

# The Orchid Grower

## Orchid Growers' Guild

### Upcoming Events:

- May 15: Bus Trip to Natt's Orchids. No Ribbon Judging
- May 25: Deadline for June Issue of *The Orchid Grower*
- June 3: 7 p.m. Board meeting at Perkins on the Beltline at Fish Hatchery.
- June 19: Annual Meeting and Picnic. Ribbon Judging at 1:00. Election of officers at 1:30 followed by the picnic.

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## May Meeting is Bus Trip To Natt's

Because Olbrich Botanical Gardens could not provide meeting space for us at any time during the month of May, our May meeting will be the bus trip to Natt Orchids's in Naperville, Illinois. We will leave from the Park and Ride on the Beltline and Stoughton Road (Hwy 51) promptly at 7:30 AM on Saturday, May 15. We will also make a stop in Janesville by 8:00 AM. Those meeting us at K-Mart should park at the far end of the lot in the corner near the K-Mart sign (corner of 14 & 26).

The cost of the trip is only \$25 and that covers the bus, lunch, and program. There will be no Ribbon Judging at this meeting. While there is room on the bus as of this writing, we know if it doesn't fill with people, it will be full of orchids on the way back. We'll be back to Madison by 6:00 PM.

Please feel free to invite a friend or two. A copy of the registration blank is located elsewhere in this issue of *The Orchid Grower*.

## Election of Officers to Be June

Because the Guild could not meet locally during May, the Board has authorized the election of officers to be held at the June picnic. This year's nominating committee is Gary Lensmeyer, Chair; Elaine Malter; and Steven Thimling. They have nomi-

nated 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 at 1:30 p.m.

## Doug & Gary to Host June Picnic

Doug Dowling & Gary Lensmeyer will once again host the Guild's June picnic. The date is Saturday, June 19. Flower judging will begin at 1:00 p and we'll hold a brief business meeting to elect officers at 1:30 with lunch to follow. The Guild will pro-

vide beverages and table service. Simply bring a lawn chair and a dish to pass and enjoy the day. Directions will be provided in the next issue of *The Orchid Grower*.

### President’s Message – Doug Dowling

Spring is finally here. Gary and I are busy getting the yard and gardens in order. This spring’s goal is to finish landscaping the front of the house and with any luck that will happen before the middle of May. Weather permitting, we’ll have the babies outside under the pergola by early June. While the back yard is still a work in progress, we do have a nice Oriental garden and a perennial garden well along. We’re also starting to plant the vegetable garden and think about paths and additional plantings.

The orchids are also perking up for spring. Several of them are putting out flower spikes or already in bloom. They are certainly responding to the longer days and warmer temperatures—even in the basement growing room.

The end of April we’re off for a four-day cruise. We’ll spend most of one day in Cozumel, Mexico. While we don’t plan on exploring too much, we are hopeful of seeing some native orchids. We see the cruise as primarily a way to relieve the many stressors in our lives—oh for the “good old days” when we didn’t have to multi-task seven days a week.

### Registration for Bus Trip to Natt’s Orchids in Naperville, IL, Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>

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 program provided by Natt’s

OGG Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Mail or deliver completed registration to:

Gary Lensmeyer ☼ 902 Twin Pines Dr. ☼ Madison WI 53704

## Illinois Orchid Society Ribbon Judging

**Display:** Set-up & tear-down by Cleo Kiergaard. Display received a Second Place Ribbon.

### Plants Provided for Judging: 41

Chuck Acker (1)      Orchids by the Ackers (32)      Cleo Kiergaard (5)      Mark Nofsinger (1)

### First Place Ribbons:

Orchids by the Ackers: *Cym.* Leodogran 'Snowy'; *Den.* Sea Mary 'Snow King'; *Dtps.* City girl x *Phal.* Glad Lip; *Dtps.* Okay Seven x *Phal.* Mary Gingerich (AM/AOS 80 pts & Oakton Community College Award for highest points in AOS judging); *Lc.* Eleanor King 'Spring Beauty'; *Miltonia* Laurie Kathleen 'Karen' CCM/AOS AM/AOS; *Paph.* *delenatii*; *Paph.* Toni Semple (Best of Class); *Phal.* Acker's Light; *Phal.* Jungle Magic; *Phal.* Sogo Grapy 'Y.N.' AM/AOS; *Phrag.* Magdalene Rose; *Phrag.* *Nitidissimum* 'Neville' FCC/AOS (Frank R Kuper Memorial Award for Best Cypripedium Alliance Plant); *Phrag.* Twilight (Show Chair's Award for Best First Bloom Seedling) & *V.* Sansai Blue (Best of Class & pulled for AOS judging)

Cleo Kiergaard: *Leptotes* bicolor

### Second Place Ribbons:

Chuck Acker: *Phrag.* Dana Hutchinson x *Phrag.* *caudatum*

Orchids by the Ackers: *Cym.* Delrosa 'White'; *Paph.* *lowii*; *Phal.* Brother Nugget x *Phal.* Taipei Gold; *Phal.* Pristine Grace x *Phal.* Taisuco Snow; *Phrag.* Autumn Fire; *Phrag.* *besseae* & *Phrag.* *Dominianum* 'Bob Mac' AM/AOS

Steven Thimling: *Ancistrochilus rothschildianus* & *Encyclia polybulbon*

### Third Place Ribbons:

Orchids by the Ackers: *Calanthe* Grouville

Cleo Kiergaard: *Leptotes* bicolor

Chuck Acker: *Phrag.* *boissierianum* var. *reticulatum* (pulled for AOS judging)

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## 2004 Guild Meetings

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

May 15 Bus Trip to Natt's	Oct. 17
June 19 Guild Picnic	Nov. 21
Aug. Oak Hill Open House	Dec. 12 Holiday
Sept. 19	Party

## Newsletter Editor Needed

The Board of Directors is looking for someone who is willing to serve as editor of *The Orchid Grower* effective with the September issue. You will be responsible for putting the newsletter together each month and e-mailing the finished version to our web master so it can be put on the web site. The editor is also responsible for having about 20 copies printed, assembled, and brought to the Guild meetings for distribution. Copies not picked up at the Guild meetings are mailed to those members without internet access. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Doug Dowling.

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