



# ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY

JUNE, 1994

FOUNDED IN 1952

**WHO:** ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY

**WHAT:** BRUNCH and AWARDS  
PRESENTATION

**WHEN:** JUNE 12, 1993

**WHERE:** VILLA OLIVIA COUNTRY CLUB  
Route 20 and Naperville Road  
Bartlett, Illinois

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sherry Maloney  
708/498-0249

**BRUNCH:** A sumptuous buffet awaits you at the Villa Olivia Country Club. For last-minute reservations, please call Linda Schubert @ 708/835-0799.

**AWARDS PRESENTATION:** Our former president Jim Spatzek will present the awards for the 93-94 season. If you are one of the winners, please come with friends and family. If you are not, come with friends and family anyway and enjoy the fun and stimulating conversations. Jim will also give a slide presentation of AOS awarded plants.

**THERE WILL BE NO PLANT SALES OR  
PLANT JUDGING.**

## REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following officers and directors were elected at the May meeting:

### OFFICERS:

President	Sherry Maloney
1st V. P.	Leo Schordje
2nd V. P.	Margie Casserly
Secretary	Linda Schubert
Asst. Secy.	Heddi Schellbach
Treasurer	John Stubbings
Asst. Treas.	John Coutts
Past President	Jim Spatzek

### DIRECTORS:

	Term Expiring
Charles High	1998
Margo Begy	1998
Sue Golan	1997
Ed Gamson	1997
Tom Franczak	1996
Jim Pupelis	1996
Nicola Radcliffe	1995
Lois Cinert	1995

As soon as you receive this bulletin, please consider calling Linda Schubert to sign up for the brunch if you have not done so already. Aside from great food and camaraderie, Jim Spatzek's slide presentation will be a not-to-be-missed experience, as anyone who has attended the monthly AOS judging can tell you.

The Board thanks you for your vote of confidence at the May meeting. We will endeavor to listen to your opinions and needs and try to schedule speakers and programs accordingly. Speaking of programs, I thought you might like to know a little about our new First Vice President (who is also the Program Chairman), Leo Schordje. If you were at the May meeting, I'm sure you enjoyed Leo's workshop presentation on potting mixes and were as impressed as I was with his wide-ranging knowledge. By day he is a mild-mannered quality-control chemist, but away from the job he shrugs off the shackles of control and becomes one of the prime movers and shakers of the 'Paph Rat' pack (a notorious group of orchidists who are out to convert the whole world to Paph growing). Eclectic also describes Leo who grows orchids under sodium, halite and conventional shop lights. He also grows bonsai and teaches a course in beginning bonsai. In his spare time (?), he enjoys canoeing and searching for the illusive native orchids of the Chicagoland area. Leo also possesses a great sense of humor and can always be tracked down in any crowd by following the sound of his distinctive laughter!

The response to my request for 'meat' for the monthly bulletin last month has been a little less than enthusiastic. Maybe in the lazy summer months you may find a little time to write. Let me start the ball rolling with a question that was asked of me, and as a 'by guess and by golly' grower, I didn't have a good answer.

**QUESTION:** What is the best way to encourage multiple leads to develop on cattleyas? Cone on, all you master growers (or anyone who has had luck with your catts), drop heddi a line with your suggestion. I look forward to seeing at least three or four different suggestions next month.

## REPORT OF AWARDS COMMITTEE

Tom Franczak, Chairman 708/398-5093

Here's the tenth and penultimate report on the 93-94 competition year. Included in the point totals are results from the April AOS judging at the CBG and show results from Green Bay and Milwaukee. Also, some late returns from the Illowa and Illiana shows. We will call a halt to this year's frantic chase after the May meeting's and May AOS judging's results are tallied. Then you can take a breather, collect an award at the June brunch (or watch your brethren and sistren collecting their awards), and then get a running start for the 1994-95 contest beginning with the July meeting. Here are the recent AOS awards to our members:

<b>Sue Golan</b>	Odont. cordatum 'Sue Gee', AM/AOS
<b>Bob Wolf</b>	Pleurothallis saurocephala 'Robert', CBR/AOS
<b>Joel Edwards</b>	Paph. godefroyae v. leucochilum 'Chestnut', HCC/AOS
<b>Terry Partin</b>	Phrag. wallisii 'Twin sisters', HCC/AOS
<b>Mel Schmidt</b>	Chilochista usenoides 'Golden Delicious', AM/AOS

