The Mid-American

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FALL 2011 MAOC IN MILWAUKEEE
FEATURING
DRS. LEONID AVERYANOV AND JOE MEISEL

Registrants at the 95th meeting of the Mid-America Orchid Congress this September will have a rare and exciting opportunity to hear programs by Drs. Leonid Averyanov and Joe Meisel. We hope you'll join us in Milwaukee for these programs and a great Mid-America weekend.

Dr. Averyanov last spoke in the United States at a Mid-America Orchid Congress in 2003. He has studied the flora of Vietnam and Eurasia, particularly orchids, for more than 30 years and in 2003 co-authored "*Slipper Orchids of Vietnam*." Dr. Averyanov 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. In Milwaukee, Dr. Averyanov will present an afternoon lecture titled "New Discoveries about Vietnamese Orchids." He will also give a program on "New Discoveries about Vietnamese Paphiopedilums" following the Mid-America Banquet on Saturday evening. Travel expenses are funded by the Shirley Burr Moore Memorial Fund of the MAOC.

Dr. Joe Meisel, Professor of Zoology at the University of Wisconsin, is currently writing a book for Cornell Press, "*An Introduction to the Orchids of Tropical America*." He is also vice-president and founder of Ceiba Foundation for Tropical Conservation, a nonprofit organization based in Madison, WI. The Ceiba Foundation is dedicated to the preservation and rehabilitation of tropical habitats and the conservation of their plants and animals. Its projects include the El Pahuma Orchid Reserve in Ecuador, which protects over 1500 acres of tropical mountain forest and was established via South America's first conservation easement involving a local landowner. El Pahuma has become firmly established as a top tourism destination and a model sustainable business that has been replicated throughout the region. Dr. Meisel will present an afternoon program on the Ceiba Foundation's orchid conservation projects, both past and future.

The Fall 2011 Mid-America meeting will be held September 16-18, in conjunction with the Wisconsin Orchid Society's show at the "The Domes" of Milwaukee's Mitchell Park Conservatory. All Mid-America lectures and meetings will be at the Radisson Hotel Milwaukee West, 2303 North Mayfair Road, Wauwatosa, WI. Mid-America will provide transportation for registrants from the hotel to the Show. 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 our Business Meeting.

Beth Martin, Chair, Annual Meetings Committee

MEMPHIS IN MAY!:
REPORT TO MID-AMERICA AFFILIATED SOCIETIES
MID-AMERICA ORCHID CONGRESS
MEMPHIS, TN, MAY 20 - 22, 2011

The Memphis Orchid Society, holding its 28th annual show "Celebration of Orchids!" hosted 108 registrants at the Holiday Inn Select; this Congress enjoyed the highest registration of any since 2007.

On Saturday morning, Chesley Lyon directed 35 judges in seven teams as they evaluated the 14 exhibits and about 310 entries. The judges identified 38 orchids for award consideration and the following eleven were successful in earning twelve awards:

1 & 2. Calanthe Dominyi 'Chasus', AM/AOS, 81 pts., & CCM/AOS, 84 pts (*furcata* x *masuca*) exhibited by Charles & Susan Wilson, Hernando, MS
3. *Dendrobium* (Syn. *Dockrillia*) *wassellii* 'Chasus', CCM/AOS, 85 pts, exhibited by Charles & Susan Wilson, Hernando, MS
4. Dtps. Han-Ben's Girl 'Laura', AM/AOS, 82 pts (Tom Boy x Han-Ben's Lip) exhibited by Stones River Orchids, Franklin, TN
5. Dtps. Sogo Domei 'June', AM/AOS, 81 pts (Phal Golden Peoker x Dtps Tinny Tender) exhibited by Stones River Orchids, Franklin, TN
6. Dtps. Yu Pin Fireworks 'Sparkle Vision', HCC/AOS, 78 pts (Dtps Sogo Dove x Phal World Class) exhibited by New Vision Orchids, Yorktown, IN
7. Paph. Lucky Bells 'Gigantic', AM/AOS, 84 pts (Bella Lucia x *bellatulum*) exhibited by Orchid Inn, Ltd., Bloomington, IL
8. Paph. Wossner Goldball 'Jeanie's Dream', AM/AOS, 80 pts (Pinocchio x *emersonii*) exhibited by Orchid Inn, Ltd., Bloomington, IL
9. *Pogonia ophioglossoides* 'Virginia Bruce', CCE/AOS/ 90 pts, exhibited by Doug & Beth Martin, Shawnee, KS
10. Vanda Sandra Gail Hatos 'Pottsy's Susan Ruth', AM/AOS, 84 pts (Memoria Lyle Swanson x *tessellata*) exhibited by Ray & Annette Potts
11. *Denbrobium parthenium* 'Chasus', CHM/AOS, 81 pts (provisional), exhibited by Charles & Susan Wilson, Hernando, MS
12. Artistic Certificate of 94 pts to hand-carved wooden orchid sculpture of *Cypripedium parviflora,* exhibited by Kameron Kiani

