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Orchids...the Gift of Spring, April 8th & 9th, our annual Spring show!

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The President's Message...

Lois Cinert

This is Chapter Two of meetings out-of-order. This is a combined April & May newsletter, and these are two very important months in the life of our Society.

April, of course, is our spring show, "Orchids...the Gift of Spring". There is more about that in other places in the newsletter. The most important thing is to participate. Bring something for the food table; bring your plants for our

display; or, volunteer to help the vendors and guests. If nothing else, just come to the Show to see all the beautiful orchids, and enjoy the color and wonderful scents.

May is important this year because of some adjustments to our guidelines and bylaws, the words that express our aims as a Society, and the words that govern our actions. We also have elections for our Board of Directors vacancies and officer for the coming year. But the May meeting is APRIL 30th. Please note this change. This is the meeting you should attend to take part in this decision process. We need your input and consent.

May is also important for your

plants. This change of season is the time many of us bring them outdoors for a summer vacation. Nights of 50 degrees are warm enough for some of them, with warmer June nights good enough for the rest. The plants love the light, humidity, air movement and usually show it with good growth. It's worth the effort to get them outside for a few months.



American Orchid Society Judgings

The judgings of the American Orchid Society Chicago Judging Center are held monthly in the Linneaus 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*.)

April 8, 2000-7:00am
 May 6, 2000-1:00pm
 June 3, 2000-1:00pm
 July 8, 2000-1:30pm
 August 12, 2000-1:00pm
 September 9, 2000-1:00pm
 October 6, 2000-6:00pm
 November 11, 2000-1:00pm
 December 9, 2000-1:00pm



IOS DISPLAY--Spring Show.....

Please bring your blooming orchids to the Chicago Botanic Garden for the IOS Display. Starting Thursday, April 6, at 4:00 pm to 8:00pm, and continuing

Friday from 9:00am to 1:00pm, bring your blooming plants to the Exhibition Hall. Please have a list of your plants--PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. Put your name on the pot so we know which Paph. Maudiae is yours. Wipe the leaves to remove water and chemical spots. Check for insects. We don't want any of them. Keep them at Home! Pick up your plants on Sunday at 5PM. We would like to be out of the hall as soon as possible. There is set up for another event at 8:00am on Monday.

Come and enjoy the display and the Show on Saturday or Sunday. Bring friends; bring relatives. It should be a really good show, with some interesting vendors with lots of plants that you really, really need for your collection!!!



Report of the Nominating Committee

The nominating committee is pleased to present the following slate of officers and board of directors for the 2000/2001 year. These officers and directors would take office July 1, 2000.

President--Lois Cinert
 1st VP--Joe Dixler
 2nd VP--Nancy Jean Schoo
 3rd VP--Leo Schordje
 Secretary--Sue Golan
 Ass't Secretary--Jim Spatzek
 Treasurer--John Stubbings
 Ass't Treasurer--Barb Bennett
 Past President--Ed Gamson

For Directors:
 2001--Tom Franczak

2001--Bob Wolf
 2002--Sherry Maloney
 2002--Anne Kotowski
 2003--Diane Nielsen
 2003--Steve Lipson
 2004--Wendy Holtzman
 2004--Joel Edwards

Nominations may be made from the floor at the time of elections.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Spatzek
 Sue Golan
 John Stubbings

BAGS & TAGS.....

We need bags for plant sales at the show. Please bring your donations either Friday or Saturday to the plant sales table at the Garden.

If you will be selling plants, please contact **Jay Mullen** in advance for sales tags and numbers.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

May 9, 2000
 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 cannot attend!



**VOLUNTEERS!
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Our Spring Show is just around the corner! We are in need of people to assist us in all areas of the show. Please fill out the form attached to this newsletter and send it to me OR give me a call (630-837-3153) OR send me an e mail (nancyjean@earthlink.net)OR just SHOW UP. It's lots of fun and you'll meet many interesting people that can tell you fabulous tales about orchids.

