

The Orchid Grower

Upcoming Events:

- June 19: 1:00 PM Ribbon Judging at Guild Picnic
- June 19: 1:30 PM Guild Membership Meeting with election of officers followed by picnic
- July 16-17: PhalaeMania at Porter's Orchids in Grand Ledge, MI
- Aug 7: Open House at Oak Hill for Wisconsin Societies

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Orchid Growers' Guild

Its Picnic Time! – Author

The Guild's summer picnic will be held at the home of Doug Dowling & Gary Lensmeyer. As in the past the Guild will provide beverages and table service. Those attending should bring a dish to pass and a lawn chair.

Ribbon judging will begin at 1:00 p.m. Promptly at 1:30 we will hold our annual Membership Meeting with the election of officers. As soon as this is over, we'll enjoy our picnic lunch and the chance to fellowship together. This is the last Guild meeting until September.

Directions from the Beltline:

North on Hwy 51 (Stoughton Rd) to Hwy 30 then follow "Common Directions" below.

Common Directions:

East on Hwy 30, stay far right and exit on Thompson

North on Thompson (under Hwy 30) Follow Thompson through a series of apartment complexes, up a hill and curve to left, to Hazelcrest—its just past a 30 mph speed sign). Right on Hazelcrest to Twin Pines Dr. (first road to right).

Right on Twin Pines Dr. 902 is the first house facing Twin Pines on the right—gray ranch with maroon shutters and sunburst.

From I-90

West on Hwy 30 to Hwy 51 (Stoughton Rd)
 South on Hwy 51 (under Hwy 30) stay far left and get back on Hwy 30 then follow "Common Directions" above.

We look forward to seeing you at the picnic!

Membership Meeting & Elections Set for June 19

Because the Guild could not meet locally during May, the Board has authorized the election of officers to be held at the June 19th. This year's nominating committee is Gary Lensmeyer, Chair; Elaine Malter; and Steven Thimling. They have nominated the following: President: vacant; Treasurer: Bob Hafner; Board

Members: Sandy Delamater (2006) and Brook Johnson (2005) to complete Cleo Kiergaard's term).

The election will be held promptly at 1:30 p.m. to allow those who want to vote, but not participate in the picnic to do so. Please remember that our by-laws call for all elections to be by "those present and voting."

President's Message – Doug Dowling

As I started my presidency two years ago, it seemed like 2004 was a long way away. I'm not sure where the time went. During these two years your directors and officers have worked hard, meeting almost every month, to continue to improve the Guild.

The policy changes that were accomplished improved ribbon judging and allowed the Guild to have the funds for programs and educational ventures. Changes were made in the by-laws to take advantage of Twenty-first Century technology while freeing up funds that had previously been spent on printing and mailing costs. Your directors have encouraged changes in our meeting format to address the expressed needs of our members. Under their leadership we developed a comprehensive presence on the internet with our own domain name.

Changes made by those involved in Orchid Quest have resulted in more vendors participating, less congestion at the show and greater satisfaction among vendors and customers. The use of computer technology has resulted in speeding up the judging process. The program that was developed by one of our members for this process is being adopted by other societies at the request of the AOS judges who used it at our show first. We are also making progress on eliminating the need to haul around heavy boxes of books for the AOS judges through the purchase of computer software which is now strongly suggested that societies buy, but will eventually be required.

Our various committee chairs have worked hard to improve our Guild as well. We've had programs at almost all of our meetings, we've worked to improve access to the Guild's library, and we have refreshments at each meeting. Changes made in the Spring Sale have resulted in increased income and more beautiful and healthy flowers to offer to the public. We've also added a beautiful T-shirt with logo to our items available at a discount for Guild members.

All of this has been accomplished at a time when people are becoming increasingly busy with family and job responsibilities. They've happened because individual members have been willing to volunteer their time and energy. As a guild we can continue to try new and creative ways to promote the enjoyment of orchids, but only if you, as a member, are willing to continue to help in various ways. If you have a suggestion for improving the Guild, the directors and officers will listen and consider what you have to say. If your idea involves the need for human resources, we hope you'll be willing to volunteer your time and talent.

My profound thanks to everyone who has taken on the roll of leader or volunteer during the past two years. Our Guild is what is it today, because of your willingness to say "yes" when you're asked to help.

2004 & 2005 Guild Meetings

The following dates have been set for Guild meetings for 2004:

Aug. 7 Oak Hill Open House

Nov. 21

Sep. 19

Dec. 12 Holiday Party

Oct. 17

Meeting dates for 2005 are all set for the third Sunday of each month (September through May) at Olbrich Botanical Gardens.

Newsletter Editor Needed

The Board of Directors is looking for someone to edit our newsletter beginning no later than the end of the year. To help make the job easier, the board decided that the newsletter would only publish every other month. Duties include writing some of the articles and doing the layout, getting a copy to our web master for uploading to the internet, printing copies for members without internet access, mailing copies to those members who don't pick their copy up at the meeting.

If you are interested in becoming our newsletter editor, please contact Elaine Malter. For more information on what goes into the newsletter, contact Doug Dowling.

Your Help Is Needed

Your help is needed in filling the positions that enable our Guild to function. We are in need of some for these leadership positions: Away Show Chair, Membership Secretary, *The Orchid Grower* Editor, *Orchid Digest* Liaison, Program Chair, and Sunshine Secretary.

If you're willing to be appointment to one of these positions, please contact Elaine Malter.



Guild members finding great plants at Natt's Orchids



New way to safely transport orchids



Riding the bus to Natt's Orchids

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Sunshine: To be filled (2006)

Liaisons:

Alliant: Steven Thimling (2006)

AOS: Jill Hynum (2005)

MAOC: Don Lamb (2005)

Orchid Digest: To be filled (2006)