies Sat. & Sun.

JUDGING/CLERKING - (Friday night) Clerking involves hanging award ribbons on plants, finding the plants to be judged or writing information on back of ribbons (good way to learn how the judging works)

INFORMATION TABLE (Sat. & Sun. all day) Answer questions about the IOS and encourage people to join. This table also has cut dendrobiums for sale so someone with a little 'carnival barker' experience would do well here, too.

RAFFLE TABLE - (Sat. & Sun. all day) Convince passersby to take a chance on the raffle plant - a fun place to work.

FLOOR HOST/HOSTESS - (Sat. & Sun. all day) Wander through the exhibit & sales space, making sure the orchids are properly respected; answer visitor questions where possible & act as a general IOS good-will ambassador.

TEAR DOWN - (Sunday 4:30) - All hands needed here; no special talents needed; just a willingness to pitch in and clean up.

Thursday March 12

4:00 - 8:00 _____

Friday, March 13

9:00 - Noon _____

Noon - 4:00 _____

4:00 - ? _____

Saturday, March 14

9:00 - 1:00 _____

1:00 - 5:00 _____

Sunday March 15

9:00 - 1:00 _____

1:00 - 4:30 _____

4:30 - 5:30? _____

I will provide food for the Judges' Supper Friday evening. Please check _____ salad _____ dessert Description _____

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

EXHIBIT SPACE REQUEST

I would like to reserve space for an exhibit in the Illinois Orchid Society Spring Show, 1992 (March 14 & 15, 1992).

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

SPACE NEEDED: Table Top _____ 25 ft. _____ 50ft. _____ 100 ft. _____

Special Requirements _____ Sign to Read _____

Please return these forms to Sherry Maloney, 1504 Elm, Northbrook, IL 60062 or bring them to the January meeting at the Botanic Garden.

DATES TO REMEMBER

1992

January 19: Monthly IOS Meeting at CBG, 12:30 p.m.

January 20: Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Jean and Dave Jones' home in Highland, Indiana

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: Monthly IOS Meeting at CBG, 12:30 p.m.

April 25: AOS Judging at CBG, 7 p.m.

June 15: Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

September 25-27: Mid-America Show at CBG

SPRING SHOW: The Spring Show will be here before you know it. Set aside the weekend of March 13-15 and plan to spend at least a part of it getting to know more about your Society and how it works. The best way to do this is to volunteer to be a part of the show. There is something for everyone to do. Elsewhere in the Bulletin is a Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet. I have tried to include a brief description of the various areas needing volunteer help. Please sign up early and often. Feel free to call me if you have any questions (708/498-0249).

Sherry Maloney, Show Chair

IOS HISTORY: On another page of this Bulletin you will find a bit of IOS history, thanks to **Ed Helmboldt**, in answer to the question we asked at the Christmas Party, "how long have we been coming here for our Christmas Party?"

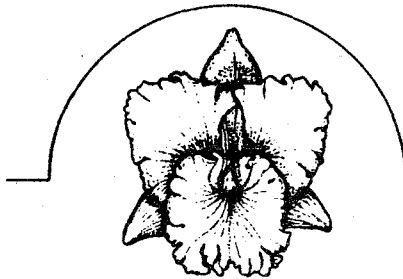
Gene Hausermann guessed at 20 years and it turns out to be 21.

1992 DUES: If you have not sent in your membership dues for 1992, please do so before the deadline of January 31. According to the *Bylaws*, dues must be paid by that date.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER: The deadline for the February Newsletter is **January 22**. Please submit copy to the Editor via mail or by Fax.

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