



The CIOS Newsletter

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Fun with Phrags!

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This month, we have the pleasure of learning from a special guest at our monthly meeting. Eric Sauer of River Valley Orchids will be joining us on August 23 at 1:30 pm in the meeting room at Garfield Conservatory.

due to Eric's expertise. Come learn Eric's special tips in getting those spectacular phrags to really work for you. Eric will also be bringing plants to sell. . .another great incentive!

onto Shelby St. and go approx. 3 blocks. The entrance to Garfield Park will be on the right side (West) of Shelby St. The Conservatory is located just inside the park on the left.

Eric is a member of the Miami Valley Orchid Society, which we all know has long been a hotbed of paph and phrag activity. Much of this is

Directions to Garfield Park:

Take I-65 to the Raymond St. exit, turn west toward Shelby St. Turn left (South)



Upcoming Meetings:

- ✓ September 26- Chicagoland Bus Trip
- ✓ October 25- TBD
- ✓ November 15- Annual Meeting
- ✓ December 6- Christmas Party and Bingo

Little Known Orchid Facts

Courtesy of Susan Taylor, www.BellaOnline.com

The tallest freestanding orchid is *Sobralia altissima* from the high forests of Peru. It is reported to grow up to 44 feet or 13.5 meters high in optimum conditions. The bright reddish-purple flowers are up to 6 inches or 15 centimeters across

and are displayed in spectacular groups of up to 8 flowers per stem.

The smallest orchid is *Platystele jungermannioides* which has flowers only half a millimeter or one-hundredth of an inch in diameter. The entire plant is only about a quarter of an inch or

half a centimeter tall. They grow naturally in the cloud forests in Central America, principally in Costa Rica. The flower, when viewed through a magnifying glass, is a pale greenish color with a purple lip.

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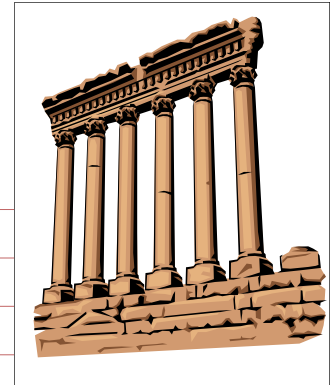
Upcoming Events

September 25-27, 2009
Chicagoland Orchid Fest
Chicago, IL

October 30-November 1, 2009
Mid America Orchid Congress & Nashville Orchid Society

October 16-18, 2009
Kentucky Orchid Society
Louisville, KY

Marriott Cool Springs Hotel, Franklin, TN



Open House at Hilltop Orchids

I have just received word that Sandy and Dick Wells are once again inviting orchid enthusiasts to visit their greenhouses this year. They are extremely generous hosts and it is always a pleasure to visit their facilities. They are planning to have a very special guest present a short seminar as well as bringing goodies to buy, so

you get an added bonus! As always, Dick will also be providing action demos on planting, dividing, etc. so you can get all your orchid questions answered in one spot!

Lunch is also being provided by Marvin's. . . as a DePauw grad, I'm particularly in love with Marv's so this is just icing on the cake!

See the attached flyer with all the details on page 4. A good time will be had by all.

"Ah, summer, what power you have to make us suffer and like it."

- Russel Baker

Refreshments

August-Chad Williams, Open

November-Open

September-Chicagoland bus trip-BYOsnacks

December-Holiday Bingo and Pitch-In

October-Open



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AOS Corner

It is Fall Orchid Convention time—or at least time to plan to go to Fall Orchid Convention! The Southland Orchid Show Committee and the Huntington Botanical Gardens, outside Los Angeles, invite you to Arcadia, California on October 14-17, 2009. You can get the details from the AOS website: www.aos.org under "Events" and then "Members Meetings" although you do not have to be an AOS member to attend. All orchid people are welcome! You can also call Simone Friend at 562-431-1247 for a registration packet. This is a great orchid show at a fabulous botanical garden where you will be able to listen to orchid lectures as well as tour the gardens. The Huntington has 150 acres

with 12 specialized gardens so it is worth going for the gardens alone but even better when there is an orchid show. If you are an AOS member, you will want to attend the AOS Town Hall Meeting on Saturday morning. You can wear your AOS pin to show your support—if you don't have one they can be purchased for \$25, postage included, from the AOS website. If you are wishing for a fall orchid trip—consider California!

~Carol Holdren

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Committee Chair

"Summer afternoon -
summer afternoon; to me
those have always been
the two most
beautiful words in the
English language."
- Henry James





Dear Orchid Lovers,

Plan to attend Hilltops 'annual Open House this year. We are really excited about the program. Our Speaker is probably someone you all know and love.

H.P. Norton, of Orchidview will be here!! For those of you who do not know H.P., he is one of the leading orchid hybridizers in the United States. H. P. is sometimes called the father of yellow Phalaenopsis breeding, and more recently, his wife Katherine and he have developed the first blue Phals. He is also doing some great crosses with the very new Phragmipedium kovachii species. To say the least, he is one of the BEST, and more than willing to share his vast knowledge with you. He will also be bringing flasks, compots, and seedlings of his breeding to sell.

The Open House will be held Saturday September 12, 2009, beginning at about 11: 00 am. Come and bring a friend.

As usual Dick will be conducting workshops on potting, dividing, general care and how to determine if your plant has any problems. Also, for anyone who has an interest, there will be an opportunity to learn about lab techniques. So bring along your questions and if you have a plant you are concerned about, bring it as well. There is no charge for the Open House, and lunch will be provided by Marvins Restaurant of Greencastle, Indiana.

If you need directions to the greenhouse, or information about area motels, please do not hesitate to give us a call.

Mark your calendars now and plan to have a really great day!!!

Sincerely,

Dick & Sandy

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