

# **ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER**

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Editor: James F. Spatzek

## Lois Cinert promises the Ultimate Brunch in June @ a 60's Price!!!

### Sunday, June 23, The Awards Brunch

Sunday, June 23, 1996, is the date for our next meeting which

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will be held at **EFG ORCHIDS**, in Addison, Illinois. They will be hosting us for our Annual Awards Brunch. Sound intimidating? Shouldn't be! This year's brunch will be user-friendly! Instead of a fancy restaurant or golf club, we will have it at one of the friendliest places we could find--a **greenhouse**. And, the friendliest part is that we have cut the price by more than 50%. **For just \$10 per person**, you will find a fully catered brunch buffet waiting for you--some items made to order or hand-prepared. The friendly folks at EFG will be glad to show you around their greenhouses and introduce you to the elegant and fascinating plants that grow there.

Plan on attending! This has all the elements falling into place to make this the **Ultimate Brunch**. All it needs is your presence to make it complete. If you have any questions, give me a call, or any member of the Board of Directors, or call EFG.

This is an easy meeting--no member plant sales & no member plant judging. **Don't** bring anything but yourselves.

We look forward to seeing you at **12:00 Noon @ EFG**.

Directions: I-355 to Rte 64(North Avenue) East about 1 3/4 miles to Westwood Avenue. North(left) to Geri Lane about 1/4 mile right to EFG. **Or**, I-294 (Tristate) to Rte 20(Lake Street-

North Avenue Exit). West about 2 ½ miles to Westwood. Right to Geri Lane. Right to EFG.

**LOIS CINERT**  
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## The President's Message

by **Leo Schordje**  
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It is our June Brunch at EFG. Should be good FOOD! Something I'm never shy about. Note: the June meeting is on June 23--the 4th Sunday of the month. We did this to avoid a Father's Day. Usually our meetings are on the 3rd Sunday of the month!

At the brunch, Tom Franczak will be giving out the awards for the Monthly Competition. I am really happy at how the contest had really helped to get more people into the habit of bringing interesting plants in bloom to the meetings. In the old days, we'd get 25-50 plants brought in for display at a monthly meeting. Now, it's not unusual to get 150 plants. That is fantastic! The educational

value to our members, both new and old, is tremendous. Over the course of a year the variety of plants that show up at a meeting is more than you'd ever get at most shows. It is a great educational resource--even for us seasoned veterans!

The revitalization of our monthly ribbon judging is entirely due to **Tom Franczak** taking on the job of tallying points, keeping score, and his witticisms that he glibly tosses into the monthly reports he writes. Thank you Tom for all the work you've put in over the last 4 years. I'm glad you're staying on--for at least another year. Thanks!!!

That brings me to the election and the outgoing officers and board members: I want to thank all the outgoing board members which include **Linda Silva** who had served without a single complaint as Secretary to the IOS. Tom Franczak is retiring from the board but he'll stay on as Librarian and to run the monthly ribbon judging competition, and **Jim Pupelis** who term was up & none too soon due to pressures from his business. Thank you all, especially Linda, because you never complain (unlike Tom; *don't stop old friend--I wouldn't know what to do*).

I want to welcome aboard the new officers and board members--**Rhonda Peters** as secretary, and **Armon McPherson** and **Ken Vrabel** as

board members. Welcome! We have a busy year planned with the Mid-America Orchid Congress in April '97, and everything else. I hope we will all be able to rise to the challenge this coming year. Hope you can all become involved in some way--big or small! Well, I'll see you all at the meeting at EFG.

**It is the dull man who is always sure, and the sure man who is always dull. H.L. Mencken**

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## IOS Officers & Directors--96/97

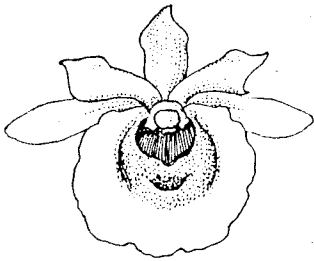
Congratulations to all the IOS Officers and Board members elected at the May meeting. The are:

President	Leo Schordje
1st Vice Pres.	Lois Cinert
2nd Vice Pres.	Linda Schubert
Secretary	Rhonda Peters
Ass't Secretary	Jim Spatzek
Treasurer	John Stubbings
Ass't Treasurer	Jack Coutts

### Board of Directors:

Sue Golan	
Ed Gamson	
Carole Thompson	
Charles High	
Cathy Bloome	
Joel Edwards	
Armon McPherson	
Ken Vrabel	
Past President	Sherry Maloney

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## American Orchid Society Supplemental Judgings

The supplemental judgings of the American Orchid Society are held monthly in the Linnaeus Room of the Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, IL, on the 4th Saturday of the month (unless otherwise announced and published in the AOS Bulletin).

June 15, 1996	3:00PM
July 27, 1996	1:00PM
August 24, 1996	1:00PM
Sept. 27, 1996	6:00PM
(Friday)	
October 19, 1996	1:00PM
Nov. 23, 1996	1:00PM
Dec. 28, 1996	1:00PM
Jan. 25, 1997	1:00PM
Feb. 22, 1997	1:00PM
March 23, 1997	1:00PM

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## New Members

Help us welcome the following new members to the Illinois Orchid Society by helping them feel welcome at the next meeting. New members, please introduce yourself!

