

ILLINOIS ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Jim Spatzek, Editor

**THE SHOW IS
COMING! THE
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YOU READY TO
PARTICIPATE?**



The President's Message by John Stubbings

This month the main topic of the meeting will be the Anniversary Show and we'll give each of you more details as to the specific help you can provide as a volunteer. Remember that most of our volunteer work at the Show DOES NOT require you to be an orchid expert. What is desired is a good, friendly person to help the visitors and

ourselves have a good time. **Lois Cinert** and **Leo Schordje** will organize the workshop. Please see the other notices.

The orchid talk by **Barb Bennett** covered *Paphiopedilum malipoense*. This is one of the Chinese paphs. discovered within the last 20 years. Can you name the other new species? Also important with this species and with *P. Delenatii* and their hybrids....some are fragrant!

We have started the away show season. **Martin Taylor** has already taken our Society display to St. Paul, Minnesota and Madison, Wisconsin. Both displays well represented the Society. They were mostly plants sent by members not by Martin. Please contact Martin to volunteer if you can. We sometimes are lucky to have the local commercial vendors bring the display back from the show.

For the first time I can remember, **Wilfried Losert** brought one of his *Phalaenopsis* hybrids to the Chicago Judging. He was rewarded with a Highly Commended Certificate (HCC) for a pink multifloral. Congratulations to Wilfried. The judges want to encourage each of you to take advantage of this service. You can also get your plants judged by sending them to any show with **Martin Taylor** or by having them in our Show.

JS....JS....JS

**We Didn't Know
but now that we
do...BOB WOLF**, a longtime member and grower of specimen plants has been under the weather. He was at the January judging and was pretty chipper! Good to see you up and around, Bob. Best wishes from

the IOS!

Welcome New Members!

Please extend a warm welcome to the following members who have recently joined the IOS!

- Jerry Garner-Evanston
- Mary Greenwald-Grayslake
- Janet Plantinga-Country Club Hills
- Loren Pollack-Highland Park
- Mark Harris-Chicago
- Bill Zentis-Lincolnshire
- Bob Stark-St. John, IN
- Jack Lipscomb-Lincolnwood
- Kelly Spillars-Hinsdale
- Clement Yu-Buffalo Grove
- Tom Meyer-Libertyville
- Susan Kwasinski-Chicago
- Chuck Smith-Kensho, WI
- Fred & Anna Westine-Winnetka
- Sandy Fuller-Palatine

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

Allen Morr
Membership



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

For 2002:

April 10th-14th Spring Show & Trustees Meeting., May 19th, 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.)

- Mar. 9, 2002-1:00PM
- Apr. 11, 2002-1:30PM
- May 4, 2002-1:00PM
- June 15, 2002-1:00PM
- July 13, 2002-2:00PM
- Aug. 3, 2002-1:00PM
- Sept. 14, 2002-1:00PM
- Oct. 12, 2002-1:00PM
- Nov. 9, 2002-1:00PM
- Dec. 14, 2002-1:00PM

If you have never attended a judging come on over to the Garden.



Please Help Register Our Visitors.....

A huge crowd of eager orchid visitors is going to descend on Chicago the second week of April this year. Before they can set about enjoying the delights our Society is preparing for them, they all have to be registered and collect their credentials. So WE NEED LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS TO WORK THE REGISTRATION TABLES! Please help if you can; the

tables will need to be open 12 hours a day from Tuesday, 4/9, through Friday, 4/12! We would prefer 4 hour time slots but we will be grateful and happy to put you to work if you can only manage a shorter time.

If you think you can help, please contact Martin Taylor with the time (s) you can be available at (847) 465-7595 (day) or (630) 682-0464 (evening) or by e-mail at:

DMTatCENCO@aol.com

Thanks!



