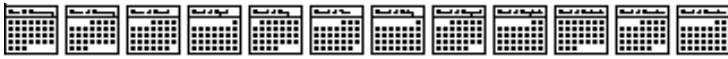




Wisconsin Orchid Hobbyist

The Newsletter of the Wisconsin Orchid Society
August 2007

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DATES and MEETINGS

August 4, 2007
Saturday

Oak Hill Picnic

You MUST notify Bob Lewis if you plan on attending. Dorothy Pigors must be able to plan how much food to prepare. DO NOT JUST SHOW UP. Thanks! ☺

September 9 – Rob Halgren from LittleFrog Farm will be speaking about growing orchids in terrariums and vivariums. He will be bringing plants for sale. Check out his website at <http://littlefrogfarm.com>. He has zillions of plants not listed, so interested parties may wish to e-mail him directly. See page 3 for more details.

October 14 (Note date change.)

November 4 – Members' Auction

December 2 – Holiday Party



WHEN and WHERE

Unless otherwise announced, the business meetings of the Wisconsin Orchid Society, which are normally scheduled for the first Sunday of the month, **begin at 1:00 p.m.** All

meetings for the rest of 2007 will be at the Cudahy Family Library; a map is on page 8.

Plants to be judged MUST be in place by 12:30 p.m. Library materials are available before and after meetings as are refreshments and general conviviality.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Wisconsin Orchid Show will be held at the Mitchell Park Domes on September 15th and 16th.

August 6 – 12. Wisconsin State Fair
See pages 7 and 8 for details and the entry schedule.

September 21-22-23. Chicagoland Orchid Fest
8:00am - 5:00pm Friday & Saturday, 10:00am - 3:00pm Sunday. Go to <http://www.chicagolandorchidfestival.com/> for more information.

January 21-27 2008 19th World Orchid Conference
Miami Florida. Go to www.19woc.com for more information.

New Member

Nancy Rausch
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Burlington, WI 53105
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Nancy grows her orchids on windowsills.

Show Participation

We are participating in shows on the calendar with the ☺ after them. These will be taken by Walt Crawford. Plant drop-off is at his house, 303 South 63rd Street, Milwaukee, on the Thursday before each show between 5:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. If this is not satisfactory, you may call him at 774-9962 to make other arrangements.

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Remember to stake and pack your plants properly for transport. Also remember that Walt has only the space in one van, so don't be too enthusiastic about box size.

Plant pick-up will be the Monday after the show between 5:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., or as arranged.

Information for New Members

All new members get an official nametag. If you haven't picked yours up yet, make sure to see Lauren Lenz at the next membership meeting.

Contact Corrections and Additions

Just a reminder – If you change any part of your contact information, please pass the change(s) to the Editor at 414-744-2822 or travelgirl11@hotmail.com.

Membership Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the July 8, 2007 Membership Meeting.

Bob Lewis welcomed all current members and guests. We welcome one new member today, Thomas Cutts.

There were no questions on the newsletter.

If you are planning on attending the picnic at Oak Hill Gardens please sign up. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the room. Please do not just pop on down, they need a count of how many members are coming because of food preparation.

There are also sign up sheets for our Show. Again we need help with clerking, setup/tear down, greeters/walkers and the sales table. Please sign up with the day and food you will be bringing.

We need help at the State Fair. We will be there from August 6-12th. You don't need to know a lot, remember you know more than they do.

With no further business Bob introduced our speaker, Russ Vernon from New Vision Orchids.

Respectfully submitted,

Lea Pliszka, Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the July 8, 2007 Board Meeting.

Attendees: Bob Lewis, Sue Tragesser, Bil Nelson, Tom Fitzpatrick, Pat Calvey, Barbara Pliszka and Lea Pliszka

The meeting was an extensive discussion on the proposed budget for next year. Our fiscal year is July-June. The proposed budget will be in the September newsletter.

We were discussing the promotion of our September Show at the Domes. Bil advised the board that the Friends of the Domes has a program that matches dollar for dollar for advertising. It has a minimum of \$500.00. Bil motioned and Sue 2nd the motion. It was voted unanimous. We will have the Friends of the Domes help us with our advertising for the show.

