

December, 2003

The Orchid Grower

Orchid Growers' Guild

Upcoming Events:

- Dec 1: 7:00 PM Board of Directors at Perkins on the Beltline.
- Dec 5: Deadline for January issue of the Orchid Grower.
- Dec 14: 1:00 PM Ribbon Judging at Olbrich. 1:30 PM Guild Winter Party at Olbrich.

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Winter Party is our December Meeting

Once again its time for our Winter Party and pot luck at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. This year our party will be Sunday, December 14. Plants for Ribbon Judging need to be at Olbrich by 1:00 and the party will begin at 1:30.

The cost is once again \$5 per person and a dish to pass (please include any serving utensils needed). The Guild will supply table service, beverages and a "new baby" for each person attending.

As a part of the festivities there will be plenty of time for sharing with other members. We will also present the grower awards for 2003.

If you have not signed up already, please call or e-mail Doug Dowling **today** so that we can appropriately plan for the number of orchids to needed.

We look forward to seeing each of you at the party!



OGG Display at Batavia Orchid Society Show

President's Message – Doug Dowling

The Board is grateful for the suggestions that were made by those attending the last Guild meeting and via e-mail regarding the proposed ribbon judging policy. It was also pleased that the majority of the members had no suggestions for changes in the proposal. As an aid to decision making, a comparison was done between our current policy and the proposed policy with the results of this year's judging. It was found that there would have been no difference in the point standings with either system for the top three growers in each class. The Board is aware that while some members are highly competitive the reason points and grower awards are given is to encourage people to learn how to be better growers and not to encourage competition between growers.

A typo in the points for Best of Class for the Guild display at shows was corrected. The correct number of points is 25. The Board does want to remind everyone that diseased and infested plants will not be included in any display and will not be eligible for judging or participation points. At Guild meetings any plants that are found to be diseased or infested will be isolated from the others and again will not be eligible for any points or judging. Also plants may win an award at an AOS judged show and not at a Guild meeting and vice versa.

The new ribbon judging policy will go into effect beginning with the December Winter Party. A copy of the policy is available on the "Meetings" page of our web site.

2003-2004 Guild Meetings

The following dates have been set for Guild meetings for 2003-2004.

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| Dec. 14 | Mar. 28 |
| Winter Party | Apr. 18 |
| Jan. 25 | May Bus Trip to Natt's |
| Feb. 15 | June Summer Picnic |

Leadership Positions Available

The Guild is in need of a couple of dedicated volunteers. We need a person to work with Liz Barlow on Orchid Quest 2004 and then be in charge in 2005. We also need one or more people to head-up the Spring Sale. Guidelines on what needs doing are available.

Time to Renew Your Membership

With the fall comes the time to renew your membership in the Orchid Growers' Guild for another year. Our membership year follows the calendar year (Jan-Dec). You will find a renewal form/application included in this newsletter. We ask that you complete the entire application and submit it with your 2004 membership dues.

In the past, a number of members have renewed by simply giving the Guild a check or cash. At times, this renewal is not appropriately credited. To help prevent this we will not accept renewals without a completed application.

Your dues pay for most of the cost of printing and mailing information to members as well as the cost of our web site. The rest of these costs, program expenses, away show expenses and other Guild expenses are paid for with the proceeds from Orchid Quest, the Spring Sale and any other sales we hold.

Plan Now for Orchid Quest 2004

It's not too early to be planning for which plants you'll bring to Orchid Quest 2004. Providing adequate water and light and a good fertilizer will help ensure the best possible blooms. Hopefully, at the right time!

As a part of your planning, determine when you'll be able to help with the show. People are needed January 30-February 1. Sign-up at a Guild meeting.

