

# ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Jim Spatzek, Editor

## The August Meeting

August 12, 2001

### Oak Hill Gardens

The annual IOS picnic will be Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, so make some potato salad, three-bean salad and apple pie, bring your largest seedpod and best-bred mealy but for the judging, and get ready for sack races and egg tossing contests. Well maybe not!

Actually you should pack your picnic lunch and meet us at **Oak Hill Gardens in Dundee** at 12:00 noon, where our perennial hosts, **Hermann and Dorothy Pigors** will be providing refreshments. Be

prepared for a beautiful, sunny, relaxing day in the country, with the festivities to be moved indoors if Mother Nature doesn't cooperate. Have your orchid plants ready for judging by 1:00pm—but leave your mealy bugs at home.

As most of you know, Hermann has been growing orchids forever and this year celebrates his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in floriculture. He established Oak Hill Gardens in 1973 and has been delighting us with his fantastic selection of species orchids for the last 28 years. An accredited AOS judge, Hermann will be providing the program at 2:00pm., continuing his series

of lectures on practical aspects of orchid culture. This year the topic will be "fertilizing—Opportunities and Hazards".

Since there won't be any member plant sales, you'll have plenty of **time to browse** the greenhouses while you're there. Oak Hill has just received a **mind-boggling** assortment of plants for Holland, Germany, Thailand, Hawaii, and California, including a lot of goodies not found in their catalog.

It's easy to get there. Take the I-90 Northwest Tollway to Randall Road exit. Go North (right, if you're coming from the city) on Randall Road and continue 2.5 miles to the 2<sup>nd</sup> traffic light at

Binnie Road. Turn left onto Binnie Road and look for Oak Hill Gardens a few hundred yards ahead on your right, just across from the golf course. Don't miss it. If you get lost, you can reach Oak Hill at 847-428-8500.

**Wendy Holtzman**

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## **The President's Message**

by  
**John Stubbings**

Welcome to an exciting year for the Illinois Orchid Society. This is the start of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. There are many interesting things planned for this year, all culminating in our golden anniversary show in April. In order to make this all happen we have many dedicated volunteer workers and will need more for these events. Please speak up to help us out. This can't be done without everyone pitching in. See any officer, board member or committee member to find out what

needs to be done and how easy it is for you to do it. You will find that by doing a little to help, you will enjoy the event even that much more.

The first major event is our annual picnic at Oak Hill Gardens this month. This is one where the volunteer part is easy. You bring yourself and your picnic to Dundee and get to enjoy a trip to the country that features orchids and meeting with your friends. I plan on seeing most of you there!

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

Sept. 9, Nov.11, and Dec 9.  
The Fall Show is Oct. 11-14,  
2001.

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## **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.

August 11,2001-1:00PM  
Sept.8,2001-1:00PM  
Oct.12,2001-6:00PM  
Nov.10,2001-1:00PM  
Dec. 8,2001-1:00PM  
Jan.12,2002--30PM  
Feb.9,2002-1:00PM  
Mar.9,2002-1:00PM  
Apr.11,2002-9:00AM



## UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE ORCHID WORLD

- 9/15-9/16/01 Indiana Orchid Society Show, Garfield Park Conservatory Indianapolis
- 9/22-9/23/01 Wisconsin Orchid Society Show, The Domes, Milwaukee, WI
- 9/28-9/30/01 Ninth Annual Chicagoland Orchid Fest 8:00am - 5:00pm  
Details in a Future Issue or contact any commercial grower
- 10/11-10/14/01 IOS Fall Mini Show, Glencoe, IL
- 10/20-10/21/01 Blackhawk Orchid Society Show Rockford, IL
- 1/25-1/26/02 Minnesota Orchid Society Show Como Conser St. Paul, MN
- 2/2-2/3/02 Orchid Quest 2002 Show Madison Wisc
- 2/16-2/17/02 Batavia O.S. Show. St. Charles, IL
- 3/2-3/3/02 N E W O S Show, Fox Valley Greyhound Park, Kaukauna, WI
- 4/6-4/7/02 Illowa O.S. Show, Bettendorf, IA
- 4/11-4/14/02 Illinois Orchid Society Show Mid-America Orchid Cong. & AOS Trustees Meeting. IPA & Intn'l

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## IOS WEB SITE

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## DATES for 2002 Meetings

Jan. 13, Feb. 17, Mar 3,  
Apr 10-14-Show, May  
19, June 30, July 14,  
Aug. 11, Sept. 15, Oct.  
13, Nov. 17, and Dec. 8

Mark Your Calendars!!

## NEW AWARDS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN NEEDED.....

Since I have been elected Treasurer of the Society, I need to find a replacement for the Awards Committee Chair. This is a fun job which gives you the chance to meet a lot of members and to learn a lot about how plants are judged by listening to the monthly judging.

The requirements for the job are relatively few. The chairman needs to be

able to attend most of the monthly meetings and to arrive a little early to set up the plant display area. You'll need to 'round up' some IOS members (or judges if they're around) to judge the plants and help them as needed. Finally, you'll need to tally the results in an Excel spreadsheet I've setup (or any other method you choose) and send a report to the newsletter editor every so often. (Hopefully more often than me!)

Call me at (630) 894-9486 if you are interested or have any questions on the responsibilities.

