

# ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

James F. Spatzek, Editor

## Lepanthes, Restrepia, Dryadella, Porroglossum, Barbosella, Stelis, Condylago are all Pleurothallids.

### The February Meeting

By popular demand we have a repeat performance by William Rhodehamel of Hoosier Orchid Company.

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Our heartfelt welcome to this Valentine weekend speaker at our next meeting on Sunday, February 15th, at the Chicago Botanic Garden. His brand new lecture will be "**An Introduction to Pleurothallids**". Will has been growing orchids for more than 15 years and is the author of **A Masdevallia Culture Guide, A Dracula Cultural Guide** (ask him to bring copies for you and to autograph them), chairman of the AOS Conservation Committee, a Trustee of the AOS, and Editor of the **Pleurothallid Alliance Newsletter**, and before all this he was a member of the IOS.

Will will have plants for sale,

at a sweetheart of a deal-- 20% discount and no shipping charges if you pre-order plants that will be brought to the meeting. His orchids are always unusual and beautifully grown. If you love species, call him at 317-291-6269 or fax to 317-291-8949.

Our meeting will be held in the multipurpose room at 12:00 noon. Please have display and sales plants settled by 12:30pm. The lecture will be in the Linneaus Meeting Room. Anyone who brings goodies for the hospitality table will be our Valentine! Candy kisses will be appropriate.

To get ready for our Annual Spring Show, **Suki Kroeber** will present the workshop on "It's Easy to Create a Pleasing Exhibit". We hope her knowledge and tips on displays will stimulate new exhibitors for this show.

By popular demand "Orchid Doctor Leo" will be back to help with your problem plants. As always, bring them in a plastic bag to avoid contamination with others.

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).

February 14, 1998--1:00PM  
 March 14, 1998--10:00AM  
 April 11, 1998--1:00PM  
 May 9, 1998--1:00PM  
 June 13, 1998--1:00PM  
 July 11, 1998--1:30PM  
 August 8, 1998--1:30PM  
 September 12, 1998--1:30PM  
 October 16, 1998--6:00PM  
 November 14, 1998--1:30PM  
 December 12, 1998--1:30PM



*The Illinois Orchid  
 Society Annual  
 Spring Show will be held  
 on March 14 & 15, 1998.*



## Dues are Due!!!!

If you received a letter with this newsletter, we show your 1998 IOS dues as unpaid. If you wish to renew please send your check for \$20 immediately or you will be dropped from the membership rolls and this will be the last, exciting newsletter you will receive. If you lost your dues envelope, please send your check to :

Chris Welch  
 229 Greenfield Drive  
 Glenview, IL 60025

If you feel you've paid and we made a mistake, call Chris and discuss it.



## Calendar of Upcoming Events

2/21-2/22/98	Batavia Orchid Society Show, Charlestowne Mall St. Charles, IL
2/28-2/29/98	Greater Lansing O.S.Show, Lansing MI.
3/6-3/8/98	53rd Miami Internat'l Orchid Show
3/14-3/15/98	IOS Spring Show Chicago Botanic Gardens, Glencoe.
3/21-3/22/98	Illowa Orchid Soc. Show, Bettendorf, IA
4/18-4/19/98	Northeast Wisconsin Orchid Society Show GreenBay, WI
4/25-4/26/98	Michiana O.S.Show Bridgeman, MI
5/7-5/10/98	Southern Ontario Orchid Society Show & Spring Mid-Amer.Orchid Congress&AOS TrusteesMeet. Eastern Orchid Congress;International Odontoglossum Alliance Meeting;PleurothallidAlliance Meeting.

9/26-9/27/98 Wisconsin Orchid Society Show, Milwaukee, WI.  
 10/16-10/18/98 IOS Fall Mini Show Chicago Botanic Gardens, Glencoe.

## Next Away Show

The next away show that the IOS will participate in is the **BATAVIA ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW** at Charlestowne Mall, in St. Charles, IL. The mall is located on North Avenue (Rte. 64) between Routes 59 and downtown St. Charles. All of you need to help. Call Sophia Harris (847) 367-4770 to find out the details. Set-up for this show is in the evening on Friday, Feb. 20, 1998, so there is no reason you cannot help and also no reason why you can't bring your blooming orchids right to the mall to save Sophia time.

The IOS used to dominate this show with its spectacular displays.

Isn't it time we do it again???????