Contest Standings:

Monthly Judging

Well, here we are, only in February and I've already messed things up. Now that I have an official copy of the points rules, I'll try to do better. I have corrected some totals (Edwards, Unger, Dixler) where I awarded too many points for a special award at an away show. Points are awarded as follows:

Special:	20
1 st	10
2 nd	5
No Ribbon	1

These points are doubled for plants entered in any show, home or away, with the exception of the Special which remains at 20. A 3rd Place Ribbon at a show earns 5 points. AOS Awards received the point value of the award; eg. AM80 receives 80 points. Non-pointed

awards (JC, CBR, AD) receive 50 points. If you have received AOS awards since July, Please contact me so that I may include those numbers with your totals. Next month I'll try to cover the rules for 'Newcomers' and a description of the yearly prizes.

Keep on growing and showing!!!
Sherry Maloney

Lights/Windowsill:

Buckles	10
Cinert	132
Bennett	208
Bloome	50
Edwards	269
Fleiszak	10
Gemeinhart*	16
Goldstein	17
Hale	12
Hiebert	58
High	117
Holtzman	142
Jehangir*	16
Losert	152
Maloney	206
Millman	5
Nielsen	135
Paplewski	63
Reddick	30
Schmitz	46
Schoo	17
Schordje	26
Sellmer	5
Taylor	380
Unger	208
Vrabel	65
Wallace	20

Greenhouse:

Dixler	491
Golan	129
Harris	69
Lipson	41
Lubin	40

Passine	40
Sahagian	56
Stubbings	32
Thompson	10
Zielinski	47

SOME THOUGHTS

WHAT DO FISH SAY WHEN THEY HIT A CONCRETE WALL? Dam!

WHAT DO YOU CALL A BOOMERANG THAT DOESN'T WORK? A stick!

THE MARCH MEETING.....

Our meeting will begin at noon on Sunday, March 3, 2002 at the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe. There will be plant judging.

The speaker for March will be DICK WELLS of Hilltop Orchids in Indiana. He will speak on "New Hybridization in Phalaenopsis". That's all the information we have; please call Wendy Holtzman if you need any additional information.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS THE FIRST SUNDAY IN MARCH !!!

FUTURE IOS BOARD MEETINGS.....

The Board of Directors of the Illinois Orchid Society, Inc. has scheduled the following board meetings:

March 12th
Allen Morr

The board meetings will begin at 7:30pm. Call the hosts above if you need directions.



WANT TO RESERVE A ROOM FOR THE GOLDENT ANNIVERSARY SHOW?

The Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel, Northbrook, Illinois is the host hotel for the Illinois Orchid Society Golden Anniversary Jubilee. The Renaissance Chicago North Shore



underwent a \$4.5 million renovation completed in 1999. The IOS has reserved a limited block of rooms at the special low rate of only \$99 single/double. When this limited block of rooms is fully booked, the IOS has a second block of rooms reserved at the discount rate of \$109 single/double. You must have your reservation made by March 10, 2002 in order to take advantage of these deep discounts. After 3/15/02, these discounts may not be available and the full price rate of \$139 and up per single/double will apply. It is important to make your reservation early and to request the IOS group rate. Call:

The Renaissance
933 Skokie Blvd
Northbrook, IL
(847) 498-6500

Be close to all the activities the entire weekend.



In Memoriam

Sadly, we report the

passing on Saturday, February 9, of David Nax, Judge Emeritus of the Chicago Center. Our deepest sympathy to his wife, Suki.



AOS Auction

If you have any items that you would like to donate to the AOS Auction which will occur 5 PM on Saturday, April 13, 2002, please bring them to the registration table in the host hotel or you may ship your donated items to:

Allen Morr
253 Summerfield Rd.
Northbrook, IL
60062-5426
(847) 501-2532
E-mail:
amorr@ozonology.com

It's That Time Again!!!

The Away Show Season, Part 2, has started and so the IOS is about to experience a new kind of Orchid Pest....ME!

Hopefully, you will get so

tired of being pestered for plants that you will send lots just to shut me up!

To quote from the call last September:

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 at our shows so faithfully! And, if you can come help with transport and enjoy the shows, that would be wonderful!

Here is the Winter/Spring away schedule:

3/2-3/3/02-Northeast Wisconsin Orchid Society Show, Kaukauna, WI.
4/6-4/7/02-Illowa Orchid Society Show, Bettendorf, IA.

Note: The IOS pays reasonable hotel and gas for you to set up these shows, so why not take a long weekend?

