

# **ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER**

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# ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY

FOUNDED IN 1952

*July*  
~~JUNE~~, 1992

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jim Spatzek 708/498-4638

**WHO:** ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY  
**WHAT:** MONTHLY MEETING  
**WHEN:** JULY 19, 1992, 12:30 p.m.  
**WHERE:** CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN  
Lake Cook Road, Glencoe

**SPEAKER AND WORKSHOP:** Dr. Kenneth S. Wilson, former president of the Illinois Orchid Society, chairman of the Conservation Committee of the Mid-America Orchid Congress, ex-trustee of the American Orchid Society and a member of the AOS Committee on Awards will be leading the workshop and talk about equitant oncidiums.

Please have your plants for judging in place by 12:30. Plants for the sales table can be dropped off anytime.

**HOSPITALITY:** Is it time for you to contribute something to the hospitality table? If you have never done so and enjoyed what others have brought, you may want to bring some baked goods or fruits.

**THANKS, Joe Orlick!**

Former member, Joe Orlick, thought of the IOS first when he decided not to continue growing orchids anymore. He made a donation of various books and periodicals to the society. These are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Thanks for thinking of us!

First, I'd like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the membership and the Board of Directors, to thank our past president, **Sue Golan**, for her leadership during the past two years. The society is in a better position today than it was two years ago and that's to her credit.

Our Annual Awards Brunch (June meeting) was great, thanks to **Linda Schubert**. The winners of the monthly competition (see elsewhere) were awarded plants and seedlings as their prizes for winning the competition. Let's give the perennial favorites a "run for their money" this year by entering plants in the monthly competition and, most importantly, by sending your awarded plants to our away shows.

This year's big event will be the Fall Mid-America Orchid Congress which the Illinois Orchid Society will host in September and is chaired by **Grace Freeman**. Plans are finalized but in such events volunteers are needed in all areas. **Tom Swider** requested volunteers last month. Please help by helping him and Grace.

If there is one thing I would like to accomplish this next year--it's getting more of the membership involved. You really only get out of an organization what you put in. It would be exciting to see several hundred members at the monthly meetings instead of 75. We bring some of the best speakers in the country to our meetings to present their orchid specialty. It costs hundreds of dollars to present these speakers. Rarely do many people have the opportunity to hear this caliber of speaker. And for a speaker, the worst thing is a half-filled auditorium.

Enjoy the benefits of membership by participating! We're a fun group and the only way to find that out is to meet us.

## MID-AMERICA DOWNTOWN

We are two months away from the Fall Mid-America Show and Congress, and we still have mountains to climb. Some people have done a stupendous job in carrying out their commitments. Others are still to be heard from.

And now some questions:

1. Have you signed up for the job you want to do yet?

It's your show, you know, and will be as good as you make it. **Tom Swider** reports that he received **TWO** responses from his appeal in the June bulletin! We will have a sign-up sheet at the July meeting but you can also call Tom at (708) 540-8478.

2. To those of you who already have commitments, have you sent Tom your list of volunteer needs? Have you prepared a budget of your expenses?

3. To all IOS members:

Do you want to judge? clerk? exhibit? rent a sales table? Have you registered for the Mid-America Congress? the Banquet? the Breakfast?

All of these questions can be answered by using the form in this bulletin. Please mail it as soon as possible. This promises to be one of the biggest and, we hope, best Fall Mid-America shows in history. Only your enthusiasm and participation can put us over the top. Let's go for it!

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

## THE GRAND RAFFLE IS COMING!

The IOS Grand Raffle will award five prizes, amounting to hundreds of dollars in gift certificates for plants, merchandise and artwork, all orchid-related. The purpose of the Grand Raffle is to defray expenses for hosting the 1992 Mid-America Congress (tent, etc.).

**Chances are \$5 per ticket, or \$12 for three tickets.**

Look for details elsewhere in this bulletin. Tickets will be offered at the July meeting and the August picnic and will be available through Labor Day. The drawing will be on Tuesday, September 8, 1992. Winners will be notified. This is your chance to win it big.

**Margie Casserly**, Chair  
IOS Ways and Means Committee  
1992 Fall Mid-America Show

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**1992-93 Directory:** The *Directory* is being mailed under separate cover to those of you who did not get their copy at the June luncheon. Please correct the phone numbers of the President and 1st Vice President. They should be:

Jim Spatzek 708/498-4638  
Cathy Bloomer 312/725-0512

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## FOR SALE...ALL PROCEEDS TO THE ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY

**American Orchid Society Bulletins:** 1978-1989 Complete years @ \$10 per year. You must buy a complete year. 1988 is missing the month of August and is available for \$7.50.