We are especially in need of some people to assist with the dinner on Friday night. It is being catered by FOOD FOR THOUGHT, the caterer fro the Gardens. Our spread will be wonderful. Volunteers for this just need to be sure the coffee is made and to see that everyone has what they need.

Thanks to all that have already volunteered.



**Please feed the
animals...oops,
workers!**

We will be needing salads and desserts for the judges/clerks dinner on Friday, April 7th at 5:00pm. So tap into your recipes and bring those delectable desserts and those family salad favorites.



**1999 Joseph W.
Koss Memorial
Award**

The Joseph W. Koss Memorial Award is presented annually to the owner of the highest pointed AOS awarded plant at either of the two IOS Orchid Shows or any of the monthly judgments of the Chicago Judging Center of which Mr. Koss was the first Chairman. We are please to announce that the winning plant this year is:

**Masdevallia Confetti
'Sarah Michell'
CCM/AOS 88 pts.**

This plant is owned and exhibited by **Barbara Bennett**. Congratulations! A suitably engraved Orrefors bowl will be presented as soon as it is completed.

The plant description reads: thirty-three flowers & 1 bud on 34 inflorescences; flowers arranged symmetrically above pristine foliage; plant 15 cm. In diameter in a 6 cm. Pot; flowers pumpkin basally, white distally, finely spotted burgundy; caudae pumpkin measuring 2.0cm; substance firm, texture glistening.

Previous winners include:

**1992
Neolauchia pulchella'Etc'
CCM/AOS
Cyps, Etc. (Tony Grenis)**

**1993
Phrag. Bessear 'Fox Valley'
FCC/AOS
Fox Valley Orchids**

**1994
Masd. ophioglossa 'Megan'
CCM/AOS
Hoosier Orchids**

**1995
Dend.anosmum'Doll's Delight'
CCM/AOS
Darlene Carlson**

**1996
Cattleya schilleriana var.
coerulea 'Orchidglade'
CCM/AOS
Bill Rogerson**

**1997
Vanda sanderiana alba
'Kathleen'
CCM/AOS
Bill Rogerson**

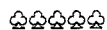
**1998
Phrag. Jason Fischer
'Velvet Fire' FCC/AOS
Jerry Fischer**



**U p c o m i n g
Events in the
Orchid World**

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|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 4/8-4/9/00 | Illinois Orchid Society Spring Show, Glencoe |
| 4/15-4/16/00 | Mid America Orc Congress Livonia, MI |
| 8/6/00 | Central Iowa Speaker's Day Des Moines, IA |
| 9/16-9/17/00 | Mid.AmericaOrch Cong. Muncie, IN |
| 9/8-9/10/00 | 8th Chicagoland Orchid Festival |
| 9/23-9/24/00 | Wisconsin Orchid Society Show , Milwaukee, WI |
| 10/6-10/8/00 | IOS Fall Mini Show, Glencoe |
| 10/27-10/28/00 | Blackhawk Orchid Society Show , Klehm Botanic Gard. Rockford, IL |
| 11/4-11/5/00 | Batavia Orchid Soc. Show, St. Charles |

- 3/31-4/1/01 IOS Spring Show
Chicago Botanic
Garden, Glencoe
- 9/29-9/30/01 Wisconsin Orchid
Society Show, Mil-
waukee, WI
- 10/13-10/14/01 Illinois Orchid Soc.
Fall Mini Show.
- 4/11-4/14/02 AOS Spring Trustees
Meeting & Mid-
America Orchid
Congress
IOS
Spring Show, CBG
Glencoe, IL
- 9/13-9/15/02 Illinois Orchid Soc.
Fall Mini Show
- 10/18-10/26/02 17th World
Orchid
Conference
Shah Alam,
Selangor,
Malaysia



April 30th Meeting

Total Confusion Reigns This Month!!!!

