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NEWSLETTER**

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# ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## Monthly Meeting

Life is full of surprises. We got one recently, and have changed our April meeting. Several members will be hosting you on a "Members Greenhouse Tour". This is an occasionally annual and sometimes semi-annual event and it's always different and always fun. You will get a chance to see how four of our more successful growers house and care for their plants. These folks are in the high-point range every year and have plants awarded at shows and by the AOS. The tour is **Sunday, April 21, 1996**. The hours for visiting are strictly from **12:00 Noon until 4:00 PM**. You should be able to see all or most of them within the time allotted. Maps and directions are elsewhere in the Newsletter.

This event will allow you to see the varied methods of growing, and compare one to the other to see what you can use in your own growing area. It's a great way to pick up some good cultural tips and to see some really good plants.

Thanks to the four families (Edt. "shades of Don Corleone") who are hosting us-- Gene and Sue Golan, Jim and Sophia

Harris, Steven and Rhonda Peters, and Jim and Carole Thompson.

Lois Cinert

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## The President's Message.....

By Leo Schordje (847) 746-9355

Huzzah! What a Show! Congratulations to all! The quality of plants and the artistic beauty of the displays were outstanding. This was the largest show we've put on since the last Mid-America, and without going back to photos, I feel the artistic creativity overall was better than that show.

Cathy Bloome's design for the IOS display was fantastic--very subtle and very beautiful with excellent flow of color! She got Best-In-Class for her effort and the **American Orchid Society 75th Anniversary Show Trophy**.

(Usually Batavia gets the best in class for their display and you have to work hard to beat the high standard they have set.). The only criticism I have is that the IOS display could have used a few more plants. I'd like to see more members bring in plants like they do for meetings.

Another outstanding display was **Nicola Radcliffe's** orchid art sculptures. I hope you noticed it! There were only 4 displays that I felt were not quite up to standards--every one of them belonged to a commercial grower who should have known better and should have been able to do better! This won't happen next year! We had a good number of IOS members entering displays, they were all good. I'm sure Tom Franczak will say more.

I want to thank all the volunteers who helped out. Thank you! We had enough help so that most of the time things went smoothly. **Bob and Mardella Vanderohe** and their group did a great job with the raffle. We try to structure our shows to break even; the raffle is the extra that usually makes the difference between breaking even or a loss. It looks like the raffle did well. I'll report more when we have the final totals. We could have used a few more people in the mornings but generally we had enough people. Without your help the show would not have happened. Thanks!

**Susan Crawford** did a great job on publicity; we were all over TV. **Kevin Dixler** helped her until a week before the show when he had to take time to help **Irma** who gave birth to their first baby! Congratulations Kevin & Irma. It's a boy!

One last but most important "thank you" goes to **Linda Schubert**, our Show Chairman. As show chairman she had to keep everything organized and on schedule. It is a big Job--a job well done! Thanks!!!!

Hope to bump into you at the greenhouse tours, or otherwise at the May meeting at the CBG.

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**Q.** How many statisticians does it take to change a lightbulb?

**A.** Five--plus or minus one.

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**1996 IOS Meeting Schedule:**

- April 21, 1996 Greenhouse Tour
- May 19, 1996 Chicago Botanic Garden, Steve Gettel, Sunset Orchids, California
- June 16, 1996 **Odontoglossums & Their Hybrids Awards Brunch** EFG Orchids
- July 21, 1996 Chicago Botanic Garden, Fred Hillerman, Calif.
- August 18, 1996 Oak Hill Gardens Picnic
- September 28/29 IOS Fall Mini Show & Orchid Festival
- October 20, 1996 Chicago Botanic Garden, Martin Motes, Florida
- November 17 Chicago Botanic Garden, Lou Hegedus
- December 15 Hausermann Orchids, Brunch

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**Next Board Meeting.....**

The next Illinois Orchid Society Board of Directors meeting will be held on Monday, May 13, 1996, at 7:30 PM at the home of Sue Golan, Lake Forest, IL. All officers and directors are expected to attend.