With time running out and the budget nearly completed, the board meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lea Pliszka, Secretary

President's Message

Hi everyone,

This month we travel to Oak Hill Gardens for our annual shopping spree. Everyone attending the Gardens should have notified me so I could give Dorothy the number of people attending so she could plan on the lunch.

The directions follow this message for those who have forgotten how to get there. This is a Saturday and NOT a Sunday. Please read carefully as we don't want anyone to miss the fun. Those of you that want to get an early start on shopping can arrive at 10:00 A.M. The Gardens are open from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. on Saturdays.

Lunch will be served around noon with a talk by Greg or Liese following. Herman will give the lecture if he is around. Here is your chance to ask all those questions you haven't been able to find answers to as well as get culture tips on other orchids you may want to try.

We will also have the sign up sheets for our show as well as the State Fair. Hope to see you all there.

Your President,

Bob Lewis

**Do you have any library books
skulking about your premises?
PLEASE return them**

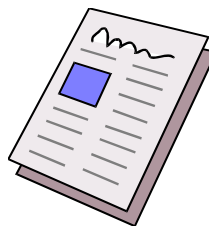
WANTED

**Picture, Picture, Who's got a picture?
We would like photographs to use in
the newsletter of our orchids from
our meetings or shows.**

**Please crop them first to reduce the file size, and be
careful what else gets included in the picture.**

Please email them to the editor at:

travelgirl11@hotmail.com



A Costly Proposition

The cost of distributing a printed newsletter has risen steadily. Postage for 6 sheets and under is currently 41¢ and over 6 sheets is 58¢. Printing costs 9¢ per sheet. Thus an 8-page newsletter costs 36¢ for printing and 41¢ for mailing, a total of 77¢. At that rate, 12 months of newsletters costs \$9.24.

Some societies have gone completely to an e-mailed newsletter, but a number of our members do not have this capability. However, there are some persons who have e-mail but still chose to receive their newsletter in printed form.

Please consider switching to the e-mailed version.

Ribbon Judging

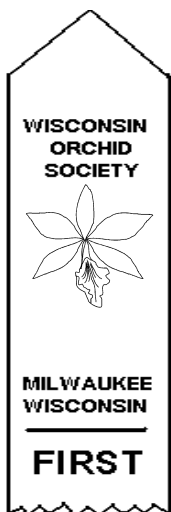
Here are the current ribbon-judging standings. If you notice any errors, please contact the Editor, Lea Pliszka.

At Meeting:

1st	3
2nd	2
3rd	1
Specimen of the Month	6

At Show:

1st	6
2nd	4
3rd	2
Best of Class	12



Name	Points
Claire Rojohn	194
Cedric Michalak	178
Daryl Zigan	118
Stephen Zayechek	87
Bil Nelson	83
Pat Calvey	69
Tom and Judy Fitzpatrick	69
Joe Gardner	56
Joe Appazeller	52
Bob Lewis	46
John Lowin	31
Bonnie and Ron Feld	20
Bruce Efflandt	20
Michael Bantz	15
Theresa Aftyka	11
Justin White	10
Diane Emmerich	8
Susan Tragesser	8
Paul and Jane Keuler	6
Pete Peterson	6
Dan Panetti	4
Doug Zellmer	3
Jim Hart	3
Stoebich?	3
Wayne King	3
LisaAnn Damrow	2
Penelope Ackerman	2
David Kohlwey	1

Rules Reminder

These are the rules for Wisconsin Orchid Society Ribbon Judging (takes place at meetings).

1. You must have owned the plant for at least 6 months.
2. An inflorescence (spike) may be judged only once. Usually, the plant is brought when the first few flowers are blooming, before any flower begins to collapse.

It's Show Time!

