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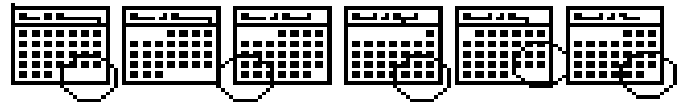
## DATES and MEETINGS

**December 2, 2007**  
**The Wisconsin Orchid Society**  
**HOLIDAY PARTY**  
**Klemmers**  
**Banquet Center**  
**10401 West Oklahoma Avenue**

Please see page 3 for details and page 5 for maps. If you haven't signed up yet, it's not too late. Reservations will be taken until November 27. Please contact our treasurer, Tom Fitzpatrick (contact info below).

### Meeting Dates for 2008

January 6	July 13
February 3	August 2
March 9	September 7
April 13	October 5
May 4	November 2
June 1	December 7



## 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 1:30 p.m.** Meetings for January and February of 2008 will be at the Cudahy Family Library. All other meetings will be held at Mt Carmel Lutheran Church, 8424 West Center Street, Milwaukee.

**Plants to be judged MUST be in place by 1:00 p.m.** Library materials are available before and after meetings as are refreshments and general conviviality.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**January 26 – 27 2008. Minnesota Orchid Society Show**  
 Winter Carnival Show, Marjorie McNeely Conservatory, 1225 Estabrook Drive, St. Paul, MN 55103. Contact: Michael Dyda, 2095 Silver Bell Road #1, Eagan MN 55102 (651) 688-7727; michael1027us@yahoo.com.

**January 21 – 27 2008. 19th World Orchid Conference**  
 Miami Florida. Sheraton Miami Mart Hotel, Exhibition Center, Miami FL. For information: (786) 621-9962; woc19@aol.com; www.19woc.com.

**February 2 – 3 2008 Orchid Growers Guild Show**  
 Alliant Energy Center, Exhibition Hall, 1919 Alliant Energy Center Way, Madison, WI. Contact: Elaine Matter, c/o OGG, PO Box 432, Madison WI 53705; (608) 238-5871; egadzicki@charter. ♻️

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**March 1 – 2 2008. Northeast Wisconsin Orchid Society Show**

Holiday Inn Neenah Riverwalk, 123 E. Wisconsin Avenue, Neenah, WI. Contact: David Bluma, 621 West 5th Street, Appleton WI 54911; (920) 428-4595; davidbluma@aol.com.


**March 29 – 30 2008. Illowa Orchid Society Show**

Putnam Museum and Imax Theater, 1717 West 12th Avenue, Davenport IA. Contact: Pat Umland, 4528 11th Avenue C, Moline, IL 61265; (309) 764-3160; palwumla@aol.com.

**April 5 – 6 2008. Illinois Orchid Society Spring Show**

Chicago Botanic Gardens, Glencoe IL. Contact Sandy Fuller, (847)-991-5434. 

## 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.

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.

## New Members

Please welcome the following new members

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## 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](mailto:travelgirl11@hotmail.com).

Please note that Monika Kmetz's telephone number is listed incorrectly. The correct number is (414) 423-7947.

## Meeting Minutes

Due to the time restraints and the multitude of plants donated for the auction, there were no membership or board meetings.

A great big thank you to those who donated the plants and also to all of you that made purchases.

## President's Message

Hi everyone,

We are all busy preparing for Christmas. The party is the second of December. I hope you can all make it to the party. If you are planning on attending, we MUST know by Nov. 27.

That will give everyone time to get the gift plants and the Grower of the Year, Runner-up Grower of the Year, and Specimen Plant awards.

We are not having a gift exchange this year, so you can all relax and enjoy the plants and the company.