**Seen on a coffee cup....**

**DRINK YOUR COFFEE--THERE ARE SLEEPING PEOPLE IN INDIA!**

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**Max Fax**

This is the title of a new print communication of the **Maxillaria** tribe.

The purpose of this organization is to further the knowledge and cultivation of the vast tribe of orchids we know as *Maxillarias*, but also will include *Bollea*, *Pescatorea*, *Huntleya*, *Zygopetalum*, *Cochleanthes*, and others.

If you are interested in being a part of this new organization, please confirm your intent in writing to the address listed below. The original deadline was March 1, 1996, but if you're interested, it's never too late!

If interest warrants, there may be lectures, and meetings to coincide with future orchid congresses and AOS Trustee Meetings. A reasonable subscription price will be determined as soon as interest is determined.

Send your letter of interest to:

**Allen Clark**  
 903 Ninth Avenue, #42  
 Seattle, WA 98104-1250

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# American Orchid Society Supplemental Judgings:

Linneaus Room, Chicago  
Botanic Garden, Glencoe, IL  
Fourth Saturday(unless other-  
wise announced)

- April 27, 1996 1:00PM
- May 25, 1996 1:00PM
- June 15, 1996 3:00PM
- July 27, 1996 1:00PM
- August 24, 1996 1:00PM
- September 27 6:00PM  
(Friday)
- October 19, 1996 1:00PM
- Novem.23, 1996 1:00PM
- Decem.28, 1996 1:00PM

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# Thanks, Susan Crawford!!!!!!!

The recent Illinois Orchid  
Society Spring Show was almost the  
talk of Chicago.

Everywhere you looked or  
listened you saw the IOS Show--  
Chicago Magazine, Chicagoland  
Gardening Magazine, the Pioneer  
Press, the Chicago Tribune(both  
Bill Aldrich's column and the  
Sunday Metro Section), Channel  
66, WBBM Radio, and on and on!

90% of this happened  
because one of our members, Susan

Crawford, gave that extra effort to  
get the IOS story out!

She deserves our thanks and  
appreciation for an outstanding job.

Let's also not forget **Alisha  
Mullen** who got us an interview and  
TV coverage on Channel 66, who  
also interviewed **Grace Junod**. It's  
through the efforts of members like  
these that the IOS succeeds.

Don't forget to help when  
your asked! Better still, let us know  
how you can help before you're  
asked!

# Isn't it true!

The difference between adults and  
children is that adults have toys  
which require regular monthly  
payments!

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## The Pleurothallid Alliance

Interested in Masdevallias, Draculas, Pleurothallis, Restrepias, Stelis, Dryadellas, Zootrophions, and the other minatures of the orchid world? Then **The Pleurothallid Alliance** is for you. Not glamorous color pictures like the AOS Bulletin or The Orchid Digest, each quarterly issue contains information about the organization, the multitude of genera "lumped" together as Pleurothallids, etc. If you're beyond the basics of Cattleyas, Phalaenopsis, and Paphiopedilums, and ready for adventure, this may be for you! To join, send \$15 for one year, \$27 for two years, to:

**The Pleurothallid Alliance**  
201 Lee Drive North  
Middleburg, FL 32068

## The Illowa Orchid Society Show.....

Thanks to **Sophia Harris** the Illinois Orchid Society had a **blue ribbon** winning display at the Illowa Orchid Society Show in Davenport, Iowa, the week before our Spring Show. Congratulations and thanks, Sophia.

The display was much better than our effort at the **Batavia Orchid Society Show**, but this time Sophia had better and more material to work with. She can't do her best without your blooming plants.

Also hear tell that Sophia and husband, **Jim**, went over to the (for shame!!) gambling boats and did

quite well after setting up all day!

Do you know how to send plants to an away show? Ask any board member and they'll be happy to tell you how and why!

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## The May Meeting

Coming in May--Steve Gettel from Sunset Orchids, California, will be speaking about *Odontoglossums*, a showy genus now being made more growable and warmth-tolerant. He will be bringing plants for sale. You can also pre-order plants for him to bring to the meeting (no shipping!). This should be an interesting presentation, and *Odontos* are a beautiful flower that more of us should try to grow.

