

Illinois Orchid Society Newsletter

Jim Spatzek, Editor

**A Happy & Prosperous New Year
To All!!! Join us January 10th for
our first meeting of the new year.**

January Meeting

The fireworks are beginning in the 199 firmament of the Illinois Orchid Society. We have been fortunate to book some of the best lecturers in the heavenly world of orchids for our programs in this last year of our millennium. The first speaker in this year's cosmos of bright stars is **Dennis D'Alessandro of Gypsy Glen Orchids** in Beaver, PA. He will highlight "Native Orchids of Ecuador and Bolivia" at our next meeting on Sunday, January 10th at the Botanic Garden. Dennis began growing orchids over 20 years ago and in 1977 moved to southern

Ecuador where he was curator of the orchid collection at Orquidearario Predesur, a botanical garden dedicated to the cultivations of the local native orchid species. Since then he has collected and catalogued more than 1000 specimens of Ecuador, where he maintains an orchid nursery in the town of Vilcabamba, and his nursery in Pennsylvania. To begin this years purchases with a bang, he will have rare and unusual Ecuadorian orchids for sale.

The astral chart points to 12:00 Noon for our meeting to begin in the multi-purpose room. Please have display and sales plants in alignment by 12:30pm. The lecture will follow in the Auditorium. Be an IOS star with your donations to the hospitality table. The committee will gladly accept any edible celestial offering as we do not want another black hole this month.

T continue to brighten up the day, Nancy Schoo will discuss growing

orchids under artificial lights. She has just made an extensive study of this subject for her own use and already gave us some of her ideas in her column in November's Newsletter. With a further expansion on this subject for our workshop, she will share her preferences and experiences with us.

Joe Dixler



The President's Message

by Ed Gamsen

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It was good to see so many of you at our Christmas Bash at **Orchids by Hausermann**. Our thanks to the Hausermanns for their hospitality in lending their time, space and drinks for our get together. Thanks also to **Dana Harrison** for his talk about selecting a plant to buy. I tried to follow his suggestions as I roamed through greenhouse after greenhouse selecting plants to buy.

I am sad to report the passing of our long time member and friend, **Maggie Kuntz**. Maggied passed away shortly after her surgery. We will miss her.

I wish you all a happy and healthy new year with lots of colorful blooms. See you next year when the new show season begins.



IOS WEB SITE:

<http://www.geocities.com/RainForest/Vines/1271>

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.

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
September 11, 1999--1:00PM
October 8, 1999--1:00PM
November 13, 1999--1:00PM
December 11, 1999--1:00PM



Membership

EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED THEIR MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS WITH THEIR NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO CHECK OUR CURRENT DIRECTORY AND CONFIRM THAT YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, ZIP AND AREA CODES ARE CORRECT. YOU MAY ALSO INCLUDE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS & FAX IF YOU DESIRE. MEMBERSHIP CARDS WILL BE SENT OUT WITH THIS NEWSLETTER. SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE

CONTACT NANCY JEAN SCHOO AT [630] 837-3153, OR E-MAIL: NANCYJEAN@EARTHLINK.NET

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- 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, 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

NEXT IOS BOARD MEETING:

The next IOS Board meeting will be held on Monday, January 11, 1999, at the Johnson Bank, on the corner of Green Bay Road and Scott Street in downtown Hubbard Woods. It's between Winnetka & Glencoe. Call Linda Schubert if you need directions. The meeting will begin at 7:30 pm.

In Memoriam...

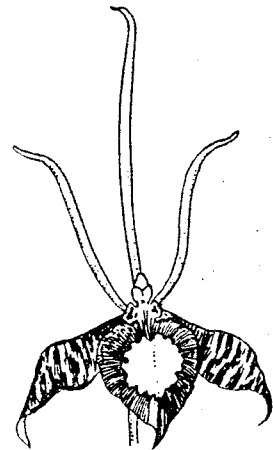
Sadly as reported in the President's Message, Maggie

Kuntz, a member of many years, passed away following surgery in mid-December. She loved her orchids and used to transport them each summer to her home in Michigan. Our deepest sympathy to her family.

Call Lois Cinert to volunteer to help with our away shows this year.

We believe the first away show we could attend is in Minneapolis/St. Paul the last weekend in January. It's Winter Carnival Weekend in the twin cities.

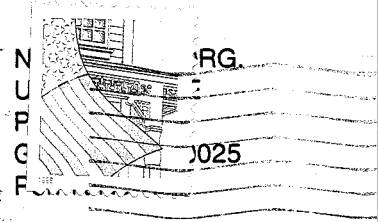
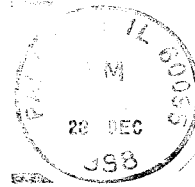
And the IOS will pay for your hotels, gas & tolls. Talk to Lois at (630) 739-1068 to see if she needs your help for this potential great get away weekend!!!!



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