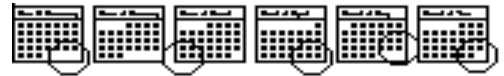
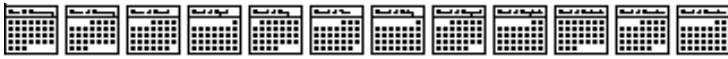




Wisconsin Orchid Hobbyist

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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

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.com ☸

March 1 – 2 2008. NE 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. ☸

February 10, 2008
Leo Schordje
on 'Everblooming Orchids for Under Lights and the Windowsill'.
He will also be bringing plants for sale. See details on page 3.

Beginners' Class at 12:30 pm
Bil Nelson on Potting Mediums



Meeting Dates for 2008

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| March 9 | August 2 |
| April 13 - Auction | September 7 |
| May 4 | October 5 |
| June 1 | November 2 - Auction |
| July 13 | December 7 - Party |

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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. Walt suggests that you place a plastic shopping, minus the handles, over the flowers so they don't get bruised. 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 Member

Mary Tarkinow
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She grows orchids in an attached sunroom. She is interested in orchids that will grow in intermediate conditions: Cattleya, Phalaenopsis, Paphiopedilum, Phragmipedium, Miltonia, Dendrobium, Cymbidium, and Vanda. She also grows outside during the summer.

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.

Thank You Thank You Thank You Thank You

A big thank you to Bob Lewis, Walter Crawford, Lauren Lenz, and John Clausen. You all made our January program fantastic. Thank you for sharing your knowledge of AOS judging with the membership.

Membership Meeting Minutes

Bob Lewis, our President, welcomed all to the first meeting of 2008.

There were no questions on the last newsletter. There was one new member present today, Mary Tarkinow – a big welcome to her.

New Business:

Sue Tragesser brought it to the membership's attention that you can purchase CDs with orchid pronunciations.

The WOS was invited to the Elmbrook Garden Club luncheon. The cost is \$30.00 per person. It will be held at the Venice Club in Brookfield. Please see Sue for more information.

Walter will be setting up the display at the Madison Show at the Alliant Energy Center February 2 and 3. Setup is on February 1. Drop off is Thursday at Walter's house. We have

a 100sq ft display to fill, but please remember that Walter has only space in one van. Make sure you cover and protect your plants for weather conditions.

We will also be attending the Green Bay show in Neenah March 1 and 2. April 5 and 6 is a show at the Chicago Botanical Gardens. Walter is setting up this display also. One last thing, please check all your plants for bugs.

The February 10 meeting is the last meeting at the Cudahy Family Library. Starting in March, we will be meeting at Mount Carmel Lutheran Church.

Our Fall show at the Domes is scheduled for September 20 and 21. Start thinking about how you can help out.

With no further business, our program was started.

Respectfully submitted,
Lea Pliszka, Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes of January 6, 2008

Attendees: Bob Lewis, Penelope Ackerman, Barbara Pliszka, Sue Tragesser, Tom Fitzpatrick, Lea Pliszka.

Our new librarian is Paul Keuler. He will be taking over the librarian responsibilities from Bil Nelson.

Bil Nelson has requested a budget to purchase books while he is at the WOC in Miami Florida. The board voted on this and decided not to purchase any books at this time.

Sue Tragesser and John Clausen met to discuss our show at the Domes in September. John and Bil will co-chair the show responsibilities.

Sue will be the Chairperson for contacting the vendors for our show. She will be sending out the letters within the next few weeks.

Pat Calvey and Lea and Barbara Pliszka will be Co-chairs for the Program Chair. If you have any ideas on speakers or programs for our meetings, please see one of these three people.

We are also looking for ideas and volunteers for beginners' classes prior to our membership meetings.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lea Pliszka, Secretary

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

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.