This is just more of the best in the orchid growing world brought to you by the IOS.

Lois Cinert

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## Report of the Awards Committee.... Tom Franczak, Chairman

(847) 398-5093-----

Here's the ninth report of the 1995-96 competition year. Included in the totals are points earned at the February meeting, ribbons from both Batavia Shows (insofar as they have

been reported to me...Jerry, this means you!), and results of the February **AOS Judging** at the CBG. Just one award there, a very handsome plant, though! But, to go out on a limb, perhaps too little, too late for Sue to change the outcome of this year's contest. The AOS awarded plant was **Sue Golan's**:

### *Dendrochilum affine* 'Sea Oats' CBR/AOS

We brought 128 plants to the February meeting (147 lightstand & 81 greenhouse grown). **Rhonda Peters** took **Plant-Of-The-Month** in the green-house category for her *Oncidium sphacelatum*. If I weren't so adverse to cutesy clonal names, I'd suggest something like '900 Pound Gorilla' for that *Oncidium*. I need not say "I hope you saw it", because if you were at the meeting, there was no missing it. All by itself, it was the size of a small orchid collection. Meanwhile, there was a lot of nice material brought in by the lightstand growers, but nothing extraordinary--so no **Plant-Of-The-Month** in the lightstand category for February.

On the eve of the Spring Show (as this is written), we now have leaders in both contest divisions who have broken out of the pack. **Jodi Hirt** and **Joe Dixler** have sprinted clear of their rivals in their respective divisions and it would take a mighty effort to collar either of them. My interest has now shifted to the seesaw race for 4th place in the green-house division. All year long, **Rhonda Peters** and **Sophia Harris** have been within a handful of points of each other. They've been trading places between 4th and 5th on a monthly basis. How will it end up? A tie would not surprise me! Stay tuned!

By the way, I cross-checked the standing list with the 1993-94 Membership Directory. If you were

not already a member by that booklet's publication/cut off date, you are eligible for this year's (1995-96) Top Newcomer competition--the contest within a contest! To my mild surprise ('mild' because I make a LOT of mistakes; 'surprise' because I feel like I've known many of you for hundreds of years) I found that a number of you are eligible. I have made the correct annotation in this month's point score listings.

### First Place Ribbons Greenhouse Category

#### G. Calilao/J. Wortman

Phal. Country Charm x Candace  
Rhyn. gigantea alba  
Paph. Winston Hunter  
Cattleya Heritage  
Dendrobium jonesii

#### Jodi Hirt

Maxillaria variabilis  
Maxillaria ubatubana  
Epid. porpax alba 'Harford'  
Ocomeria jucifolia  
Dryadella zebrina  
Zootrophion sp.  
Pleurothallis colorata  
Pleurothallis barbacensis  
Aerangis fastuosa  
Masd. schlimii  
Ang. philippinense x Ceratocentron  
fesseli  
Enc. polybulbon  
Paph. Fairieanum nigrescens  
Phrag. Cardinale  
Phrag. schlimii 'Jessica'  
Dend. Hainanensis  
Dend. Cassiope  
Dend. victoriae-reginae x miyakei  
Dendrochilum wenzelii  
Lc. Jungle Elf 'Petite Prince'

#### Bob Hoel

Phal. Stuartiana  
C. (Claesiana x skinneri alba)

#### Rhonda Peters

Oncidium sphacelatum  
Lc. Gold Digger 'Buttercup'

#### Laima Sahagian

Eria pannea  
Pleurothallis prolifera  
Miltonia Agate Beach 'Addison'  
Epid. conopseum  
Dend. Amethystoglossum

#### Carole Thompson

Cadetia taylori  
Onc. macropetalum  
Onc. Sniffer 'Fantasy'  
Paph. Felicity

### Lightstand Category

#### Tom Franczak

C. mossiae 'Willowbrook'  
Paph. praestans 'A'

#### Ron & Joan Hale

Rhyn. coelestris x Asctm.  
~~ampullaceum~~

#### Charles High

Phrag. longifolium  
Lc. (Lc. Mem. Albert Heinke x C.  
Alexander)  
Lc. Trick or Treat  
Slc. Jewel Box 'Dark Water'  
Onc. Kukoo  
Dend. senile

