

ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

James F. Spatzek, Editor

September--when thoughts turn to Asters, Chrysanthemums, and.... Cattleyas

September Meeting

The sun is in the perfect position for our next speaker, **Alan Koch**, on Sunday, September 21st, at the Chicago Botanic Garden. He will illuminate us on "**Modern Cattleyas for the Home Grower.**" Many people consider Cattleyas a difficult plant to grow and find their size

too large for their growing areas. Alan has changed this perception through hybridization. He has developed compact and miniature Cattleyas that grow very well in a home environment. Alan is considered a world expert on miniature Cattleyas, Cattleya species and Brazilian laelias. He will bring plants for sale.

AUTUMNAL EQUINOX SPECIAL: To those who can determine what they want ahead of time, you can pre-order by calling Alan at Gold Country Orchids, telephone: 800-451-8558 for a 20% discount and no shipping costs. He will have the items at the meeting for you. You can check out his web site to find photos and information about his plants

<http://www.lsgnet.com/orchids>. Also, in November, our speaker **Marguerite Webb from J & L Orchids** is offering the same super deal. Phone her at 203-261-3772, or E-Mail jlorchid@snet.net. I will have a limited amount of catalogs available from both nurseries.

Step out of the shadows to meet in the multipurpose room at the equinoctial time of 12:00noon. Please have display and sale plants in alignment by 12:30pm. Remember to bring something for the hospitality table--last month's selections were meager. If you have not yet contributed to this year's refreshments, don't wait for the winter solstice at **Hausermann's!** Since you have enjoyed the goodies of others, this is a favorable time for you to

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bring a treat to this festive occasion.

Are you confused by the terms CBR, HCC, CCM, AM, FCC, etc.? Do you know the difference between botanical recognition and cultural merit? Our own sage, **Jim Spatzek**, an American Orchid Society judge, will present the workshop shedding some light on orchid judging.

Our "Orchid Doctor Leo" will be back to enlighten you. Bring your problem plants in a plastic bag to avoid contamination with others.

"Lighten up" and join us for a great meeting!

Joe Dixler



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 at 1:00PM (unless otherwise announced here and in the **AOS Bulletin, Orchids**).

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

February 14, 1998--1:00PM
 March 13, 1998--6:00PM
 April 11, 1998--1:00PM
 May 9, 1998--1:00PM
 June 13, 1998--1:00PM
 July 11, 1998--2:00PM



Calendar of Upcoming Events

9/20-9/21/97 Peoria Orchid Society Show, Peoria IL. Northwoods Mall
 9/21/97 Larry Miller Memorial Lecture, Peoria, IL
 James Rose, Cal Orchids, Santa Barbara World Orchid Congress speech on Miniature Cattleya Breeding in Japan".
 9/19-9/21/97 The Chicagoland Orchid Festival, 8:00am-5:00pm
 Various Commercial Growers in Chicago.
 9/27-9/28/97 Wisconsin Orchid Society Show & Sale Mitchell Park Domes Milwaukee, WI
 10/4-10/5/97 West Shore Orchid Show, Strongsville, Ohio
 10/11-10/12/97 Fall Mid-America Orchid Congress & Orchid Society of St. Louis Show
 10/18-10/20/97 Illinois Orchid Soc. Fall Mini Show Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, IL
 10/25-10/26/97 Blackhawk Orchid Society Show, Rockford, IL

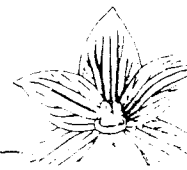
10/31-11/2/97 Indiana Orchid Soc. Show, ArtsGarden At Circle Center, Indianapolis
 11/14-11/15/97 Kansas City Orchid Society Show
 2/7-2/8/98 Wisconsin Orchid Growers Guild Show Madison, WI
 2/21-2/22/98 Batavia Orchid Society Show, Charlestowne Mall St. Charles, IL
 3/14-3/15/98 IOS Spring Show Chicago Botanic Gardens, Glencoe.
 3/21-3/22/98 Illowa Orchid Soc. Show, Bettendorf, IA
 5/7-5/8/98 Southern Ontario Orchid Society Show & Spring Mid-Amer. Orchid Congress & AOS Trustees Meet.
 9/26-9/27/98 Wisconsin Orchid Society Show, Milwaukee, WI.
 10/15-10/16/98 IOS Fall Mini Show Chicago Botanic Gardens, Glencoe.



Board Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the IOS Board of Directors is Monday, September 15, 1997, at 7:30pm at the home of Joe Dixler, 811 Stonegate Drive, Highland Park, IL (847) 432-7708. All officers and directors are expected to attend. If you will not be able to attend, please notify Ed Gamson (847) 432-7825.

Directions: Lake-Cook Road East to Green Bay Road. North(left) of Green Bay to Stonegate(past the Ravinia Park entrance). West (left) of Stonegate to 811!



AWAY SHOW VOLUNTEERS.....