The following vendors were invited:

Vendor	Status
A Brush with Orchids	
Anything Orchids	2 tables paid
Cross Country Orchids	
EFG	
Ecuagenera	
Green Acres Orchids	
Gypsy Glen Orchids	attending
J & K Orchids	
J & L Orchids	attending
Leo Schordje	attending
Littlefrog Farm	1 table paid

Miranda Orchids	
Natt's Orchids	3 tables paid
New Vision Orchids	declined
Oak Hill Gardens	declined
Orchids by the Ackers	2 tables paid
Orchids Limited	
Orquideas del Valle	declined
Purple Clay Imports	1 table paid
The Orchid Outlet	attending
The Orchid Trading Company	2 tables paid

Treasurer's Report for June 2007

Income

Mini Auction (Thanks Walter!)	\$74.00
3 show tables	300.00
Other sources	51.00
Money Market Interest	0.00
Total	\$425.00

Expenses

July Speaker	(\$50.00)
AOS Membership for 2 years	(108.00)
Hotel Room	(60.77)
Friends of the Domes (Advertising)	(500.00)
Total	(\$718.77)

Balance

Checking account and undeposited funds	\$3811.84
Money Market	9,187.36
Petty Cash	\$31.00
Total assets	\$13,030.20

We Regret Her Passing

From: Wayne King, July 16th

Subject: Ruth Duncan

I know you both treasured your friendship with Ruth Duncan. Today I learned that she passed away July 8 at Hospice Care. She was always of good humor and a friend to be remembered. I'm sorry to have to inform you of her death. She had the distinction of having Phalaenopsis Ruth Duncan named after her by Dwayne McDowell while he worked at Klehms – even though her favorite orchids were paphs. I remember the many conversations we had while we rode together to set up and take down displays. She hung in there until her deteriorating vision prevented her from helping. We still remained in touch having lunch as recently as last year. Her picture and obituary was published in today's edition of the Wisconsin State Journal.

She was a WOS member until 1999, and also a member of the Madison Orchid Grower's Guild.

Rob's Rules:

- 1) There is always room for one more orchid.
- 2) There is always room for two more orchids.
 - 2a) See rule 1.
- 3) When one has insufficient credit to obtain more orchids, obtain more credit.

The History of Littlefrog Farm



Yes, the word "Littlefrog" has no spaces in it. Your friendly proprietor (and narrator), Rob, has been growing and showing orchids since 1990. It started with a couple plants purchased at a local show (a *Schoenorchis fragrans* and some sort of Epidendrum, if I recall). The orchid addiction began in earnest when I moved to Chicago to go to graduate

school, and the grocery store across the street from my dorm had some very lovely orchids from a place called "Hausermann's". What is a Hausermann, I asked? Can I drive there? And it was all downhill from that point.

With the discovery of Hausermann's and their immediate neighbor, EFG Orchids, I rapidly moved from a few plants to a few hundred plants, and rented greenhouse space for a large portion of my collection from EFG Orchids. Ladyslipper orchids of all types were the first orchids that really sparked our interest, and we continue to specialize in this group, in addition to dabbling in small growing Cattleyas, Catasetinae, and species orchids of all types.

Several domiciles later (all selected for orchid-growing potential), I and my very tolerant wife moved to a more rural country setting about 30 miles outside of Lansing, Michigan. A few acres of land and an absolutely perfect basement for growing orchids were prime considerations in the purchase of the property. Not long after, a local orchid grower decided to go out of business for health-related reasons, and I was too softhearted not to purchase the greenhouse and its contents, and move them 30 miles to our home.

I am no longer quite as softhearted, and learned from this experience that I will never move another greenhouse. Purchase a new one, yes – move one, no way. When one builds a large greenhouse, it rapidly becomes necessary to start selling a few plants, and this was the prime motivation for starting the orchid business.

At about the same time the greenhouse project was initiated, our first child was born. As a fortuitous omen, a small tree frog (*Hyla versicolor*, most likely) was found on the kitchen counter a few hours before we went to the hospital. Our daughter got the nickname of "Littlefrog", and the orchid nursery got the name "Littlefrog Farm". The business is growing at a far slower rate than the child, which is appropriate. Our only goal for the business is to "Pay the darn heating bill" (which is substantial) and also pay for travels to various orchid shows to support our orchid judging habit.

