

ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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**October 16-18, 1998 The IOS FALL
MINI SHOW--Volunteer and feel
you're a real part of the Society**

The Fall IOS Mini Show

The Fall Mini-Show is our party, and we throw it for ourselves! While there will be a few non-member guests, most of us at the party are US!! The Show this year is October 17 & 18 with set-up beginning Thursday at 4:00pm. This is not the big extravaganza of Spring but just a few good

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friends getting together to show off their home-grown orchids.

If you bring plants to any of the regular monthly meetings, bring your blooming plants to the Fall Show. It's not much different! Displays don't need to be complicated or ornate. A few orchids, a few green plants (your favorite ivy, or African Violet--out of bloom-- add lots of texture) and you are set to go. Call a friend and put your plants in one display together. This is easy. We want to show your plants to all your orchid friends. Please come; bring plants!

Also, please send along a bowl

of salad or a cake or cookies for our Judges' Dinner. This will be an easy sandwich and salad meal, and your home cooking will be the crowning touch. Please have your contribution at the Chicago Botanic Garden by 5:00 pm, Friday, October 16th.

Plant judging will begin at 6:30pm on Friday. The doors will be open to the public on Saturday and Sunday, from 9:00am until 5:00pm, with teardown on Sunday at 5pm.

See you there! Oh, by the way, please RSVP with the Volunteer Sheet, and let us know how you can help for two or three hours. This is

probably the most fun part of the Show--visiting with lots of friendly folks interested in, or just learning about orchids.

Lois Cinert



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.

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
 May 8, 1999--1:00PM
 June 12, 1999--1:00PM
 July 10, 1999--1:30PM
 August 14, 1999--1:00PM
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The President's Message

By Ed Gamson

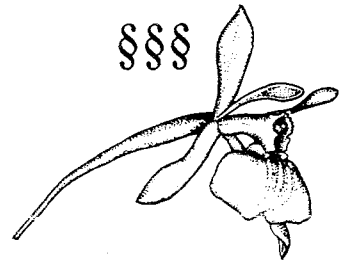
I'm sorry to have missed our September meeting and **Theresa Choi's** presentation on flower arranging and **Darrin Norton's** talk about cool and intermediate genera and species. I had to go on a business trip to Europe.

I want to remind everyone that our next get together will be our **Annual Fall Mini Show** at the Chicago Botanic Garden on October 16-18, 1998. As you will remember, this is a smaller show than our Spring Show in that we will have mostly table-top displays by members of our own Illinois Orchid Society. Orchid sales will all be coordinated through the IOS, with sale plants coming from the membership including several of our commercial growers. Last year's sale plants were fantastic; and, this year's plants should be no less.

We also need lots of help with this show, as usual. Please fill out the sign-up sheet in this newsletter and send it to **Lois Cinert** or **Nancy Jean Schoo**, if you haven't previously done so. Those wanting to help with

judging should contact **John Stubbings**. We are also looking for more help with hospitality--both for the Show and for our meetings. Contact **Betty Blank** if you can help even if it can only be for a short time or for one or two meetings a year. Thanks in advance for your help!

I look forward to seeing all three or four hundred of you during the Show. Come on over and say, "hello" if we haven't met.



IOS WEB SITE:

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

Appropos & Received from Maggie Kuntz:

Have You Noticed?

Some members keep their organization strong.
 While others join just to belong.
 Some dig right in,
 Some go along just for the ride.
 Some volunteer to do their share, while
 Some lie back and just don't bare.
 On meeting days, some always show, while there are those who never go.

Some always pay their dues ahead, some get behind for months instead.

Some do their best--some let things go.

Some never help their organization grow.

Some drag---some pull,

Some don't and some do.

Consider now---Which of these are you???????????

Author Unknown

Volunteer-Volunteer-Volunteer

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- 10/16-10/18/98 IOS Fall Mini Show, Chicago Botanic Garden Glencoe, IL
- 10/24-10/25/98 Blackhawk Orchid Society Show BloomgrenGard. Rockford, IL
- 11/14-11/15/98 Indiana Orchid Society Show Garfield Park Botanical Conservatory Indianapolis, IN.
- 1/29-1/31/99 Winter Carnival Orchid Show St. Paul, MN
- 2/6/-2/7/99 Wisconsin Orchid Grower's Guild Show, Madison, WI
- 2/20-2/22/99 Batavia Orchid Society Show, Charlestowne Mall St. Charles, IL
- 3/19-3/21/99 NEWOS Spring Show, Green Bay, Wisconsin

- 4/9-4/11/99 Illinois Orchid Society Annual Spring Show Glencoe, IL
- 4/23-5/2/99 World Orchid Congress, ConventionCenter, 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 Australlan Orchid Conference & Show Burnie, Tasmania
- 2002 17th World Orchid Conference Shah Alam, Selangor, Malaysia

Hillary & The Fortune Teller

During a recent publicity outing, Hellary sneaked off to visit a fortune teller of some local repute. In a dark and hazy room, peering into a crystal ball, the mystic delivered the grave news.

