

UPCOMING
MEETINGS:

- July 26-Annual Picnic at Hilltop Orchids
- August 23
- September 26 -Chicagoland Bus Trip
- October 25
- November 15- Annual Meeting
- December 6- Christmas Party and Bingo

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Update from the IPA

Our next regularly scheduled meeting of the CIOS is set from Sunday, June 28 at 1:30 pm.

We are very pleased to have Russ Vernon join us this month. Russ, as many of you know, is the proud owner of New Vision Orchids. However, many of you might not know that Russ is also the president of the International Phalenopsis Alliance. Russ will be attending the IPA's symposium that is held in conjunction with the East of

England Orchid Show and Agriculture Fair in Peterborough, UK. Russ will bring us some pictures and talk about his trip experiences when he joins us. He is also serving as a judge for this show, so he'll get first hand info regarding the entries. As the show runs from June 19-22, sounds like Russ will be updating us just as quick as possible! We'll see you in the meeting room off the Conservatory on the 28th.

Directions to Garfield Park:

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



Your Name Here!

So after a few years of doing this, I've become a little bored with the name "The CIOS Newsletter". Granted, it's clear and straight to the point but it's not a very inspiring name, is it?

I would love your advice! Can you think of a name that would be fitting for this publication? I'd like to compile a list of suggestions and then choose one as the "new" official name of The CIOS Newsletter.

So let me have it. . . your best creative name for this newsletter? Vine Times? The Blooming Blurb? The Orchid Overture? CIOS Corner? Send suggestions to anamotita@hotmail.com.



Orchid Lingo:

Raceme - An unbranched inflorescence of stalked flowers.

Upcoming Events

August 14-16, 2009

Indiana State Fair Orchid Show, Indiana State Fairgrounds
Indianapolis, IN

September 25-27, 2009

Chicagoland Orchid Fest
Chicago, IL

October 16-18, 2009

Kentucky Orchid Society
Louisville, KY

October 30-

November 1, 2009

Mid America Orchid Congress & Nashville Orchid Society
Marriott Cool Springs Hotel, Franklin, TN

A Message from the President

Dear CIOS Members,

I hope all is well and your orchids are thriving! We had a great meeting last month, which was made complete by a great speaker. It is not often that we think about the native orchids that are in our own backyards. . . so to speak.

With each an every passing month and with every orchid

bloom that I am privileged to witness, I am reminded of how blessed we are to have orchids in our life. Can any other flower even slightly compare to the delicate and detailed beauty of an orchid? Whether a native orchid of Indiana or an orchid from the steaming jungle of Ecuador - the beauty is consistent. The joy and frustration that we all share growing orchids continues to bring

us together throughout the year at meetings, picnics, Christmas parties, bus trips, and shows. We laugh, we learn, we grow, and we eat! And we do all this, because of orchids!

I look forward to seeing you all very soon!

~Chad Williams
CIOS President

AOS Corner

The AOS web site, www.aos.org, has its own recently appointed Website committee, with Sandy Svoboda as chair. This committee is working to: "...implement the mission of the AOS by offering educational opportunities, building community through the interactive website and webinars, and offering other committees the opportunity to bring their message to the membership and public. The over-riding goal of the American Orchid Society's Website Committee is to increase member bene-

fits and help in marketing the AOS to new members." The committee was appointed in January 2008. I encourage you to go to the AOS web site and check it out. When you are there be sure to look at the Affiliated Societies Page where we have a FAQ, a list of benefits and our own blog. This is another way the orchid community can get together. The forum is open to everyone, not just AOS members, and please note that you have a separate sign up and password for it. The forum is not in the

AOS "Members Only", which has its own password and sign in. The new forum works well and has a special section for Affiliated Societies where you can post your orchid society newsletter and look at other society newsletters. So check it out and let me know what you think about the Affiliated Society section. Carol Holdren, Affiliated Society Committee Chair
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Falling Leaves-Cattleyas

Courtesy of Susan Taylor of BellaOnline.com

In general, leaf loss in Cattleya Alliance orchids is not considered to be a major growing problem. Unless you have very good growing conditions and have solved most of your cultural problems, you are going to lose the leaves on the older pseudobulbs of your Cattleyas. It is an exceptional grower who can keep these plants happy enough to produce a specimen plant. That is not to say that the hobby grower cannot do better to reduce leaf loss than the average grower. There are three main reasons for leaf loss: diseases/insects, culture and genetics.