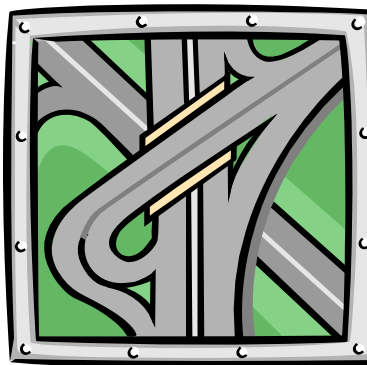
A few years after the name was established, I got sick of hearing people ask, "Where are the frogs?" and decided to look into the feasibility of getting a few colorful frogs for the greenhouse. Needless to say, there are plenty of colorful frogs, and we have started quite a collection. Curiously, none live in the greenhouse. Dart frogs are almost as addictive as orchids, and Littlefrog Farm is now proud to be a supplier of fine orchid plants that have been selected by a 'frogger' for 'frog friendliness'. We also sell more traditional orchids (phalaenopsis, lady slippers, etc.) at several shows in our region, as well as selling a few plants on the Internet. We do

not have a walk-in business, but, if schedules permit, we do enjoy having guests visit the greenhouse.

Currently, I am a research assistant professor in the Department of Animal Science at Michigan State University. If you want a fancy title, I'm the "Associate Director of the Center for Animal Functional Genomics". Wheesh. This is largely a bioinformatics position, which means mainly I write computer programs (usually in PERL) to annotate DNA or protein sequences, and consult with various researchers about how best to analyze, interpret, and present their data. I received my Ph.D. in 1998 from Northwestern University in cancer biology, more specifically, on potential new biological therapies for multiple myeloma.

When I'm not doing my real job, frequently I am admiring, buying, or raising orchids. I'm also a semi-professional orchid grower, and a certified judge in the Great Lakes Regional Judging Center (Ann Arbor, MI). If it isn't apparent from the pictures, I mainly specialize in Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium, but I also grow species orchids from almost every major section and have developed quite a taste for Cynoches. Don't hesitate to ask questions; I live for that kind of thing.

Directions to Oak Hill



Coming from Milwaukee, take Interstate 43 to US Highway 12 east.

Go southeast on US Highway 12 until you intersect Illinois State Highway 31.

Go straight ahead on State Highway 31 to James Rakow Road (just past the Holiday Inn). There is a sign over the

stoplight at the intersection.

Turn right and follow the road as it becomes Randall Road. Stay on Randall Road to Binnie Road and turn right at the stoplight.

Go past the country club on your left and then look to your right for the small Oak Hill sign.

If you miss James Rakow Road, continue on 31 until you enter Dundee country (East Dundee and West Dundee). You will come to Huntley Road and a stoplight.

Turn right on Huntley Road and proceed until you get to Binnie Road.

Turn left on Binnie Road and go to the stoplight (Randall Road). Cross Randall Road and proceed on Binnie Road.

If you are beginning from the Racine/Kenosha area, State Highway 173 provides a scenic beginning to your drive. Go as far as Richmond and pick up State Highway 31 headed south.

You can also continue to Hebron, taking Highway 47 south. When you reach the mall, just north of Interstate 90, head east on Freeman, south on Galligan, then east on Binnie Road to Oak Hill Gardens.

State Fair Is Here!

State Fair is August 8-12. Set up is 6:30-8:00AM. Please have plants there as early as possible since we have limited set up time. Please be sure plants are clean, staked, and watered. A list of plants brought is very helpful in making out the judging tags. Anyone wishing to help with judging should sign up at the next two meetings or call Bruce at 414-303-0436.

We need people to man the booth. Time slots are 4 hours, but we will work with you if you can't be there that long. It's a great way to meet people who love flowers, especially the "irises".

Sign up at the next two meetings or call Bruce at 414-303-0436. Times run 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Thanks.

Wisconsin State Fair

The Wisconsin Orchid Society participates, by invitation, in the annual Wisconsin State Fair, held during the first two weeks of August. The Fair is ten days long – our display is up for five days, either the first half or the last half.

Wisconsin Orchid Society members set up the display of plants. Only plants from members of the four orchid societies in Wisconsin are eligible. Plants are entered into defined class, as are artwork and collectibles. The classes are somewhat different from our regular ribbon judging classes. The entries are judged by an accredited judge, and monetary prizes are awarded, as well as show-level points toward members' yearly totals.

