

ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Jim Spatzek, Editor

June Meeting.....

Make a note that we're back to the Botanic Garden for our **June 4th** meeting but still not the usual time—it's the first week this month! **Norito Hasegawa** will speak about "**New Directions in Paphiopedilum Breeding**" in the Auditorium. This lecture was just presented at the American Orchid Society Trustee Meeting in Clearwater, Florida, and was one of the highlights of the conference. Dr. Hasegawa will discuss some of the spectacular new hybrids currently being produced by Paphanatics, unLtd., which he co-owns with Dr. Harold Koopowitz. While he is a practicing dentist and an AOS judge, he is a recognized expert on the breeding of Paphiopedilums and is a much sought after speaker at orchid conferences throughout the world. We are very lucky to have him with us.

Paphanatics unLimited breeds slipper orchids and has one of the most highly awarded collections of stud orchid plants in the country. They are innovators of fine paphiopedilums and novelty phalaenopsis. In the past 17 years this nursery has introduced Chinese and Vietnamese parvisepalum species, re-introduced Paph. Sanderianum, and brought Paph vinicolors to FCC status. There will be plants for sale, and you may pre0order plants by phoning at [714] 639-5124 or e-mail paph@pcmagic.net.

Our meeting will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room at 12:00 noon and you may bring n plants for sale.

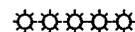
However there will be no plant judging this month, since this is the awards meeting. We are honoring

the illustrious IOS members who have earned the highest scores during the past year by displaying their plants at shows and meetings and by earning AOS awards for both greenhouse and under

lights categories. To celebrate the mid-point in this Millennium year, we must have a full hospitality table so there are no shadows cast by the coming summer solstice. Please bring you cakes, cookies, pies, etc., to make this month's social hour even brighter.

Our President, Lois Cinert will radiate her enthusiasm for this month's workshop. She will discuss how and when to safely give your orchids a dose of summer sunshine without getting sunstroke. She will also explain when it is best to bring them back indoors and how to avoid carrying any unwelcome critters into your home.

JOE DIXLER



Next Year's Meetings.....

We have just received the 2001 dates for our monthly

meetings at the Botanic Garden. Unfortunately They were not always able to give us the 2nd week of the month that we requested. **Please mark your calendars for next years dates now so you don't make other plans!**

Jan.7, Feb.25, April 29, May 20, June 24, July 8, Aug.12, Sept. 9, Nov.11, and Dec 9.

The Spring Show will be March 29-April 1, and the Fall Show Oct. 11-14, 2001.

Joe Dixler



American Orchid Society Judging ..

The judging of the American Orchid Society Chicago Judging Center are held monthly in the Linnaeus 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 3, 2000-1:00PM
 July 8, 2000-1:30PM
 August 12, 2000-1:00PM
 Sept 9, 2000-1:00PM*
 Oct. 6, 2000-6:00PM
 Nov.11, 2000-1:00PM
 Dec. 9, 2000-1:00PM



IOS Website:

www.iosoc.com



Future Board Meetings:

July 11, 2000

All Board of Directors meetings are currently held at the Private Bank on Green Bay Road, 2 blocks north of Tower Road in Hubbard Woods at 7:30pm. Please advise President Cinert if you are unable to attend.



New Officers Elected at the May Meeting...

The following officers and directors were elected/re-elected at the May meeting.

President-Lois Cinert
 1stVP-Joe Dixler
 2nd VP-Nancy Jean Schoo
 3rd VP-Leo Schordje
 Secretary-Sue Golan
 Ass't Sec.-Jim Spatzek
 Treasurer-John Stubbings
 Ass't Treasurer-Barb Bennett
 Past President-Ed Gamson
 For Directors (term expiration date show first):
 2001-Tom Franczak
 2001-Bob Wolf
 2002-Sherry Maloney
 2002-Anne Kotowski
 2003-Diane Nielsen
 2003-Steve Lipsom
 2004-Wendy Holtzman
 2004-Joel Edwards

Upcoming Events in the Orchid World.....

