



ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY

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WHO: ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY
WHAT: MONTHLY MEETING
WHEN: OCTOBER 23, 12:30 p.m.
(Please note change in date)
WHERE: Chicago Botanic Garden

SPEAKER: The speaker for this month's meeting will be **Larry Moskovitz**. The talk will be on **Brazilian Orchid Species**. Larry is an accomplished photographer and experienced grower. He founded Orchidanica in the mid-80's, an orchid company devoted to propagating rare and unusual orchids. **South American, Indonesian and New Guinea species are his specialty**. He has been speaking to groups throughout the country and comes to us with high recommendations. **He will also bring plants for the sales table**. If you would like to see his price list and order ahead, you may contact him at:

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I wonder if I should warn Larry that we have a "Gang of Four" (Sue, Maggie, Jodi and Carol) ringers in the crowd who have just returned from a collecting trip to Brazil? I've asked Larry to discuss culture and point out which species adapt well to the windowsill or under lights, so this talk should be of interest to both our new and our "seasoned members". See you at the meeting.

Leo Schordje

Please have your plants for judging in place by 12:30.
There will be a sale of plants by members.

REFRESHMENTS: I hope you took Sherry Maloney's advice last December and marked your calendar for the whole year to bake or buy some goodies for the monthly meetings. Please **change the date for this month's meeting to October 23** which will give you another week to make good on your good intentions.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sherry Maloney
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You know the old saying, "A watched pot never boils". Well, the same can be said for a "watched orchid". They never bloom as anticipated, and the harder you watch, the more tightly the buds seem to be held. As usual, I began to panic as show time approached. All the buds that I had counted on showed no signs of opening. Don't start feeling sorry for me, though. I finally took my own advice and called a fellow orchidist or two who passed the word along that I had an exhibit space with very little to fill it. As always happens, orchid people came through. Thus was born the exhibit "Orchid Orphans". Thanks to all the orphans' parents for making the display possible. Let this be a lesson to all. Even if you only have one or two plants, you CAN have a display. Just reach out. There will always be someone to lend a hand. That is one of the strengths of our society.

At the September Board meeting there was a discussion of ways in which we can best serve the general membership. It was decided that most members might like to have a set of the AOS culture sheets. There are 12 in all. Your newsletter will contain one each month for the next year starting next month. You may choose to save them for future reference or, if you already know it all, use them to line the bottom of your iguana cage! They have been condensed and, in some cases, revised (by the AOS) to fit on one page.

Last on my list of things to let you know about, but definitely not the least, is the Rockford show on November 5-6. We have been doubly blessed in that **Jim Pupelis** and **Nicola Radcliffe** have agreed to take the IOS exhibit to this show. Jim (708/860-9527) lives in Bensenville within easy driving distance from both the south and west suburbs and Nicola (708-446-2436) lives in Northfield for a convenient drop-off for us Northerners. Please call them to arrange drop-off times. Plants **MUST** be dropped off no later than **Thursday, Nov. 3**. If you would like to get some experience helping to set up an exhibit, call either Jim or Nicola to volunteer. Mark your calendars now for our next away show which will be in Madison, WI, Jan. 27-29.

As I write this, displays are going up and dinner is being readied for the Mini-Show so I can't say how wonderful the show was yet. I'll save that for next month. I can say that, from what I've seen so far, this show certainly has the quality and pizzazz that we have come to expect from our membership. A big thank you to Margie Casserly and all her crew. More specifics next month!

REPORT OF AWARDS COMMITTEE

Tom Franczak, Chairman 708/398-5093

Here's the third report of the 1994-95 competition year. Included are the August AOS judging results and the points accumulated at the August meeting at Oak Hill Gardens. We have two AOS awards to report:

Sue Golan
Laima Sahagian

Liparis nutans 'Sioux', CBR/AOS
Pleurothallis hypnicola 'Rose', CBR/AOS

Sue's award came in St. Louis at the beginning of August; Laima's at the CBG at the end of August. It's too early to tell ... but show results to be published next month will provide a good hint ... whether we're in store for a real contest in the greenhouse division. Maybe even a contest like last year's three-way duel to the finish in the lightstand division. Speaking of which, **Ed Bulow** (last year's lightstand champion) takes turns a year at a time with his brother working the weekends in their business. This is Ed's year on weekend duty so the coast is clear until July of 1995 for the rest of us to sneak into first place. Which is what upstart **Armon McPherson** seems intent upon doing. We've never had a new member take all the marbles, though **Jodi Hirt** finished third overall in her rookie season in the greenhouse division. Anyway, it's early. But not so early to enjoy the season that may be shaping up. Look at all the new members making friends with the display table! Except for Armon, they're still looking for their first Blue, but that'll come if they just keep trying.

And try we did at the August picnic. We brought 124 plants (59 greenhouse grown and 65 grown under lights) to the display tables. **Bob Wolf**, a bona fide contender in the greenhouse division should he decide to race, got Plant-of-the-Month honors for his Oncidium Mendenhall. **Joel Edwards** captured that prize in the lightstand category for his Paph. neivium, helping himself to the first place atop the lightstand division in the process.

Let's see how these rankings hold up when the first show results are tallied. Meanwhile, here are the plants that picked up Firsts at the picnic. (Look for listing on another page.)