"There's no easy way to say this, so I'll just be blunt: Prepare yourself to be a widow. Your husband will die a violent and horrible death this year."

Visibly shaken, Hillary stared at the woman's lined face, then at a single flickering candle, then down at her hands. She took a few deep breaths to compose herself. She simply had to know. She met the fortune teller's gaze, steadied her voice, and asked her a questions.

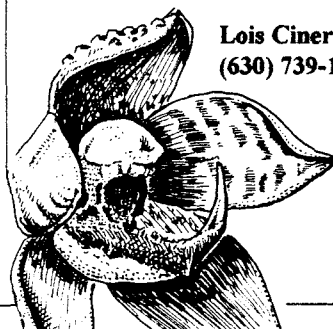
"Will I be acquitted?"



Away Shows

The Fall Away-Show season is started, and by the time you read this, Milwaukee and the Wisconsin Orchid Society Show will be in the record books, and our own show looming. Everyone always has plants that aren't quite ready for our show, and this year, just one week later, is the Blackhawk Orchid Society Show (Rockford, IL). Any shy flowers that don't make it to our show will be full and ready for Rockford.

Set-up is Friday, October 23, from 10am, with judging at 7pm. As usual, volunteers are needed to help with plant transportation, set-up and tear-down. It's only about 1 1/2 hours away. No experience is needed, but a great experience to add to your list of fun times. Please give me a call, or talk to me at our Fall Mini Show, about helping. We'd really appreciate it!



Lois Cinert
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MANY THANK ARE IN ORDER FOLLOWING THE SEPTEMBER IOS MEETING. THERESA CHOI OF SUN FLOWER GALLERY IN GLENVIEW WHO ENTERTAINED US WITH HER CHARMING PERSONALITY AND CREATIVE TALENT SHOWN DURING HER ORCHID ARRANGING DEMONSTRATION DESERVES A BIG "THANK YOU". SHE GENEROUSLY DONATED ALL THE CONTAINERS AND MATERIALS THAT WERE USED IN THE TEN ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WERE LATER AUCTIONED FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR TREASURY. HOPEFULLY HER ENTHUSIASM WILL ENDOURAGE SOME OF YOU TO MAKE AN ARRANGEMENT OF YOUR OWN FOR THE SPRING SHOW. SHE DIDN'T EVEN BRING HERE BUSINESS CARDS FOR DISTRIBUTION, AFTER I TOLD HER TO HAVE THEM. HER KINDNESS DESERVES OUR PATRONAGE. IF YOU WANT A TRULY OUTSTANDING FLOWER ARRANGEMENT, CALL HER AT 847-998-1430.

WE ALSO APPRECIATE OUR OWN AUCTIONEER, JIM SPATZEK, WHO ENTERTAINED US WITH HIS USUAL WITH WHILE MOTIVATING US TO

OUTBID EACH OTHER. EFG KINDLY DONATED THE CATTLEYS AND PHALAENOPSIS THAT WERE USED. WE WERE ABLE TO RAISE AN IMPRESSIVE AMOUNT OF MONEY AND HAND LOTS OF FUN DOING IT.

JOE DIXLER



A NOVICE IDEA

BY NANCY JEAN SCHOO

It is Fall! Or rather in the orchid growing world, the beginning of the winter season. Forget about the snow, wind, and cold. This is the time of year that our orchids are preparing to throw new shoots and set flower buds.

These are some general guidelines for assisting your plants in this change. Remember to consult specifics to your genera.

The cyclic pattern of most orchids starts with their growth time in the late spring and summer. New leaves, roots, and divisions will appear at this time. In the fall, the plant prepares for its resting time and will set a spike (phalaenopsis). Blooms will occur in winter making it possible for it to replicate if pollinated. If it is not, the bloom will wither and die and the plant repeats the growing

cycle again.

There are three events that influence your plant to throw a spike: decreased night temperatures, decreased nitrogen availability, and shortened daylight hours. Let's look at each of these.

