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ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Jim Spatzek, Editor



The President's Message by Lois Cinert

Hope you weren't deterred by the threat of rain, and came to the picnic at **Oak Hill Gardens**, anyway. We had another perfect afternoon of orchid shopping and the warm hospitality of two generations of the Pigors & Butler family. Hermann's presentation was, as usual, informative and entertaining.

But Oak Hill marks the end of summer; our next meeting in September is back at the Chicago Botanic Garden. **Joe Dixler** has again produced an excellent lineup of speakers for our meetings with useful and informative workshops to help you grow better. Please try to find the

time to attend. You're missing a lot of good help for your plants, and a lot of good fellowship with the rest of the orchid-growing members.

Speaking of which, there is a road trip planned, as you requested, to **Porter's Orchids AND The Meijer Gardens**, in Michigan. This will be a great trip to two really great places. We need to know now if you are going to participate. More about this elsewhere in this newsletter.

There's still time to get your plants out for some cool fall weather. Some of them need a cool spell to set spikes. If you have a mature plant that hasn't bloomed yet, it may like to chill out a little.

Please take note of the pleas for display and volunteers for the Fall Show, A Tapestry of Orchids. This is our own little show just for us. It's a great place to show off your blooming plants,

even if you just have a few. Let us see how good you grow!!.

P.S.(once again)

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.

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



"A Tapestry of Orchids" ..

October 6,7, & 8th

The buzz is going around....our fall show is approaching. Come join in the fun and learn more about orchids, orchid judging, orchid shows, and meet some new friends. We are in need of volunteers to help at our fall show.

The show is table top only and is a smaller scale than our spring counterpart. Areas of help are as follows. Please complete the form

attached to this newsletter. If you cannot match the time blocks listed, write in your own. Questions may be directed to **Lois Cinert** (630) 739-1068.

Traffic Helping exhibitors to bring in their plants and get them to their display area.

Registration Assisting exhibitors in completing the plant tags needed for judging.

Hospitality Arranging the foods our members bring for the judges dinner or for during the day to feed our hungry volunteers.

Photography Host Watching over the exhibit hall while photographers take pictures. Plant and displays must not be touched.

Security Keeping an eye on the public as they enjoy our displays. People like to try and touch!

Raffle/Info This involves selling raffle tickets and dendrobium sprays. Also membership information is given out at this table.

Teardown Manning a broom or helping to collect chairs, hang table skirts, take down tables. You may also help exhibitors take their plants back to their cars and vans.

Clerking Assisting the judging team during the judging process. This may involve writing dates n ribbons, looking for certain plants in the next display,

keeping rack of where to go next. This is truly a great place for orchid enthusiasts to expand their learning. Join us for the judges dinner on Friday night prior to clerking.

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**THIS IS YOUR  
LAST CHANCE!  
YOU WANTED  
A FIELD TRIP  
WE DON'T  
HAVE ENOUGH  
PEOPLE YET!  
CALL LOIS  
CINERT NOW!!**

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Upcoming Events in the Orchid World.....

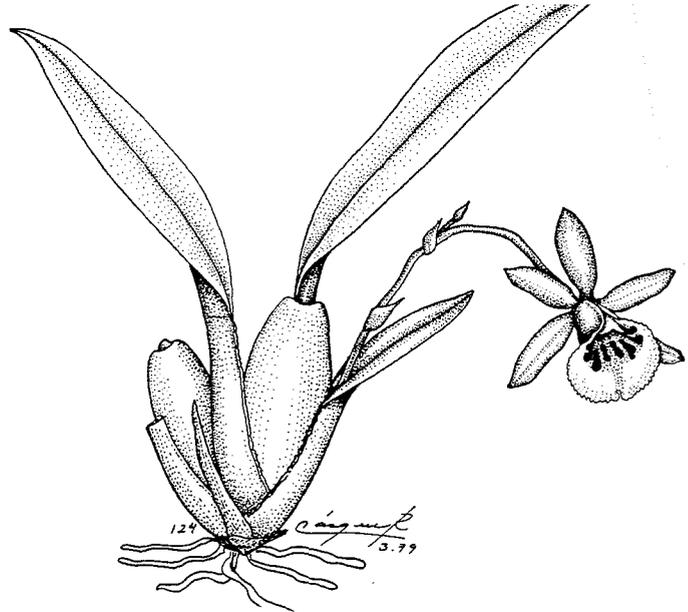
9/8-9/10/00	8 th Chicagoland Orchid Grower's Festival
9/16-9/17/00	Mid-America Orchid Congress, Muncie, IN
9/23-9/24/00	Wisconsin Orchid Society Show, The Domes, Milwaukee, WI

