

ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Our Last Meeting of the Millenium December 12, 1999--Hausermann's

IOS Website

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www.iosoc.com



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December Meeting

It's almost time for a final Auld Lang Syne before the curtain descends on this century. Our last meeting of this millenium will be on **Sunday, December 12th** at **Orchids by Hausermann**. We end every year with this special members' party, but for this exceptional year's end, let's make it even more memorable.

Our featured performer will be **Dana Harrison** who will discuss "Plants for All Seasons." He will present suggestions of plants to include in your collection so you have orchids in bloom throughout the year. We all know the excitement of watching a spike form, and the anticipation of waiting for the opening of

each bud. If all your plants bloom at the same time, it's difficult to keep your enthusiasm at a high level the rest of the year. With the right plant selection, you can have a plant in flower for the display table at each meeting. By popular request for an encore, Hausermann's will again demonstrate the art of corsage making and supply us with the materials to make one. You may want to give it to someone special for the holidays. A repotting and a mounting demonstration will also be spotlighted.

Center stage is reserved for our feast. Hausermann's will once again generously supply the drinks but **each** of our members **must** bring food for this event.

Your entry ticket is an appetizer, casserole, main course, salad, dessert, or any holiday specialty that you enjoy making that will feed 12-15 people or more if you're so inclined. We especially enjoy ethnic and international contributions and would love to know the name and from where the dish originates. Copies of recipes can be exchanged if you include your name next to your contribution for a repeat performance. Guests are welcome, but but be sure to add another helping.

The scene is **Orchids by Hausermann** on Addison Road in Villa Park (North Avenue or Rte 64 & Addison Road, about a mile west of Rte. 83 and North Avenue (Phone: 630-543-6855). Their doors will be open at 11:00am and the show begins at Noon. There will be no member plant sales but do bring your plants for judging which will begin at 12:30pm. A standing ovation and curtain calls are reserved for winner of the Plant-of-the-Month. Lunch will be ready about 1:00pm with the program to follow. The last act in this scene is your purchase of orchids that will bloom year around in the next millenium from Hausermann's broad selection.

Joe Dixler



IOS Board Meetings

January 11, 2000
 March 14, 2000
 May 9, 2000
 July 11, 2000

All Board of Directors meeting are held --unless otherwise noted-- at the Johnson Bank on Green Bay Road, 2 blocks north of Tower Road in Hubbard Woods, IL at 7:30 pm. Please advise President Cinert if you cannot attend!



AmericanOrchid 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.

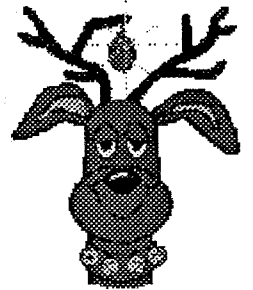
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 January 8, 2000--1:30PM
 February 12, 2000--1:00PM
 March 11, 2000--1:00PM
 April 8, 2000--7:00AM
 May 13, 2000--1:00PM
 June 10, 2000--1:00PM

July 8, 2000--1:30PM
 August 12, 2000--1:00PM
 September 9, 2000--1:00PM
 October 6, 2000--6:00PM
 November 11, 2000--1:00PM
 December 9, 2000--1:00PM



IOS Makes Gift

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY, INC., DURING THEIR NOVEMBER MEETING VOTED TO MAKE A DONATION OF \$500 TO THE BUILDING FUND OF THE AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY, INC., OF WHICH WE ARE AN AFFILIATED SOCIETY.



Upcoming Events in the Orchid World

1/28-1/30/00	Orchid Society of Minnesota Show Como Conservatory St. Paul, MN
2/5-2/6/00	Wisconsin Orchid Growers Guild Show, Madison, WI
3/18-3/19/00	Illowa Orchid Soc 24th SpringShow Bettendorf, IA
3/25-3/26/00	Central Iowa Orc. Society Show

- 4/8-4/9/00 Des Moines, IA
Illinois Orchid
Society Spring
Show, Glencoe
- 4/6-4/9/00 European Orchid
Congress,
openhagen,Den.
- 4/15-4/16/00 Mid America Orc
Congress
Livonia, MI
- 9/6-9/10/00 Orchids 2000
4th New Zealand
Expo
Hamilton, NZ
- 9/16-9/17/00 Mid.AmericaOrch
Cong. Muncie, IN
- 9/15-9/17/00 7th Chicagoland
Orchid Festival
- 10/6-10/8/00 IOS Fall Mini
Show, Glencoe
- 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
- 3/29-4/1/01 IOS Spring Show
Chicago Botanic
Garden, Glencoe
- 4/9-4/14/02 AOSSpring Trustees
Meeting & IOS
Spring Show, CBG
Glencoe, IL
- 10/18-10/26/02 17th World
Orchid
Conference
Shah Alam,
Selangor,
Malaysia



