

ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

James F. Spatzek, Editor

“Orchid Country Fair” at Klehm Growers--June 14th, 12:00 Noon

June Meeting

“Come Out to Our Country Fair”

With June busting out all over, it's time for a great day at an “Orchid Country Fair”. Come one, come all to **Klehm Growers** on June 14th at noon in Hampshire, to join in the fun. With no entry fee to this fairground, we strongly

encourage everyone to participate in the show. On the midway, tables will be set up to exhibit your non-live orchid related possessions. Bring anything with an orchid decorating it--jewelry, ceramics, clothing, postcards, stamps, society pins, antiques as old prints or books, etc. Those who contribute to our exposition will receive a prize.

Arnold Klehm will welcome all comers with food and refreshments and a complimentary orchid. You can choose from his huge selection of high quality plants to purchase as your souvenirs. This day will honor the IOS members who have displayed plants at shows and meetings, and also received AOS awards throughout the year to achieve the highest point counts in the greenhouse and the

light divisions. Since there will be no plant judging here, we hop you will show off your other prized orchid items instead. Our country fair may become an annual affair if you all come out and support it. Since it will be held withing the nursery, there will be no pesky insects or weather to bother us.

And while the birds and bees do it, for the main event, Arnie is planning to do it for us here! An orchid sex education demonstration will be held in his greenhouse, not the White House! He will show all aspects of plant propagation: techniques used for pollination, flasking, replating and removal of seedlings into compots. He can explain processes like meristems and mericlones. You have a great

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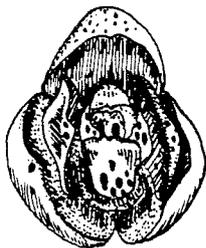
opportunity to see this process in a working laboratory. A discussion will follow of how he makes choices for hybridization, with your feedback encouraged. This is an exciting opportunity from a world-renowned hybridizer and breeder on the cutting edge of technology. His father gave him his first orchid at the age of 18 and in 1982, Klehm Growers opened for business. In 1985 Arnie became an accredited AOS judge and he is now a leader in the world orchid community. We are very fortunate to have him as our host for this great day with something special for everyone in attendance.

Joe Dixler



IOS WEB SITE:

<http://www.geocities.com/RainForest/Vines/1272>



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.**)

June 13, 1998--1:00PM
 July 11, 1998--1:30PM
 August 8, 1998--1:00PM
 September 12, 1998--1:00PM
 October 16, 1998--6:00PM
 November 14, 1998--1:00PM
 December 12, 1998--1:00PM
 January 9, 1999--1:30PM
 February 13, 1999--1:00PM
 March 13, 1999--1:00PM
 April 9, 1999--6:00PM



New Officers Elected!

Following is the list of officers elected at our May meeting. They will serve from July 1, 1998 through June 31, 1999 unless otherwise noted.

President--Ed Gamson
 1st Vice President--Joe Dixler
 2nd Vice President--Lois Cinert
 Treasurer--Linda Schubert
 Asst. Treasurer--Nancy Jean Schoo
 Secretary--Sue Golan
 Asst. Secretary--Jim Spatzek

Directors:
 2002 Anne Kotowski
 2002 Sherry Maloney

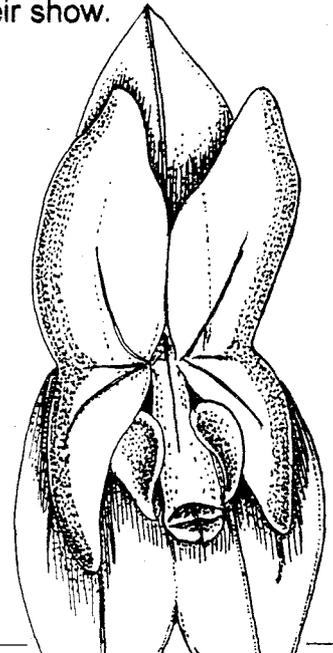
2001 John Stubbings
 2001 Rob Halgren
 2000 Remi Tesch
 2000 Ken Vrabel
 1999 Cathy Bloome
 1999 Joel Edwards

Congratulations to all! We look forward to your input and hard work.

Thanks, Lois, Rob, and Michelle!

Thanks for taking an IOS Exhibit to the Michiana Orchid Society Show in Bridgeman, Michigan. The Society appreciates your efforts on their behalf.