The Memphis Orchid Society exhibit received both the AOS Show Trophy and also the Orchid Digest Trophy for the best exhibit.

Mid-America Orchid Congress trophies:

1. Henry C. Holmes for the best Oncidium alliance plant: Oncidium Sharry Baby owned by Forrest Brem, a graduate student, University of Memphis
2. Fox Valley Cypripedium Alliance Award for the best Cypripedium alliance plant: Phragmipedium Devil Fire owned by Geff Ivey (Knoxville, TN) (Smoky Mountain Orchid Society)
3. Myron Banta Award for the best specimen plant: Rhyncholaelia digbyana owned by Nathan Bell (Springfield Orchid Society).

Saturday afternoon orchid talks included:

1. Susan Young: "Scrapbooking your orchids" – improving your orchid pictures using various software
2. Bart Jones: "Orchids of Tennessee" – presentation of native orchids in Tennessee
3. Troy Meyers: "Orchid Conservation Through Flasking Propagation" - an excellent and detailed presentation from pollination to de-flasking plantlings; (www.troymeyers.com (http://www.troymeyers.com/))
4. Jay Pfahl: "Orchids on the Internet" from International Orchid Pictorial Species Encyclopedia (www.orchidspecies.com) and pictures of new orchid species found in Columbia

Congress registrants enjoyed Saturday night's auction, a high spirited, entertaining hour featuring orchids and orchid-related items to raise funds for MAOC projects and services, such as conservation and support of the judging centers in the Congress' territory. The donation of auction items is much appreciated and is tax-deductible as Mid-America is a 501(c)(3) organization. Sixty people moved from the auction into the banquet, which concluded a full day.

First thing Sunday morning fifty-five people attended the Affiliated Societies Committee Breakfast, at which Committee member Doris Asher led a discussion on *Finances and the Local Society*. These breakfasts are always well attended and provide an opportunity for valuable feedback and information on how you can make your local orchid society more productive, involve membership more effectively, and trouble-shoot problems you are experiencing.

- Dues: Little Egypt OS has a flat rate, household membership regardless of the number of people in the household. Greater Lansing OS has a life membership, with a one-time cost 10 times the annual dues. Cincinnati has a student rate in addition to individual and family memberships -- students must volunteer for some Society activity to get the reduced rate. Memphis OS tried a sponsoring membership with higher dues, but decided that it was better for the group if all memberships were equal. Atlanta OS recently began collection of dues via PayPal – the Society has both gained new members and retained old ones using this method. PayPal allows members to pay dues by a credit card, without requiring the Society to purchase equipment or pay fees to process credit cards (although PayPal deducts 4.4% of each payment to provide the service.)

- Fundraising by plant sales: Little Egypt sells orchids at a local home and garden show; they buy the orchids in bulk from Carmela Orchids and resell them at a good profit. The important point is that the Society is selling to others besides its own members. Greater Omaha OS has sold bletillas, a genus that can be grown in the garden. The Society bought flats of the little plants, and, as they grew, the Society sold them at a home and garden show, at their own Show, gave them out with memberships, and used them for raffle plants (although you do need someone to care for them, while growing). The Illinois OS has an interesting arrangement with Whole Foods Market -- the store discards damaged or out-of-bloom orchids to the Society, which rescues them and sells them for $5. The Orchid Growers Guild of Madison holds an Easter orchid sale at a local botanical garden.

- Curtailing show expenses by cooperating with non-orchid events: Batavia OS gets free space for their Show at the fairgrounds by setting up a booth at the summer fair. The OS of Greater Kansas City held an AOS-judged show within a lawn and garden show and got the space for the Show for free. The Greater Cincinnati OS exhibited at the Cincinnati flower show at the suggestion of a new member. Flower and garden shows provide opportunity to publicize an orchid show and to reach out to prospective members.