#### Lorraine Meyer

Kagawara Red Lava 'Orange Glow'  
Epid. Costa Rica 'J&L' AM/AOS  
Masd. Orange Ice

#### Mel Schmidt

Phal. Winter Carnival  
Phal. equestris  
Vascostylis Tham Yuen Hae

#### Ken Vrabel

Paph. (primulinum x fairieanum)  
Paph. Susan Tucker

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## Point Score Accumulations

### THROUGH 2-29-96

#### Greenhouse:

G. Calilao/J. Wortman	217
Frieda Cogswell	15
Jack Courts	45
Ed Gamson	33
Sue Golan	951
Sophia & Jim Harris	525
Jodi Hirt	1295
Bob Hoel	52
Suki Kroeber	15
Maggie Kuntz	277
Jay Mullen	116
Rhonda Peters	517
Nicola Radcliffe	77
Al Rich	1
Bill Rogerson	60
Laima Sahagian	1067
Jim Spatzek	52
John Stubbings	106
Gerald Stueben	67
Carole Thompson	353
Sam Tsui(*)	316
Bill Welter	31
Bob Wolf	148

#### Lightstand:

Kim Aaron(*)	10
Walter Andersen	10
Kim Anderson(*)	50
Michael Ault	6
Barb Bennett(*)	5
Cathy Bloome	205
Olga Boor	5
Dipen Chemburkar(*)	5
Mary Chidester	5
Lois Cinert	34
Joe & Rosalie Dixler	787
Kevin & Irma Dixler	117
Joel Edwards	143
John & Joan Emmerich(*)	10
Tom Franczak	153
Ron & Joan Hale	97
Charles & Jane High	176

Pat Kralik	27
Cheryl Kwiatkowski(*)	6
Wilf Losert	390
Sherry Maloney	232
Lorraine Meyer(*)	145
Ralph Minnis	1
Bob Morrison(*)	15
Armon McPherson	139
Bil Nelson	35
Diana Nielsen(*)	10
James Patrick	2
Margie Poor	10
Marsha Ramsay(*)	6
Sherrie Reddick	9
Michael Rossler(*)	28
Mel Schmidt	174
Leo Schordje	81
Linda Schubert	1
Art & Ann Sellmer	1
John Shepler(*)	5
Linda Silva	5
Isabel Soffer	30
Laura Stanley	1
Ken Vrabel	64
Chris & Renee Welch	63
Bob & Helen Youngdale	42

(\*) indicates new member for purposes of the 1995-96 competition year.

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**FREUDIAN SLIP:** You say one thing but mean you mother.

## AOS 75TH Anniversary Comes to Chicago.....

On Saturday, April 20, from 11:00AM--2:00PM there will be a mini-show, judging, and question & answer session at Marshal Field's in Water Tower Place. Watch your newspaper for further details!

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## Calendar of Events

4/27-4/28/96	Michiana Orchid Society Show Bridgeman, MI
5/4-5/5/96	Hoosier Orchid Society Show Fashion Square Shopping Center Indianapolis, IN
5/13/96	IOS Board Meeting, 7:30 PM Sue Golan's Home
7/19-7/21/96	International Phalaenopsis Alliance Symposium & Show, Chicago, IL (See details elsewhere)
9/29-9/30/96	IOS Fall Mini Show, Chicago Botanic Garden Glencoe, IL
9/28-9/30/96	Chicagoland Orchid Growers Orchid Festival
9/29-9/30/96	Wisconsin Orchid Society Show Mitchell Park Domes, Milwaukee, WI
10/5-10/6/96	Wisconsin Orchid Grower's Guild Fall Mini Show Madison, WI
10/11-10/12/96	Peoria Orchid Soc. Show
2/1-2/2/96	Wisconsin Orchid Grower's Guild Annual Spring Show, West Towne Mall, Madison, WI
4/11-4/13/97	IOS Spring Show & Mid-America Orchid Congress Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe.
4/13/97	International Phalaenopsis Alliance Meeting, Hyatt House, Deerfield,

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### Photographers needed!!