For those of you that can not make the party, I extend to you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Your President,  
Bob Lewis

## Ribbon Judging

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

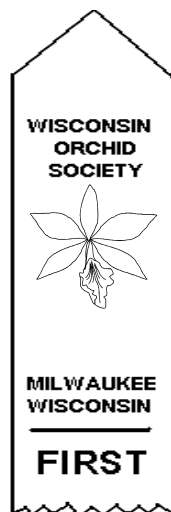
### At Meeting:

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	360
Cedric Michalak	259
Tom and Judy Fitzpatrick	157
Daryl Zigan	118
Bil Nelson	115
John Lowin	109
Stephen Zayechek	100
Pat Calvey	112
Pete Peterson	82
Bob Lewis	82
Joe Appazeller	67
Joe Gardner	73
Bruce Eflandt	61
Justin White	39
Bonnie and Ron Feld	27
Michael Bantz	23
Susan Tragesser	17
Cleo Kiergaard	12
Theresa Aftyka	11
Diane Emmerich	8
Penelope Ackerman	6
Paul and Jane Keuler	6
Dan Panetti	5
Wayne King	3
Stoebich?	3
Jim Hart	3
Doug Zellmer	3
LisaAnn Damrow	2
Lisa Dionisi	3
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.

## Treasurer's Report for November 2007

### Income

Plant Auction	\$667.50
Books etc.	\$30.00
Holiday Party	\$504.00
	<u>\$1,201.50</u>

### Membership

6 Family renewals	\$162.00
21 Single renewals	\$383.00
1 Single new membership	\$18.00
	<u>\$563.00</u>

### Expenses

Rockford show	(150.00)
Merchandise Outlet (skirts for show tables)	(181.22)
Tags	(43.14)
<b>Total</b>	<u>(\$374.36)</u>

### Balance

Checking account	\$2,220.44
Money Market	9,414.34
Petty Cash	\$33.00
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>\$11,667.78</u>

## Dues Are Due

The deadline for 2008 membership dues is the January 2008 meeting. The form is included with this newsletter. You can also pay for your holiday party using the same form.

## Happy Holidays, Happy Holidays...

Our holiday meal will be at Klemmers Banquet Hall, 10401 West Oklahoma Avenue, Milwaukee.

### *Family-Style Luncheon*

*Garden Salad*

*Baked Chicken*

*Pot Roast of Beef*

*Mashed Potatoes and Gravy*

*Vegetables du' Jour*

*Rolls and Butter*

*Yellow Cake with Vanilla Buttercream*

Dinner will be served at 1:30. **Reservations and payment must be received by November 27.** Send your Dues and Dinner form and your check to our treasurer:

Tom Fitzpatrick  
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Wauwatosa, WI 53213-1404  
414-257-1036  
fitz\_01@msn.com

## Shopping for that Special Orchid Someone?

This website offers Orchid-related items:

- **New!** 2008 Calendar featuring beautiful native orchids, showy lady's-slippers and fringed orchids among them;
- the book *Orchids of Manitoba*;
- lovely handcrafted leather jewelry by Elizabeth Petrucci;

and more. **Find the perfect gift** for the orchidophile on your list, at [www.nativeorchid.org/shopping.htm](http://www.nativeorchid.org/shopping.htm)

## Dry Rest

from the Orchid Guide Digest

Date: Tue, 06 Nov 2007 11:53:39 +0000  
From: Oliver Sparrow <director@chforum.org>  
Subject: Re: [OGD] Dry rest

I think that it's safe to say that almost everything that is deciduous in autumn requires a rest. Essentially, however, if you know where the plant species originated (for example, inter-tropical Africa, monsoonal Asia) you can be relatively sure that they need a rest.

However, even this needs caution, as individual species found even quite close together can have strikingly distinct natural environments: one can see, e.g., Cymbidiums and Coelogynes twenty kilometers apart horizontally and separated by two vertically in the Himalayas, one lot with snow on them and the others sweltering in a hot valley. Both will, however, ultimately need some months of dry rest.

## 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](mailto:travelgirl11@hotmail.com)**

**Did you miss out?  
We still have books, note cards, and T-shirts for sale. They will be available at the January meeting.**

Asia fits neatly with high Northern latitudes, in that the monsoon is also the hot, long day period and a calendar match to summer. Africa is more difficult, insofar as the wet season is usually winter, and the dry and bright period is summer. This is a combination which it is hard to deliver at high latitudes. It is even more difficult to generalize about the Americas, as the seasons are much less pronounced in the main orchid belts and altitude, microclimate and other niche factors are correspondingly more significant.