Ed & Paula Hoyas	Barrington
Frank & Ming Leung	Lake Forest
Lynn Simmons & Greg Guliuza	Lake Forest
Patricia Howell	Elmhurst
Kathleen Wilkerson	Chicago

## Coming in July

Our July, 1996, Meeting at the Chicago Botanic Garden will feature Mr. Fred Hillerman, owner of the Angraecum House—Grass Valley, California, author, and grower—extraordinaire of Angraecoids.

Plan to attend the July meeting for another outstanding speaker brought to you by the IOS.

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A LIE CAN TRAVEL HALFWAY  
AROUND THE WORLD WHILE  
THE TRUTH IS PUTTING ON  
ITS SHOES—MARK TWAIN

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## Report of the Awards Committee--

Tom Franczak, Chairman  
(847) 398-5093

And here we are with the eleventh and penultimate report of the 1995-96 competition year. Included in the point totals are results from the **Miami Valley Show** (Ohio), the **Michiana Show**, and the **April AOS Judging** at the CBG. We start there.

Walt Crawford....	Masdevallia caesia 'Silas' AM/AOS
Tom Franczak....	Paph. stonei 'Terpsichore' HCC/ AOS
Sue Golan.....	Rodriguezia leeana 'Greasy Spoon' CBR/AOS

Yep, yours truly got a plant awarded for the first time since 19-ought-92. I really hadn't any intention of bringing this plant in for judging that day. Maybe in a week when the last flower was open and the rest were a bit larger, then I might send it to St. Louis for judging if anyone were driving down and would take it for me. But I was taking in a tiny plant for **Joel Edwards** and I thought that the guard at the CBG gate was never going to give me a token to park in back if I told him I had heavy plants to unload and carry in and then point to Joel's little plant. So I looked around for something big in flower that would provide me with an excuse to park in the back (never realized I was so manipulative! Tsk!Tsk!). I decided to take the *stonei* along, and besides, Joel had told me to do so the night before, and Joel has a track record in these matters (recall **Terry Partin's Phragmi pedium wallisi 'Twin Sisters' HCC/AOS**).

You can groom your plants, transport them hundreds of miles in the foulest weather to a judging site, and slowly die as your pride and joy gets barely a nod. Or you bring a plant along as an after thought, a talisman, or a craven excuse for preferential parking and bingo! It gets awarded! The kiddies have a catchphrase for this. It's "Go figure!"

Honestly, sometimes I think it has something to do with the plants themselves, of all things. Anyway, take a look at the point standings for the Greenhouse Gang. With only May's events to go before the finish line, **Sweet Sue** is running a hold in the wind. Probably just to spite me for counting her out just a month or two ago. *Mea Culpa!* Be at the June meeting and find out if I'm served crow!

### Point Score Accumulations through 4-40-96:

#### GREENHOUSE:

G. Calilao/J. Wortman	217
Frieda Cogswell	15
Jack Coutts	45
Ed Gamson	49
Sue Golan	1341
Sophia & Jim Harris	773
Elvira Hasty	8
Jodi Hirt	1414
Bob Hoel	52
Suki Kroeber	15
Maggie Kuntz	295
Jay Mullen	304
Rhonda Peters	677
Nicola Radcliffe	111
Al Rich	1
Bill Rogerson	148
Laima Sahagian	1160
Jim Spatzek	56
John Stubbings	135
Gerald Stueben	67
Carole Thompson	399
Sam Tsui(*)	673
Bill Welter	31
Bob Wolf	148
Marilee & Wally Zielinski	24

#### LIGHTSTAND:

Kim Aaron(*)	10
Walter Andersen	14
Kim Anderson(*)	50
Michael Ault	6
Barb Bennett(*)	5
Cathy Bloome	263
Olga Boor	5
Dipen Chemburkar(*)	5
Mary Chidester	7
Lois Cinert	38
Susan Crawford	8
Joe & Rosalie Dixler	992
Kevin & Irma Dixler	119
Joel Edwards	342
John/Joan Emmerich(*)	10
Tom Franczak	225
Ron & Joan Hale	97
Charles & Jane High	186
Pat Kralik	27
Cheryl Kwiatkowski(*)	6
Wilf Losert	535
Sherry Maloney	296
Lorraine Meyer(*)	145

Ralph Minnis	1
Bob Morrison(*)	15
Armon McPherson	206
Bil Nelson	96
Diana Nielsen(*)	16
James Patrick	2
Margie Poor	10
Jim Pupelis	34
Marsh Ramsay(*)	6
Sherrie Reddick	9
Michael Rossler(*)	28
Mel Schmidt	174
Leo Schordje	110
Linda Schubert	1
Art & Ann Sellmer	1
John Shepler(*)	5
Linda Silva	5
Isabel Soffer	30
Laura Stanley	5
Ken Vrabel	125
Chris & Renee Welch	63
Norm Wolff	5
Bob/Helen Youngdale	373

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

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## June '96 AOS Judgings

June 15, 1996 is the date of the Annual Meeting of the Mid-America Region at the CBG. The business meetings begin at 12:00 Noon and will be immediately followed by AOS Judging at approximately 3:00 PM. This is a change from the new standard judging time of 1:00 PM.