Help is still needed for the Supplemental Judging Center. We need a few volunteer (unfortunately it does not pay) photographers to work with John Stubbings and Jack Coutts. However, even though there is no pay, you will get to see your work published by the American Orchid Society and others.

What you need is a 35mm camera with lenses and a flash capable of taking photos of single orchid flower from small to large and entire plants with flowers. All expenses for film, developing, etc., are re-imbursed or supplied. You would need to be at most Supplement Judgings which are held at the Chicago Botanic Garden on the fourth Saturday of the month at 1:00PM and usually over by 4:00PM. Slide duplication and labeling can be done for you.

Please volunteer and contribute your time and talent. You will find the effort rewarding every time you see your results in print! If you have the equipment and time but need assistance in technique, we will be glad to explain and train. Please call **John Stubbings** at (847) 480-1532 for more information.

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# International Phalaenopsis Alliance Symposium and Show

Mark your calendars for the weekend of **July 19-21, 1996**, for those are the dates of the Symposium and Show of the **International Phalaenopsis Alliance** at the Chicago-Holiday Inn Hotel O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, Illinois.

Keynote speakers will be:

**Yung-Yu Lin of Brother Orchid Nursery, Taiwan, R.O.C.**

**Michel Vacherot of Les Orchidees De Michel Vacherot, Roquebrune-sur-Argens, France**

Additional speakers will include:

**Jose Esposito, Soroa Orchids, Miami, Florida**

**Mark Rose, Breckinridge Orchids, Brown Summit, North Carolina**

**George Vasquez, Zuma Canyon Orchids, Malibu, California**

A special botanic presentation will be presented by:

**Dr. Eric Christenson** who is completing the new revision of the Genus *Phalaenopsis*

In addition to the speakers, six workshops will be presented covering:

**Advanced Growing Techniques**  
**Flasking Know How**  
**Windowsill & Light Culture**  
**Hybridizing Techniques & Trends**

Plant sales will be featured by commercial growers. An American Orchid Society (AOS) sanctioned show will be held in conjunction with the symposium. Judging is scheduled for Friday afternoon, July 19. Any genera may be submitted for judging.

Registration information will be mailed to IPA members. Individuals who are not members of the IPA can request further information from:

**IPA**  
**P.O. Box 139**  
**Cos Cob, CT 06807-0139**

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## COMMERCIAL CORNER

**GEORGE HAUSERMANN, JR.**  
**PHONE: (708) 543-5628**  
**FAX: (708) 543-5608**

**EFG ORCHIDS:** Paph. urbanianum \$12.50; Phal. Mahalo 'Carmela Orchids' FCC/AOS \$25.00; Phal. Miva x Columbiana \$12.50; Paph. Almenii x Holdenii \$6.50

**WINDSONG:** Assorted Masdevallia Hybrids \$16.00

**TAYLOR ORCHIDS:** Chondrorhyncha Hybrids, Pescatorea Hybrids, Zygocolax Hybrids All For Only \$18.00 Each.

**GREENVIEW GARDENS:** Gongora armeniaca 12.00, Cattleya Henrietta Japhet \$15.00, Bc. Binosa 'Wabash Valley' AM/AOS \$10.00

**KLEHM GROWERS:** Dtps. Firecracker; Malibu' \$15.00, Psnth Painted Lady x Coch. Amazonica \$10.00

**PORTER ORCHIDS:** (C. walkeriana x Sl. Pink Doll) \$25.00, (Sl. Orpetii x C. Little Dippler) \$15.00, Pot. Free Spirit 'Gold Country' \$20.00, (C.

Chocolate Drop x Slc. Hazel Boyd) \$20.00, or ALL FOUR FOR ONLY \$70.00

**OAK HILL GARDENS:** C. Marjorie Hausermann 'York' \$5-20.00, Paph Maudisae Album \$15-30.00.

## REMINDER: TIME TO REPOT

Repotting in early spring will give your orchids plenty of time to establish new roots and strong new growths by fall. Strong plants in fall produce larger longer lasting flowers. After repotting slow watering slightly for 2-3 weeks to promote new root growth. Do not fertilize for at least one month after repotting so that the tender new roots are not subject to tip burn. Once you begin your fertilization program make sure that the plants are watered well before applying fertilizer. **"NEVER FERTILIZE A DRY PLANT"**.

WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED  
THE ILLINOIS ORCHID  
SOCIETY SHOW  
THANK YOU FOR ALL OF  
YOUR SUPPORT AND  
PLEASE TAKE US UP ON  
OUR OFFER TO ANSWER  
ANY CULTURAL  
QUESTIONS YOU MAY  
HAVE!

Please send or fax any questions you may have to me at E.F.G. Orchids. "We can answer most of your



cultural questions and may be able to locate some of the obscure species that you have been looking for".

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**Interpreter Needed!**

With reference to the Summer meeting of the **International Phalaenopsis Alliance & Symposium**, a interpreter is needed for one of the speakers. The language is Chinese. If you speak any dialects of Chinese, or know of someone who might be willing to volunteer, please contact **John Stubbings**, (847) 480-1532. Thanks in Advance!

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**15th World Orchid Conference, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil  
September 14-23, 1996**

Leave Chicago, September 13, via Delta to Atlanta. Fly Varig from Atlanta to Rio.

**AIR FARE: USD\$1126**

Post Conference Tours To:  
**IGUASSU, BRAZIL**  
Sept 22-23

- \*Met at airport in Rio by English speaking guide
- \*Round Trip transfers with baggage handling
- \*Hotel accommodation: Das Cataratas
- \*Daily full breakfast buffet at hotel
- Per Person Double: USD \$150

**MANUS, BRAZIL**

3 Days, 2 Nights  
Sept 24, 25, & 26

- \*Met by English speaking guide at airport
- \*Round trip transfer with baggage handling
- \* Hotel: Tropical
- \*Areau Jungle Tower
- \*Jungle Trek, canoe trip, piranha fishing, alligator spotting.
- Per Person Double: USD\$230

**Other Optional Tours:**

Excursions to Petropolis and Tropical Islands. Call for informatin as soon as possible.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

**Travel Documents:**

U.S. Citizens must have a consular visa to visit Brazil. Tour members are responsible for securing the necessary passport and visa.

**Travel Insurance:**

The operator cannot be responsible or iable for loss, damage or theft of personal property, injury, accident or illness.

We recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance. A comprehensive program is available on request.

**TOUR OPERATOR:**

Capri Tours & Travel  
8 So. Michigan Avenue  
Suite 1220

Chicago, IL 60603  
Phone: (312) 759-2119  
Fax: (312) 782-1144  
Attn: Bruno or Grace Junod  
Home Phone: (847) 398-4551

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**Directions for the Tour of Greenhouses...**

**THOMPSON'S:** Rte 294 to Dempster(Rte14). East on Dempster to Milwaukee Ave.(Rte21). South on Milwaukee to Leet St. East on Lee to Overhill. 8532 Overhill.(847) 966-6269.

**GOLAN'S:** rte.94 to Rte 22(Half Day Road). East on Half Day Rd. To Waukegan Rd.(Rte.43). North on 43 to Old Mill Rd. East on Old Mill to Driveway(second driveway on right). Follow drive to end. 599 W. Old Mill. (847)234-6311.

**HARRIS'S:** 94 to Rt 60(Town Line Rd.) West to Bradley; north on Bradley to Old School Rd. Left on Old School to Meadowwoods. Or, Milwaukee Avenue to Rte. 60. East to St. Mary's Rd. North to Old School. Right(east) to Meadowwoods Rd. 27040 N. Meadowwoods. (847) 367-4770.

**PETERS'S:** North on Rte.176(from either 94, 45, 12, or 21). It becomes Slocum Lake Rd. West of Rte. 12. West to Westridge. North on Westridge to Longacre Lane; Left to Cottonwood Court. 4020 Cottonwood Court. (847) 526-2065.

