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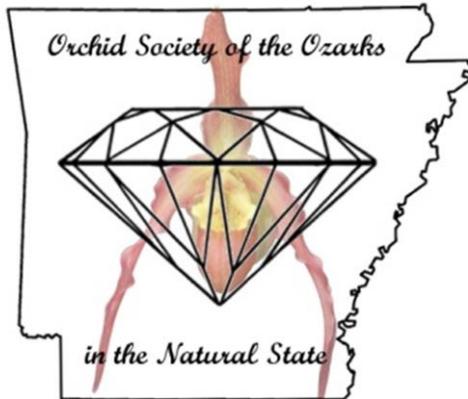
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September News



Stimulating interest in Orchids and their culture as a nonprofit, educational organization ...

The Orchid Society of the Ozarks meets the 4th Sunday of each month. Annual dues are \$10.00 for individuals and \$15.00 for joint membership.

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September is Auction Month! Our annual auction is always fun. Not only does it raise money for our society, which brings you great speakers and programs, but it provides an opportunity to see and buy some amazing orchids. Some are things not often offered, and sometimes you get a real bargain! In addition to plants, there will other orchid-related items. We already know we'll have plants from R. F. Orchids, Sunset Valley Orchids, Windy Hill Orchids, Louisiana Orchid Connection, and Tropical Orchid Farm. It's going to be a great selection, you won't want to miss it.

The auction will be **Sunday, September 20** ... please note this is the 3rd Sunday rather than our usual meeting date in order to not conflict with the MAOC and Chicagoland (about which see more below). **Preview will start at noon, auction at 1 pm** and again this is different than our usual meeting time. We're planning on 2 to 2.5 hours, so you'll be on your way with all your swag by 4 pm at the latest!

As mentioned the **Mid-America Orchid Congress fall meeting** is the following weekend, **September 25-27**, in conjunction with the **Chicagoland Orchid Festival**, a 23-year tradition of orchid vendors in the area opening their greenhouses and growing areas to guest vendors and hordes of orchidists. There are, literally, busloads of orchid growers that show up, sometimes several busloads from just one area! Vendors from across the country, and usually from a number of other countries, will be there.

We've gone to Chicagoland several times over the years and have many happy plants and happy memories of those trips, such as French Fries fried in duck fat at Hot Doug's. (If you go, pick a non-game weekend or when the Cubs are away, or you'll never get in!) Having these two events together will be a blast, and we encourage anyone who can to consider going. Plan your spending carefully!

Here's the link to the Chicagoland page:

<http://www.chicagolandorchidfest.com/>

Check out the links on the left sidebar for additional information. If you stay at the MAOC conference hotel (Naperville Marriott, special group rate) there are buses to take you to and from the vendors. Your editor can email you the registration forms if needed.

Our speaker in October is another OSO favorite, **Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids**. Alan's talks are always entertaining and more important, we learn something every single time we hear him speak – even if it's a talk we've already heard! Plus he'll have plants for sale, and he's offering a very **generous 20% discount** on pre-orders, if you get them in by **October 22** – on top of which **you pay no shipping if you pick up your plants at our meeting**, so it's a significant savings! Alan has provided us a couple of lists of available plants which I will send out separately from this newsletter early next week.

Larkin Seedlings Diversity Within a Grex

This past month we've had several Tom Larking seedlings flower and we'll include more pictures in a later newsletter, but among them were 3 seedlings from Tom's TL-2089 cross, *Cattleya* Sierra Doll 'War Eagle' AM/AOS x *Slc.* Golden Circle 'War Eagle' AM/AOS, and it's always interesting to see how much diversity there can be within a single cross. I know which one I like best!



As different as they look, these 3 plants are siblings!

August meeting pictures from Shari ...



More August meeting pictures



Interview with Jack & Elenia Heflin

[As regular OSO newsletter readers know, OSO VP Shari Loftis likes to visit people's growing areas to see how different people grow orchids. Recently she visited Jack and Elenia Heflin of Tulsa, and here's her report, with some pictures Thanks, Shari!]

