

ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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It's April! It's the Spring Show & Mid America Orchid Congress! Y'all Come! Y'all Help!

Spring IOS Show & Mid-America Congress

You heard about it; you read about it; now, it's here!! Will you participate by visiting the Show and by volunteering a

few hours of your time to help???

If you haven't called to volunteer, there's still time! But, if you just want to stop in at the Show on Friday, Saturday, & Sunday and say, "I'm here to help". Well, OK!

Did you register to hear the great speakers including those from Brazil? Registration is still \$30 for members, but get it mailed to **Sue Golan NOW!!!!** By the way, have you seen the zippered canvas briefcase that is part of the registration package? Gorgeous with the IOS Logo in gray with gray piping on a burgundy background. Did you know there will be free plants in

that registration package, also? And lots more!

The Mid-America Auction & Banquet is Saturday night, April 12 at the Deerfield Hyatt. The Auction is open to everyone; dinner in \$40 per person--your choice of Seared Tuna with Tomato Coulis or Grilled Sirloin of Beef with Roasted Garlic Sauce plus all of the other accouterments! You'll love it. You'll meet other members. You'll feel part of the IOS.

We still need clerks for judging at 5:00PM on Friday. As a clerk you will be entitled to a wonderful, catered Judges/Clerks Supper. Call John Stubbings, (847) 480-1532 to volunteer to

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be a clerk on Friday. It's a great experience--both to observe and to learn, and another opportunity to feel part of the Society.

We also need volunteers to bake a favorite dessert for the Judges/Clerks Dinner. Everything else will be provided but we have so many great cooks, we'd like to count on you for dessert. But remember as we said last month, if you call Sue Golan(847-234-6311) to bring a dessert, don't disappoint everyone by not bringing it at the last minute.

Also, bring your plants for the IOS Exhibit. We need them! See Cathy Bloome's article elsewhere.

Thanks in advance to everyone who will help. After month's of planning, it's great to see it all come together.

Jim Spatzek
Sue Golan



IOS Members Exhibit

It's time for the Mid-America Congress and the Illinois Orchid Society Spring Show, which means a really big show. I know lots of members don't have the

time or quantity of plants to do your own exhibit so we always have a special **IOS Member's Display**--this is the Society's display. I encourage every-one, especially members new to the Society or that only have a couple of very nice plants in bloom to drop your plants off to help create the Illinois Orchid Society Display.

Without your blooming plants we cannot create the ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY DISPLAY.

Some Tips on What to Do:

- **Groom your plants!** Remove all dead leaves and old blooms. Wash the foliage. Stake bloom inflorescence for good display. And most of all, look for pest and disease problems. Any suspicious looking plants will not be exhibited.
- Make sure that you and anyone else can read the plant label. An orchid without a name at a show will get passed for judging no matter how great it is.
- Bring your plants to the Botanic Gardens on **Thursday from 10:00am to 9pm** or **Friday from 8:00am to 12 noon**. If you come later there is no guarantee that your plants will be included in the display. **Don't** leave your boxes unless you talk with me first or they be missing by Sunday evening.

As long as you're at the Gardens, stay awhile to help out even if you only have a half hour. It's the best way to meet other members.

Pickup your plants on Sunday at 5:00pm. Hope to see you and most

important, hope to have your blooming plants to make the IOS display the best in the Show.

Thanks in advance for your plants & your help!!!!!!!!!

Cathy Bloome



☎ Call Jim Spatzek (847) 498-4638 or Sue Golan (847) 234-6311 to volunteer to bring a dessert on Friday, April 11, 1997, before 5:00PM for the Judges/Clerks Dinner. Many thanks in advance for your contribution.



A Beginner's Guide to Clerking

The following article appeared in the Orchid Society of Middle Tennessee Newsletter and was written by Laura Harper.

The Orchid Society of Middle Tennessee is fortunate to have many talented and informative members. At many of the shows one can usually see an OSMT member participating on a

judging team as a clerk. However, there are some member who want to participate but are unsure of the function of a clerk and will allowing clerking opportunities to pass them by. Maybe this article will assist them in becoming more involved.

When you request to be a clerk at a show, you are actuality making a request to be an assistant to the judging team. You are there to help in any way necessary and to respond quickly to the judges' requests. You will be able to carry out your responsibility if: 1) you have read the show schedule; 2) you are familiar with the general layout of the show; 3) you have a good working knowledge of orchids; and, 4) you can keep your mouth closed.