**FOLLOW THESE DIRECTIONS AS WE ARE NOT THE GREATEST MAP DRAWERS!!!**

## IOS Spring Show Review...

The May issue of the Newsletter will carry a complete synopsis of the Spring Show as well as who won what, what was exhibited, the 12 American Orchid Society Awards, etc. Linda Schubert promises a complete report. We gave her a break since this is being completed on the Thursday following our Show.

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## My Newsletter Arrived Late!

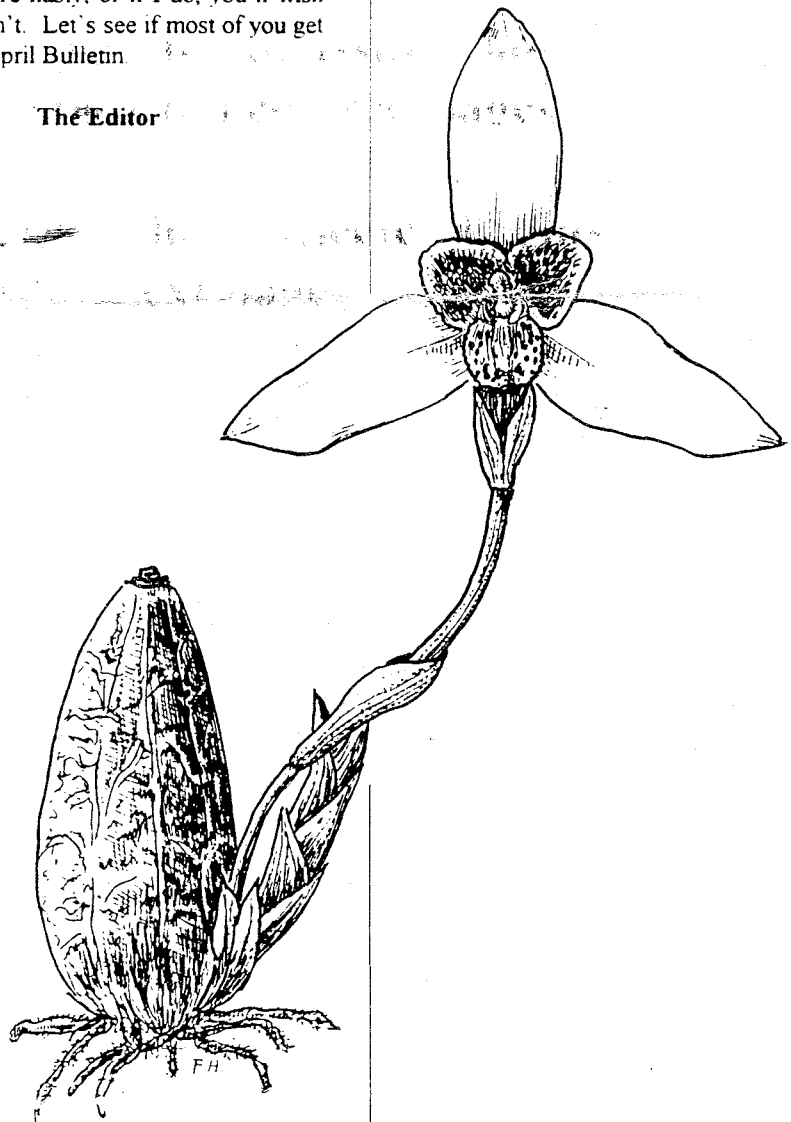
Believe it or not, the March Newsletter was mailed to all members on February 28 from the Glenview, Illinois, postoffice. We have heard stories from it arrived the next day to the worse so far which was that it arrived on Saturday, March 23--twenty-three days after mailing.

