

ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

JIM SPATZEK, EDITOR

It's Show Time! April 9-11 are the dates of the Illinois Orchid Society Annual Spring Show

1999 Spring Show

"A Spring Orchid Fantasy" is only a few days away. First I want to invite you to the biggest party we have each year--the Spring show. Even if you can't

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help out for a few hours, we want you to come to the Chicago Botanic Garden to see the show, and maybe stop to chat with the visiting growers, and maybe buy a plant or two. This is shaping up to be a really big show, and we want you to have the pleasure of seeing it.

Next is a plea for volunteer's--there is still time to let me know when you will have two or three hours to give a hand with...whatever it is you like to do. There's something for everyone. We need help from 4-7pm on Friday for the Judges's Dinner--not strenuous, just light housekeeping. We also need a few folks Sunday morning from 9am-1pm, to help with security

and information. We always need help with plant sales; and please also call **Jay Mullen** if you intend to see plants at the show. We have a large sales area, and lots of regular customers stop there first.

Please bring your best **salads and desserts** for the Judges'/Clerks Dinner, before 4:00pm on Friday. We never have enough and everyone seems to count on everyone else to bring a donation. Won't you help with your favorite dish this year?????? We'll also need a few goodies for over the weekend for snacks.

We want you to have fun at the Show, whether it's as a guest or

as a volunteer. We hope to see you there!!

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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.

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



Corrigenda

The correct information for the **Joseph W. Koss Memorial Award** is:

Phrag. Jason Fisher
"Velvet Fire"
FCC/AOS 91 pts.

Owned and show by Jerry Fisher of Orchids Ltd., Plymouth, Minnesota. The points were incorrectly reported last month.

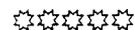


Report on the Madison Orchid Grower's Guild Show

When Lois Cinet asked me if I'd go up to set up the IOS Display at the Madison Show last month, I couldn't say, "No". Madison is a favorite town for me. I graduated from UW Madtown back in '78 and enjoy any excuse to go back and visit. The Show is a pretty large one, at the Dane County Expo Center, just off the Beltline Highway. Barb Bennett, myself, Sophia & Jim Harris, set up the display. I think we had over 100 plants in a 50 sq.ft. Display--57 plants came from Sophia alone--the rest provided by myself, Barb Bennett, Carole Thompson, Bob Wold, and Sue Golan. We did good in the ribbon sweepstakes. Tom Franczak will report the totals in his article. There were a lot of good plants. Of note was Sophia's Phrag. besseae flavum. It was particularly full-

formed. It should be an award winner when it gets more mature. Bob Wolf had a really neat Masd. Bella Donna--a first bloom seedling. It is a hybrid from Masd. datura--a species with huge white fragrant flowers. I'd like to see what it looks like in a few years when Bob gets it up to his usual specimen size. Carole and Sue had duelling Trichopilia Suavis's--a pretty member of the Oncidium tribe with pendant white flowers. You may know it from the photo in the AOS "How to Grow Orchids" handbook. You actually don't see it aroun much because it is a little tough to grow well. Odd that the AOS would put its photo in a book for beginners. There was a rare, tough to grown Oncidium cucullatum (also known as olivaceum) from Sue that I have never before seen in cultivation, and it did not even get a ribbon. Oh well, go figure! All in all it was a good show. If you ever go to the Madison Show, I can tell you where a great little Nepalese restaurant is on State Stret near campus. It's owned by friends of mine.

Leo Schordje



Calendar of Upcoming Events

- 4/9-4/11/99 Illinois Orchid Society Annual Spring Show
Glencoe, IL
- 4/17-4/18/99 Illowa Orchid Soc. Show; Bettendorf IA
- 4/24-4/25/99 Michiana Orchid Society Show
Cook Energy Information Center
Bridgeman, MI
- 4/23-5/2/99 World Orchid Congress,
Convention Center,
Vancouver, BC,
Canada. E-mail:
congress@venuewest.com.
(Judging, Tues.,
April 27, 1999
- 5/22-5/23/99 Mid-American Orchid Congress & Greater Lansing Orchid Soc. Show
Lansing, MI
- 9/25/9/26/99 Wisconsin Orchid Society Show & Mid American Orchid Congress
Mitchell Park Conservatory
Milwaukee, WI
- 10/8-10/10/99 Illinois Orchid Society Fall Mini Show, Glencoe, IL
- 10/22-10-24/99 Blackhawk Orchid Society Show ,
Rockford, 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



The President's Message.....