Number 4 may sound harsh, but it is the cardinal rule for all clerks. You must never volunteer information (unless asked) nor engage in conversation with the judges or other clerks during judging.

There are 4 types of clerks which may be used at an AOS show; 1] the chief clerk; 2] the head clerk; 3] the ribbon clerk; and, 4] the spotter.

The chief clerk is usually a member of the local society sponsoring the show. He/She is experienced in clerking and is familiar with the mechanics of an orchid show. He works closely with the judges and is an observer at the classification and entries table. This is a person you should contact as soon as you arrive at a show if you are interested in being a clerk on a judging team. (In some shows a specific person may be appointed to "recruit" clerks for judging).

The chief clerk holds a pre-judging meeting with all clerks and gives them specific instructions. He assigns the

teams in numerical order, usually with three members per team. If you name is the first one read, you are the head clerk for that judging team. Your responsibilities are as follows:

- Report to the entries table and pick up the rings/folders for the classes you team is assigned.
- You may or may not need to give instructions to the other clerks. It depends on your head judge. BE OBSERVANT and LISTEN; never change instructions given by the judge.
- When ready to proceed, the head judge will ask you where to being and you should be ready. (Hopefully the classification and entries chairman had placed the entry tags in order according to exhibits--if not you may need to do this before judging starts--ask the head judge what his/her preference is.)
- When ready to begin the judging of a class, you should say, "In Class 82 we have 17 entries and the first is in Exhibit 6, then lead them to Exhibit 6. Read the entry tag clearly and while the judges are discussing that particular plant, send your spotter on to the next entry--keep you eye on your spotter and your attention on the judges. Keep track and make sure you see each entry in each class. A check on each entry tag as each plant is examined assures that all plants have been seen.
- When you finish looking at all the entries in a

class, the judges will decide on the winners, and the ribbon clerk will place the ribbon. The head clerk should make which plant won 1st, 2nd, or 3rd on the entry tag, (helpful hint: Keep a show schedule handy to mark the 1st place winners in each class. When the schedule calls for an award to be given, the judges will review the 1st place winners in each class and may ask you to call them out.)

- When an award is given, you must write the word AWARD on the entry tags for that plant.
- When judging is completed, you must check your ring/folders to make sure your entry tags are marked accurately. Be sure to check with the chief clerk to make sure your records are ready to be turned in and that you have completed your task. NEVER leave the area until your head judge has dismissed you.

If your name is read second, you are the ribbon/award clerk. Sometimes two people are assigned to this position. Inherent in this position are several responsibilities:

- Report to the entries table to pick up a supply of ribbons.
- As you walk with the judging team LOOK at every entry being judged. When the decision is made as to the winners, you must fill out the information on the back of each ribbon and let a judge sign each one.
- Place the ribbon on the

appropriate plant. BE ACCURATE. If in doubt, quietly ask the head clerk on which plant the ribbon should be placed.

- When an award is given, you must place a card or special ribbon on the winning plant. Write all pertinent information on this card or ribbons and let a judge sign it before placing it on the plant.
- Return all unused ribbons to the entries table and check with the chief clerk to see if you have completed your assignment. Do not leave the area until dismissed.

If your name is read third, you are a spotter. This position is very important and is critical in keeping the judging process moving. You must work very closely with the head clerk. Your responsibilities are as follows:

- Keep you schedule in hand and KNOW which class is being judged.
- After judging gets underway, the head clerk will instruct you as to which tag number to look for. DO NOT WAIT for the group! Go ahead and have the plant spotted by the time the judges get there. Point I out and get instruction on the next entry.
- Be observant; you might be able to help the ribbon clerk place the ribbons--particularly since you know where the plants are that were judged. Do not leave the area until dismissed.

There are many advantages to being a clerk. It is an educational experience above all

else. You learn to spot quality and by listening to the judges, you get varied opinions on the plants. Many judges will be glad to answer questions after the work has been done. Don't be shy. Ask!

Also, if you plan to enter the judging program in the future, this is a great place to gain first hand experience in the judging process. It is an excellent opportunity to associate with knowledgeable, competent, and friendly people with expertise in an area close to your heart.

The judging program needs good clerks and wants you to become involved. Through involvement comes commitment and through commitment comes the growing and exhibiting of quality plants.

THANKS, Laura Harper!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



American Orchid Society Judgings

The judgings of the American Orchid Society Chicago Judging Center are held monthly in the Linneaus Room of the Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, IL, on the 2nd Saturday of the month(unless otherwise announced and published in the AOS Bulletin & also see below).