The **May** meeting will no be in May and will not be at the Botanic Garden! The Garden was not available and we could not find any other public meeting place that could accommodate us in May. Therefore our May meeting will be on Sunday, April 30th at the Glencoe Park District at 999 Green Bay Road in Glencoe, IL! It is just around the corner from The Botanic Garden, So simply pass the Garden and turn right at Green Bay Road for about 4 blocks and you will see the Glencoe Park District Building

on the east or left side. Go into the rear parking lot and look for signs showing where to go.

Joe Palermo, who with his wife, owns and operates "The Orchid Man" Greenhouse and Laboratory, in upper New York, will discuss "brassia Species and Hybrids and Their Care". The Palermo's have won numerous AOS awards for their show displays and plant/flower quality awards including the Nax Award for outstanding species. Joe has been involved with the AOS publication, "Orchids" answering culture questions for the magazine and also writing articles, the mot recent of which consrned Brassia care and hybrids. Joe is an accredited AOS Judge with the Northeast Region, and has given lectures on many different topics to societies all over the U.S. and Canada. He will be bringing plants for sale.

Our meeting begins in the Community Room at 12:00 noon. Bringing plants will be very easy this time, as you can park close to the entrance. Please have your display and sales plants arranged by 12:30pm. This is your last meeting to earn points toward your final tally for awards presented next month. Fortunately, the Park

District has a full kitchen so we can still have our social time. We really need your help in bringing some sweets this time, as we ran a bit short at the last meeting.

Barbara Bennett will present a workshop about the simplicity of orchid growing. Beginners as well as seasoned growers will especially enjoy her presentation, as she had become very knowledgeable leading the beginner's discussion group this year. She will give cultural tips and show how easy orchid can be grown in your conditions.

Joe Dixler



Conservation Project

I've recently taken on the job of steward at Schiller Woods, a Cook County Forest Preserve on the northwest side of Chicago. The DesPlaines River Vally Restoration Volunteers will be working to maintain a prairie and restore some other neglected areas, prairie and woodland. Come out and see what it's all about on Sunday April 30, 2000 1:00-4:00pm. Refreshments will be served. All other workdays will be held on the fourth Sunday of the month from 9:00 am-12:00pm., just in case you can't make it in April.

This is one way you can help with orchid and native habitat conservation and meet other nature lovers! It's what we recently talked about at our February meeting.

Schiller Wood's has several entrances but only one will get you to the prairie. On Irving Park Road if you come from the west pass the DesPlaines River Road. Turn left at the first entrance into the forest preserve. From the east on Irving Park Road, turn right at the third entrance past Cumberland. Follow the volunteer signs to the prairie. Call me if you have any questions.

Cathy Bloome



By Law Changes

You will be asked to vote at the April 30th meeting for the by-law changes noted below. They will be read again at that time.

Article V-Board of Directors

Section 2 c Shall now read:

The term of the Immediate Past President shall be equal to the term of the current president.

Article VII-Duties of the Officers

Section 2. Shall read:

The First Vice President shall, in the absence of the president, perform the duties of that office. He/she shall be the Program Chairperson for the year.

Add Section 4

The Third Vice President shall be the Away Show Chairperson for the year and will have the responsibility of taking members' plants to regional orchid shows to create a display on behalf of the Illinois Orchid Society.

Sec.7, Delete point b.and add to Sec 5, The Ass't Treasurer as point E the following:

E.Establish and maintain a membership roster for use as a mailing list, and for preparation of the annual directory.

Article Xduties of Committee, etc.

Delete Sect.4, The Library Committee.



Report of the Awards Committee
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Here's another report for the 1999-2000 contest year. Included in the totals are ribbons from the February meeting, awards from the February AOS Judging, ribbons from the Madison show, and a belated reckoning of Ribbons from last year's Rockfor Show. There were very few plants brought to the February AOS judging, but among them was the following:

John Stubbings
Catasetum callosum album
"Sandy Stubbings"
JC/AOS

The plant was recognize for having produced an inflorescence of female flowers, a much rarer occurrence for this species than the production of male flowers.