By
Ed Gamson

We had a triple header last Sunday and batted 3000. Cathy Bloome opened the day with a timely workshop presentation on setting up an orchid display. For those who have not been reading your IOS Newsletter for the last few months, our annual spring show, "A Spring Orchid Fantasy" will be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 10-11, 1999. As a consequence, Cathy's "how to" session provided a good primer for those who might want to set up their own display, or one day take responsibility for the IOS display. For the rest of us, the IOS will have a display. In either event, bring your plants in bloom and groomed with your name taped on the pot bottom by noon on Friday, April 9, 1999.

Our next two games featured the President of the American Orchid Society and Everglades Orchids, both in the guise of Milton Carpenter. Milton opened his remarks with several words about the AOS, and its difficulties with neighbors that led from what it thought would be its new home to having to go to a first and then a second location to find a permanent home.

More interesting to these ears and eyes were his words and slides about the warmth-tolerant *oncidinae* intergenerics he has been breeding and flowering. Your writer's personal collection has been going in the direction of these contrastingly colorful and floriferous plants, so I was particularly taken by his presentation.

Milton also brought many of his cloned plants for sale. He donated three for our raffle and donated the remainder at a reduced cost to the IOS so that those of you who missed his sale at the meeting can still bring home some of his cloned plants from the IOS sales table at "A Spring Orchid Fantasy" in April.

We will need more of you to help out and participate at that show. This issue has a sign-up sheet you can send to Lois Cinert. If you can't or won't send the sheet to Lois, call her to volunteer. It really is fun to work at a show--a different kind of fun, but fun nonetheless. See you there!



In Memoriam

The Illinois Orchid Society extends its deepest sympathy to members, Nancy Jean Schoo and Betty Blank on the loss of both their brother and their aunt in separate incidents.

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IOS Board Meeting

The next meeting of the officers and board of directors of the Illinois Orchid Society, Inc., will take place on Tuesday, May 11th, at 7:30pm, at the Johnson Bank of Green Bay Road, in Hubbard Woods, Illinois. All officers and directors are expected to be present. If you can not make it, please call president Ed Gamson.



Society Exhibit

The IOS Annual Spring Show is the best place to show off your plants in bloom. Don't keep those gorgeous blossoms to yourself. You've worked so hard to get them to bloom, waited patiently for the plant to mature, and the buds to develop. And now your plant is in perfect flower. Don't hide it! Show it off!

Bring your plants to the Garden on Thursday, April 8th, between 4-8pm, of Friday from 9am-12 Noon. Cathy Bloome will be arranging them into a typical, cohesive, award-winning IOS display. We have a large space; we

need lots of plants. We can't do it without yours!

Clean the leaves, check for pests, put your name on the pot. Register the plant—the folks at the registration table will help you. Sit back and anticipate your ribbon. Please remember to pick up your plant on Sunday at 5pm. Orphans will be given a good home!

If you have lots of plants—more than 8-10—there is still display space available for your individual or combined display. Bring a friend, some black cloth and a few green plants. 25 square feet isn't that big.

The only thing better than one orchid is a whole display full of them. Bring lots! We love them all!



A lady inserted an 'ad' in the classified section of the local paper: 'Husband wanted'. Next day she received a hundred letters. They all said the same thing: "You can have mine".



The Northeast Wisconsin Orchid Society Show.....

