



The Mid-American

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SPRING 2012 MAOC IN INDIANAPOLIS FEATURES

GREG ALLIKAS AND DR. DENNIS WHIGHAM

Mid-America registrants at the 96th meeting of the Mid-America Orchid Congress will have the opportunity to hear programs by Greg Allikas and Dr. Dennis Whigham. The Spring 2012 Mid-America meeting will be held April 13-15 in conjunction with the Central Indiana Orchid Society's orchid show at the Garfield Park Conservatory. All Mid-America lectures and meetings will be located at the Embassy Suites Indianapolis Downtown, 110 West Washington Street, Indianapolis. We hope you'll join us for these events and a great Mid-America weekend.

Greg Allikas is known the world over for his brilliant photographs of orchids, flowers and foliage. His extensive knowledge of his subject and arts background offer a unique interpretation that is both accurate and stunningly beautiful. He has been a commercial photographer and orchid grower since 1970. He is awards photographer for the AOS West Palm Beach Judging Center, the Florida-Caribbean Judging Center in Miami and for numerous orchid shows in the U.S. and abroad. His photos are regularly seen in American Orchid Society publications including the annual calendar and Orchids magazine. He has written numerous articles for both Orchids magazine and Orchid Digest. His orchid articles have been published in Russia, Germany, Sweden and South America. His most recent book co-authored with Ned Nash is titled *Four Seasons of Orchids*. In 2005, Greg was honored to consult on, and supply photography for a United Nations postal administration endangered species stamp release featuring 12 endangered orchid species. A recipient of the Silver Medal from

the American Orchid Society, Greg is the proprietor of the popular Orchid Photo Page (www.orchidworks.com).

Dr. Dennis F. Whigham is a senior botanist based at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center in Edgewater, MD, where his current projects focus on wetlands, the rarest terrestrial orchid in eastern North America, and invasive species. Throughout his long career at the Smithsonian, Dennis has been primarily interested in the ecology of plants, and his attempts to understand how plants go about their business have resulted in a journey through forests, fields and wetlands around the world. He has studied woodland herbs – including orchids, vines, a range of wetland species, invasive species – and forests in the tropics, temperate and boreal zones. In recent years, examinations of the interactions between plants, especially orchids, fungi, and invasive earthworms have led to new and exciting explorations. Dennis and his collaborators have published almost 200 articles in journals and books and he has co-edited 10 books, including one on terrestrial orchids and a 2009 volume on *Tidal Freshwater Wetlands*. His current passion is to establish the North American Orchid Conservation Center (NAOCC). NAOCC will be based on continentally focused public-private collaborations that will eventually result in the conservation of the genetic diversity of all native orchids, initially in the U.S. and Canada.

In addition to the outstanding speakers and banquet, please plan to attend the other Mid-America activities: the auction (our main fund-raising event), the Affiliated Societies Breakfast, and the Sunday Business Meeting. Due to limited parking at the Garfield Park Conservatory, Mid-America will provide transportation for registrants between the hotel and the orchid show.

For more details and to register, please see the Mid-America website (www.midamericanorchids.org).

BREAKFAST/DISCUSSION IN INDIANAPOLIS

Be sure to register for the Sunday-morning MAOC Affiliated Societies Breakfast when the Congress meets in Indianapolis next April in conjunction with the Central Indiana Orchid Society Show.

The Breakfast will be on Sunday, April 15, 2012, and the topic of discussion will be **COMMUNICATIONS: WEBSITES, NEWSLETTERS AND SOCIAL MEDIA**. This will be an opportunity to share the experience of your society in establishing a website. Newsletters have always been an effective mode of communications. Does your society use social media to contact members and recruit new members?

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FALL 2011 MAOC IN MILWAUKEE FEATURES DRS. LEONID AVERYANOV AND JOE MEISEL

The Fall Mid-America Orchid Congress met September 16-18 at the Radisson West Hotel, Milwaukee, WI. This meeting was held in conjunction with the Wisconsin Orchid Society Show.