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 Date: Wed, 7 Nov 2007 08:35:23 -0700  
 From: "Schnitz" <schnitz@cablone.net>  
 Subject: [OGD] Rest in Dendrobiums

The one refrain I have found in Baker's book on Dendrobiums is "wet while growing". I can't think of an entry that did not have this. I have found from experience prior to getting his book, that the common Phal-type Dens need a kind of rest. As soon as they stop growing and are not in bloom, I give them an extra week or so dry between waterings.

I had a bigibbum that regressed to tiny, less than pea sized growths, and was soon to expire for lack of recent plant mass, that I figured I had nothing to lose, and dried it as severely as any nobile. The three tiny bulbs shriveled into non-existence, but come spring, I got a growth that was about 2" tall, the second largest growth on the plant.

I also had noted earlier that when I had thought that my 'Pro mix' like mix was not working for my Dens, I discovered later that the mix was fine but that since it held water a little longer, they were not getting enough dry time. I have since had no problem with my mix, so long as I let the plants dry out well when the should.

So, my rule of thumb for Dens is, "Wet while growing, then wet/dry to some degree or another". This of course says nothing about what temperature a Den should rest at. For that you will have to buy Baker's book, but it is very easy to see when any Den has finished growing. Which ones get no rest? Those that are always growing. Works perfectly.

I wish I could tell when my Angraecum leonis stops growing, as it also is supposed to need less water when it stops growing, but it does not open up its leaves to reveal the primordial leaf while growing.

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 Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2007 00:49:56 +0800  
 From: "Peter O'Byrne" <oberonia@gmail.com>  
 Subject: [OGD] Oliver Sparrow's Dry Rest

In OGD V9 #342, Oliver said: "Asia fits neatly with high Northern latitudes, in that the monsoon is also the hot, long day period and a calendar match to Summer"  
 I'm sure Oliver will point out that in Singapore we don't have any native species that are deciduous during the dry season, and he'd be almost right .... we actually do have one.

But my point is that it is really tricky trying to predict the correct dry-period rest times from gross climatic data. For example, Calanthe vestitia is a widespread deciduous species that drops its leaves and flowers at the start of the dry season, then rests until the rains arrive again. It occurs on the Thai isthmus (as well as elsewhere). On the west side of the isthmus, it flowers with the start of the dry season in October-November, and puts out new shoots in March-April.

On the east side of the isthmus, it flowers with the start of the dry season in May-June, and puts out new shoots in September-October.

If you were to import a specimen from Thailand, you'd need to know exactly where it came from if you wanted to duplicate its native climatic cycle.

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 Date: Thu, 08 Nov 2007 15:01:50 +0000  
 From: Oliver Sparrow <director@chforum.org>  
 Subject: [OGD] Dry seasons: Byrne, baby, Byrne

>But my point is that it is really tricky trying to predict the correct dry-period rest times from gross climatic data.<

Of course it is, which is why species orchid growing is an art and not a science. Sympatric species - Calanthes vestita and triplicata, for example - may be in the one case deciduous and in the other, not. However, the one grows in much more strongly drained situations and in more light than the other (in my experience, but I'm willing - and sure to be :-] - corrected.) It needs to drop its leaves for the drier period, whilst C. triplicata mostly gets by intact.

Again, others may differ, but I find that the deciduous Calanthes need their rest if they are to flower, and indeed usually do so off the bare bulb.

This is, however, fine-tuning. Climates can be starkly different. Singapore is not monsoonal and whilst it get less damp from time to time, nobody would say that it had a true dry season. However, the genuinely monsoonal areas, from Northern Australia at one extreme to Nepal at the other have hard, harsh seasons.

Nepal has three months of rain (June-August) sandwiched between a couple of dampish months; and the rest is dry as a Bath biscuit, cooking to 45C on most days in April-May below 500m. Thus central Himalayan plants need / tolerate / are adapted to (but anyway won't flower without) a corresponding period of dormancy.