The IOS put up a display at the Green Bay Show. If you ever get the chance to go up and see it, it is a nice small scale show. **Jim Spatzek**

and **Sue Golan** set up the display, according to Sue in a record time—15 minutes to set up and 15 minutes to label and register everything. That exhibit received a second place ribbon. We only had 20 plants total but we racked up a total of 12 ribbons—6 of them first place. The first place plants were pretty impressive. **Chuck High's** Phrag. Longifolium was very nice. He (or is this one Jane's?) Also had a first on BLC Greenwich that perfumed my car the whole trip home. **Jane High** sent in a Dendrobium senile that I just loved. It had a dozen glossy yellow flowers on 4 or so wooly looking canes, and all in a pot small enough to fit in a coffee cup. It only got a second but that was because the Dendrobium competition was pretty tough at this show. The Highs sent 5 plants and got 5 ribbons. **Sue Golan's** Cymbidium Tommy had 2 inflorescences with 20+ flowers on each—a charming green petal with white lip hybrid. Her Dendrochilum bicallosum had at least 15 flowers spikes. I also really like Sur's Cymbidium Tom Thumb 'Calliope'—a green miniature with very full, round flowers. **Barb Bennett** got a first on a nice blooming of that white complex paph classic, Rosy Dawn. **Joel Edwards** got a first on a gorgeous blooming of the equitant Oncidium Midas. It was quite a nice show. I enjoyed seeing Lorraine Heyden and the rest of the Green Bay crowd. I am planning on making many of the shows on the 'circuit' next year. If you get a chance and want to help out, or just want to 'tag along', feel free to give me or **Lois Cinert** a call. Thanks.

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The Orchid Digest

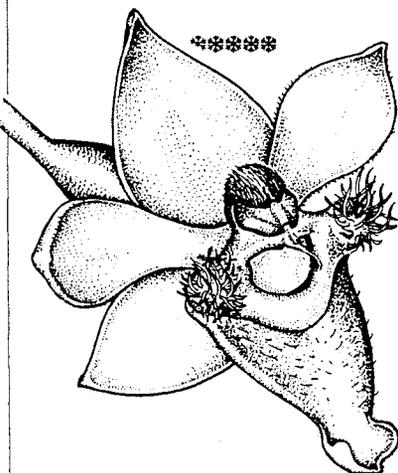
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You receive four (4) great colorful issues each year with articles on many different genera along with advertisements from selected growers (in a better proportion that the journal Orchids).

Specialty "Checklists" which are great informative reviews of particular genera are also part of the package. In early 1998, members received "An Annotated Checklist of the Genus *Phragmidipedium*" and "An Annotated Checklist of the Genus *Dracula*". Both are spectacular additions to anyone's orchid library.

Don't hesitate! Join today!



Report of the Awards Committee

Tom Franczak, Chairman

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Here's another report for the 1998-99 contest year. Included in the point totals are ribbons earned at the monthly meeting on a very cold day in January and AOS awards from the judging that month at the CBG, the same for the month of February, plus the results from the Madison and Batavia Shows.

Walter Crawford
Dend.violaceum 'Silas'
HCC/AOS (79pts)

Bill Rogerson
Cat. trianae semi-alba 'Okada'
HCC/AOS (77 pts)

Wally Zielinski
LC. Prism Palette 'Mischief'
AM/AOS (80 pts.)

While no Plant of the Month was selected at the January meeting, at the discretion of the judging teams, all plants that braved the frigid temperatures were awarded blue ribbons. Eight society members bundled up 25 plants and brought them along to cheer us up that day. Accordingly, I salute those folks rather than itemizing the plants: **Barb Bennett, Lois Cinert, Charles High, Wendy & David Holtzman, Anne Kotowski, John Stubbings, and Carole Thompson.** At the February meeting, **Steve Lipson's** *Batemannia colleyi* was

named Plant of the Month in the greenhouse category. No lightstand category plant was selected.