- Sale of plants by Society members vis a vis guest speaker/seller: although Society members like to sell their own plants/divisions, it may be wise not to do so when you have a speaker who is a commercial grower, since this would cut into sales for the speaker, and possibly increase the cost. In order to provide for members to sell their orchids, several societies (Heart of Dixie, Denver, Cincinnati, for example) hold annual auctions where members can bring their extra seedlings and divisions. Some auctions are strictly for the benefit of the Society, while at others the seller donates a percentage of sales to the Society. When you put together an order for Society members from a big vendor, mention that you have a society event coming up. Some vendors, like Carter and Holmes, will add a few bonus plants to the order, which can be saved for fundraising.

- Costs of programs: general consensus that quality programs/speakers are essential to the health of a society. One suggestion: per-person fee ($5, $10) to hear a good, out-of-town speaker. Much discussion of nearby societies sharing an expensive, but excellent speaker – necessary that meetings be close in time, unless one society is able to move theirs. Mid-America website posts the regular meeting dates for affiliated societies. Program ideas for small societies that cannot generate enough sales to attract a commercial grower: programs from the AOS and Orchid Digest, speakers from among personnel at nearby judging centers. Since many judges do not grow commercially, plant sales are not an issue. Student and probationary judges are required to do papers and presentations,

and would appreciate an audience. One society uses a commercial sponsorship – they have access to a local bank which underwrites one speaker a year.

- IRS 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status as a charitable organization: The MAOC has already obtained this status, as have several member societies. As such an organization, donations to the organization are deductible at the federal and possibly the state level, as are some expenses. Typically, the society does not have to pay state sales tax. Charles Wilson noted that Memphis saved $600 in taxes for the Congress hotel, and President Doug Martin pointed out that delegates could deduct the expense of attending the Congress. Jan Yates explained that filling out the forms for 501(c)(3) status is time-consuming, but doable for anyone who can do their own taxes. You must emphasize the educational aspects of the organization to qualify, and you must file an annual report. The initial filing costs are approximately $400, so societies should be wary of lawyers charging big fees for doing the filing. The annual filing is inexpensive and very easy to do. Getting a sales tax exemption requires separate filing in your state.

- Electronic media to reduce expenses: Memphis OS uses www.orchidboard.com , which is free, to advertise shows. Other sources of free publicity: Craigslist and Facebook. Several societies in the room deliver their newsletters electronically, whether via email attachments or via the web. Affiliated societies may also post newsletters on the Congress' website.

- Liability insurance. Many different rates in the marketplace – ***must*** get several quotes – excellent coverage at affordable rates is out there.

Business Meeting – about 50 people attended .

- President Doug Martin thanked the Memphis Orchid Society for doing such a good job hosting the Congress

- Spring 2014 Mid-America will be held jointly with the American Orchid Society – hosted by the Orchid Society of Minnesota April 29-May 4, 2014

- Treasurer Alexa Noel reported that the Congress is enjoying an increase in amount of unrestricted funds available for ongoing Congress activities – at the end of 2010, the balance in unrestricted funds was $36,389. As of May 15, 2011, total Congress assets equaled $74,934

- Alexa reported that 30 societies have paid membership dues for 2011 including a new affiliated society (the Paris (KY) Orchid Society) as well as two "returning" societies (Little Egypt Orchid Society and the Orchid Society of the Ozarks)

- Auction netted $2,434 – in accord with the decision reached in Louisville in September 2010, the income was split 50-50 between the Congress and the host society, the Memphis Orchid Society

- In addition, Roberta Ginavan reported that a raffle of a beautiful yellow Cattleya glass sculpture crafted by Lawrence Family Glass Blowers of Nashville, IN, netted $400. Jeanne Rhinehart from the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society won the lovely piece

The final scheduled activity of the Congress was the Judges' Workshop led by Tom Harper. About 25 judges discussed two different topics: the importance of good communication between judges and show organizers to facilitate food services at shows. Too many times more judges come to judges' lunches than the host society has expected. The second topic concerned Doritaenopsis/Phalaenopsis. In general, most of the modern Doritaenopsis we see are pure Phalaenopsis.

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Plan to attend the next Mid-America Orchid Congress, September 16-18, 2011, in Milwaukee, WI. The topic of the Affiliated Societies Breakfast will be "Exhibits in Other Societies' Shows". We will address the ongoing (worsening?) challenges of securing manpower to set up society exhibits in out-of-town shows.