Culture Corner

BY

SUKI KROEBER

"REED STEM EPIDENDRUMS"

REED STEM EPIDENDRUMS ARE NATIVE TO TROPICAL AMERICAN. THEY ARE TERRESTRIAL, GROWING ALONG ROADSIDES OR OTHER EXPOSED OPEN

AREAS, ESPECIALLY ON STEEP, ROCKY SLOPES. WHERE ROADS ARE CUT THROUGH THE MOUNTAINS, EPIDENDRUMS FLOURISH, CREATING A RAINBOW OF COLORS. THEY LIKE FULL SUN, AND CAN FLOWER SEVERAL TIMES A YEAR. THEY ARE CALL REED-STEMS BECAUSE THEY PRODUCT UPRIGHT CANES WITH LEAVES ALONG TWO SIDES OF THE STEM AND THE FLOWER STEMS EMERGE FROM THE TOP OF THE PLANT.

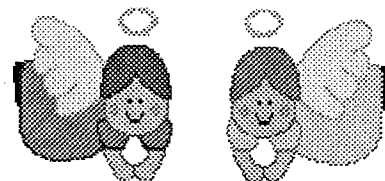
THE MOST COMON REED STEM EPIDENDRUM IS EPIDENDRUM IBAGUENSE WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY FOUND NEAR IBAGUE, COLUMBIA. THE PLANTS ARE ERECT, ROOTING AND FORMING NEW SHOOTS FROM THE BASE. THEY PRODUCE FLOWER CLUSTERS ON SLENDER, WAND-LIKE STEMS. THE FLOWER CLUSTERS CONTINUE TO PRODUCE FLOWERS OVER MANY WEEKS, AND WHEN THERE ARE NO MORE BUDS, A NEW CLUSTER MAY FORM ON THE SAME FLOWER STALK. EVENTUALLY MOST FLOWER STALKS WILL FORM SAMLL PLANTS, MAKING THESE PLANTS WONDERFULLY EASY TO PROPAGATE. THE FLOWERS ARE SMALL, ABOUT AN INCH ACROSS, BUT THERE ARE SO MANY THAT THEY ARE VERY SHOW. THE COLORS ARE TYPICALLY RED OR ORANGE BUT THERE ARE PINK, ROSE-PURPLE AND WHITE FORMS.

EPIDENDRUM CINNABARINUM IS FROM BRAZIL AND IS VERY SIMILAR TO IBAGUENSE BUT THE FLOWERS ARE LARGER AND LIKE IS DEEPLY FRINGER. COLORS ARE DEEP RED OR RED-ORANGE WITH A YELLOW LIKE. EPIDENDRUM RADICANS IS A SPRAWLING OR CREEPING PLANT WHICH ROOTS ALONG MOST OF THE STEM, AND USUALLY BRANCHES ABOVE THE BASE OF THE PLANT. THEY ARE RED OR ORANGE BUT PURE YELLOW OCCURS ALSO.

ALLOF THESE GROW AT LOW ELEVATIONS, INDICATING THAT THEY CAN TAKE A LOT OF HEAT. THEY CAN TAKE FULL SUN, SO CAN BE USED TO MAKE SHADE FOR OTHER ORCHIDS. THERE ARE MANY MORE SPECIES IN THIS GROUP, AND THERE ARE MANY CHARMING HYBRIDS. THEY ARE NOT FUSSY ABOUT POTTING MIX-ANY BARD BASED MIX WILL DO FINE. THEY LIKE HUMIDITY AND GOOD AIR MOVEMENT, AND THEY LIKE TO BECOME

SOMEWHAT DRY BETWEEN WATERINGS. THEY WILL FORM LARGE CLUMPS SOMEWHERE BETWEEN ONE AND THREE FEET TALL, DEPENDING ON PARENTAGE. SOME WITH RADICANS IN THE BACKGROUND WILL NEED TO BE STAKED AND TIED UPRIGHT AS THEY WILL TEND TO SPRAWL ALL OVER THE PLACE. MOST WILL PRODUCT KEIKIS WHICH CAN BE REMOVED AND POTTED UP ONCE THEY HAVE PRODUCED ROOTS.

