

ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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REPORT OF AWARDS COMMITTEE

Tom Franczak, Chairman 708/398-5093

Did someone say "on your mark, get set ...?" I didn't hear 'em. Nonetheless, in the immortal words of our former president, here we go again. This is the first report of the 1994-95 competition year. We've only some AOS awards to report from June. With the new competition year just a few days old, Ed Gamson struck early by garnering his very first AOS award at the judging in St. Louis. With a cool 60 points under his belt, he remarked "let them try and catch me now." Couple of weeks later at the AOS judging at the CBG, Queen Sue obliged. Here are the awards. Arnie's came at the CBG also:

Ed Gamson	Carpenterara Sydney Smith 'Bryna', HCC/AOS
Sue Golan	Odontoglossum sceptrum "Queen Sue", CBR/AOS
Arnold Klehm, Grower	Yamadara Wilda Kintop 'Brier Hill', HCC/AOS

The June meeting was the brunch, at which there is no plant judging (and mercifully so, according to last year's top scorers who were weary from ferrying all those plants to all those meetings and all those shows). So with no ribbon winners to report, this is an easy report (mercifully so, I might add). Here's the point totals through the end of June. Watch the list grow during the new competition year and make sure that your name is on the list.

POINT STANDINGS

Greenhouse	Lightstand
Ed Gamson	60
Sue Golan	60

What have you done right lately?

The IOS fall mini-show "The Wonderful World of Orchids" will occur September 23, 24, and 25, 1994 at the Chicago Botanic Gardens. Here is your opportunity to show off your victories on the battle field of orchid blooming. (Heaven knows there are enough casualties!)

This show is exclusively a tabletop affair so the smaller exhibitors will feel right at home. If you only have a plant or two blooming, get with a friend and fill a tabletop display together, or only reserve half of a table top. Let's see how many new exhibitors we can count. (I will search my own hoard suffering from "benign neglect," to find candidates for my first living display. You do the same!)

Fill out the volunteer form you will find in this bulletin issue, and return it to me as quick as you can. We are trying to develop a corps of experienced volunteers so that we will be prepared when it is our turn to host the American Orchid Society show in a couple years.

Plan on enjoying the show, the judges/volunteers dinner Friday night, and the camaraderie of orchid enthusiasts from around the world.

Margie Casserly
Show Chair

The Central Iowa Orchid Society's

5th Annual Speakers Day

August 7, 1994

Des Moines Botanical Center, Des Moines, Iowa

José Exposito

Jerry Rehfield

José Exposito is the Vice President of Soroa Orchids, Inc. of Miami, Florida. José has been on the forefront of phalaenopsis breeding for quite some time and will present a lecture on the newest trends in phalaenopsis breeding . . . now and into the twenty-first century. Mr. Exposito's address is: Soroa Orchids, Inc./15851 SW 198th Ave./Miami, FL 3187-1043/(305) 232-6766.

Jerry Rehfield, a former professional ice skater, is now an avocado and orchid grower who has garnered many awards on his cattleyas and oncidium alliance clones. Jerry will discuss many aspects of compact cattleyas. His address is: Starbeck Farm/Jerry Rehfield/7305 Shepard Mesa Road/ Carpinteria, CA 93013/ (805) 684-3344.

Schedule

Saturday, August 6:

7:00-10 pm Informal get-together with speakers at Budgetel Inns at I-35/80 & 118 St.
(University Avenue Exit)--(room will be listed under David Johnston)

Sunday, August 7:

8:00 am Continental Breakfast
9-11 Informal time with speakers/Tour Botanical Center Greenhouses/Plant Sales
12 noon Luncheon Buffet
1:30 pm Speaker
2:30 Break -- "Dessert Bonanza"
3:00 Speaker

Mr. Exposito and Mr. Rehfield will have plants for sale throughout the day.

Registration Fee

A modest registration fee of \$12 single/\$20 double/\$8 each additional family member.

