

**ILLINOIS ORCHID  
SOCIETY  
NEWSLETTER**

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# ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY

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**WHO:** ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY  
**WHAT:** MONTHLY MEETING  
**WHEN:** FEBRUARY 20, 1994, 12:30 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Chicago Botanic Garden

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sherry Maloney  
708/498-0249

**WORKSHOP:** Many of us grow orchids under fluorescent lights and I am sure just as many have had a light fixture go bad. In keeping with the times, **Ed Bulow** will show us how to recycle our old fixtures by replacing the ballast. In fact, if you have a bad fixture laying around, give Ed a call before the meeting and he may have the correct ballast to show you how it is done.

**SPEAKER:** **Dr. Kenneth Wilson** is one of our more distant members from Valparaiso, Indiana. A Past President of the IOS, Ken is also very active on many committees of the American Orchid Society. At present, he is the chair person of the AOS Great Lakes Regional Judging Center. He will speak about **Common Pests and Diseases of Orchids**. Please bring any problem plants for him to look at.

**Plants for judging should be in place by 12:30.** Plants for sale can be dropped off anytime.

**1994 DUES:** If you have not paid your 1994 dues, you will find an envelope in this bulletin. Please send your check as soon as possible. If we don't receive it by the time the next newsletter comes out, your name will be dropped from the mailing list.

The role of **Orchid Doctor** will be played by Otto Leupi.

**REFRESHMENTS:** I hope you took Sherry Maloney's advice in the December newsletter and marked your calendar for the whole year to bake or buy some goodies.

By this time we are well into the New Year and like me, you have probably already broken most of your New Year's resolutions. However, I hope your resolution to become more involved in the working of the IOS remains intact. I have several suggestions to help you along. I know that elsewhere in this bulletin is the sign-up sheet for the Spring Show with a myriad of possibilities for all types - from the sedentary to the active; from the shy to the outgoing - there is a job to suit you.

If you can't wait for the Spring Show to volunteer for something, I have another suggestion. We will be manning an information table for the IOS at Hausermann's Open House this year (Feb. 25-27). If you have been trying to dream up an excuse to go to the Open House, I am perfectly willing for you to blame me, as long as you are willing to commit a couple of hours to sitting at a table, surrounded by gorgeous orchids and answering questions and signing up new members for the IOS. It's a tough job, but somebody's got to do it! If you can force yourself to donate a few hours, please call me and give me your available times. This is a great opportunity for some publicity for the society so let's have a good showing!

If you are looking for a commitment with a little more meat to it, I will be appointing the Nominating Committee for next year's officers and Board members very shortly. I would love to present a list of people who have already shown interest in serving on the Board or in an elected position. If you are shy about tooting your own horn, I also have no problems with receiving anonymous tips about likely prospects. My goal is to see the future of this Society place in the most dedicated and capable hands possible. Please call me or drop me a line if you are interested or know someone whom you think would be interested in serving on the Board.

## First Place Ribbons in the Greenhouse Category

**Gabriel Calilad** *Epi. ciliare*

**Sue Golan** *Odontoglossum naevium*  
*Restrepia antennifera*  
*Liparis condylobulbon*  
*Barkeria scandens*  
*Zygopetalum mackayi*  
*Laelia anceps* 'R Northen', HCC/AOS  
*Paph. fairrieanum*

**Jodi Hirt** *Den. glumaceum*  
*Pleurothallis species*  
*Mas. Misfit*  
*Nidema boothii*

**Maggie Kuntz** *Paph. Maudiae*  
*Pleurothallis amparoana*  
*Paph. curtisii* x *Vintners Treasure*  
*Cischweinfia rostrata*

**Rhonda Peters** *Ascocenda Hara Tokanaga*  
*Den. Nagasaki* x *White King*

**Nicola Radcliffe** *Vanda coerulea*

**Laima Sahagian** *Rhynchostylis gigantea alba*  
*V. Cha Deva* x *Ascda. Butterfly*  
*Ceratocentrum fessellii*

**Heddi Schellbach** *Oncidium ornithorhynchum*

**John Stubbings** *Phal. Christy Wheeler* x *Orglades*  
*Hot Spot*

**Carole Thompson**  
*Renanstylis Queen Emma*  
*Ionopsis paniculata*  
*Paph. Felicity*  
*Leptotes unicolor*  
*Ornithocephalus inflexus*  
*Oncidium lietzi*

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Why not make 50 of them and sell them through the IOS sales tables at meetings and shows? Hard to believe, but summer is right around the corner and wouldn't a lathe stand be nice for summering a lot of your plants outdoors? Building one is well within the capabilities of many of you.