Ever since the back parking lot was converted into green space (I love the sentiment... but....), it has become very inconvenient to bring plants to the monthly meetings. So the contest will be settled by participation in the shows....and February began the spring show season. Expect stock market style swings in the standings for the next few months as show ribbons are tallied. If I were handicapping this year's contest, I'd put some early money on **Sophia Harris**, our most dependable show contributor and whose greenhouse seems always to be awash in hundreds of flowers. You read it here first.

A note about show ribbons....the wonderful people who put up and tear down the IOS exhibits (Lois, Barb, Leo et al) at the various shows provide me with a plant and ribbon count by member...*for those plants entered in the IOS exhibit.* If you put your plants in an exhibit of your own or in another society's exhibit or whatever, you must report your plant and ribbon count to me if you want competition points for them. Reporting only happens by magic if your

plants are in the IOS exhibit.

First Place Ribbons--Greenhouse

Bob Hoel	Phal. Ai Gold
	Phal. stuartiana
Steve&Judy Lipson	Laelia flava
	Asco. ampullaceum
	Baldwinara Everglades
	Odctdm. Eiske Stolze
	Batemannia colleyi
	Barkeria (illegible grex)
	Masd. towarensis
	Opsistylis Mem. Mary
	Nattress
Lew Seidenberg	Onc. Golden Sunset
	Bc. Maikai
	Brassavola cordata
Carole Thompson	Dend. compactumxsri- racha
	Onc. Loke Lani Paprika
	Paph. Winston Churchill
	X Eagle Peak
	Oerstedella centradenia
	Paph. Joanne's Wine
Bob Wolf	Dend. Superbum

First Place Ribbons-Lightstand

Barb Bennett	Lc. Mini Purple
	Masd. Copper Angel
	Phal. (Brother Lawrence
	x Dtps. Autumn Sun
Cathy Bloome	Tubaeceum Snow Gem
	Paph. Concolor
Ron & Joan Hale	Phal. amabilis
	Rhynchocentrum (Rhy.
	Coelesis x Asc.
	Ampullaceum
Charles&Jane High	Potinara Free Spirit
	Lockhartia (species)
	Phrag. Schroederiae
Wendy& Dave Holtzman	Odctdm. SusanKaufmann
Cheryl Kwiatkowski	Onc. Gower Ramsay
Willy Losert	Phal. Brother Sally Taylor
	Phal. Suzianna Wijento
	Phal. Spanish Rose X ?
	Phal. Be Glad "Erika"
	Phal. Culliancan
	Phal. Fortune Buddha x
	Brother Purple
	Phal. Hausermann's
	Candy x Ho's Fancy
	Leopard
Claire Papiewski	Phal. Carmela's Pixie
Dorothy Wallace	Paph. lowii

POINT SCORE ACCUMULATIONS THRU 2/28/99.... GREENHOUSE

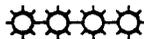
J & R Dixler	589
S. Golan	247
S. Harris	1186
B. Hoel	80]
M. Kuntz	67
S & J. Lipson	208

J & V Mestdagh	10
Jay Mullen	15
P & L Passine	30
W. Rogerson	77
S & R Rosenbacher	19
L. Sahagian	277
Lew Seidenberg	46
J. Stubbings	150
G. Steuben	193
C. Thompson	389
R. Wolf	198
M & W. Zielinski	211

LIGHTSTAND

Barb Bennett	292
Cathy Bloome	141
Lois Cinert	27
K & I Dixler	1
J. Edwards	38
J & J Emmerich	10
R. Feiszak(*)	10
Ed Fiedler	1
Tom Franczak	16
R & J Hale	41
C & J. High	306
W. & D. Holtzman (*)	114
Anne Kotowski	10
Cheryl Kwiatkowski	35
Willy Losert	401
Sherry Maloney	192
Morris Millman	11
Armon McPherson	46
Diana Nielsen	119
Dorothy Nieter	5
Claire Papiewski	50
Sherie Reddick	14
Nancy Jean Schoo	39
Leo Schordje	8
A & A Sellmer	41
N. Spitz	8
R. Stables	6
Ken Vrabel	16
Dorothy Wallace	10

(*) indicates new members for purposes of the 98/99 competition year.