A night temperature that is lower than previous, signals the plant to prepare for its rest period. If your plants are outside, watch the night temps. The majority of plants will enjoy a drop to around 50-60 degrees or slightly under. Usually 1-2 weeks is enough but be vigilant to monitor as temps can drop drastically in this period of time. **BE CAUTIOUS!** Avoid a frost!! Consult specific culture. For some plants a night temp of mid-sixties is all that is needed and tolerated. If your plants are inside, consider moving them to a basement or in a protected garage. I have also put some of my orchids in the basement window wells. That works great!

Nitrogen (the first number listed on your fertilizer) causes a plant to grow and flourish. It is what gives your plants that dark green appearance. The second number is the phosphorous which stimulates flowering. A decrease in nitrogen and a jolt of phosphorous will help to initiate flowering.

Look for the 'bloom booster' fertilizers. They are the ones with the lower first number and high second number. Remember, more fertilizer does not mean more flowers just more black tips and burning. Be nice to your

plants! If you grow indoors and your humidity is under 50%, you should use a little less fertilizer. 1/4 to 1/2 tsp. Per gallon is typical. Keep you air moving also.

Finally, a decrease in daylight hours will signal a rest period. If you are growing on windowsill, you needn't be concerned because this will naturally occur. You should watch for some 'gotchas' however. Move plants away from kitchen florescent lamps for a time. Most of my plants are in rooms in which we do not turn on the lights in the evening. I also had one plant that loved my window by my front door. It had no window covering. It also didn't bloom for 2 years until I moved it into an adjacent room. I thought the temperature might have been the culprit. After looking closer, I realized that it had a straight shot of the industrial sized street lamp in our front yard. Go figure! Those growing with lights will want to decrease their light hours. Remember to change your timers if your lights are preset.

Once you bring your plants back inside, your day and night temperatures are higher and your light may be a bit brighter if your are using lights. Theoretically the plant will 'wake up' begin it spike growth. Some can take weeks to show, others will surprise you and peek out quickly. Good Luck!

Happy Growing!



Report of the Awards Committee

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Here's the second report of the 1998-99 Contest Year. Included in the point totals are ribbons from the August meeting, held at Oak Hill Gardens, and

Walter Crawford

Cym.nagifolium 'Silas' CHM/AOS
(83 pts)

Cym.nagifolium 'Silas' CCM/AOS
(84 pts)

Joe Dixler

Paph. sangii 'Alien' HCC/AOS
(79 pts)

Macroclinium ramonensa
'Raindrops' CBR/AOS

We brought 54 plants (28 greenhouse, 26 lightstand) to the picnic at Oak Hill Gardens.

First Place Ribbons-Greenhouse

Sue Golan

Coelogyne sulphurea
Sphystylis escobarina
Neofinetia falcata

Maggie Kuntz

Malaxis latifolia
Macroclinium ramonense
Trichopilia marginata

Judy & Steve Lipson

Paph. Papa Rohl
Cynoches loddigesii
Catasetum tenebrosum
Paph. (druryi x lowii)

Laima Sahagian

Ornithophora radicans
Dend. Ise Pearl
Rodrigueziella gomezoides
Epid. rousseauae
Dend. Norma Jackson

Carole Thompson

Macroclinium xyphophora
Cattleya leopoldii alba

First Place Ribbons-Lightstand

Cathy Bloome

Habenaria radiata
Angraecum Longiscott

Robert Feliszak

Galeandra Mike Moses

David & Wendy Holtzman

Cattleytonia Why Not

Willy Losert

Encyclia tampensis
Phal. Penang Girl
Phal. violacea
Phal. equestris

Sherry Maloney

Oncidium Sharry Baby
Paph(Black Stallion x Star Beam)

Burrageara Stephan Isler

Claire Papiewski

Miltonia candida

Point Score Accumulations-thru
August 31, 1998

Greenhouse

Joe & Rosalie Dixler	129
Sue Golan	55
Maggie Kuntz	67
Steve & Judy Lipson	50
Jay Mullen	5
Paul & Lori Passine	30
Gerald Steuben	35
Lew Seidenberg	11
Carole Thompson	25

Lightstand

Cathy Bloome	47
Lois Cinert	5
Kevin & Irma Dixler	1
Robert Feliszak	10
Charles & Jane High	25
Willy Losert	87
Sherry Maloney	50
Diana Nielsen	36
Claire Papiewski	18
Nancy Jean Schoo	2
Art & Ann Sellmer	15
Nancy Spitz	7
Ken Vrabel	6

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NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Linda Schubert's
Monday, Nov.16, 1998--7:30PM