For more information, reservations, etc., please call David Hutson at 515-276-4475

or write him at 3823 - 52nd Street/Des Moines, IA 50310

Lodeway Inn 1995 Merle Hay Rd. 515-278-2381	Days Inn 4845 Merle Hay Rd. 800-325-2525	Howard Johnson 4800 Merle Hay Rd 515-278-4755	Courtyard by Marriott 1520 NW 114 St (Clive) 800-321-2211	Fairfield Inn I-35/80 at University Ave. 800-428-3428	Budgetel Inns I-35/80 & 118th St (University Ave. Exit) 800-428-3438
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Registration Form

Central Iowa Orchid Society Speakers Day

August 7, 1994

To help us plan for Speakers Day, we encourage you to fill out this registration form and return it to: David Hutson, 3823-52nd Street, Des Moines, IA 50310 by July 25, 1994. If you are sending the registration fee in at this time, please make checks payable to the Central Iowa Orchid Society. Thank you.

Name _____ Address _____
Phone _____

Please check the following:

Single (\$12) Double (\$20) Will attend Saturday evening social Will attend Continental Breakfast

Name _____

Additional family member (\$8)

Name _____

Additional family member (\$8)

Name _____

Dr. Larry R. Miller Memorial Orchid Lecture

*Honored Speaker: Robert Fuchs
R.F. Orchids
Homestead FL*

Topic: Current Breeding Trends in Ascocendas

Date: Saturday August 20, 1994

Time: 2:00pm - 4:30pm

*Place: UIC College of Medicine, Peoria, IL
Meeting Room: A 100 - 1&2*

R.S.V.P. by Aug. 1, 1994

*Paul Emery
1703 W. Mt. Vernon
Metamora, IL 61548
Ph. (309)367-4706*

*** Seating is Limited ***

*P.S. - Bob will bring a limited number of Plants for Sale after the
Lecture*

**ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY FALL MINI-SHOW
THE WORLD OF ORCHIDS
September 23, 24, 25, 1994
Volunteer Sign-up**

These are the types of work available at the IOS fall mini-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.)

Set Up/Tear Down (Thursday evening, Sunday evening)

Plant Registration (Thursday evening, Friday til 5 p.m.)

Plant Traffic (All day Friday and Sunday 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.)

Hospitality (Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday anytime)

Judging/Clerking (Friday night)

Now What/Information Table (Saturday and Sunday anytime)

Raffle Table (Saturday and Sunday anytime)

Plant Check (Saturday and Sunday anytime)

Good Will/Security (Saturday and Sunday anytime)

These are the times help is needed:

Thursday, September 22

4:00 - 8:00 _____

Friday, September 23

9:00 - Noon _____

Noon - 4:00 _____

4:00 - ? _____

Saturday, September 24

9:00 - 1:00 _____

1:00 - 5:00 _____

5:00 - ? _____

Sunday, September 25

9:00 - 1:00 _____

1:00 - 5:00 _____

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

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

EXHIBIT SPACE REQUEST

I would like to reserve space for an exhibit in the Illinois Orchid Society Fall-mini Show (September 23, 24, 25, 1994).

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

SPACE NEEDED: 1/2 tabletop _____ tabletop _____

Special requirements? _____

Sign to read: _____

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

NOTICE TO NEW MEMBERS: Our monthly competition, which we sometimes call "show and tell," is open to all general members and offers fame and fortune to those who accumulate the most points during the competition year. It provides several substantial direct and indirect benefits to the society as a whole, beyond the obvious direct benefits to the winning growers. And so we beat the drums over and over to encourage participation.

We know that it takes a while for new growers to get up to speed, perhaps several years or more, before they can begin to compete against the likes of cutthroats such as Sue and Laime and Wilf, to name just a few of our more notorious brutes. But we want our new growers to join in before that, while they're still building and maturing their collections and while they're still acquiring their skills as growers. So we have a competition within the competition just for new members and we recognize the best efforts turned in within the greenhouse and lightstand categories at the end of the competition year.

So who is a new member? If you joined the IOS during calendar years 1993 or 1994 (or will join during the first six months of 1995), then YOU are a new member for purposes of the 1994-95 competition year. You'll know that I know that you're a new member when you see your name in the point score standings annotated with an asterisk. Usually I make that determination by checking old membership directories. If I get it wrong you can set me straight by telling me or by making a note on a plant registration slip.

