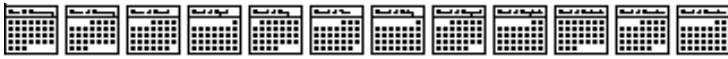




Wisconsin Orchid Hobbyist

The Newsletter of the Wisconsin Orchid Society
January 2008

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DATES and MEETINGS

January 6, 2008
Cudahy Library

Here Come the Judges!

Watch our judging process from start to finish, and hear the complete discussion. Our Judging Chairman, John Clausen, will conduct society Ribbon Judging. Bob Lewis will provide commentary from the AOS judging perspective.

Meeting Dates for 2008

January 6	July 13
February 10*	August 2
March 9	September 7
April 13	October 5
May 4	November 2
June 1	December 7

* Please note the February Meeting date has been changed to allow us to attend the Madison Show.



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.** 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 12:30 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.

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.



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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.

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.

Meeting Minutes

Due to the Holiday Party there was not a regular membership meeting or a board meeting. We hope that everyone that attended had a great time.

President's Message

Hi everyone,

For those of you that made the Christmas party, I hope you enjoyed the Party. Thanks should go to Lea and Barb Pliszka for arranging the restaurant and menu. Thanks should also go to Rita and her husband for the table decorations. And a special thanks to Oak Hill Gardens for the plants.

Now onto January's meeting. We are going to try something new. The judging chairman; with all the help he wants, is going to explain the ribbon judging process while Bil Nelson and Myself will attempt to convey what AOS judging would do and how we do it.

We hope that along the way, you will get a better understanding of what the difference is between the ribbon judging and the AOS judging. This should prove to be a rather interesting meeting if everything goes as planned; so bring in those plants and watch the fun.

For beginners with orchids, remember that the days are short with little sun. Plants don't need fertilizer at this time of the year nor do they need as much water. This is a good time to slow down the watering, fertilizing and repotting and let the plants have a two-month rest before beginning the new growing season. Good growing, and see you January 6.

Your President,
Bob Lewis

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.**

Congratulations!!!!

Congratulations to Claire Rojohn for receiving the Grower of the Year award and the Specimen of the Month award.

Congratulations to Cedric Michalak for receiving the Runner Up Grower of the Year Award.

Ribbon Judging

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

At Meeting:		Name	Points
1st	3	Claire Rojohn	19
2nd	2	Daryl Zigan	15
3rd	1	Pat Calvey	8
Specimen of the Month	6	Tom and Judy Fitzpatrick	5
		Cedric Michalak	5
		Bonnie and Ron Feld	3
At Show:			
1st	6		
2nd	4		
3rd	2		
Best of Class	12		

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.

Wanted - One Librarian

We need to find a home for our lending library of approximately 188 books, 12 videotapes, and 3 cassette tapes.

The librarian would need to be a non-smoker and moderately strong. If you need carts, we can arrange for that. If someone is interested, please contact any board member.

Going to the WOC?

For those who are attending the WOC in Miami January 23-27, 2008 held at the Sheraton Miami Mart Hotel, there is also the Tamiami International Orchid Festival January 25-27 2008, which is being held at the Dade County Youth Fair Grounds. There may be transportation between the two locations.

Treasurer's Report for December 2007

Income	
Plant Sale	\$156.00
Holiday Party	<u>\$231.00</u>
	\$387.00
Membership	
4 Family renewals	\$108.00
9 Single renewals	<u>\$162.00</u>
	\$270.00
Expenses	
Website	(\$21.75)
Klemmers	(\$303.10)
Oak Hill Gardens	(\$360.00)
Printing costs for year	<u>(\$404.46)</u>
Total	(\$1,089.31)
Balance	
Checking account	\$2,220.44
Money Market	\$9,414.34
Petty Cash	<u>\$33.00</u>
Total assets	\$11,235.47

Shows and Rumors of Shows

Next month, we'll have more information about the show but, for now, think about vendors. Have you stumbled over an interesting seller on the web? Been to a show with a vendor we're not aware of?

It's important that we begin to think about this now, as many vendors have their calendars full quite early, and we might miss some good opportunities. Talk to any board member.

We are also looking for a donated laptop that will be needed to run the mandatory AOS registration software.

Say What?

The MAOC has a CD with orchid names being pronounced! The cost is \$10 per CD plus shipping. Shipping is \$3, which covers postage for 1 or 2 CD's in a padded envelope. If you are interested, just let me know by e-mail and I will ship the CDs as soon as I have the check. Checks should be payable to the MAOC and mailed to Janice Yates, 4110 Rose Hill Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45229. Thank you for your interest. iyates11@earthlink.net.