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

April 11, 1997 9:00PM

May 10, 1997	1:00PM
June 14, 1997	1:00PM
July 12, 1997	1:00PM
August 9, 1997	1:00PM
September 13, 1997	1:00PM
October 18, 1997	9:00PM
November 8, 1997	1:00PM
December 13, 1997	1:00PM
January 10, 1998	1:00PM



Future IOS Board Meetings.....

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Calendar -- Upcoming Events

4/4-4/6/97	IlowaOrchidSociety Show, DuckCreek 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
5/3-5/4/97	Orchid Society of Minnesota Show

9/27-9/28/97 Blaine, MN
 Wisconsin Orchid Society Show, Mitchell Park Domes Milwaukee, WI
 10/11-10/12/97 Fall Mid-America Orchid Congress & Orchid Society of St. Louis Show
 10/18-10/20/97 Illinois Orchid Society Fall Mini Show, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, IL
 11/14-11/15/97 Kansas City Orchid Society Show.



A Word About Away Shows

Did you know that when you volunteer to take the Illinois Orchid Society exhibit to an out-of-town show that we:

- Pay up to 2 nights hotel bill--a maximum of \$45 per night.
- Pay all tolls and gas.
- If it is a Mid-America Congress, we pay a congress registration.

Is this a great weekend for a couple, or a couple of people, or what? If a number of people go, we will work out the sharing of the allotted money. Does this help you at all in volunteering for the next

away show?

What's coming up? Well, we could go to Minneapolis--the Orchid Society of Minnesota Show--the first weekend in May. Any volunteers? Call Sophia Harris! After that the next shows will be in the Fall. We do not pay for Batavia or Milwaukee because they are close to us.



The problem with foolproof systems is they don't take into account the ingenuity of fools.



Report of the Awards Committee

Tom Franczak, Chairman
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Here's the ninth report of the 1996-97 contest year. Included in the point totals are ribbons from the February meeting at the Garden, ribbons and awards from the Madison and Batavia Orchid Shows, awards from the monthly AOS Judging, and awards earned by the peripatetic Orchid Inn(Sam 'Mr. Ubiquitous'

Tsui).

Joe Dixler Max.porphrostale 'Scoste', CBR/AOS
 Joe Dixler Dend.hancockii 'Kyle' CBR/AOS
 Fox ValleyOr. Paph.Black Rook 'Rocky Mtn.High' HCC/AOS
 Sam Tsui Paph.Tsui's Oriental'Jeanie' AM/AOS
 Sam Tsui Paph.Tsui's Oriental'Mallingham' AM/AOS
 Sam Tsui Paph.Cyberspace 'Jeanie' AM/AOS
 Sam Tsui Paph.Thumbelisa 'Jeanie' AM/AOS
 Sam Tsui Phrag.Hanne Popow 'Mallingham' HCC/AOS

Joe's awards came at the Madison Show; Fox Valley's at the February monthly judging; Sam's 'Jeanie' clone of Tsui's Oriental(Oriental Venus x Oriental Mystique) was awarded at the Madison Show and the rest of his paphs at the Cincinnati Show. His Phragmipedium was awarded at the Miami (OH) show. Same waited an eternity for his first AOS award, but the floodgates are open now.

We brought 83 plants to the February meeting--39 greenhouse grown and 44 lightstand grown. No Plant-Of-The-Month was selected in the lightstand category but Joe Dixler took that honor in the greenhouse category for his Dendrobium anceps. And yes, your eyes to do not deceive you as you peruse the standings in the greenhouse category. I

sense an upset in the making.
Hold the presses.

FIRST PLACE RIBBONS

Greenhouse Category:

Jack Coutts	Phal.(Music x equestris)
Joe Dixler	Dend.Complex Hyb. Dend.anceps Spathoglottis lobbii Arachnis cathcartii Oberonia falcata(?) Osmoglossum pulchellum Pescatorea wallisii Aspasia varigata(??) Tolumnia(Onc) boringuensis(??) Maxillaria hedwigae Paph.Defoe Onc.Sharry Baby Calanthe cardio-glossa(??) Paph.spicerianum
Bob Morrisun	Epid.poiybulbon Cattleya Bob Betts Phrag.Cardinale 'Birchwood'
Rhonda Peters	Colmanara Wildcat Dend.Fire Coral Phal.(Hausermann's Candy x Festive Mood) C. walkeriana alba
Laima Sahagian	Pleuro.imperialis Dend.dichaeoides
CaroleThompson	Soph.cernua Trichopilia suavis Unk.new spec(Peru)

(??) If owner's identification is correct, these plants are species that are not recognized to be in cultivation thru 1995. Such plants should be brought or sent to AOS Judging to be considered for possible CBR award. At the very least, we urge the owners to submit such plants to the Orchid Identification Center for verification.