- 10/6-10/8/00 IOS Fall Mini Show, Glencoe
- 10/19-10/22/00 AOS Trustee's Meeting, Williamsburg, VA
- 0/27-10/28/00 Blackhawk Orchid Society Show, Klemm Botanic Garden, Rockford, IL
- 11/4-11/5/00 Batavia Orchid Society Show, Charlestown Mall, St. Charles, IL
- 1/27-1/28/01 Winter Carnival Show St. Paul, MN
- 2/3-2/4/01 Orchid Quest 2001 Show Madison, WI
- 3/3-3/4/01 Northeastern Wisconsin Orchid Society Show, Green Bay, WI
- 3/24-3/25/01 Illowa Orchid Society 26th Spring 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



In Memoriam

Sadly, we report the passing in July of Ginny Rich, wife of



member Al Rich. She was a fixture at our shows usually buying and/or selling plants.

On behalf of the officers, directors and members of the IOS we wish to express our sympathy to Al and his family.



Directory Correction....

Please make a note that the phone number for Fox Valley Orchids listed in the IOS Directory (page 11) is incorrect. The correct phone number is (630) 458-0636. Please change your directory accordingly.



New Members....

Please welcome the

following new members to the IOS.

Francesca Guinto, DDS, MD
Susan Murray &
Wade Chandler
Linda Kelso
Martha Olson
Sue Sauer



Display Your Orchids in Our Fall Show!!!!

Orchid season is once again upon us. Our plants are showing signs of their fall blooming. It is time to think about our Fall Show. This show is traditionally smaller than our Spring Show although the orchid tapestries are just as spectacular.

The Fall Show is a great time to try your hand at a display. These display are Table-Top Only. This means you only need to have a few orchids in bloom to put

together a small arrangement of plants to enter. Table displays may be a full table (6'x3') or just a half table. Some members join with one or two orchid friends to combine their plants to create a truly exquisite exhibit. Use your imagination. Orchids must be the only bloom included although you may add greenery, rocks, fountains, etc. to accentuate. Remember to bring your own extension cords, power strips, and back drop and cloths. Table skirts are provided. There is no charge to display and all awards are counted in our point contest. AOS judging will take place immediately after the ribbon judging on Friday night.

Complete the form included in this newsletter. Include the name of all exhibitors. If you cannot find a display partner, call **Lois Cinert** and she may pair you up with someone. Questions may be directed to Lois Cinert, (630) 739-10687.



Cultural Discussion Group.....

It's a Double Header!

This month we will be doing TWO Orchid Discussion Group Meetings.

September 20th

Tuesday, 7-9PM

Orchid Show Set-up

This will get us ready for our Fall Mini Show. Exhibits in the fall show are all on tabletops, a perfect time and place to bring your orchids for all to admire. Please bring at least one orchid plant in bloom to this meeting. If you have non in bloom, bring one that is not in bloom. We will discuss the nuts & bolts of how to bring plants to a show and use everyone's plants to put together a practice exhibit. We will meet at Barb Bennett's house, 10 Fairfax lane, Lincolnshire, IL. Directions: Fairfax is located East off Riverwoods Rd (Sanders Rd. North of Deerfield Rd become Riverwoods Rd), between Rte. 22 (Half Day Road) and Deerfield Rd.

September 30

Saturday, 1-3PM

Getting Your Phals to Bloom in the Spring.

Our host and expert Phalaenopsis grower will be John Stubbings, owner of Clown Alley Orchids. John will show us his greenhouse and give us tips on how to ensure that our Phals will bloom next year. You don't want to miss this meeting!