At a cocktail party, one women said to another, "Aren't you wearing your wedding ring on the wrong finger?" The other replied, "Yes, I am , I married the wrong man."

Proposed Amendment to the IOS By-Laws

At the IOS board meeting on March 9, 1999, a motion was passed to amend the by-laws of the IOS to create a new officer position, that of 3rd Vice President. A position also to be known as the Away Show Chairman. As required by the IOS by-laws this is the publication of the amendment prior to the election at which it will be voted upon. The motion did not pass by unanimous votes, the motion passed with 11 votes in favor and 2 votes against. So, there are a couple of board members opposed to this amendment, so please read it and consider its implications. Then vote at the May meeting, when we hold our annual election of officers for the 1999/2000 Year.

The motion reads:

Motion to amend the by-laws of the Illinois Orchid Society, Inc., to create an elected officer position of 3rd Vice President. This position would be a voting officer position with a term of one year, with no limit to the number of terms a single individual may serve if duly elected to do so. The duties of the 3rd Vice President are to insure the IOS presence at out-of-town shows hosted by other orchid societies that are members of the Mid-America Orchid Congress. This position may also be referred to as the "Away Show Chairperson". The 3rd Vice President will be responsible for recruiting people to set up an IOS exhibit at the various away shows. The 3rd Vice President will respond to any correspondence required to register the IOS exhibit at these shows. The 3rd Vice President will also maintain the display props and accessories used in the traveling display.

Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet

The Annual Spring Show set-up starts Thursday, April 8, at 4:00PM. Teardown is Sunday, April 11, at 5:00PM. Please find an hour or two in between to help out. We need YOU!!! This is a guideline to help you find a job you would like to do.

Thursday, 4/8	4:00-8:00pm	Registration _____ Traffic _____
Friday, 4/9	9:00am-12:00pm	Traffic _____ Registration _____ Hospitality _____
	12:00-3:00pm	Traffic _____ Registration _____ Hospitality _____
	3:00-6:00pm	Traffic _____ Registration _____ Hospitality _____
	4:00-6:00pm	Judges' Supper _____
	6:30pm--??	Clerking _____
Saturday & Sunday, 4/10 & 4/11	7:30-9:00am	Photography Host _____
	9:00-12:00pm	Security _____
	12:00-3:00pm	Raffle _____
All Jobs, All Times Sat & Sunday	3:00-5:00pm	Hospitality _____ Information _____ Membership _____
Sunday, 4/11	5:00-7:30pm	Teardown _____

Your Name _____ Telephone# _____
(Please Print)

Return To: Lois Cinert
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(630) 739-1068

Or e-mail: Nancy Jean Schoo
nancyjean@earthlink.net
(630) 837-3153

April 9-11, 1999

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 Friday, April 9, At 6:30 pm.

YES _____ NO _____

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.

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: Lois Cinert 595 Sharon Way Bolingbrook, IL 60440

Phone: (630) 739-1068

Discussion:**Pro:**

The main benefit of this amendment is that it functionally splits the job of the 2nd Vice President, also known as the Show Chairman. Since the IOS went to two shows a year the job of Show Chair has been getting more and more time consuming. Because of the large time demands, it has gotten difficult to find people willing to fill the position. By splitting the function of the show chairman into two positions, one person for our two home shows and one person to handle our away shows, the two positions should be much more manageable. Most of our board members work full time. This amendment is an effort to keep the office jobs at a reasonable level of demand on time.