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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AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS. Change B to read: No member Society shall have in its membership more than **two** officer**s** of the Congress.

Editor's note: The Congress will vote on this proposed amendment at its Business Meeting on Sunday, September 18th, in Milwaukee.

THE CONGRESS'S TROPHIES

The Mid-America Orchid Congress offers the following trophies:

For the Spring meeting:

- Henry C. Holmes Award —Best Oncidium Alliance Plant in show.
- Myron Banta 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 Perpetual 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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ED BOYETT

Longtime Mid-America participant Ed Boyett passed away on May 10, 2011. He died peacefully in the hospice wing of Emory Hospital with his daughters and grandson at his side. Ed had been seriously ill for some time.

May he rest in peace.

DAVID BROWN

Former MAOC President and longtime Congress leader Dr. David Brown passed away June 13, 2011. He had been bedridden for a number of years and died at the local hospital after being taken there after a short stay. His wife Barbara tells us David was only a few days from his 90th birthday.

Bobbie was able to care for David at home until his last day. 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.

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Wisconsin Orchid Society Invitation 2010 Fall Show

Dear Fellow Orchid Lover:

The Wisconsin Orchid Society and the Milwaukee County Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture invite you to participate in the 2011 Show and Sale, “Fall in Love with Orchids, 2011”, to be held the weekend of September 17 and 18, 2011, in the Show Dome of the Mitchell Park Conservatory, 524 South Layton Blvd., Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53215.

The Show will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday. Setup is on Friday from noon until 9 p.m., with registration of plants and exhibits from noon until 9 p.m. There will be a supper buffet in the Hospitality Room at 6 p.m. Friday for all participants, and comestibles will be available for you throughout the weekend.

You will find both Milwaukee and our society most hospitable. The Milwaukee area has much to offer by way of entertainment and relaxation. You can access visitor information and hotel availability at 1-800-554-1448 or via www.milwaukee.org.

An Exhibit form is enclosed for your society or any individual society members to participate in our show. Please return the completed form to me as soon as possible, as we do not have unlimited space. An information packet will be mailed to you in August. As soon as you are an exhibitor, your name will be placed on our website under the 2011 show announcement.

We look forward to seeing you at our Fall Show. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Fall in Love with Orchids, 2011

Co-sponsored by The Wisconsin Orchid Society
and
Milwaukee County Department of Parks, Recreation & Culture

September 17 - 18, 2011

Mitchell Park Conservatory (The Domes)

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.)

_____ Tabletop _____ 25 sq. ft.
_____ 50 sq. ft. _____ 100 sq. ft.

Name as it will appear on the display: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email _____

Name and phone for persons who wish to clerk:

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Please return this registration form to: Susan G Tragesser
1616 87th Place
Kenosha WI 53143-6498
Phone: 262-694-0211
e-mail: su1san@attt.net

Your signature is required on this release:

"The exhibitor assumes the entire responsibility and liability for losses, damages, and claims arising out of the exhibitor's activities on the Mitchell Park Conservatory premises and will indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Mitchell Park Conservatory, its agents, servants, employees, and the Wisconsin Orchid Society, its officers and members from any and all losses, damages, and claims."

Signature_____ Date _____

BREAKFAST/DISCUSSION IN MILWAUKEE

Be sure to register for the Sunday-morning MAOC Affiliated Societies Breakfast when the Congress meets in Milwaukee this September. The topic of discussion will be "Exhibits in Other Societies' Shows." This will be an opportunity to discuss the challenges of exhibiting in out-of-town orchid shows: selecting shows, reciprocity, recruiting members to set-up exhibits, compensation, and limiting staging. Comments by registrants reflecting their experience will be welcomed.

If the MAOC Affiliated Societies Committee can be of assistance to your society, please contact any member of the Committee.

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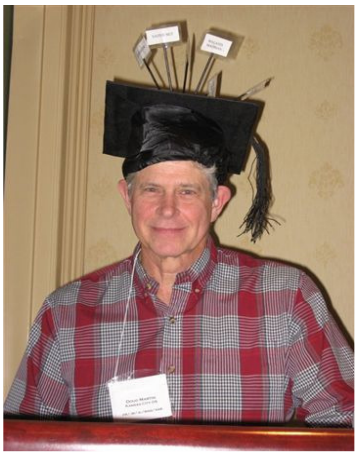
MAOC SHARES AUCTION 50/50 WITH HOST SOCIETY

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 fund-raising 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 Martin, 913-248-8669 or bethdougmm@kc.rr.com.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Dear Fellow Orchid Growers,

The Spring Mid-America meeting in Memphis is now in the records books, and it was indeed one for the books. There were the usual events, with interesting speakers and frivolity at the auction, but a few things will stand out for me when I think back on this Mid-America. One was the quality of the show. Although it wasn't a large show (just over three hundred entries), thirty-eight plants, about one out of every eight, were pulled for AOS judging and eleven were awarded. I don't know if those are records, but I'm sure it's the most I've ever seen at a show that size.