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 | 34 |
| 2nd | 2 | Pat Calvey | 27 |
| 3rd | 1 | Daryl Zigan | 23 |
| Specimen of the Month | 6 | Tom and Judy Fitzpatrick | 14 |
| | | Cedric Michalak | 11 |
| | | Joe Appazeller | 7 |
| | | Susan Tragesser | 3 |
| | | Bonnie and Ron Feld | 3 |
| | | ? | 1 |
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| At Show: | |
|---------------|----|
| 1st | 6 |
| 2nd | 4 |
| 3rd | 2 |
| Best of Class | 12 |

Leo hails from Zion, IL, a suburb midway between Milwaukee and Chicago. He is a hobby grower, who has a "sometimes miserable" day job in the chemical industries. He has been lecturing about orchids several times a year since 1990. Leo has been growing orchids since 1971, mostly under lights. His 1100 plant collection is largely Paphs, Phrags, Lycaste, and a wide assortment of other species that catch his eye.

Leo will be bringing plants for sale. There will be a selection of orchids that fall into the "Ever Blooming" category, there will also be a selection of orchids from his collection. His website is www.schordje.com

You may email LeosOrchids@sbcglobal.net, and his cell phone is (847) 309-3821 if you would like to pre-order any plants.

Membership List

The current membership list is included with this newsletter. If you are aware of any additions or corrections, please contact Sue Tragesser. Her contact information is at the bottom of the front page of this newsletter.

Show News - 207 days to Go!

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 will need assistance with the following:

- unloading
- setup
- registration
- clerking
- membership table
- traffic
- hospitality
- teardown
- wherever needed

Signup sheets will be available at monthly meetings.

Vendor invitations have been sent and we await replies. We should have some checks in by next month's newsletter.

Katy Grahn's Pictures from our January 2008 Meeting



Cedric Michalak's *Oncidium ornithorhynchum*

Thank you Thank you Thank you

A special thanks to Paul Keuler on volunteering to become our new librarian. His contact information is on the front page of this newsletter.

Thank you Thank you Thank you

Treasurer's Report for January 2008

Membership

| | |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| 4 Single renewals | \$162.00 |
| 2 Family renewals | <u>\$108.00</u> |
| | \$126.00 |

Income

| | |
|--------------|-----------------|
| 1 Tee Shirt | <u>\$12.00</u> |
| Total | \$138.00 |

Expenses

| | |
|------------------------|------------------|
| End-of-the-Year Awards | <u>(\$54.00)</u> |
| Total | (\$54.00) |

Balance

| | |
|------------------|----------------|
| Checking account | \$1,872.13 |
| Money Market | \$9,414.34 |
| Petty Cash | <u>\$33.00</u> |

Total assets **\$11,319.47**

About Leo Schordje and his Talk

This talk will discuss a few strategies for building an orchid collection that always has something in bloom, with a minimal number of plants. The focus will be on selecting orchids with one or more traits such as extremely long-lived flowers, frequent bloom habit, or long-lived inflorescences with a sequential bloom habit. The orchids Leo will highlight include species and hybrids for the warm grower, to the cool grower, orchids for the sunny south windowsill and some ideal for the shade of the northeast exposure and under light growing.



Daryl Zigan's *Cymbidium* Ruby Eyes 'Red Barron'



