

ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Dr. Martin Motes--"Ascocendas I Have Known", Sunday, October 20, 1996 , 1:00PM

Monthly Meeting

Our October meeting will be held at the Chicago Botanic Garden at 12:00 Noon. The featured speaker, Dr. Martin

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Motes, of Motes Orchids, Homestead, Florida, will speak to us about Ascocendas--a small vandaceous orchid that has great showy flowers, in most colors. Some of our members have grown them successfully, and Dr. Motes will give the rest of us help with growing them well. He will bring plants for sale!

Please have your display & sale plants in place by 12:30PM. Please bring something for the hospitality table!

The workshop will be the first of several dealing with orchid growing basics aimed at the new

or almost new orchid grower. The old pros can help contribute their knowledge & experience.

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Future Speakers

Mark your calendars for the rest of this year as follows:
November Meeting: Dr. L. Hedegus on Phragmipediums

December Meeting: Hausermann Holiday Party

Speakers who have accepted for 1997:

Dr. Atwood of the Orchid Identification Center on Laelias
Guido Braem of Germany on Paphiopedilums

Speakers invited but not confirmed for 1997:

Alan Koch--Mini Cattleyas
Warren Stoutamire--Disas

Watch future newsletters for confirmation of dates and times for these speakers and show up at the meeting. When we have a speaker fly in from Germany, it can be very embarrassing to face a half-empty auditorium.

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" A LIE IS AN EXCUSE
WRAPPED IN THE SKIN
OF REASON"



The President's Message

by Leo Schordje
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The Fall Mini Show was a

big success. I want to thank all those who helped. Without your help, the show would not be possible. No matter how small, all efforts were appreciated. A big "THANK YOU" to **Linda Schubert**, our 2nd vice-president and show chairman for her overall excellent handling of the Show. This was(???) Linda's Last Show for her term as 2nd vp expires in June, 1997(if we let her!!!). Thank you, Linda!

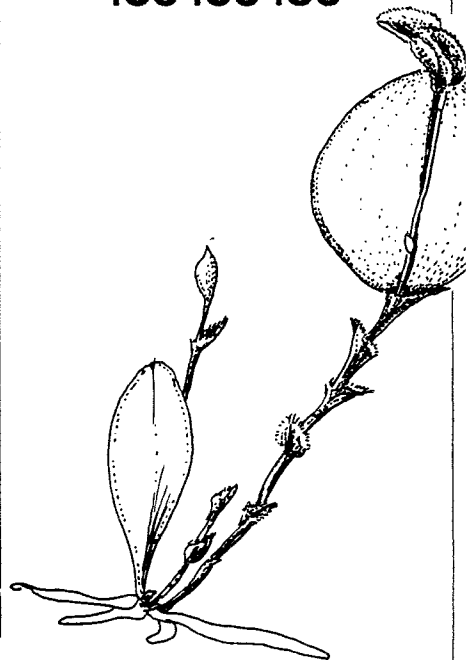
Sue Golan and Jim Spatzek are co-chairman for the **IOS Spring Show & Mid-America Orchid Congress**. As this event nears, Sue & Jim are asking for your help. Volunteer now to help so they don't have to use valuable time call every member for help.

Sophia Harris did a great job at the Wisconsin Orchid Society Show, at the Domes in Milwaukee(unfortunately their show was the same weekend as ours). Thanks for sending your plants with her. Sophia has been spearheading the away shows for Linda. The away show season is in full swing and Sophia will need every blooming plant you can spare to create and IOS exhibit at these shows: Orchid Grower's Guild Fall Mini Show--Madison, WI, 10/5& 10/6, Peoria Orchid Society Show--10/12 & 10/13, Blackhawk

Orchid Society Show--Rockford, IL, 10/25 & 10/26, and the Fall Mid-America Orchid Congress in Knoxville, TN, 11/1-11/3. She will be looking for your plants so please call her to find out the deadline for drop-off and the drop-off locations. Please.....! Also if you'd like to help her at any of these shows--either setting up or taking down--please call her and volunteer. It's great fun and you get to meet other orchid growers from our surrounding area.

All else seems to be going smoothly. The speaker for October(as you previously read) is Dr. Martin Motes from Florida. He is one of the more eloquent and down to earth speakers on the circuit. See you at the meeting!

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American Orchid Society Judging

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

You are encouraged to bring you blooming plants to be considered for an American Orchid Society Award.

