

# ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Jim Spatzek, Editor

## November Meeting

We have elected WOJI KLIKUNAS to speak at our next meeting on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> in the Auditorium. His lecture, "Strange Species I have Known," was rated as one of the best after viewing the results of the ballot box after an AOS meeting a few years ago. Woji is a psychologist by profession and has been growing orchids for nearly thirty years. He is an accredited AOS judge and is the Chairman of the Cincinnati Judging Center. His primary interests are Pleurothallids, terrestrial orchids and Trichopilias. The

pollsters say our candidate, Woji will win big at this month's assembly.

Our meeting will be held in the Multipurpose Room at 12:00 Noon. Please have display and sales plants arranged by 12:30pm. Since Woji's campaign will not include bringing orchids for sale, this is a good time to bring your own plants for the sales table. We will give a vote of appreciation for any leftover Halloween treats or other goodies you may bring for hospitality.

We have nominated BARB BENNETT to present the workshop. Her topic for our debate will be "Roots". She will discuss the necessity of having healthy roots for the creation of beautiful

flowers. Too often, you buy a wonderful plant and discover, on repotting, that the roots are inadequate. How do you create new, vigorous roots? Barbara will be your leader.

Soon the first year of this new Millennium will be behind us—don't forget about our annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at Hausermann's. Start thinking about that special recipe that is you entry ticked for our incredible buffet table.

**P.S. Remember to vote!**

Joe Dixler





**The President's  
Message  
by  
Lois Cinert**

Wow! Have we been busy! If you weren't watching closely, you would have missed all the fun.

Our Fall Mini Show, "A Tapestry of Orchids" was October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. We had 16 tables full of glorious colorful orchids for your pleasure. We had some typical displays and some that were quite innovative. Thanks to everyone for sharing your beautiful plants with us.

And thanks to all the volunteers, clerks, and judges for helping to make it a success. **Jay Mullen** kept the sale plants moving out of the building, and the front table team sold all the dendrobiums and lots of raffle tickets. **Barb Bennett** closed in on a record for number of new members at a mini show. Early on **Pat Kralik** got all the plants registered in time for dinner. The stalwart regular, reliable volunteers were there along with some newer folks who hopefully had a good time, and will help out again in the

Spring. Thanks to **John & Betsy Buckles, Joe & Rosalie Dixler, Joel Edwards, Bob Feliazak, Ed Gamson, Chuck & Jane High, Wendy & Dave Holtzman, Anne Kotowski, Steve Lipson, Sherry Maloney, Armon McPherson, Lincoln Michal, Morris Millman, Ralph & Mary Minnis, Diana Nielsen, Dorothy Nieter, Sherrie Reddick, Barbara Schmitz, Nancy Jean Schoo, Leo Schordje, Nancy Spitz, Reme, Tesch, Rich Unger, Ken Vrabel, and Wally Zielinski.**

Our bus trip to Michigan on October 14 was a great success. Check it out next time. We're planning another one for next year.

We took a display of member's plants to a show at the beautiful **Klehm Botanic Gardens** on October 28 & 29. Hope you sent something marvelous for the display. And on November 4 & 5 we showed our colors at the Charlestown Mall in St. Charles, Illinois at the Batavia Orchid Society Show. We rely on your plants to fill the displays. There will be more shows in January & February. Show off what you grow!!!

We an active and growing organization. Come enjoy

your membership. See you at the November meeting.



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).

Nov.11, 2000-1:00PM  
Dec. 9, 2000-1:00PM



**IOS Website:**

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

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

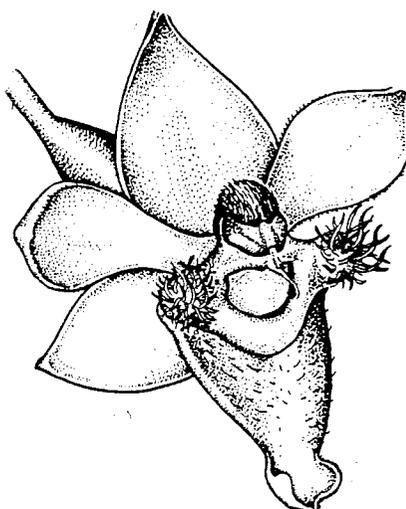
- 10/27-10/28/00 Blackhawk  
Orchid  
Society Show,  
K l e m  
B o t a n i c  
G a r d e n ,  
Rockford, IL
- 1/27-1/28/01 W i n t e r  
Carnival Show  
St. Paul, MN
- 2/3-2/4/01 Orchid Quest  
2001 Show  
Madison, WI
- 3/3-3/4/01 Northeastern  
Wisconsin  
Orchid  
Society Show,  
Green Bay, WI
- 3/24-3/25/01 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.