Con:

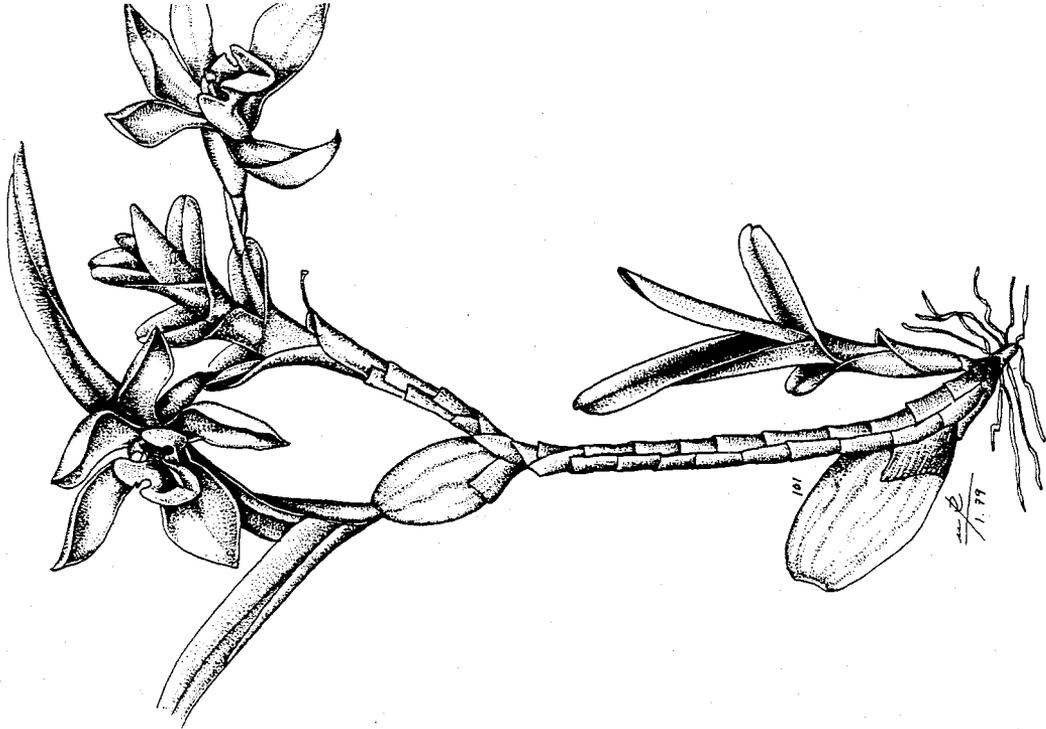
The 2nd Vice President has traditionally handled all show-related business. What is not said in the pro discussion is that **nobody** ever volunteers to take the away show exhibits. We have gone to fewer shows yet our 2nd Vice President has not been able to even get members to travel to shows we traditionally supported such as the Illowa Orchid Society Show in Davenport, IA., and the Peoria Orchid Society Show. By making a new position, the pros are hoping that the glamour of an elected position will encourage members to volunteer. What hasn't been said is that if you're elected, you're expected to cover all the away shows if you can't find volunteers. Shouldn't we been looking for members who'd just like to help instead of covering up the fact that we have no volunteers by creating a new position?

If you have any question feel free to call any board member listed on the first page of the IOS Membership Directory.

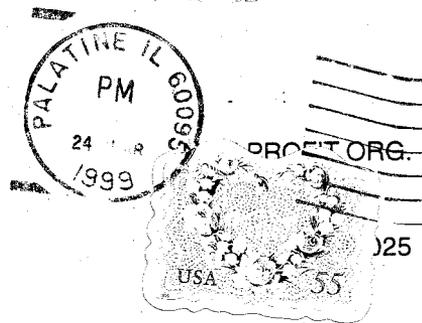
How do most men define marriage? A very expensive way to get your laundry done free!

Judges's Dinner.....

Remember that on Friday, April 9, our show will be judged. Part of our tradition is that the members provide a salad, appetizer, dessert, etc. for this dinner. The dinner is open to all judges, clerks, and show workers. But, we need YOUR help. Every year we count on the members and it seems most forget! How about making this a great dinner, and joining us to help by bringing your dish in as big a portion as you can to the Chicago Botanic Garden by 4-4:30 pm. on the 9th? Please help! We'll be forever grateful.



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