

MOS

Official Newsletter of the Michiana Orchid Society

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BRING ON THE PHRAGS!

Our March 11, 2006 meeting will feature a presentation by Rob Halgren on *Phragmipedium besseae* and its hybrids. That's the glowing red slipper orchid that you can see from across the room! Rob is the owner of Littlefrog Farm Orchids and is a member of the Michiana Orchid Society, even though he now lives in Stockbridge, Michigan. He's also a Probationary Judge with the American Orchid Society. Rob will bring an assortment of orchids for sale.

The March 11 MOS meeting will begin at 1:30 Eastern Standard Time--that's 12:30 if you live in Central time in parts of Indiana. It will be held at the River Park Branch of the South Bend Public Library on Mishawaka Avenue. Refreshments will be served. See you there!

I will present a short report on *Masdevallias*. Shirley

MORE PHRAGS!

If you have a yearning for more slipper orchid information, the May Seminar of the Great Lakes Judging Center is for you! The seminar is free and open to the public and will include a presentation on paphs: "Back to the Bulldogs" by Paul Philips of Ratcliffe Orchids, LLC, in Florida and a talk on phrags: "Phrags---An Overview" by Glen Decker of Piping Rock Orchids in New York.

Glen Decker will have legal seedlings of *Phrag kovachii* hybrids and may have seedlings of *Phrag kovachii*. Both speakers will have plants for sale, and you can pre-order by e-mail using their web catalogs:

<http://www.justwebit.com/members/32695/> and

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

Sandy Ohlund will give a presentation on "The Identification History of the Long-Tailed Phrags", based on her work with Guido Braem, published

in the journals *Richardiana* (France), the *Australian Orchid Review* and the Colombian journal *Orquideología*, in 2004-5. Additional presentations will include Greg Filter: "Phrag Breeding Trends"; Rob Halgren: "*Phrag besseae*--- Past, Present and Future"; Jim Heilig: "Bulldog Backcrosses"; Carolyn Spoerl-Carpenter: "Fatal Flaws---Fact or Fiction"; and Diane Burton: "Awarded Long-Tails".

There will be a buffet dinner (\$14) on Saturday evening, live and silent auctions, a dessert auction, and a Sunday morning continental breakfast. The May Seminar will be held at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens on May 20-21, 2006. Questions? Ask Sandy sohlund@csinet.net or call (219) 778-4457.

MOS EXHIBITS AT GLOS SHOW

The Michiana Orchid Society put in an exhibit at the Greater Lansing Orchid Society Show on February 25-36. Two carloads of MOS members and plants drove up to East Lansing to set up the display: Ron, Katie and Brittany Payeur, Rick Hendrickson and Sandy Ohlund made the trip on Friday afternoon, gathering plants from the Payeur family collections, Sylvia, Sherry and Sandy. Pat Pritchard and husband Dave sent artwork and collections. Photos were exhibited by Ron and Katie, and Sylvia sent two lovely orchid arrangements.

Katie set up the display, while Ron and Brittany did registration and name tags. Rick and Sandy cruised the vendors' tables, gathering a few plants that they HAD to have. All five members were there early Saturday morning to participate in judging. Shirley popped in on Saturday, too.

Sylvia and Sherry drove up on Sunday to find that the vendors' tables were almost bare! Great weather turned the "Snow Show" into a "Sun Show", and the orchid-hungry folks of East Lansing turned out in record numbers. At tear-down time, Sylvia and Sherry packed the "Orchidmobile" with our display plants and props, and drove home uneventfully on dry pavement.

Thanks, everyone, for helping to make our MOS display a success!

UNEVENTFUL???

Well, the drive home in Sherry's Orchidmobile was uneventful, but a day or two later, that would change. Sherry felt very fatigued and went to

see her doctor, who immediately put her in the hospital. Sherry is now more bionic, with six stints in her arteries! She is home from the hospital and is feeling lots better!

ORCHID CLASS AT HCC

Holy Cross College will offer a class on growing orchids on March 22 and 29, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Sandy will teach this two-part class, covering orchid basics, culture, repotting and beyond. Fee for the class is \$39 and includes lots of information, hands-on potting and an orchid seedling for each participant. Sign up by contacting the Pat Adams, Director of Continuing Education, (574) 239-8364 or padams@hcc-nd.edu.

ANN ARBOR SHOW MARCH 18-19

Anyone interested in setting up or tearing down a Michiana exhibit at the Ann Arbor Orchid Society Spring Show? The show will be held at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Set up is Friday, March 17, and the show is open to the public on March 18-19.

CENTRAL INDIANA SHOW APRIL 1-2

It's show season, and here's another one for your traveling pleasure: the Central Indiana Orchid Society show will be held on April 1-2 in Indianapolis. Two orchid societies, the Indiana Orchid Society and the Hoosier Orchid Society, have recently merged to form the Central Indiana Orchid Society. Let's give them our support. We need volunteers to set up and take down a Michiana Orchid Society exhibit!

UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS

March 18-19: Ann Arbor Orchid Festival Show, Ann Arbor, MI
April 1-2: Central Indiana Orchid Society Show, Indianapolis, IN
April 5-9: AOS Spring Members Meeting, Orchid Magic, Disney World, FL
April 8-9: Michigan Orchid Society Palm Sunday Show, Livonia, MI
May 6-7: Three Rivers Orchid Society Show, Ft. Wayne, IN

And for those who like to plan ahead, the Chicagoland Orchid Festival will be held on September 22-24, 2006. ROAD TRIP!!!

Put our fall show on your calendar, too!

November 11-12: Michiana Orchid Society Show at Holy Cross College

DUES REMINDER

Many members have paid their dues already--Thanks. For those who haven't the amount is \$10 for individuals and \$15 for families. Payable to Michiana Orchid Society, send them to Deb Longworth, treasurer, 7451 E 900 N, New Carlisle, IN 46552 or pay at the March meeting.

Minutes for February Meeting

The meeting was called to order by J. Bannow, co-vice president, at 1:35. Minutes and Treasurer report were approved as published. It was decided to have a display and meeting at Fernwood for the May meeting.. Rick stated that the fans in his greenhouse area were the possible cause for the fire that occurred. He advised caution to other who had the same type of fan. A report on the Grand Valley Show was given. Katie presented a report on Cymbidums. Meeting was adjourned for bring and brag and refreshments.

Followed by the slide show.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Keim

TREASURER'S REPORT

March 5, 2006

Beginning Balance \$1,271.37

Income

Dues \$145.00

Mi sc. sales 5.00

Total \$150.00

Expenses

Show, travel \$25.00

M-AOC Dues \$24.00

Ending Balance \$1,372.37

Amount in Savings \$2,942.28

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Longworth, treasurer

Here is a list of the members who said they would talk about their favorite orchid...about five minutes.

March..Shirley

April..

May..Deb Longworth

June..Nancy Monsma

July

Aug.
Sept..Ann Kuntz
Oct..Rick Rydzynski
Nov..Show
Dec..Party

Refreshments

March Sherry

April Katie

May Deb

June

July

August

September Rick & Vicky

October Sylvia

November Show

December