Members are encouraged to "man the display" during Fair hours, handing out literature, answering questions, and talking up orchids. This helps to promote our society and our annual fall show. (article by Walt Crawford)

State Fair Orchid Show

CLASS K ORCHID SHOW August 8-12, 2006

Sponsored by the **Wisconsin Orchid Society**
and the Wisconsin State Fair
President – Robert Lewis
4001 South 5th Street Milwaukee WI 53207
Phone - (414) 481-5112
Show Chairperson - Bruce Efflandt
3518 N 98th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53222
Phone - (414) 303-0436

RULES OF THE SHOW

1. Entries will be received at the State Fair Horticulture Building on Wednesday, August 8, 2006 between 7:00 and 8:30 a.m. No entry fee is required.
2. Those unable to make drop off at State Fair may drop off plants at Chairperson's address on Tuesday, August 8, 2006 between 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
3. Entry is open to all members of the four (4) orchid societies located in the State of Wisconsin.
4. Plants must have been the property of the exhibitor for a minimum of six (6) months.
5. Entries must be correctly named or judges may disqualify them.
6. Exhibitor may enter any number of entries per class.
7. No one plant can be entered in more than one (1) class.

8. Judging will begin at 8:30 on Wednesday, August 8, 2006.
9. First, second and third place ribbons may be awarded in each class at the discretion of the judges. Special awards will be given as designated. Judges may withhold any ribbon or award. The decisions of the judges are FINAL.
10. This is a non-AOS judged show, but one or more AOS judges will be present for judging.
11. The State Fair will exercise all possible care, but will not assume responsibility for loss or damage to plants.
12. W.O.S. will have one designated person to secure exhibitors' entry number, premium books, and florist exhibitor car tags from the Entry Department of Wisconsin State Fair.
13. W.O.S. will furnish judges and clerks and complete entries in the award book.
14. A list of the number of exhibitors and the number of plants exhibited will be given to the Superintendent at the end of the show.
15. Plants must remain in place until Monday, August 13, 2006.

A. Cattleya Alliance

1. Epidendrum and Encyclia species, hybrids, and intergenerics
2. Brassavola, Broughtonia, Laelia, and Sophronitis species, hybrids, and intergenerics excluding Cattleya.
3. Cattleya and Allied genera species, hybrids, and intergenerics other than above.

B. Cypripedium Alliance

4. Paphiopedilum species
5. Paphiopedilum hybrids - Primary
6. Paphiopedilum hybrids - Complex
7. Allied Paphiopedilum species, hybrids, and intergenerics other than above.

C. Vanda and Phalaenopsis Alliance

8. Aerangis, Aerides, Angraecum and Arachnis species, hybrids, and intergenerics.
9. All Vandaceous genera species, hybrids, and intergenerics excluding Doritis and Phalaenopsis
10. Doritis and Phalaenopsis species
11. Doritis and Phalaenopsis hybrids and intergenerics

D. Oncidium Alliance

12. All Oncidium genera species, hybrids, and intergenerics, excluding Oncidium.
13. Oncidium species, hybrids, and intergenerics excluding Equitants.
14. Oncidium Equitant species, hybrids, and intergenerics.

E. Cymbidium Alliance

15. All Cymbidium and Allied genera species, hybrids and intergenerics.

F. Dendrobium

16. All Dendrobium and Allied genera species, hybrids, and intergenerics.

G. Miscellaneous Genera

17. Masdevallia, Pleurothallis, and Allied genera species, hybrids, and intergenerics.
18. Orchid species, hybrids, and intergenerics not covered elsewhere.