Additionally, the following periodical and/or books re available at the price shown:

*The Orchid Digest*. Vol. 44, January-December, 1980, complete \$7.50

*The Awards Quarterly*. Vol. 10 (1979), Vol. 11 (1980), Vol. 12 (1981) & Vol. 13 (1982). \$10 per volume

*The Indoor Light Gardening Book*. George A. Elbert, 250 pages, \$5

*How to Grow Orchids*. A Sunset Book, 64 pages, \$2

*Growing Cymbidium Orchids at Home*. Lance A. Birk, \$2

*Orchids as House Plants*. Rebecca Tyson Northen, 148 pages, \$2

*Light Garden Construction*. Indoor Light Gardening Society of America. 56 pages, \$1

*You Can Grow Phalaenopsis Orchids*. Mary Noble, 148 pages, \$3

*You Can Grow Cattleya Orchids*. Mary Noble, 143 pages, \$3

*You can Grow Orchids*. Mary Noble, 135 pages, \$3

*Gardening Indoors Under Lights*. Frederick and Jacqueline Kranz, 242 pages, \$5

Combination: 3 books - \$6 for all three

*Your First Orchids & How to Grow Them*. Oregon Orchid Society

*Orchid Pests and Diseases*. American Orchid Society

*Handbook on Orchid Photography*. American Orchid Society

Call Jim Spatzek, any evening, @ 708-498-4638 if you are interested in any of the above. **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED!**

# **THE IOS GRAND RAFFLE**

**Enlarge your orchid collection without breaking your budget!!!**

*(All prizes awarded as gift certificates)*

**SECOND PRIZE  
\$255**

**FIRST PRIZE  
\$330**

**FOURTH PRIZE  
\$50**

**THIRD PRIZE  
\$185**

**Win PLANTS,  
MERCHANDISE,  
and  
ARTWORK!!!**

**FIFTH PRIZE  
\$50**

## **Tickets**

**1 for \$5**

**3 for \$12**

**Drawing will be September 8, 1992.**

**Winners will be notified.**

Tickets may be purchased  
at the July 19 IOS meeting,  
the August 15 IOS picnic,  
or by sending a check to:

Margie Casserly  
Chairperson  
Ways and Means Committee  
1510 West Thome Avenue  
Apartment 2F  
Chicago, Illinois 60660



## **Grand Raffle Contributors**

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**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**FALL MID-AMERICA ORCHID CONGRESS AND ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW**  
**SEPTEMBER 24 - 27, 1992**  
**HOSTED BY THE ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY**  
**CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN**  
**GLENCOE, ILLINOIS**

Please type or print clearly.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

(1) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name to appear on badge

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone Number

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 Address City State/Province Zip

Society Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to judge? \_\_\_\_\_ Status \_\_\_\_\_ Do you wish to clerk? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Have you clerked before? \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee: \$30.00 each through September 1, 1992; \$40.00 if postmarked after Sept. 1, 1992. Congress registration includes registration package, lectures, hospitality, and the Mid-America Auction.

Number of Registrants	Description	Fee	Total
-----	Congress Registration	\$30.00/40.00	-----
-----	Affiliated Societies Breakfast	\$15.00	-----
-----	Saturday Evening Banquet	\$35.00	-----
	Total Enclosed		\$ _____

Please make all checks payable to the Illinois Orchid Society and send with this form to Grace Freeman, 65 Acorn Lane, Highland Park, IL 60035.

The Congress headquarters is the Hyatt Deerfield, 1750 Lake Cook Rd, Deerfield, IL 60015. Please make your reservation direct mentioning the Mid-America Orchid Congress meeting (708/945-3400). The price of \$69 per room has been confirmed.

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 EXHIBIT SPACE REQUEST

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

AMATEUR \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIETY \_\_\_\_\_ COMMERCIAL \_\_\_\_\_

SPACE REQUIREMENTS (As usual, vendors are required to have a display of at least 25 ft.).

\_\_\_ TABLE \_\_\_ 25 FT \_\_\_ 50 FT \_\_\_ 100 FT OTHER \_\_\_ (Specify)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL NEEDS \_\_\_\_\_ DISPLAY SIGN TO READ \_\_\_\_\_

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 SALES AREA REQUEST

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ sales tables @ \$125 each. I have enclosed a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Specific information regarding set-up and unloading procedures will be included with your confirmation letter. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

## REPORT OF AWARDS COMMITTEE

Tom Franczak, Chairman 708/398-5093

**Final Standings, 1991-92 IOS Members' Competition:** Sixty-four members (eight more than last year) and four commercial growers (three fewer than last year) participated in the Monthly & Show Competition in the period from June 18, 1991 through May 23, 1992. Two heated contests flared up in the stretch drive this spring, for 1st place in the greenhouse category and for 3rd in the under-lights category. Both were settled by strong showings in the Milwaukee show in May with Laima Sahagian holding off a furious rush by Sue Golan and Wilfried Losert saving position over the steady performance of Mel Schmidt. In the commercial category, it was a wire-to-wire laughter for Arnie Klehm who seems to have exhibited at just about every show in North America during the past twelve months.

