

MAY, 1992

## ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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**WHO:** ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY  
**WHAT:** MONTHLY MEETING  
**WHEN:** May 17, 1992, 12:30 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Chicago Botanic Garden  
Lake Cook Road, east of Eden's  
Glencoe, IL

**MAY PROGRAM:** Dr. Martin Motes, PhD, will be the speaker for this month's meeting. He will be talking on the subject of Vandas, Ascocendas and related genera. Dr. Motes is head of Motes Orchids in Homestead, Florida, and has been traveling to Thailand the last few years to bring back all sorts of interesting plants, a few of which he will bring to the sales table.

The workshop at 12:30 will be conducted by Dr. Motes and you will be able to find out all about growing the above-mentioned orchids.

**SALES TABLE:** If you are bringing plants to the sales table, be sure to indicate the color and time of year they bloom. It makes them much easier to sell. Call Carol Cloud (312/348-4883) to get your sales log numbers in advance.

**HOSPITALITY:** There wasn't much on the table at the April meeting to choose from. We are not asking everyone to bring something to this month's meeting, just a few more than the three varieties we had last month. Isn't it your turn to bring something if you have enjoyed goodies and not made a contribution lately?

**ELECTION TIME IS NEAR!** At this month's meeting, you will have an opportunity to vote for (or against) a new slate of officers. These people were recommended by a nominating committee headed by John Stubbings who was aided by Jack Coutts and Sherry Maloney.

If you are interested in taking part in our governing process, we are interested in hearing from you. This is an open society and only the dedication of its members and officers keeps it running smoothly.

Join in - work on shows and let us get to know you. We always need help and fresh ideas.

At our last show, Carol Cloud, our Plant Sales Co-Chair, told an interesting typical IOS story. Margy Casserly was selling plants at the IOS table that day and the two of them recalled how they had met on the El train. Carol was standing next to where Margy was sitting reading Charles Darwin's theory of orchid pollination. (Pretty smart, that Margy!) Carol, never bashful, asked if she grew orchids. Margy said she was just getting interested. Carol then gave her the IOS story and the rest is history.

Carol herself came to the IOS show in 1986 and was hooked when she purchased Cattleya Bess Truman. She bought Hausermann's light set-up and started dreaming about a greenhouse.

She and Rich planned to remodel their Chicago house and bought a greenhouse which sat in storage for 2 years. They finally did remodel gradually and their smashing greenhouse now sits on the 3rd floor, attic level, with a view of the city skyline, at night. Many IOS members contributed ideas to this project.

It has an intercom, phone, sink, cable access, automatic vents. Carol plays a recording of jungle sounds to soothe her and her plants after her hard day as a dental technician.

She has, amazingly, sons 28 and 29 and a 16-month old granddaughter.

## JOSEPH W. KOSS MEMORIAL AWARD

The Board of Directors has voted to establish an annual award in memory of Joe Koss, past president and director of the Illinois Orchid Society, and first chairman of the Mid-America Supplemental Judging Center. This award was created to honor and remember his devotion to orchids, the Illinois Orchid Society, and the Mid-America Supplemental Judging Center.

The award, suitably engraved, will be presented annually to the owner of the orchid plant or flower receiving the highest AOS point score at the Mid-America Supplemental Judging Center, Glencoe, Illinois, or submitted for AOS judging at either the Illinois Orchid Society Spring or Fall Show. The first calendar year for purposes of this award began January 1, 1992 and will end on December 31, 1992. The winner and the pertinent information and photograph will be published in the *American Orchid Society Bulletin*.

This annual award is funded by the Illinois Orchid Society.

Jim Spatzek

## IOS MAKES MAJOR GIFT TO THE LINCOLN PARK CONSERVATORY

The Illinois Orchid Society recently made a major gift of potting materials, fertilizers, sprays and other related materials to Mark Kluber, curator of orchids, at the Lincoln Park Conservatory in Chicago.

As part of the IOS' ongoing programs to encourage and help build major public collections, the IOS regularly contributes to such projects. The collection at the Conservatory was in need of help. As you can imagine, many city programs suffer during recessions with everyone looking for his/her share. Unfortunately, there was no budget for the items needed for the orchid collection.

As the collection continues to improve, the IOS hopes to be able to continue to participate in the turn-around.

We have in the past made donations to the Nature Conservancy, Volo Bog, and the Chicago Botanic Garden, among others, for their orchid collections and conservation projects. If you are aware of a worthwhile cause related to orchids, please contact a member of the Board, Cathy Bloome, who is head of the Conservation Committee, or Jim Spatzek, who is head of the Annual Giving Committee.

This is another example of your dues dollars at work!

Jim Spatzek

## APOLOGIES

I left out Jack Coutts' name in last month's list of Spring Show Committee chairmen. Jack was responsible for arranging the wonderful lecture, demonstration and video presentations. A little late, but "Thanks, Jack".

Sherry Maloney, Show Chair

## ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET & ANNUAL AWARDS BRUNCH

In recent years attendance has been light at two of the more lively Illinois Orchid Society functions. Many members of the Board felt that the general membership may not be aware of the purpose of these events.