Fifty-six registrants were treated to interesting lectures by Drs. Leonid Averyanov and Joe Meisel. Dr. Averyanov gave the Shirley Burr Moore Lecture entitled "New Orchid Discoveries in Vietnam." A highlight of the banquet was his lecture "New Discoveries about Vietnamese Paphiopedilums". Dr. Meisel, founder of the Ceiba Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of plants and animals and the rehabilitation of tropical

habitats, spoke on "Orchid Conservation in Ecuador."

Dr. Averyanov generously gave the Mid-America Orchid Congress permission to distribute copies of his program "New Discoveries about Vietnamese Paphiopedilums" to our affiliated societies as well as to the AOS judging centers in our region.

Dr. Averyanov has studied the flora of Vietnam and Eurasia, particularly orchids, for more than 30 years, and in 2003 co-authored "Slipper Orchids of Vietnam." He is a distinguished botanist and Professor of the Herbarium of Komarov Botanical Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences in St. Petersburg, Russia. He also serves as Vice President of the All-Russian Botanical Society.

A CD containing the program will be mailed to the MAOC Representative of each affiliated society in the coming weeks. Ask your society's rep if it has arrived yet.



*Dr Averyanov chats with Roberta Ginavan and Judith Rapacz.
Photo: Rod Knowles*

The Wisconsin Orchid Society Show, featuring 22 exhibits, was held in the display area of Mitchell Park Dome. On Saturday morning, Bil Nelson directed 35 judges in seven teams as they evaluated the exhibits and about 430 other entries. The display put in by Walter Crawford and Claire Rojohn won the AOS Show Trophy. The judges identified 24 orchids for award consideration and the following five were successful in earning AOS awards:

1. *Dendrobium poneroide*s, CBR, J & L Orchids (Easton, CT)

2. Paphiopedilum Tautzianum (barbatum x niveum), HCC 78, Cathy Bloome, Illinois OS
3. Paphiopedilum Prince Edward of York (rothschildianum x sanderianum) 'Orkiddoc' AM 83, Dr Larry Sexton, Batavia OS
4. Trichoglottis pusilla 'Rojohn' AM 84, Claire Rojohn DVM, Wisconsin OS
5. Bulbophyllum echinolabium, AM 86, Michel Orchid Nursery (Mooresville, IN)



Winners of the Mid-America Trophies were:

- Memoria Raymond McCullough Epidendrum/Encyclia Award -- Epidendrum cristatum, Dr Larry Sexton, Batavia OS



- Christine M. Chowning Angraecoid Award -- Angraecum Longiscott 'Lee' (superbum x scottianum) Wisconsin OS



- Clifford and Vivian Walters Oncidium Alliance Award – Oncidesa Sweet Ears 'Pacific Gold' (Oncidesa Sweet Sugar x Gomesa Cloud Ears) Orchid Garden Centre (Waunakee, WI)

(Photos courtesy of Lois Cinert)

- Mid-America Trophy -- display by Walter Crawford and Claire Rojohn

INFORMATION FOR LOCAL ORCHID SOCIETIES: MAOC website has been up-dated. MAOC will no longer post local society newsletters on MAOC site but will provide links to websites of affiliated societies.

ACTIONS TAKEN BY MAOC:

1. New award established for Best Specimen Plant: The Delbert Lowell Jacks Award. This replaces the former Myron Banta Award, also for the best specimen plant

2. Conservation Speakers Fund payout increased: Since 2003, the Mid-America Conservation Speakers Fund has been available to assist our host societies with the expenses of a speaker on a conservation topic at each spring Mid-America meeting. At the Milwaukee meeting, delegates voted to increase the amount provided from \$300 to \$750 per year. In order to ensure the Speakers Fund will not be depleted, the MAOC delegates voted also to supplement the Fund endowment by transferring to it 15% of the surplus in any year that the Congress has revenues greater than expenses. This action continues the Congress' efforts to assist our host societies in planning and paying for the MAOC meetings. A year ago the Congress announced that it would split its auction revenues 50/50 with the host society. Those of us in the Congress leadership recognize that the expense and the work of hosting a Mid-America can be daunting for some societies. We appreciate everything our host societies do for MAOC, and we will continue to look for ways to partner with them.