All the rules for the regular competition apply (pest-free plants, six months minimum ownership of the plant, not a commercial grower) plus two more rules: You may win this newcomer competition only once (you are immediately traded to the old pro's league and have to compete against the big boys forever after); and you must accumulate a minimum of 20 points to claim an award (a pittance if you can flower half a dozen plants in a year's time).

Any questions? I'm around.

Rather than the same old impassioned plea to "bring your plants in", let me make some different remarks. Besides, quite frankly, participation simply soared last year, both as to number of plants and number of exhibitors. Let me just make mention to our newer members that you really don't get the full value of your IOS membership by being shy. Shy just doesn't serve you well in this endeavor. You need the experience and information that our older members will happily supply to you at our meetings. Bring a plant in for show and tell. Let me know and, if no one has already started talking to you about it, I'll find you an expert on that kind of plant to discuss it with you.

There you have it. The theory as an icebreaker. Tell your friends. Coming up soon: the hermeneutics of potting mixes.

Tom Franczak

HEY, WE CAN HELP ... *The Orchid Digest*, the journal edited by the late Jack Fowlie for so many years, would enlist 1,000 new subscribers this year. If you do not already subscribe to it, I strongly urge you to scrape up a few bucks today and help underwrite this very important publication. It is a professional journal which, among many other things, publishes the descriptions of new orchid species. It is unique in doing that because, first, it specializes in orchids and is not a general botanical journal and, second, it is in English (Latin, where necessary).

Now, find that checkbook, blow the dust off it, and write a check for (\$20, \$37 or \$54) for a (1, 2, or 3) year subscription, payable to "The Orchid Digest". Send it with your name and address to:

**The Orchid Digest
Membership Secretary
PO Box 916
Carmichael CA 95609-0916**

Oh, and did I mention? You'll be gratified to find that, unlike the AOS/Selby crowd, these guys are splitters, not lumpers. *The Orchid Digest* is published quarterly.

Tom Franczak

CORRIGENDA

There were a few sins of omission, commission, submission and remission which I'm sure we will have heard about by now! However here is the correct list of judges, etc., from the article on "AOS Judging" in the July issue:

Judges Who Are Members of the IOS:

Accredited: Dorathy Kuper, John Stubbings, Regina Wilson, Hermann Pigors, Jim Spatzek, Tony Grenis, Arnie Klehm, Ken Wilson and Lee Soule.
Probationary: Sue Golan, Bill Rogerson, Tom Kalina, and Jay Mullen.
Students: Suki Kroeber

Other Judges Not Members of the IOS:

Accredited: LeRoy Peterson, Doug Watson, Bob Mortensen.
Probationary: Norm Baker
Student: Lorraine Hayden, Mary Weiss

Jim Spatzek

DATES TO REMEMBER
1994

- August 21:** Picnic at Oak Hill Gardens, West Dundee,
12 noon
August 27: AOS Supplemental Judging, CBG, 7 pm
Sept. 10: Peoria Orchid Society Show, Peoria
Sept. 12: Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, Jack Coutts
Sept. 23: AOS Supplemental Judging, **Friday**,
approximately 8 pm
Sept. 24-25: Fall Mini Show, CBG
October 16: Monthly Meeting, CBG, 12:30 pm
October 29: AOS Supplemental Judging, CBG, 7 pm
Nov. 12-13: Northeast Wisconsin Orchid Society Show
Green Bay, Wisconsin
November 14: Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, Margo Begy
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

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- Jan. 16:** Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, S. Maloney
March 20: Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, Jim Spatzek
May 22: Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, Sue Golan

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

BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE PICNIC, be sure to pick up a few posters announcing the Fall Mini-Show from Heddi at the Picnic. They are quite decorative and will certainly dress up your local garden supply store windows, office or library bulletin boards, and the like. They're suitable for framing, faxing, and otherwise distributing. As always, it's up to us to get the word out. We must improve upon last spring's performance ... Leo's survey found that there were three saloons within a 100-mile radius of Chicago that did not have posters announcing that orchid show. Tsk, tsk.

Tom Franczak



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