John's address is 2825 Weller Lane, Northbrook, IL. (847) 480-1532. Greenhouse: (847) 480-0643. Weller Lane is ½ block South of Walters and John's house is 2 houses West of Pfingsten. NOTE: Due to the time it would take to contact all potential attendees for these meetings, the only notification for the Cultural Groups Meetings is through the Newsletter. Reminders are also given at the monthly IOS meetings, but it will always be in the newsletter. SO plan in advance or decide at the last minute, but we will meet with whoever gets there. If you have questions or want to host a meeting, let Barb Bennett know. (847) 948-8163



THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

We are very excited that our next speaker, **Howard Ginsberg** of **Bedford Orchids**, will be leading a hands-on workshop on deflasking followed by his lecture, "**New Phalaenopsis Hybrids from Taiwan**". Our meeting will be on Sunday, September 17th at the Botanic Garden. We will meet in the Linnaeus Room at 12:00 noon. Please have display and sales plants ready for judging by 12:30pm.

We are especially fortunate the Howard has agreed to lead this very important workshop. He will demystify the art of deflasking with different techniques that

almost guarantee success. Many of you have been afraid to buy flasks and even experienced growers have had limited achievement. Now is your chance to become an expert. **Twenty volunteers** need to bring a basin or pt (12"x12" up to 18"x18") for soaking plants. A hint of fungicide (that I will provide) will be added to the water in your basin. He will supply 20 flasks and moss, with each of the flasks filling one community pot. The seedlings belong to Howard and can be purchased afterwards if desired, as this workshop is provided as an opportunity to learn about de-flasking. This is a chance to learn a difficult skill as well as to have a lot of fun—so don't forget your pot!

Howard began growing orchids in 1977 when he purchased a *Ludisia discolor*. He tried growing various kinds of orchids, but since he killed less phals, he continued on that track for over 20 years. The reds and yellows were particularly appealing to him, and he knew they were being bred most successfully in Taiwan. So, in 1994 he went there, but was not able to communicate as the growers he wanted to speak with did not speak English. Therefore on his return to Montreal, he began Mandarin lessons and continued studying for four years. He has returned to Taiwan almost every year since then, practicing his new language and confirming that the best phal hybrids are being bred there. In 1999, about 2/3 of all phals awarded by the AOS were from Taiwan. Bedford Orchids was born because the minimum order of

flasks he could purchase was 120! He sells off the surplus plants and flasks from the very special yellows and reds that he has personally brought back. Howard is an accredited AOS judge (the only accredited judge north of Albany, NY and east of Toronto!) He has been a featured speaker at AOS Trustees meetings and has written articles for the Orchid Digest, the IPA Newsletter, and the AOS bulletin now call Orchids. And he also finds time for his law practice. How is that for determination—he is unique even among the most committed orchid growers!

For those who want to see his unusual crosses, check out his website at <http://www.bedfordorchids.com> You may also want to visit a section call Deflasking Demystified on the site. He will have flasks and plants to purchase at the meeting. A number of them are from Broth Orchid Nursery in Taiwan, whose plants and hybrids have achieved over 100 AOS awards. The nursery has been in the forefront of Taiwanese breeding, and has received at least 8 Awards of Quality there. Their famous Phalaenopsis, Brother Purple, has revolutionized red phalaenopsis breeding, ensuring high quality and an end to low fertility.

Remember to bring something for the hospitality table—our hunger will be aroused by the energy exerted by our volunteers for

the workshop, as well as those listening and absorbing the lecture. Don't wait for others to bring food for you. It is your turn this time!

Joe Dixler



PLEASE FEED THE VOLUNTEERS!!

We are in need of food! The IOS Fall Show is coming up and it is customary to meet the nutritional needs of our volunteers.

The Judges Dinner is held on Friday, October 6th at 5:30pm. We will need your creative fruit, veggie, or pasta salads to supplement our main dish. Also needed are those yummy desserts that your family craves. Leftovers from Friday will be served throughout the weekend so make a double recipe! Please label your containers so that we may return them.

Food may be brought to the Gardens on Friday, October 6th from 9:00am-4:00pm. Thank you to all those that can

help us with this!

Speaking of food!