If you decide to single-handedly revive the construction industry by building a lightstand or display rack or lathe stand during February, let me further suggest that you take notes, draw diagrams, and keep a

## First-Place ribbons in the Lightstand Category

**Cathy Bloome** *Ascocentrum miniatum*  
*Ascocenda Blue Potentate*  
*Bc. Mount Hood* 'Orchidglade', AM/AOS

**Joe Dixler** *Cochleanthes Overbrook*  
*Brassia arcuigera*  
*Den. cuthbertsonii*  
*Oncidium ornithorhynchum*  
*Paph. St. Swithin*

**Joel Edwards** *Paph. Mem. Robert Ward*  
*Paph. leucochilum*

**Charles High** *Bc. Maikai*

**Wilf Losert** *Cleisostoma rosea*  
*Phal. Red Tiger* x *venosa*  
*Aerangis luteo-alba* v *rhodosticta*  
*Phal. venosa*  
*Phal. Mothers Love* x *venosa*

**Sherry Maloney** *Slc. Hazel Boyd* 'Vi-Love Song'

**Lida Toman** *Oncidium Gower Ramsey*

**Bob and Helen Younghale**  
*Cattleya Tricia Nixon*  
*Blc. Ports of Paradise* 'Emerald Isle',  
FCC/AOS

diary of your work as you go. Further, get some film for making slides and take pictures of your work in progress (not just the finished product). It's not as if PBS is dying to produce "This Old Lightstand", but you might well have the makings or part of the makings of a workshop presentation for one of our monthly meetings. Just try to get the job done with less equipment and fewer tools than might be needed to build Hoffman Estates.

If you're constructing from wood, then, besides the "measure twice, saw once" nostrum, keep in mind the words of country singer/songwriter Guy Clark:

*Anything that's worth*

*Cutting down a tree for,*

*Is worth doing right*

*Don't the Lord love a two-by-four!*

**Make the rounds at the nurseries.** So much is in bloom in February; none of the guesswork of shopping for plants, like there is in June or July. So, there's a list. Only 28 days in February this year. Make the most of them. Celebrate Groundhog's Day. And don't let me hear that you've wasted any of this precious time watching MTV or professional basketball games on television.

**Tom Franczak**



## HELP!!!!!!

I am the hapless victim of the capricious Show Chairperson Margie Casserly! When she asked if I would chair the Hospitality Committee for the Spring Show, she said we would be feeding 75 people tops. Now I have discovered the truth. We will be serving **more like 200!!** You folks who have worked on hospitality before are most likely not shocked by this, but being a relative newcomer, well, you can imagine my disbelief. So, we come to our semi-annual "begging-for-food" entreaty. My husband, Gary, has graciously volunteered to help with the food (and he doesn't even LIKE orchids), so I hope that many of you who do like orchids, and want to be a part of yet another wonderfully successful IOS show will take pity and bring in a vegetable, potato, rice or pasta side dish, a salad, or perhaps, a dessert. Please contact me with suggestions for what you would like to bring, so that I may begin to organize this event. I hope to try some new things this year, so the more help I can get, the better. When I asked Gary how we were going to feed 200 people on a \$300 budget, he mumbled something about fishes and loaves. What I think he meant was we're going to need a miracle, so don't assume someone else is in charge of miracles; please volunteer early and often. **CALL ME FOR DETAILS!**

**Margo Begy 708/949-6324 Fax 949-6326**

## ORCHID GROWERS LAMENT

Now that show time is arriving, I started thinking about what might be blooming then. Of course, such thinking is an absolute waste of time. So - I wrote the following sad poem:

It is true of most orchids I grow  
That they don't bloom til after a show  
With a timing that's clever  
They seem to endeavor  
To show me how little I know

Now I've managed to bloom every gem  
With a system no one could condemn  
I just lie about the date  
Make them think the show is late  
Well, I think I have outwitted them

So, remember, that an orchid's just a plant  
If it ever had a brain, it is extant  
If they don't, then it's their loss  
They will try hard to control you but they can't!

