

# **ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER**

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Jim Spatzek, Editor



## The President's Message by Lois Cinert

Wow! Fall got here in a hurry. We did our usual crash course of bringing in the warm-growing orchids, and leaving the cool ones out yet. Back under the lights!

While the turnout for our September meeting was "ok", the number of plants for display was down. I know it's a hassle to get them into the CBG for the meetings, but this is our whole purpose—to grow and bloom orchids and share our joy and knowledge of them. We all want to see and enjoy what you bloom. We are working with the CBG to make this as painless a process as possible; but the fact of life is that there is no

parking in the back of the education center. There is no place to park back there. The exception, of course is people with handicapped plates and placards. Check with the gate guard, and he will let you into the back areas to park. The rest of us should enjoy the additional exercise and the walk through the gardens. Drop off your plants, then park in the proper area. I know it's a pain!

Please support our shows, both home and away, in every way you can. We always need your plants. Help at set-up or tear-down. At an away show it's a blessing to the people who take the displays around to Milwaukee, Rockford, or Batavia. It's no that long a drive, and it's always fun to see the other shows. It's also called participating in your Society. We appreciate your efforts.

See you October 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, at **A Tapestry of Orchids**, our Fall mini

show.



**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 1:00pm (unless otherwise

announced here and in the AOS Bulletin, Orchids.

Oct. 6, 2000-6:00PM

Nov. 11, 2000-1:00PM

Dec. 9, 2000-1:00PM



## IOS Website:

[www.iosoc.com](http://www.iosoc.com)



## "A Tapestry of Orchids" ..

**October 6, 7, & 8<sup>th</sup>**

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.

**Plant Sales** Jay Mullen needs your help selling your plants at the plant sales area. He cannot be there the entire weekend and desperately needs help. Please volunteer and call him to let him know when you can help. If he doesn't get help, it's your plants that will not get sold. Remember that!!!!

**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 dinned on Friday night prior to clerking.



## Upcoming Events in the Orchid World.....

10/6-10/8/00	IOS Fall Mini Show, Glencoe
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0/19-10/22/00	AOS Trustee's Meeting, Williamsburg, VA
0/27-10/28/00	Blackhawk Orchid Society Show, Kiehm 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 26 <sup>th</sup> 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, Glen-coe, IL



### New Members....

Please welcome the following new members to the IOS.

Martlyn Malles  
Milka & Paul Nemeth  
Marie-Eve Kielson  
Marton Madeya



### 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.



## We're Going To Michigan!

Are you going? On Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> the IOS bus will be leaving from the Oakbrook Shopping Center at 22<sup>nd</sup> St. and Rte. 83 in Oakbrook. (Southwest corner lot 4D—at yellow sign) at 7:00am and returning about 6:00pm. With a \$30 per person check sent immediately to Lois Cinert or Rosalie Dixler, you, too, can join us. We will be visiting the beautiful Meijer Botanic Gardens in Grand Rapids and will also include lunch with time to buy at Porter's Orchid Nursery in Grand Ledge. The Frederik Meijer Botanic Garden features an orchid greenhouse along with a state of the art facility with a magnificent sculpture garden including Leonardo Da Vinci's Great Horse. Don't miss this great opportunity to socialize with your fellow IOS members and see or buy lots of special orchid plants.

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### Cultural Discussion Group.....

Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am will be the next Cultural Discussion Group. We will meet for a mini-tour of the orchid exhibits. Discussion of which plants and exhibits earned ribbons and why, will be discussed. This gives us a good opportunity to view the plants and exhibits without the crush of judging and the public.



## NEW MEMBERS WANTED!!!!

KNOW ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN GROWING ORCHIDS? ANYONE WHO JOINS THE ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY FROM OCTOBER-DECEMBER OF 2000 GETS THE REST OF THE YEAR FREE! THEIR NEXT DUES WILL NOT BE DUE UNTIL JANUARY 2002.



## 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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



## 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.

Call, **Leo Schordje (847) 746-9355**, he needs your help with both **The Blackhawk Orchid Society Show in Rockford** at the Klehm Botanic Garden which will be 10/27 to 10/29 and the **Batavia Orchid Society Show** in early November, the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> with set up on the 3<sup>rd</sup> at Charlestowne Mall on North Avenue (Rte. 64) in St. Charles, Illinois.

He will be able to tell you the dropoff points for these two shows.