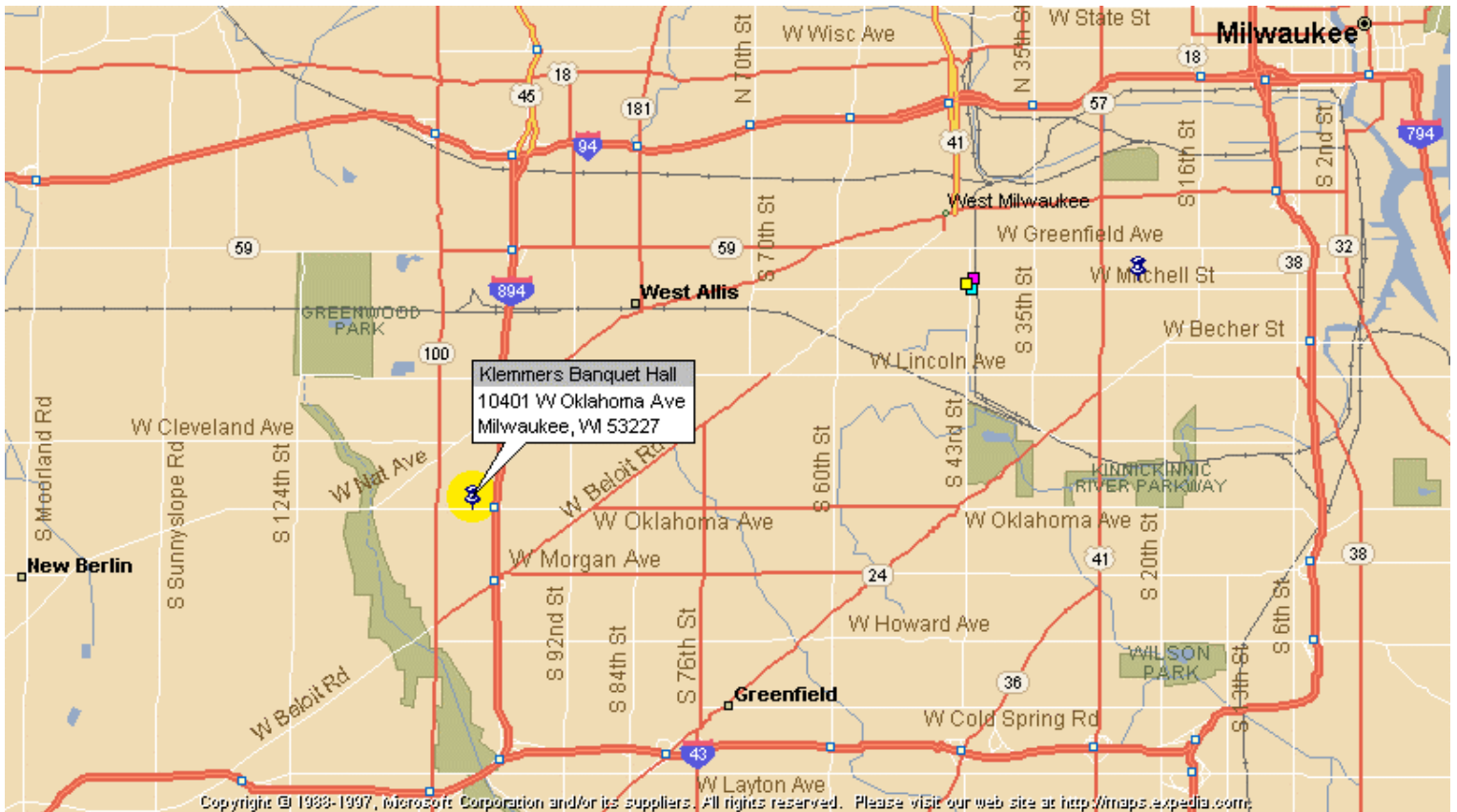
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 Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2007 22:02:59 -0800  
 From: Marni Turkel <marni@marniturkel.com>  
 Subject: [OGD] Dry rest

I have had an interested in dry rest plants for quite a few years. About 1.5 years ago I put together a talk called *Give It a Rest* for the Orchid Digest Speakers' Day. It is not an easy topic; there are so many variables, not only in nature and from species to species, but from one clone to another and from one greenhouse to another.