8/6/00	Central Iowa Speaker's Day & A O S Judging, Des Moines
9/8-9/10/00	8 th Chicago-land Orchid Grower's Festival
9/16-9/17/00	Mid-America Orchid Congress, Muncie, IN
9/23-9/24/00	Wisconsin Orchid Society Show, The Domes, Milwaukee, WI
10/6-10/8/00	IOS Fall Mini Show, Glencoe
10/27-10/28/00	Blackhawk Orchid Society Show, Klehm Botanic Garden, Rockford, IL
11/4-11/5/00	Batavia Orchid Society Show, Charlestown Mall, St. Charles, IL
3/24-3/25/01	Illowa Orchid Society Show, Bettendorf, IA
3/30-4/1/01	Illinois Orchid Society Spring Show
9/29-9/30/01	Wisconsin Orchid Society Show, Milwaukee.
10/13-10/14/01	IOS Fall Mini Show, Glencoe, IL





The President's Message

by
Lois Cinert

Special thanks to the Glencoe Park District for letting us use their facility on April 30th. It's a really nice place for a meeting and they were very gracious in helping us with extra equipment when we had to adlib our meeting. Oh, yes, adventure orchids continues. Thank also to Barb Bennett and Nancy Jean Schoo for providing our program when circumstances suddenly changed. In case you didn't know, our speaker's truck broke down in the middle of Indiana and he couldn't get here.

June should be more calm and normal. Norito Hasegawa will show us some great paphs, and sell some too! Be sure to come to the JUNE 4th meeting at the Chicago Botanic Garden.

Spring is different again this year providing challenges to those of us

who move outdoors. There is an article elsewhere about doing that.

Our Spring Show was a success. Thank you Nancy Jean Schoo for guiding us through another one. And thank to all the volunteers who gave their time and effort (yes, it is hard work!) To make it a success. Start planning now for the Big One in 2002. We will need all your efforts, ideas, and skills to make it a success.

Summer is also the time to rest from away shows. Grow up your plants for the fall blooming season, and plan to cause wonder and pleasure to all who will see them at all the away shows.

Happy Growing! Enjoy the Summer!



The 2000 Spring Show Best of Class & Other Awards

Class 1-4--Commerical Exhibits
Hoosier Orchid Company
Class 5-9--Orchid Societies Exh.
Wisconsin Orchid Society

Class 10-14--Amateur Exhibit
Joe & Rosalie Dixler
Class 15-22
Dialaelia Snowflake
Northeast Wisconsin O.S.
Class 23-32
Ble.Hausermann's Amy
Northeast Wisconsin O.S.
Class 33-33b
Paph braemii
Fox Valley Orchids
Class 34-43
Paph. Black Diamond
Joel Edwards
Class 44-44b
Phrag besseae
Fox Valley Orchids
Class 49-60
Asceda. 50th State Beauty
Wisconsin Orchid Society
Class 61-69
Phalaenopsis mannii alba
Orchids by Murphy
Class 70-77
Phal.[Sara Lee x Brother
Purple]
Joel Edwards
Class 78-84
Wilsonara Moondust
Orchids by Hausermann
Class 85-91
Oncidium sphalcelatum
Oak Hill Gardens
Class 92-102
Cymbidium madidum
Northeast Wisconsin O.S.
Class 103-109
Dendrobium thrysiflorum
Joel Edwards
Class 110-111
Masd.Angel Tang "Barbara"
Barb Bennett
Class 112-116
Neomorrea irrorata
Oak Hill Gardens
Class 117
Stenorrhynchus speciosa
Joe & Rosalie Dixler
Class 118
Leptotes bicolor
Carole Thompson
Class 119
Phrag W.R. Lee
Orchids by Murphy

Class 120

Coelogyne lawrenceanum
Leroy Peterson

Show Chairman's Award
Leptotes bicolor
Carole Thompson

President's Award
Phrag. W.R. Lee
Orchids by Murphy

Best Exhibit—IOS Member
Joe & Rosalie Dixler

Frank R. Kuper Memorial Award
Paph. Rothschildianum
'Orchid Inn'

Joe Koss Award
Coelogyne lawrenceanum
Leroy Peterson

AOS Show Trophy
Joe & Rosalie Dixler

Chicago Horticultural Society
Tricolor Ribbon
Coelogyne lawrenceanum
Leroy Peterson



Moving Outdoors

No spring is like any other and this one is trying really hard to be the most different of all. The challenges of growing your plants outdoors fall into the same categories as indoor growing, but the details are different. Light, water, insect control, feeding—it's the same requirements but with different executions.

