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- Linda Bailey, Vice Pres. /Secretary
- Terry Moore and Linda Bial, Show & Sale co-chairs
- Mark Williams, Treasurer
- Mitzi Williams, Editor, Newsletter & Webpage

From the President:

Ever wondered about an Orchid's name--how they got them and why they are so long? I was looking at some of my orchid names the other day and found some interesting information on that very question. So I will give some of our newcomers a quick lesson on orchid names. All scientific names for orchids are Latin. The first part of the name is the Genus. You may have in your collection a Phalaenopsis, a Cattleya, or a Paphiopedilum, etc. That is its genus. You may also have a Blc which is three genera in the same plant derived from crossing Brassavola, Laelia and Cattleya. The names are just chained together. Usually the genus names are abbreviated. Hence you see a Phal or a Blc on the label.

The second part of the orchid name is the species name (produced in nature) or the grex name (man-made hybrid). A species name is always in Latin and in lower-case, i.e., Brassavola nodosa. A grex name is capitalized but never in Latin. So, you know automatically that Blc. Izumi Charm is a hybrid.

The third part of the orchid name is the cultivar or clonal name. An orchid gets this name if the breeder thinks the specific orchid has award potential. Example would be Blc Izumi Charm 'SVO'. The cultivar name is always in single quotes and is always capitalized.

The fourth part of the orchid name is the award designation such as AM/AOS which stands for Award of Merit from the American Orchid Society. Orchids are awarded if they reach certain points, (out of 100-point scale) in shows where AOS certified judges evaluates the quality of the plants.

Does this makes your orchid's name a little easier to understand? There's always something new to learn about them, which is why I like the orchid hobby so much. Please join us for our next CIOS meeting on October 10, at 6:30. We will vote for our 2017 Officers, have a little discussion about growing Oncidiums and participate in our member-orchid sale. Hope to see you there!

Joanne Miller CIOS President



Next meeting:

- Our next meeting is on Monday, October 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Hessel Park Church. This is a member sale meeting where donated plants can be purchased at a very low cost. Members, please donate your extra plants for this sale. If you can set the price--great! If not, they can be determined at the meeting. This is where you can pick up unusual plants that other members have grown successfully. A round table discussion about Oncidiums and the election of the 2017 officers will also take place at this time.

Most of all, we want to see your blooming orchids for show and tell. This meeting is open to non-members, so please encourage your friends to attend.

- Our Holiday Dinner outing is on **Sunday, November 6** at 5:00 p.m. at Olive Garden in Champaign. Your Holiday present orchid in bloom will be waiting for you, so make sure to mark your calendar. Stay tuned for the call for reservations which will come near the end of this month. Members are welcome to bring guests.

2017 officer nomination:

All of the current officers listed below are willing to continue in 2017. There were no nominations from the floor at the September meeting, but if anyone is interested in any of the positions, please mention the name at the October meeting.

President	Joanne Miller
Vice President/Secretary	Linda Bailey
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Events in the area:

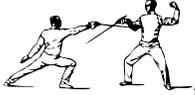
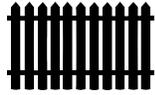
- Saturday, October 8 - Sunday October 9, 2016, 10 am - 4 pm. Chicago Orchid Society Fall Show, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, IL. For more information, see: <http://illinoisorchidsociety.nationbuilder.com/calendar>.
- Oct. 19-23, 2016. AOS Fall 2016 Members meeting at the Huntington Library, Art Collection and Botanical Gardens, in conjunction with Huntington Botanical Garden orchid show and sale. Los Angeles, CA. For details, see: <https://www.aosfall2016.com/>

Notes and tips:

- [Sex, lies and orchids](http://www.sciencefriday.com/videos/sex-lies-and-orchids/) is a video produced by Luke Groskin for Science Friday, featuring Marc Hachadourian, manager of the New York Botanical Garden's Nolen Greenhouses for Living Collection and Curator of Orchids. Marc takes the viewers through many different orchids in their collection, and describes the intricate relationships the orchids have with their respective pollinators through deception and manipulation. To see this fascinating video: <http://www.sciencefriday.com/videos/sex-lies-and-orchids/>

Member profile: Cindy Westfall

This month, the profile is on Cindy Westfall. Cindy is a person of many talents from jewelry design to growing fantastic, delicate orchids. She works as a goldsmith and jewelry designer at Robert's Jewelry in downtown Champaign. Her recreation, besides orchid growing, include making art, hiking and the outdoors,

and sport fencing, i.e., this: , not this .

Cindy first became interested in growing orchids about 15 years ago, when she saw moth orchids for sale at Target. (Who says big box store plants are bad? Isn't this the truth for many of us?) It seemed so exotic and mysterious! This was when Phaleonopsis were first becoming more widely available on the mass market. Her first orchid was a pink Phal, which soon died (does this resonate with you?), but instead of giving up, she bought another one and got it to re-bloom! Then she saw a Paphiopedilum "Raisin Pie" in the window of a florist shop. It re-bloomed for her and she has been growing Paphs ever since.

Her collection consists of about seventy plants. One of the oldest is a reliable bloomer, *Encyclia tampense*, that she bought in Florida about six years ago. The *Phragmipedium Demetria* was a seedling 7 or 8 years ago, and is yet to bloom. She has a soft spot for *Paph. spicerianum*, which has cute flowers and is easy to grow and bloom. She also really likes *Masdevallia floribunda*, a warmth tolerant miniature species.

When she first visited the Missouri Botanical Gardens Orchid Exhibit, she was amazed by so many exotic flowers and lovely aromas. Her most recent "discovery" was a blooming population of a rare native orchid this summer. It was a species (Three Birds Orchid, *Triphora trianthophora*) that she had never heard of before. She says "as soon as I saw the flowers, I knew it has to be an orchid."

Going forward, she would love to grow *Paph. armeniacum** which she hopes to get one of these days. She would also like to grow a few more *Trichopilias*, as they are reliable winter bloomers. She feels it's an under-appreciated genus.



Above from left to right: *Trichopilia suavis*; *Paph. spicerianum*; *Ency. tampense*, photographs by Cindy. The last image is of *Paph armeniacum*, courtesy of Orchids Limited.

* Editor's note: Apparently, this orchid is found on windy limestone cliffs in the Yunan Province of China. When discovered in the 1980's, its large yellow flowers caused an immediate sensation. Various cultivars are now available. □