

Ann Arbor Orchid Society Newsletter

March Speaker

Please welcome Hermann Pigors, the founder of Oak Hill Gardens of Dundee, Illinois. Hermann started his career in Germany in the 1950's. After emigrating to Chicago in 1957, he began working at Hausermann's. In 1973 he and his wife Dorothy struck out on their own, opening Oak Hill Gardens in Dundee, Illinois. Hermann expanded the existing facilities to 7 greenhouses and added storage and lab space to the property. Hermann enjoys working in the lab, propagating many different orchid species and a few hybrids from seed. Oak Hill Gardens is an orchid lover's paradise, one that we love to visit during the Chicagoland Festival (September 26-28 this year) and any other time we find ourselves in the Chicago area.

Welcome Hermann!

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President's Message

Believe it or not, spring is actually coming up soon. I don't know about you, but I am sick and tired of the snow and cold. I did get away to Cancun for a week, but it still does not make this winter any less of a pain for me. I do have a few orchids in bloom to ease the pain though. I hope that you do too.

I'm happy that we are going to have Herman Pigors from Oakhill Gardens speaking. He is always a joy to hear. You will definitely enjoy his talk.

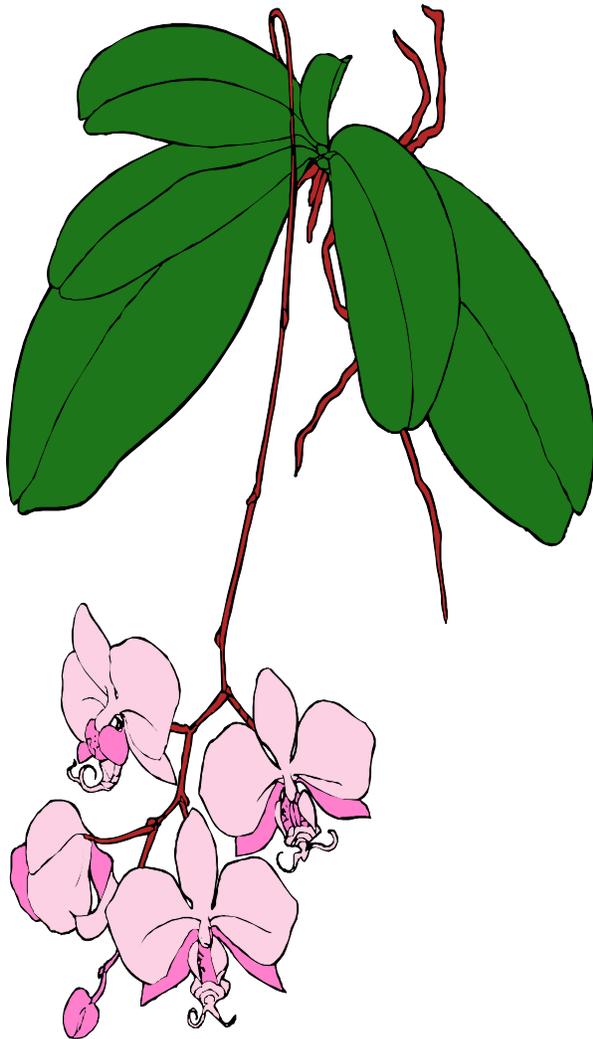
The Michigan Orchid Society Palm Sunday show is almost upon us too. I know that plants and help will be needed for our display at this show. I hope you can help. It will be at a new location in Troy. The exact location and further information will be provided to you in the Show Chairs report and at our meeting March 9th.

I am putting a call to all members who have time and the drive to join the leadership of the society. I will not be available for nomination for President or any other position. I know that there will be other board positions available. Harry Winter and Alex Challis may be calling on you to join the next slate of officers for next

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President's message, cont.

year. The elections will be at the beginning of our May meeting. Lastly, the society needs volunteers for the upcoming Ann Arbor Orchid Festival, April 11 -13, 2008. We will need people to help with Friday set up, Saturday and Sunday for a variety of things including Sunday teardown. It should be warmer than it is now. So, it should be a great time for a show. Please contact either me or Ann Bommarito if you want to volunteer. See you Sunday.
Kevin



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Membership Report- March 2008

This a little late....but. I'd like to welcome two new members to our orchid society Andrea Camargo-Rebello joined in October and Nancy Bennet joined in November.

