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ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY

FOUNDED IN 1952

AUGUST, 1992

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jim Spatzek 708/498-4638

WHO: ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY
WHAT: PICNIC
WHEN: AUGUST 19, 1992 noon
WHERE: Oak Hill Gardens
37 W 550 Binnie Road
West Dundee, IL
708/428-8500

At noon we will gather at **Hermann Pigors'** in West Dundee for our annual picnic. Consult the map below for directions. Hermann will provide picnic tables, drinks and dessert. You bring lunch. Be prepared for a special day.

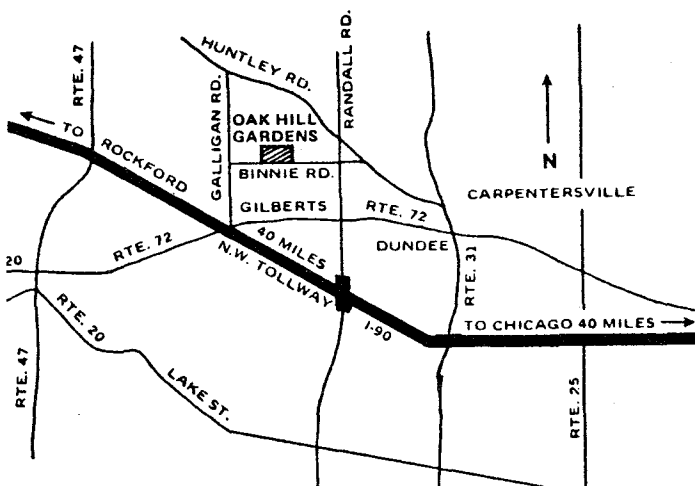
After lunch, there is plenty of time to wander through the greenhouses. Hermann is an outstanding source of reasonably priced species as well as hybrids and orchid supplies. **There will be a door prize and plant judging.**

At 2 p.m. Hermann will give a talk about display techniques to make your displays more effective.

The biggest event in orchids in years is almost here...the **1992 FALL MID-AMERICA SHOW AND ORCHID CONGRESS.** It's sponsored by the **Illinois Orchid Society** right here in our backyard at the **Chicago Botanic Garden** in Glencoe. The success of the show depends a great deal on your help and participation. Elsewhere in this newsletter is a number to call to volunteer. Also if you have not registered to hear the featured speakers, or for the banquet at the Hyatt Hotel in Deerfield, or the Affiliated Societies' Breakfast, mail your form (included in the July newsletter) at once. No one will pull you by the arm or beg you to help or attend these functions. All I can say is that you will have a great time, meet lots of interesting people, and have a thoroughly enjoyable weekend. I urge you all to **attend and volunteer!**

Also, if you have not bought your tickets for the **GRAND RAFFLE**, do so before it is too late. There are lots of valuable prizes and this is another painless way to support **YOUR SOCIETY.**

IF I DON'T SEE YOU AT THE PICNIC, I'LL SEE YOU AT THE MID-AMERICA SHOW AND EVENTS!



GET TO THE POINT: Remember those points that we're anxiously scoring and busily keeping track of? Here's where they come from.

For bringing your plants to the judging held during every monthly IOS meeting:

AWARD	POINTS
1st place ribbon	10
2nd place ribbon	5
No award	1
Special award, e.g., plant of the month	20

For bringing or sending your plants to an orchid show:

AWARD	POINTS
1st place ribbon	20
2nd place ribbon	10
3rd place ribbon	5
No award	2
Special award, e.g., best of class	20

Note that special awards are made to plants that have already earned 1st place ribbons and so the 20 points are added to the ribbon points.

For bringing or sending your plants to an AOS judging:

AWARDS	POINTS
Any AOS award	60
No award	0

AOS awards are quality, cultural, botanical, horticultural or judges' commendation.

I think you've got the point now, but here's some fine print, footnotes, loopholes, and boiler plate to amuse you.

No points are awarded, not even the 1 or 2 points for "showing up" at monthly IOS judging or at an orchid show, if a plant is disqualified. That will happen if a plant is discovered to be harboring insects or pests. Points accrue for ribbons awarded to plants or cut flowers only. Awards for exhibits, artwork, or photography do not earn points in our competition. Regional or national AOS "special" awards do not earn any bonus points in our competition (don't worry . . . if you win one of those you won't feel the least bit slighted by our stinginess).