In the diseases and insects category, scale is the main culprits. Scale is easy to spot once you have ever seen it – a grouping of white fuzzy spots. Left untreated scale will overtake a plant and ultimately will kill it. As soon as you see evidence of these pests, remove the plant to a location away from your other plants. Manually clean up any obvious insects or spray the whole plant with Bayer’s Rose and Flower Insect Spray (dual action) which will kill any pests that it touches as well as be absorbed in the plant and will kill adults as well as any sucking insects. Continue to spray for about 3 months.

Cultural practices which will cause leaf loss include overwatering, under-watering and excess cold and or heat. Overwatering will cause the roots on your plants to die off so they cannot support the plant. In an attempt to stay alive, the plant will shed extra leaves and try to keep the new growth alive. If possible, look at the roots of your plants – some growers actually take their plants out of the pots periodically to assess the growth. An old rule of thumb says that if the second oldest pseudobulb (generally from the previous year) is wrinkled and desiccated, you are either under or overwatering. Take your plant out of the pot to see which it is. If the roots are good and plump, then you’re under-watering. If they are all dead and rotten, you have overwatered. Repot and change your culture.

Another cultural practice which will cause leaf drop is very cold temperatures in the winter and very hot temperatures in the summer. Most Cattleya Alliance plants will withstand a wide range of temperatures, but very high and low temperatures, even within their range, will cause them to be stressed and lose leaves. *Continued on page 4. . .*

*"If a June night
could talk,
it would
probably boast
it invented
romance."*

- Bern Williams

Refreshments

June-Doug & Linda Allen,
Kwen Hsu

September-Chicagoland
bus trip-BYOsnacks

October-Open

July-Pitch-In Picnic

November-Open

August-Chad Williams,
Open

December-Holiday Bingo
and Pitch-In



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Genetics will also determine whether the plant will grow large for you or lose leaves once they are a couple of years old. There is little that can be done for this aspect but to determine through trial-and-error which plants are best for your growing conditions and stick to them.

One point to keep in mind is that if you can keep from doing it, it is much better to allow the leaf to drop off naturally than to cut it off. If the leaf will not snap off with light pressure, leave it on until it is ready to come off. The plant will seal the wound through a natural drying process which will keep any pests or disease from using the area to invade the plant.

Here's a handy little guide created by Geoff Frost of the Heart O' Texas Orchid Society. Thought it would be helpful. . .and clear up any of those confusing names with too many vowels!

Pronunciation Cheat-sheet

Aerangis ay-er-RANG-giss
Aeranthus ay-er-AN-theez
Aerides AIR-i-deez
Angraecum an-GRYE-kum
Ascocentrum ass-koh-SEN-trum
Bletilla ble-TILL-a
Brassavola bra-SAH-vo-la
Brassia BRASS-ee-ah
Broughtonia brow-TOH-nee-a
Bulbophyllum bulb-oh-FILL-um
Catasetum kat-a-SEE-tum
Cattleya KAT-lee-a
Cochleanthes kok-lee-AN-theez
Coelogyne see-LOJ-in-ee
Coryanthes ko-ree-AN-theez
Cycnoches SIK-no-keez
Cymbidium sim-BID-ee-em
Cypripedium sip-ree-PEE-dee-um
Dendrobium den-DROH-bee-um
Dendrochilum den-droh-KYE-lum
Doritis doh-RYE-tis
Epidendrum eh-pi-DEN-drum
Grammatophyllum gram-mat-o-FILL-um
Laelia LAY-lee-ah or LIE-lee-a
Lycaste lye-KASS-tee
Masdevallia mas-de-VAL-lee-a
Miltonia mil-TOH-nee-a
Neofinetia nee-o-fin-AY-tee-a
Odontoglossum o-don-toh-GLOSS-um
Oncidium on-SID-ee-um
Paphiopedilum paff-ee-oh-PEE-di-lum
Phalaenopsis fal-en-OP-sis
Rhynchostylis rink-oh-STYE-liss
Sophronitis sof-roh-NYE-tiss
Vanda VAN-da