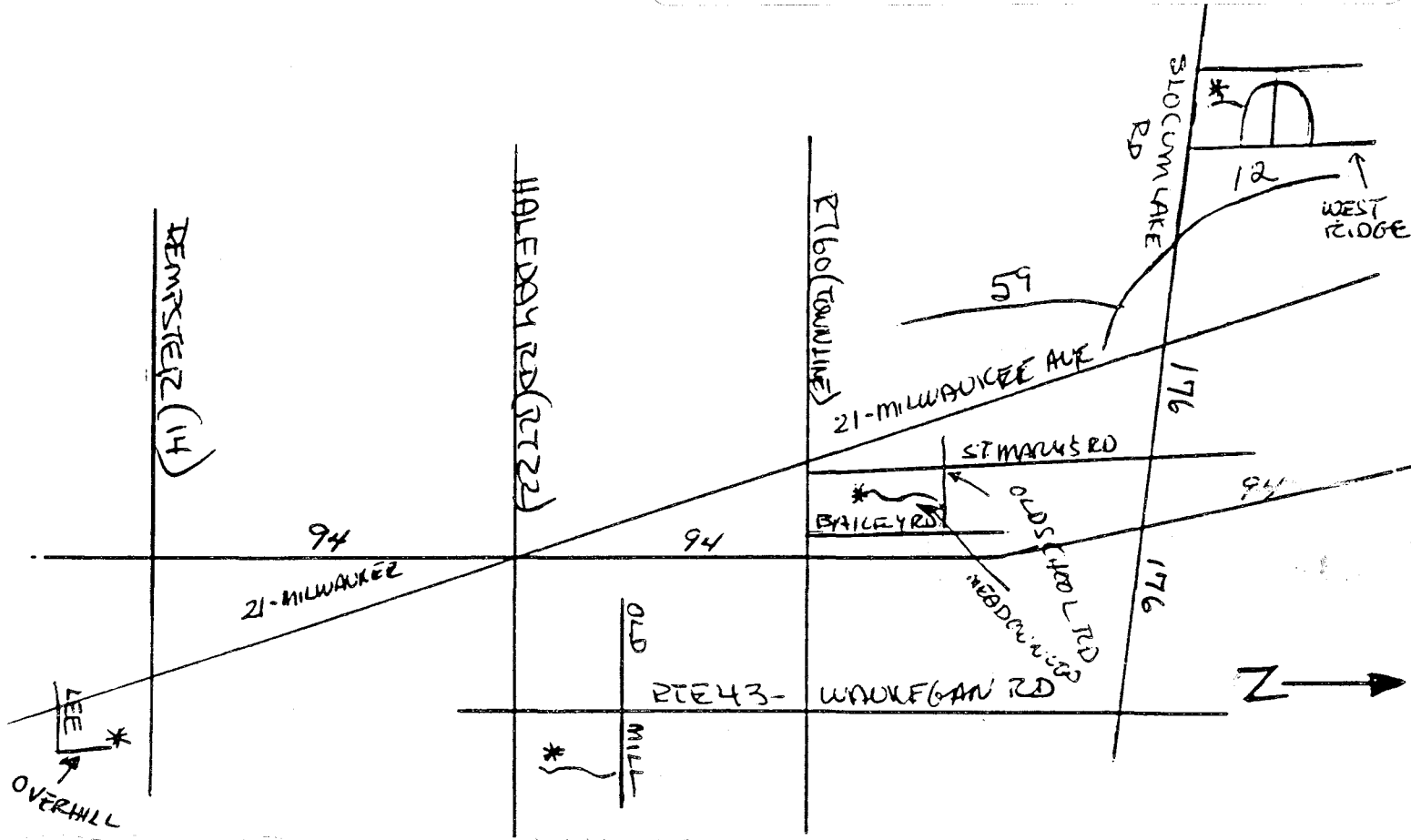
Don't call your editor! Though I'm sympathetic, I don't control the mails and there is nothing I can do to make your post office deliver it any sooner. Bulk mail which is dated (as ours is) should arrive in two weeks or less. If you're in a mood to complain, tell your post office. They have the final say over when they deliver it. If your bulletin arrives torn or with part

missing, you can leave a message on my machine or that of Jack Coutts and we will send another one if we have one left. We do run extras but last month was an extraordinary problem.

Also the March Newsletter was the largest we have published to date--14 pages. This may have had something to do with it. Also, remember that if you call and leave a message, it gets taken care of. No need to call again and get nasty! It just irritates me and I guarantee that I will not respond if you are nasty, or if I do, you'll wish I hadn't. Let's see if most of you get this April Bulletin.

The Editor





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