SO FAR WE HAVE NOT HEARD FROM SOPHIA HARRIS THAT THE VOLUNTEERS ARE BREAKING DOWN HER DOOR TO HELP WITH AWAY SHOWS! HERE'S THE LIST OF WHAT'S COMING UP THAT YOU CAN EITHER HELP BY PUTTING UP OUR DISPLAY OR TEARING IT DOWN AND BRINGING IT BACK.

PEORIA ORCHID SOCIETY
SEPT. 19, 20, 21

WISCONSIN ORCHID SOCIETY
SEPT. 26, 27, 28
MILWAUKEE, WI

GREATER ST. LOUIS ORCHID
SOCIETY SHOW & MID-AMERICA
ORCHID CONGRESS
OCT. 10, 11, 12

BLACKHAWK ORCHID SOCIETY
ROCKFORD, IL
OCT. 24, 25, 26

PICK A SHOW! REMEMBER, WE WILL PAY FOR YOUR HOTEL AND GAS & TOLLS IF YOU DO PEORIA OR ST. LOUIS. AND IF YOU DO ST. LOUIS, WE'LL PAY YOUR MID-AMERICAN ORCHID CONGRESS REGISTRATION. IT'S A GREAT WEEKEND!



ORCHID CARE

When you are away, have your orchids taken care of by an American Orchid Society Judge! Call: (847) 432-4684

SEND E-MAIL ADDRESSES!

As the new Assistant Treasurer for the Society, I have been taking over from Jack Courtts the task of keeping the membership database current and in order. I have just completed transferring the database to my home computer, and would now like to include e-mail addresses for those members who have them. If you would like to have your e-mail address listed in the next year's directory and would like to receive an e-mail reminder of upcoming meetings or other IOS business, send a message to me at whelko@aol.com with the subject heading "IOS".

There are lots of orchid-related resources on the internet. You can view color photos of flowers, shop for plants from a wide variety of vendors, read about cultural requirements for different species, find out eh latest in orchid research at Kew or carry on discussions with other orchid enthusiasts from around the world--all from your own computer. Liks to and information about many of these resources can be found at a world wide web site called The Orchid M a l l

(<http://www.netins.net/show/novac on/cyphaven/chorcma1.htm>)

Perhaps the best discussion list relating to orchids is the Orchid List Digest(OLD) which is maintained by Willis Dair. To join, send a mail message to MAILSERV@SCUACC.SCU.EDU. The first line of the message body should include the TEXT line: SUBSCRIBE ORCHIDS

Have fun in cyberspace and remember to send me your e-mail address!

Chris Welch
whelko@aol.com



The President's Message

by ED GAMSON
(847) 432-7825

Last month's meeting at Oak Hill Gardens was a great success that was only slightly dampened by the mild rain. The fifty or so who attended were treated to the greenhouses and their plants, as well as to a warm and dry talk after a picnic lunch that some had outdoors before the mists fell and those of us who tarried in the greenhouses

had inside. Our thanks to the Pigors for their warm hospitality, including not only the use of their facilities for the meeting, but also drinks with lunch, goodies to eat, amazing desserts and many seedling goodies as door prizes. Then there was Hermann's talk!!

And now back to my theme from the last few installments of the newsletter. . **PARTICIPATION!** A sign-up sheet was passed around just before Hermann's presentation, and I was pleased to see a number of new names of members who had volunteered to help at our **FALL MINI SHOW** to be held at the Chicago Botanic Garden on October 18 & 19. Of course I'm pleased but we can do still better.

We still need a lot of help in several areas and welcome you to join us on Thursday evening (October 16) and all day Friday for set-up and then judging, where we will need clerks and help registering the plants. We can also use help on Saturday and Sunday for various functions and then for

tear-down on Sunday afternoon.

All of this talk of having more of the membership become involved with IOS activities has not spurred anyone to volunteer to help with the hospitality table at our regular meetings (Ed. Note. Should we eliminate refreshments???) **PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO BE HOSPITALITY CHAIR!!!** At last count, Jay Mullen also needed more help with IOS Plant Sales. Board member, Rob Halgren, has volunteered to help Jay. Again, we need more help with IOS member plant sales on a regular basis as well as at the **MINI SHOW**. One need not be an expert sales-person nor an expert grower to help with plant sales. I have found a smile and a few fingers and toes to help with counting will suffice!



Answer..Quiz #9

The quiz was: **What are three of the four major differences that set the orchids and their closest relatives--the Asparagales--apart?** I did not get any answers this time. I did not mean to make the quiz too difficult. I am sorry if I did! A few

people asked me during the Spring show, "what makes an orchid--an orchid?". Therefore, I thought that some would know the answer. There are 4 features that characterize orchids:

1. Resupination--the rotation of the flower by 180 degrees in relation to the bract, so that the lip becomes the lowest part. The bract is a scale-like structure at the base of the flower.
2. Development of the lip (*labellum*), usually the lowest of the three petals serving as a landing platform for insects, or as a flag with nectar guides.
3. The reduction of the stamen to one (or two in some genera). Each anther consists of two *pollinia*, two solid masses of pollen which become glued as a whole to the insect because of an inherent stickiness, or via a special sticky pad, the *viscidium*.
4. The most obvious characteristic of orchids is the column: the anther and stigma are combined in a special structure, the column or *gynostemium*, which prevents the visiting insect from pollinating the flower with its own pollen, and thus promoting cross-pollination.