At the February meeting, Chrles and Jane High took lightstand Plant of the Month honors for their Phrag. Longifolium while Paul Passine did likewise in the greenhouse division with his richly colored ascocenda cross. Congratulations t them and to all whose plants earned blue ribbons.

Our spring show is right around the corner and with it a visit by major nurseries bringing lots of plants for sale. Remember my advice from before: stock up on large, spring blooming division of awarded plants, as many as you can afford, and leave the seedlings for another time. Feed them and pamper them and give them frequent pep talks about the

2002 Mid-America and AOS Trustees Meeting we are hosting. Let's aim as high as we can and let's stage a show they'll talk about for the next 50 years.

Illinois Orchid Society Presents Its Annual Spring Show

April 7,8,&9, 2000

Registration Form For Sales and Display Space

Note: This Spring Show will have a combination of floor space and table tops.

1. I would like to request display space.
- a. More than 50 square feet _____
 - b. 50 square feet maximum _____
 - c. 25 square feet maximum _____
 - d. Cut Flower Display _____
 - e. Table Top _____ (some available)
 - f. Educational Display _____ (indicate space needed & whether or not it is a table top)

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2. I would like to request orchid plant sales space (must have a display in the show of at least 25 sq.ft. and must follow the show schedule guidelines)
- a. 1/2 table (3'x3') _____
 - b. 1 table (3'x6') _____
 - c. 2 tables (3'x12') _____ (may be L-shaped)
 - d. 3 tables (3'x18') _____ (may be L-shaped)
 - e. Other _____ (explain _____)

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3. I would like to request sales space for orchid-related items (must also have a display in the show which may be educational, but must be completely orchid related and follow show schedule guidelines).

- a. 1/2 table (3'x3') _____
- b. 1 table (3'x6') _____
- c. 2 tables (3'x12') _____
- d. Floor space _____ (how much? _____)

4.

I would like to clerk at the judging on Friday, April 7, At 6:30 pm.

YES _____ NO _____

Ten percent (10%) of all sales will be collected by the Illinois Orchid Society and donated to the Chicago Botanic Garden. Please make your check payable to the Chicago Botanic Garden, and send it to my attention either at the show or immediately following.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Telephone: () _____ Your Display Sign should read: _____

[PS. To speed registration, please request registration tags. I will be happy to send out the amount needed]

Mail to: Nancy Jean Schoo 1451 Newcastle Lane, Bartlett, IL 60103-8936

Phone: (630) 837-3153

Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet

Set-up for Orchids...The Gift of Spring starts Thursday, April 6, at 4:00PM. Teardown is Sunday, April 9, at 5:00PM. Please find an hour or two in between to help out. We need YOU!!! This is a guideline to help you find a job you would like to do. Indicate time next to the job--it doesn't have to be a 5-6 hour shift!

Thursday, 4/6	4:00-8:00pm	Registration _____ Traffic _____
Friday, 4/7	9:00am-5:00pm	Traffic _____ Registration _____ Hospitality _____ Judges' Supper _____
	4:00-6:00pm	Clerking _____
Saturday & Sunday, 4/8 & 4/9	6:30pm--??	Photography Host _____
	8:00am-9:00am	Security _____ Raffle _____ Hospitality _____ Information _____ Membership _____
	9:00-5:00pm	Teardown _____
	5:00	

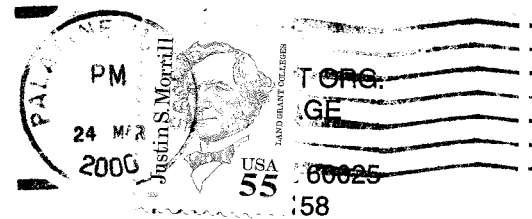
This is a table-top show. You only need a few plants to make a display. Or, join with a friend or two. Tables are 3x6 or a half table is 3x3. Full Table _____ Half Table _____

Your Name _____ Telephone# _____
 (Please Print)
 Name on Display _____

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