Diana Nielsen

## Meeting of the 2002 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show Committee.....

On Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2001 at 7:30pm there will be a meeting of the Show Committee for the 2002 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration. It will be at the home of Sherry Maloney, 1504 Elm, Northbrook, (847) 498-0249. All committee members are invited. Anyone else who would like to get involved, please come. So far we have quite a show shaping up and we have a good group of 15 or so volunteers who are really diving in. Come on and join the fun!

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

## **Fall IOS Show, October 12-14**

It is August, and the Fall Show is only two months away, October 12, 13, & 14. Time to start thinking about what plants you have that you might want to sell at this show. You might also want to think about having a display. This is our Mini-Show which is limited to tabletop displays, so if you have never done a display, this is the easiest of all the shows to get into and try it out. Sign-up sheets will be in the September Newsletter to sign up for helping out with set-up, clerking for judging, security, membership table, or teardown. For more information or to volunteer, now, give Leo Schordje a call at (847) 746-9355 or Lois Cinert at (630) 739-1068.



## **Orchid Road Trip.....**

**Last Fall's Orchid  
Outing was so  
successful, we've**

decided to try it again. SO mark your calendars for Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, because we're headed for Indiana. This time we'll be visiting Hoosier Orchids in Indianapolis and Hilltop Orchids in nearby Cloverdale.

We will be spending the morning at Hoosier Orchids, where lunch will be provided. They are wildly known for their seed-grown orchid species, particularly Angraecoids, Pleurothallids, and other specialty groups. You can look forward to finding plants you won't find anywhere else.

In the afternoon, Dick & Sandy Wells will be hosting us at Hilltop Orchids. Hilltop has 11,000 square feet of greenhouses specializing in Phalaenopsis orchids. They also have a good selection of Paphs and Phrags, along with a wide variety of other orchids. Hilltop has its own breeding

program, so you're sure to find some unique offerings.

We have chartered a deluxe coach (with bathroom and air conditioning), assuring you a comfortable trip. We will depart promptly at 7am from the southwest corner of the Oak Brook Shopping Center parking lot (Yellow Lot #4D near Marshall Field's parking garage). The mall is located conveniently at the junctions of I-88, I-294, and Rte. 83. We should be returning by 5PM.

The registration deadline is September 15<sup>th</sup>, but seating is limited, so register early. Word had gotten around about how much fun we had and what great orchids we bought on the last trip, so sign up right away. Bring your check for \$30 made payable to the IOS to the annual picnic at Oak Hill Gardens or to the September meeting. Or mail your check to Diana Nielsen, 57 W. Salt Creek Road, Roselle, IL 60172-1419

If you need directions  
or help coordinating  
rides to Oak Brook,,  
or have any other  
questions about the  
trip, please contact  
Wendy or Dave  
Holtzman at (773)  
395-1771 or by email  
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wendyholtzman@net  
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## **SUMMER SALE**

### **PORTER'S ORCHIDS**

10868 N. Royston  
Grand Ledge, MI  
Saturday,  
August 4,2001  
(517) 622-4161

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# REPORT OF THE AWARDS COMMITTEE

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Congratulations to all of the winners of this year's contest. I'm sure they'll be making good use of their Oak Hill Gardens gift certificates at our August meeting!

Because there were so many more lights participants than greenhouse, the top 7 lights and top 3 greenhouse growers were declared winners this year. The winners in the under lights category were Wilfred Losert, Sherry Maloney, Charles & Jane High, Barbara Bennett, Dave & Wendy Holtzman, Rich Unger and Diana Nielsen. The winners in the greenhouse category were Joe & Rosalie Dixler, Bill Rogerson and Sophia Harris. The winners of the 'new member' category were Brad Hiebert for lights and Allen Morr for greenhouse.

Here's the final scores for the 2000-2001 contest year as announced at the June meeting. The double asterisk indicates a 'new member' for this competition year.

## Under Lights & Windowsill

Name	Total Points
Wilfred Losert	741
Sherry Maloney	609
Charles & Jane Highs	414
Barbara Bennett	362
Dave & Wendy Holtzman	329
Rich Unger	269
Diana Nielsen	238
Nancy Jean Schoo	218
Brad Hiebert **	217
Joel Edwards	208
Lois Cinert	206
Martin Taylor **	146
Robert Younghale	143
Ken Vrael	117
Tom Franczak	95
Leo Schordje	80
Claire Papiewski	79
Barbara Schmitz	74
Bruce Efflandt **	66
Armon McPherson	63
Cathy Bloome	37
Susan Crawford	35
Art & Ann Sellmer	33
Joel Goldstein	30
Ann Kotowski	25
Aletta Chamberlin **	19
Betsy Buckles	16
Wallace Dorothy	15
DeLoise Gaines **	15
Ron Hale	15
Sharon Nelson & Jeff Morris **	15
Jim & Gerry Bestman **	10
Morris Millman	10
Tilda Dulman	6
Sherri Reddick	4

## Greenhouse

Name	Total Points
Joe & Rosalie Dixler	1531
William Rogerson	475
Sophia Harris	425
Sue Golan	321
John Stubbings	266
Paul Passine	182
Laima Sahagian	158
Carole Thompson	134
Wally Zelinski	103
Gerald Stueben	101
Bill Nelson	75
Jay Mullen	41
Allen Morr **	35
Bob Hoel	30
Ed Gamson	28
Bob Wolf	10