Here are the members to whom awards were presented at the June luncheon:

<b>Greenhouse:</b>	1st place	Laima Sahagian	1539 points
	2nd place	Sue Golan	1397 points
	3rd place	Bob Wolf	625 points
<b>Under Lights:</b>	1st place	Joel Edwards	778 points
	2nd place	Cathy Bloome	649 points
	3rd place	Wilfried Losert	589 points

The point performances of the top greenhouse growers are consistent with prior year achievements, but the light stand growers' accumulations are significantly higher. This is explained by a "coming of age" in the AOS judging arena. Joel, for instance, never ever ever ever receives AOS awards. But when he does, he wins three in as many consecutive months. Likewise Cathy, who concluded the season with an AOS award in each of the final two months. Let every light stand grower take heart from their example. No plant can realize its maximum potential and qualify for an AOS award without excellent culture. Joel and Cathy have reminded us that light stand culture is up to the task.

Perhaps we're spoiled and take for granted the wonderful job turned in by our greenhouse growers. They dazzle us every month with vandaceous blooms; they populate our shows and those in neighboring states with perhaps three out of every four plants exhibited; they set national standards with every CCM award earned; and they extend the boundaries of our domain with every CBR award received by declaring another species susceptible to cultivation. Their efforts are considerable and their rewards have been in proportion. We congratulate them!

A word about Arnie Klehm is due, too. Clearly the overachiever of the 90's, he knows over and over again the satisfaction of AOS award recognition for plants that he and his saff not only cultivated, but actually propagated. We wish him continued success and will try to ignore the faint rumblings we hear... "Break up the Yankees".

These comments are prepared specifically to celebrate the winners of our competition. There are dozens of other topics I want to address that pertain to the 1992-93 competition which, for most of us, will begin with the July meeting. Those comments will be forthcoming. For now, let me just list the members who have participated one or more times in our monthly Show and Tell, whether as fierce competitors, or perhaps just to share with us a special flower that needed an appreciative audience.

<b>Greenhouse</b>							
96	Carol Cloud	154	Sherry Maloney	105	Bill Walsh	56	K. Langwell
1	Frieda Cogswell	273	Jay Mullen	625	Bob Wolf	2	Barry Lee-Brown
98	John Coutts	5	Lori Passine	24	Walter Zielinski	589	Wilf Losert
41	Richard Desser	148	Paul Passine			1	R. Minnis
6	Siegfried Dux	196	Nicola Radcliffe		<b>Under Lights</b>	35	Michele Nichele
10	James Fiala	16	Albert Rich	1	W. Anderson	37	Margie Poor
520	Grace Freeman	10	J. Robbins	19	Margo Begy	218	Jim Pupelis
49	Ed Gamson	1539	Laima Sahagian	649	Cathy Bloome	22	Bill Rogerson
1397	Sue Golan	82	Ted Sarauskas	1	Olga Boor	506	Mel Schmidt
30	Elvira Hasty	40	Bill Shaban	1	C. Boreland	3	Leo Schordje
242	Jodi Hirt	14	I. Stone	7	Lois Cinert	17	Linda Schubert
10	Rich Jezioro	10	Jim Spatzek	778	Joel Edwards	1	Gerald Strong
86	Suki Kroeber	6	Virginia Stauber	195	Tom Franczak	60	Sandy Swan
188	Maggie Kuntz	54	John Stubbings	120	Charles High	65	Ken Vrabel
5	Harold Labinski	96	Gerald Stueben	1	Marion Hilgers	197	Bob Younghale
130	Otto Leupi	93	Carole Thompson	33	Alice Huehl		
14	Ken Levin	10	Holly Tyson	68	Pat Kralik		

## DATES TO REMEMBER

1992

**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.

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER:** The deadline for the **AUGUST** Newsletter is **JULY 20**. Please submit copy to the Editor via mail or by Fax.

## ADVERTISEMENT

I have the following items for sale. If you are interested, please call me @ 708/272-9438  
Joe Orlick, 1302 Edgewood Lane, Northbrook

28 each -- F40/GRO/WS Sylvania Gro-Lux Lamps \$4 ea  
2 full, unopened cases of 12 ea; 4 loose lamps  
Plant stakes @ \$.15 each; pots 3-10" @ \$.10 to \$1 each

## GIFTS TO THE IOS

All gifts of cash and/or orchid-related items which are donated to the IOS are fully tax-deductible as allowed by law. Should you wish to make a donation to the society, contact President Jim Spatzek.

Additionally, in conjunction with the Mid-America Orchid Congress which the IOS is hosting in September, the IOS is looking for donations for the auction of suitable orchid-related items. If you have an item you care to donate, please let Heddi Schellbach know. She is in charge of the auction and will be collecting the items. These items can be rare plant divisions (please bring these to the registration area on September 25 or 26 ), artwork, needlework, etc.



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