*Oh, no!! Look at President Aileen Garrison in her headgear!
Photo: Rod Knowles*

MAOC Auction: \$1567

PRESIDENT 2010-2011 -- Appreciation was expressed to President Doug Martin and to Past-

President Beth Martin for exemplary service in identifying sites to host meetings of the Congress.

NEW OFFICERS:

President: Aileen Garrison – her “presidential headpiece”: a Napoleon tricorn!
 First Vice President: Jordan Hawley
 Second Vice President: Doug Hartong
 Secretary: Susan Wilson
 Treasurer: Alexa Noel

THE AFFILIATED SOCIETIES BREAKFAST

Twenty-six persons discussed “Exhibiting at Other Societies’ Shows” at the Breakfast on Sunday. Here are some of the salient points:

Factors in selecting shows:

- Reasonable distance
- Reciprocity
- Encourage new and small societies even if they do not exhibit at your show

Recruit members to set up exhibits:

- Invite member to accompany set-up team
- Plan group activity Saturday night
- Most societies do not compensate financially
- Those that do, pay set amounts ranging from \$25 to \$300; some pay mileage, registration fee, hotel, rent vehicle for transporting orchids.
- Most societies limit compensation to 2 persons; same person sets up and tears down
- Put pictures of volunteers in society newsletter

Collecting plants:

- May need to limit number of plants (3 per person) – (sometimes there are too many plants for the size of the exhibit – limiting number allows everyone to participate)
- Many of us have small cars – limiting number eliminates need for expensive rental van
- Limit collection of plants to 1 or 2 locations
- To encourage participation, publicize winning ribbons and awards
- Or, if your society has a point system, give double points for plants sent to shows

The Host society:

- Plan hospitality: provide food during set up. Always provide water
- Signs to identify location to unload
- Identify a local member to meet and direct exhibitors -- important

- Members assist in bringing plants to exhibit hall and to dismantle -- important
- Assist out-of town exhibitors before dismantling host exhibit
- Arrange to allow set-up Friday afternoon; dismantle around 4pm Sunday

The Committee selected the topic "Communications: Websites, Newsletters and Social Media" for the Spring 2012 MAOC Affiliated Societies Breakfast in Indianapolis, Sunday, April 15, 2012 – we hope you will mark it on your calendar and register for the Breakfast.

If you have any questions for the Affiliated Societies Committee or the MAOC in general, feel free to contact any of the Committee members below. We are all committed to helping you make your membership in MAOC meaningful and profitable.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Founded in October 1959, the Mid-America Orchid Congress is currently composed of 60 member societies stretching from Canada to the north, the panhandle of Florida to the south, Georgia to the east and Nebraska to the west. We are people from all walks of life who enjoy orchids and want to share our enthusiasm with others. Those of you who were in Milwaukee in September can attest to this, and we are most appreciative that the Wisconsin Orchid Society agreed to let us hold our fall 2011 meeting in conjunction with their show.

I first became acquainted with Mid-America in the mid 1970's when my husband, Barney, and I joined the Atlanta Orchid Society. We were both very new to orchids, and at every meeting, we were encouraged to attend Mid-America. When I naively asked what was so special about MAOC, I was looked upon with disdain (I'm sure many of you remember F L Stevenson) and informed, "go to one of the Congress meetings and you'll find out". I will be forever grateful for that advice. Find out, I did, thanks primarily to the efforts of Lowell Jacks, who made Mid-America come alive for me by volunteering me for anything and everything. It is only when you participate that you experience the real value of Mid-America.

Although orchids are the common thread, it's our members who are the glue holding our unique organization together. Our meetings, held twice a year, promote opportunities for individual orchid education, forming new friendships, pursuing good times with old friends, and a camaraderie unsurpassed by any other group. If you don't believe this last part, attend one of the auctions where you will be amazed at the unexpected and unpredictable antics of some of our normally dignified, well-behaved attendees.

