

The Orchid Grower

Orchid Growers' Guild

Upcoming Events:

- Mar 1: 7:00 PM Board of Directors at Perkins on the Beltline at Fish Hatchery Road
- Mar 3: Noon deadline for plant drop-off at Ackers for NE WI show
- Mar 17: Noon deadline for plant drop-off at Ackers for Illowa show
- Mar 18: Deadline for April Newsletter
- Mar 28: 1:00 PM Ribbon Judging at Olbrich
- Mar 28: 1:30 PM Guild Meeting at Olbrich
- Mar 31: Noon deadline for plant drop-off at Ackers for IOS show

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Come to the Auction March 28th!

The March Guild meeting is your chance to do Spring cleaning of extra orchids and orchids you simply can't get to bloom. It's also a chance to add some bargains to your collection. Whether you have plants to auction or if you simply buy, you'll be helping the Guild since half of the proceeds of all plants that are auctioned, will go to the Guild. Please remember that this is a members-only auction so you must be a member of the Guild to either auction or buy orchids. Additionally, bidding is by number only, so be sure to register for your bidding number the day of the auction.

If you have plants to auction please be sure to label them with

your name, the orchid's name and a suggested starting bid. If there is a price below which you are unwilling to part with an orchid, please note that as well.

You can pay for your orchids by check or cash. Checks for your half of what you've auctioned will be available at the April Guild meeting.

In addition to the auction, we'll also have Ribbon Judging at the meeting and the judges will be asked to share why they chose one plant for an award as opposed to another. This will help all of us learn about the basics of judging and orchid culture.

We'll see you in March!

Thanks to All

We want to thank everyone who helped to make Orchid Quest 2004 a success. In addition to the show chair and liaison with Alliant Energy Center that are lots of people who work behind the scenes to make the show a success. There is publicity; plant registration; ticket, raffle and Guild sales; plant check; display set-up and tear-down; set-up and tear-down of all the vendor tables; and lots of other tasks that simply couldn't be completed without the help of many people in the Guild and volunteers from other societies as well.

While our attendance was down slightly compared to last year, the vendors indicated that they were very pleased with their sales. We also received many compliments on having the educational programs separate from the display area. This allowed us to have more space between displays, which the judges loved. Combined with using the lobby for sales, we achieved easier access to display and sales areas, which was very helpful for the handicapped.

President's Message – Doug Dowling

It hardly seems possible that my two years as your president are almost over. The nominating process has been started. If you would like to be considered by the nominating committee for a position or want to suggest someone, please let Gary Lensmeyer, Elaine Malter, or Steven Thimling know.

Positions that need to be filled include President, Treasurer, and a Board member. These positions are elected at our annual membership meeting. At this meeting additional nominations may be made from the floor provided the person nominated is present and agrees to be nominated or has sent written consent to nomination with the person nominating them. The committee has also been asked to help with suggestions for OQ 2005 chair, and those other positions whose terms end in June: away shows, library, program, sunshine, and liaisons for Alliant and *Orchid Digest*. These additional positions are either elected by the Board or appointed by the President with approval of the Board.

I will appoint the most important of these positions as soon as possible. Depending on Board consensus some of the other positions will also be filled before my tenure ends and others will await your new President.

Upcoming Guild Meetings

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

Mar. 28	Sept. 19
Apr. 18	Oct. 17
May 15 Trip to Natt's	Nov. 21
June Summer Picnic	Dec. 12 Winter Party

Olbrich Botanical Gardens has informed us that Guild meetings in 2005 will be able to be held on the 3rd Sunday of each month. The following dates have been approved: 1/16, 2/20, 3/20, 4/17, 5/15, 9/18, 10/16, 11/20, 12/18. Our Spring Sale is set for 3/26.

Away Show Feb. 21 & 22 – Cleo Kiegaard

Our first Spring Away Show is just about upon us. The Batavia Orchid Society Show in St. Charles Illinois will be held in the Charlestown Mall at North Avenue & Kirk Road on February 21 & 22.

Orchid pick-up will be at Ackers at Noon, Wednesday, February 18. The orchids will be returned by Noon, Monday, February 23. Be sure to have them packed well for cold weather travel.

I would really appreciate an email listing your tentative plants and classes by Monday evening, February 16th. Its easier to remove plants and labels than to add them. If you know you are not going to be sending any plants, I would appreciate knowing that also.

Please include 2 copies of your list of plants along with your completed entry tags in your box. Placing them in an envelope and securing it to the box is an easy way. Make sure your plants have been cleaned, watered, are healthy, and have no passengers. Stake them properly for travel. Make sure your box(s) and pots (small, near the bottom or on the bottom of the pot) are well labeled.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. I really look forward to taking your plants to the show. It's a lot of fun.

Membership: Has It Expired?

According to the Orchid Growers' Guild by-laws, our membership year is January to December. The membership of anyone not paying their dues by March first is terminated.

If you receive *The Orchid Grower* by mail and you have a red \$ on the mailing label of this issue, you haven't paid your dues and this is the last issue you will receive. If you receive your newsletter off of the internet, you'll receive an e-mail advising you that your dues hasn't been paid and that you'll no longer receive any e-mail notices from the Guild.