Another thing I'll remember was the friendliness and helpfulness of the host society members. While this is not unusual, we Mid-America

attendees truly appreciate it. I want to thank the members of the Memphis Orchid Society and especially the show chairs, Charles and Susan Wilson, for all their hard work and for a wonderful meeting.

I'll also remember that this was the first meeting when Mid-America shared the auction revenue with the host society. The Memphis Orchid Society received $1,217, 50% of the auction income. I feel that the decision to do this was an important demonstration by Mid-America that we appreciate our hosts and that we recognize that Mid-America wouldn't exist without them.

Our fall meeting will be held in Milwaukee in conjunction with the Wisconsin Orchid Society's show. I'm really excited by the speakers we'll get to meet and hear. Dr. Leonid Averyanov is coming from Russia to tell us about his recent orchid discoveries in Vietnam. He'll be speaking Saturday afternoon and again at the dinner following our auction. Some of you may remember hearing Dr. Averyanov when he spoke to the Fall 2003 Mid-America meeting. The other speaker will be Dr. Joe Meisel who will tell us about his work setting up and running the El Pahuma Orchid Reserve in Ecuador. Details and registration forms are available on the Mid-America website, www.midamericanorchids.org.

I hope to see you all there.

Doug Martin
President

HELPFUL INFORMATION FROM MAOC

Show Schedule Committee

The Committee had a productive meeting at the Memphis Mid-America Congress. Among the items discussed were the various genera name changes and their implications in our Schedule.

Present were Co-Chairs Lois Cinert and Hermann Pigors, Stephen Benjamin and Tom Harper. Please address any Schedule input, suggestions, or concerns to these members as well as to Dr. Craig Plahn, who could not attend.

Lois is seeking and evaluating all the show judging plant entry records she receives. To make these fully valuable and useful, we need data from all of the various Mid-America Congress areas. Please send the number of entries in each class to:
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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:
Hermann Pigors, Co-Chair
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Dundee, IL. 60118
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pigors@foxvalley.net

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Conservation Committee

The Committee met in Memphis, TN on May 20,2011, to discuss one project: Doug Goldman's efforts at propagating and reestablishing Calypogon oklahomensis in existing and in new, suitable habitats.

MAOC funded the sowing of C. o. seed collected from various populations, especially those populations on the margins of the species range. Unfortunately, the plants did not grow well under the procedures used by the lab. The few plants produced and the stored excess seed have been returned to Goldman as well as the MAOC funds. Goldman will seek to locate another lab using procedures that will result in viable numbers of plants for reintroduction to suitable habitats.

A bit of interesting news involving one of our grant recipients: The Wheeler Orchid Collection and Species Bank at Ball State University has found a large, potential donor to support building a new facility for the collection. Construction could begin as soon as spring, 2012. Additional funds are sought to enhance the new project and establish an endowment to ensure continued financial support for the collection and its conservation goals.

The Conservation Committee invites affiliated societies to submit proposals for funding for conservation projects to Chair Russ Vernon
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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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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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Mid-America Constitution & By-laws is available on the Mid-America website (www.midamericanorchids.org). Delegates will vote on an amendment in Milwaukee in September – see p. 5 in this newsletter.

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For advice or assistance in hosting a future Congress, contact Beth Martin (bethdougm@kc.rr.com; 15523 Johnson Dr., Shawnee KS 66217 (913-248-8669)

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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*

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Orchidist-of-the-Year Committee

This Committee invites nominations for the 2011 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 2011 Mid-America Orchid Congress Orchidist of the Year. Nominations may be submitted to any Committee member by July 31, 2011, so that the Committee can review the nominees, a decision can be made, and the trophy prepared for presentation at our September meeting in Milwaukee.

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FROM YOUR EDITOR

Thank you, Doug and Beth Martin, Russ Vernon, Hermann Pigors, Tim Brooks, Susan Tragesser, and Mary Beth Mansour for your articles 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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