First of all, these functions are not just for people winning awards at the annual shows or in the monthly competition. They are really a social evening with other members of the Society and their spouses or "significant" others, to enjoy an evening out and of course also to honor the winners of the special awards from the Society. The Annual Show Awards Banquet is held on the Saturday evening of the show at a local restaurant. This year, it was at the Sheraton North Shore Hotel, in Northbrook, and featured excellent white fish and sirloin of beef with rosemary sauce. Incidentally, there was a fine white Zinfandel served with the dinner. We talked, we learned, and we had fun.

The Annual Awards Brunch is held in June in lieu of the meeting and to honor the winners of the monthly competition. Again, it is a social function usually with a speaker and is at a local hotel or restaurant. These are fun, a learning experience, and a chance to meet the IOS membership.

So, if you have always thought these were not for you because you were not getting an award, forget it. Come out and have fun. Fill out the reservation request form and join us on June 14 at Harvey's Prime Rib at 331 E. Ogden, Westmont, IL.

The next banquet is scheduled for the evening of Sept. 26 at the Hyatt Hotel in Deerfield, as part of the Mid-America Congress and the IOS Fall Show. Mark your calendars now so there is no excuse for missing it.

Jim Spatzek

## MILWAUKEE SHOW

We have one last away show for the year. We will be taking a display to Milwaukee for their show on May 15. Check your plants for potential prize winners. I will take as much as space allows. As the location of this show is very close, you might want to take your own plants to Milwaukee and watch/help with the display set-up on Friday evening (6 p.m.) and teardown on Sunday (5 p.m.). Please call (708) 498-0249 to let me know if you will be dropping off plants or taking your own.

Sherry Maloney, Show Chair

**URGENT** - At the May 17 meeting, we will have a sign-up sheet for volunteering for the September 26-27 Mid-America Show. There are many slots waiting for you. Please get involved. It's a lot of fun and very gratifying. We need your help! Remember, without you - no show!

Grace Freeman, Show Chair

SPRING BANQUET

SET ASIDE SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 1992 AT 11:30 AM

It's time for our annual it-used-to-be-called Spring Awards Brunch. Since many of us come even though we've never seen an award up close, the word Awards is being dropped from the title. Nevertheless, a few members will be honored, and we are pleased to have Russ Vernon as our guest speaker. Russ is a certified judge from Albany, Indiana and will give a talk on unusual species with emphasis on the smaller orchids.

The Brunch is being held at HARVEY'S PRIME RIB at 331 E. Ogden in Westmont, Illinois. Just go west from the Tri-State on Ogden (if they deign to have the ramps open by then) until you come to Westmont, and the restaurant will be on the south side the street. The cost is \$15.00 per person and includes a fruit and salad bar, a choice of one of three entrees, and coffee or tea. This party has always been a lot of fun and is a great opportunity to get to socialize with other orchid enthusiasts.

Please send your reservation slips and checks payable to the Illinois Orchid Society to Linda Schubert, 745 Grove, Glencoe, Illinois 60022. Any questions? Phone 708-835-0799.

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ANNUAL IOS SPRING BANQUET

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_

No. of reservations \_\_\_\_\_ at \$15.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total.

Please respond by June 8. Thank you.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

1992

May 17: Monthly IOS Meeting at CBG, 12:30 p.m.  
May 23: AOS Judging at CBG, 7 p.m.  
June 15: Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
June 21: Awards Luncheon  
June 27: AOS Judging at CBG, 7 p.m.  
July 19: Monthly IOS Meeting at CBG, 12:30 p.m.  
July 25: AOS Judging at CBG, 7 p.m.  
August 16: Picnic at Oak Hill Gardens  
August 22: AOS Judging at CBG, 7 p.m.  
September 25-27: Mid-America Show at CBG  
October 18: Monthly IOS Meeting at CBG, 12:30 p.m.  
October 24: AOS Judging at CBG, 7 p.m.  
November 15: Monthly IOS Meeting at CBG, 12:30 p.m.  
November 28: AOS Judging at CBG, 7 p.m.

## COMMUNICATIONS CENTRAL

OPEN HOUSE - May 30 - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
at 2721 Spruce in River Grove, IL, 60171  
(2 blocks west of River Road)  
Tel. 708/456-4478 Wilfried Losert

HELP - We desperately need someone with electrical skills or knowledge to help us plan lighting in the CBG Greenhouse galleries for our Mid-Am Show in September. If you are the one we need, please call Grace Freeman @ 708/831-3297.

## REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nominations for 1992-1993 are:

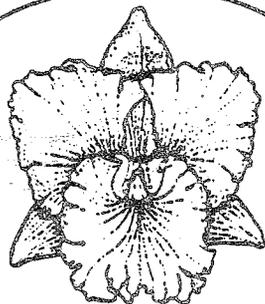
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Assistant Treasurer	Jack Coutts
Director (1993)	Laima Sahagian
Director (1996)	Thomas Tranczak
Director (1996)	Thomas Swider

Respectfully submitted,  
Sherry Maloney, John Coutts, John Stubbings, chair

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER:** The deadline for the June Newsletter is MAY 27. Please submit copy to the Editor via mail or by Fax.

**JUDGING STUDY GROUP:** The Judging Study Group will not meet until further notice.

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