WE ARE ALSO IN NEED OF SOME VOLUNTEERS THAT CAN ASSIST US WITH SETTING UP THE JUDGES DINNER. THIS INVOLVES MAKING SURE ALL THE SALADS ARE OUT OF THE COOLER AND ON THE TABLE AND CHECKING THE COFFEE POT. PLEASE CALL LOIS CINERT, (630) 739-1068 TO LET US KNOW THAT YOU'RE WILLING TO HELP.

THANKS!

NANCY JEAN SCHOO



It's up to you to make it happen!!!!

Our Saturday, October 14th Orchid Outing is almost upon us. The deadline for receiving reservations and checks is 30 days prior or September 14th (before our next meeting). We need at least 8 more of you to sign up, as we must cover expenses for it to happen. I have been to the **Meijer Botanic Gardens** in Grand Rapids about two years ago, and visited the private orchid area the **Paul Glimet** will be showing us. I enjoyed it so much that when you asked for an excursion at the July

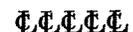
meeting, I immediately thought this was the one you should see first. And the Leonardo da Vinci Horse wasn't even there two years ago! People have said the trip was worth it if only to see that sculpture.

This beautiful Botanic Garden was recently built with the Meijer Department Store money supporting it, and Mrs. Meijer, an orchid enthusiast, encouraging the display of orchids. We will have our own tour of the facility and an additional private guided shuttle tour of the many sculptures in their outdoor gardens. **Porter's Orchid Nursery** near Lansing is hosting lunch for us at their greenhouse. Those who have bought their plants have all said how well they have grown. And their newly built greenhouse is very special. This is a great way to meet other IOS members, support the IOS, and have a memorable day. Don't miss it!

We have chartered a deluxe coach bus (with bathroom and air conditioning) and will depart at 7am from the Oakbrook Shopping Center, conveniently located at I-88, 294 and 290. We plan to return about 6pm. So mail your checks today for \$30 per person made out to the

IOS to **Lois Cinert** as Rosalie Dixler will be out of town for two weeks. Members of the Chicago Botanic Garden will receive reciprocity and enter the Meijer Garden free. Bring you 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.

Joe Dixler



Note: You requested a trip at the meeting. If this one is not supported, there will not be another one!!!!!!



AWAY SHOWS.....

It is time for the **IOS Traveling Road Show** to leave its summer quarters and hit the road, all fresh and rested for another season of orchid displays across the midwest. Last year was a huge success thanks to everybody's help. We really appreciate the plants you loaned us for the displays.

The first show coming up is a big one, the **Fall Mid**

America Orchid Congress in Muncie, Indiana.**

The show is 9/15 through 9/17. I am going down to Muncie on Thursday morning 9/14. **Plant drop off will be 9/12 & 9/13** (that is Tuesday and Wednesday) at either **Sherry Maloney's in Northbrook (847) 498-0249** or at **Lois Cinert's in Bolingbrook (630) 739-1068**. If you could drop your plants off by Wednesday evening 9/13 that would be greatly appreciated. We are committed for a 25 square foot exhibit so we will need at least 40 or so plants. If you would like to see the show and would consider bringing plants down Thursday or back on Sunday, please give me a call, **Leo Schordje (847) 746-9355**.

**if you would like to see the show, directions are available by following the links from the IOS Website (www.iosoc.com). The link for Muncie is on the away show page.

The second show coming up this month is the **Wisconsin Orchid Society Show***** at the **Mitchell Domes** in downtown **Milwaukee**, 9/23/ & 9/24, Set-up is Friday, 9/22. We are committed to a 50 square foot exhibit. This is the biggest display we do and we need all the plants and help we can get. We will need about 75 or more blooming

plants to do it up right. If you can come up on Friday and help that would be greatly appreciated, and beginners are welcome. This is a nice show to get your hands on practice doing a display, especially for you north suburban members. Plant drop off is at **Sherry Maloney's in Northbrook, (847) 498-0249** or at **Lois Cinert's in Bolingbrook, (630) 739-1068**. If you could drop your plants off by Wednesday evening 9/20 or at the latest Thursday afternoon 9/21. I would like to get the plants moving toward Milwaukee on Thursday evening. This is a fun show, and usually a group of us go out for dinner afterwards (sometimes it is not till 10pm) so keep it in mind as something to do that weekend. And of course during the day Saturday and Sunday if you can, come on up and see the show.

