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- Keep our wild orchids growing
- Cordelia Head May Speaker
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## March 10th OSO Meeting!

Starting at 1:00, much interest was shown by 43 members and guests purchasing orchids brought by today's speaker, Dr. Diana Plahn, and her husband Craig.

Calling for order at 2:00, President Brenda Jones asked program chair Tom Larkin to present our speaker. Dr. Plahn, from St. Louis, gave an informative talk about judging orchids, including merit and show judging. New and superior forms of orchid species are judged on point scales; excellent growing is important. Some of the requirements to become a judge are growing at least 100 plants for 5 years, willingness to do the paperwork needed, high ethical standards, and a realization that AOS is reflected at all times. The plant to be judged should be in bloom, no insects, groomed to look its best, no dead growth, inflorescent growth trained, and blooms well-spaced. . . In judging for ribbons, each orchid is compared to others in its class. She completed her presentation

with slides showing beautiful specimens, pointing out good and bad features.

The Secretary's minutes for February were printed and accompanied the March newsletter. It has been decided to continue this method of disseminating the minutes in order to save on time at the meetings.



Dr's Craig and Diana Plahn. Diana Was our featured speaker in March

Conservation chair Oid Hankins told about the progress made March 9 in planting the 200 wild orchids. 154 more orchids were discovered in the area. Channel 5 will present a video of the work on the "Outdoors" show in the near future. Helpers are needed for the next planting sites.

AOS representative Tom Larkin mentioned a letter of thanks for the \$250 donation toward our \$1250 pledge. He reminded the members that this was the last payment of our first 5 year pledge, and that we had renewed the pledge for another 5 years at \$250 per year.

Tom told us that SWROGA has approved our request to have a show in 2005, see further note in this newsletter.

Our refreshment table featured casseroles, salads and desserts. Thanks to all members who so generously responded to our call for food. We had a great feast, and it was much appreciated by all.

## Apr 7th OSO Meeting at the Evans

Its time for the 7th annual Bash at the Evans. Art & Crow Johnson Evans, Rt 2 Gravette, AR. Don't Miss it.

**Art & Crow will be serving their famous meats 'Smoked on the grill', and would appreciate having members bring salads,vegetable dish or desserts. So crack out your favorite recipes and join in the great food fest!**

**Directions:** Wherever you live take whatever route closest to you that gets you to Gravette via 59 hwy. One-half way between

Gravette and Decatur on Hwy 59 is a paved intersection — Mt. Olive Road & 59 Hwy — Go west on Mt. Olive Road to Lime Kiln Road — left on Lime Kiln road for 200 yards then left on Orchard Road - continue on up the hill and the driveway is at the top of the hill (still Orchard Road) on the right.

These directions seem to work without a map, as we have not lost anyone yet, however if you get lost you can call Art at 479.787.9966. **Don't miss it!!!!**

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# Springfield O. S. Show

Another successful Springfield Orchid Society Show is history and with it some notable awards will go down in the Awards annals. One Phalaenopsis for sure will be talked about in other circles (see Seeing is Believing), but in total there were 9 AOS awards, the highest number since the inception of the Springfield Show.

Phal. Golden Peoker 'Cat's Paw Magician' AM of 80pts, also received a JC for unusual phenomenon.....owners Drs. Craig & Diana Plahn.

Phal. Fangtastic John Curtin 'Cat's Paw Garnet', AM of 82pts owners Drs. Craig & Diana Plahn.

Phal. Krull's Red Hot 'Cat's Paw'HCC of 78pts, owners Drs.

Craig & Diana Plahn.  
Phal. Zuma's Pixie 'Cat's Paw'  
AM of 81pts, owners Drs. Craig &



Orchid Society of the Ozarks exhibit.

Diana Plahn.

Phal. Brecko Dawnet 'Blushing Brenda'HCC of 78pts, owner Hilltop Orchids.

Onc. Redfish Reef 'Windy Hill' AM of 82pts, owners Marilyn & Brian LeDoux

Paph. hookerae 'Algonquin'

AM of 81pts, owner Tom Ott

Phrag. St. Ouen 'Scarlet Queen' AM of 83pts, owners Marilyn & Brian LeDoux

There were 326 entries in the show. 26 plants were pulled and looked at during AOS judging. 9 awards were given.

Other special awards

American Orchid Society Show Trophy - Matt Nutt

Rene and Mike VanPelt Best Amateur Award - Phal. Betsey Wright - Jean Schroter

Lynnette and Frank Weaver Cattleya Award - C. Morning Glory x Horace - Cindy Bailey

Carol and Matt Nutt Pleurothallidinae Award - Masd. Colossus 'Elmo', HCC/AOS - Judy Elms

Judy and John Elms Cypripedium Award - Phrag. Don Wimber 'War Eagle', AM/AOS - Tom and Barbara Larkin

Whippoorwill Best of Show Award - Phal. Brother Lawrence - Windy Hill Gardens

Springfield Orchid Society Challenge Award - Paph. Fumi's Delight 'Barbara Ann's Butterbowl', AM/AOS -

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## Best of Class Winners!

