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Jim Spatzek, Editor



The President's Message by Lois Cinert

The dog days of summer are the time to kick back, put your feet up and watch the grass or orchids grow. And the best place to do that is **Oak Hill Gardens**. Long-time members really need to take the time to drive up and explore the greenhouses and enjoy the shady picnic area. It's quite a treat!

We missed you at the July meeting. And you missed hearing **Ned Nash**. It was refreshing to have a speaker who talks about the joy of growing orchids because it's fun and fulfilling. Sometimes we loose that fact in the race to breed bigger, better, more, and win the most awards. This

knowledgeable, personable speaker was another jewel in our long list of excellent speakers. You really ought to come to the meetings to hear some of them. Most orchid society members around the country never get to hear speakers of this quality. I know it was a nice weekend, and we have so few, but.....

Sometime soon we will again be asking you to volunteer. We are a great pool of energy and talent. We grow lots of great orchids in lots of different settings— windowsills, basements, spare rooms, greenhouse from lean-to's to high tech. We need to get this energy and ingenuity into action. The shows are our face to the world, and how they are produced and run is our only contact with the un-orchid public. The flower of the new millennium is the orchid. Watch the home articles in the Tribune Sunday, or the J.C.Penney Catalog. Lots of orchids are shown in the

pictures. We should take advantage of this popularity. We need YOUR help to make it happen.

See you at **Oak Hill Gardens !!!!**

P.S.

Please mark your calendars for next years meeting dates now so you don't make other plans! Here they are:

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.



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).

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

*This judging will be held at
EFG Orchids in
conjunction with the
Chicagoland Orchid
Growers Festival. Please
note!



IOS Website:

www.iosoc.com



The August Meeting.....

It's that time of year
again! We all
anticipate our Annual
Picnic at **Oak Hill
Gardens** with great
pleasure and
expectation. **Hermann
& Dorothy Pigors**
have again extended
an invitation to our
members on Sunday,
August 13th at noon.

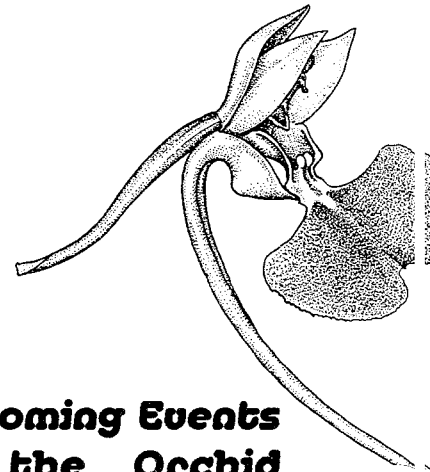
This day of relaxation
in the country is
always the highlight of
the year's programs.
The Pigors' will provide
dessert and drinks but
yo may want to bring
your own picnic lunch
to enjoy in this idyllic
setting. Since you can
park your car right on
the property, this is
the easiest time to
bring your plants for
judging. Have them in
place by 1:00pm for all
to admire.

The program will begin
at 2:00pm with
Hermann's discussion
of "Various Types of
Growing Media for
Specific Orchids."
There will be no
member's plant sale at
this meeting, as the
range of Hermann's
plants for sale will
supply everyone's
appetite.

Directions are easy:
Northwest Tollway (I-
90) to Randall Road;
take a right (north) on
Randall Road and go 2
½ miles to the second
traffic light which is
Binnie Road (be sure
you resume only the
accepted speed). Then
Left (west on Binnie)
until you see Oak Hill

Gardens, just across
from the golf course.
Or call 847-428-8500
for a recap from
Hermann or if you're
lost!!

Joe Dixler



Upcoming Events in the Orchid World.....

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|----------------|--|
| 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 Bo- tanic Garden, Rockford, IL |

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| 11/4-11/5/00 | Batavia Orchid Society Show, Charlestown Mall, St. Charles, IL |
| 2/3-2/4/00 | Orchid Quest 2001 Show Madison, WI |
| 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, Glen-coe, IL |



You Asked For It!!