Having judged this show, it is a relatively small show--about 15-16 exhibits, staged by a great bunch of Michigan/Indiana orchids growers. It's always a pleasure to attend their show.



With Deepest Sympathy

One of our long-time members and former Assistant Treasurer, Jack Coutts, passed away last month. Jack & his wife, Blanche were always there to help--arranging programs for our annual shows and working behind the scenes. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his wife, Blanche, and son, Blayde.

Next IOS

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- 6/25-6/28/98 5th Annual International Phalaenopsis Alliance Symposium & Show, Miami, FL
- 8/9/98 Central Iowa Speaker's Day Des Moines, IA 11:00a.m.
- 9/8-9/15/98 6th Asia Pacific Orchid Conference Townsville, Queensland, Aust.
- 9/26-9/27/98 Wisconsin Orchid Society Show, The Domes, Milwaukee
- 10/16-10/18/98 IOS Fall Mini

- 10/24-10/25/98 Show, Chicago Botanic Garden Glencoe, IL
- Blackhawk Orchid Society Show Bloomgrend Gard. Rockford, IL
- 2/6/-2/7/99 Wisconsin Orchid Grower's Guild Show, Madison, WI
- 4/9-4/11/99 Illinois Orchid Society Annual Spring Show Glencoe, IL
- 4/23-5/2/99 World Orchid Congress, Convention Center, Vancouver, BC, Canada. E-mail: congress@venuewest.com. (Judging, Tues., April 27, 1999)
- 9/25/9/26/99 Wisconsin Orchid Society Show Mitchell Park Conservatory Milwaukee, WI
- 10/8/-10/10/99 Illinois Orchid Society Fall Mini Show, Glencoe, IL
- 4/4/6-4/9/00 European Orchid Congress, Copenhagen, Den.
- 9/6-9/10/00 Orchids 2000 4th New Zealand Expo Hamilton, NZ
- 10/5-10/8/00 4th Australasian Native Orchid Soc. Conference Melbourne, Aust.
- 10/10-10/15/00 15th Australian Orchid Conference & Show Burnie, Tasmania
- 2002 17th World Orchid Conference Shah Alam, Selangor, Malaysia

Answer-Quiz 15

The last quiz was, "What is pseudo pollen?"

Many orchids produce a powdery mass resembling pollen--pseudo pollen--for the attraction of pollinators. The pseudo pollen occurs on the labellum of various species of *Maxillaria*, *Eria*, *Polystachya* and others. In some species the pseudo pollen are detached papillae; in others they are disintegrated multicellular hairs filled with starch; and, in some they are oil-filled unicellular hairs. The pseudo-pollen usually have nutritive value, therefore, it attracts the pollinators and is collected by them. Since the pollen in most orchids has undergone evolution making it inedible to the pollinators, new mechanisms to attract the pollinators had to evolve side by side with this process. In some orchids, attracting pollinators is based on deceit. However, other species are "paying honestly" for this service--some with nectar and others with pseudo-pollen. Apparently, pseudo-pollen is "cheaper" to make than real pollen, and the pollinators probably do not know the difference.

Only 2 members submitted answers, Anne Kotowski and Lorraine Meyer, and both were exactly correct, which makes the chance of winning a gift certificate, 1 in 2.

The list of winners is very long; it will be printed probably every other month.

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Quiz #16

Who was Lewis Knudson and what was his contribution to

"Orchidology"?

This quiz is really easy. If you found the answer, send it to **Eric Ladorr**, 311 Albright Ct. Vernon Hills, IL 60061; or better yet, e-mail it to **eric.Lad@msn.com** (note the underscore in the e mail address), or fax to (847) 935-4994).

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Next Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Illinois Orchid Society Board of Directors will be at the home of president, Ed Gamson, on Monday, July 13, 1998.

All Board Members are expected to attend the first meeting of the new year. The 1998-99 budget will be presented for review.



A Novice Idea

by Nancy Jean Schoo

June 1st will begin a new judging year for the IOS. Each year points are accumulated from June 1st to May 31st for each member. Points are gained by entering a plant in our monthly judging or entering a plant in the IOS Shows and those shows sponsored by our

sister societies(double points for away shows!).

We enter plants in our monthly judging not to see who can bring the most plants, but to learn more about our plants. When entering a plant for judging, complete a plant tag with the genus, plant name, etc. If you need help in filling out the tag, please ask. Your name must be on the tag in order to give you credit for your award. Fold the portion with your name under to maintain anonymity.