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

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



## NEWS FROM THE NET

BY

**BOBB BENNETT**

Just in time for our fall show are tips on exhibiting orchids from the O Zone (<http://www.orchidworks.com/ozone/exhibits/i>)

[ndex.html](#) ) This site provides an overview of the point scale from the American Orchid Society Handbook on Judging and Exhibition, pictures of good and not so good exhibits, tips on how many plants are needed for a exhibit ( a rough rule of thumb is 1 plant for each square foot). A checklist on items to bring is provided: black drape, tape, labels, tools tape, extra pots or boxes to vary height of plants, foliage plants (not too many, plants must dominate exhibit), and tips on color flow. If you have never done a display, the October show is the perfect time to give it a try-for half a table, all you need is 6 plants total. Visit this website and learn some great tips on exhibiting orchids.

#### AOS POINT SCALE for Judging Exhibits

##### General Arrangement (Design)-35pts.

An easy way to assess the general arrangement is to stand back from the exhibit and squint your eyes. If some element draws your eye too strongly, move the arrangement of plants until it is in better balance. The various components of

this category work together to provide an overall pleasing arrangement, through which there is good color flow and pleasing proportions of design elements.

##### Quality of Flowers -35pts.

An exhibit with flowers at the peak of their bloom will usually score higher than one with flowers that are past their prime. That is not to say that if there is a bruise on a bloom, you should not bring it to exhibit. This guideline discusses the ideal, and nature does not always comply with blooming according to the schedule of orchid shows! Leave diseased orchids or those infected with insects at home. Flowers that are way past their prime or not fully opened will detract, rather than embellish your display. Do not use any artificial plant material. Stake flowers appropriately to show the bloom at its best.

##### Variety-20pts

Variety refers to color within a genus (such as different colored Phals.), variety of flower sizes within a

single genus, even variety of colors within a single species. The glossary of the Handbook on Judging and Exhibition defines variety as "Both as numbers of different genera and variety within one or a few genera." Unique and rarely seen species, if available, can add interest to any group of plants.

##### Labeling-10 pts.

Use upper and lower case as appropriate. Genus (eg. Phalaenopsis, Paphiopedilum) is initial cap. Hybrids are initial cap; species are all lower case, eg. Phal.equestris, Paph. Callosum, Phal.Lucky Stripes, Paph. Lynleigh Koopowitz. You can abbreviate the Genus, but be consistent. If one label uses abbreviations, all should have abbreviations. Do not use ALL UPPERCASE. If you have any questions about names, ask someone at the registration table and they will help you. Black poster paper with names in gold pen is popular. Gray paper with a black printing also works. Some people like olive green paper. Avoid large

white paper labels that are larger than the printed name. This is described as looking at a "snow storm" instead of an orchid exhibit. Labels should not draw attention from the orchids. Printing or cursive or calligraphy, should be easy to read, and should be big enough to read but not much bigger.

Attention Phrag Aficionados!

From Orchidguide Digest comes news of a new Phragmipedium-Phragmipedium chapadense, by Olaf Gruss. The description was published in August 2000 in the supplement 1 of the Journal of Hokkaido Orchid Society. The new species was described by Marcos Antonia CAMPACCI and Roberto TAKASE both from Sao Paulo. More information can be found at <http://www.ground-orchids.de/phragmipediumchapadense.htm>.



**A Corporate Fable .....**

### Lesson 1

A crow was sitting on a tree, idle all day. A rabbit saw him and asked, "Can I also sit like you and do nothing all the time?" The crow said, " Sure, why not." So the rabbit sat on the ground below the crow and rested. Soon a fox appeared and jumped on the rabbit and ate it.

### The moral of the story:

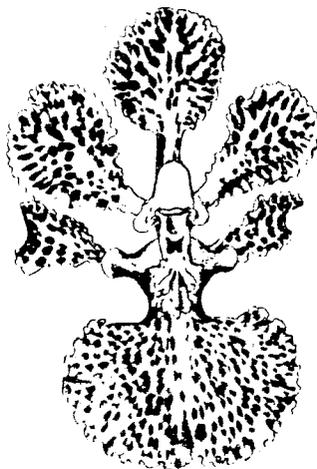
To sit and do nothing, you must be sitting very high up.