What a treat ... all species! Sue's award came at the Green Bay show while the others came at the April AOS judging at the CBG. We're pleased that Sue got her award ... the poor dear needed the points for the contest. This is not Bob's first time getting a CBR for an obscure pleurothallid. I recall *Stelis vulcanica* not too long ago. This one's name seems to say the flowers resemble lizard heads. Cute. Actually, they were a cloud of purple-brown itties, too small for these old eyes to pick out much structure. Joel was quite happy to get a paph species awarded. Though he has carved a few notches on his gun handle, none were for a paph species. Joel has always been quite generous with pollen and some of you may have made a cross using pollen from his "leucochilum #4". If so, change the name of the pollen parent to the clonal name shown above. Terry's award is his first, and it's about time. At long last, all of the card-carrying Paph Rats and Phrag Wavers have now earned AOS awards. Terry's award wouldn't have happened were it not for Joel's insistence that Terry submit the plant, and in fact, were it not for the taxi service that Joel provided the plant. Rest assured, Joel won't let Terry forget. Mel's award is also his first AOS award. When I recall all the times in the past that Mel has sent plants in for (continued on another page).

### POINT STANDINGS

#### Greenhouse

G. Calilao-J. Wortman(*)	35
Jack Coutts	52
Judy Doll(*)	2
Walter Drubka	17
Siegfried Dux	31
John & Joan Emmerlich(*)	2
Ed Gamson	49
Sue Golan	1,426
Sophia & Jim Harris	110
Elvira Hasty	10
Jodi Hirt	622
Bob Hoel	47
Prayool Inboriboon	130
Barry Jones	15
Tom Kukla	10
Maggie Kuntz	370
Harold Labinsky	13
Otto Leupi	130
Jay Mullen	243
Paul & Lori Passine	126
Rhonda Peters	91
Nicola Radcliffe	125
Victor Regis	20
Lee Rogers	125
Bill Rogerson	120
Laima Sahagian	699
Ted Sarauskas	4
Heddi Schellbach	30

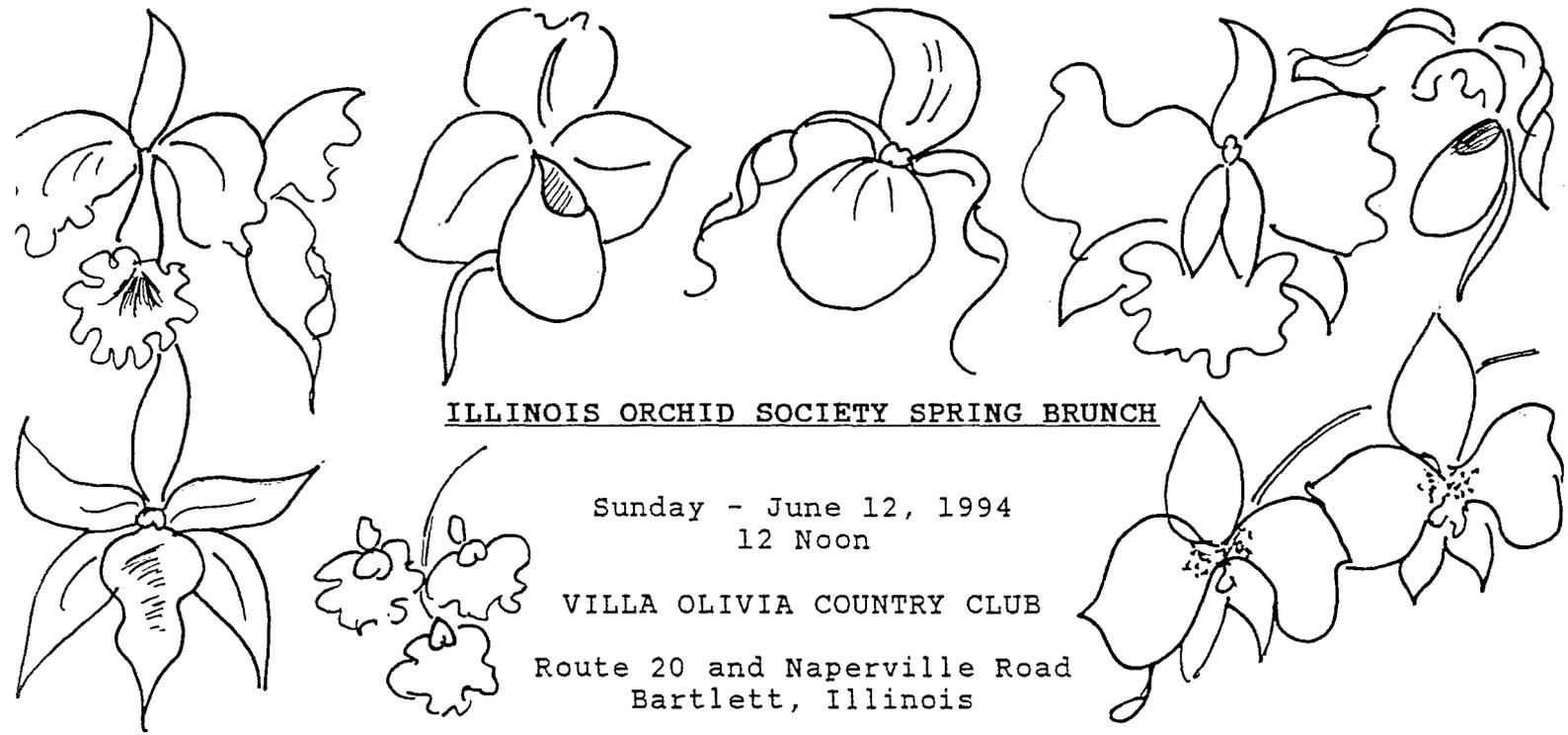
Bill Shaban	45
Jim Spatzek	72
John Stubbings	176
Gerald Stueben	170
Carole Thompson	286
Bill Walsh	119
Paul Wanic	12
Bill Welter (*)	14
Bob Wolf	337
M. & W. Zielinski	65