One you have completed the plant tag, place the plant on the proper table--under lights, greenhouse, and the appropriate plant area. After judging, look at the other plants in your category and see how your plant stacks up to them. Does it have as many blooms, how is the color, what is the size of the bloom, etc. The only way for you to distinguish a quality plant is to learn and see what a quality plant looks like. Sometimes that is best done by seeing what a plant should NOT look like!

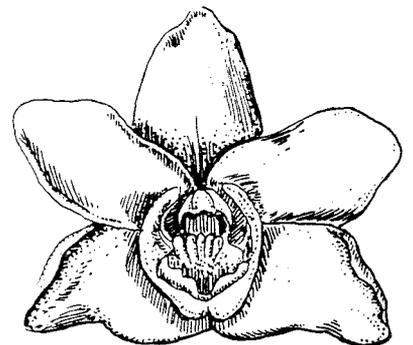
If you don't win a ribbon, take heart that you have won a point for the experience. Don't be offended if your plant doesn't win. After all,

this is a contest in which everyone wins because we still get to take home 'our prize plant' and enjoy its beauty.

I have included a handout of the monthly judging guidelines in this newsletter. Good Luck to all and keep learning. It will reflect on your growing ability and eventually be shown in your plants.

For those of you that were wondering, your plant must have a BLOOM on it in order to be entered!!!! (What's a bloom?) Those of us growing beautiful orchid foliage must wait for a new contest to be created!! I understand the Japanese will award plants based on their foliage. Odd, they have some on the most exquisite blooms. I think I have to join a new society.

Happy Growing!!!





The President's Message

by Ed Gamson

I'm sorry to have missed our last meeting but exceedingly pleasant family duties had to take precedence. Our daughter, Debra, graduated from college on the the Sunday of the meeting and our whole family went to participate.

From what I heard, the meeting went splendidly. Nancy Jean Schoo's workshop on shows and judging was great. I also would have enjoyed hearing Dr. Eric Christenson, and am sorry to have missed his presentation.

On a new matter, the Board is discussing an observation that the size of the Spring Show may be straining both the Garden and the ability of the attendees to support the number of vendors we have. We have begun discussing several issues in this regard such as (1) the possibility of limiting the number of vendors generally; (2) tying the amount of sales space more closely to exhibition space so that those providing minimal exhibits will not be able to

have a undue amount of sales space; and, (3) requesting a payment to the Garden on the order of \$150-200 per sales table in lieu of the 10 percent fee. I'm sure other ideas will also be raised, as will the idea that no change in procedure or size should be made. A committee has been appointed to look into this issue.

I would appreciate written comments on this issue that any of you--hobbyists & commercial members--may wish to provide on the topic. Please don't call me with your suggestions. If we have your coments in writing, it will be easier for us to distribute them to the members of the Board for discussion. I also want to emphasize that we are a long way from any change in procedure. I look forward to hearing from you.



IOS Monthly Plant Judging

(IOS Monthly Judging Guidelines)

Two Categories:

- ▶ Greenhouse
You must own a greenhouse, Boarding or

renting greenhouse space does not quality.

- ▶ Under lights or on a windowsill (non-greenhouse).

Your classification is determined by how you are growing orchids on December 31st of the year for the next year. There are no age limits to showing. All ages compete against one another.

Judges will judge plants on size, shape, number and color of blooms, and general condition of the plants. Awards are given by comparing the plant to other plants of the same species or hybrids as seen in the past. If there is no comparison the plant will be judged on its individual merit. Special awards will receive both a blue ribbon(10pts) and the apecial award(20pts.) For a total of 30 pts. The amount is double for a show--both ours and away shows.

IOS Monthly Judging

1st Place	Blue	10pts.
2ndPlace	Red	5 pts.
No Award		1 pt
Special Award		20 pts.
(Plant of the Month)		

Shows--IOS and Sister Societies

1stPlace	Blue	20 pts.
2ndPlace	Red	10 pts.
3rdPlace	White	5 pts.
No Award		2 pts.
Special Award Green		20 pts.
(Best of Class, etc.)		