## Plant Sales.....

To get log numbers for plant sales at the February meeting, call **Rob Halgren @ [773] 878-1307**. For the March IOS Spring Show, call **Jay Mullen @ [847] 432-4684** after March 7th. **There will be NO sales without log numbers!**



## Editorial

Read the orchid internet lately? Seems we have a few people who think the only thing in life at the IOS is to show plants and accumulate points in the Monthly Competition at whatever the cost.

I have been in the Illinois Orchid Society longer than most other members! In days gone by we were proud of our plants and the Monthly Competition provided a new opportunity (besides the many away shows the IOS showed at) to share our blooming orchids with other members

and perhaps display orchids that were rare or unusual. In the past, if you accumulated points that was great and in the end if you had the most points, or second best, or third best, you got to choose a selected clone of an excellent orchid as your reward. That has deteriorated into a cash prize.

Now you read on the internet that we should have new rules & new categories. In the past it was understood that the whole purpose of showing was for the education of our members but now it's who can bring the most flowering plants rather than the best flowering plants. And to read about it on the internet says to me that there's just a little bit of immaturity out there, because accumulating the most points is not what the IOS is all about. And where the h\_\_\_ are all those plants when we get a second place ribbon on the IOS Display cause there were not enough quality plants to create a truly spectacular display? (Get those plants to our Batavia display!)

Come on people, grow up! Maybe you should make your contribution to the IOS by putting up our display at one of the away shows and show your talent by winning the AOS Show Trophy! Don't mess up what was a good

thing.

Jim Spatzek

**THANK YOU, Thank you to  
HAUSERMANN'S  
ORCHIDS**  
For their outstanding hos-  
pitality in December for our  
Annual Holiday Meeting &  
Party!

It's always a great time!



## A Novice Idea

by Nancy Jean Schoo

This is the time of year when the Spring Show buzz begins. Everyone is preparing to show their best and brightest. Not beginning growers are reluctant to participate due to their inexperience. Reasons for not entering usually include: "Is my plant good enough?", "Surely someone's is better than mine.", "What class do I enter it in?", and, "What's a class?" If your blooming plant is beautiful to your eye, it's good enough. Showing plants allows you to see other plants and to compare these to yours. It is the experience you need to learn. The registration desk will assist you in choosing a class. If nothing else, grab a judge! Ask their opinion on the best class. Always start in a lower class. If the judges felt it should be moved to the next higher class, they will do it during judging.

Preparing your plants should begin now. Check for unwanted critters. Treat them now and continue to observe. **DO NOT ENTER A**

**PLANT WITH BUGS!** Also, a common misconception is to repot your plant thinking it will 'look' better in fresh bark. This could shock the plant and cause damage to your developing blooms. If it makes you feel better, add a small amount of fresh bark to the top. Remove any dead leaves from the plant. These are usually the ones closest to the base of the plant. Judging is done **ONLY** on the bloom or number of blooms unless it is being considered for a special award or AOS Award.

1. You will want to stake your plant to enhance the arch of the inflorescence. All major orchid vendors see various lengths of wire with hooked ends to help support the stems. Paphs will generally be staked straight up, while phals will arch forward. Choose a stake that holds the blooms high enough to be easily seen without giving an unnatural appearance. Mounted inflorescences are not usually staked.

The day you bring your plant, wipe the leaves of any dust or water spots. I have heard the leaf shine sold in stores is not recommended, however, I know several prominent growers that use it without problems. I use **WHOLE MILK** on a cotton ball! That's right! The lactic acid in the milk will help to dissipate the water spots and the fat in the milk will give a slight sheen that is not harmful and does give a pleasant appearance. Remember, judges are judging the blooms, not the leaves.

When transporting your plant to the Show, place it in a box large enough to hold the pot plus some. I tape wooden stakes in each of the 4 corners of the box so it acts as a frame for the covering. The large industrial size garbage bags will

generally fit right over this. Pack some newspaper around the pot to keep it from sliding. You may need to add extra stakes to the stems for stability during shipping. It helps reduce some of the bouncing that can occur in transport. If you bloom is damaged in transport, bring the plant **AND** bloom anyway. It can still be judged.

Finally, volunteer. You will learn so much in these few days about orchid growing, care, and unusual orchids that are rarely seen. Good Luck and Happy Growing!



**The Spring  
Show is Coming  
--March 13, 14 &  
15**

**We Need  
Help!!!!**

This is the 2nd to last newsletter before the Show. This is our penultimate chance to plead for help. Please pitch in! This year the schedule is compressed. Set-up will begin on Friday afternoon, and run to about 10pm. There will be no ability to set-up on Thursday evening as we have done in the past. So, everything has to get done in a shortened period of time. We will need **everyone's** help! A sign-up sheet is included in this newsletter. You can bring it to the meeting, or mail or FAX it in.