#### Lightstand

Walter Anderson	1
Kim Anderson (*)	5
Cathy Bailey	71
Margo Begy	26
Cathy Bloome	402
Olga Boor	2
Ed Bulow	686
Lois Cinert	37
Rose & Joe Dixler	616
Kevin Dixler (*)	10
Joel Edwards	370
Tom Franczak	166
Ron & Joan Hale (*)	46
Mary Hersh (*)	10
Charles High	125
Alice Huehl	91

Ed Kelley, Jr.	2
Eileen Kinney	21
Lawrence Knudsen	1
Pat Kralik	56
Wilf Losert	648
Sherry Maloney	274
Morris Millman	15
Michele Nichele	40
Del Ogren (*)	20
T. & K. Partin	60
James Patrick	2
Margie Poor	1
Jim Pupelis	124
Carol Reilly(*)	40
Michael Rossler (*)	1
Mel Schmidt	199
Leo Schordje	66
Linda Schubert	1
Linda Silva	32
Laura Stanley	10
Sandy Swan	3
Lida Toman	11
Ken Vrabel	65
Chris Welch (*)	2
R. & H. Youngdale	183

(\*) indicates new member for 1993-94 competition purposes



ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY SPRING BRUNCH

Sunday - June 12, 1994  
12 Noon

VILLA OLIVIA COUNTRY CLUB

Route 20 and Naperville Road  
Bartlett, Illinois

Come join us at beautiful Villa Olivia for a sumptuous brunch buffet and the annual awards ceremony for the 1993-1994 season.

The ever entertaining Jim Spatzek will be on hand to present the awards for the 1993-94 year. Those of us who have not earned any awards this past year will be on hand to enjoy the fun and stimulating conversations.

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Please respond to Linda Schubert by June 7, 1994.

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ for reservations for \_\_\_\_\_ person/people at \$15.40 per person. The brunch includes unlimited visits to Villa Olivia's regular Sunday Brunch, your beverage, tax and gratuity.

Mail to: Linda Schubert  
745 Grove Street  
Glencoe, IL 60022

Phone 708-835-0799 if you have any questions.

## Land Purchase Protects Rare Orchid at Elizabeth Lake

**T**he Nature Conservancy has purchased a 61-acre wetland complex in northern McHenry County that harbors an Illinois endangered orchid—the small yellow lady's slipper (*Cypripedium parviflorum*). This site will eventually be incorporated into the 179-acre Elizabeth Lake Nature Preserve which is adjacent to it. This tract is particularly important because the small yellow lady's slipper has not been found anywhere else in the preserve.

Elizabeth Lake is a large, diverse wetland and lake complex located in both Illinois and Wisconsin. The northern portion of the lake in Wisconsin has moderate lakefront development, while the southern portion in Illinois has remained undeveloped due to the shallowness of the lake and the wetland communities.