In my wildest dreams, I never imagined myself as President of Mid-America. I am both humbled and honored and will strive to represent you in the most professional manner possible. Having said that, those of you who know me know there is one word foremost in my vocabulary – FUN - but this is a word I find synonymous with Mid-America! I look forward to seeing you at our meeting in conjunction with the Central Indiana Orchid Society in Indianapolis, April 13-15, 2012 – mark your calendars now – and let's set a record for attendance. Mid-America needs YOU!

Aileen Garrison
October 14, 2011

OUR ORCHIDIST OF THE YEAR

Congratulations goes to Karen McBride, named the Mid-America Orchid Congress Orchidist of the Year for 2011 at our recent meeting in Milwaukee. Karen has held various offices within the Mid-America over the years and currently holds the office of Secretary for the American Orchid Society. Her always-willing-to-assist attitude has been a staple every President of the Congress could count on, as long as I can remember. Not just the President, but

just about every Committee chair, too, especially the Ways & Means Committee. Karen's assistance with the Congress' auctions over the years has ranged from sitting behind the desk to assist with registration and collection of payments, running items to the auctioneer, to being one of the auctioneers on the infamous M&M auctioneering team with our Immediate Past President, Doug Martin. Another good example of Karen's love for orchids and the Congress goes way back to the first time I met Karen. This was at the fall 1998 meeting in Lexington. I was walking around seeing if anyone needed anything as they set up their exhibits. Being Show Chair, I knew ahead of time that we had an exhibit coming from the Orchid Society of Minnesota. I was a greenhorn back then and couldn't believe someone would come that far to put in an exhibit. I turned the corner and here is this lady opening a suitcase and starting to pull out orchids. I immediately thought "I have seen it all now!" During judging the next morning I had my first chance to see the finished exhibit. The display may have only been a small tabletop exhibit, but, my jaw dropped and I wondered how she did that exhibit with only a suitcase full of plants. What I found out many years later was that a small box she hadn't opened yet with more orchids and greenery was under the table; so, the whole exhibit didn't come out of the one suitcase and -- wouldn't you know it -- the exhibit got an award, and a couple of the plants in the exhibit got awards also. I remember that as a great early learning experience that small exhibits can be designed well and contain award quality orchids.

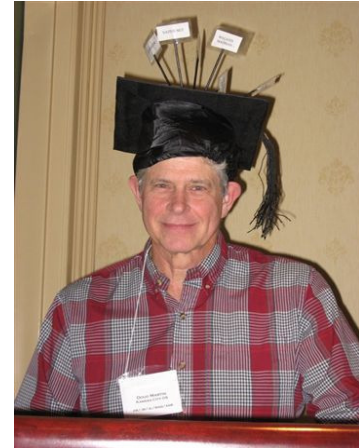


Russ Tyler accepts Karen's Award in her absence from Lois Holmes. Photo: Rod Knowles

Karen sets an example for all of us to follow who love the Mid-America.

So, on behalf of the Mid-America Orchid Congress, congratulations, Karen, on being named Orchidist of the Year!

Tim Brooks, Chair
Orchidist-of-the-Year Committee



PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Orchid Growers,

My two years as President of The Mid-America Orchid Congress are now over. I want to thank all of you for your support. I particularly want to thank the officers and committee chairs who served with me. Your willingness to help made my job easy.

I feel that the Congress is in a stronger position now than it was two years ago. At that time it was financially strong, but we didn't have future meetings planned. No societies had offered to host future meetings. Now, as detailed elsewhere in this issue, we have invitations for three of the next four meetings and one beyond that. I believe this change is, at least partially, the result of a new approach which was begun under previous presidents; that the Congress should be more of a partner with our member societies that choose to host our meetings. To that end, we made two significant changes. First, a year ago we decided that we would split the Mid-America auction revenues with our hosts. Second, at our most recent meeting we increased the amount available from the Mid-America Conservation Speakers Fund to reimburse a host society for the expenses of a conservation speaker. I look forward to working with our new president, Aileen Garrison, and the other officers to look for additional ways for the Congress to assist our future hosts.

