

# ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Jim Spatzek, Editor

## The September Meeting

September 9, 2001

**Chicago Botanic  
Garden**

**Martin Motes  
Vandas**

Our September meeting will be held at the Chicago Botanic Garden at 12:00 noon. The featured speaker, **Dr. Martin Motes**, of **Motes Orchids**, Homestead, FL. will speak about "**Recent Trends in Vanda Breeding**". An accredited AOS judge, Martin is a frequent contributor the the AOS magazine, Orchids. At this writing we believe he will have plants for sale.

The workshop will be a surprise (To all of us!)

Please have your display & sale plants in place by 12:30pm. Please bring something for the hospitality table.

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## The President's Message by John Stubbings

Well we certainly all lucked out. The picnic at Oak Hill Gardens was on a beautiful day after two weeks of miserable heat. Hermann and the rest of the folks there made us feel very welcome and provided

wonderful desserts and drinks. If you didn't make the drive out to the countryside you missed a good meeting. Hermann's talk on culture, fertilizers, potting mixes, etc., provided lots of useful information. I made some purchases and think most of the rest of the group did likewise.

This month most of you don't have to drive as far and we are inside so we don't have weather concerns. Our speaker for September, Dr. Martin Motes has been here a few times and always makes a very interesting presentation. Last time Martin was here I shared a compot of small Vanda seedlings with Sherrie Reddick. They have grown quickly and bloomed with attractive flowers.

On a sad note, Jay Mullen passes away. Jay was a gentleman, friend, long time IOS member, great grower of Vandaceous orchids and a judge. We will all miss him.

(Please see a separate notice).

## JS....JS....JS

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

September 9<sup>th</sup>, November 11<sup>th</sup>, December 9<sup>th</sup>. The Fall Show is Oct. 11-14, 2001.

For 2002:

January 13<sup>th</sup>, February 17<sup>th</sup>, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, April 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> Spring Show & Trustees Meeting., June 30, July 14<sup>th</sup>, August 11<sup>th</sup>, September 15<sup>th</sup>, October 13<sup>th</sup>, November 17<sup>th</sup>, and December 8<sup>th</sup>.



## **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).

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

## **Display your Orchids in Our Fall Show Oct. 18, 19, 20 & 21**

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. We do that on purpose so that those who are new to setting up their own displays can have a more relaxed show try their hand at it. The Fall Show is a great time to try your hand at a display. These displays 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 (6ft x 3ft) or just a half table (3 ft. x 3 ft.). 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 in the display although you may add greenery, rocks, fountains, etc to accentuate. Remember to bring your own extension cords, power strips, and back drop and table 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 Leo Schordje and he may pair you up with someone. Questions may be directed to Leo Schordje (847) 746-9355

### **Have a few extra orchids to sell?**

The Fall Show is the place to do it. Any member of the IOS may bring orchid plants they want to sell to the CBG either during the day Friday or early Saturday and they will be put on the IOS sales table. As a donation, 25% of the sale price goes to the IOS. The balance will be mailed to the member a week or two after the show. Plant sales at this show are a major source of funding for the IOS. This is one of the ways we pay for all the speakers we bring in to meetings.

Please groom any plants you are bringing in to sell. Make sure they look good. If the plant is in poor health, please don't put it on the sales table. There are many beginners who are not IOS members that buy from the IOS table, and we don't want their first experience with orchids to be a bad experience. There are often some real collector items on the IOS sales table, many of our serious collectors sell off some of their extra divisions and seedlings of really fine plants. If you are shopping for orchids

# 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 8:00 a.m. - 5:00pm  
Details in a Future Issue or contact any commercial grower
- 10/20-10/21/01 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. & A O S Trustees Meeting. IPA & Intn'l Pleurotallid Alliance

Meetings.

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Diana Nielsen



## 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 is 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

## Fall 908 Show October 19-21

It is August, and the Fall Show is only two months away, October 19, 20, & 21. 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.