POINT STANDINGS

Greenhouse		Lightstand	
G. Calilao/J. Wortman	3	Cathy Bailey	35
Carol Cloud	32	Cathy Bloome	81
Ed Gamson	60	Joe Dixler	97
Sue Golan	177	Walter Drubka	26
Jodi Hirt	63	Joel Edwards	110
Bob Hoel	1	James Fiala	17
Maggie Kuntz	35	Ron & Joan Hale	10
Jay Mullen	26	Rob Halgren (*)	5
Rhonda Peters	20	Alice Huehl	15
Laima Sahagian	189	Lawrence Knudsen	1
Heddi Schellbach	11	Pat Kralik	11
John Stubbings	11	Carol Loeppert (*)	3
Gerald Stueben	50	Sherry Maloney	6
Carole Thompson	43	Armon McPherson (*)	75
Bill Walsh	22	Jane Nelson	1
Bob Wolf	103	Margie Poor	10
		Michael Rossler (*)	7
		Mel Schmidt	26
		Linda Silva	1
		Carolyn Simons (*)	1
		Laura Stanley	5
		Ken Vrabel	15
		Renee & Chris Welch (*)	7

(*) indicates new member for 1994-95 competition purposes.

**FIRST-PLACE RIBBONS IN THE GREEN-
HOUSE CATEGORY**

Jodi Hirt Odontoglossum bictoniense alba
Sigmatostalix radicans

Maggie Kuntz Miltonia candida

Rhonda Peters Ascofinetia Peaches x Vanda cristata

Laima Sahagian Den. Silver Bells
Pleurothallis hypnicola
Renanthera matutina
Den. Ise 'Pearl'
Miltonia schroederiana
Stenocoryne aureofulva

Heddi Schellbach Paph (Winston Churchill x
chamberlainianum)

John Stubbings Encyclia belizense

Gerald Stueben Onc. (varicosum v. rogersii 'Baldin' x
Contex Mikkadi)
Brassia Rex

Carole Thompson Blc. Crowfield

Bob Wolf Onc. Mendenhall
Masd. floribunda

**FIRST-PLACE RIBBONS IN THE LIGHTSTAND
CATEGORY**

Cathy Bailey Jason Fuchs

Cathy Bloome Catasetum fuchsii
Ascda. Su-Fun Beauty 'Orange Belle',
HCC/AOS
Lc. Mary Elizabeth Bohn 'Royal Flare',
AM/AOS

Joe Dixler Paph. dianthum
Lycaste virginialis alba
Trichoceros murallis
Den. convolutum
Phal. amboinensis
Aganisia cyanea
Den. oligophyllum

Walter Drubka Catasetum Susan Fuchs
Notylia xiphophorus

Joel Edwards Paph. Pisar

Armon McPherson Onc. Kalihi

NEW MEMBERS SINCE SEPTEMBER 1, 1994

We will be welcoming new members from now by listing their names in the monthly bulletin. Please make them feel welcome at the monthly meetings!

Steve Banshaw	Downers Grove
Sandra Campisi	Libertyville
Michael Cornwell	Chicago
Carmen Cronson	Long Grove
Stewart Dalley	Oak Park
Louis Fernandez	Chicago
Nancy Finch	Hoffman Estates
Tony Garcia	Oak Park
Deanna Haasch	Grayslake
Paul Katz	Northfield
Barbara & Anthony Lachni	Villa Park
Maureen Lehman	Chicago
Paula Malone	Hawthorn Woods
Bill McMillan	Chicago
Melissa Ogrosky	Chicago
Kenneth Ostlund	Kenosha
Laurie Small	Deerfield
Larry Smith	Chicago
Pamela & Bob Tate-Stavinoga	Lincolnwood
Doris Trossman	Glencoe

DATES TO REMEMBER

1994

- Oct. 23:** Monthly IOS Meeting, CBG, 12:30 pm
Oct. 29: AOS Supplemental Judging, CBG, 7 pm
Nov. 5-6: Blackhawk Orchid Society, Rockford
(Judging - 11/4 - 7 pm)
Nov. 5-6: Hoosier Orchid Society Show, Fashion
Square Mall, Indianapolis (Judging - 11/5-8am)
Nov. 20: Monthly IOS Meeting, CBG, 12:30 pm
Nov. 26: AOS Supplemental Judging, CBG, 2 pm
(Please note new time)
Dec. 11: IOS Christmas Party at Hausermann's, 12 noon
(Start thinking about your contribution of an
appetizer, salad or dessert, NOW!)
Dec. 21: AOS Supplemental Judging, CBG, 2 pm

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- Jan. 17:** AOS Supplemental Judging, CBG, 2 pm
Jan. 21: Monthly IOS Meeting, CBG, 12:30 pm
Jan. 28-29: Wisconsin Orchid Growers Show, Madison, WI
Jan. 28: AOS Supplemental Judging, CBG, 2 pm
Feb. 18-19: Batavia Orchid Society Show
Feb. 19: Monthly IOS Meeting, CBG, 12:30 pm
Feb. 25: AOS Supplemental Judging, CBG, 2 pm
Mar. 4-5: IOS Spring Show, CBG
Mar. 25: AOS Supplemental Judging, CBG, 2 pm
Mar. 28-30: Illowa Orchid Society Show, Moline

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER: The deadline for the November Newsletter is **October 18**. Please submit your articles via mail or by Fax.

CHANGE IN OCTOBER MEETING

DATE: The date of the October meeting has been changed to the fourth Sunday of the Month, **October 23**. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

GET WELL, JIM: Jim Spatzek underwent angioplasty during the last week of September. He is now resting at home.

The **FALL MID-AMERICA CONGRESS AND SHOW** will be held October 22-23 at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Kansas City. The **General Show Chairman is Cliff Walters** who can be reached @ 816/353-6018.

A request for donations of orchids or any orchid-related items, such as glassware, crystal, ceramics, pottery, prints, paintings; orchid needlework has been received from the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Mary Weiss. Donations can be sent ahead of time to:

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