Being President of Mid-America was not a position that I sought, or particularly wanted. But then one day, while making dinner, the Chair of the Nominating Committee turned to me and said, "The Committee has mentioned your name." Since I've found over the years that good things usually happen when I say "yes" to her, I did. Then, the first time I signed something as "President, Mid-America Orchid Congress," I felt a great sense of honor. So I can honestly say that it has been a privilege to be your president.

Thank you,
Doug Martin, Past President
Mid-America Orchid Congress

BOB LEWIS

A regular Mid-America participant for many years, Bob Lewis passed away on September 22, 2011. Bob served on the Conservation Committee. A judge for the American Orchid Society, he was also active in the Wisconsin Orchid Society where he served as President in 2010.

May he rest in peace.

DAVID BROWN

Longtime Congress leader Dr. David Brown passed away June 13, 2011. Doug and Beth Martin found the summer 1997 issue of The Mid-American, in which is published the announcement of David and Barbara Brown receiving the "FL Stevenson Orchidist of the Year" award at the 1996 Fall Mid-America Orchid Congress in Knoxville, TN. They received a standing ovation as Dr. George Ferguson presented the plaque to them saying, "This year the award is shared by two people who have long been a presence in orchid circles at local, regional, national, and international levels. They are a presence to be reckoned with and were instrumental in founding the Mid-America Orchid Congress." They organized the first Mid-America Orchid Congress meeting in 1959, which was supported by the Orchid Digest Corporation.

In David's memory, memorial contributions may be made to Washington University School of Medicine, 660 South Euclid, St. Louis, MO 63110, the American Orchid Society, 16700 AOS Lane, Delray Beach, FL 33446 or to the charity of one's choice.

We extend our sincere condolences to Bobbie and her children on this great loss.

HELPFUL INFORMATION FROM MAOC

Show Schedule Committee

The Committee met twice in Milwaukee to accommodate its members in attendance. We reviewed the class entry numbers which Lois Cinert has recorded and noted the many entries in the Phalaenopsis harlequin classes. An updated, revised Schedule is planned for approval in 2013.

Please continue to send the number of entries in each class to:

Lois Cinert, Co-Chair
595 Sharon Way
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george.cinert@att.net

Need Mid-America entry tags for registration of plants and exhibits at your Show?

Send check made payable to MAOC in the amount of \$30.00 for 1000 tags; remember to enclose address to which to send them.

Order from:
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For sale: MAOC CD published in 2005 entitled "Orchid names: a pronunciation guide" by Gerda Ferrington. \$10.00 each (\$13.00 each if need to be mailed to you). Send check made payable to MAOC to Alexa Noel, Treasurer, 8767 Apalachee Drive, Cincinnati OH 45249-2501; please include address to which to send them.

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Conservation Committee

The Committee invites institutions and MAOC member societies to request funding for orchid conservation projects planned for 2012. Requests should include planned activities/actions regarding conservation efforts of either tropical or North American native orchid species and a proposed budget. Grants can be up to \$400. We currently have two requests for a total of \$800 and have more money in our budget.

The Committee will review all requests and make grants based on the merit of the projects. Send requests to:

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Mid-America Constitution & By-laws is available on the Mid-America website (www.midamericanorchids.org). Delegates in Milwaukee in September made some minor amendments:

1. Now a member society may have in its membership two officers of the Congress (formerly, only one).
2. The Myron Banta Award is now the Delbert Lowell Jacks Award
3. The Mid-America Perpetual Trophy was renamed The Mid-America Trophy and will be given at every meeting of the Congress.

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The current edition of the Mid-America Show Schedule as well as the current edition of the supplemental material edited by Lowell Jacks are all available on the Mid-America website (www.midamericanorchids.org). Lowell updates the supplemental material every six months.