### Best of Class 1-5

Windy Hill Gardens

### Best of Class 5-9

Orchid Society of the Ozarks

### Best of Class 10-14

Matt Nutt

### Best of Class 15-22

Epidendrum chlorops 'Woodstream' CBR/AOS  
Windy Hill Gardens

### Best of Class 23-32

Bl. Morning Glory X C. Horace Max  
Cindy Bailey

### Best of Class 33, 33a, 44

Phrag. caudatum var. Sanderae  
Windy Hill Gardens

### Best of Class 34-43, 44a, 44b

Phrag. Don Wimber 'War Eagle', AM/AOS

Tom and Barbara Larkin

### Best of Class 45-62

Ascocenda Princess Mikasa 'Blue'  
Jerry O'Quinn

### Best of Class 63-77 excluding

64a, 65a, 67, 70, 73, 76 Phal.

Brother Lawrence

Windy Hill Gardens

### Best of Class 64a, 65a, 67, 70, 73,

76 Phal. First Steps X Carmela's Pixie

Windy Hill Gardens

### Best of Class 78-91

Onc. Redfish Reef

Windy Hill Gardens

### Best of Class 103-109

Den. Talia Beauty Lineala Jubilee  
Cindy Bailey

### Best of Class 110-119

Bulbophyllum Phalaenopsis

Windy Hill Gardens

### Best of Class 121-125

Counted Cross Stitch

Carol Nutt

## A Look Ahead

**April 7, 2002:** Annual Bash at the Evans. (See article Page 1)

**May 19, 2002:** NTI, 709 So. Old Missouri Rd, Springdale, AR. Speaker, Ms. Cordelia Head, J&L Orchids, Easton, Conn. Plant sales start at 1 p.m. Program at 2 p.m.

**June 23, 2002:** NTI, 709 So. Old Missouri Rd, Springdale, AR. Ms. Lauris Rose, Cal-Orchids, Santa Barbara, CA. Plant Sales start at 1 pm. Program at 2 p.m.

## About OSO:

OSO meets 4th Sunday of each month. Annual dues \$10 for individual and \$15 for joint membership. Info call officers or Dena Jones 479-751-1408.

Web Site:

[www.ozarkorchids.org](http://www.ozarkorchids.org)

## New Members

One new member joined our ranks in March.

Raymond Beans  
8530 Par Lane  
Rogers, AR 72756

We wish you all a long and rewarding relationship with OSO & the hobby.

## Happy 6th Anniversary

**OSO**

## OSO Personalities ..... Meet Tina and Oid Hankins

by Irene Bergal

Tina was raised by her grandmother whose passion was gardening. So Tina grew up loving plants; at age 5, she got her first cactus plant and then, at age eleven, her first orchid, a *Ludisia* but at the time she did not know it was an orchid. Later, in high school she learned about orchids and realized that she had one – a joyous surprise. She began collecting seriously in about 1996 when she found out about OSO by phoning the Co-operative Extension Center. The person answering the phone that day was Pauline Keegan who invited her to a meeting. What a happy coincidence!

Over several years, she accumulated a fairly large collection; she found *Catts* easy to grow so they became her favorites; she also likes various species and *oncidiums*. As so many of our members in recent times, she lost almost her entire collection during a power outage that lasted several days. The entire family had to move to a motel and Tina insisted upon taking as many plants as possible with them; she ended up with four bags and managed to save a few of her favorite plants. Now they are trying to start a new collection. Her growing environments include window-sills, a picnic table under shade trees and an unheated greenhouse.

Tina and Oid are also active in out-reach educational projects; she has worked with the Future

Farmers of America since high school (her son Leighton is a third generation FFA member). She helps to train students and organize horticultural contests, which begin at the U of A. She also contributes daffodils and orchids to the botany classes at



the HS for dissection. They both enjoy introducing young students to plant life and spark their interest with “awesome” plants like the Venus fly-trap and the *sensitive* plant.

In addition to the school projects, Tina contributes ivy to decorate the annual events sponsored by the Breast Cancer and Heart Associations. She is a member of the Rose Rustlers, a group dedicated to saving old varieties of roses otherwise doomed on construction sites. She is also active in the Rose Society and in Washington County Master Gardeners. Tina encouraged Oid's interest in

plants and conservation – not a difficult task since he has always loved the outdoors and has discovered so many beautiful and seldom visited places in Arkansas. They were married in 1996 on Mt. Magazine and their certificate was signed by then Lt. Gov. Huckaby and AR. Sen. Bill Walters. Their combined family includes six children ranging in age from 11 to 20, and one grandchild. Unlike many busy parents, they are very actively involved in their children's education with regular school visits. They take the children to the ONSC for various projects each year and camp out in the caves nearby. They are also planning an educational project closer to home: five acres on their property will be devoted to distinct gardens (some of which are already planted):

A dinosaur garden (topiary designed); an herb garden; a prayer garden, which has mostly white flowers and some of the plants named in the Bible; a cactus garden with other desert plants like yucca and tumble-weed; a wildflower garden, which already has some pink lady-slippers; and a prairie garden. The gardens will encourage visitors, especially young ones to love and respect the gifts of nature.