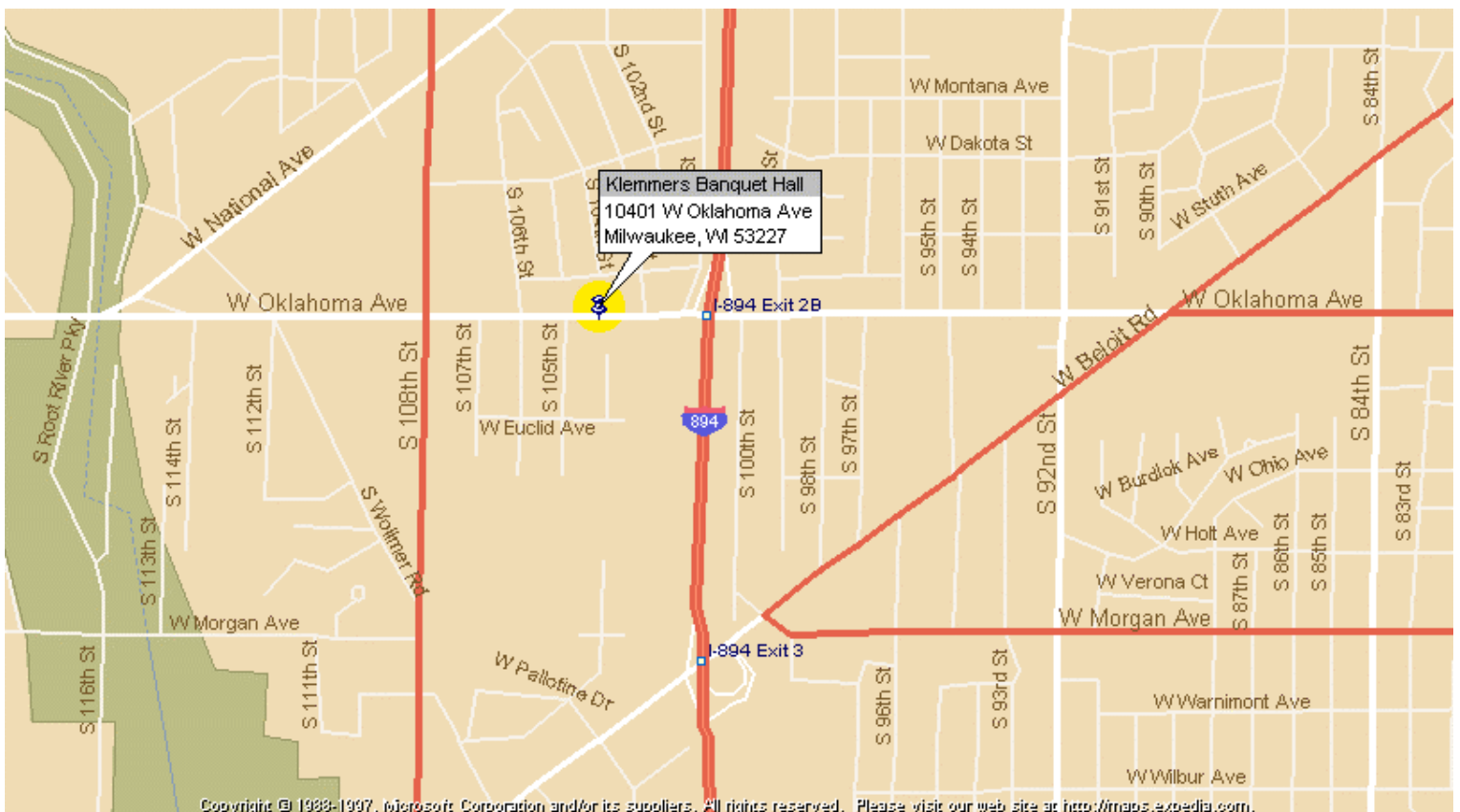
The best references for me are undoubtedly Margaret & Charlie Baker's work. Their books have been mentioned here, but they also have a website where you can pick and choose which species you want to find out about. Try looking at <http://orchidculture.com/>. There are some sample sheets you can view for free and the others are \$1.00 or less per species. A pretty good bargain to be a better grower.