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MAOC SHARES AUCTION 50/50 WITH HOST SOCIETY

At its meeting in Louisville in September, 2010, the Mid-America Orchid Congress created a new benefit for affiliated societies that host Mid-America meetings. Mid-America will donate to a host society 50% of the auction proceeds received at the hosted meeting. The first recipient was the Memphis Orchid Society, host of the Spring 2011 Congress.

Mid-America attendees know that the Saturday evening auction is a fun-filled highlight of every Mid-America meeting. "It's Mid-America's main fundraising event, and now it will be a fundraising event for our host society as well," says Beth Martin, chair of the Mid-America Annual Meetings Committee. "We want to encourage more societies to host Mid-America meetings, and we know the societies are concerned about the financial aspects. We decided to split the auction proceeds because we see Mid-America meetings as a partnership between Mid-America and the host society. For the past few years our auctions have averaged close to \$3000, so we think it will be a significant help to a host society. The society can use their share to cover expenses of the Mid-America meeting, or maybe just build up their treasury." Because Mid-America is a 501(c)(3) organization, all donations of auction items are tax-deductible and winning bids may be partially tax-deductible.

The new benefit is available only to affiliated societies who host Mid-America meetings and are responsible for all meeting arrangements. In addition, Mid-America funds are available to help pay the expenses of a speaker at each spring and fall meeting. Mid-America can also provide a loan of up to \$2,500 (to be repaid at the end of the hosted meeting) for deposits and other up-front expenses. The Annual Meetings Committee can provide historical data and other information to societies interested in hosting a Mid-America meeting. For more information please contact Beth or Doug Martin, 913-248-8669 or bethdougmm@kc.rr.com.

THE CONGRESS'S TROPHIES

The Mid-America Orchid Congress offers the following trophies:

For the Spring meeting:

- Mid-America Trophy — Most Outstanding Exhibit Staged by an Affiliated Society of The Mid-America Orchid Congress.
- Henry C. Holmes Award — Best Oncidium Alliance Plant in show.
- Delbert Lowell Jacks Award — Best specimen plant in show.
- F L Stevenson Award — Best Pleurothallid Alliance Plant in show.
- Fox Valley Award — Best Cypripedium Alliance Plant in show. To be awarded to the plant receiving the highest AOS award, or to the best of the Cypripedium classes if no award.

For the Fall meeting:

- Mid-America Trophy — Most Outstanding Exhibit Staged by an Affiliated Society of The Mid-America Orchid Congress.
- Clifford & Vivian Walters Award — Best Oncidium Alliance Plant in show.
- In Memory of Raymond McCullough Award — Best Epidendrum/Encyclia in show.
- Christine M. Chowning Award – Best Angraecoid species in show

If you would like to contribute to any of these trophies, the officers of the Congress would be most appreciative! All contributions to the MAOC are tax deductible as the Congress is an IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Make your donation check payable to MAOC and mail it to Alexa Noel, Treasurer, 8767 Apalachee Drive, Cincinnati OH 45249-2501.

Thank you in advance!

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Affiliated Societies Committee

The members of the Committee welcome your suggestions for future Breakfast discussion topics