FIRST PLACE WINNERS

Lightstand Category

Kevin & Irma

Dixler	Paph.Raven Paph. Liemianum Phal.equestris
Ron & Joan Hale	Galeandra Kitty Chauson Phal.Hausermann's Supreme
Charles & Jane High	Sc.Beaufort Phrag.Andean Fire
Willy Losert	Rhynchocentrum Lilac Blossom Phal.(? x equestris) Phal.Carmela'sPixie Phal. Be Tris Phal. Francis Melendez'Knull-Smith' Phal.Golden Buddha x Spirit House
Bil Nelson	Masd.mejiana Paph. Montagnard X purpuratum
Leo Schordje	Lycaste campbellii Dryadella Sp.



Point Score Accumulations through February 28, 1997 GREENHOUSE CATEGORY

G. Calilao & J.Wortman	82
Jack Coutts	64
Joe Dixler	1180
Sue Golan	1074
Sophia Harris	748
Jodi Hirt	588
Bob Hoel	121
Maggie Kuntz	61
Barry Lubin	10
Jerome & Virginia Mestdagh(*)	11
Jay Mullen	52
C & E Oslakovic(*)	116
Rhonda Peters	351
Nicola Radcliffe	32

Bill Rogerson	480
Laima Sahagian	900
Jim Spatzek	5
John Stubbings	154
Gerald Stueben	74
Carole Thompson	525
Bob Vonderohe	11
Bob Wolf	289
Wally Zielinski	22

LIGHTSTAND CATEGORY

Kim Aaron	33
Walter Andersen	1
Kim Anderson	59
Barb Bennett(*)	55
Cathy Bloome	231
Olga Boor	20
Dipen Chemburkar	17
Lois Cinert	89
Michael Cornwell	40
K & I Dixler	176
Tilda Dulman(*)	10
Joel Edwards	63
John & Joan Emmerich	25
Tom Franczak	149
Ron & Joan Hale	69
Charles High	154
Ed Hoyas(*)	3
Cheryl Kwiatkowski(*)	32
Eric Lador(*)	3
Willy Losert	533
Sherry Maloney	261
Lorraine Meyer	74
Armon McPherson	12
Laura McVey	6
Bil Nelson	50
Diana Nielsen(*)	115
Marsha Ramsay(*)	16
Mel Schmidt	45
Nancy Jean Schoo(*)	20
Leo Schordje	194

Vic & Linda	
Schubert	1
Art & Ann Sellmer	6
Cindy Smith(*)	30
Laura Stanley	16
Ken Vrabel	80
Dorothy Wallace(*)	20
Chris & Rene Welch	37
Susan West	31
Norman Wolff	1

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



Annual Election of Officers:

The IOS will have its annual election of officer and Board members at the meeting, May 18, 1997. Tom Franczak(847) 590-5731 is the chairman of the committee, Ed Gamson (847) 432-7825 & Cathy Bloome(847) 455-4405 are the other two members. If you would like to serve as an officer or on the board or would like to see someone nominated for a post, please get your request to one of the committee members. If you have an alternate slate of candidates that you would like to submit, they must be submitted to the editor of the newsletter, Jim Spatzek, in time to be published before the May meeting.



President's Message

by Leo Schordje
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IT'S SHOW TIME!!!

Are you ready? Your plants all groomed, ready to

show in the IOS display or in your own? Did you buy film for taking pictures? A new notepad might be in order to take notes at the talks by the conference speakers at the hotel. Bring you appetite to the banquet! Got your checkbook, credit cards and wallet all oiled up and ready to spend? We have at least 46 vendors signed up. Yes indeed, it is show time!

