

ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Jim Spatzek, Editor



The President's Message by John Stubbings

This is the month you and your orchids get to be the stars. Our Fall Mini Show is the center ring and your plants or display is the main attraction. The Show can only be a success if you help out. So, please sign up as a volunteer. Very little experience is necessary for most of the jobs and yet the work done is very rewarding. So, please join the fun and assist in putting on a good display with the Society in October. You also get to sell some of your excess divisions through the society sales table. That gives you the opportunity to buy someone else's items and you don't have.

The Second attraction for

the month is the bus trip to Indiana. We have almost enough people going to confirm the bus. The Indianapolis area growers feature different orchids from what we usually see in the Chicago area. I've been to both recently and I'm sure you won't be able to come away empty handed unless someone had locked up your pocketbook. So come along to see what they have to offer besides fun and excellent hospitality.

So come to both events, meet more orchid people and have some fun.

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

November 11th, December 9th. The Fall Show is Oct. 11-14, 2001.

For 2002:

January 13th, February 17th, March 3rd, April 10th-14th

Spring Show & Trustees Meeting., June 30, July 14th, August 11th, September 15th, October 13th, November 17th, and December 8th.



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 2nd Saturday of the month at 1:00pm (unless otherwise announced here and in the AOS Bulletin, Orchids).

Oct. 19, 2001-9:00AM
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

- 9/28-9/30/01 Ninth Annual Chicagoland Orchid Fest 8:00 a.m. - 5:00pm
- 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, W I l l o w a O.S. Show, Bettendorf, IA
- 4/6-4/7/02 Illinois Orchid Society Show Mid-America Orchid Cong. & A O S Trustees Meeting. IPA & Intn'l Pleurotallid Alliance Meetings.

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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 responsibilities.

Diana Nielsen

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**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.

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.

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☐Fall Tapestry of Orchids☐

Our fall show is here. Come join in the fun and learn more about orchids, orchid judging, orchid shows, and meet some new friends. We got a few volunteers but are still in need of a few more 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 you own! Sign up with Leo Schordje (847) 587-5534.

Sales Table: Wally Zielinski has a few volunteers but needs a half a dozen more people to cover, especially on Saturday. Call him at (847) 587-5534 if you can help!

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

Registration: Assisting exhibitors in completing the plant tags needed for judging. Thursday evening and Friday during the day, because judging is Saturday morning, we will keep registration open until 7PM on Friday..

Hospitality: Food has been ordered through the CBG caterer for a light breakfast. We will need a little help with clean up afterward.

Photography Host: Watching over the exhibit hall while photographers take pictures. Plants and displays must not be touched. This is Sunday, 7:30am to 9:00am. Any earlybirds?

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 at 7:15am on Saturday morning. 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 28th**. 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 28th**, 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 28th is fast approaching, so register now. 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. Please 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@netzer.o.net.



New Members

Please welcome the following new members who have joined the IOS between June and September.

Idell & Seymour Bartlett

Jeanette Hoffman-Seely

Libby Luft

Paul Schnachter

Kristen Szereby

Ken Teppal

I would encourage our "old" members to introduce themselves and personally welcome these newcomers to our Society.

Our membership now stands at 281, not including commercial members.

Allen Merr,
Membership Chair

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It's SHOWTIME!!!! "FALL TAPESTRY OF ORCHIDS"

The IOS Fall Orchid Show

Revised Dates
Oct. 18, 19, 20, 21

Our Fall Show is here. This show is traditionally smaller than our Spring Show. We do that on purpose so that those who are new to setting up their on displays can have a more relaxed show to try their hand at. 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 (6'x3') or just a half table (3'x3'). 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 the IOS point contest. AOS judging will take place immediately after the ribbon judging on Saturday morning.

Right now er have only a few people signed up to do a display. Complete the form included in this newsletter; include the name of all exhibitors (or just call). If you cannot find a display partner, call Leo Schordje and he may be able to pair you with someone. Questions may be directed to Leo at (847) 746-9355.



Have A Few Plants to Sell?

The Fall Show is the

place to do it. Any member of the IOS may bring orchid plants they want to seel 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 to the 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's itmes on the IOS sales table, many of our serious collectors sell some of their extra division and seedlings of really fine plants. Wally Zielinski has volunteered to run the sales table this year.