Tom Franczak, Chair
Awards' Committee

... QUITE CONTRARY, HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW? For purposes of our **Monthly Judging and Show Competition**, we divide our general (noncommercial) membership into two camps: those of you that own greenhouses and those of you (like me) that wish you did, but don't. We call the former group greenhouse growers and the latter group lightstand growers. That's the split. Period. Score-keeping and competition is intragroup with awards presented annually to the growers in each group with the highest point accumulations. Can life really be that simple?

Q. I grow plants in my own greenhouse, plus on windowsills, in a lightstand, in a Wardian cabinet, terrestrials outdoors in my backyard, and just about anywhere I can find room. So what about all the plants that aren't in my greenhouse?

A. You own a greenhouse. See above.

Q. I don't own a greenhouse, but I board my cattleyas and vandas in someone else's greenhouse during the growing season. What's the story about those plants?

A. The story is not all about plants . . . it's about whether you belong to the greenhouse camp or the lightstand camp. You don't own a greenhouse, so you are a lightstand grower.

Q. I peeled off the roof from my house and replaced it with glass. Now I'm not sure whether I have plants in my living room or sofas in my conservatory.

A. A toughie. For our purposes a conservatory is a greenhouse. Mind you, no television after sunset. Orchids need their rest, you know.

Q. I don't own a greenhouse. However, I finally married off the last kid, and now I'll have enough cash that I can afford to build one. How's it going to work changing groups?

A. You could be nice and time the construction so that you put the greenhouse in operation on, say, July 1. Actually we'll use December 31. If your greenhouse is in operation on or before then, you're a greenhouse grower for the entire competition year. Likewise if you (horrors!) dismantle a greenhouse and move everything to the basement.

Q. How are you going to know whether I'm a greenhouse grower or a lightstand grower?

A. You're going to tell me. When you register a plant for the Show and Tell, there's a box to check off to that effect. If you steadfastly refuse to disclose that information, I will assign you to the greenhouse category.

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An Orchid Gala

presented by
THE ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY
and
THE MID-AMERICA ORCHID CONGRESS
September 26-27, 1992
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

See dozens of exhibits!
See hundreds of blooming orchid plants!
Listen to exciting presentations!
Learn how to grow orchids!

**Sale of plants by professional and amateur
orchid growers**

**The Chicago Botanic Garden
Lake Cook Road and Eden's Expressway
Glencoe, Illinois**

Admission FREE!

(Parking fee \$ 4 to Chicago Botanic Garden)



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Admission free (\$4 parking per car)

Schedule of Events for both days:

11 a.m. Video (45 mins.)
Growing Orchids Under Lights

12 noon - Video (33 mins.)
An Introduction to Orchids

12:45 p.m. Lecture/Demonstration
Getting Started with Orchids
Jack Coutts, IOS

1:45 p.m. Lecture/Demonstration
Repotting and Dividing Orchids
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WHO SPEAKS FOR THIS PLANT?

As the recordkeeper for the Monthly Judging and Show Competition, I would be grateful if couples would register their plants under one person's name or under both persons' names combined, but in either case, consistently so. Likewise for any group of people with a communal growing interest in the same plant collection. Many of us with collections that have outstripped our growing space have farmed out parts of the collection to sympathetic friends and relatives. Sainthood awaits such foster growers, but awards await the highest point scores. Therefore, register plants from the same collection to a single name and settle any intra-team competition outside of the society's competition. Further, please consult the membership directory to see if your surname is unique among us. If not, be sure to add enough name or initial information to insure unambiguous registration. Finally, there are obscure rules for orchid shows that limit the number of plants of the same genus that can be registered to one owner. Most of you sidestep that rule by registering plants in the names of your spouse, kids, or pet cats. Such show rules do not apply to our ompetition, but you will still have to advise me if you register show plants to other than the name for which I am tallying points.

SHOW AND TELL: Go ahead and name three gentle pursuits that are unsullied by the distraction of competition. Perhaps needlepoint, trout fishing, and orchid growing? Alas, none of the above. In fact, there's only one refuge left in this competitive world.