October 19, 1996	1:00PM
November 23, 1996	1:00PM
December 28, 1996	1:00PM
January 25, 1997	1:00PM
February 22, 1997	1:00PM
March 23, 1997	1:00PM

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Year 2000, Sydney Summer Olympics

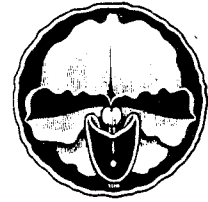
WHAT TO WATCH FOR IN SYDNEY: Come the 2000 Summer Olympics, a number of new events will grace the schedule. To make room for them, track and field competition will be dropped from the games along with other obsolete sports such as wrestling and men's gymnastics. You shook your head at Beach Volleyball and wondered what could possibly be worse? Here they are, bunkie! The Olympics and how they would be if the IOS Show Chairman were in charge:

- Women's Beach Orchid Repotting. An imaginative

- event! Use yours! Rhythmic Orchid Display. Individual and team events. Mixed doubles, too!
- Synchronized Orchid Downhill Photography. While riding a mountain bicycle, or was that for the winter games?
- Orchid Triathlon. Spray mealybugs; race to show; register an unnamed complex Phalaenopsis hybrid with stripes, spots, and a tricolored lip.
- Orchid High Jump and Pole Vault. Hurdle specimen plants of Grammatophyllum scriptum and Selenepedium chica.
- Orchid Drag Race. Free-for-all sprint to the loading dock at the exhibit hall. Or, to the hospitality suite???
- Men's Orchidball. Game yet -to-be-invented but will surely involve slam-dunking into clay pots, drop-kicking clay pots, riding clay pots, or wearing clay pots.
- 100 Meter Oxalis Pull, Bowling for Dendrobiums, Whitewater Orch-kayak-ing, Orchery, Disa Diving, Guess the flower count on a Specimen Dendrochilum, Bobbing for Catasetum Flowers, Chilochista Charades, Pin the Spur on the Habenaria, and as a sop to the few lost souls who don't grow orchids, these unrelated, but still fascinating contests: Pie Eating, Watermelon Seed Spitting, Sack Race, Horseshoe Pitching, Goldfish Swallowing, Paintball and Cart Before the Horse Race.

Bit of a stretch? Hey, put me down as a proud sponsor. No fooling or kidding!

Tom Franczak



FUTURE IOS BOARD MEETINGS:

11/11/96	JACK COUTT'S
1/13/97	CAROLE THOMPSON'S
3/10/97	ED GAMSON'S
5/12/97	LOIS CINERT'S

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Calendar - - Upcoming Events

10/5-10/6/96	Orchid Grower's Guild Fall Mini Show Madison, WI.
10/12-10/13/96	Peoria Orchid Society Show, Northwoods Mall, Peoria, IL
10/12/96	Larry Miller Memorial Lecture Lakeview Museum Auditorium, Peoria IL. Speaker: Tom Harper on Phalaenopsis.
10/25-10/27/96	Blackhawk Orchid Society Show, Rock-Ford, IL
11/1-11/3/96	Mid-America Orchid Congress & Greater Smoky Mountain Orchid Society Show, Knoxville, TN
2/1-2/2/97	Orchid Grower's Guild Spring Show, West Towne Mall, Madison, WI

4/4-4/6/96	Illowa Orchid Society Show, Duck Creek Plaza, 852 Middle Road, Bettendorf, IA
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 Hotel
4/13/97	The Pleurothallid Alliance Meeting Deerfield Hyatt Hotel

Dues Increase.....

At the May Illinois Orchid Society Board of Directors meeting, a motion was passed to increase annual dues to \$20 per household. This increase is necessary to help bring our annual budget into balance. Speakers, this expanded newsletter, and other costs are rising. This will keep us ahead or even with inflation.

The membership will be asked to ratify the Board's action at the October regular meeting.

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

A. One to change the bulb while four hold the mirror.

Report of the Awards Committee

Tom Franczak, Chairman
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And now the third report of the 1996-97 campaign. Included in the point totals are ribbons from the August meeting at Oak Hill Gardens and awards from the AOS Judging in August.

There was one award at the August AOS Judging:

Bill Rogerson.....

Cattleya aurea
"Kathleen", AM/AOS

Or, as everyone but Carl Withner would have it, *Cattleya dowiana var. Aurea 'Kathleen'* AM/AOS. But never mind, Withner's right. (because of major geographic separation).

We brought 129 plants (84 greenhouse grown, 45 under lights) to the picnic at Hermann's. No Plant-Of-The-Month was selected in the lightstand division but **John Stubbings** took that honor in the greenhouse division for his *Epidendrum belizense*. Ant the mosquito was named Insect-of-the-Month and we all took turns feeding it.

The competition will start in earnest with the Fall Mini-

Show. Results from it will be in the next report you read. Expect lots more participants then. But they're spotting the early birds a substantial lead which, in the case of Sue and Laima, could be insurmountable. The best strategy as always is exhibit your plants early, often, and well.