REED STEM EPIDENDRUMS ARE EASY TO GROW, PROLIFIC BLOOMERS, AND WILL FILL YOUR GROWING AREA WITH SHOWS OF RED, ORANGE, PINK, WHITE, LAVENDER AND YELLOW FLOWERS THAT ARE LONG LASTING.



Peace

The Orchid Digest

The Orchid Digest is still only \$20 a year. This is a fine quarterly magazine for those who are serious about orchids with great color, outstanding articles, and features. To join, send your check to : The Orchid Digest, P.O. Box 1216, Redlands, CA 92373-0402. For Visa or Mastercard, provide the card number, expiration date,

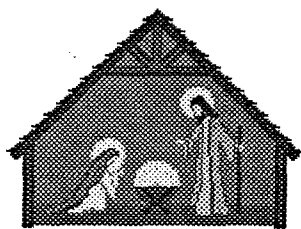
your phone number and signature. You'll really enjoy this magazine!



New Members

Tell Your Friends!

Tell your friends who grow orchids or want to grow orchids that an IOS Membership right now is a GREAT deal! When joining after September 1st, membership is good through the end of this year and through the end of the year 2000 also. **AND**, several Chicagoland Orchid Growers Association members care giving new members coupons for \$10 off their purchases. As a result, new members essentially get back their \$20 dues (\$25 for First Class mailing) and more when they use their coupons.

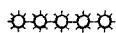


Dues Renewal Time!

You should have received a dues renewal envelope in the last and current newsletter. It

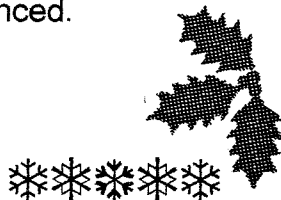
is already addressed to **Barb Bennett**. All you have to do is put a check in it and drop it in the mail or save postage and bring it with you to the December meeting at Hausermann's. Once you have renewed, you will receive your new membership card with your January 2000 newsletter. I mistakenly said it would come in this newsletter. Your membership card will arrive in a renewal envelope, so don't throw it away before checking for you membership card! Also, **please print your name in large bold letters**, to make it easier to read and say "hello" to each other.

Barb Bennett



Attention Beginners!

Would you enjoy getting together with other beginners and a few experienced growers to discuss orchid growing? The orchid discussion group will meet at **Barb Bennett's** house on December 7th, 7-9PM. Call Barb Bennett (847-948-8163) if you are interested! The next meeting will be January 18th at a location to be announced.



A Very Merry Christmas to All from the Board of the Illinois Orchid Society



The President's Message

by

Lois Cinert

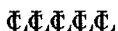
Wow! Another year is ending and we've really had an interesting year. We made it through two shows with attendance of over 8,000 guests. We've awarded plants at our shows and monthly meetings, with AOS awards for many of our members. We finally added an Away Show Chairman to our list of officers, and the cross-country journeys are going well. We are adding interesting and interested new members, and we hope

they will continue with us into the new year.

We've had adventures. Tall tales are emerging from the flowing waters at Klehm's. We had a most delightful picnic at Oak Hill Gardens, and are anticipating another Christmas Part at Hausermann's. Our speakers have entertained us, informed us, show us wonderful slides of exotic flowers and habitats, and brought us new things to grow.

The best thing is that we get to do it all again next year. We'd like to have you join us again in all the activities, shows, meetings, and parties that the IOS is planning for next year. They way to make it happen is to renew your membership with the envelope that was enclosed with the November newsletter or bring your check to Hausermann's in December. Your contribution will continue to support your newsletter, bring speakers to our monthly meetings, support the AOS Judging Center, aid the IOS favorite orchid charities, and keep you in the information flow on our website--a lot for \$20.

Hope you growing year is successful, and all your plants bloom to their full potential. Health and happiness in the New Year to you all!



A 60 year old man went to a doctor for a check-up. The doctor told him, "You're in terrific shape. There's nothing wrong with you. Why, you might live forever; you have the body of a 35 year old. By the way, how old was you father when he died?"

The 60 year old responded, "Did I say he was dead?" The doctor was surprised and asked, "How old is he and is he very active?"

The 60 year old responded, "Well, he's 82 years old and he still goes skiing three times a season and surfing three times a week during the summer."

The doctor couldn't believe it! So he said, "Well, how old was your grandfather when he died?"

The 60 year old responded again, "Did I say he was dead?"