The **Winners Club** does not change this time. Last month I sent the \$10 gift certificates to Diana Maxwell (quiz 8) Kevin Swagel (quiz 7), and, June Eguro (quiz 4). It would be much "funnier" to give the certificates during the meetings. So keep sending answers and keep coming to the meeting.

Members of the Winners Club:

Lorraine Meyer	3*
Steve Peters	3*
J. & V. Mestdagh	3
John & Joan Emmerich	1*
Joe Dixler	1
Diana Maxwell	2*
June Eguro	1
Betty Blank	2
Anne Kotowski	2*
Jim Spatzek	1
Kevin Swagel	1*
Nancy Jean Schoo	1

(The digit indicates the number of correct

"ORCHID ARTISTRY IN AUTUMN"

Illinois Orchid Society
Fall Mini-Show
Chicago Botanic Garden
October 16-19, 1997
Registration Form

General Information

The Illinois Orchid Society sponsors two shows annually at the Chicago Botanic Garden. This is our Mini-Show which is for IOS members and sister orchid societies to display their talents and growing skills.

The displays are table top only; there are no floor exhibits. You may choose a full table or a half table. Set-up is from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Thursday and from 9:00 am to 4:00 PM on Friday. There are electrical outlets spaced around the exhibit hall floor, but you may need an extension cord to reach one of them.

There is no large IOS exhibit at the Mini-Show, but if you would like to set up a display with another member or other members, please feel free to do so. Last year we had one table set aside for members who may have had only 1 or 2 plants in bloom. If there is interest in this again, we would be glad to reserve one table for this exhibit. We need someone to volunteer to set it up again.

The only sales are by IOS members. The society retains 25% of each sale so price your plants accordingly. Bring your sales plants to the main exhibit hall at the Chicago Botanic Garden on Thursday evening, October 16, or during the day on Friday, October 17. Sales slips for each plant must be filled out by the plant's owner. These can be obtained in advance of the Show if you'd like complete them earlier. (This also applies to registration slips to enter your plants in the Show judging.)

A Show program will be mailed to you after you register using this form or you may obtain one at the September meeting. For further information, call Sophia Harris at 847-367-4770/6642.

Mail registration form to: Sophia Harris, 27040 N. Meadowoods, Mettawa, IL 60048



I would like to request display space at the Fall Mini-Show:

Full table (3' x 6') _____

Half table (3' x 3") _____

Name on Exhibit: _____

Address _____

Phone _____

If you would like to be a part of the IOS Mini-Show Oct. 16-19, 1997, please use this form to indicate the times you would like to work and what jobs you would like to do. Just circle the hours you can work if you don't know what job you want.

<u>Days</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Jobs</u>	
Thurs. Oct. 16	4:00 pm - 8:00 p m	Plant Registration	_____
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Fri., Oct. 17	9:00 am - Noon	Plant Registration	_____
		Traffic	_____
		Worker Hospitality	_____
	Noon - 3:00 pm	Plant Registration	_____
		Traffic	_____
		Worker Hospitality	_____
	3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Plant Registration	_____
		Traffic	_____
		Worker Hospitality	_____
	4:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Judges' Supper	_____
	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Clerking	_____
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Sat., Oct. 18	7:30 am - 9:00 am	Photography Host	_____
	9:00 am - Noon	Security	_____
		Information	_____
		Raffle	_____
		Worker Hospitality	_____
	Noon - 3:00 pm	Security	_____
		Information	_____
		Raffle	_____
		Worker Hospitality	_____
	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Security	_____
		Information	_____
		Raffle	_____
		Worker Hospitality	_____
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Sun., Oct. 19	7:30 am - 9:00 am	Photography Host	_____
	9:00 am - Noon	Security	_____
		Information	_____
		Raffle	_____
		Worker Hospitality	_____
	Noon - 3:00 pm	Security	_____
		Information	_____
		Raffle	_____
		Worker Hospitality	_____
	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Security	_____
		Information	_____
		Raffle	_____
		Worker Hospitality	_____
	5:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Tear-down	_____

Your Name _____ Your Phone Number _____
 Mail to Sophia Harris, 27040 N. Meadowoods, Mettawa, IL 60048-9612/Phone 847-367-4770

Quiz# 10

What is the name 'Orchid' derived from and by whom? If you know only half the answer, send it anyway. If you know the whole answer, you will be entered twice--once for each half of the answer. Therefore, your chances to win would double! Send the answer to:

Eric Lador, 311 Albright Ct. Vernon Hills,
IL 60061
or E-MailTo: Eric_Lad@MSN.COM
or to: uri.lador@abbott.com
or fax to: (847) 938-2348, if it works.



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West Palm Beach, FL
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An agitated man walked into the psychiatrist's office, pacing back and forth. "What seems to be your problem?" the doctor asked gently.

"I think I'm a tepee!" the man blurted out. "No--I mean a wigwam. I mean a tepee...no, a wigwam!"

"Whoa, I see the problem already," replied the doctor. "You're too tents."

