

ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY

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WHO: ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY
WHAT: SPRING ORCHID SHOW
WHEN: March 4-5, 1995
WHERE: Chicago Botanic Garden

SHOW TIME: By now you should have circled the above dates on your calendar and plan to spend those days at the Chicago Botanic Garden. Please remember to wear your IOS badge if you are not a member of the Chicago Botanic Garden so you will not have to pay the parking fee.

POSTERS AND FLYERS: If you did not pick up any posters or flyers at the February meeting, this bulletin contains a copy of the poster that you can use as is or make copies from and the flyer that can be cut up and given to friends.

IOS MEMBERS' DISPLAY: I need your plants! If you are not doing your own display because you are new to orchid shows or don't have the time or enough plants for your own display, you can have them included in the IOS members' display.

This is how it works:

1. Clean foliage and remove any dead leaves and old flower stems.
2. Check for insects. Plants with pest problems will not be included in the display.
3. Put your name on the pot somewhere.
4. Drop off your plants at the CBG Thursday 5:30 - 8 pm or Friday 8-12 noon
5. Allow enough time to fill out your registration tickets.
6. Pick up plants after 5 pm on Sunday when show closes to the public.

If you are lucky, you may even get an award for your efforts.

Cathy Bloome, IOS Display Chair

BANQUET: If you have not signed up for the banquet, please return your reservation card.

JUDGES' DINNER: Please drop off your contribution that will serve 8-10 people for the dinner Friday evening as close to 4 pm as possible. If you are unable to come Friday but plan to be there on Saturday or Sunday, you can contribute some goodies for the hospitality table.

MARCH, 1995

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sherry Maloney 708/498-0249

This month I'd like to take a little time to discuss the IOS Board. I have asked **John Stubbings** to chair the **Nominating Committee** for the 1995-96 slate of officers. He will be contacting some of you to help in the process of finding the best people possible to guide the society into the future. Please say yes if he asks. If the committee contacts you about committing your time and talents to an elected position, please accept the nomination graciously. It may surprise you to know that there are many societies where elections are even contested! What a novelty it would be to have several people interested in running for office.

The Board makes things happen within this society. Meetings take place, speakers come, marvelous shows happen, newsletters appear, plants are sold, etc. To give you a brief rundown of who is responsible for what, the *Bylaws* state that:

The **President** presides at business and Board meetings, appoints committees and is an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. (Informally, the President also is the court of last resort for society members with society problems or questions and spends a nominal amount of phone time with questions referred from the Chicago Botanic Garden.)

The **First Vice President** presides in the absence of the President. He/she shall be the Program Chairperson for the year. (This means he/she contacts the speakers, arranges for their transportation, lodging, probably gets first pick of the speaker's sale plants and often takes them out to dinner after a meeting so they can get the inside scoop.)

The **Second Vice President** presides in the absence of the two above officers and serves as Show Chairperson. This person shall plan and execute displays and competitive exhibits and shall direct all regular shows sponsored by the society. (In recent history, this has meant organizing the spring and fall shows and taking [or finding someone to take] exhibits to approximately 6 away shows during the year. Last year this job was split between two people and this year we have been asking for a volunteer for each away show.)

The **Treasurer** shall be responsible for all financial matters of the society.

The **Assistant Treasurer** shall receive dues, send membership cards and act as Membership Chairperson. He/she will perform the duties of the Treasurer in his/her absence.

The **Secretary** shall keep minutes of the Board meetings and conduct society correspondence.

The **Assistant Secretary** shall establish and maintain a membership roster for the mailing list; publish the monthly newsletter and prepare the annual directory.

There are also appointed chairpersons for the following committees: judging, education, ways & means, library, history, hospitality, plant sales, conservation, Mid-America Orchid Congress and American Orchid Society.

All this is just by way of saying that there are dozens of ways to be involved. We're looking for a few good chiefs, but if that's not your style, we also need a lot of good Indians. So I'll simply repeat what has become my theme song: Volunteer early and often. Speaking of that, **if you have not signed up to volunteer at the Spring Show, please call Margie Casserly NOW (312/683-7823 days, 815/337-9263 evenings).** Also, remember to bring some goodies for the judges' dinner on Friday evening.