## THE ORCHIDS' RIPOSTE

That new calendar she put up is fallacious  
Her desire for more blue ribbons is rapacious  
We will bloom when we damn please,  
Soon we'll have her on her knees  
Oh we Orchids can be very contumacious!\*

\*obstinately disobedient

**Sue Golan**

## MID-AMERICA ORCHID SEMINAR

This year's Mid-America Orchid Seminar will be hosted by the Greater Lansing Orchid Society on June 24-26, 1994. The host hotel will be the Sheraton Lansing Hotel, Lansing, Michigan, where the room rates will be \$62. Early bird registration for this event is only \$25.

Here is a list of the featured speakers:

**Terry Root**, The Orchid Zone: Phrags and Paphs  
**Alan Koch**, Gold Country Orchid: Cattleya and Oncidium

**Bob Gordon**, author: Phalaenopsis and Seedling Care

**Fred Case, Jr.**, author: Conservation of Our Native Orchids

**John Beaman**, author: Orchids of Borneo from Mt. Kinabalu

This should be a great seminar. To register or for additional information, contact:

**Don Garling**

Greater Lansing Orchid Society  
899 New Salem Avenue  
Okemos, MI 48864

## SPRING'S GRACEFUL ORCHIDS

The Spring Show (March 17-20) is shaping up nicely. We already have 24 exhibitors and 22 vendors registered. We will have the new multi-purpose room (the old cafeteria) for vendors, so the sales tables won't be so crowded.

The committees have exciting and reliable chairs. Our former President, **Sue Golan**, is organizing the awards banquet on Saturday night at the sumptuous Bannockburn Club and the irascible (and irrepressible) **Margo Begy** is coordinating the judges/exhibitors/volunteers dinner Friday evening. **Bob and Mardelle Vonderohe** will be stirring up our gambling instincts at the raffle table, and **Susan Crawford** is spreading the word far and wide as chair for the Publicity Committee.

But we have a couple of weak spots. We have fallen down sorely in the security/goodwill department during the last couple of shows. It's not that visitors want to hurt the orchids, but living plants can't take the loving abuse a velveteen rabbit can. A smiling word of caution can prevent disaster. Please, if you care about our orchids, offer a few volunteer hours to **Joel Edwards**, the Goodwill Chairman.

And one last request. I've asked and asked but can't find a setup/teardown chair. So, will the real SUTD Chair Person please stand up?

**Margie Casserly**, Show Chair

ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY SPRING SHOW  
SPRING'S GRACEFUL ORCHIDS

March 18, 19, 20, 1994

Sign-up

These are the types of work available at the IOS spring show this year. When you sign up please fill in the committee(s) you want to work on in the space next to the time you will be available.

Plant Sales (Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.)  
Plant Registration (Thursday evening, Friday til 5 p.m.)  
Hospitality (Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday anytime)  
Now What/Information Table (Saturday and Sunday anytime)  
Plant Check (Saturday and Sunday anytime)

Set Up/Tear Down (Thursday evening; Sunday evening)  
Plant Traffic (All day Friday and Sunday 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.)  
Judging/Clerking (Friday night)  
Raffle Table (Saturday and Sunday anytime)  
Good Will/Security (Saturday and Sunday anytime)

These are the times help is needed:

Thursday, March 17

4:00 - 8:00 \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, March 19

9:00 - 1:00 \_\_\_\_\_

1:00 - 5:00 \_\_\_\_\_

5:00 - ? \_\_\_\_\_

Friday, March 18

9:00 - Noon \_\_\_\_\_

Noon - 4:00 \_\_\_\_\_

4:00 - ? \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday, March 20

9:00 - 1:00 \_\_\_\_\_

1:00 - 5:00 \_\_\_\_\_

I will help \_\_\_\_\_

at this time: \_\_\_\_\_

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

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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

I will provide food for the judges/exhibitors dinner. Description \_\_\_\_\_

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**EXHIBIT SPACE REQUEST**

I would like to reserve space for an exhibit in the Illinois Orchid Society Spring Show (March 18, 19, 20, 1994).

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

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

SPACE NEEDED: tabletop \_\_\_\_\_ 25 sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ 50 sq. ft. \_\_\_\_\_ 100 sq. ft. \_\_\_\_\_

Special requirements? \_\_\_\_\_ Sign to read: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return these forms to Margie Casserly, 505 East Lake Street, Woodstock, Illinois, 60098.

ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY SPRING SHOW  
SPRING'S GRACEFUL ORCHIDS

MEMBERSHIP/AWARDS BANQUET

March 19, 1994

The Illinois Orchid Society is holding their Membership/Awards Banquet at 6:30 p.m. the Saturday night of the spring show, March 19, 1994 at the BANNOCKBURN CLUB. The Bannockburn Club is conveniently located 10 minutes from the Chicago Botanic Gardens. The dinner includes a cash bar, with music and dancing afterward. After dinner there will be an Awards Ceremony.

The sumptuous bill-of-fare includes:

*Soup du Jour*

*Chef's Salad with dressing*

*Chicken Wellington*

*(boneless breast of chicken in an elegant puff pastry shell  
stuffed with seasoned mushrooms)*

*Hot Rolls with Butter*

*Cherries Jubilee for dessert!*

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DANCING

The Bannockburn Bath & Tennis Club can be reached by turning left on Lake-Cook Road out of the Chicago Botanic Gardens, following Lake-Cook west to Waukegan Road, turning right on Waukegan Road and following it north past Deerfield Road, and just past the Sears Service Center, on the right (east) side of the road is the Club.

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**Banquet Reservation**

I would like to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seats at the IOS Spring Show Membership/Awards Banquet, Saturday, March 19, 1994, 6:30 p.m. at the Bannockburn Club, 2211 Waukegan Road. Enclosed please find my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$25 per person.)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIPCODE \_\_\_\_\_

Please return form to: Margie Casserly, 505 E. Lake Street, Woodstock, Illinois, 60098-4237

**DATES TO REMEMBER  
1994**

- Feb. 18-20:** Batavia Orchid Society Show,  
Charlestown Mall, Rte. 64 & Kirk Rd, St. Charles
- Feb. 20:** Monthly Meeting at CBG, 12:30 p.m.
- Feb. 26:** AOS Supplemental Judging, 7 p.m.  
Linnaeus Room, CBG
- Mar. 7:** IOS Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Mar. 18-20:** IOS Spring Show, CBG, Glencoe, IL
- March 26:** AOS Supplemental Judging, 7 p.m., CBG
- April 8-10:** Illowa Orchid Society Show  
Duck Creek Plaza Mall, Bettendorf, Iowa
- April 8-10:** Michiana Orchid Society Show  
Cook Energy Info Ctr, Bridgman, Michigan
- April 8-10:** All Canada Orchid Show, Winnipeg, Manitoba
- April 15-16:** Northwest Wisconsin Orchid Society Show  
Green Bay, Wisconsin
- April 17:** IOS Members' Greenhouse Tour
- April 23-24:** International Symposium of the Slipper Orchid  
Radisson Hotel & Conf. Center, Minneapolis, MN  
Contact: Jerry Fischer  
(800) 669-6006 --(612) 557-6956 Fax
- April 30:** AOS Supplemental Judging, 7 p.m. CBG
- May 16:** IOS Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- May 22:** Monthly Meeting at CBG, 12:30 p.m.
- May 28:** AOS Supplemental Judging, 7 p.m. CBG
- June 12:** IOS Brunch and Awards Ceremony
- June 25:** AOS Supplemental Judging, 7 p.m. CBG
- June 24-26:** Mid-America Orchid Seminar  
Sheraton Lansing Hotel, Lansing, Michigan

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER:** The deadline for the March Newsletter is February 16. Please submit your articles via mail or by Fax.

**OH BOY, IT'S FEBRUARY AGAIN!** Except for the Polar Bears among us, we're all shut-ins this month. Here's how a real orchid grower might make the best of it:

**Take a paph to lunch.** Actually, repot your paphs. This is the best month for it. If you've been troubled by millipedes or sow bugs, then repot a shelf at a time to prevent the critters from wandering into the fresh mixes. If you suspect the mix that you've been storing on the garage floor for the past six months may harbor some pests, consider nuking it in the microwave before using it. Also, a good preventative measure is to sprinkle a teaspoon of powdered Diazinon atop the mix after repotting. Have a bucket filled with warm water, a couple ounces of Sevin, a like amount of Pine-Sol, and half that much liquid soap. Any plant harboring alien life forms gets immersed for a minute.

**Get a little craftsy. Build something.** See me. I'll happily explain how to build earthquake-proof lightstands out of 2x6's. Or a floor-to-ceiling rack for mounted plants out of cedar and hardware cloth. Some of you have constructed little one-plant display racks for showing a single mounted plant.

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