

MOS

Official Newsletter of the Michiana Orchid Society

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MOS MAY MEETING AT FERNWOOD!

The May 13, 2006, meeting of the Michiana Orchid Society will be held at Fernwood Botanic Gardens in Niles, Michigan. The meeting will begin at 1:30 Eastern Daylight Time with Co-President John Bannow presiding. Deb Longworth will give a presentation on her trip to Ecuador for the First Annual Conference on Andean Orchids.

In preparation for our meeting at Fernwood, MOS members will meet on Friday, May 12, to set up an orchid display and educational exhibit for the public. Set-up will begin at 10:00 on Friday, with members bringing plants for the display. Please bring your blooming orchids plus some foliage plants to enhance our exhibit. Take-down of the exhibit will be on Sunday, May 14, at 4:00.

THREE RIVERS ORCHID SHOW MAY 6-7 IN FORT WAYNE

The last show of our spring show season will be in Fort Wayne, Indiana, on May 6-7. Deb, Sylvia and Sandy will set up the Michiana Orchid Society display on Friday, May 5, and stay for judging on Saturday morning. Ron and Katie will travel to the show site on Sunday to see the show and take down our exhibit.

Members who have plants for our display, or arrangements, photos or other artwork to exhibit, should contact Deb, Sylvia or Sandy before Thursday, May 4. Let's make this last exhibit one of our best!

MORE PAPHS AND PHRAGS! GLJC MAY SEMINAR MAY 20-21

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 at sohlund@csinet.net or call (219) 778-4457.

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?
THE INDIANA STATE FAIR
WILL HAVE AN AOS JUDGED ORCHID SHOW!

And Michiana Orchid Society will be part of it! Deb Longworth is our liaison with the Central Indiana Orchid Society in planning this new event. Deb visited the orchid show at the State Fair last summer, and became interested in participating in this state-wide orchid event. This year the show will have American Orchid Society judging, and MOS will have an exhibit at the show. Dates for the orchid show are August 10-13, with set-up early on August 10, and judging that same evening. Our participation and donation to this event will give us free passes to the State Fair for those who set up and take down our display. More information will be announced as it becomes available.

This is an exciting opportunity to do something different in the summer. Let's get together and make the trip down to Indy to set up a display and

enjoy the fair. Tell your plants that they no longer have the summer off--- they need to bloom in mid-August, too!

COMING UP...

May 6-7: Three Rivers Orchid Society Show, Ft. Wayne, IN

August 10-13: Indiana State Fair Orchid Show, Indianapolis, IN

PLANNING 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

YOU ARE INVITED

5th Annual

HIPPS HOLLOW PLANT SWAP

Saturday, May 27, 2006, 1pm to Whenever

Rain Date—Sunday, May 28, 2pm

At the home of Henry & Sherry Burtchett

55677 60th Ave, Lawrence, Michigan, 49064

Hipps Hollow Plant Swap has moved to 55677 60th Ave, Lawrence, Mi 49064, but since 60th Ave is not nearly as cool as Hipps Hollow, we are keeping the name.

YES, we are having the Plant Swap at our new place this year. We cant let this great experience NOT HAPPEN, especially since I need lots of plants for my new yard. Henry & I have been working hard to get it as presentable as possible, but bear in mind, we are a work in progress.

This is an idea I read about in one of my gardening magazines & thought it would be a great thing for all of us gardening enthusiasts.....

Do you have some perennials that you need to divide? Are you growing some special or rare annuals, or other plants from seed? Do you have some Black Raspberry canes, or other type veggies or fruits to share? Might you have some extra little shrub or tree seedlings coming up somewhere that you don't want, or some Dahlia bulbs, etc, etc, etc? Well.....wouldn't it be a good thing to bring those extras here to our place on this day, along with some other gardeners, and swap for some Exciting NEW plants that you don't have???????? In the past 4 Swaps, I have gotten lots of really unusual and interesting new plants that I did not have before, and gotten new homes for my extra plants, for someone else to enjoy.

With everyone's busy schedule, it is very difficult to pick a day that works for everyone, and we have picked May 27th for this year, which is Memorial Day Week-end. I hope this works for most, as I want everyone to come.

Of course, every year we hope for good weather, but take note of the Rain Date, the next day at 2pm. If you are coming from a distance, feel free to call if you have concerns about the weather, sometimes, it may be raining where you are, but not here.

This is coming to you now, 4 weeks before the Swap, so you will have time to be digging, dividing, deciding, and potting up those extras.

HOW IT WORKS

Bring any amount of potted up, or bare root plants that you want to trade, I won't have as much this year, because of the move, but, I have already been digging up, I usually pot up mine, because I am getting plants out way ahead, but some people bring bare roots, that they have dug that day. Some people bring a few plants, some people bring a truck load. You are welcome with any amount.

You should have your plants here NO LATER THAN 1pm, as you can see, if you are late with your plants, you might have less to choose from & others won't get to choose from yours.

When you arrive with your plants, we will give you an area to unload, then, you can go about looking at all the other offerings, and start picking some new plants to take home.

A FEW SUGGESTIONS

If possible, it would probably be good to bring more than one of a variety, in case more than one person would like it. Label your plants with at least NAME of plant, and any other info that you are inclined to supply, such as color, height, spread, sun, shade, etc. (old mini-blinds cut up make wonderful labels) Most people have just put the name on, and that is fine.