Light from the sun is of course the perfect light for your orchids. But, direct sunlight will burn most orchid leaves,

especially when they are first brought outside. You don't need expensive shade cloth or a lath house to provide mitigated light. I start with 4 or 5 layers of cheese cloth (Jewel, \$1.99) and remove 1 or 2 layers over the course of about three weeks as the plants become used to the increased light. Keep the cloth above the leaves with bamboo stakes or open closet shelving. Scraps of lattice work well, also.

Rain is wonderful! Supplement as needed with the hose (if your outdoor water bypasses the water softener). The only problem with rain is if too much falls. One year I had mold growing on the surface of the media. Repotting everything at one time was not fun. If the deluge becomes too much, some plastic sheeting over the growing area will keep the plants drier. Be sure to support it adequately, and allow for drainage outlets.

Outside is a great place to feed stinky stuff like fish emulsion or manure tea. Both are great pick-me-ups for the plants, and not very welcome indoors. Your plants will be growing at a faster rate outdoors, and will require more food, either in frequency of feeding or at a concentration of food. Vary your foods if you're using commercially prepared fertilizers (Schultz, Peters, etc.). Try MirAcid. Don't forget SuperThrive or Aunt Eleanors' VF-11.

Bugs live outdoors. So do slugs, chipmunks and squirrels. Some of these eat

any plant they can find. Some like the bard. Some like to live in the nice snuggly media in the warm pots. We like them dead, or at least living far away. Raise your staging on bricks or cinder blocks. Both can be saturated with insecticide and their sharp edges will discourage some bugs. If you place the cinder blocks in plastic boxes, you can fill the boxes with water and create an almost insect-proof moat. Mine are 11x14x6 sweater boxes from WalMart—generic. Malathion will keep the flying stuff from landing and making a home. Diatomaceous earth or coarse sand on the ground around you bricks will work, too. It will need to be replaced as it washes away with rain or watering.

Nighttime temps of 60 degrees will let you put out the epidendrums, odontoglossums and crosses, some oncidiums, and miltonias. When it get to 65, the cattleyas and dendrobiums can start their vacation. Lots of folkd will argue about paphs and phals. Mine go out on a shaded fence for about six weeks in July and August. They like those days when people like to stay indoors in the air conditioning. Daytime temps over 90 degrees require additional shading and watering. Water early, and if you can, spray them lightly in the early afternoon to help cool them down but not n bright sunlight. Have an indoor-outdoor worklight handy for nighttime drops in temperature. Hand the light under the staging, and toss a light blanket over the plants overnight. Make sure the bulb

is not touching anything flammable. A few cool nights won't hurt the plants and there is a group that thinks that a sharp, short cool down will scare the plants into blooming.

Many of our member put their plants out. Most have visibly better growth outside. Like anything else, try different methods until you find what works best for you. Your year may be sunnier or shadier, and your feeding, watering and media may make a difference in how you grow outdoors. Please call if you have any questions. Orchids are a continuing adventure, and every thing we learn adds to our ability to grow them better.

Lois Cinert



Membership Directory.....

The 2002/2001 Member's Directory are be readied for the printer and will be available for pickup at the July and August meetings.



Problems with Newsletter??????

We are trying very hard to be sure that everyone received their newsletter in a timely fashion and without fail. So, PLEASE, if you have any problems now or in the future, give Barb Bennett a call

(8 4 7 - 9 4 8 - 8 1 6 3 o r bbennett@interaccess.com) to let here know. If we don't hear from you, we assume everything is fine. Also, please be sure that your mailing address on your newsletter is correct, including the zip+four code. If you know the additional four digits that go along with your zip code, and it is not appearing on your address label, please let Barb know by e-mail or phone. Also, if you are moving, please let us know. The post office does not forward the newsletter (unless you receive it first class mailing) and the society has to pay return postage.



Welcome To Our New Members.....