***directions to the Mitchell Domes are available by following the links from the IOS Website from the Chicago Area Green Spaces page.

The third show on the list is the **IOS FALL SHOW, 10/6 to 10/8**, here at the Chicago Botanic Garden. Lois has an article elsewhere in this newsletter. **The Blackhawk Orchid Society Show in**

Rockford at the Klehm Botanic Garden will be 10/27 to 10/29. See the next newsletter for details on this as well as the **Batavia Orchid Society Show** in early November.

Please note that at the Oak Hill picnic I mentioned Barb Bennett as a drop off point. Unfortunately Barb will not be available the next couple of months so Sherry kindly offered to take her place for the September shows. I had neglected to discuss dates with Barb before I made the announcement. Ooops! Sorry about that Barb!

As always your help and you plants are appreciated. Thanks!

**Leo Schordje
(847) 746-9355**



NEWS FROM THE NET

BY

BARB BENNETT

Orchid Safari (<http://www.geocities.com/-marylois/index.html>) is a real treat for expert and beginner orchid growers, alike. OrchidSafari (no spaces) is an affiliate member of the Orchid Digest Corporation and was

formed a the East West Show in Los Angeles, October,1998. Members meet at various other orchid shows, but it seems their main purpose is to provide an area on the internet where people having a common interst in orchids meet periodically to "talk orchid", using on-line chat services for real-time discussion. I have not participated in any chats, but they do have previous discussions in an archive. I was first drawn to the site by the tours of some members' growing areas, which include greenhouses, lath houses, garden rooms, windowsills, and anywhere orchidphiles can find room. As noted on the touring page, there is always room for "one more orchid"! The following are just a few of the stops on the tour:

-Agnes from Australia, growing orchid upstairs, downstairs, outside and in a dog Kennel.

-Bill from Colorado grows in a cold weather greenhouse

-Uncle Earl grows orchids in his Hawaii backyard

-Emily from Georgia grows under lights and outside in summer

-Grace in Hong Kong grows orchid from Mainland China

-Fleur Malcom from Tasmania is mad about Masdevallia and Dracula.

-Guy Cantor, Australia, grows outback native orchids in his backyard

-James, a college student from Fresno, grows orchids, wherever he can find enough light.

-Yassir Islam grows Paphs and Phrags in a Washington DC condo
There are several other links relating to OrchidSafari and a members' page which has even more links that would take all day to visit. Visiting all areas on this site could take some time or yo can just visit it one section at a time. Have fun!!

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IOS Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting of the Illinois Orchid Society will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2000 at 7:30pm at Sue Golan's in

Lake Forest.

Please notify President Cinert if you will not be there.

A Tapestry of Orchids

October 5, 6, 7, 8

Volunteers for Fall Mini-Show

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Table Reservation for Display

VOLUNTEER

Thurs, Oct 5	4pm - 9pm	Traffic	_____
Friday, Oct 6	9am - 12pm	Registration	_____
	9am - 12pm	Traffic	_____
	9am - 12pm	Hospitality	_____
	12pm - 6pm	Traffic	_____
	12pm - 6pm	Registration	_____
	12pm - 6pm	Hospitality	_____
	4pm	Judges Dinner	_____
	6pm - ???	Clerking	_____

Saturday and Sunday Oct 7th & 8th

Please circle the day(s) you will be working and print your name on the line.

7:30 am - 9am	Photography Host	Sat / Sun	_____
9am - 12pm	Security	Sat / Sun	_____
12pm - 3pm	Security	Sat / Sun	_____
3pm - 5pm	Security	Sat / Sun	_____
9am - 12pm	Raffle / Info	Sat / Sun	_____
12pm - 3pm	Raffle / Info	Sat / Sun	_____
3pm - 5pm	Raffle / Info	Sat / Sun	_____