"Elizabeth Lake Nature Preserve is one of the few sites that shows the entire

gamut of wetland communities possible in this region, from fen at the very edges of the hills all the way out to open water," says Wayne Schennum, biologist for the McHenry County Conservation District (MCCD) which owns the preserve. "Of particular importance are the graminoid fens, calcareous floating mats and graminoid bogs."

These three wetland communities in the preserve harbor eight Illinois threatened or endangered plant species in addition to the lady's slipper, which inhabits fens and sedge meadows. The marshes in the preserve support three endangered bird species, and the lake is home to four threatened or endangered fish species.

MCCD first became interested in the tract when Schennum and co-worker Ed Collins learned of the presence of the small yellow lady's slipper. MCCD negotiated the land purchase with the site's owner, the Varga Trust, and then asked the Conservancy to buy the land and hold

on to it until MCCD can secure a matching grant from the state.

In the early 1970s, the Conservancy helped MCCD acquire the original preserve land, a third of which was also purchased from the Varga Trust.

MCCD has assumed management responsibilities for the new tract, which is in immediate need of brush removal and controlled burning. With the brush gone, the lady's slipper population can be accurately surveyed and monitored to determine what further management activities will be needed to help this rare orchid thrive.

MCCD is also surveying a 25-acre archeological site on the tract which shows evidence of early Indian inhabitants. Once the scan is complete, the area will be restored to native prairie.



SMALL YELLOW LADY'S SLIPPER—WAYNE SCHENNUM

## REPORT OF AWARDS COMMITTEE (continued)

judging only to sigh when they weren't even nominated, well, I found this award of his to be quite satisfying. I hope he's as satisfied by it as I was. In case you've been on the moon during the past couple of months and hadn't heard, this award was just the tonic Mel needed to complete his recovery from heart surgery earlier this year and his audition as a stunt car driver even more recently.

There are two lessons in Terry's award: First, if an old pro, like Joel, tells you that you've bloomed an awardable plant, take the time to submit the plant. We saw the same thing recently when Willy Losert told Ed Bulow to take a particular phal in for judging. Ed did and the plant was awarded. Second, while sending a plant in for judging doesn't mean it will get an award, not sending it in guarantees that it won't.

And there's a lesson in Mel's award: Wear your seatbelt and you'll live to see your plants awarded

### MORE SHOW IN REVIEW

I have a favorite memory or two, or at least an anecdote, from each of our shows. I'll tell you the one from the Spring Show of 1994:

As I was considering a plant, probably a paph, a woman approached me and asked me where she might find a vanilla plant. I was fairly certain that none had been registered for the show. She was disappointed. She had seen them while hiking through South America when she was a young woman and they were her favorites. Well, I said, they're just not cultivated very often around here. Oh, they're readily available at the local nurseries, but nobody seems that interested in growing them. Pity, she said. Well, why don't we walk a bit and maybe we can find some other South American orchids that you'll recall. I knew where some phrag species were displayed and I remembered a *Laelia purpurata* in another exhibit, for starters.

Her name is Mary Decker and she's 88 years old and she lives in Milwaukee and she's a retired journalist (from a Milwaukee newspaper). She had gotten a ride to the show from some friends but they had brought a dog in the car with them so they had to wait outside the grounds of the Botanic Garden so she just had half an hour to look around because her friends couldn't drive around the North Shore waiting forever. And she decided to approach me about the vanilla orchids because, she told me, I resembled her late son. So we chatted awhile and she said she would return for the next show, if she could.

So there you have it. What would be nice? One of you who lives near Milwaukee, find Mary Decker and make sure she has a ride to our Fall Show. Another of you, one of the greenhouse growers, for goodness' sake, get a vanilla plant and try to bloom it for the Fall Show.

Tom Franczak

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**THINGS YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT SCALE:** It would seem that the creature we know as scale is about as useful to the world as the proverbial bosoms on a bull. So I thought until I heard my "boss" at the CBG complaining that her hands were dyed orange for two days after an intensive clean-up of the Cottony Cushion Scale on the Citrus. This led her to some investigation in the CBG's Library and to some fascinating facts:

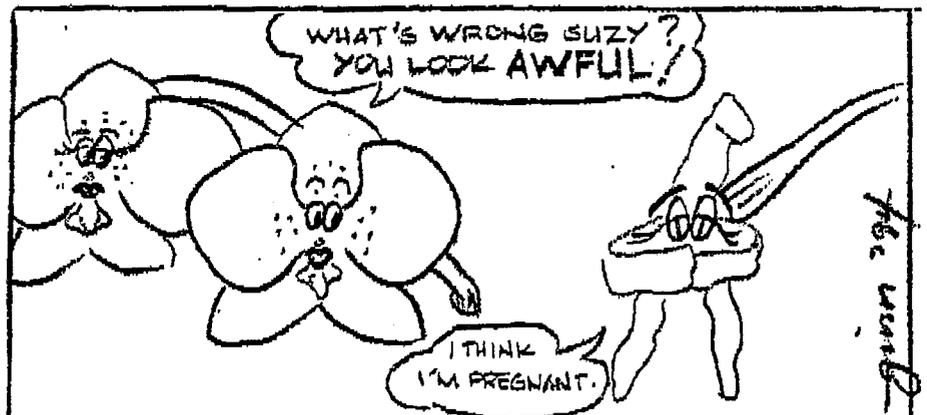
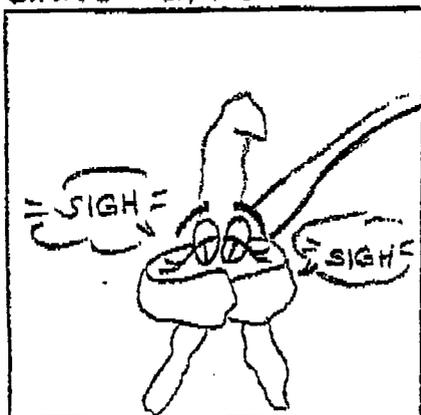
1. The insect known as *Dactylopius Opuntiae* was virtually mined for its valuable red dye which was worth more than its weight in gold.
2. The Aztecs paid their taxes in insects, particularly the female *Dactylopius* which is cultivated even today on *Opuntia* plants in Mexico, Peru, South Africa and the Canary Islands.
3. Until aniline dyes were produced in the 19th century, this animal dye was used for royalty, for the "red coats" of the British army in Paul Revere's time and in the uniforms of the Northwest Mounted Police.
4. The dye is used today in lipsticks (ugh!), soft drinks (double ugh!), P.H. indicators and artists' pigment.
5. 300 tons are produced a year.

Which just goes to show you. Don't be depressed by an infestation of scale. If it's really big, you've got it made.

Sue Golan

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## GINN'S 'CHIDS



**DATES TO REMEMBER  
1994**

- June 12:** Awards Brunch, Villa Olivia Country Club, Rt. 20 and Naperville Rd., Bartlett  
**June 24-26:** MidAmerica Orchid Seminar  
Sheraton-Lansing Hotel, Lansing, MI  
**June 25:** AOS Supplemental Judging, CBG, 7 pm  
**July 17:** Monthly Meeting, CBG, 12:30 pm  
**July 23:** AOS Supplemental Judging, CBG, 7 pm  
**August 21:** Picnic at Oak Hill Gardens  
**August 27:** AOS Supplemental Judging, CBG, 7 pm  
**Sept. 23-25:** Fall Show, CBG  
**Sept. 23:** AOS Supplemental Judging, CBG, 7 pm  
**October 16:** Monthly Meeting, CBG, 12:30 pm  
**October 29:** AOS Supplemental Judging, CBG, 7 pm  
**November 20:** Monthly Meeting, CBG, 12:30 pm  
**November 26:** AOS Supplemental Judging, CBG, 7 pm  
**December 11:** Christmas Party at Hausermann's, 12 noon  
**December 17:** AOS Supplemental Judging, CBG, 7 pm

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER:** The deadline for the July newsletter is **June 15**. Please submit your articles by mail or fax.

**Please come to the Villa Olivia in Bartlett for the June Brunch and Awards Presentation. Pls. contact Linda Schubert @ 708/835-0799 for last-minute reservations.**

**ORCHID-CULTURE SHEETS**

Informative culture sheets are available at no cost from the AOS on 12 general groups: *Catasetum* & Relatives, *Cattleya*, *Cymbidium*, *Dendrobium*, *Lycaste*, *Masdevallia* & *Dracula*, *Odontoglossum* Alliance, *Oncidium* Alliance, *Paphiopedilum*, *Phalaenopsis*, *Stanhopea* & Relatives and *Vanda* Alliance. Now they are also available in Russian, Spanish and, thanks to the efforts of Mariko Hayashi-Herron, Japanese. Request copies from Bruce Ide at the address listed below.

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