October 14th, SATURDAY, is the date for our road trip that you requested from **Lois Cinert** at the July meeting. We have chartered a deluxe air-conditioned coach bus (with bathroom) to take us to the Frederik Meijer Botanic and Sculpture Garden in Grand Rapids, Michigan. We will have an indoor tour of their beautiful gardens, a narrated

tram tour of the sculpture garden including the famous Leonardo da Vinci Horse, and they will open their private orchid collection with **Paul Glimet**, a long-time orchidist, leading our group. Lunch will be included at Bill and Suzie Porter's state-of-the-art orchid nursery, with time to buy their latest new species and hybrids. We plant to leave at 7am and return about 6pm, **SATURDAY!**

There is limited seating available as we are only reserving one bus. It is first come, first serve, so get your \$30 per person check to Rosalie Dixler either at Oak Hill Gardens or by mail (see Membership Directory). If we do not have 30 participants signed up, we will cancel one month prior. So we ask that you sign up by the **Sept 9th** meeting and avoid disappointment. Members of the Chicago Botanic Garden will receive reciprocity and enter the Meijer Garden

Free. Bring your membership card with you or you will pay \$4 per person additional for admission. If anyone plays the guitar or other instrument, and can lead us in song or entertainment, we will offer your trip at no cost.

If you support this excursion, we will continue this program with another interesting trip next year. Perhaps a visit to Hoosier Orchids and Indianapolis! We have lots of ideas so let's have your support.

Joe Dixler



Merry Accounts of Marriage.....

1. Getting married is very much like going to a restaurant with friends. You order what you want, then when you see what the other person has, you wish you had ordered that.

2. After a quarrel, a husband said to his wife, "You know, I was a fool when I married you." She

when I married you." She replied, "Yes, dear, but I was in love, and didn't notice."

3. Marriage is the triumph of imagination over intelligence. Second marriage is the triumph of hope over experience.

4. First guy (proudly): "My wife's an angel!" Second guy: "Your're lucky, mine's still alive."

5. How do you scare a man? Sneak up behind him and start throwing rice!

6. A little boy asked his father, "daddy, how much does it cost to get married?" The father replied, "I don't know, I'm still paying!"

The AOS Judging Center.....

The Chicago Judging Center recently held its semi-annual meeting and regular monthly judging. Two student judges, Larry Sexton of the Batavia Orchid Society, and Bil Nelson of the Wisconsin Orchid Society were elevated to Probationary Judge status.

Also, two new student judges were accepted: Bob Lewis of the Wisconsin Orchid

Society, and Kathy Creger of the Minnesota Orchid Society.

Have more than a passing interest in orchids? You may be interested in some day becoming a judge. Come to some monthly judgments, usually the 2nd Saturday of each month at 1:00pm at the Chicago Botanic Garden. It's fun and educational to observe. Better yet if you have a plant that you think may have award potential, bring it along.



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THE MISSOURI BOTANIC GARDEN HAS JUST ISSUED THE NEXT INSTALLMENT, VOLUME XIX, IN THE CONTINUING SERIES BY CARLYLE LUER, ICONES PLEUROTHALLINARUM. THIS ONE'S ON MASDEVALLIA AND IS THE FIRST OF A PROJECTED TWO

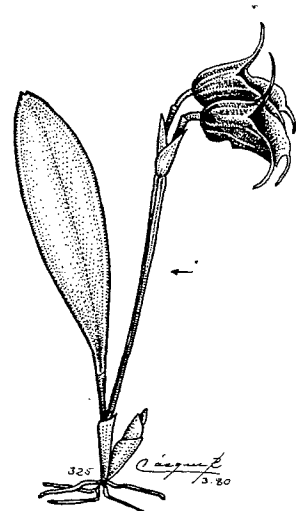
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JOIN THE AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY, YOU'LL LEARN A LOT AND ENJOY DOING IT!

AND WHILE YOU'RE AT IT IF YOU REALLY WANT TO GET INTO ORCHIDS, TRY THE ORCHID DIGEST, ANOTHER GREAT ORCHID MAGAZINE!

CHECK THE WEB FOR INFORMATION.