The doctor was astonished. He said, " You mean to tell me you are 60 years old and both your father and your grandfather are alive? Is your grandfather very active?"

The 60 year old said, "He goes skiing at least once a season and surfing once a week during the summer. Not only that, " said the patient, "my grandfather is 106 years old, and next week he is

getting married again."

The doctor said, " At 106 years why on earth would you grandfather want to get married?"

His patient looked up at the doctor and said, "Did I say he wanted to?"



Speaker for the Year 2000

Jan 9	Sam Tsui Orchid Inn
Feb 27	Carson Whitlow
Mar 12	Rudolph Jenny
Apr 7-9	IOS Spring Show
May 7	???
June 4	Norito Hasagawa Paphanatics
July 9	Ned Nash
Aug 13	Oak Hill Picnic
Sept 17	Howard Ginsberg Bedford Orchids
Oct 6-8	IOS Fall Mini Show
Nov 12	Wojciech Kikunas
Dec 10	Hausermann's Holiday Party



Report of the Awards Committee

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Here's another report for the 1999-2000 contest year. Included in the point totals are results from the September meeting at the Garden, AOS monthly judging at the Garden, and ribbons earned at the Wisconsin Orchid Society Show at the Mitchell Park Domes.

Once again, it was the Bill and Joe show playing an unlimited engagement in Classroom 3 at the CBG.

Bill Rogerson
Laelia pumila coerulea 'Kathleen'
AM/AOS 81 pts.

Joe Dixler
Calanthe flava 'Butternut'
CBR/AOS
Catasetum pulchrum 'Satyre'
CHM/AOS 81 pts.

Bulb.membranifolium 'Imperial Crown'
CHM/AOS 81 pts.

And the judging center gets a Triplicate Patch.

We brought 43 plants to the meeting in September--40 lightstand grown and a token 3 that were greenhouse grown. **Barb Bennett** scored a rare double, taking Plant-of-the-Month honors for her *Masd. Urosalpinx* and being cited for a Cultural Award for her *Platystele stenostachys*.

From time to time for the past half year or more, I've been alluding to the loss of the back parking lot and the way the Garden personnel have been discouraging plant drop-off. I told you that this would effect our "show and tell" plant displays at our meetings and I recommended that you scale back on the number of plants you bring to the meetings that we hold at the Garden. I think it is time that we confront this issue and quite possibly reinvent our contest and adjust to the new order of things. I have a few thoughts on the matter and I'll organize them into an

article, hopefully in time for next month's newsletter. Feel free to communicate any strong feelings you may have on this matter. I'll bring my ideas and yours to the Board's attention in January.

FIRST PLACE RIBBONS

Greenhouse

John Stubbings *Onc.lanceanum*
Phal.Sensational Passion

Lightstand

Barb Bennett *Masd.urosalpinx*
Platystele stenostachys
Phal.Zuma Poem x
equestris
Masd.Misfit
Masd. Angel Tang
Phrag.besseae x pearcei
Paph. Susan Tucker
Ron & Joan Hale *Angm.White Emblem*
Rhy.coelestis x Asctm
amuplaceum
Charles & Jane High *Pleurothallis spp.(Parag)*
Paph.concolor hennisianum
Cheryl Kwiatkowski *Onc.Sharry Baby*
Willy Losert *Saccolabium henderson-*
ianum
Phal.violacea
Phal. Penang Girl
Sherry Maloney *Onc. Butterfly*
Diana Nielson *Dtps. Purple Gem*
Claire Papiewski *Galeandra batemanii*
Art & Ann Sellmer *Otaara Krull-Smith*



Point Score Accumulation

Thru September 30, 1999

LIGHTSTAND

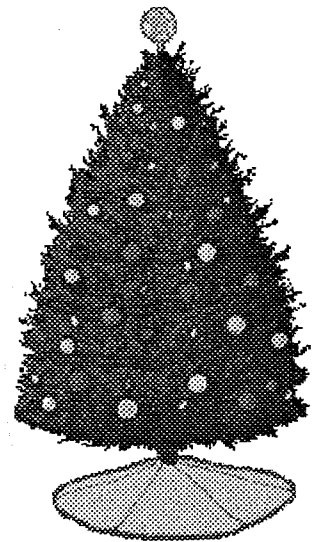
Barb Bennett	276
Cathy Bloome	28
Olga Boor	2
Lois Cinert	11
Ron & Joan Hale	24
Charles & Jane High	40
Wendy & Dave Holtzman	14
Cheryl Kwiatkowski	10
Willy Losert	52
Sherry Maloney	23
Bil Nelson	80
Diana Nielson	45
Claire Papiewski	21
Sherrie Reddick	10
Leo Schordje	6
Art & Ann Sellmer	15
Nancy Spitz	15