THE MADISON SHOW was a fairly large one this year. Over 600 plants were registered, over 100 of which came from IOS members. **Jim Pupelis** and **Jodi Hirt** each prepared individual exhibits while **Rhonda Peters** assembled a society exhibit comprised of plants sent by a number of our members. Jim went home with a big prize for this troubles: an AM award on a paph of his. Jodi registered a precocious dendrob that was in flower even though it was still in flask. I noted the complete absence of cattleya species plants (though there were 5 allied genera plants in class 23). Very odd for a show that size and all the more so when you consider that this is the home show for Wayne King, a noted grower of cattleya species. But what the show lacked in cattleya species, it more than made up for in cymbidium hybrids. They were absolutely everywhere; only the mallmuzik was more pervasive. I thought that Cymbidium Evening Star made the prettiest display, but I don't remember any ribbons on any of the many examples of that cross. Orchids by the Ackers had a large exhibit situated, in effect, as a gateway to the show. If you entered or left the mall by its main entrance, you could not avoid encountering at least that exhibit (a fairly stunning one, for that matter). As I drifted by it one time, I overheard a couple of shoppers who were on their way out of the mall. Pointing to the Cym. Evening Star in that exhibit, the man said to his wife, "Look, hon, they've got gladiolas over there".

Tom Franczak

1994 Joseph W. Koss Memorial Award

The **Illinois Orchid Society** is pleased to announce that the **1994 Joseph W. Koss Memorial Award** has been won by **Hoosier Orchids, Indianapolis**. This year there were three (3) awarded plants eligible for this award and the committee made its selection. The plant is:

Masdevallia ophioglossa 'Megan' CCM/AOS, 85 pts.

A suitably engraved Orrefors crystal bowl is being prepared and will be awarded as soon as completed.

The **Joseph W. Koss Memorial Award** is awarded annually to the highest pointed American Orchid Society awarded plant given at the Supplemental Judging in Glencoe or at either of the two **Illinois Orchid Society** shows. The award is presented in memory of Joe Koss and in recognition of his work for both the **Illinois Orchid Society** and as founder and first chairman of the **American Orchid Society Supplemental Judging Center** in Glencoe. Previous awards were:

Neolauchia pulchella 'Etc', CCM/AOS (1992)

Phragmipedium bessae 'Fox Valley, FCC/AOS (1993)

Congratulations to Will Rhodehamel and **Hoosier Orchids** on their exceptional plant! We look forward to even more choices in 1995.

IOS SPRING SHOW

ORCHIDS, ORCHIDS EVERYWHERE!

March 4-5, 1995

The Chicago Botanic Garden

Glencoe, Illinois

Schedule of Events

Friday, March 3, 1995

Show set-up (also Thursday 5:30-8 pm)	8 am - 12 noon
Plant registration closes	12 noon
Judges' and Exhibitors' dinner	5:30 pm
Show judging	6:30 pm

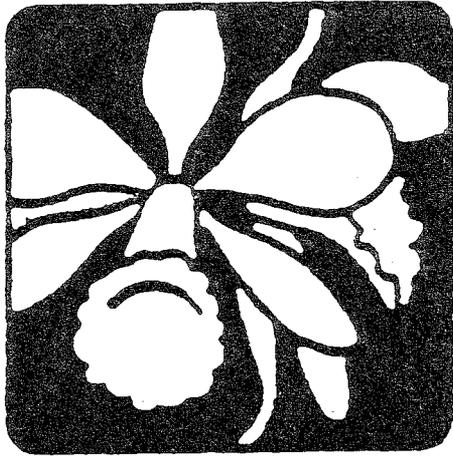
Saturday, March 4, 1995

Show open to photographers	7:30 am - 9 am
Show open to public/plant sales	9 am - 5 pm
The Many Worlds of Orchids	10 am
(Video)	
Potting and Mounting of Orchids - Intermediate Temperatures	10:45 am
(Video)	
Growing Orchids Under Lights	11 am
(Video)	
Getting Started with Orchids	12:15 pm
(Lecture/Demonstration)	
Jack Couetts, IOS	
Introduction to Orchids	1:30 pm
(Video)	
Potting and Mounting Orchids	2:15 pm
(Lecture/Demonstration)	
Lois Cinert, IOS	
The Many Worlds of Orchids	3:30 pm
(Video)	

Award/Membership Banquet	Cash Bar 6:30 pm
Bannockburn Club	Dinner 7:30 pm
2211 Waukegan Road	

Sunday, March 5, 1995

Show open to photographers	7:30 am - 9 am
Show open to public/plants sales	9 am - 5 pm
Orchid lectures/videos - Same as Sunday	
Show Closes and Teardown	5 pm



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March 4th and 5th, 1995

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

(Photographers 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.)

CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

In Glencoe (1/2 mile east of Eden's on Lake Cook Road)

Admission free (\$4 parking fee)

sale of plants by professional and amateur orchid growers



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Schedule of Events

(both days in Auditorium)

10 a.m. Video (30 minutes)

THE MANY WORLDS OF ORCHIDS

10:45 a.m. Video (30 minutes)

***POTTING & MOUNTING OF ORCHIDS-
INTERMEDIATE TEMPERATURES***

11 a.m. Video (54 minutes)

GROWING ORCHIDS UNDER LIGHTS

12:15 p.m. Lecture/Live Demonstration

GETTING STARTED WITH ORCHIDS

Jack Coutts, Illinois Orchid Society

1:30 p.m. Video (33 minutes)

INTRODUCTION TO ORCHIDS

2:15 p.m. Lecture/Live Demonstration

**POTTING & MOUNTING OF
ORCHIDS**

Lois Cinert, Illinois Orchid Society

3:30 p.m. Video (30 minutes)

THE MANY WORLDS OF ORCHIDS

REPORT OF THE AWARDS COMMITTEE
Tom Franczak, Chairman, 708/398-5093

How time flies. Here's the eighth report, already, of the 1994-95 competition year. Included in the point totals are results from the January meeting, ribbons and entries from the Madison show, and awards from the January AOS judging. The AOS awards:

Jim Pupelis	Paph. Lebaudymanum 'Jackie', AM/AOS
Carole Thompson	Epc. Ruth Beckenbach alba 'Essence of Spring', AM/AOS
Arnie Klehm	Phal. Windsor Phil 'Heart of Gold', HCC/AOS
Arnie Klehm	Mas. Tinkerbelle 'Raspberry Pixie', AM/AOS
Arnie Klehm	Paph. Mem. Joe Koss 'Black Magic', HCC/AOS

Jim's award came at the Madison show; the other four were made at the monthly AOS judging at the CBG. Take note of the masdevallia that was awarded. There's been at least one cultural award, but, if memory serves me, this is the first quality award for a masdevallia, dracula, dryadella, etc., ever made at our judging center. It's about time. Good work, Arnie.

Generally, most of the awards to these genera are made to plants grown in the Pacific Northwest, where the climate resembles the chilly, wet, Andean conditions that these plants call home. Arnie has been known to cultivate these kinds of plants in refrigerated delicatessen cases (honey, on your way home pick up a quart of milk, a pound of hard salami, a six-pack, and a couple of miltonias). Such cases, when well-lit or faced to benefit from south or west light, are very hospitable to the pleurothallids mentioned, especially as they will maintain dripping humidities with the doors closed. Sort of a small cool-house-in-a-box.

The January meeting was Revenge of the Lightstand Grower. We brought 134 plants to that meeting, 103 (!) grown under lights but only 31 grown in greenhouses (Sue and Jodi were absent and they usually combine for 40 or more plants). That imbalance produced the first-ever case where more Blue ribbons went to lightstand plants than to greenhouse grown plants. **Bob Wolf** took **Plant-of-the-Month** honors in the greenhouse division for what he tentatively entered as *Dendrochilum glumaceum*. He and Leo discussed whether the plant was *glumaceum* or not for quite a while and I think Bob indicated that he wanted to send an inflorescence down to Selby to see what identification they would make. If they say a *glumaceum* is a *glumaceum* is a *glumaceum*, I'll certainly report back to you. Anyway, by any other name it would still look as spectacular as it did at the meeting. **Cathy Bloome** took those honors in the lightstand division for her *Asceda*. *Su-Fun Beauty 'Orange Belle'*, HCC/AOS. (Cathy, change your tag... it was upgraded to an AM in 1991). This has been a most hard-working plant for Cathy. Three times in my tenure as your scribe, this *ascocenda* has earned Plant-of-the-Month honors, and the accompanying \$10 gift certificate, for Ms. Bloome.

It's time to start paying attention to the standings. No surprises in the greenhouse division. The triumvirate of Sue, Laima and Jodi (our own version of Las Girlfriends), has made the contest two-tiered. In lightstand land, Jim Pupelis has snatched first place again with all his points being earned at shows. Joe, Cathy, and Willy are poised to fly by him if he should miss a show. We'll be watching the standings more closely now as we enter the thick of the show season and the folks with 3 and 4 digit scores contend for the awards made in June. But that part of the program takes care of itself. The part of the standings that some of us watch most closely is the part with 1 and 2 digit scores, the ever-growing number of you that are learning the pleasure of exhibiting your plants as you gain proficiency in growing them. You're the ones we're counting on to fill the orchid shows of the future and, if you've a mind to do so, give the old pros a run for their money in these competitions in the coming years.