**TOPICS OF MID-AMERICA ORCHID CONGRESS
AFFILIATED SOCIETIES COMMITTEE SUNDAY
BREAKFAST DISCUSSIONS**

Fall 1991 Louisville, KY *Society Newsletters*
Spring 1992 Nashville, TN *History and Accomplishments of MAOC*
Fall 1992 Chicago, IL *Fund Raising and Cost Control*
Spring 1993 Peoria, IL *Summary of Membership Survey*
Fall 1993 St Paul, MN *Recruitment and Retention of Members*
Spring 1994 Worthington, OH *Exhibiting Orchids: From Society Show Tables to MAOC Shows*
Fall 1994 Kansas City, MO *Educational Opportunities in Societies*
Spring 1995 Livonia, MI *Rapping With the Reps*
Fall 1995 Cleveland, OH [joint with AOS]
Spring 1996 Atlanta, GA [joint with AOS]
Fall 1996 Knoxville, TN *Orchids on the Internet – Ned Nash*
Spring 1997 Chicago, IL *Education & Research Committee – Russ Vernon*
Fall 1997 St Louis, MO *Creative Recruitment of Orchid Growers*
Spring 1998 Toronto, ON [joint with AOS]
Fall 1998 Lexington, KY *Publication Committee*
Spring 1999 Lansing, MI *Exhibiting*
Fall 1999 Milwaukee, WI *Show Schedule Committee*
Spring 2000 Livonia, MI *Communication – Newsletters & Websites*
Fall 2000 Muncie IN *MAOC Website*
Spring 2001 Worthington, OH *Open Forum*
Fall 2001 Birmingham, AL *Ways & Means Committee/Budget Committee*
Spring 2002 Chicago, IL *Innovative and Creative Programs – Don Garling*
Fall 2002 Frankfort, KY *Attracting and Retaining New Members*
Spring 2003 Toronto, ON *Fund Raising*
Fall 2003 Louisville, KY *Future of MAOC*
Spring 2004 Atlanta, GA *How Societies Can Help Each Other*
Fall 2004 Nashville, TN *Getting Society Members More Involved*
Spring 2005 Bloomington, MN [joint with AOS]
Fall 2005 Mason, OH *Communication in Your Local Society*
Spring 2006 Omaha, NE *Specialty Groups Within Your Local Society*
Fall 2006 Lexington, KY *Trends in Local Orchid Shows*
Spring 2007 Chicago, IL *Challenges Facing Local Societies*
Fall 2007 Independence, MO *Keeping Society Membership Relevant in Today's Society*
Spring 2008 Troy, MI *Crisis in Leadership in Local Orchid Societies*
Fall 2008 Mason, OH *Compensating Speakers*
Spring 2009 Columbus, OH *Selecting Programs*
Fall 2009 Franklin, TN *Creative Approaches to Local Orchid Shows*
Spring 2010 Omaha, NE *Conservation Efforts by Local Orchid Societies*

Fall 2010 Louisville, KY *How Does Your Society Honor Present and Past Members?*
Spring 2011 Memphis, TN *Finances and the Local Orchid Society*
Fall 2011 Milwaukee, WI *Exhibiting in Other Societies' Shows*

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Orchidist-of-the-Year Committee

This Committee invites nominations for the 2012 Mid-America Orchid Congress Orchidist of the Year. They would like to have a brief paragraph with the name of the nominee and the thoughts of the person nominating them as to why this person should be named the 2012 Mid-America Orchid Congress Orchidist of the Year. Nominations may be submitted to any Committee member by July 31, 2012, so that the Committee can review the nominees, a decision can be made, and the trophy prepared for presentation at our October meeting in Independence, MO.

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CONTINUE TO BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF MAOC

Remind your Society to pay dues. As a member of the Mid-America Orchid Congress, your Society joins orchid societies in 17 states, as well as in Ontario, Canada, to fund education, research and conservation. The amount of dues is based on the number of members in your Society: \$0.50/member, \$15.00 minimum.

Dues forms are available from our Treasurer Alexa Noel (ahn6175@yahoo.com)

A completed form, listing the contact persons in your Society, enables MAOC to send the Congress's newsletter, The Mid-American, to members of your Society. The Mid-American informs your Society of issues related to the operation of a successful society, including changes in show schedule rules and classification.