Even if you can only help out for an hour or two, it will be appreciated. If you do not get a call from the group you signed up to help, bear with us. We are a bit more disorganized than usual. You may give **Sophia** a call at 847/367-4770 or just show up at the CBG at the time you signed up for and we will put you to work.

Judging will be Saturday at 7:00am sharp, with a continental breakfast starting at 6:30am. We will need clerks for judging. If you usually clerk on Friday nights, this is a big shift in the schedule. **John Stubbings** is in charge of judging. **Lois Cinert** will be handling plant registration. If at all possible pick up registration tags and fill out as much information as possible before set-up on Friday, as it is going to be hectic getting everything organized for Saturday morning.

**Cathy Bloome** is designing and setting up the IOS display. If you are not doing your own display, please bring your orchids in for the group display. You can drop them off with Cathy or bring them in to the Garden on Friday, but bring them early. Cathy wants to finish set up by 10pm. Be sure to put your name on the back side of the pot, and fill out a registration tag. If you have questions, call Cathy Bloome

@ 847/455-4405.

I want to thank everyone for helping. If you have any questions, please call. Thanks!

**Sophia**  
[847] 367-4770



## The Illowa Show

### A Casino Royale Opportunity!!!!

The weekend following the IOS Show is the **Illowa Orchid Society Show** in Bettendorf, Iowa (just across the border from Moline, Illinois). That's March 20, 21, and 22. We need a volunteer/s to take 25-40 plants for a small display. Bettendorf has several riverboats, so if you are so inclined, you could set up our IOS Display, see the Illowa Show and then hit the Casinos. The IOS will pay two nights hotel and gas/tolls if you are willing to set-up and take down the display.

Another option is that the mall is only 2 ½ hours from Chicago and in the past one group would go down and set-up the display on Friday, and another would pick it up on Sunday. In that case we would pay gas & tolls for both

groups.

Well, what do ya say? Want a nice long weekend in Iowa on us? Call Sophia Harris for details at [847] 4770. Believe us you'll have a great time and meet lots of new orchid-growing people.



## The Awards Committee Report

**Tom Franczak, Chair**  
[847] 590-5731  
[terpsichore@dataflo.net](mailto:terpsichore@dataflo.net)

Here's my 2nd report of the 1997-98 contest year. Included in the point totals are ribbons from the December meeting, held at Hausermann's and results of the December AOS judging held at the CBG. I was going to give **Sue Golan** some bonus points for this one, but it turned out that she couldn't pronounce her awarded plants name either.

**Maxillaria schunckeana**  
**'Mini Vini', CBR/AOS**

We hauled 123 plants (45-lights, 78 greenhouse) to the Christmas party as well as all that food. **Norm Wolff** took

Plant-of-the-Month honors for his *Cattleya aurantiaca*.

The contest is half over and **Willie Losert** has supplied a reality check to the lightstand contestants. Don't lose heart, now, Barb and Diana. Be at the shows this spring, all of the shows, and you can give Willie a run for his money. But you don't beat a champ on just half season's effort. You've got to keep at it!

Over in greenhouse land, **Sophia Harris** is keeping the race from being a total walkover. But take a look....**Joe Dixler** has a chance, if he hits the show big time, to amass 3000 points. To my knowledge, that has never been done before in our contest....not even by the commercial growers back when we scored their ribbons. (That is, not even by **Arnie Klehm** when we scored ribbons).

I still don't have the newbies sorted out for the contest with the contest but we'll get them identified in short order. In the meantime, want to add a cool 90+ points to your total score? It's easy! Just bring your favorite orchid to the next AOS Judging at the Garden. When it receives an FCC Award, I will add at least 90 points to your score. What could be easier?

### First Place Ribbons.....

#### Greenhouse:

Jack Coutt's

Miltonia Beall's Strawberry Joy

Joe Dixler

Paphiopedilum Angela

Lycaste aromatica

Campylocentrum burchellii

Cischweinfia pusilla

Paphiopedilum gratixianum

Tuberolabium escrittii(\*)

Stenocoryne aureofulva(\*)

Sophronitis acuensis

Calanthe flava(\*)

Mormodes tuxtlensis

Catasetum fimbriatum

Bulbophyllum monanthos(\*)

Dendrobium lawesii

Sue Golan

Coelogyne trinervis

Liparis condylobulbon

Odontoglossum constrictum(\*)