I have given this talk a number of times in the last year and a half and I am usually asked for a list which I haven't had. This seems like a good time to do it. I will sit down in the next week or so and list many of the plants that I think benefit from a dry rest and post a note here when it is ready.

Here is the link to a great map of seasonal conditions:  
<http://koeppen-geiger.vu-wien.ac.at/>



If you are driving south on I-894, you can get off at Oklahoma Avenue and head west. However, coming from the other direction, you will need to get off at Beloit Road and wander north to Oklahoma, then head west, or get off on 84th Street, go north to Oklahoma, then head west.





Pat Calvey's  
Cymbidium Sue 'Dusty Rose' HCC/AOS



Pat Calvey's  
Colmanara Wildcat Petit Sirah



Cedric Michalak's  
Cattleya Marjorie Hausermann x Laeliocattleya Molly Tyler



Tom and Judy Fitzpatrick's  
Zygopetalum mackayi

Photos courtesy of Katy Grahn

### Awards List from the Rockford Show, October 27, 2007

Class	Place	Plant	Person
Cattleya Alliance	1	Brassolaeliocattleya Edisto 'Newberry'	John Clausen
		Cattleya dormaniana 'Paul Clausen' CCM/AOS: ALSO Best of Class	John Clausen
		Cattleya Sans Souci	John Clausen
	2	Cattleytonia Why Not	The Domes
		Cattleya bowringiana	John Clausen
Cypripedium Alliance	3	Cattleya bowringiana variety coerulea	John Clausen
		Paphiopedilum Angela	Walter Crawford
	1	Paphiopedilum Sierra Lace x Paphiopedilum fairrieatum	Walter Crawford
		Paphiopedilum vejvarutianum: ALSO Best of Classes and Best Paphiopedilum In Show	Walter Crawford

**Awards List from the Rockford Show, October 27, 2007, continued**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Plant</b>	<b>Person</b>	
Cypripedium Alliance, continued	2	Paphiopedilum Harrisianum	Cedric Michalak	
		Paphiopedilum Maudiae 'Bankhouse'	Walter Crawford	
		Paphiopedilum Pedro's Moon	Bruce Efflandt	
Cymbidium Alliance Dendrobium	3	Paphiopedilum primulinum var. purpurascens	Tom and Judy Fitzpatrick	
	1	Phragmipedium Cuzco Blood	Cedric Michalak	
	1	Cymbidium Sue 'Dusty Rose' HCC/AOS	Pat Calvey	
Dendrobium	1	Dendrobium Bracteosum: ALSO Best of Classes	The Domes	
	2	Dendrobium Aussie's Hi-Lo	Walter Crawford	
	2	Dendrobium Mount Kelly Beauty 'Susan O'Korn' AM/AOS	John Clausen	
Miscellaneous	1	Dendrobium pentapterum	Walter Crawford	
		Lepanthes tsubotae Also AM/AOS CCM/AOS	Claire Rojohn	
		Masdevallia rex	Claire Rojohn	
		Pleurothallis Beatriciae; ALSO Best of Classes CBR/AOS	Claire Rojohn	
	2	Pleurothallis sclerophylla	Walter Crawford	
		Zygopetalum mackayi	Tom and Judy Fitzpatrick	
		Acronia diabolica 'Bradley' CCM/AOS	Walter Crawford	
		Lepanthes astrophora 'Stalky'; ALSO Best of Classes, Best Species in Show, CCM/AOS	Walter Crawford	
		Masdevallia aurea	Claire Rojohn	
		Masdevallia tokachiorum	Claire Rojohn	
3	Bulbophyllum rothschildianum 'Mary Beth Mickelson' CCE/AOS; ALSO Best Specimen Plant in Show	John Clausen		
	Masdevallia erinacea	Walter Crawford		
	Pleurothallis mystax	Walter Crawford		
	Scaphosepalum anchoriferum	Claire Rojohn		
	Oncidium	1	Brassidium Lois Huffman; ALSO President's Award	The Domes
2	Beallara Marfitch 'Howard's Dream' AM/AOS	The Domes		
	Miltonidium Pete's Sake 'Transcendent' HCC/AOS	John Clausen		
	Oncidium onustum	John Clausen		
3	Oncidium barbatum	John Clausen		
	Vandaceous and Phalaenopsis Alliance	1	Aerangis biloba	John Clausen
	Doritaenopsis Siam Treasure	Walter Crawford		
2	Phalaenopsis Valentini 'Marcus' AM/AOS	Walter Crawford		
	Schoenorchis juncifolia	Walter Crawford		
	Holcoglossum wangii	Walter Crawford		
	Phalaenopsis bellina	Pat Calvey		
	Phalaenopsis Ever-Spring Fairy 'Snow Princess'	Cedric Michalak		