## In Memoriam

Sadly, we must report that Jay Mullen, a longtime member of the Illinois Orchid Society, passed away on Saturday, July 21, 2001. He will be greatly missed. Our sympathy to his wife, Alisha and his family.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, September 10, 2001 at 10:30am at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church on Green Bay Road in Highland Park, Illinois

The family has requested that memorials in Jay's memory be made to the Illinois Orchid Society, c/o John Stubbings, 2825 Weller Lane, Northbrook, IL 60062.



*Help! We need Orchids! (And People!)*

It's that time again! With the days getting shorter and the back-to-school sales getting longer, it's time to dust off the **IOS TRAVELING ROAD SHOW** and wake up the (new) driver—the **AWAY SHOW SEASON** is upon us!

So, please entrust your blooming plant(s) to us—we'll take good care of them; they are the key to our Society putting on a Good Show, as well as to supporting our neighboring Societies who turn up to our shows so faithfully! And if you can come help with transport and enjoy the shows, that would be wonderful!

The season opener is the **Indiana Orchid Society Show** in **Indianapolis, 9/15 & 9/16**, closely followed by the **Wisconsin Orchid Society**

**Show at The Domes** in **Milwaukee, 9/22 & 9/23**. We shall also be attending the **Blackhawk Orchid Society Show** in **Rockford, 10/19 through 10/21**.

We are planning to have a northern plan drop off point at the home of Sue Golan (599 W. Old Mill Rd Lake Forest; 847-234-6311 [sgolan@aol.com](mailto:sgolan@aol.com)) and a southern one at my house, Martin Taylor (1042 Robbins Court, Wheaton; 630-682-0464 [martin.taylor@vwr.com](mailto:martin.taylor@vwr.com)) or [dmtatcenco@aol.com](mailto:dmtatcenco@aol.com) drop-off/pickup after 6pm)

The drop-off and pickup schedule for the Fall Season shows is: **Indiana** drop off: 9/12 & 9/13; pickup: 9/17.

**Wisconsin:** drop-off 9/19 & 9/20; pickup 9/24.

**Rockford:** drop-off\* 10/16 & 10/17; pickup 10/22.

\*northern drop-off point may be different for this show; update in the October newsletter.

For those who haven't participated in an away show before, it's simple! Label your blooming plants clearly with their names and your name (if you want to see them again!) And leave them at the nearest drop-off point on one of the scheduled days. We will transport them to the show, set up the display, bring them back and have them at the drop-off points by early evening of the pick-up day at the latest—maybe with an award! So why not give your plants an outing and our neighbors a chance to admire your favorite blooms? Of course, help with transport and display is also always welcome. Remember you can help with the setup or the teardown or both.

Please help make this another successful traveling show season for our IOS!

**Martin Taylor**



## OOPS! We Goofed!!!

**The IOS Fall Orchid Show dates actually are Oct. 18, 19, 20, & 21, 2001.**

This is one week later than the originally published dates of Oct. 12-14.

The dates in the IOS calendar, the Website and the AOS calendar are wrong. This is an error due to "somebody" not reading the fine print. The contract that the IOS Boards signed with the CBG back on March 5, 2000 actually had Oct. 19, 20 & 21 dates listed above. Nobody noticed that these dates were different than the original dates we requested. The IOS even has a copy of this contract. We just overlooked the change in dates. So the error is ours and not the CBG's. Hopefully this will not be too great an inconvenience. Please correct your calendars. If you have any questions please call Leo Schordje at (847) 746-9355, or Lois Cinert at (630) 739-1068, or John Stubbings at (847) 480-1532.



## ☐ Fall Tapestry of Orchids ☐

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 Ciner or Leo Schordje.

Traffic: Helping the exhibitors to bring in their plants and get them to their display area Thursday evening and all day Friday, and Sunday tea down.

Registration: Assisting exhibitors in completing the plant tags needed for judging Thursday evening and Friday during the day.

Hospitality: Arranging the foods the caterer brings for the judges breakfast. Help with clean up afterward.

Photography Host: Watchin over the exhibit hall while photographers take pictures. Plants and displays must not be touched.