REPORT OF THE AWARDS COMMITTEE

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The winners of the 1999-2000 contest year were announced at the June 4th meeting. For those who could not attend, here are the contest results:

| Point Score Accumulations - Greenhouse | |
|---|------|
| Joe & Rosalie Dixler | 1944 |
| Carole Thompson | 615 |
| Sophia Harris | 470 |
| Bill Rogerson | 445 |
| Jay Mullen | 380 |

| Point Score Accumulations - Lightstand | |
|---|------|
| Barb Bennett | 1840 |
| Willy Losert | 590 |
| Joel Edwards | 398 |
| Sherry Maloney | 298 |
| Charles & Jane High | 288 |

In addition, the winner for the Greenhouse Newcomers contest was Anthony & Barbara Lachnit with 22 points. The winner for the Lightstand Newcomers contest was Rich Unger with 147 points. All of these winners received a gift certificate from Windsong Orchids so the rest of us have to get moving to beat them next year!

Here are the final scores for all participants of the 1999-2000 contest year:

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| Sue Golan | 345 |
| John Stubbings | 329 |
| Paul & Lori Passine | 326 |
| Bob Wolf | 255 |
| Otto Leupi | 199 |
| Laima Sahagian | 153 |
| Bob Hoel | 75 |
| Barry Lubin | 70 |
| Steve & Judy Lipson | 53 |
| Ed Gamson | 34 |
| Jim Spatzek | 33 |
| Anthony & Barbara Lachnit | 22 |
| Gerald Stueben | 20 |
| Lew Seidenberg | 15 |
| Marilee & Walter Zielinski | 8 |

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| Sherry Maloney | 298 |
| Charles & Jane High | 288 |
| Bil Nelson | 273 |
| Wendy & David Holtzman | 250 |
| Cathy Bloome | 243 |
| Diana Nielsen | 191 |
| Lois Cinert | 174 |
| Rich Unger (*) | 147 |
| Leo Schordje | 137 |
| Claire Papiewski | 82 |
| Tom Franczak | 61 |
| Ron & Joan Hale | 51 |
| Nancy Jean Schoo | 47 |
| Anne Kotowski | 42 |
| Nancy Spitz | 40 |
| Terry & Kathleen Partin | 36 |
| Morris Millman | 30 |
| Art & Ann Sellmer | 27 |
| Armon McPherson | 26 |
| Sherrie Reddick | 24 |
| James Hipkin | 16 |
| Kevin Swagel (*) | 15 |
| Brian Bryzinski | 12 |
| Ken Vrabel | 12 |
| Carolyn Johnson | 10 |
| Cheryl Kwiatkowski | 10 |
| Ralph Minnis | 10 |
| Dorothy Wallace | 6 |
| Ed Hoyas | 4 |
| Allen Morr | 4 |
| Olga Boor | 2 |
| Stan Wen | 2 |
| Janet Scanlon | 1 |

(*) Indicates new member for purposes of the 1999-2000 competition year.

Thanks to everyone who brought their plants to the various shows, AOS judgments and our monthly meetings. An orchid show would be pretty disappointing without a lot of gorgeous plants! In addition, checking out the variety of great plants on display at our monthly meetings has always been fun for me and I've learned a lot in the process. It's great to be able to examine so closely an unusual species or a beautifully flowered plant. So don't be shy about bringing in your favorite blooming plants for everyone to admire! The greenhouse table has been pretty sparse at our monthly meetings lately.

With the start of the new 2000-2001 contest underway, I thought this would be a good time to review the contest point system and rules.

How Points Are Earned:

1. At a Monthly Meeting

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| Special (Plant of the Month or Cultural) | 20 pts |
| Blue Ribbon (1 st place) | 10 pts |
| Red Ribbon (2 nd place) | 5 pts |
| No Ribbon | 1 pt |

Disqualification (bugs) 0 pts

Plants used in a workshop (hence, not judged) receive automatic Blue Ribbons and, if time permits, may be included in Plant of the Month deliberations.