POINT SCORE ACCUMULATIONS (through 1/31/95)

Greenhouse							
		John Stubbings	15	Joel Edwards	206	Carla Ryan(*)	10
i. Calilao - J. Wortman	5	Gerald Stueben	211	James Fiala	17	Mel Schmidt	93
Carol Cloud	42	Carole Thompson	396	Tom Franczak	72	Leo Schordje	12
rieda Cogswell	10	Bill Walsh	73	Ron & Joan Hale	33	Linda Schubert	10
ack Coutts	22	Bob Wolf	423	Rob Halgren(*)	6	Zenny Schuerman	5
iegfried Dux	20	Wally Zielinski	31	Charles High	52	John Shepler (*)	1
d Gamson	128			Alice Huehl	15	Linda Silva	48
ue Golan	1139	Lightstand		Lawrence Knudsen	1	Carolyn Simons (*)	1
ophia Harris	68	Kim Aaron (*)	5	Pat Kralik	39	Laura Stanley	5
odi Hirt	942	Walter Anderson	5	Carol Loeppert (*)	4	Ken Vrabel	47
ob Hoel	39	Kim Anderson	17	Willy Losert	436	Renee & Chris Welch(*)	7
aul Katz (*)	5	Cathy Bailey	35	Sherry Maloney	104	Susan West	16
uki Kroeber	10	Margo Begy	62	Lorraine Meyer (*)	11	Norman Wolff	2
otto Leupi	40	Cathy Bloome	445	Morris Millman	31	Bob & H. Youngdale	25
ay Mullen	166	Olga Boor	20	Armon McPherson (*)	173		
Dorothy Nieter	2	Lois Cinert	21	Bill Nelson	20		
rhond Peters	206	Susan Crawford (*)	5	Jane Nelson	1	(*) indicates new member for	
Nicola Radcliffe	159	Joe & Rosalie Dixler	554	Ken Ostlund (*)	4	1994-95 competition purposes	
al Rich	31	Kevin & Irma Dixler(*)	36	Margie Poor	32		
Laima Sahagian	927	Walter Drubka	26	Jim Pupelis	621		
Heddi Schellbach	11	Ruth Duncan (*)	15	Michael Rossler (*)	22		

FIRST PLACE RIBBONS IN THE GREENHOUSE CATEGORY

Ed Gamson	Ascda. Princess Mikasa Onc. Gower Ramsey
Rhonda Peters	Dn. Ram Misra x Jaquelyn Thomas Den. Sylvia Yuen
N. Radcliffe	Bl. Fladosa x B. cordata Brassavola cordata
Albert Rich	Phrag. Mem. Dick Clements
L. Sahagian	Phrag. besseae Scaphosepalum rolfeanum Max. densiflora Milt. schroederiana Osmoglossum pulchellum
C. Thompson	Aerangis rhodosticta Pleurothallis mathildae Cat. Rita Renee 'Mildred', AM/AOS
Bob Wolf	Lycaste Auburn Den. Thomas Warne Dendrochilum glumaceum Bulbophyllum coestiposum Mas. coccinea x macrura

FIRST PLACE RIBBONS IN THE LIGHTSTAND CATEGORY

Cathy Bloome	Paph. Rosy Dawn Paph. delenatii Ascda. Su-Fun Beauty 'Orange Belle', HCC/AOS LC. Dubescens Catasetum Grace Dunn
Joe Dixler	Phal. Joshua Wheeler Paph. Julius Angraecum leonis Mas. floribunda v. tuerckheimii Paph. Holdenii x Vintner's Treasure Onc. papilio Paph. spicerianum Max. parphyrostile
Ruth Duncan	Paph. Sheila Hanes
Ron Hale	Ludisia discolor
Chuck High	Bc. Maikai Laelia Praestans
Willy Losert	Phal. Hukimai x Hina Nasu Phal. Be Glad 'Erika', HCC/AOS Phal. Cataract x George Seurat Phal. Cadiz Rock Phal. unregistered complex Phal. Sylvia's Smile
A. McPherson	Mtdm. Auclon Bay
Carla Ryan	Phal. aphrodite
Linda Silva	Phrag. Sedenii Phrag. schlimii x hartwegii

Deciphering Orchid Nomenclature

One's first foray into an orchid catalog can be confusing. Obviously, orchid names bear some relation to more familiar plant names, but there are puzzling differences and a welter of obscure abbreviations. To begin with, orchid genera are italicized like any other plant's Latin name. However, hybrid genera, such as *Renanthopsis* (*Renanthera* × *Phalaenopsis*) or *Sopbrolaeliocattleya* (*Sophranitis* × *Laelia* × *Cattleya*), are usually abbreviated as *Rnthps.* or *Slc.* If a hybrid genus is made up of four or more genera, it is given a completely new name that ends in *-ara*. (It should be apparent why the name *Potinarara*, for instance, is preferable to *Brassosopbrolaeliocattleya*.)