October Ribbon Judging

Plants Provided for Display = 40

| | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Wayne King (8) | Meg McLaughlin (2) | Gladys Pruitt (1) | Steven Thimling (1) |
| Gary Lensmeyer (4) | Mark Nofsinger (2) | Jan Rapacz (7) | Jody Thistle (1) |
| Kay Moore (1) | Anne Orcutt (2) | Judith Rapacz (1) | Judy Williamson (1) |
| | | Sue Reed (9) | |

First Place:

Gary Lensmeyer: *Ascocenda* Udomchai 'Bart' & *Cirrhopetalum* Elizabeth Ann
Wayne King: *Paph* Vanguard & *Phrag* Schroederiae
Meg McLaughlin: *Colm* Wildcat 'Bobcat'
Kay Moore: *Lc* Everett Dirksen
Jan Rapacz: *Paph venustum* var. alba x *Maudiae* 'Lime Swivel'
Sue Reed: *Paph* Larry Booth; *Paph* Rosy Dawn & *Pths seratolabium*

Second Place:

Wayne King: *Phrag* Cardinale 'Birchwood'
Gary Lensmeyer: *Vanda* Manuvandee
Mark Nofsinger: *Paph henryanum*
Anne Orcutt: *Colm* Spacetante 'Evelyn' x *Onc* illustre 'Wildman' & *Phal* Alysha's Rose 'June' x (*Dtps* King Shiang's Beauty x *Phal* Tropica Stripes)
Judith Rapacz: *Mtsa* Burr Nelly Isler
Sue Reed: *Paph* Juno; *Phrag* Cajanuma Sunset & *Pths simulans*
Jody Thistle: *Ctna* Why Not 'Roundabout' x self

Third Place:

Wayne King: *Sophronitis coccinea*
Meg McLaughlin: *Doritis pulcherrima* 'Si Muang'
Mark Nofsinger: *Laelia pumila*
Gladys Pruitt: *Odcdm* Tiger Crow 'Golden Girl' HCC/AOS
Jan Rapacz: *Milt* Harvey Wang 'Maui Phantom' x William Hammel 'Rising Sun'; *Paph liltii* & *Phal* Chromium Emperor 'Rising Sun'
Sue Reed: *Phrag* Mt. Maid
Steven Thimling: *Paph* S. Gratix x Sunshine Glory



Acker's Batavia OS Award Winner: Best of Class, Best Cat. in Show & President's Award: *Lc.* Acker's Madison 'Kyle'

October & November Board of Directors' Notes

The Guild will purchase a few bookmarks, zipper pulls, etc. to and sell at Orchid Quest from The Guild table. Vendors are still replying and reserving tables. Special time for physically challenged to visit show was discussed. This will require additional research and consultation with the Alliant Energy Center.

The Guild has been asked to put up a display for in the public Library. We are also determining whether Steenbock Library would like a display.

We still need someone to help organize the spring sale at Olbrich Gardens the Saturday before Easter. A list of "duties" will be printed in the newsletter.

An orchid hybridizer from Minnesota still a possibility for a future Guild program. March's program will be an orchid auction.

There was a lengthy discussion of members' comments on the Ribbon Judging Policy from the October Guild meeting. With one correction and one addition for clarification, the policy was approved.

September Ribbon Judging

Plants Provided for Display = 21

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| Wayne King (4) | Jan Rapacz (4) | Sue Reed (5) | Judy Williamson (1) |
| Kay Moore (1) | Judith Rapacz (1) | Steven Thimling (5) | |

First Place:

Wayne King: *Slc.* Acker's Royal Hue
 Jan Rapacz: *Onc./Psychopsis papilio* 'Dark Monarch' x '#1 Son'
 Judith Rapacz: *Dtps.* Pixie Star ('Dark Star' x 'Star Bright')
 Sue Reed: *Ang.* Longiscott 'Hihimanu'; *Dryadella aurea* & *Platystele reflexa*
 Steven Thimling: *Eurychone rothschildianum* & *Platystele umbellate*

Second Place:

Wayne King: *Bl.* Petite Stars & *Phrag.* Ruby Slippers
 Kay Moore: *Onc.* Aloha Iwanaga
 Jan Rapacz: *Paph.* Maudiae & *Phal.* Brother Elizabeth 'Yellow' x *P.* (Coral Lake x Ruey Lih Stripes)
 Sue Reed: *Phrag.* St. Peter
 Judy Williamson: *Onc.* *Sylvestre*

