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

The Orchid Society of the Ozarks meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. Annual dues are \$10.00 for individuals and \$15.00 for joint membership.

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January Notes

January meeting is January 21st

at the usual place, NWTI in Springdale, but please note the **start time is 1:00 pm** which is half an hour earlier than usual! This is because our program will be a video presentation by Dr. Guido Braem, an orchid taxonomist and expert on *Phragmipedium* orchids. Since it's a live Internet presentation hosted by the Mid-America Orchid Congress (of which OSO is a member) we don't control the starting time.

We'll have our business meeting, judging, and door prizes, after Dr. Braem's talk, so bring those blooming plants!

2024 OSO Show Schedule

Our 2024 show, the 13th annual "Orchids in the Garden", is scheduled for March 1-3, 2024. That's just over 6 weeks away. See more, and our show poster, on page 4.

The St. Louis show opens the season in our region on January 27-28. There's a month pause before our show (March 1-3) and then it gets busy - Springfield two weeks later (March 16-17), then Omaha a week after that (March 23-24), then Tulsa a month later (April 26-28), Oklahoma City the next week (May 4-5), and Memphis two weeks after that (May 19-21). That's six shows in about 16 weeks!

OSO will be exhibiting at several of these, and we'll need lots of plants in bloom, so please be grooming and staking your plants. We could really use some help on the Exhibit Committee too. You don't need an art degree, just willingness to ride along, carry some plants or props, and be honest if colors clash or something doesn't look good, and you'll have chances to see and buy different orchids. Think about it, please!

Judging Notes from December

Editor's note – since there was no judging in December, we're just reprinting the cumulative results for 2023. This month begins a new judging year, so bring your blooming plants and get things off to a good start!

Our last month of judging eight members entered a grand total of 25 plants for our Nov. judging. Thank you for making our program a success. We're all here for the orchids. Seeing lots of unique orchids in bloom is a big draw for our attending members and a chance to see some really unique orchids. Each month brings a lot of beautiful plants and difficult decisions. Judging results this month resulted in a first in Oncidium and Misc, and a second in large Cattleya, and Species for Paul Bowen. Kathy Judy received a first in Paphs. Susie took a third in Species, while Tim Kral received a second and third in Misc. Lois Geren received a second and third in small Catst, as well as a third in in Paphs. The Maraks scored firsts in small Catts and Species in addition to a second in Paphs. Art Evans zoomed in with a third in small Catts, a first in Dendrobium, and a first, second and third in Vandas as well as Plant of the Month for his Darwinara Charm 'Blue Star'!

Thanks to all for a successful year of ribbon judging. Congrats to the final yearly point winners and we hope to see lots of friendly competition next year. Let's see those bloomers!

Total Points and standing to date are:

1. Paul Bowen—64 plants at 405 points
2. Steve and Cathy—47 plants at 198 points
3. Lois Geren – 22 plants at 168 points
4. Kathy Judy—15 plants at 101 points
5. Art Evans—9 plants at 91 points
6. Jack Heflin—15 plants at 79 points
7. Russ & Jim---14 plant at 67 points
8. Barbara Sweet---15 plants at 64 points
9. Tim Kral—13 plants at 51 points
10. Laura Wilkins – 6 plants at 45 points
11. AJ Dunevent– 3 plant at 30 points
12. Trudy Pickett– 2 plant at 27 points
13. Steve/Anna Voories–2 plants at 15 points
14. Susie Miller---5 plant at 14 points
15. Arleen Olson--2 plant at 10 points
16. Lee Simpson– 1 plant at 10 points
17. Kelley Rose—1 plant at 10 points
18. Tina Powell—1 plant at 5 points
19. Diana Danforth– 1 plant at 5 points
20. Sharon Kerr– 1 plant at 2 points

All members are encouraged to bring their blooming plants for display and judging at our regular meetings. Special thanks to those who “volunteer” to participate in judging the plants each month. We love to see your bloomers!