The name that follows the genus, set in roman type *without* single quotes, represents the *grex*, or all of the hybrid offspring of two parent plants. Because of the genetic juggling that occurs when one plant is crossed with another, the sibling plants that make up a *grex* can have widely differing characteristics.

A name set in roman type within single quotes represents a *clone*, a unique individual that has been selected from a *grex* for one or more outstanding characteristics. When such individuals are duplicated through tissue culture (also

known as meristem propagation), the resulting plants are known as *mericlones* and are entitled to bear any awards won by the original clone. An award-winning mericlone may not always be to your taste, but it will usually have particularly large, colorful, or profuse blossoms, and thus be less likely to disappoint.

Award designations constitute the last group of mysterious abbreviations. The awards you'll encounter most frequently are, in increasing order of prestige, the Highly Commended Certificate (HCC), the Award of Merit (AM), and the First Class Certificate (FCC). Occasionally you may also come across the Certificate of Cultural Merit (CCM), given to a particularly well grown plant, or the Judges' Commendation (JC), conferred on plants with an appealing *je ne sais quoi*. These awards can be bestowed either by the American Orchid Society (AOS) or by Britain's Royal Horticultural Society (RHS). Armed with your scorecard, you can now identify *Slc.* Jewel Box 'Dark Waters' HCC/AOS as a particularly desirable clone of the *Sopbrolaeliocattleya* *grex* Jewel Box, which at one point in its career was awarded a Highly Commended Certificate by the American Orchid Society. Piece of cake. —T.F.



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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/Info 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 2

4:00 - 8:00 _____

Friday, March 3

9:00 - Noon _____

Noon - 4:00 _____

4:00 - ? _____

Saturday, March 4

9:00 - 1:00 _____

1:00 - 5:00 _____

5:00 - ? _____

Sunday, March 5

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 Spring Show (March 3,4,5 1995).

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.

(312) 683-7823-Days (815) 337-9263 Evenings

DATES TO REMEMBER

1995

Feb. 25 Monthly AOS Supplemental Judging,
CBG, Glencoe, IL 2 pm

Feb. 25-26 Greater Lansing Orchid Society Show

March 4-5 IOS Spring Show, CBG, Glencoe

March 20 IOS Board Meeting; 7:30 pm. Jim Spatzek

March 25 Monthly AOS Supplemental Judging
CBG, Glencoe, IL 2 pm

March 24-26 Kentucky Orchid Society Show
Louisville, Ky

April 9 Monthly IOS Meeting, CBG, 12:30 pm

April 7-9 Michigan Orchid Society Show & Mid-
America Orchid Congress
Laurel Park Mall, Livonia, MI

April 22 Monthly AOS Supplemental Judging
CBG, Glencoe, IL 2 pm

April 22-23 Michiana Orchid Society Show
Bridgeman, MI

April 28-30 Illowa Orchid Society Show
Bettendorf, IA

May 6-7 Minnesota Orchid Society Show,
Har Mar Mall, 21 N. Snelling Ave., St. Paul

May 5-7 Orchid Society of St. Louis Annual
Show, St. Louis, MO

May 21 Monthly IOS Meeting, CBG, 12:30 pm

May 27 AOS Supplemental Judging, CBG, 2 pm

June 11 Monthly IOS Meeting, (not at CBG) 12:30

June 24 AOS Supplemental Judging, CBG, 3 pm

July 16 Monthly IOS Meeting, CBG, 12:30 pm

July 22 AOS Supplemental Judging, CBG, 2 pm

August 20 Monthly IOS Meeting (not at CBG)

August 26 AOS Supplemental Judging, CBG 2 pm

Sept. 17 Monthly IOS Meeting, CBG 12:30 pm

Sept. 23 AOS Supplemental Judging, CBG 2 pm

October 6-8 IOS Fall Mini-Show, CBG

Oct. 28 AOS Supplemental Judging, CBG, 2 pm

Nov. 19 Monthly IOS Meeting, CBG, 12:30 pm

Nov. 25 AOS Supplemental Judging, CBG, 2 pm

Dec. 10 IOS Christmas Party

Dec. 16 AOS Supplemental Judging, CBG 2 pm

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER: The deadline for the April Newsletter is **March 10**. Please submit your articles via mail or by fax.

ADOPT AN ORCHID! These are not seedlings, but mature, flowering plants. Many can be divided! And I'm selling them at unbelievably low prices. (Too many plants. So little time.) Cats, Oncidiums, Phals, Paphs & more.

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