

The Orchid Grower

Upcoming Events:

- Sep. 18-19: Wisconsin OS show & sale at the Domes in Milwaukee
- Sep. 19: 1:30 PM Guild meeting at Olbrich
- Oct. 17: 1:30 PM Guild meeting at Olbrich with member and guest orchid auction



Dendrobium bellatulum

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Orchid Growers' Guild

September Program Features Paphiopedilums

Ernest (Ernie) Gemeinhart is our featured speaker for September.

Ernie, born and raised in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, has dual Bachelor of Science degrees in Marine Biology and Aquaculture from the Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, Florida.

He spent three years of graduate study at the George Washington and National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C. investigating the evolutionary biology and taxonomy of freshwater, South American catfishes in the genus *Corydoras*.

He currently works as a laboratory manager and technician in the Biomedical Polymer Sciences Laboratory at the University of Illinois at Chicago performing research using polymers for targeted, controlled release cancer treatments and directed

cell growth for tissue regeneration.

Ernie is a student AOS judge at the Chicago Judging Center. He and his wife have been growing orchids under florescent lights for about seven years. They grow primarily Paphiopedilums, Phragmipediums, Phalaenopsis/Doritis/Doritanopsis, and mini and compact Cattleyas. These plants number about 1,000 and are grown under lights in a second story 8 x 10 room.

Ernie likes to spend time with his wife, two toy poodles, and two cats; brew beer, play volleyball and roller hockey, and SCUBA dive as a PADI certified Divemaster.

Contact Ernie directly for pre-orders at Ent.tndOrchids@netscape.net or (630) 338-3132.

Orchids Needed for Milwaukee Show Sept. 18-19

The Fall orchid show and sale of the Wisconsin Orchid Society with co-sponsorship of the Milwaukee County Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture will be September 17-19 at the Mitchell Park Conservatory. We encourage you to show your plants in Milwaukee rather than at our September meeting at Olbrich. It's a tough time for fall bloomers and we need all the plants we can get! We have a 25sq. ft. space at the show. See the article "Getting Your Plants Ready to Show" on page 2.

Contact Wayne King for drop offs on the east side at 839-4669. West-siders can drop off at Ackers by noon on September 16 or call Elaine Malter at 238-5871.

Getting Your Plants Ready to Show

Getting plants ready to show is really quite easy. Just follow the steps below.

Please stake your plants for travel and for showing the blooms to their best advantage. Please clean up the leaves with diluted milk (do not use any leaf-shine product). The leaves help set-off the flowers for a nice presentation so clean leaves are important!

When cleaning pay particular attention to any insects. If you find any bugs, spray the plant with a soap solution to clean the plant and to kill the uninvited guests. Do the cleaning a week or so in advance of the show so that the plants can get a second treatment to make sure that they are not contagious!

Label your plants on the pots, low on the sides or bottom with your name and the plant's name. Whatever you bring to add to the exhibit, please label with your name. Also, please enclose 2 copies of a complete list of the plants you are providing and if you have them, complete the registration tags as well. These are available at each Guild meeting.

Guild Meetings & Programs for 2004-2005

The following programs are in the works for Guild meetings for 2004-2005:

- Sept. 19: Building Your Paph Collection Wisely,
Ernest Gemeinheit
- Oct. 17: Member & Guest Auction
- Nov. 21: Visit to Ackers
- Dec. 19: Holiday Party & Dendrobiums, Hermann
Pigors
- Jan. 16: Orchid Quest Preparations
- Feb. 20: Those Challenging orchids, Member Dis-
cussion
- Mar. 20: Stay Tuned
- Apr. 17: Stay Tuned
- May 15: Potting Orchids, J & K Orchids

Rain Barrels Help Orchids Grow

Sandy Delamater has discovered a source of rain barrels. These are fantastic as a way of gathering high quality water for orchids as well as other house plants. If you're interested in more information on the barrels, please contact Sandy directly at 245-1917.



It's not too early to plan your personal display for Orchid Quest 2005. Also use this form to indicate how you'd like to help at Orchid Quest 2005!

Orchid Quest 2005

**Orchid Growers Guild
Exhibition Hall at the Alliant Energy Center
Madison Wisconsin**

February 4-6, 2005

EXHIBIT:

We (I) will have the following exhibit: (Please check which applies.)

- Orchid Plants**
 Orchid Cut Flowers
 Other (please specify) _____

The size of the exhibit will be: (Please check which applies.)

- Table top** **25 sq. ft.**
 50 sq. ft **100 sq. ft.**

Name as it is to appear on the display: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

e-mail _____

Name, e-mail and phone for persons who wish to clerk or help in other ways:

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