Jack and Elenia Heflin have lived in Tulsa since 1958. He is a retired electrical engineer. In the 1960's, Jack met a man that grew orchids under lights and that sparked his interest in orchids. He found a commercial greenhouse, made of glass and redwood, and really got serious. Cattelyas are his favorites, but he is shifting to smaller hybrids now. He has a history of being a student of judging, but is not currently.

The Heflin's have been Tulsa Orchid Society members off and on since about 1962. They were not members from 1987 to 1996 while living in Anadarko, Oklahoma but were still growing during that time. The Heflins had two unfortunate home fires which wiped out their collections both times, and had to restart. The last fire was in 2007, so most of their plants are fairly new. Jack has started on concentrating on buying more miniatures lately which he grows in an aquariums over pea gravel since they need more moisture. They are running out of room for larger plants especially since they also grow tropicals, some of which are in 18" containers. The miniatures orchids take up less space but require more care, and "Elenia doesn't fuss as much about running out of space", says Jack "as if I had bought larger plants."

Jack found the Orchid Society of the Ozarks all very friendly. They have visited our society a number of times and have enjoyed the fellowship and the food.

Jack's growing area is very clean and orderly, uplifting. He positions his plants from the least water need to the most. He built the interior structure of the greenhouse/sunroom. He has provided the plants with a timed watering and fertilizer system, which he built for inside and outside plants. He also makes his own wooden baskets, they are far more finished out than the typical basket on the market, very nice! Jack's sister is Bess Dustin and is a very talented artist with a gallery in Overland Park, she lives in Kansas City, Missouri. (a picture of her art work is included in the pictures taken.)



More from Shari's interview with Jack & Elenia Heflin



Auction Sneak Peek!

To whet your appetites, here are just a few items from the auction list ... there's much, much more, and things are still arriving.

1	Den. Victorian Bride 'Genesis' AM/AOS x Den. x Den. Dunokayla 'Tuyet' AM/AOS	Kathy Judy			4 to 5 cm. flowers One of Fred Clarkes crosses
7	Ctsm. Donna Wise 'Amber' AM/AOS x Ctsm. Louise Clarke 'Simply Fantastic'	Kathy Judy		Blooms 3-4 times/year	One of Fred Clarkes crosses
8	TL 2220 C. aclandiae 'Nigrescens' x self 'War Eagle' x C. Marlene Lundquist 'Orange Delight' AM/AOS	Kathy Judy			Tom Larkin cross Sibling first bloom
10	Paph. Chiara (lawrenceanum f. hyanum 'Dorsal Flourish' x Sukhakulli f. aureum 'Green Joy')	Kathy Judy			
12	Surprise Box	Kathy Judy		Always a hotly coveted item	
14	C. Pole star 'Fireburst' x Rth. Elaine Taylor 'Krull Smith', FCC/AOS TL-2365	OSO Lots of			A Larkin cross, 2.5 in pot, ready for a bigger pot
19	Blc. Picotee Passion 'SVO Lemonade Splash' x Blc. Carolina Orange D'or 'Krull-Smith' AM/	Sunset Valley Orchids			This cross was made to produce 5-7 flowers, lengthen the stem, to hold
22	L. milleri 'Dr. Koopowitz Red' HCC/AOS x L. kautskyana 'SVO' AM/AOS	Sunset Valley Orchids			These will flower with , wiry stems carrying 10 -15 bright red/orange flowers
23	Ctsm. denticulatum 'SVP II' AM/AOS x Ctsm. fimbriatum 'Golden Horizon'	Sunset Valley Orchids			The dwarf-growing denticulatum is really proving itself as a good blooming
29	Bulbophyllum (Doris Dukes x carunculatum), 3.25" pot, in spike.	Marilyn LeDoux Windy Hill			
31	Bulbophyllum phalaenopsis, 7" pot, in spike.	Marilyn LeDoux Windy Hill			7 in. pot, budded
36	Phrag Beaumont (Mem. Dick Clements x caudatum), 4.5" pot.	Marilyn LeDoux Windy Hill			3 in. pot, budded
38	Phrag Glowing Embers (Jason Fischer x longifolium), 3.25" pot, in spike.	Marilyn LeDoux Windy Hill			Branched, multi blooms, in spike
39	Stenorrhynchos glicensteinii, 3.25" pot.	Marilyn LeDoux Windy Hill			Mexico and Central America
40	Onc. Rosy Sunset (Onc. Pupukea Sunset x Onc. sotoanum)	RF Orchids			
41	Phal. cornu-cervi	RF Orchids			3-4 cm flowers
42	Ascda. Princess Mikasa 'Rosado' HCC/AOS (V. Royal Sapphire x V.	RF Orchids			Large flowers on a small plant -- blooming