From the Chicago Judging Center

19. Miniature species, hybrids, and intergenerics, all classes.

H. Specimen

20. Specimen Plants

I. Artistic

21. Paintings

22. Photographs

23. Art other than above

24. Collectibles

J. Orchids in Use

25. Corsages, bouquets, hairpieces, etc.

26. Orchid arrangements

K. Educational

27. Educational display

SPECIAL AWARDS

I. Best of Cattleya Alliance

II. Best of Cypripedium Alliance

III. Best of Vanda/Phalaenopsis Alliance

IV. Best of Oncidium Alliance

V. Best of Cym/Dend/Misc.

VI. Best of Specimen Plant

VII. Best of Show

VIII. Best Culture

IX. Best of Art

X. Best of Orchids in Use

XI. Best Educational



Walter Crawford's
Dendrobium tuananhii
'Silas' CHM/AOS
(81 pts)



Walter Crawford's
Porroglossum
sergioi 'Silas'
CCM/AOS (85pts)

Post a Poster!

We have some great 8.5 x 14 posters for our fall show available at the Domes. Pick some up and spread them around! Help get the word out.

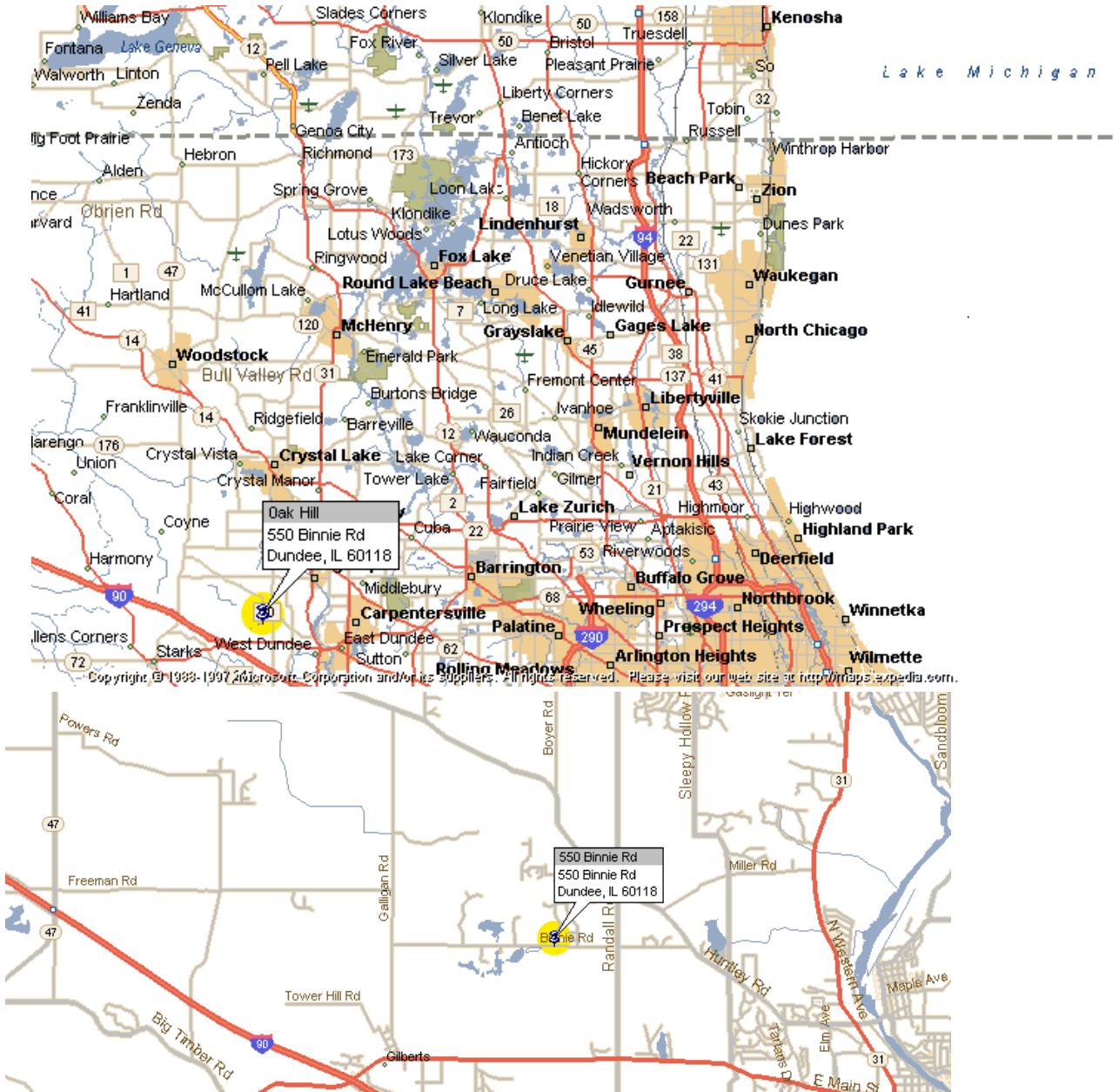


John Clausen's Cattleya
violacea 'Sue Clausen' AM/AOS
(selfing of Cattleya violacea
'Muse' FCC/AOS)