Additionally, on Sunday, June

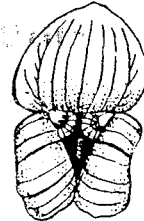
16, the student judges will present papers on various orchid subjects beginning at 9:30 am in the main auditorium of the CBG. All interested members of the IOS are invited to attend.

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Sometimes we stare so long at a door that is closing that we see too late the one that is opening.

--Alexander G. Bell

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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

7/19-7/21/96	International Phalaenopsis Alliance, Symposium & Show Chicago-Holiday Inn O'Hare, Rosemont, IL
9/29-9/30/96	<b>IOS Fall Mini Show</b> Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, IL
9/28-9/30/96	<b>Chicagoland Orchid Growers Orchid Festival</b>
9/29-9/30/96	Wisconsin Orchid Society Show, Mitchell Park Domes, Milwaukee, WI
10/5-10/12/96	Wisconsin Orchid Grower's Guild Fall Mini Show, Madison WI.

- 10/11-10/12/96 Peoria Orchid Society Show
- 2/1-2/2/97 Wisconsin Orchid Growers Guild Spring Show, West Towne Mall, Madison, WI.
- 4/11-4/13/97 **IOS Spring Show & Mid-America Orchid Congress**, Chicago Botanic Garden & Deerfield Hyatt Hotel
- 4/13/97 International Phalaenopsis Alliance Meeting, Deerfield Hyatt
- 4/13/97 The Pleurothallid Alliance Meeting, Deerfield Hyatt

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## The American Orchid Society

Really interested in orchids & learning more?? Join the **American Orchid Society**. Currently (until July) membership for a single person is \$30 for one year, and \$57 for two years.

Send your check with pertinent information to:

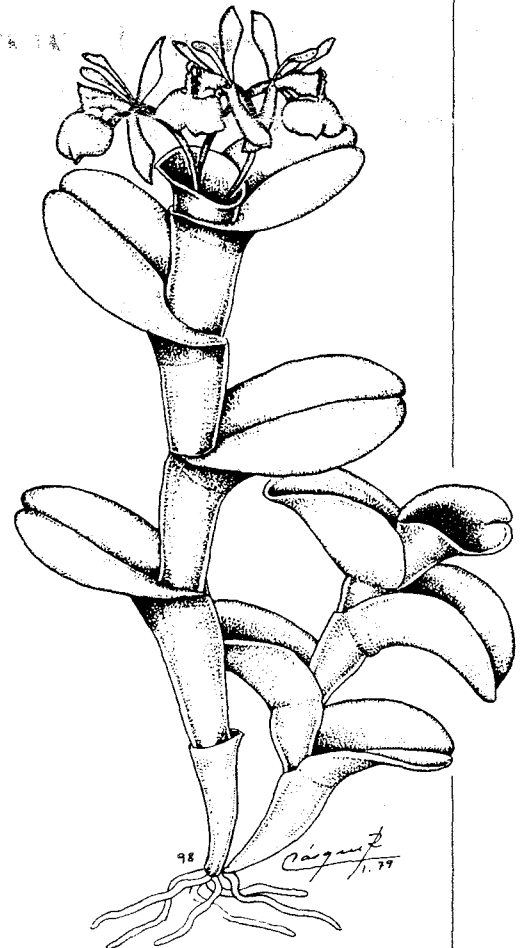
American Orchid Society  
6000 South Olive Avenue  
Attn: Membership  
West Palm Beach, FL  
33405-4199

## Spotlight

**The Genus Epidendrum--**  
**Epidendrum** (*eh-pee-den-drum*) from the Greek epi(upon) and dendrum(tree) references the epiphytic habits of the plant. Since their discovery in the early 1700's, all epiphytes were called Epidendrum. Since that time, however, researchers have obviously revised the genus. Luckily for us they did, as this genus still contains over 1000 species. The genus can also be divided into more than 50 natural groups of species for ease in identification. Since the 1700's, it has also been found that epidendrum species can be lithophytic or terrestrial plants. Their native habitats range from Central America, Florida, and the West Indies into Central South America. Recognized by the slit rostellum and the semiliquid viscidium produced thereof, most species have canelike stems (but many are thickened into pseudobulbs) and usually have four pollinia. With such a wide diversity of plants, cultural notes and recommendations are widely varied as well. Most however grow well under intermediate conditions with nighttime temperatures ranging from 5-15 degrees C with light shade and moisture throughout the year. The pseudobulb group does best in pots. The creeping rhizome group does best in pans or

mounted on tree-fern fibre. The reed-like group does well in pots or grown as terrestrials. Plants require shade, especially during the summer months and regular watering while growing less during the rest period. Many grow well in a very humus mixture with high leaf content and very good drainage.

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