Upcoming Shows & Judgings Around Our Region

January 20, 2024

Great Plains Judging Center monthly judging, 10:30 am, Beech Science Center, 100 College St., Winfield, KS

January 27-28, 2024

Orchid Society of Greater St. Louis “Cheers to Orchids”, Missouri Botanical Garden, 4344 Shaw Blvd, St. Louis, MO

February 17, 2024

Great Plains Judging Center monthly judging, 10:30 am, Beech Science Center, 100 College St., Winfield, KS

March 1-3, 2024

Orchid Society of the Ozarks “13th Annual Orchids in the Garden”, Botanical Garden of the Ozarks, 4703 N. Crossover Rd, Fayetteville, AR

March 3, 2024

American Orchid Society 5th Culture Day – “Orchids for Enjoyment” – <https://www.aos.org/news-and-events/news/2024/orchid-culture-day.aspx>

March 16-17, 2024

Springfield Orchid Society Show, Springfield Greene County Botanical Center, 2400 S. Scenic Ave, Springfield, MO

March 23-24, 2024

Greater Omaha Orchid Society Show & Sale, Lauritzen Gardens, 100 Bancroft St, Omaha, NE

April 3, 2024

AOS Spring Member’s Meeting in conjunction with the Apopka International Orchid Festival and the International Phalaenopsis Alliance, Krull-Smith, 2800 W Ponkan Rd, Apopka, FL 32712

April 13, 2024

Mid-America Judging Center monthly judging, noon, Missouri Botanical Garden, Commerce Bank Center for Science Education, 4651 Shaw Blvd., St. Louis, MO

April 26-28, 2024

Tulsa Orchid Society Show & Sale, Tulsa Garden Center, 2435 S Peoria Ave, Tulsa, OK

May 4-5, 2024

Oklahoma Orchid Society Show & Sale, Will Rogers Gardens Exhibition Center, 3400 NW 36th Street, Oklahoma City, OK

13th Annual “Orchids in the Garden”

The Board and Show Committee are busy with the preparations but as usual it's going to take the whole society to make the show a success. We'll need people to help our guests unload during setup and load up again during breakdown, people to run the sales tables all 3 days of the show, people to help clerk during judging, and on and on. If you can volunteer even for a few hours, it would be a big help.

Big activity times are Friday morning for unloading and setup help, Friday afternoon for clerking, and Friday night, Saturday morning, and Saturday afternoon for sales table.

Clerking is a great way to learn about the judging process and how AOS judges evaluate plants and it will improve your ability to assess plants. No special knowledge needed, just the willingness to stand quietly, listen, and follow the judge's directions with the ribbons.

We'll also need lots of blooming plants for the OSO Society exhibit, so please look over your plants to see what will be in bloom for the show. We need to already be cleaning, grooming, and, staking plants that are possibilities.



13th annual Orchid Show & Sale

The Orchid Society of the Ozarks

Friday,
March 1
5 pm-7:30 pm
(BGO members preview)

Saturday,
March 2
9 am-5 pm

Sunday,
March 3
noon-4 pm

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Pictures from the November meeting



More pictures from the November meeting





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What's Ahead ...

January 21, 2024, 1:00 pm – MAOC sponsored talk by Dr. Guido Braem on *Phragmipedium* (note special time!)

February 18, 2024, 1:30 pm – The program will be final preparations for our show, which will follow in two weeks.

March 1-3 "13th Annual Orchids in the Garden" Show & Sale – no regular March meeting

The President's Musings ...

The President Reminiscing about Collis Geren

In 1981, I began my tenure as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Botany and Bacteriology (renamed Botany and Microbiology a year later) at the University of Arkansas. Early in my career, I had the privilege of becoming friends with Collis Geren, a distinguished member of the Department of Chemistry, later renamed Chemistry and Biochemistry. Our professional relationship began when he generously offered me a used ultracentrifuge, a crucial piece of equipment for genetic engineering research. Collis' leadership journey saw him assume the role of Chair of the Department of Chemistry in 1986. Subsequently, in 1990, the Department of Botany and Microbiology merged with the Department of Zoology to form the Department of Biological Sciences, with Collis appointed as the new interim department Chair. His mentorship and guidance were invaluable to me during this period. In 1991, Collis was named Associate Vice Provost for Research and Dean of the Graduate School. Those appointments had a profound impact on my career. His involvement as the University's representative to the Arkansas Space Grant Consortium (ASGC) opened doors for my research pursuits in astrobiology (a lifelong dream), culminating in the acquisition of my first ASGC grant in 1992. Throughout the late 1990s and early 2000s, Collis continued to be a steadfast supporter, assisting in securing additional ASGC grants and essential research equipment. His unwavering assistance was instrumental in furthering my research endeavors. I am deeply grateful for Collis' support and friendship. His contributions have left an indelible mark on my professional journey. Rest in peace, Collis.

Tim