Our society needs your help at the Michigan Orchid Society Palm Sunday Orchid Show with the display for set-up Friday March 14 and tear-down Sunday March 16. We have a great time working on the display together; talk with each other as well as members of other orchid societies. (SHHH it's our secret!) But we also get the chance to shop and buy plants from the vendors before the public gets at them (stuff you just can't live without).

If you have any membership questions or need to contact another member, please contact me via phone at 734-449-7156 or via email at Boomerj2@aol.com.

I hope to see you all at the March meeting.

Randy Long, AAOS Membership Chair

Michigan Orchid Society Palm Sunday Show NEW LOCATION!!

The show will be held on March 15 - 16 at the MSU Management Education Center at 811 Sq. Lake Road in Troy. Check their website for more details: www.miorchids.com

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Plant Table, February 16, 2008

We had a rather limited plant table at the February meeting – perhaps it was the special date, or maybe members are saving and preening their plants for the GLOS show (we hope it's the latter. Four members brought in one plant each, while the irrepressible Dumans brought in nine of their wonderful plants.

Phalaenopsis Bedford Timmy Berries (Tiny Berries 'Bedford' HCC/AOS x Timothy Christopher 'Bedford')	L	Linda Battison
Cymbidium Jill 'Kalalnica' HCC/AOS	G	Laura & Duane Duman
Dinema polybulbon	G	Laura & Duane Duman
Miltonia Alysen Ono 'Pink Cloud' AM/AOS	G	Laura & Duane Duman
Odontoglossum Serendipity	G	Laura & Duane Duman
Oncidium ornithorhynchum	G	Laura & Duane Duman
Paphiopedilum (Somers Isles 'HOF Jumbo' AM/AOS x lawrenceanum '#1')	G	Laura & Duane Duman
Paphiopedilum (Hsinying Quatal 'Round' x Hsinying Inspiration '#1')	G	Laura & Duane Duman
Rhynchostylis gigantea 'Spots' x self	G	Laura & Duane Duman
Stensarcos hyb (Sarcoglottis speciosa x Stenorrhynchos speciosum)	G	Laura & Duane Duman
Sarcochilus Sherlock (Pinky x hartmannii)	G	Paige Hartmann (ex Taylor Orchids)
Phaius tankervilleae	W	Anne Puvalowski
Paphiopedilum Mac Worth (charlesworthii x Macabre)	G-W	Harry Winter (ex Galaxy Orchids)

Conditions: G, greenhouse; L, Lights; W, Windowsill; O, outdoors in summer. All plants from a member are under the same conditions, unless shown for each plant.

Previous owner listed if plant was obtained in spike from that owner.

Greater Lansing Orchid Society Show

MSU Plant & Soil Science Bldg, East Lansing, Feb. 23-24, 2008

Just 3 weeks after our ventures in Grand Rapids, the GLOS orchid show rolled around, so Paige Hartman, Randy Long, Ann Bommarito, Dottie & Harry Winter, Anne Puvalowski, and Neal & Meredith Foster converged on the MSU campus to set up our 50 sq.ft. display. Blooming orchids for the display were provided by all those who were there, as well as Jim Cather and Duane & Laura Duman, who sent along a good number of plants, too. Since Dottie was the official design coordinator this time, Anne, Ann and Randy did her usual job of staking, bagging, and otherwise preparing the plants for display, and of course Paige prepared all of the plant labels and Harry saw to the registration matters.

Set-up was relatively fast and easy, and displayed the 30 orchids accented with greenery from Dottie and from Neal. The exhibit got a third place ribbon in class, again behind some society displays with spectacular specimen plants. Ten of the plants received class ribbon awards. Ribbon winners were:

First:

Epidendrum Pretty Lady
Odontoglossum Serendipity

Neal Foster
Duane & Laura Duman

Second:

Sarcochilus Sherlock
Pleurothallis (Stelis) immersa 'Leon'
Phalaenopsis Sogo Grape
Vanda Pat Delight

Paige Hartman
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Anne Puvalowski

Third:

Doritaenopsis Minho Princess 'Watercolor Artist'
Phalaenopsis Sogo Fireworks
Phalaenopsis Yu-Ping Hakotou
Aerangis citrata

Randy Long
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Neal Foster

Some concerns about having enough help and vehicles for takedown proved unfounded, when in addition to the scheduled crew of Dottie & Harry, Linda Battison, and Jim & Jane Cather, Duane & Laura Duman took advantage of the nice weather to drive up, and Abby Skinner & friend also came to see the show and help. So there was plenty of space to get all the plants home. Alex Challis took the heavy staging, even though he also had the New World plants and display to worry about. Thanks to all those people, everything was packed up and on the way home in about 45 minutes. Now, just another 3 weeks and we do it all again, in the MOS show new digs in Troy.