The Display received 1<sup>st</sup> Place and the AOS Show Trophy

A special thanks to Bob Lewis and John Clausen for their help in setting up the display. They do the majority of the work.

Also, a special thanks to Bob Lewis and John Clausen and John's mother Grace Clausen and his sister Mary Beth Mickelson for their help in taking down the display and packing it up. We did it in a record time of one hour.

**Awards List from the WOS Meeting of November 2, 2007**

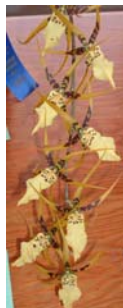
<b>Class</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Plant</b>	<b>Person</b>
Cattleya Alliance	1	Cattleya Marjorie Hausermann x Laeliocattleya Molly Tyler	Cedric Michalak
		Epidendrum Nanodes medusae x Epidendrum porpax	Walter Crawford
		2	Brassolaeliocattleya Amy Wakasugi
Cymbidium	3	Encyclia garcianum	Joe Gardner
		Sophronitis cernua	Dan Panetti
		1	Cymbidium Sue 'Dusty Rose' HCC/AOS
Cypripedium Alliance	2	Cymbidium Golden Elf 'Sundust' HCC/AOS	Michael Bantz
	1	Paphiopedilum charlesworthii	Cedric Michalak
		Paphiopedilum liemianum x Paphiopedilum fairieanum	Bob Lewis
Phragmipedium Jason Fischer		Cedric Michalak	
Dendrobium	2	Paphiopedilum Green Tea Ice Cream and Raspberry Ice	Cedric Michalak
	3	Paphiopedilum moquettianum	Bob Lewis
		Paphiopedilum Harrisianum	Cedric Michalak
		1	Dendrobium laevifolium
	2	Dendrobium Jullian Bull*	Michael Bantz
3	Dendrobium C.K. Ai 'Oka' x Dendrobium caniculatum	Lisa Dionisi	

## Awards List from the WOS Meeting of November 2, 2007, continued

Class	Place	Plant	Person
Miscellaneous	1	Bulbophyllum carunculatum	Cedric Michalak
		Gastrochilus dasypogon	Joe Appazeller
		Masdevallia Golden Sun	Joe Gardner
	2	Pleurothallis niveoglobula	Joe Gardner
		Zygopetalum mackeyi	Tom and Judy Fitzpatrick
		Masdevallia striatella	Joe Gardner
		Pleurothallis rubella	Joe Gardner
3	Masdevallia tonduzii	Joe Gardner	
	Pleurothallis allenii	Joe Gardner	
Oncidium Alliance	1	Colmanara Wildcat 'Petit Sirah'	Pat Calvey
		Miltassia Tranquility 'Moon Show'	Bob Lewis
	2	Brassia Rex	Cedric Michalak
		Howeara Lava Burst	Cedric Michalak
	3	Oncidium Sharry Baby 'Red Fantasy'	Pat Calvey
		Beallara Marfitch 'Howard's Dream'	Cedric Michalak
Vandaceous and Phalaenopsis Alliance	1	Schoenorchis juncifolia	Bruce Efflandt
	3	Phalaenopsis bellina 'Borneo'	Walter Crawford

### Specimen of the Month

Pleurothallis niveo-globula, with approximately 50 flowering growths and approximately 75 flowers, grown by Joe Gardner; natural spread of globular flowers approximately 2mm horizontally and 2.5 mm vertically



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