Sunday, Oct 8 th	5pm	Teardown	_____
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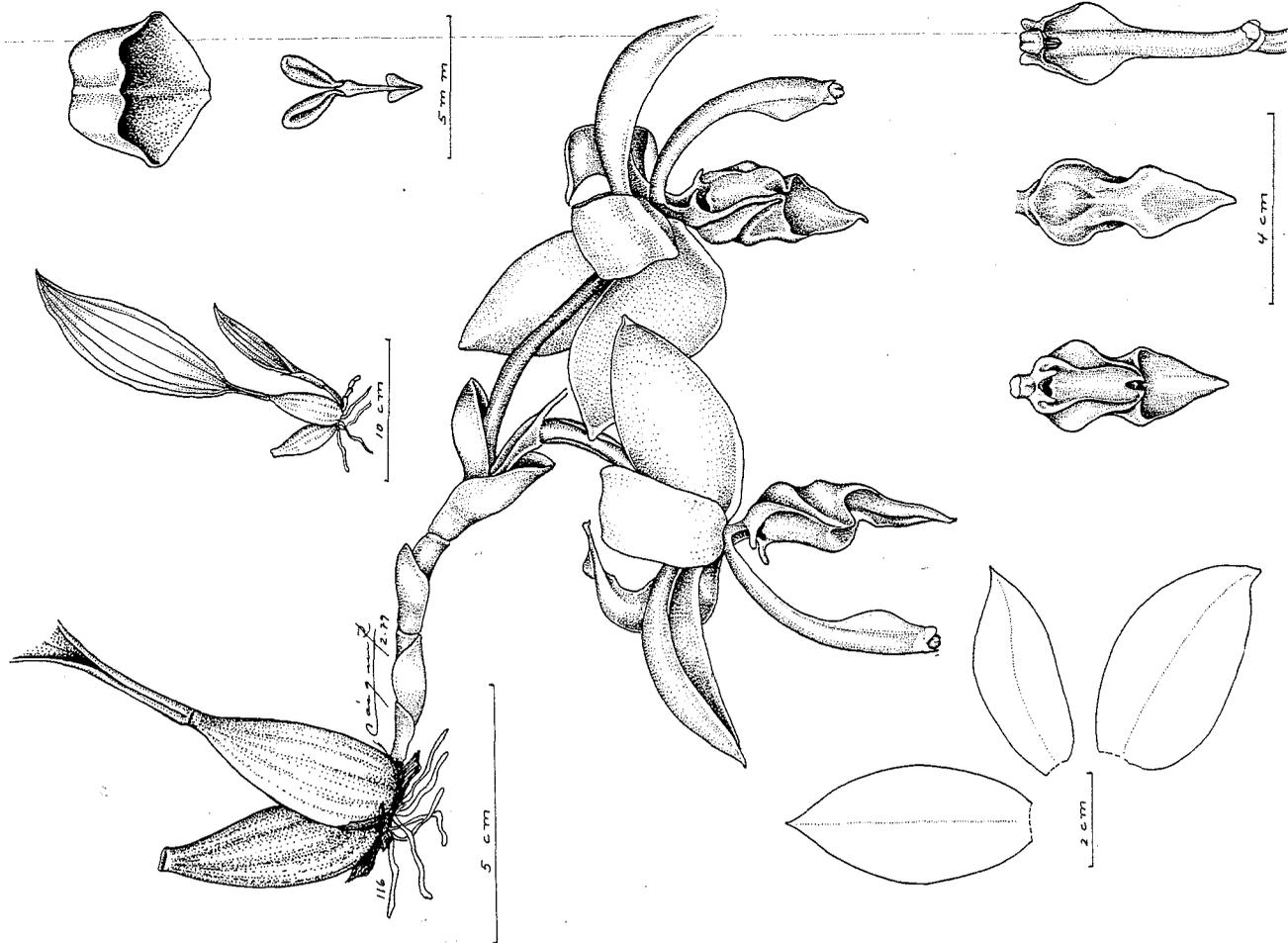
The time blocks listed are guidelines only. Please list any time changes that suit your schedule.

Please return form to: Lois Cinert
 545 Sharon Way
 Bolingbrook, IL 60440-1350
 630-739-1068

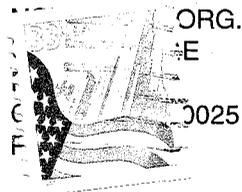
TABLE RESERVATION

NAME _____ PHONE _____

DISPLAY SPACE 1/2 TABLE _____ FULL TABLE _____



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