He needs to volunteers.

We need a few more volunteers....call or email Leo Schordje at (847) 746-9355 or l.schordje@dataflo.net. Hope to see you all there!



HARD TIMES MAY BE AHEAD BUT LET'S KEEP OUR HOPES AND SPIRITS UP THROUGH OUR FRIENDS AND OUR LOVE OF ORCHIDS AND ALL GROWING THINGS!

GOD BLESS AMERICA

Volunteers for Fall Mini-Show

- Table Reservation for Display

VOLUNTEER

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

Saturday and Sunday Oct 20th & 21st

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 21th 5pm Tear down _____

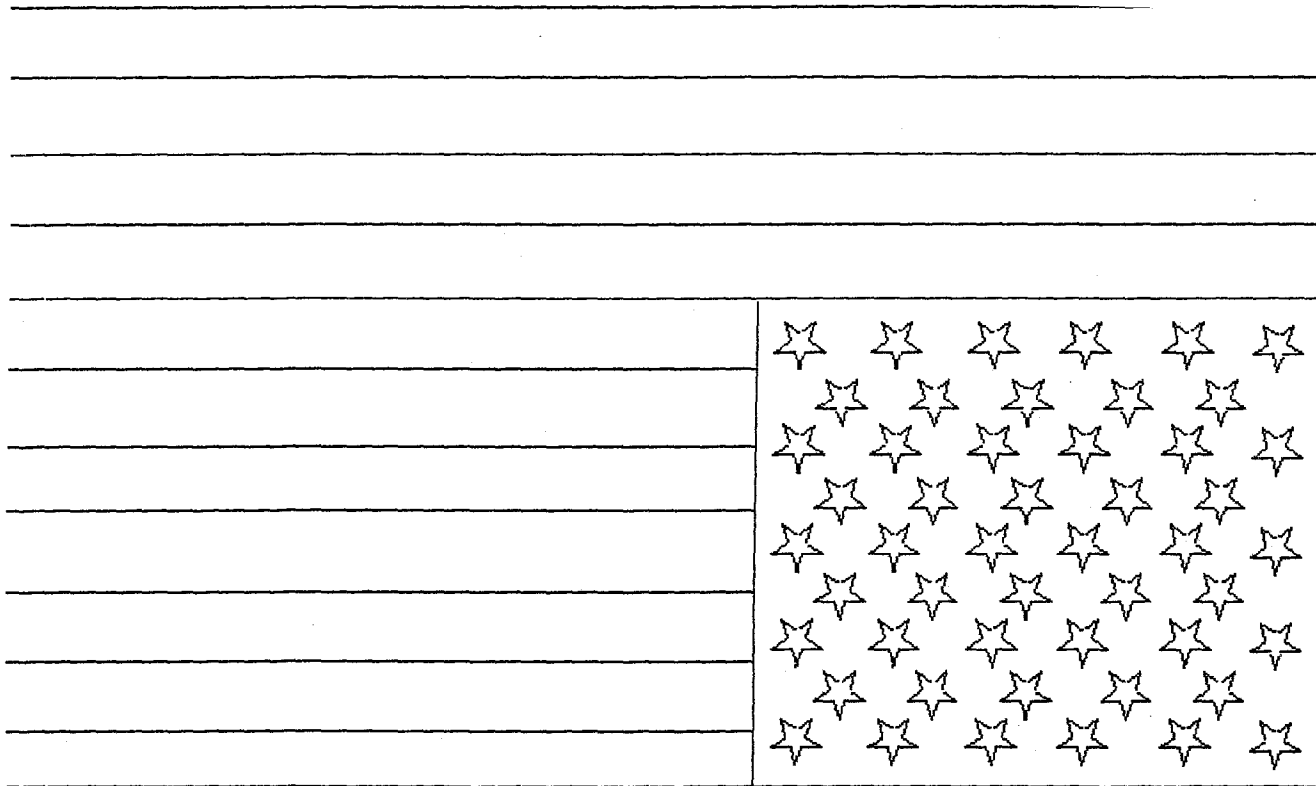
The time blocks listed are guidelines only. Please list any time changes that suit your schedule.

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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