And so we concluded another year of keeping score and have begun anew. This is our invitation to ourselves and each other to participate in our monthly judging during the 1992-93 season. Elsewhere in this and future newsletters, I'll be reviewing the labyrinthine

rules as I have inherited them, am mentally revising them on a daily basis, and will make them up as needed.

The Board of Directors has consented to sweetening the rewards of the competition a little, but let me remind you that a major benefit of the Show-and-Tell activity is that it constitutes a mini orchid show in its own right. You might spend years travelling from show to show and never encounter some of the material that our members have been nurturing in their collections. Or you may bloom some of your own plants year after year, never to coincide with the schedule of a local show at which to exhibit. Just imagine how frustrated such a plant must feel! Or maybe you're wondering where in the world you're ever going to find some pollen for a conspecific oddity of your own. I just don't think an advertisement in the *Trading Times* would work.

So bring your plants in. As you pass the entrance gate with a back seat full of flowers, point to them and ask the attendant for a token. This will get you to the rear entrance to unload so you won't have to carry the plants for a mile over plowed ground during a monsoon. And if you go home with a ribbon or two stuck to your plants, goodie. If not, well, you can still look forward to our annual Flogging of the Judges' ritual. But the rest of us will have enjoyed the flowers in th meantime, and we thank you for sharing them with us.

Finally, if your life is already overflowing with the stresses of competition and the prospect of more is too much to bear, then I'm afraid you'll simply have to liquidate your orchid collection and take up the only activity left in the world that is void of competition: Professional wrestling.

Tom Franczak, Chair
Awards' Committee



**To: Margie Casserly, Chairperson
Ways and Means Committee
1510 West Thome Avenue, Apartment 2F
Chicago, IL 60660**

First prize \$330; Second prize \$255;
Third prize \$185; Fourth prize \$ 50;
Fifth prize \$50
(All prizes are awarded as gift certificates)

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ _____ for the purchase of _____ raffle tickets. Please send tickets to:

Name and Address _____

TICKETS: \$5 FOR 1; \$12 FOR 3 - - - - DRAWING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 8, 1992

DATES TO REMEMBER

1992

August 16: Picnic at Oak Hill Gardens.
August 22: AOS Judging at CBG, 7 p.m.
August 26: Board Meeting (Wed. @ J. Spatzek's house)
September 25-27: Mid-America Show at CBG
September 25: AOS Judging (Friday)
October 18: Monthly IOS Meeting at CBG, 12:30 p.m.
October 19: Board Meeting
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.
December 7: Board Meeting
December 26: AOS Judging at CBG
January 23: AOS Judging at CBG
February 22: Board Meeting
February 27: AOS Judging at CBG
March 27: AOS Judging at CBG

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER: The deadline for the **SEPTEMBER** Newsletter is **August 24**. Please submit copy to the Editor via mail or by Fax.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: The next meeting will be at Jim Spatzek's house on Wednesday, August 26.



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MID-AMERICA SHOW UPDATE

At the membership meeting on Sunday, July 19, 18 more members signed up to volunteer their time for the Mid-America Show. We particularly need guides to take CBG members on preview tours of the show Saturday morning at 8 a.m. to answer their questions and to point out awards and special orchids.

The Grand Raffle got off to a good start. Margie and Heddi were selling tickets even though attendance was low. Sales will be resumed at the picnic but you can use the order form in this *Newsletter* if you are afraid of missing out.

Sales tables are going well. We expect a great influx of requests in all areas as time grows shorter. Call me @ 708/831-3297 if you need sign-up forms. Just to get the "Goodies' bag" that Dale Clausen has put together makes it worthwhile to pay the registration fee.

All members will be allowed into the Chicago Botanic Garden **FREE IF** they are wearing either their IOS badge or their Mid-America show badge. So be sure to come "labeled".

If I don't see you in August, I expect to hear from you by mail or phone so that **YOUR** show will be a success. **MEDIOCRE** is no good. **GREAT IS OUR AIM.**

Grace Freeman, Chair
Mid-America Show and Congress

August, 1992

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