- Harry Winter



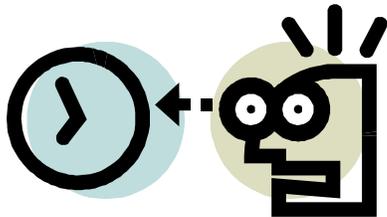
AAOS Calendar

MARCH 9: Hermann Pigors, Topic TBA

APRIL 11-13: AAOS Festival

APRIL 27: Special meeting: Beginner's Workshop

MAY 17-18: Great Lakes Judges Seminar



Newsletter Deadline

If you have an article or submission for the newsletter, please email them to Denise Nash: djnash@comcast.net.

The deadline for the next newsletter submissions are: April 5, 2008.



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Ann Arbor Orchid Society Newsletter - The AAOS meets monthly from September through May (excluding December) at the University of Michigan's Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 North Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor, MI. at 2:00 p.m., set up at 1:30. The AAOS Newsletter is published 8-9 times throughout the year, and is sent to all AAOS members. AAOS members and others are invited to submit articles or other information relating to orchids. The Ann Arbor Orchid Society is a 501(C)(3) educational and scientific organization, affiliated with the American Orchid Society, the Mid-America Orchid Congress, and with the Orchid Digest Corporation.

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The following was authored by Dr. Wes Higgins from Selby Gardens for newsletter editors at the request of Carol Holdren.

The Salvation of Nomenclature

Horticulturists have thrown up their hands in despair over all the changes in orchid names. First it was the species and then the hybrid names which began to change. The purpose of a classification system is to facilitate communication. It is a user tool based on scientific data, but it must be user-friendly. With the advent of molecular systematics, we have new insights into relationships within the orchid family. The DNA data has caused taxonomists to re-examine the morphology and to rethink generic concepts. What is a genus? How big should it be? Can it be too small to be useful? Unfortunately many of the recent changes in genera did not consider the impact on horticulturists (the users).

The lectures at the 19th World Orchid Conference reflected a new trend where scientists have started consulting the users of the classification system. New data has mandated changes in orchid names, but the changes need to be compatible with the needs of the end users.

At the general meeting of the International Orchid Commission, Cassio van den Berg proposed moving the Brazilian *Laelias* into *Cattleya*. This recommendation was well received by the group. This change will greatly help with the nomenclature of this widely hybridized group. Alec Pridgeon stated that a supplement could be included to *Genera Orchidearum V* to rapidly disseminate this change. The only dissenter was someone who wanted to do away with nothogenera and use just breeding groups. The *Cattleya* proposal was forwarded to the Royal Horticultural Society (the hybrid registrar) for consideration.

What do we have to look forward to:
A large *Cattleya* genus,
A large *Epidendrum* genus,
A large *Pleurothallis* genus,
A large *Oncidium* genus,
and a stable system of hybrid names.

Mid-America Orchid Congress

March 14-16, 2008

Troy, Michigan

Held in conjunction with

**Michigan Orchid Society
Annual Palm Sunday Orchid Show**

Speakers

Ron McHatton, Ph.D.

American Orchid Society
Director of Education and Regional Operations

“Growing Terrestrial Orchids”

Russ Vernon

New Vision Orchids

“How Not to Grow Phalaenopsis”

Erich E. Michal

Hoosier Orchid Company

***“Conservation of Terrestrial Orchid Species
by Asymbiotic Propagation”***

Banquet Speaker

Karen Muir

Accredited AOS Judge

“The Japan Grand Prix”

MAOC Location

Detroit Hilton Hotel

MAOC room rate \$89 + Tax

Www.detroittroy.hilton.com or 248-879-2100

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Show Location

MSU Management Education Center

Free shuttle between Hotel and show

MAOC registration forms available:

www.midamericanorchids.org