Security: Keeping an eye on the public as they enjoy our

displays. People like to try and touch! Most of the time you end up answering questions about the plants.

Info Table: This involves selling dendrobium sprays and providing membership information that the IOS gives out at this table.

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

Clerking: Assisting the judging team during the judging process. This may involve writing dates on ribbons, looking for certain plants in the next display, keeping track of where to go next. This is truly a great place for orchid enthusiasts to expand their learning. Join us for the judges breakfast on Saturday morning prior to clerking.



## Fall Show Food for Volunteers & Judges.....

This is the first year we will NOT be asking people to bring a dish to pass for the Fall Show. The Chicago Botanic Gardens has requested the IOS discontinue this

practice. We are allowed to bring our own personal bag lunches, but for hot food they would like us to go to the Cafeteria in the Gateway Building. The upside of this change is that we do not have to plead for volunteers to set up and take down the food. One less job for the show. If you have any questions, you can call Leo Schordje (847) 746-9355.



## The Orchid Road Trip

*Please note: Due to a scheduling conflict with the IOS Fall Mini Show, the bus trip is being rescheduled for **Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**. We will be contacting members already registered to verify that you can still join us on the new date. If you can't, we'll be happy to return you check. All other trip details remain the same.*

Last Fall's Orchid Outing was so successful, we've decided to try it again. So mark your calendars for **Sunday, October**

**28<sup>th</sup>**, because we're headed for Indiana. This time we'll be visiting **Hoosier Orchids and Hilltop Orchids.**

We will be spending the morning at Hoosier Orchids, where lunch will be provided. They are widely 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 and Sandy Wells will be hosting us at Hilltop Orchids. Hilltop has 11,000 sq. ft. 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 bus (with bathroom and air conditioning) assuring you a comfortable trip. We will depart promptly at 7 a.m. from the southwest corner of the Oak Brook Shopping Center parking lot (Yellow Lot # 4 D 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 in September 21<sup>st</sup>, but the bus is starting to fill up, so register early. Word has gotten around about how much fun we had and what great orchids we bought on the last trip, so sign up right away. Give your check for \$30 made payable to the IOS to Wendy Holtzman at the September 9<sup>th</sup> monthly 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 David Holtzman at 773-395-1771 or by email at [wendyholtzman@netzero.net](mailto:wendyholtzman@netzero.net).



## **Will Wonders Never Cease??**

A mother took her daughter to the doctor and asked him to give an examination to determine the cause of her swollen abdomen. It took the doctor about 2 seconds to say, "Gimme a break lady! Your daughter is pregnant". The mother turned red with fury and she argued with the doctor that her daughter was a good girl and would never compromise her reputation by having sex with a boy. The doctor

faced the window and silently watched the horizon. The mother again became enraged and screamed, "Quite looking out the window! Aren't you paying attention to me?" "Yes, of course I am paying attention ma'am. It's just that the last time this happened, a star appeared in the east, and three wise men came. I was hoping they would show up again and help me figure out who got your daughter pregnant!"

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October 18, 19, 20 & 21, 2001

Volunteers for Fall Mini-Show

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Table Reservation for Display

## UNTEER

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|------------------|-----------|--------------|-------|
| Friday, Oct 18   | 4pm - 9pm | Traffic      | _____ |
| Saturday, Oct 19 | 9am - 1pm | Registration | _____ |
|                  | 9am - 1pm | Traffic      | _____ |
|                  | 1pm - 8pm | Traffic      | _____ |
|                  | 1pm - 7pm | Registration | _____ |

Saturday and Sunday Oct 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>

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

|                              |                  |           |       |
|------------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------|
| 6am- 7am                     | Judges Breakfast | Sat only  | _____ |
| 7am- 9am                     | Clerking         | Sat only  | _____ |
| 7:30am - 9am                 | Photography Host | Sun only  | _____ |
| 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 21 <sup>th</sup> | 5pm              | Tear down | _____ |

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

Please return form to: Leo Schordje  
 P.O. Box 73  
 Zion, IL 60099-0073  
 (847) 746-9355

## TABLE RESERVATION

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

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



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