2. At a Show (Home or Away)

Special (Best of Class, Best of Show, etc) 20 pts
Blue Ribbon (1st place) 20 pts
Red Ribbon (2nd place) 10 pts
White or Yellow Ribbon (3rd place) 5 pts
No Ribbon 2 pts
Disqualification (bugs or other) 0 pts

3. AOS Awards

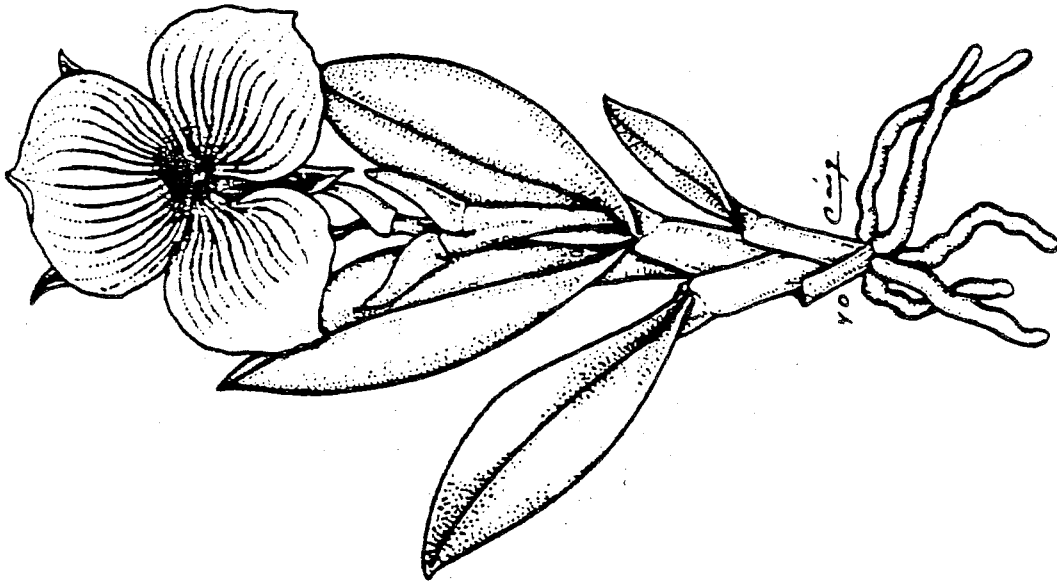
Pointed awards (points reported to you) Award point value
Pointed awards (points not reported to you) Minimum for award
(HCC=75, AM=80, FCC=90, CCM=80, CHM=80).
Non-pointed awards (JC, CBR, AD) 50 pts

General Rules:

- The contest year is June 1 through May 31.
- Points are granted only for flowers. Ribbons and awards for exhibits, artwork, educational exhibits, etc. do not earn points in our contest.
- National awards do not earn points because those awards frequently occur after the end of the contest year in which the plant was exhibited. Likewise, no points are given for winning the Joe Koss Award.
- We track (personally or through others) points earned at our monthly meetings, at IOS shows (whether plants are in the society's exhibit or in a personal exhibit), at away shows when plants are in the IOS exhibit, at monthly AOS judging held at the CBG, and AOS judging held at the Chicagoland Orchid Growers Festival.
NOTE: We have no way of tracking points earned at away shows for plants placed in exhibits other than the IOS exhibit. Therefore, persons wanting those points must report them to us for inclusion in the totals.
- A contestant is a greenhouse grower if he/she owned and was growing in a greenhouse as of December 31 of the contest year. Otherwise the contestant is in the lightstand division. A conservatory that is part of the house is considered a greenhouse; a sunroom is considered a windowsill.
- At the end of the year, the top 5 finishers in point score receive prizes at the June meeting. Additionally, the top newcomers in the lightstand and greenhouse divisions each win prizes. Occasionally a newcomer will actually finish among the top 5. In that case, he/she receives the award for that top 5 finish and a 6th place award is granted, the prize for which being the prize that would otherwise have gone to the newcomer. Alternatively, there may not have been an eligible newcomer in one or both of the divisions. In that case, a 6th place award is substituted for the newcomer's award.

Additional Rules for the New Person's Contest:

- Eligibility is for 2 full years plus the partial year in which the member joined. Eligibility is lost when the member's name appears in a third membership directory.
NOTE: If you think you are eligible, it's best to confirm with me that you are listed as a new person!
- Eligibility is lost when a member wins the new person's contest or achieves an even higher finish in the regular contest.
- The contestant must have a minimum of 20 points to win the contest and claim the prize.



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