(Note: you can also check the upcoming shows & events section of the IOS website, www.iosoc.com for this schedule and updates) We are again planning to have a northern plant drop off point at the home of Sue Golan (599 W. Old Mill Rd., Lake Forest; 847-234-6311, sgolan@aol.com) and a southern one at my house Martin Taylor (1042 Robbins Court, Wheaton; 630-682-0464; martin.taylor@vwr.com or cmtatcenco@aol.com ; drop

off/pickup after 6pm.)
Latest drop off dates for
these shows are:
Wisconsin-Kaukauna,
Thurs, 2/28
Bettendorf, Thurs, 4/4

In each case, you can also
drop your plants off earlier
in the week. Plants will be
available for return the day
after the show closes.

For those who haven't
participated in an away
show before, I encourage
you to try it. Remember
it's a great way to earn
points in the monthly
competition, especially if
you plant comes ack with
an award! And if you can
visit the show with us, it's
fun! What could be better
than a day or weekend
surrounded by blooming
orchids? (No answers
please. It's rhetorical!)

Martin Taylor



**50th
Anniversary
Show Report
Part III**

It is crunch time,
less than 30 days to the
BIG SHOW! The 2002
50th Anniversary Show
is going to be an event to
remember. I want to
thank everyone for all

the work they have been
doing. This is a huge
project. It is shaping up
nicely but we are really
going to need a lot of
people. Remember that
we are offering a \$20
discount on registration
or at the IOS Plant Sales
Table at the Show if you
volunteer for 4 or more
hours.

Our intrepid treasurer,
Diana Nielson is our
Volunteer Coordinator.
Sign up through her as
a volunteer, and she will
make sure you get you
coupon. You can also
sign up through the
person responsible for
each area, and they will
make sure your
information gets to
Diana. Some of the key
people to contact are:

Diana Nielsen -
Volunteer Coordinator,
(630) 894-9486

Lois Cinert- will be in
charge of everything
that happens at the
CBG-Show set-up to
show tear down. Most of
what happens here is
the same as most years,
only a bigger scale
(630) 739-1068

John Stubbings -Will
be in charge of Judging.
Ribbon judging will
happen Thursday
morning, April 11, AOS
judging will happen that
afternoon. John will

need at least 20 clerks
for the 100+ AOS Judges
who will want to judge.
(847) 480-1532)

Martin Taylor- will be in
charge of Registration at
the hotel. Martin will
need to have people
staffing the registration
table Tuesday through
Friday. He will need
quite a few people, a few
at a time over the course
of the week (630) 682-
0464

Allen Morr- will be in
charge of the AOS
Auction. He will need a
team of 5 or so people
on Saturday, 4/13 to set
up the Auction Preview
Display, and then as
runners and cashiers for
the actual auction. This
is a fun job; the Fall
2001 Auction raised
about \$20,000-so this is
no small action. (847)
501-2532

Bil Nelson- is in charge
of the "Goodie Bags"
a.k.a The Registration
Bag. His job is to get
them stuffed and ready
to hand out to
registrants. By the way
if you know anyone who
might be willing to
DONATE 350-400 of
some item for inclusion
in the bag, let Bil or Leo
Schordje know. It's
great advertising for
companies. (414) 672-
6446

Bob Feliszak - Hospitality Suite. Bob is Mr. Hospitality; this is at the hotel and open to all IOS members and all registrants. Definitely drop in, bring a dish, take a shift as Ambassador for the IOS. The CBG is not allowing us to bring in treats, so we are holding ALL our hospitality at the hotel. Need a break while at the show? Hop the shuttle bus on over to the hotel, where you can have a snack and put your feet up. We will need people to man the room, and people to bring a dish to pass, like we do when we bring food to the Hausermann's Christmas Party. This is a very relaxed place to work the show; a good job to volunteer for if you can't be on your feet much!

Wally Zielinsky - is handling Plant Sales for the IOS members at the CBG. Walt will need a good sized crew to man the booth from setting up on Wednesday through close of sales on Sunday. (847) 864-9364

There are a dozen other jobs I haven't covered but from this you can see the highlights. Please make helping at the 50th Anniversary Show a priority this

year. It is you, the members that make the Society; the Society needs you. It will be fun; hope to see you all there. Hope to hear the telephone ring with you on the other end volunteering.