Mary Beth Mansour, Chair
Affiliated Societies Committee

Annual Meetings Committee -- **Future MAOC Meetings**

At the MAOC business meeting in Milwaukee, the Annual Meeting Committee was authorized, on behalf of the Mid-America Orchid Congress, to accept invitations from affiliated societies to host MAOC meetings in 2013. I am very glad to report that we have accepted an invitation from The Heart of Dixie Orchid Society to host the Mid-America Orchid Congress meeting in Spring 2013, and an invitation from the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society and the Miami Valley Orchid Society to co-host the Mid-America Orchid Congress meeting in Fall 2013. The following future MAOC meetings have been approved by the Congress:

Meeting	Location	Dates	Host
Spring 2012	Indianapolis, IN	April 13-15	Mid-America Orchid Congress, held in conjunction with Central Indiana Orchid Society orchid show
Fall 2012	Independence, MO	October 26-28	Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City
Spring 2013	Huntsville, AL	April TBA	The Heart of Dixie Orchid Society
Fall 2013	TBA	TBA	Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society and Miami Valley Orchid Society
Spring 2014	Bloomington, MN	April 29-May 4	Orchid Society of Minnesota

In addition, it is my pleasure to announce that the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society and the Miami Valley Orchid Society have also extended an invitation to co-host the Mid-America Orchid Congress meeting in Spring 2016. This invitation will be presented to the Congress at its next business meeting in Indianapolis.

The Annual Meeting Committee is ready to assist any societies interested in hosting a Mid-America meeting. Please contact Beth Martin at 913-248-8669 or bethdoug@kc.rr.com for more information.

Beth Martin, Chair

**MID-AMERICA MEMBER SOCIETIES
2011**

Alabama Orchid Society*
Ann Arbor Orchid Society
Atlanta Orchid Society*
Batavia Orchid Society
Blackhawk Orchid Society
Blue Grass Orchid Society*
Central Indiana Orchid Society*
Central Iowa Orchid Society*
Central Kentucky Orchid Society
Central Missouri Orchid Society*
Central Ohio Orchid Society*
Central Ontario Orchid Society*
Eastern Iowa Orchid Society
Essex County (Ontario) Orchid Society*
Grand Valley Orchid Society
Greater Akron Orchid Society
Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society*
Greater Cleveland Orchid Society
Greater Lansing Orchid Society*
Greater Omaha Orchid Society*
Greater Pensacola Orchid Society*
Greater Toledo Orchid Society
Gulf Coast Orchid Society*
Heart of Dixie Orchid Society*
Illinois Orchid Society
Illowa Orchid Society*
Kentucky Orchid Society*
Kingwood Orchid Society
Lincoln (NE) Orchid Society*
Little Egypt Orchid Society*
London Orchid Society
Memphis Orchid Society*
Miami Valley Orchid Society*
Michiana Orchid Society*
Michigan Orchid Society*
Northeast Alabama Orchid Society
Northeastern Wisconsin Orchid Society*
Northwestern Michigan Orchid Society*
Orchid Growers Guild Inc. of Madison*

Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City
Orchid Society of Greater St. Louis
Orchid Society of Middle Tennessee
Orchid Society of Minnesota*
Orchid Society of the Ozarks*
Orchid Society of the Royal Botanic Gardens
Paducah Orchid Society*
Paris (KY) Orchid Society
Peoria Orchid Society*
Prairie State Orchid Society*
Saginaw Valley Orchid Society*
Sioux Falls Orchid Club*
Smoky Mountain Orchid Society
South Metro Orchid Society
South Mississippi Orchid Society*
Springfield (MO) Orchid Society*
Three Rivers Orchid Society*
West Shore Orchid Society of Northern Ohio
Windsor Orchid Society*
Wisconsin Orchid Society

*Has renewed for 2011

Note: Alexa Noel, Congress Treasurer, has sent out the renewal notices for the 2011 membership year. If your copy has gone astray, please contact her for another copy (ahn6175@yahoo.com).

If your Society is not listed and you believe it is a member, please contact me. Or, if I have your Society listed as not yet having renewed for 2011 and you believe it has, let me know that as well. I will investigate! Doris Asher

FROM YOUR EDITOR

Thank you, Aileen Garrison, Doug and Beth Martin, Russ Vernon, Lois Cinert, Rod Knowles, Tim Brooks, Hermann Pigors, and Mary Beth Mansour for your articles and photographs in this issue.

I welcome input – suggestions, corrections, and articles to be published are all welcome. Keep those e-mail messages coming!

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