Sophia Harris

Aerangis hybrid

Phal. celebensis x lindenii alba

Leochilus oncioides

Phal. Spanish Dancer

Paph. Royal Wedding

Dendrobium lki

(Illegible) Star Sapphire

Bob Hoel

Epidendrum lechleri(\*)

Epidendrum radiatum

Bob Morrison

Haemaria discolor

Phragmipedium Sedenii

Laima Sahagian

Dendrobium Hilds Poxon

Phrag. Longifolium v. gracile

Rhyncostylis gigantea alba

Cleisostoma crochetii

Epid. Radicante-Stamfordianum

Carole Thompson

Ionopsis paniculata(\*)

Onc. cebolleta v. sprucei(\*\*)

Ornithocephalus inflexus

Maxillaria variabilis

Gomeza recurva

Leptotes unicolor Noel' cbr/aos

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(\*) if owner's identification is correct, these plants are species that are not recognized to be in cultivation through 1995. Such plants should

be brought or sent to AOS Judging to be considered for possible SBR awards. At the very least, we urge the owner(s) to submit such plants to the Orchid Identification Center for verification.

(\*\*) Likewise for varietal forms, for CHM consideration.

#### Lightstand:

Barb Bennett

Meiracyllium trinsanutum

x wendlandii

Cathy Bloome

Angraecum Leonis

Lc. Mini Purple

Kevin & Irma Dixler

Dendrobium hybrid

Paph. Primulinum x

Rothschildianum

Willy Losert

Phal. (Prince Puck x Neon Stripe)

Phal. Martha's Gem Malibu'

Phal. Be Glad'Erika' HCC/AOS

Leptotes unicolor

Aerangis rhodosticta

Schoenorchis fragrans

Neostylis Pinky

Phal. violacea

Dtps. Purple Gem

Phal. Culiangan

Diana Nielsen

Asconopsis Irene Dobkin York'

Cochleanthes discolor x

Pescatorea coronaria

Dendrobium Julieane Bull

Oncidium Twinkle

Potinara B eaufort Gold x

Sophronitis coccinea

Ken Vrabel

Paph. Wolterianum

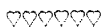
Norman Wolff

Cattleya aurantiaca

#### ----- Point Score Accumulations Thru December 31, 1997 GREENHOUSE:

F. Cogswell	10
J. Coutts	36
J. Dixler	1620
E. Gamson	21
S. Golan	409
S. Harris	1063

B. Hoel	31
M. Kuntz	34
A & B Lachnit	15
J & V Mestdag	11
B. Morrison	25
J. Mullen	16
D. Nieter	47
R. Peters	84
L. Sahagian	400
J. Spatzek	16
J. Stubbings	87
G. Steuben	5
C. Thompson	176
B. Wolf	195
W. Zielinski	121

**LIGHTSTAND:**

K. Aaron	1
B. Bennett	238
C. Bloome	31
O. Boor	1
D. Chemburkar	31
L. Cinert	29
M. Cornwell	42
S. Crawford	5
K. & I. Dixler	158
J & J Emmerich	1
R & J Hale	22
R. Halgren	75
C & J High	81
J. Hipkin	1
C. Kwiatkowski	15
E. Lador	2
W. Losert	322
S. Maloney	83
L. Meyer	11
B. Nelson	7
D. Nielsen	275
C. Papiewski	6
M. Ramsay	15
A. Ryndy	2
N. Schoo	17
L. Schordje	57
A & A Sellmer	5
L. Stanley	61
K. Vrabel	73
D. Wallace	10
C & R Welch	45
S. West	9
N. Wolff	30



# Happy Valentine's Day



Mark Your Calendars  
Hausermann's  
Annual Open  
House  
Thursday-Sunday  
February 26, 27, 28 &  
March 1  
8:00am-5:30pm



## Next IOS Board Meeting....

The next IOS Board of Directors meeting will be Monday, March 9, at 7:30pm at the home of Jim & Sophia Harris in Mettawa. All officers and directors should attend.



## The President's Message

BY ED GAMSON

A packed house was in

attendance at our January meeting to hear DR. AZHAR MUSTAFA of A & P ORCHIDS talk about his paphs and their breeding. Those eighty or ninety people were not disappointed in what they heard and saw. We had one great presentation.

And now to drastically change the subject.

Plans for our Spring Show are well under way. I spoke with Show Chair, SOPHIA HARRIS, shortly after our January meeting, and she reported that she had already received acceptances from about 25 exhibitors. We have also heard from several volunteers who have asked to help.