Guidelines for Entering a Plant

1. Do NOT exhibit a plant that is infested with insects or showing signs of fungal, bacteria, or viral infection. Judges have the authority and will pull and disqualify any plant in question from the judging.
2. Remove any dead leaves and wipe the live leaves with a damp cloth to remove dust and dirt. Inflorescences may be staked to show off the bloom to their best advantage.
3. A plant registration tag for each plant submitted must be completed. The name portion should be folded under to maintain anonymity and placed under the pot or mount. Tags are set out on the show tables. If you need help, please ask!
4. Blooms should be a result of your own culture. That is, the blooms produced should be the result of your growing and caring for the plant and not from buds or blooms that were on the plant at the time of purchase. Generally it takes 6 months of ownership to have a plant bloom under your care.

If there were no blooms or buds on the plant at the time of purchase, and it spikes and blooms after 4 months, you may show the plant.

5. Plants may be re-entered at the next monthly meeting. Judges feel, however, that there should be a least one new bloom on the plant for subsequent showing although there is no hardfast rule against it. Remember you are trying to show the best plant you can grow--not use a plant to just accumulate points.

Points are added up for each person and accumulated from June 1st to May 31st. An awards brunch or similar affair, is held every year in which the highest point holders receive gift certificates. The judging is not to see who can bring the most plants with a bloom. The point of bringing a plant for judging is to see how your plant compares to similar plants. You will learn by submitting your plants for judging. Look at the others in your class and notice the structure of the bloom, the color profusion, size of the bloom, etc. In doing this, you will learn the most. You get 1 point for just bringing the plant!

AOS Plant Judging

Common awards and points base on a 100 point scale.

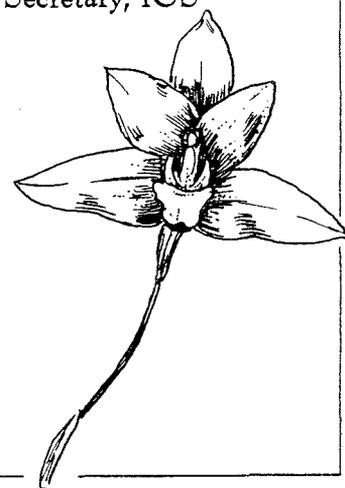
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AM	Award of Merite	80-89
HCC	Highly Commended	75-79
CHM	Certif.of Horticultural Merit	80-100
CCM	Certif.of Cultural Merit	80-100

Plant does not need to be owned for any length of time since the plant, not the grower, is awarded, except for the Certificate of Cultural Merit which is awarded to the grower.

There are time restriction to how a plant may be brought for awards. A plant may be shown only once per inflorescence or blooming season.

Judging are held monthly at regional centers. The Chicago Judging Center judging is generally held the second Saturday of the month at 1:00 PM. Check the judging schedule in the AOS periodical, Orchids, or our monthly newsletter.

Prepared May 1998
Nancy Jean Schoo
Secretary, IOS



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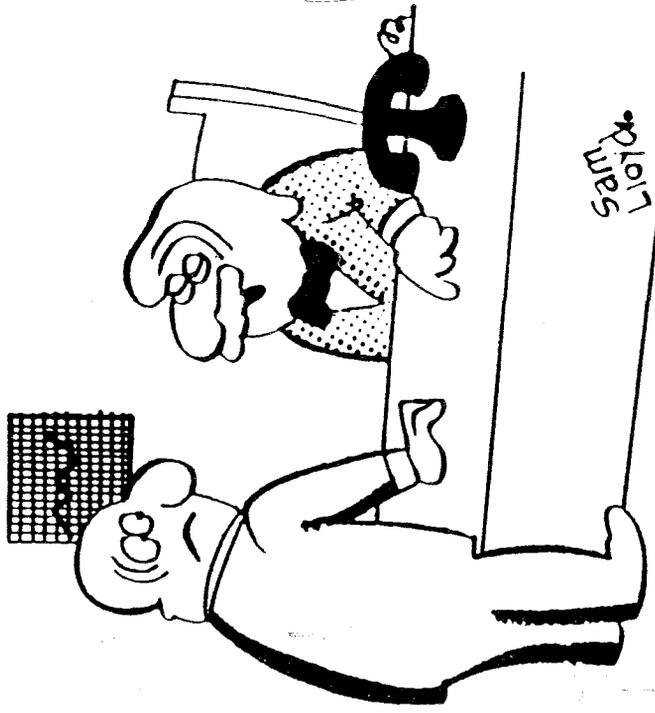


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"Slackley, I need your help ... I have to fire three salespeople; who do you suggest for the other two?"

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