GREENHOUSE

Joe & Rosalie Dixler	845
Ed Gamson	20
Sue Golan	93
Sophia Harris	63
John Stubbings	25
Bob Wolf	36
Bill Rogerson	366
Marilee & Walt Zielinski	8



Happy New Year
Have a great 2000



News from the Net

By Barb Bennett

December's Internet site is Charles and Margaret Baker's site and is located at <http://www.teleport.com~cmbaker>. The Bakers' have authored two books on orchid species culture, so it should come as no surprise that their website is entitled Orchid Species Culture, which just about sums up its content.

The Bakers' website offers their books, a CD of "beautiful and interesting orchid species" and an orchid culture sheet service "Culture on Demand."

This is not as commercial as it sounds. There are 46 free orchid culture sheets that are samples that can be printed out by the hobbyist. They are very detailed, and include Culture Climate Tables (which I will get to in a moment). I printed out a sample, and was happy to see three full pages (single-spaced) of information, which included: other names of the species. (I am just starting to realize that many orchids have had or presently have other names in the past or present.); origin/habitat; a climate table; and cultural recommendations of light, temperature, water, fertilizer, rest period, growing media, plant size and type and hybridizing notes. A full page of other references was also included in the sample I printed out: *Rhynchostylis gigantea*. Apparently, *Rhynchostylis gigantea* is really, really fussy about its roots. They don't like stale air and are intolerant of repotting and low humidity. The

medium recommended included wooden baskets without potting medium or mounting on tree-fern or cork slabs with nothing extra provided at the roots. Watering should be daily when mounted and in hot, dry conditions, watering may be needed several times a day. However, since this is not possible for everyone, an open, fast-draining, medium of medium-to large-sized bark with equal amounts of charcoal, or charcoal alone, may produce successful culture.

There are 46 sample pages and it is worth a look to see if you have one of these species and take a look at the culture sheet. There are packages available for other culture sheets, called "Culture on Demand." Several packages are available, 10 for \$10, 22 for \$20, and 30 for \$25, which I personally consider a bargain. The information provided is very specific and helpful and I wish I had known about it before, especially for some plants (species and hybrids) that just don't seem to be doing as well as I think they should.

One of the links explains how to use Orchid Species Culture Climate Tables. You may have seen these in textbooks. The table's first row is N/HEMISPHERE and its last row is S/HEMISPHERE, with Jan-Dec headings on the top columns and July-June on the bottom row columns. So, if you are in the North

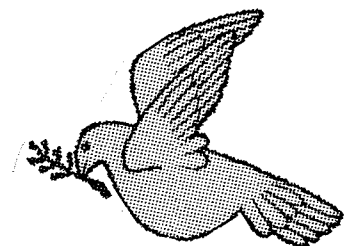
Hemisphere—North of the equator, where we are—you read down a column to find the average conditions for each month. Those in the Southern Hemisphere read the table columns from the bottom up. The information provided includes: average minimum and maximum temperature, with the daily range (diurnal range) between the high and low temperatures; inches of rainfall; humidity; bloom season; and the number of days clear (less than 1/3 of the sky covered in clouds).

The reason this information is so helpful is that when you know where and how a plant grows in its original habitat, you have information that may help you grow and bloom your orchids better. In case you didn't know, some plants are very picky about their culture!

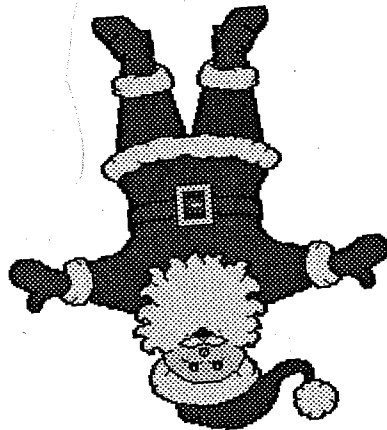
There is also a link that provides orchid pollination and seen germination information, which is useful if you are pollinating your orchids.

Happy Holidays everyone!! How did it get to be the end of the year, the decade, the century, the millennium ???! — Why did it take me so long to discover orchids? My New Year's wish for you all is that your orchids bloom sooner, larger, more numerous and more lovely than ever before!

Barb Bennett



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