John D'Imperio  
Tome Goettsche  
Annette Hagerty  
Joel Jastromb



Dr Edward & Paulette  
Marguiles  
Bernard & JoAnn McKay  
Inae Oh  
Don Padgitt  
Sandra Sucsy  
Melissa Taylor  
Carole & Jim Termini  
Dell Yarnell  
Tom & George Heller  
Cynthia Gray  
Joan Harkins  
Cleo Kiergaard  
Jeff Ard  
Ed Edgington  
J.C. Stanton



## The Little Red Hen Syndrome..

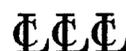
Our society is suffering from  
the Little Red Hen  
Syndrome. We all want and  
expect coffee, tea, and  
pastries after our monthly  
meetings, but nobody wants  
to make the coffee, put out  
the plates and forks and  
clean up afterwards. We are  
still in need of someone to  
do this. It will not interfere  
with attending the meeting  
or hearing the speaker. It

just requires that you arrive a  
little early and stay a little  
late. If two or more people  
volunteered, you could divide  
the labor and make the job  
easier for everyone.  
November is the last month I  
will do this. If no one else  
wants to lend a hand for your  
society, then in January there  
will be no hospitality after  
the meeting!!!!!!!!!!!!



## Cultural Discus- sion Group.....

Attention Beginner's!  
There will be a special  
Cultural Discussion Group for  
beginners at 11:30am in the  
auditorium of the Chicago  
Botanic Garden-just before  
the monthly meeting begins.  
The topic will be "Basics of  
Orchid Growing". The  
regular workshop will then  
follow in the auditorium at  
12:30pm.



## **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**



## **M o n t h l y Meetings-Plant Judging**

**It's safe to bring your plants to the monthly meetings again. We have a volunteer to meet you at the West Portico to help unload your plants and bring them into the building for you while you park your car. This will save you the time and the trip(s) into the building, and the search for the carts. If anyone else is interested in doing this too, please call me. It sounds like a good idea.**

**Lois Cinert**

## **DUES RENEWAL TIME**

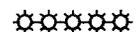
You should have received a dues renewal envelope in this newsletter. It is already addressed to **Barb Bennett**.

All you have to do is put a check in it and drop it in the mail. Do not send cash! Indicate check number and amount of check on the renewal sticker and only fill in your address if it is different from the mailing label on the newsletter.

Renewal payment must

be made no later than January 1, 2001 ( except for those who join Oct-Dec, 2000) You can save postage and bring it with you to the November meeting or the December meeting at Hausermann's. Once you have renewed, you will receive your new membership card in the January, 2001 issue of the newsletter. Your new membership card will arrive in a renewal envelope, so don't throw it away before checking for your card! Also please print your name in large bold letters, to make it easier to read and say "hello" to each other.

**Barb Bennett**



## **New Badge Holders.....**

The membership cards for 2001 will be larger than previous and will no longer fit into the small plastic holders that are attached with a pin. Starting in November, Barb Bennett will exchange the small badge holders for the larger size at the monthly IOS meeting. Due to the cost of mailing, there will not be a mass mailing of the new badge holders. Some of you already have the larger size and will not need to exchange your badge holders. In addition to being larger, the new badge holders

have a clip, rather than a pin for attachment.



**Report of the  
Awards  
Committee**

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Here's the scores for the 2000-2001 contest year through the October Mini Show. Please note that the Muncie show totals are not yet included.

<b>Light Stand Point Totals</b>	
Sherry Maloney	252
Wilfred Losert	178
Barbara Bennett	177
Diana Nielsen	111
Rich Unger	105
Joel Edwards	64
Armon McPherson	63
Lois Cinert	62
Charles & Jane Highs	45
Leo Schordje	42
Bruce Efflandt	36
Ken Vrabel	31
Joel Goldstein	30
Dave & Wendy Holtzman	24
Cathy Bloome	20
Aletta Chamberlin	14
Tom Franczak	12
B. Schutz	11
Art & Ann Sellmer	11
Ron Hale	10
Claire Papiewski	10
Nancy Jean Schoo	10
Barbara Schmitz	5
Jim Spatzek	4

<b>Greenhouse Point Totals</b>	
Joe & Rosalie Dixler	924
John Stubbings	158
Sophia Harris	156
Laima Sahagian	106
Paul Passine	92
William Rogerson	75
Wally Zelinski	45
Jay Mullen	41
Sue Golan	33
Ed Gamson	20
Allen Morr	20
Rich Unger	2

(\*) indicates new member for purposes of the 2000-2001 competition year.