Tina and Oid are truly exceptional people – Romantics of the highest order!

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### Conservation Committee LET'S HELP KEEP OUR WILD ORCHIDS GROWING.....Oid Hankins

I would like to say hello to all our new members and give an update about the achievements of the Society's Conservation Project with the Fort Smith Water Project.

In October we discovered a rather large colony of Ladies' Tresses (*Spiranthes cernua*) that were endangered due to the Fort Smith Water Project which will join Lake Fort Smith and Shepards Springs Lake into one. In the previous months our efforts, as well as the city of Fort Smith, have been to relocate and preserve these beautiful flowers.

The Conservation Committee members and other volunteers have made several trips to the area where the orchids were

found to remove the plants. They were kept in storage at the Fort Smith Environmental Facility where Randy Easley, the environmental manager, was extremely helpful and showed great interest in the project. Through the efforts of society members and biologists Don Clover and Tim Smith, we were able to remove 322 orchids for replanting.

On March 9th Channel 5 Arkklahoma Outdoors did a story on the conservation effort. Society members and guest along with producer Fred McClure returned to the original dig site to tape footage for the story. At that time the members dug another 154 plants that

came up since the last dig, bringing the total to 476 plants that have been removed for relocation.

I would like to thank all those who helped in this very important mission toward conservation. We were glad to have members of the Botanical Garden, Native Plant Society, and the Heritage Commission as part of this effort.

The Saturday that the Channel 5 program will be aired, other information and updates will also be posted on the Society's website. Anyone who would like to help with this continuing project can call or e-mail any Conservation Committee member.



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## Brenda's Musings!

I hope all of you are excited about the 2005 SWROGA show we have been approved for. This is a big event and will bring a lot of attention to our society. We all will have a role to play in this event and it will be a lot of fun as well as a LOT of work in the years to come.

I am appointing Tom Larkin as show chairman and he will appoint the committee chair persons at the proper time. I feel we are fortunate to have someone with the experience that Tom has to guide us through this process. Because of the contacts and friends he has in the orchid community we will be able to have a 1st class show, but one person doth not a show make so be prepared and willing when you are asked to do your part.

**NOW LET'S GET READY TO HAVE SOME FUN AND A GREAT SHOW!**

## Historical Note:

**1601 AD:** William Shakespeare in his play "Hamlet" referred to Orchid mascula and the folklore of orchids: "There with fantastic garlands did she come of crow-flowers, nettles, daisies & long purples, that liberal shepherds give a grosser name. But our cold maids do dead men's fingers call them".

## Spring 2005

The SWROGA voted at their recent meeting in Jefferson, LA, to accept the OSO invitation to host the Spring 2005 Meeting & Show. We were told that all of SWROGA is excited about coming to NW Arkansas to our first SWROGA show.

### Show Time

It's that time of year and the mild winter seems to have made Spring arrive earlier.

**TULSA O. S. Show.** Tulsa Garden Center, April 12-13-14, 2002. Mark Stroube 918 269 6362

**IOS 50th Anniversary Celebration Spring 2002 AOS Membership Meeting & Mid-America Orchid Congress.** April 10-14, 2002 Martin Taylor 630.682.0464

**Heart of Dixie O.S. Show, 'Orchids in Spring',** April 26-28, 2002. Madison Ramada Inn 8716 Madison Blvd (Old Hwy 20) Madison, AL. Steve Young 256.880.6331

## May 19 OSO Meeting

The May meeting will be one of those that you can't afford to miss.

Our guest speaker comes from one of the most renowned commercial firms in the World and Cordelia Head, one of the 3 owners of J&L, ranks among the most sought after speakers on the subject of Pleurothallidinae as well as many other diminutive genera.

J& L Orchids under the guidance of Cordelia Head, Marguerite Webb and Lucinda Winn has become a world renown nursery dedicated to various diminutive genera, but more exclusively the Masdavallias, Draculas and other Pleurothallidinae.

Cordelia will be bringing plants for sale so don't miss this event & tell your friends. May 19 at NTI.

## Seeing is Believing

According to Webster a Phenomenon is anything very unusual. The plant pictured here, yes plant, singular, is Phal Golden Peoker 'Cat's Paw Magician' which baffled, stupified and otherwise amazed the judges. The plant received a JC and an A.M. (the A.M. for the inflorescence on the left facing you).

The plant is bearing two perfectly formed inflorescences from the same base, no separate basal keikis here

The flowers as you can see are distinctly different .

The proud and also baffled owners. Dr's Craig and Diana Plahn of Kirkwood, Mo.



Phal. Golden Peoker 'Cat's Paw Magician'