Upcoming Shows & Judgings Around Our Region

September 19, 2015

Great Plains Judging Center monthly judging, Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas

September 25-27, 2015

Chicagoland Orchid Fest, Chicago area: <http://www.chicagolandorchidfest.com/>

September 25-27, 2015

Greater North Texas Orchid Society fall show and sale, Southfork Hotel, Plano, Texas

September 26, 2015

Mid-America Orchid Congress Outreach Judging, Chicago Marriott, Naperville, Illinois, in conjunction with the Chicagoland Orchid Fest

October 2-3, 2015

Central Louisiana Orchid Society show and sale, Kent House Plantation, Alexandria, Louisiana

October 10, 2015

Mid-America Judging Center monthly judging, Room 175, Commerce Bank Education Building, Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis, Missouri

October 17, 2015

Great Plains Judging Center monthly judging, Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas

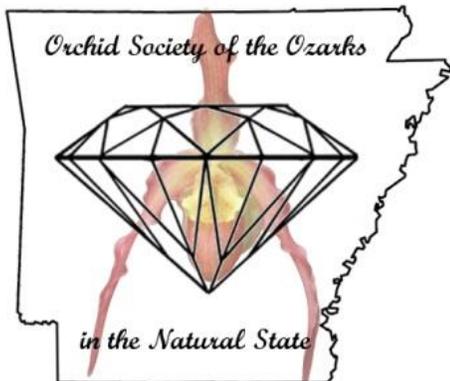
Lois's Musings!

This month, it's all about the auction! This is a major fundraiser for our club which allows us to bring in fantastic speakers like Allen Koch, who's coming next month. He's always got interesting things to speak about as well as bringing wonderful plants. The auction is a success because of our generous buyers (I can't wait to bid on some of the items!) and our generous donors. A new donor this year is Brenda Jones. Many of you will remember her as a member from a few years ago. She is downsizing her lovely collection and has offered the club a number of her plants. If you fail to win one at auction, she is also interested in selling some of her larger plants. (mostly Cat. and Cat. Alliance) In addition, Cathy Marak has done a wonderful job of securing several commercial donors as well as our faithful in house supporters. The list is very exciting!



On another note, my greenhouse addition is moving very slowly, actually not moving at all. It seems there is a construction boom and things are backed up. I've been waiting three and a half months for drainage work and the pouring of a cement floor. Our contractor swears it will be poured by the end of September, but we've yet to see a single worker. Collis is anxious to start building the actual greenhouse, and I'm getting anxious about being ready to bring plants in later this fall. Everything grew so well in the pergola that there's not going to be enough room in the original greenhouse. I'm hoping to have time to shuffle plants between the old and new and really clean the old house before buttoning everything down for the winter.

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comments, join the community!

Orchid Web Site of the Month:

<http://www.orchidenthusia.com/>

Orchidenthusia is a web site about the orchids of Malaysia and it has a great gallery of photographs of Malaysian species as well as articles and cultivation information.



What's Ahead

September 20, 2015 - AUCTION!

NTI, 709 S. Old Missouri Rd., Springdale, AR
Preview: noon
Auction: 1:00 pm

October 25, 2015

NTI, 709 S. Old Missouri Rd., Springdale, AR
Meeting: 1:30
Program: Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids,
an OSO favorite, returns!

November 15, 2015

NTI, 709 S. Old Missouri Rd., Springdale, AR
Meeting: 1:30

Program: Nathan Bell, of OSO and SOS and AOS judge, talks about recent changes to the MAOC class schedule and how to class Phals and Paphs