February Directors' Notes

Directors present: Liz Barlow, Doug Dowling, Cleo Kiergaard, Elaine Malter, Steven Thimling, Liz Wood. Member present: Gary Lensmeyer

Orchid Quest: the treasurer reported that admissions were about \$9900 compared with \$11,100 last year attendance was down about 10%. Raffle and Guild sales were also down. Next year the Guild will need to provide a computer, printer, and copy of Wildcat for judging. A chairperson or co-chairs for Orchid Quest 2005 will need to be found by the end of March. Thanks to Liz Barlow, show chair and Cleo Kiergaard, Alliant Energy Center liaison.

Nominating Committee: Elaine Malter and Steven Thimling were appointed to serve on the committee with Gary Lensmeyer as chair. The committee will nominate a president, treasurer, Board member. They've also been asked to help with suggestions for OQ 2005 chair, and those other positions whose terms end in June: away shows, library, program, sunshine, and liaisons for Alliant and *Orchid Digest*.

Membership Meeting: Since our May meeting will be a bus trip, the membership will be asked for permission to move the membership meeting and election of officers to the June picnic so that even those not going on the bus trip can vote.

Bus Trip: Gary reports that the cost will be \$25 per person. The Board decided that the \$25 will be payable at the time of registration. Members may invite a guest. If any seats remain after April 15, other societies will be invited to join us.

Hospitality: Gary proposed that hospitality be allowed to spend \$15 per meeting for snacks. Dawn Weckler is willing to purchase the food. A box for donations will be provided to help fund this. Members may still bring snacks if they wish to.

Thanks for Display Help – Sue Reed

I would like to thank all of the Guild members for their support the Guild's Orchid Garden exhibit at this year's Orchid Quest. The exhibit was a product of 17 members donating about 80 blooming orchid plants and about 10 non blooming orchid plants and other foliage plants. The very nice wooden garden accents and bench were courtesy of Cottage Gardens of Paoli. A number of members also brought very nice garden accents that added just the right touch to the total exhibit presentation. The exhibit committee of Joan Smalley, Janet Moore, Sandy Dalameter, Elaine Malter and myself worked for almost 11 hours putting the exhibit together, plus a number of hours before the show with meetings and collecting supplies. Joni Johnson took on the task of running the label maker during setup and several by standers, Mark Nofsinger and Gary Lensmeyer offered key suggestions and stepped in to aid in the remarkable exhibit that received a blue ribbon and a Best of Class ribbon.

Thank you to all of the Guild for your great support!



OGG Display at Orchid Quest 2004

Orchid Quest Ribbon Judging

Display set up by Joan Smalley, Sandy Dalameter and Susan Reed received 1st place in its class and Best of Class.

Plants Provided for Judging: 94

Liz Barlow (2)	Joni Johnson (4)	Richard Miller (6)	Joan Smalley (5)
Joanne Bernardi (3)	Wayne King (13)	Janet Moore (2)	Judy Stevenson (2)
Sandy Delamater (4)	Gary Lensmeyer (4)	Mark Nofsinger (4)	Steve Thimling (15)
Doug Dowling (5)	Elaine Malter (1)	Susan Reed (23)	Liz Wood (1)

First Place Ribbons:

Wayne King: *Ascda* Princess Mikassa

Gary Lensmeyer: *Odcdm* Golden Trident 'Golden Gate'

Susan Reed: *Paph* [(*leucochilum* x *concolor*) x *Psyche*] & *Paph* Angela (*niveum* 'Hsinton' x *Paph fair-rieanum* 'Clark') also pulled for AOS judging

Second Place Ribbons:

Wayne King: *Cattleya trianae* 'The President' & *Paph primulinum* x *victoria-regina*

Susan Reed: *Phal* Mini Mark 'Holm' & *Phal* Golden Peoker 'Nan Chao' AM/AOS x *Phal* Salu Spot 'Onatio' HCC/AOS

Steve Thimling: *Ascda* Fuchs Gold x *Ascda* Yip Sum Wah

Third Place Ribbons:

Joni Johnson: *Cattleya percivalliana* var *centroremolache*

Wayne King: *Brassavola nodosa* x *Laelia superbiens* & *Dend* (Star Sapphire x Nagasaki)

Susan Reed: *Brsdm* Shooting Star 'Black Gold'; *Maxillaria variabilis*; *Paph* (*liemianum* x *victoria-regina*); *Paph* Rosy Dawn; *Phrag* Don Wimber & *Phrag* (Eric Young 'Mont Millais' AM/RHS x *lindleyanum*)

Orchid Art by Janet Moore Currently Displayed in Olbrich's Commons



Paphiopedilum henryanum

Phragmipedium longifolium





**Registration for Bus Trip to Natt's Orchids in
Naperville, IL, Saturday, May 15th**

Cost of the trip is \$25 per person,
payable with registration.

Please make checks payable to:
Orchid Growers' Guild, Inc.

We'll be using an air-conditioned, restroom equipped
Badger coach.

Departure: Promptly at 7:30 AM
Park & Ride Hwy 51 & Broadway (just off
the Beltline)

Arrive Back at Madison: About 6:00 PM

During the Trip: Fellowship
Bring snacks & beverages

At Natt's: Tour the greenhouses, buy orchids, enjoy
lunch and learn about orchids through a pro-
gram provided by Natt's

OGG Member: _____

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e-mail: _____

Guest (if any): _____

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