What happened to all of our member's plants? Our monthly meeting "Show & Tell" display tables have been pretty sparse the last few months—especially the greenhouse table! I hope that doesn't mean that some of our greenhouse members are having trouble getting their plants to bloom!

Seriously now, it's sad to see such empty display tables. Many of us look forward to seeing well-bloomed plants close-up at our meetings rather than from a distance in a large display or just a picture in Orchids magazine. The addition of the enabling garden has severely reduced parking by the education building and parking by the entrance blocks emergency access so

I don't think the Garden will be changing their minds about enforcing the parking ban in the back. We'll just have to find ways to adjust. (See article elsewhere about plant drop-off).

Here's the especially well-bloomed plants that won special awards in our October Mini-Show:

**Show Chairman's Award**  
**Dendrobium laevifolium**  
**Walter Crawford**  
**Wisconsin Orchid Society**

**President's Award**  
**Vanda [Blue Grig x Gordon**  
**Dillon]**  
**Paul Passine**

**Frank Kuper Award**  
**Paph. Dragontale**  
**Hausermann's Orchids**

**Joe Koss Award**  
**Phal. Hieroglyphica**  
**Oak Hill Gardens**

**Chicago Horticultural Soc.**  
**Award**  
**Paph Dragontale**  
**Hausermann's Orchids**

**A.O.S. Show Trophy**  
**Best Exhibit**  
**Joe & Rosalie Dixler**

Here are the BEST OF CLASS awards from the Show:

**Class 15-22**  
**Best Encyclia, Epidendrum,**  
**Etc.**  
**Brassavola Little Stars**  
**Natt's Orchids**

**Class 23-32**  
**Best Cattleya Alliance**  
**Lc. Mary Elizabeth Bohn**  
**Hausermann's Orchids**

**Class 33-33b**

Best Paph Species  
Paph. purpuratum  
Joe & Rosalie Dixler

Class 34-42  
Best Paph Hybrid  
Paph. Dragontale  
Hausermann's Orchids

Class 44-44b  
Best Phragmipedium  
Phrag. Sorcerer's Apprentice  
Bob Lewis  
Wisconsin Orchid Soc.

Class 45-48  
Best Angraecoid  
Angraecum Longiscott  
Natt's Orchids

Class 49-60  
Best Vandaceous  
Rhyn. Coelestis  
Natt's Orchids

Class 61-77  
Best Phalaenopsis  
Phal. hieroglyphica  
Oak Hill Gardens

Class 78-84  
Best Oncidium Hybrid  
Colmanara Wildcat 'Bobcat'  
Barb Bennett  
Class 85-91  
Best Oncidinae  
Oncidium macranthum  
Joe & Rosalie Dixler

Class 103-109  
Best Dendrobium  
Dend. victoria regina  
Joe & Rosalie Dixler

Class 110-111  
Best Pleurothallid  
Barbosell porschii  
Joe & Rosalie Dixler

Class 117  
Best Miscellaneous Genera  
Bulbophyllum phalaenopsis  
Joe & Rosalie Dixler

Class 118  
Best Miniature  
Dend. laevifolium  
Walter Crawford

## Wisconsin Orchid Society

Class 119  
Best Specimen  
Vanda [Blue Grig x  
Gordon Dillon]  
Paul Passine

Class 120  
Pleurothallis Corniculata  
Walter Crawford  
Wisconsin Orchid Society

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## November/December Orchid Checklist

(Edited by Barb Bennett  
form the American Orchid  
Society Culture Sheets)

Cattleya—Fall is here, days are shorter & cooler; and the sunlight has less intensity. Nights are definitely longer and cooler. Most cattleyas respond by slowing their growth. Because of the shorter days and reduced growth rate, plants dry out slowly and you should reduce the frequency of watering and fertilization accordingly. Do not entirely eliminate fertilization, just feed less frequently and at a lower dosage. In many cases, growths made during summer may appear soft and green and will be ripening—hardening—in preparation for a brief period of rest. Some of these ripening growths will have a sheath that will bear flowers in the winter or spring. In some cases, these sheaths will have appeared as early as July. (Early sheath

development does not mean early flowering on plants with winter-spring seasons). Some of these sheaths are showing signs of yellowing, but this is not necessarily abnormal.

**Cool Growing Orchids**—Orchids such as Masdevallias and odontoglossums that prefer cool temperatures will perk up as cooler days and nights prevail. Repot these plants before winter arrives as they will experience a lot of growth now that the stress of hot summer is over.

**Cymbidium**—With some exceptions, the cymbidium flowering season begins now and lasts for about 7 months. Miniature varieties will peak for the next 3-4 months. Remember 3 tasks for cymbidium care now—stake inflorescences straight for best presentation, watch for slugs and snails (especially if your plants were summered outdoors), and fertilize with a mild balanced formula regularly.