**judge's dinner and bring as much as you can. We can always use it during the weekend.**

**Volunteer to help in plant sales. It gives you the first opportunity to purchase the best plants.**

**Just remember to help in some way. Your society counts on you!**

**Thank you!!!!**



## The Final Plea

**Please help at the Fall Mini Show, A Tapestry of Orchids. Even if it's your first or your fiftieth time, we need you. A half hour, two hours, the whole weekend....whatever!**

**A dessert, salad, hot dish, cold dish, appetizer.....bring something for the**

# A Tapestry of Orchids

October 5, 6, 7, 8

Volunteers for Fall Mini-Show

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 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

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 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	Teardown	_____

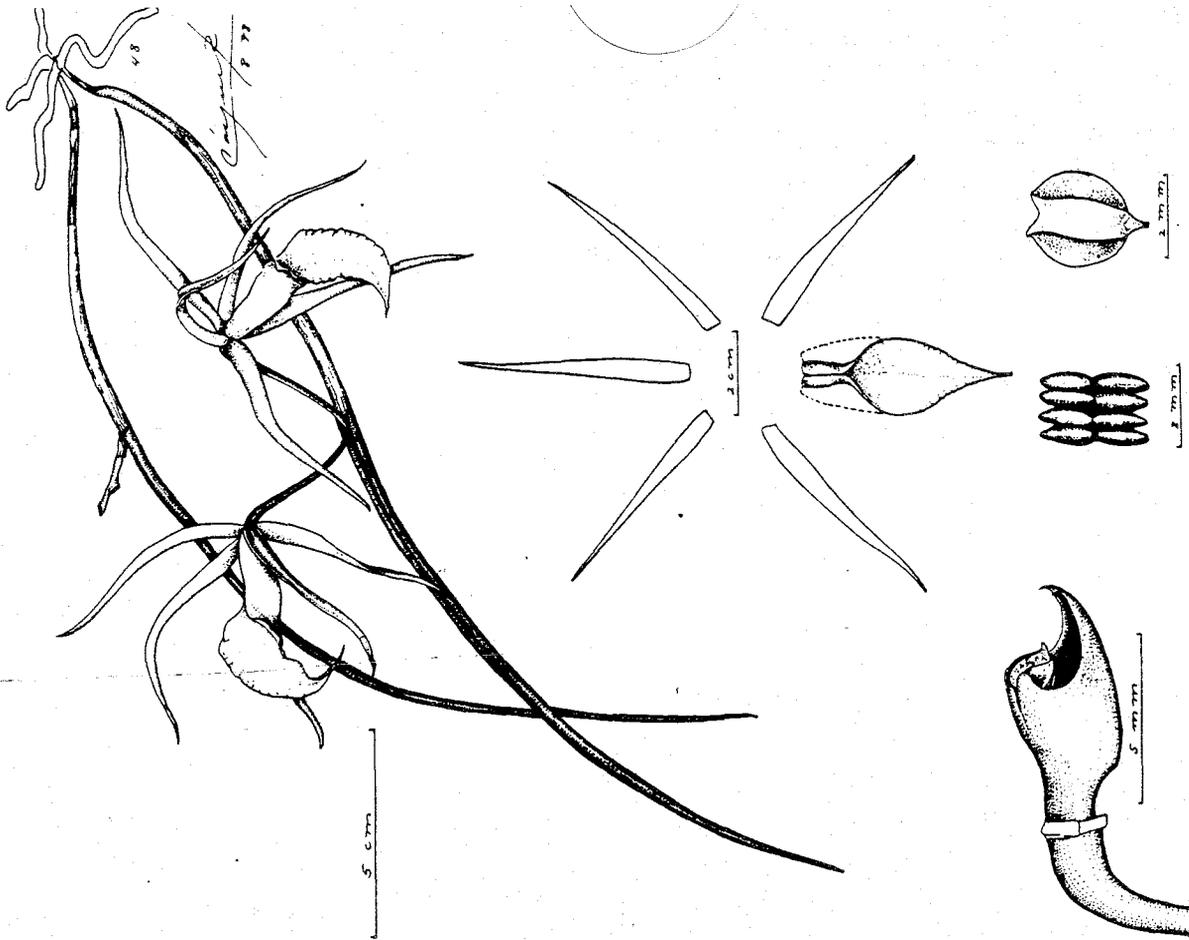
The time blocks listed are guidelines only. Please list any time changes that suit your schedule.

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 Bolingbrook, IL 60440-1350  
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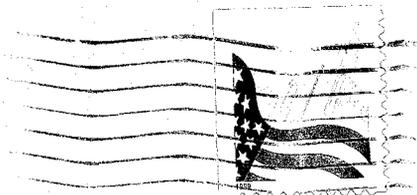
**TABLE RESERVATION**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

DISPLAY SPACE     1/2 TABLE \_\_\_\_\_     FULL TABLE \_\_\_\_\_



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