Leo Schordje
(847) 746-9355



The Orchid Seedling by Siegfried Dux

First there was nothing -
and then just a thought.
It came with the package,
the two plant that I
bought.

And later that year - on a
cold winter night,
Two flowers appeared,
such a delight!

The thought occurred and
came over me -
That I could fumble and
act as a bee...

The pollen from one - the
stigma the other,
What would it bring if
they loved one another?

The months went by - I
counted to nine.
I cut off the pod - I knew it
was time.

The postman need for
action - aha...

The seed and my thoughts
all the way to Santa
Barbara.

There in a lab with skill
and with pride
The dust came to life and
the seed grew with might.

The two years later - a
flask from so far,
with so many seedlings
arrived in a jar.

I potted and planted - the
years have been seven.
I looked at the plants - it's
a gift from heaven!

And now it's a seedling,
the first time in bloom.
The pride and joy of my
living room!

A sculpture, a painting so
fine will survive,
A part of creation - our God
is alive!

(This is an original poem
by Siegfried Dux, a long
time member of the IOS
going back to the early
days of the Society in the
50's. We thank him for
his contribution.)



Hospitality Suite News Flash!

We need your help &
goodies for the April 10-
14 CELEBRATION of the
IOS 50th Anniversary
and Mid-America
Congress, AOS

Member's Meeting, and our SHOW.

The IOS will have a HOSPITALITY SUITE at the Hotel stocked with goodies for members and all guests. YOUR SOCIETY NEEDS YOUR HELP TO:

1. Help stock the shelves with non-perishable goodies like chips, crackers, cookies, popcorn, pretzels, beef sticks, hard salami, etc., etc. Your choice and use your imagination.

2. Please contribute perishable trays of meats, veggies, etc. Or how about financial help in lieu of stuff?

3. Please invest a small amount of your time to BE THE IOS AMBASSADOR and greet our guests and members in the suite at the hotel. I will be looking forward to your call or e-mail telling me how you will help our Society show everyone "The Best in Hospitality."

Phone: (847) 827-0255
or if busy, (847) 299-7442.

E-mail to:

yachtmst@flash.net

Thank you so much in advance for your help.

Robert Feliszak

"The Hospitality Guy"



N E E D A

REGISTRATION PACKET

We've published all of the Spring Show Schedules and details for the last two months. If you have misplaced your registration form, please call Leo Schordje at 847-746-9355, or better yet, email him your request at lschordje@mbt.com

FLFLF

Things NOT to forget when you come to the Anniversary Celebration.

You. Come to the show, enjoy the orchids. Visit the vendors. Besides selling excellent plants, they are an endless source of information on growing and blooming successfully.

You. Spend a few hours working with your fellow Society members. It's a chance to talk, meet some new people, and help the Society celebrate. And, you

get a discount on your conference registration fee. And, you get first dibbs on the sale plants, before the general public picks them over. You can find lots of good things early.

Your plants. The IOS display, organized and created by Anne Kotowski, will be the first one seen at the doorway to the Great Hall. We want to have plants from as many members as possible. This is YOUR anniversary. Celebrate! Bring plants!

Food. We get hungry. Some of us will be leaving home to stay at the Garden and the Hotel for several days. Some of us will be working a whole day, without going home. If you have no other contribution you are comfortable *with, bring food*. Casseroles and cold foods welcome. Veggie plates, cheese & crackers, fruit' any food is welcome. Food goes to the hotel, not

the Garden.

Bags. Paper and plastic grocery bags are needed for plant sales. We like to have every plant in a bag. If you have a collection of small boxes that are taking up too much room, we can use those also.

You. To tell all your friends, family, co-workers, neighbors about our show. It will be something worth spending an afternoon seeing. We hope it will be a once in a lifetime experience, with flowers you have never seen before, grown to perfection.

You. To celebrate with us at the Preview Party on Thursday evening, when the Show will debut. To celebrate with us at the Banquet on Saturday night. The food will be outstanding, the band is great. Even if you don't dance, dine with us and enjoy the music and fellowship.