Please welcome the following new members of the Illinois Orchid Society:

Gracie Ablang-Marzan
Terry Bevirt
Debbie Block
Betsy Buckles
Patricia Cavalino
Jackie Coffey
Joan Davis
Suzanne Early
Anne Eden
JoAnne Foster
Connie Fox
Barbara Franke
Carol Garske
James & Kirsten Kranz
Joyce Garst
Margaret Gedman
Dennis Groothuis
Julie Hiebert
Patty Hughes
Sharon Johnson
Kristen Johnson
Donna Johnson

Bill Kathy
Jo Kirby
Elizabeth Kohaniuk
Lila Lang
Sarah Lin
Fred Madrid
Janice Mikol
Noori Mohamed
Donald Nekrosius
Sharon Nelson/Jeff Morris
Patricia Patrick
Krystn Penar
Eileen Plattetka
Alicia Prewitt
Marcia Ray
Bonnie Reid
Jack Robbins
Concepcion Santos
Ronald Scott
Christine Seltz
Louis Short
Anne-Marie St. Germaine
Jon Stillman
Cindy Stobb
Martin Taylor
Donna Weisman
Stan Wen
Evelyn Wiley



Upcoming Cultural Discussion Group Meetings & Topics:

The Orchid Discussion Group meets at times other than the regularly scheduled meetings and in members' homes. It tends to be a small group (less than 20) and is open to any IOS member who wishes to hear advice from expert growers on a particular topic of discussion. Any grower benefits from these meetings, but beginners will find them

especially helpful. A highlight of the meeting is "Plant Show & Tell" where members bring a plant that they are worried about or have a problem growing a & blooming. One or both of our experts (Cathy Bloome or Leo Schordje) then give us all the benefit of their years of experience growing and blooming orchids. Hosting members benefit from expert advice on their personal orchid growing set-up. Call (847) 946-8163 or email Barb Bennett (bbennett@interaccess.com) if you wish to be put on the notification list. The following is a tentative schedule. Always call to let the host know if you will be attending in case there is a change in the schedule.

June 13: 7-9 PM

Summering Orchids Outdoors; Repotting/potting soil/medium:

Hosts: Wendy & Dave Holtzman, 417 S. Clinton Ave., Oak Park, IL (312) 383-3524. Directions: 1) from East or West, take I-290 to Harlem Aven. Turn North on Harlem; after 3rd light (1/2 mile), turn right onto Washington Blvd. Go 4 blocks to Clinton, turn right to a large, old house, #417. Go around back to the deck where the orchids will be outside getting tan.

July 18

Pests & Diseases:

September—Grooming & showing plants/orchid show set-up

October—Fall Orchid Show Society Member's Tour;

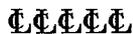
Viewing exhibits & plants

November—Getting your Phals to bloom in the Spring.



Greenhouse Planning

"Remember two things: #1 Almost everyone underestimates the greenhouse space they really need by about one half. So double the size of greenhouse you think you need. #2 Almost everyone underestimates the amount of time it takes to care for all the orchids they really want to own, so cut the size of the area you think you'll need by half. Hope this helps!



From the UNGER FAMILY:

CARROT CHILI SALSA

2lb. Baby Carrots, finely diced
 2 New Mexican Chilies, finely ground
 1 Pasilla Chili, 1 Guajillo Chili, 3 Standard Thai Chilies, 2 Japanese Chilies, 8 Peruvian Purple Chilies, 1/4 cup dried Sage, and 2 Tbs. Oregano, all finely ground and soaked in 4 TBS. Olive Oil and 2 Tbs. Dark Sesame Seed Oil
 8 Sun Dried Tomatoes,

finely ground & soaked in 8 TBS Rice Vinegar.
 6 Whole Cardamom Seeds, finely ground.
 2 Tsp Kosher Salt
 1Tbs. Cumin Seed, toasted & then finely ground
 1 Tbs. Rice Vinegar
 1 Tbs. Balsamic Vinegar
 1 Large Yellow Onion, thinly sliced.
 1 each Yellow & Red Bell Peppers, cut into small cubes
 20 oz, Plum Tomatoes, ground to a paste in a food processor
 2 Plum Tomatoes, small cubes
 1/3 cup Virgin Olive Oil
 1/3 cup Dark Sesame Seed Oil
 6 oz. Tomato Paste
 1 Cup Cilantro, finely diced.

Toss all ingredients in a large sealable container. Use as Salsa for most any occasion.



And you thought you knew everything....