Know When to Water Orchids

Jerry Fischer, owner of Plymouth-based Orchids Limited, developed the Momet moisture meter for one reason: "It's so hard to teach someone when to water an orchid. People just can't get a feeling for it."

Even Fischer, who's grown orchids for over 30 years, admits that knowing when to water can be complicated. The different types – cymbidiums, oncidiums, dendrobiums, cattleyas – all have different water requirements which can change throughout the year. And orchids can be planted in a range of mediums – moss, bark, peat, or soil – some of which dry more quickly than others.

That's why Fischer and one of his customers, electronic product developer Michael Pletman, spent two years developing the Momet.

Despite its odd, cock's comb look, the moisture meter is easy to use. Turn it on, change a switch in the back that indicates the potting medium (bark or moss), and insert the prongs of the meter into the medium.

In a few seconds, one of the three small lights on the front of the unit will indicate if the medium is wet (green light), approaching dry (yellow light) or dry (red light).

The unit comes with basic information about what types of orchids like their roots wetter or drier, and how to handle plants in spike or bloom.

The Momet moisture meter sells for about \$35 and is available online at jermic.com.

URL : <http://www.startribune.com/10180/story/1547558.html>

Awards list from WOS Meeting December 2, 2007

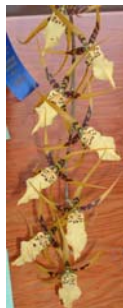
Class	Place	Plant	Person
Cattleya Alliance	1	Sophrocattleya Beaufort 'Elmwood' AM/AOS	John Clausen
		Sophronitis cernua	John Clausen
	2	Potinara Free Spirit x Brassolaeliocattleya Love Sound	Cedric Michalak
Cypripedium Alliance	3	Cattleya trianaei	Pat Calvey
		Potinara Orglade's Tradition 'Sunset'	Pat Calvey
	1	Paphiopedilum Barbi-Doll	Bonnie and Ron Feld
		Paphiopedilum gratixianum	Walter Crawford
		Paphiopedilum spicerianum	Walter Crawford
		Phragmipedium Don Wimber	Daryl Zigan
Cymbidium	2	Paphiopedilum helenae	Walter Crawford
		Paphiopedilum Leeenum	Walter Crawford
		Phragmipedium Magdalene Rose	Cedric Michalak
	3	Paphiopedilum henryanum	Claire Rojohn
		Phragmipedium Twilight x Phragmipedium Grande	Cedric Michalak
Dendrobium	1	Cymbidium Pipeta 'York'	Daryl Zigan
Dendrobium	1	Dendrobium Ruby Imp x Dendrobium Ruby Beauty	Pat Calvey
	2	Dendrobium Lilliam Oshiro x Dendrobium Nago Delight	Tom and Judy Fitzpatrick
	3	Dendrobium Salaya Minist	Pat Calvey

Awards list from WOS Meeting December 2, 2007, continued

Miscellaneous	1	Masdevallia hybrid	Walter Crawford
		Masdevallia nidifica	Claire Rojohn
		Myoxanthus species	Claire Rojohn
		Porroglossum nutibara	Walter Crawford
	2	Lepanthopsis acuminata	Walter Crawford
		Masdevallia beula	Claire Rojohn
		Masdevallia Falcon's Gold	Walter Crawford
		Masdevallia nidifica	Claire Rojohn
	3	Scaphosepalum ovulare	Walter Crawford
		Lepanthes telipogoniflora 'Rojohn' CCM/AOS	Claire Rojohn
Masdevallia jarae		Claire Rojohn	
Oncidium Alliance	1	Gomesa recurva	Daryl Zigan
		Miltassia Charles Marden Fitch 'Izumi'	Tom and Judy Fitzpatrick
	2	Aliceara Sunday Best 'Muffin' AM/AOS	Pat Calvey
		Lockhartia benettii x Tolumnia triquentrum	John Clausen
Vandaceous and	1	Ascocenda Motes Gold Piece '24ct'	Daryl Zigan
		Ascolabium pusillum 'Silas' CBR/AOS	Walter Crawford
Phalaenopsis Alliance	2	Vascostylis Pine River 'Red'	Daryl Zigan
		Dorifinetia Piliialoha	John Clausen

Specimen of the Month

The specimen of the month was grown by Claire Rojohn; Masdevallia nidifica is a beautifully grown plant with 60 flowers and 60 buds on 120 inflorescences with a natural spread of 2.1 cm horizontal by 3.9 cm vertical.



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