MORE INFORMATION E-mail hsburtchett@cybersol.com

If you need any other info, call or E-mail (269) 674-8984 Sherry's Cell (269) 921-3959

We plan to serve Ice Tea, Lemonade, and Cookies this day, and I would love to show you my gardens, such as they are, so far. I know we will all have a FUN day.

If you know of any other gardeners, that I may not know, please invite them, the more the merrier, (and more plants)

For anyone newer to gardening, who may not have plants yet to share, us, more experienced gardeners are always willing to share, so come anyway, there was lots left over in the years past. After the Swap, I, then, call gardeners that could not make the Swap, and they come & get some plants, so keep that in mind, if this date does not work for you, give me a call after the swap.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL HERE WITH LOTS OF PLANTS

YOUR GARDENING FRIEND—SHERRY BURTCHETT

HERE ARE SOME THINGS I KNOW WILL BE HERE

Black Eyed Susan—Sedum—Ornamental Grasses—Ground Covers—Trees—Yarrow
Hens & Chicks—Devils Pokers—Hostas—Bearded Iris (3 sizes)—Day Lily—Different
Herbs, Mums, Bears Breaches, Plumb Poppy, Siberian Iris, and LOTS LOTS MORE

DIRECTIONS: Get off I-94 at the Hartford exit 46, between Benton Harbor &

Kalamazoo, go right, north, into Hartford to the light, this is Red Arrow, go right, East to Van Buren County Fairgrounds on right, 681 crosses after fairgrounds, go right, South to

60th Ave, go left, East 1.1 mile to our house on the South side of Rd in middle of Apple orchard. Clay color, with Red Shutters

Minutes from April

The April 8, 2006 meeting at the River Park Branch Library was called to order at 1:40 by President Sandy Ohlund. We welcomed new members and guests that included Bruce and Skye Critchlow, John and Kathryn Stafford, Velma Krupnik, Joe Heckman, Christine Chen, and Brenda Cochran.

Ron and Katie reported on the recent orchid show at Glendale Mall, Indianapolis. They and Brittany set up the MOS exhibit which won an award! Deb, Sylvia and Sandy also enjoyed the weekend at the show. Our plants that Ron and Katie took down won 25 ribbons.

Next show is Three Rivers Orchid Society in Ft. Wayne on May 6 and 7. Sandy, Deb and Sylvia will set up on that Friday. Ron and Katie will take down on Sunday.

An Orchid Show is being planned during the Indiana State Fair in August. Deb attended a recent meeting in the Indiana Orchid Societies and plans are to set up Thursday, August 10 with ribbon judging that evening. Take down will be Sunday, August 13 at 7:00 pm when the fair closes. Six entry passes with parking permits will be available for those assisting. This will be mainly an educational display to inform the public about orchid societies in the state. There will be no orchid sales.

Deb made a motion to donate \$50.00 from MOS to the Orchid Societies of Indiana to aid with expenses of the orchid display at the Indiana State Fair. It was seconded by Shirley, and all present were in favor of this donation.

Bring and Brag brought forth lovely blooms by Sylvia Groat, John Bannow, Skye Critchlow, Bruce Critchlow, Sherry Burtchett, Harry Moskowitz, Lynda Pelkey, and Rick Hendrickson.

We adjourned for refreshments, then Katie Payeur presented the program on Mounting Orchids. Katie says her experience in mounting orchids in only 8 months after being inspired by Walt Flisnik of Green Acres Orchids. She gave a very complete demonstration of mounting including different mounting surfaces, sterilizing tools, and straightening wire. Katie added suggestions and little "tricks" she has developed that make it easier for someone who has less strength than Walt accomplish the same artistic results. Katie also prepared a two page handout listing equipment, supplies and further ideas for mounting orchids. We further adjourned at 3:45.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

MAY 4, 2006

Beginning Balance, corrected from the April report \$1,287.37

Income--Dues \$45.00

Expenses

Show travel \$50.00

Donation, Indiana State Fair Orchid show \$50.00

AOS, Awards Quarterly, 2 years \$76.00
Total Expenses \$176.00
Ending Balance \$1,156.37
Amount in Savings \$2,943.38
Respectfully submitted,
Deb Longworth, treasurer

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The following joined Michiana Orchid Society in April. It is great to have new faces, welcome!

Bruce Critchlow & Skye Critchlow
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Velma Krupnik
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INDIANA STATE FAIR, AUGUST 10-13

Last month, Deb passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help at the orchid show during the state fair. There will be 5 societies and about 3 commercial growers participating with exhibits. Set up will be Thursday from 6 a.m. until 3 p.m. Registration closes at 2 p.m. Ribbon judging will be from 4:00 to ~5:30 p.m. with AOS judging (it has been approved!) after dinner from 6:30 to 9 p.m. as needed. Representatives of the participants will staff the information table during the exhibit dates. Volunteer to spread good information about orchids during a 3 hour shift one of the days of the show. Shifts will be 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., 1 to 4, and 7 to 10 each day. Tear down is at 9:00 p.m. on Sunday. The sign-up sheet will go around at the May meeting, names need to be into the State Fair committee by June. Come and enjoy the company of other members throughout the state.

People who will speak about their favorite orchids (about 5 minutes)

May..Deb Longworth
June..Nancy Monsma
July
Aug.
Sept..Ann Kuntz
Oct..Rick Rydzynski
Nov..Show
Dec..Party

Refreshments

April Katie

May Deb

June

July

August

September Rick & Vicky
October Sylvia
November Show
December