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Maps for Oak Hill



Awards List from the WOS Meeting, July 8, 2007

Class	Place	Plant	Person
Cattleya Alliance	1	Potinara Rebecca's Delight 'Moonglow'	??
		Epidendrum Green Hornet	Pat Calvey
	2	Brassolaelia Sunset Glory	Cedric Michalak
	Encyclia alata variety majus	Wayne King	
	3	Broughtonia sanguinea	Cedric Michalak
		Brassocattleya (Cattleya Caudebec x Brassocattleya White Wonder)	Pat Calvey
		Epidendrum Green Hornet	Stephen Zayecek
Cypripedium Alliance	1	Paphiopedilum Susan Booth	Cedric Michalak
		Phragmipedium popowii	Cedric Michalak
		Paphiopedilum Mystic Isle	Lauren and Roy Lenz
	2	Paphiopedilum Lynleigh Koopowitz	Lauren and Roy Lenz
		Phragmipedium Sorcerer's Apprentice	Pat Calvey
		Paphiopedilum Green Horizon	Tom and Judy Fitzpatrick
	3	Paphiopedilum St. Swithin	Cedric Michalak
		Phragmipedium Mother Rose	Dianne Emmerich
Dendrobium	1	Dendrobium hybrid	Pat Calvey
		Dendrobium Mountain Magic	Walter Crawford
		Dendrobium unicum	Walter Crawford

AWARDS LIST from the WOS Meeting, July 8, 2007, continued

Class	Place	Plant	Person
Dendrobium (continued)	2	Dendrobium Ekapol 'Big Panda'	Lauren and Roy Lenz
		Dendrobium bensonii	Walter Crawford
		Dendrobium Illusion 'On Fire'	Walter Crawford
Miscellaneous	3	Dendrobium parishii	Bob Lewis
		Dendrobium Midnight Stars	Pat Calvey
		Dendrobium Flower Baby	Walter Crawford
Oncidium	1	Bulbophyllum veitchianum	Bil Nelson
		Lycaste deppei	Cedric Michalak
		Pescatorea lehmannii	Lauren and Roy Lenz
Vandaceous and Phalaenopsis Alliance	2	Catasetum tabulare	Bob Lewis
		Baptistonia echinata x Comparettia macroplectron	Bil Nelson
		Oncidium wentworthianum	Bil Nelson
Vandaceous and Phalaenopsis Alliance	2	Brassidium Shooting Star 'Black Gold' HCC/AOS	Tom and Judy Fitzpatrick
		Miltonia Arnold Linsman x Miltonia santanei	Tom and Judy Fitzpatrick
		Psychopsis Mendenhall 'Hildos' FCC/AOS	Tom and Judy Fitzpatrick
Vandaceous and Phalaenopsis Alliance	3	Aliceara Pacific Nova	Lauren and Roy Lenz
		Miltonia Andy Easton	Michael Bantz
		Brassia Rex 'Christine'	Wayne King
Vandaceous and Phalaenopsis Alliance	1	Phalaenopsis Taisuco Atienyuki 'Msimton Rose Chen'	Cedric Michalak
		Vanda Faye Bennett x Vanda Fuchs Blue	Joe Appazeller
		Phalaenopsis Brother Sara Gold 'Sogo'	Dianne Emmerich
Vandaceous and Phalaenopsis Alliance	2	Phalaenopsis Brother Sara Gold 'Sogo'	Dianne Emmerich
		Kagawara Red Lava 'Orange Glow'	Stephen Zayechek

With many thanks to John Clausen for his intrepid research



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