**Oncidium Crispum Complex**—This is the season for plants in the Oncidium section crispum to enter their blooming season. We've all seen these plants in wide varieties of markings of chestnut, and brown and butter yellow. These plants will send up inflorescences if given high levels of light. Their pseudobulbs should be plump from the summer growing season, so do not let the plants dry out while they prepare for bloom.

After blooming plants will enter a dormant period.

**Paphiopedilum**—The flowering season for “toads” or “bulldogs” (complex hybrids) is just getting under way. These cannot be grown everywhere but where cooler summer nights allow their growth, there is no longer-lasting or more exotic display than these large-flowered paphs. Paphs are in general not heavy feeders, and it is especially important with this type to reduce nitrogen levels now for best flowering and spike length. Always be watchful for water accumulation in the growth around the sheath, or for the late-season warm spell. Either of them may lead to rotting of the sheath and aborting of the flower. As a spike emerges, do not change the orientation of the plant to the light, as this can lead to a crooked or twisted spike. While paphiopedilums rarely like to dry out entirely, water needs are significantly reduced now. Overwatering at this time of year can quickly lead to root rot or erwinia problems. Now is the time to practice good sanitary practices in your growing area as pests and diseases have a way of multiplying rapidly in the darker and more crowded conditions that mark the winter growing area. With paphiopedilums, especially, “cleanliness is next to godliness”

**Phalaenopsis**—Shortening days and cooler nights are the signals for inflorescence

initiation in phalaenopsis. Some plants may have already begun early spikes that may be ready for Christmas. Providing night temperatures in the low to mid 60's should initiate spike formation that will bear flowers around Valentine's Day or later. For the next few months, fertilize with products that have lower nitrogen levels and high potassium and phosphorus, i.e. “Blossom Boosters”.

**Vandaceous Genera**—Unlike some genera, Vandas, Ascocentrums, and Ascocendas will not find the cooler temperatures to their liking, with the exception of *Neofinetia falcata*. Try to give these plants as much light as possible during these winter months and reduce watering and feeding schedules.



## HOW TO KEEP A HEALTHY LEVEL OF INSANITY & DRIVE OTHER PEOPLE INSANE.....

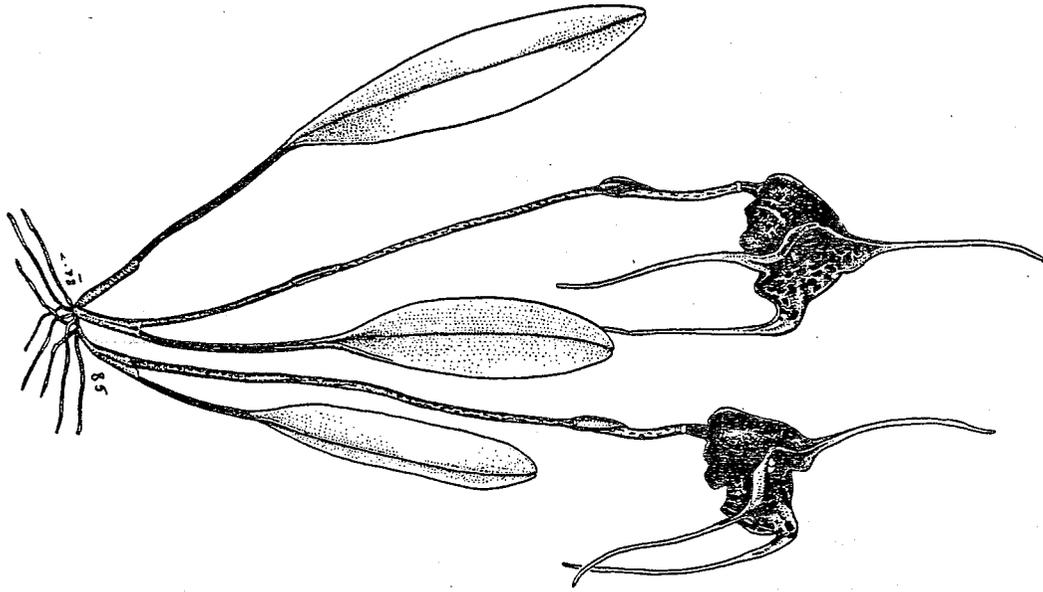
1. At lunch time, sit in your parked car and point a hair dryer at passing cars to see if they slow down.

2. Page yourself over the intercom without disguising your voice.

3. Put your waste basket on your desk and mark in “IN”

4. When you leave the zoo, start running toward the parking lot yelling “Run for your lives, they're loose”

5. Every time you see a broom, yell, “Honey, your mother is here!”



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