Third Place:

Wayne King: *Paph.* Philipinense
 Jan Rapacz: *Paph.* Schosen x lawrencianum
 Steven Thimling: *Bc.* *binosa* 'Wabash Valley' AM/AOS; *Kefersteinia tolimensis* x *Chaubardiella* & *Onc.* Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' AM/AOS

Blackhawk Orchid Society Show Awards

Plants Provided for Display = 60

Cleo Kiergaard (15)
Steven Kiergaard (1)

Wayne King (7)
Meg McLaughlin (2)

Mark Nofsinger (4)
Anne Orcutt (2)

Sue Reed (12)
Ackers (17)

First Place:

Ackers: *Blc.* Ports of Paradise 'emerald Isle' FCC/AOS; *Phrag.* Ackers Superstar [large and small plant];
Paph. Transvaal; *Paph.* moguetticum; *Phal.* Lemon Candy; *Phal.* Gunther's Tribute x *Phal.* Neon
Stripes x *Phal.* Petite Spot & *Phal.* Lemon Candy
Cleo Kiergaard: *Phal.* Summer Wine 'Stones River' HCC/AOS
Wayne King: *Phrag.* *Schroederae* (*caudatum* x *Sedenii*)
Sue Reed: *Paph.* (*liemianum* x *victoria-regina*) & *Vanda* (*wirat* x *Boonchoo*)

Second Place:

Ackers: *Phrag.* Magdalene Rose & *Phrag.* Fliquet
Cleo Kiergaard: *Nidema boothii*
Wayne King: *Soph. coccinea*
Meg McLaughlin: *Colm.* Wildcat 'Bobcat'
Sue Reed: *Paph.* Juno (*fairieanum* x *callosum*) & *Paph.* Larry Booth (St. Swithin x *haynaldianum album*)

Third Place:

Ackers: *Phrag.* Sergeant Eric
Cleo Kiergaard: *Haraella retrocalla* (*odorata*)
Steven Kiergaard: *Phal.* Seminal's Army Trail (Kenneth Benjamin x Peter Strongland)
Meg McLaughlin: *Dor. pulcherrima* 'Si Muang'
Anne Orcutt: *Colm. specetanta* 'Evelyn' x *Onc. Illustra* 'Wildman'
Sue Reed: *Paph.* (*leucholchilum* x *concolor*) x *Paph.* Psyche & *Phrag.* Cajanuma sunset (*Urgandiae*
'Dukes' Royal AM/AOS x *besseae* 'Esther Nies' AM/AOS)

Special Awards:

Ackers:
Best of Class: *Paph. moguetticum* & *Phrag.* Ackers Superstar [large & small plant]
Best of Class, Best *Cat.* in Show & President's Award: *Lc.* Acker's Madison 'Kyle'
Guild 100 sq. ft. Display: Second

Porter's Has Open House

Porter's Orchid holiday open house is Saturday, December 6, 10:00-4:00. Porter's is in Grand Ledge, Michigan. For more information contact them at 517-626-7295 or via e-mail at orchidsuzi@aol.com.

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Orchid Growers' Guild, Inc. Calendar Year 2004 Membership Application

Please complete all sections and submit with your membership dues payment.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail*: _____

*To maintain low membership dues, e-mail is used whenever possible.
Your e-mail address will only be available to Guild members.

Is this a change of address: Yes No

Please indicate your type of membership:

- Individual \$18
- Student (full time students)..... \$9
- Household (two voting memberships) ... \$24
- Business \$24
(New members pay 1/2 of above after June 30th)

Experience Growing Orchids:

Number of years _____

or

Year you started _____

I am interested in helping with the following:

- Plant sales and auctions
- Orchid Quest
- Program planning
- Assist with "away" plant show set-up and take-down
- Ribbon judging at monthly meetings
- Committee work: _____
- Serve on the Board of Directors
- Other: _____

Skills, knowledge and expertise I would be willing to share with the Guild: _____

Please mail this form with your payment to:

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