First Place Ribbons

Lightstand

Kim Anderson

Dend. Blue Twinkle 'Hawaii'
Brassia longissima

Cathy Bloome

Dressleria dilecta
Angranthos Sorograndi

Willy Losert

Rhynchtm Lilac Blossom
Phal. [Alice Loeb x Copa de Oro]

Phal. Brother Stripe 'Norman'
Phal. Leekoi Choon 'Papp'
Dtps. Talitha Klehm
'Magenta Passion'
Phal. Spica 'Florence'

Sherry Maloney

Ionopsis paniculata
Galeandra hybrid

Diana Nielsen

Angr. Longiscott 'H & R'
Ascps. Irene Dobkin 'York'

Marsha Ramsay

Zygopetalum Kiwi Geysler

Cindy Smith

Haraella retrocalla
Lc. Love Knot 'OC'

Chris & Rene Welch

Phal. Prairie du Sac

Greenhouse

Joe Dixler

Chondrorhyncha [cochlearis
X amazonica]

Calanthe densiflora
Warmingia eugenii
Dendrobium racemosa
Renanthisopsis Mildred
Jameson

Sue Golan

C. Dowiana aurea
 Comparettia ignea
 Paph. adductum
 Stereochilus hirtus
 Maxillaria sp.
 Plectrophora cultrifolia
 Paph. Transvaal

Sophia Harris

Phal. equestris alba
 Dtps. Happy Valentine
 Epilaelia Bussey

Jodi Hirt

Ondotoretia Hanni Isler
 Sarcophilus ceciliae
 Renanetia Sunrise
 Nakamotoara Cinderella x
 Asctm. curvifolium
 Epid. tampense alba
 Bracthia andina
 Scaphosepalum verrucosum
 Enc. campylostalix
 Neofinetia falcata
 Dend. seranicum

Rhonda Peters

C. Mrs. Mahler 'Mem. Fred
 Thomkins' AM/AOS

Bob Vonderohe

Asconopsis Irene Dobkin

Carole Thompson

Blc. Crowfield
 Oncidium triquetrum
 Ceratostylis retisquama
 Schoenorchis fragrans
 Macroclinum xyphophora

John Stubbings

Cattleya Quinquecolor
 Galendra baueri
 Phal. Cottonwood Charmer
 Epid. belizense

Laima Sahagian

Rudolphiella picta
 Ornitocephalus inflexus
 Ceratostylis rubra
 Brassavola nodosa
 Dend. [Superstar x monoli
 -forme]
 Pleurothallis sonderana
 Masd. Triangularis
 Odont. bictoniense alba
 Cochleanthes amazonica
 Ctna. Jetset 'Hihimanu'
 Rhyn. coelestis x Ascda.
 Nancy Knapp

Mormodes maculata

Point Score Accumulations through August 31, 1996 GREENHOUSE CATEGORY

Jack Coutts	10
Joe Dixler	176
Sue Golan	254
Sophia Harris	95
Jodi Hirt	135
Barry Lubin	10
C & E Oslakovic(*)	77
Rhonda Peters	48
Nicola Radcliffe	12
Bill Rogerson	240
Laima Sahagian	222
John Stubbings	72
Gerald Stueben	19
Carole Thompson	189
Bob Vonderohe	10

LIGHTSTAND CATEGORY

Kim Aaron	17
Kim Anderson	21
Barb Bennett(*)	11
Cathy Bloome	62
Dipen Chemburkar	11
K & I Dixler	40
John & Joan Emmerich	25
Charles High	40
Eric Ladorr(*)	3
Willy Losert	108
Sherry Maloney	48
Lorraine Meyer	15
Diana Nielsen(*)	29
Marsha Ramsay(*)	10
Mel Schmidt	45
Leo Schordje	51
Cindy Smith(*)	20
Laura Stanley	15
Ken Vrabel	35
Chris & Rene Welch	10

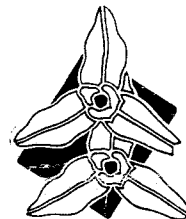
(*) indicates new member for purposes of the 1996-97 Competition Year.

New Members

Join us in welcoming the following new members to the Illinois Orchid Society:

Brian Dillon	Oak Park
Lorraine Ford	Park City
Rosemary Harth	Arlington Heights
Mary Anne Vena & Jerry Pedersen	Highland Park

Show them the IOS hospitality next time you see them at the meeting. Remember your first time?



'My kids are getting too old for regular toys, so I had to get creative with my Christmas gifts this year. I'm giving all of them mental blocks'.





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