- 1) Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
- 2) Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite
- 3) There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar
- 4) The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing
- 5) A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.
- 6) There are more chickens than people in the world.
- 7) Two-thirds of the world's eggplants are grown in New Jersey.
- 8) The longest one-syllable word in the English language is "screeched".

9) On a Canadian two dollar bill, the flag flying over the Parliament Building is an American Flag.

10) No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver or purple.

11) "Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt".

12) Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.

13) There are only four words in the English language that end in "ous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.

14) A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

15) A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.

16) It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.

17) The average person falls asleep in 7 minutes.

18) There are 336 dimples on a regulation golf ball.

19) "Stewardesses" is the longest word that is typed with only the left hand.

20) In England, the Speaker of the House is not allowed to speak.

21) In most advertisements, the time displayed on a watch is 10:10.

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News From the Net... Barb Bennett

Hello again! It has been a while since this column

in a newspaper, and I want to welcome all the new members who have recently joined the IOS. The purpose of this column is to lead you to orchid-related sites on the internet, and provide some cultural advise gleaned from various sites.

This months' website is the "Internet Orchid Photo Encyclopedia", hosted by Jay Pfahl, located at: <http://orchidspecies.com/> At last update (4/30/00) his website had photos of 2431 species in 384 genera. As you can surmise from its name it is comprised primarily of pictures (of orchid species), but there is more. Jay also provides synonyms, cultural needs (potting/humidity requirements) and a brief description of flowering habit. The average night temperature where the plant grows in nature is provided as: cold-50-55 F, warm-68-75 F; and hot-75-85F. Light requirements are also given as full shade, dappled or partial shade, bright/full light, and full sun. (However the foot candle measurements that go along with these designations are not given).

In addition to being a great place to visit the splendor of orchid species, this site might be useful if you find you have a plant that will not bloom for you. Many of us have tried to bloom a plant in vain for years, only to find that it needs to be growing

in a temperature or light at the opposite end of the spectrum from what we are giving it.!

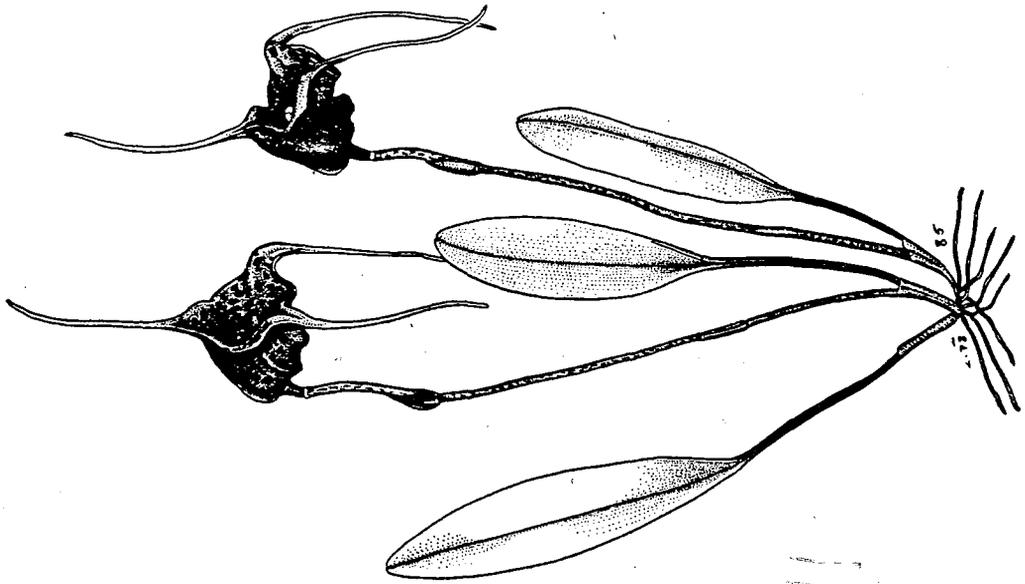
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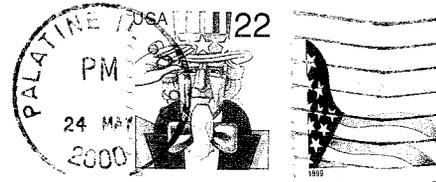
<http://www.cypridpedium.de/forum/index.html>

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