**THIS IS YOUR PARTY,
YOUR ANNIVERSARY.**

It won't be successful if you don't participate, and we will miss your presence if you don't attend. Make a Memory!



**The 50th
Anniversary
Show
THE IOS
Display**

Have you ever wanted to do a big display but don't believe you can? Can you wrap black cloth around pots? Can you print name tags neatly? Are you available Tuesday April 8 (9am-9pm) and/or Wednesday April 9 (9 a m - 9 p m ; especially 4pm-9pm)? I'm not looking for anyone to be there all day. I will; but I'm nuts. I've got the perfect job for you; I've got the ideas. I just need help putting it all together. If I haven't

scared you yet, call me (630) 833-8042 after 4:30pm or e-mail phtag207@aol.com This can be fun; really, it can, or so I've been told!

Anne Kotowski



**Happy St.
Patty's Day**



"When I die, I want to die like my grandfather who died peacefully in his sleep. Not screaming like all the passengers in his car!"



SADLY, we report the passing of MARCELLA KOSS, wife of former IOS president and first Chairman of the Chicago Judging Center.

Our sympathy to her family.



Leo Schordje
(847) 746-9355

FREE GREENHOUSE

Are you or anyone you know interested in a greenhouse? I am willing to give my greenhouse away FOR FREE to anyone who can remove it from my property. For more information, contact Honey Bronson at (847) 432-8449.



MARCH WORKSHOP

The topic for the Workshop portion of our meeting will be our 50th Anniversary Show. Leo Schordje and Lois Cinert will discuss the many aspects of the gala extravaganza coming April 10th through the 14th. We will talk about the Preview Party, the Dinner Dance, the AOS Auction, the lectures, and all the other exciting happenings that there are to enjoy throughout the Gala Weekend. See you there !

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You've now heard enough about volunteering and being part of the Society. We seriously need your help. Please volunteer for something & if nothing else, show up on one or two of the days and just say I'm here.

Thanks!



Two boll weevils grew up in South Carolina. One went to Hollywood and became a famous actor. The other stayed behind in the cotton fields and never amounted to much. The second one, naturally, became known as the lesser of two weevils.

50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
VOLUNTEERS

Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel

Tuesday, April 9	Conference Registration	3pm – 7pm _____
Wednesday, April 10	Conference Registration	9am – 9pm _____
	Hospitality Suite	9am - 7pm _____
Thursday, April 11	Conference Registration	7:30am – 5pm _____
	Hospitality Suite	9am – 5pm _____
Friday, April 12	Hospitality Suite	9am – 9pm _____
Sat, Sun 13 –14	Hospitality Suite	9am – 5pm _____
Thurs, Fri, Sat	Tour Bus Guides	8:30am-6pm _____

Chicago Botanic Garden

Tuesday, April 9	Traffic	9am – 9pm _____
	Plant Registration	Noon – 8pm _____
Wednesday, April 10	Traffic	7am – 9pm _____
	Display Setup	9am – 9pm _____
	Plant Registration	8am – 6pm _____
	Registration Consolidation	6pm - ???? _____
Thursday April 11	Ribbon Judging CLERKS	9am – Noon _____
	Plant Sales	7pm – 10pm _____
	Servers-Preview Party	6pm – 11pm _____
Friday, Saturday April 12 & 13	Security	9am – 5pm _____
	Plant Sales	9am – 5pm _____
	Membership	9am – 5pm _____
	Dendrobium, pin, book sales	9am – 5pm _____
Sunday, April 14	Security	9am – 5pm _____
	Plant Sales	9am – 5pm _____
	Membership	9am – 5pm _____
	Dendrobium, pin, book sales	9am – 5pm _____
	TEAR DOWN	5pm - ???? _____

Please select the job you would like to work, and fill in your available time. We need all your help, and this is your opportunity to participate in this anniversary celebration.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

EMAIL _____ Thank you. We appreciate your help.

Chicago Botanic Garden
April 10 - 14, 2002

Mid-America
Orchid Congress

American Orchid Society
Spring Members Meeting



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