As you may remember from last month's Newsletter, set-up for this year's Spring Show will begin on Friday afternoon. This means that there will likely be a crunch in getting cars, trucks and vans unpacked and plants placed properly in their exhibit and sales areas.

Another possible complicating feature this year is the fact that there is no longer a parking lot near the exhibit. Exhibitors will have to unload and drive down to one of the main lots to park. You WILL NOT be able to park near the exhibit hall simply because there will be no lot in which to park.

For me, the last two paragraphs imply that we will need more people for the traffic committee on Friday for set-up and on Sunday for tear-down. We will also need more people to help with plant registration on Friday afternoon/Friday evening so that the plants can be entered for judging.

To the point on plant entries, a great deal of time can be saved if exhibitors fill out the entry tags before coming to the Garden. The exhibit and exhibitor numbers can easily be added once you are there. If you would like some entry tags prior to the Show please call me or Sophia. Similarly, plant name tags can usually be prepared before coming to the Garden.

"A Spring Celebration of Orchids"

March 13-15, 1998

**Registration Form For Sales and Display Space**

Note: This Spring Show will have a combination of floor space and table tops.

1. I would like to request display space.
- a. More than 50 square feet \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. 50 square feet maximum \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. 25 square feet maximum \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Cut Flower Display \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Table Top \_\_\_\_\_(some available)
  - f. Educational Display \_\_\_\_\_(indicate space needed & whether or not it is a table top)

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2. I would like to request orchid plant sales space(must have a display in the show of at least 25 sq.ft. and must follow the show schedule guidelines)
- a. 1/2 table(3'x3') \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. 1 table(3'x6') \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. 2 tables(3'x12') \_\_\_\_\_(may be L-shaped)
  - d. 3 tables(3'x18') \_\_\_\_\_(may be L-shaped)
  - e. Other \_\_\_\_\_(explain\_\_\_\_\_)

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3. I would like to request sales space for orchid-related items(must also have a display in the show which may be educational, but must be completely orchid related and follow show schedule guidelines).
- a. 1/2 table(3'x3') \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. 1 table(3'x6') \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. 2 tables(3'x12') \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Floor space \_\_\_\_\_(how much?\_\_\_\_\_)

4.

I would like to clerk at the judging on Saturday, March 14, at 7:00am.

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

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Ten percent(10%) of all sales will be collected by the Illinois Orchid Society and donated to the Chicago Botanic Garden. Please make your check payable to the Chicago Botanic Garden, and send it to my attention either at the show or immediately following. There is no charge to display and no table charge to sell.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone:( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Your Display Sign should read: \_\_\_\_\_

[PS.To speed registration, please request registration tags. I will be happy to send out the amount needed]

Mail to: Sophia Harris 27040 N. Meadowoods Lane Mettawa, IL 60048-9612

Phone: (847) 367-4770/6642 Fax: (847) 367-6642



**"A Spring Celebration of Orchids"  
Illinois Orchid Society's Annual Spring Show  
Sign-up Sheet for Volunteers**

If you would like to be part of the IOS Spring Show, March 13-15, 1998, Please use this form to indicate the time 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 to do.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>JOB</u>	
Fri. Mar.13	4:00pm-10:00pm	Plant Registration	_____
		Traffic	_____
		Worker Hospitality	_____
Sat. Mar.14	6:30am-7:00am	Judges Breakfast	_____
		Clerking	_____
	7:00am-10:00am	Security	_____
		Information	_____
		Raffle	_____
	9:00am-Noon	Worker Hospitality	_____
		Judges Luncheon at a	_____
		Nearby restaurant	_____
	Noon Luncheon	Security	_____
		Information	_____
		Raffle	_____
	Noon-3:00pm	Worker Hospitality	_____
		Security	_____
		Information	_____
	3:00pm-5:00pm	Raffle	_____
Worker Hospitality		_____	
Security		_____	
Sun. Mar.15	7:30am-9:00am	Information	_____
		Worker Hospitality	_____
	9:00am-Noon	Photography Host	_____
		Security	_____
		Information	_____
	Noon-3:00pm	Raffle	_____
		Worker Hospitality	_____
		Security	_____
	3:00pm-5:00pm	Information	_____
		Raffle	_____
		Worker Hospitality	_____
	5:00pm-7:30pm	Security	_____
		Information	_____
		Raffle	_____
			Tear-Down

We need your support to make our show work. If you decided you are going to be at the show at the last minute, please feel free to call me or let me know that you would like to help. Let's make this a team effort. Thanks, Sophia.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ -

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