Lauren and Roy Lenz's *Phragmipedium* Hanna Popow



John Clausen's *Laelia* anceps



Joe Appazeller's *Phalaenopsis* Zuma Camreal



Sue Tragesser's *Phragmipedium* longifolium



John Clausen's *Oncidium* Millennium Gold 'Geon', AM/AOS



Pat Calvey's Dendrobium Wonder Nishii

John Clausen's
Sophrolaeliocattleya Jewel Box 'Dark Waters' AM-AOS



Awards list from WOS Meeting January 6, 2008

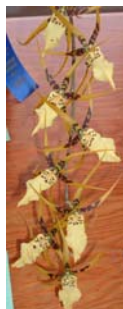
| Class | Place | Plant | Person |
|----------------------|--|--|--------------------------|
| Cattleya Alliance | 1 | Cattleya trianaei 'Aranka Germanske' FCC/AOS | John Clausen |
| | | Laelia anceps | John Clausen |
| | | Sophrolaeliocattleya Jewel Box 'Dark Waters' AM/AOS | Pat Calvey |
| | 2 | Cattleya percivaliana 'Summit' FCC/AOS | John Clausen |
| | | Laelia Finkeniana | John Clausen |
| | | Laeliocattleya Whitewings | Lauren and Roy Lenz |
| | 3 | Cattleya deckeri | John Clausen |
| | | Laelia anceps | Tom and Judy Fitzpatrick |
| | | Sophrolaeliocattleya Aloha 'Apricot' | Pat Calvey |
| Sophronitis coccinea | | Walter Crawford | |
| Cypripedium Alliance | 1 | Paphiopedilum Concon Bell | Tom and Judy Fitzpatrick |
| | | Paphiopedilum Hsinying Alien | Lauren and Roy Lenz |
| | | Paphiopedilum tranlienianum | Walter Crawford |
| | | Phragmipedium Hanna Popow | Lauren and Roy Lenz |
| | | Phragmipedium longifolium | Susan Tragesser |
| | 2 | Paphiopedilum Barbi Playmate x Paphiopedilum Nalight 'Hampshire' HCC/AOS | Tom and Judy Fitzpatrick |
| | | Paphiopedilum fairrieatum | Walter Crawford |
| | | Paphiopedilum Memoria Larry Heuer | Pat Calvey |
| | | Phragmipedium Eric Young x Phragmipedium Stenophyllum | Pat Calvey |
| | | Paphiopedilum lawrenceanum | Tom and Judy Fitzpatrick |
| 3 | Paphiopedilum LEEANUM | Joe Appazeller | |
| | Paphiopedilum wardii x Paphiopedilum Laser | Joe Appazeller | |
| | Phragmipedium Jason Fisher 3N | Pat Calvey | |
| | Cymbidium Ruby Eyes 'Red Baron' | Daryl Zigan | |
| | Cymbidium Evening Star 'Pink' | Daryl Zigan | |
| Cymbidium ?? | ? | | |
| Dendrobium | 1 | Dendrobium garrettii | Walter Crawford |
| | | Dendrobium Wonder Nishii | Pat Calvey |
| | 2 | Dendrobium Aida 'Jennifer Mickelson' AM/AOS | John Clausen |
| 3 | Dendrobium alexandrae | Pat Calvey | |
| | Dendrobium (no name) | Pat Calvey | |
| | | Dendrobium tanii | Walter Crawford |

Awards list from WOS Meeting January 6, 2008, continued

| Class | Place | Plant | Person | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--|--|---------------------|
| Miscellaneous | 1 | Masdevallia angulata | Claire Rojohn | |
| | | Masdevallia strobellii | Claire Rojohn | |
| | | Pleurothallis species | Claire Rojohn | |
| | 2 | Dracula venosa | Claire Rojohn | |
| | | Lepanthes stalagtites | Claire Rojohn | |
| | | Masdevallia brachyura | Claire Rojohn | |
| | Oncidium Alliance | 1 | Oncidium Millennium Gold 'Gean' AM/AOS | John Clausen |
| | | | Oncidium ornithorhynchum | Cedric Michalak |
| | | | Oncidium Twinkle 'White Cap' | Pat Calvey |
| 2 | | Odontoglossum Rawdon Jester | Cedric Michalak | |
| | | Oncidium ornithorhynchum | Walter Crawford | |
| | | Oncidium Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' AM/AOS | Tom and Judy Fitzpatrick | |
| 3 | | Oncidium Sweet Sugar 'Emperor' | Pat Calvey | |
| | | Oncidium Twinkle 'White Cap' | Cedric Michalak | |
| | | Oncidium zappi | Walter Crawford | |
| Vandaceous and Phalaenopsis Alliance | 1 | Phalaenopsis Zuma Camreal | Joe Appazeller | |
| | | Rhynchostylis gigantea alba | Daryl Zigan | |
| | | Vanda Pakchong Blue | Lauren and Roy Lenz | |
| | 2 | Vanda Faye Bennet x Vanda Fuchs Blue 'Robert' AM/AOS | Joe Appazeller | |
| | | 3 | Vanda Roberts Delight 'Big Black' | Lauren and Roy Lenz |

Specimen of the Month

Laelia anceps, owned by John Clausen, has a natural spread of 13.6 cm horizontally and 13.9 cm vertically, and had 23 flowers on 7 inflorescences.



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