So far we are having a good response to our pleas for help with the show but we still have only about two thirds of the volunteers that we need. Not enough, but there is still time to sign up or call in. We need more people to volunteer! If only half the IOS membership each volunteered to do something for just 4 hours over the course of the weekend, all the jobs would be covered. So please, lets all get involved and see if we can make this show one of the best yet. Many people don't sign up; they just pitch in when they get to the Garden. This is good, but makes us really nervous because we have no idea ahead of time if we have an area covered. So please, let us know if you are going to help, even if you are vague about when you will be there. Call Tom Franczak at 847-590-5731. Tom has taken charge of the work sign up. This is our last chance to plea for help; don't let your

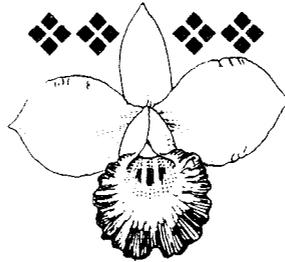
fellow members down.
Thanks!

Now back to the fun part. It is not too late to sign-up for the Saturday night IOS /Mid-America Banquet. At this writing we have 63 people signed up; I'll be there! Most of the out-of-town conference attendees have signed up for the banquet and there are about 30 or so of our local IOS members coming. Why not join us????? It's going to be great fun. Trust me! Give Sue Golan a call at 847-234-6311 and let her know that your check's on the way. I never seem to have enough time to talk to everyone that I'd like to talk to at meetings; the banquet is one of my opportunities to relax. Hope to see you there!

Cathy Bloome is designing the **IOS Members Display** (see details elsewhere). If you have only one or two or even three plants and would like to show them, put them in the IOS Display. Cathy will start setting up on Thursday, & finish on Friday. She could use an extra pail of hands or two; give her a call at (847) 455-4405. Cathy's displays are always great. Last year she received Best of Class and Show Trophy for her IOS display. It's tough competition; Batavia put on a great display). I hear this years design includes a bridge.

The newsletter has

previously listed speakers at the Congress. There's some great ones coming. See you at the Show!



With Deepest Sympathy

Sadly we must report the passing of one of our premier orchid growers, **Erwin Hausermann of EFG Orchids**. Our sincere sympathy to his wife, **Gertrude** and the entire **Hausermann family**.

Welcome to our newest members!

Hopefully you'll quickly get into the swing of things, and thoroughly enjoy the **Illinois Orchid Society**. We've said it before and we'll say it again, "You'll only get out of it what you put into it". Enjoy yourselves! We'll try

to make you feel at home.

Edward Cohen	Chicago
Julie Hsu	Munster, IN
Billy & Maria No	Chicago
Minton Ostertag	Oak Park
Anne & Herman Thomas	Oak Park



Show Update

As I write this newsletter, we have an update on the show. As of this writing, we have 67 exhibits and 46 vendors a spectacular achievement. Be part of the fun; don't just read about the show in the next newsletter.



The Queue Principle

The longer you wait in a line, the greater the likelihood that you are in the wrong line!

Registration Form
Spring Mid-America Orchid Congress & Illinois Orchid Society Show
April 11-13, 1996
Hosted by the Illinois Orchid Society
Chicago Botanic Garden
Glencoe, Illinois

Please type or print clearly!

Date _____

(1) _____
 Name to appear on Badge Telephone Number

(2) _____
 Name to appear on Badge Telephone Number

Address _____ City _____ State/Province _____ Zip _____

Society Affiliation _____ Current Office _____

Do you wish to judge?(1) _____ Status _____

Do you wish to judge?(2) _____ Status _____

Do you wish to clerk?(1) _____ Status _____

Do you wish to clerk?(2) _____ Status _____

Do you wish to exhibit? _____ Sales(a tasteful minimum 25sq.ft.required) _____

REGISTRATION FEE: \$30.00 each through March 1, 1997. \$45.00 if postmarked after March 1, 1997. Congress registration includes registration package, lectures, and hospitality.

<u>NUMBER OF REGISTRANTS</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>FEE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
_____	Congress Registration	\$30.00/\$45.00	_____
_____	Saturday Evening Banquet	\$40.00	_____
_____	Affiliated Societies Breakfast	\$16.00	_____
	Total Enclosed		_____

Please make all checks payable to the ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY and send with this form to: ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY Registration Desk, 599 W. Old Mill Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045.

The Congress headquarters is the HYATT DEERFIELD HOTEL, 1750 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield, IL 60015. Please make your reservations direct mentioning the MID-AMERICA ORCHID CONGRESS (847) 945-3400. The price of a room has been confirmed at: \$72.00.

The Show Chairmen are: Sue Golan, 599 W. Old Mill Road, Lake Forest, IL(847) 234-6311 & Jim Spatzek, 2137 Center Avenue, Northbrook, IL (847) 498-4638.