



# The Mid-American

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## REPORT TO MID-AMERICA AFFILIATED SOCIETIES MID-AMERICA ORCHID CONGRESS COLUMBUS, OH, MARCH 28-29, 2009

The Spring 2009 Mid-America Orchid Congress was held March 28-29, 2009, at the Columbus Airport Marriott Hotel in Columbus, Ohio, hosted by the Central Ohio Orchid Society. This Congress celebrated the golden anniversary of both the Mid-America Orchid Congress and the host society, which provided to the approximately 80 registrants a weekend of nationally recognized speakers, award-winning plants and gracious hospitality. Speakers included: Paul Storm, Sarasota, Florida - "Laelias, Schomburgkias, Myrmercophilas and Their Hybrids; Dr. Cassio van den Berg, Bahia, Brazil "Recent Taxonomic Developments in the Cattleya Group"; Howard Bronstein – "The New AQ: Present & Future"; Norris Williams, University of Florida, "Molecular Systematics in Oncidiinae, and Mark Sullivan – "The Orchid Conservation Coalition: A New Paradigm for Conservation."

Jan Yates chaired the 33 judges in eight teams as they evaluated the 410 entries in 24 exhibits. The judges awarded the AOS Show Trophy to the exhibit put in by the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society. Twenty-six orchids were evaluated for AOS awards and the following eight received them:

1. Cymbidium Nancy Miyamoto 'New Vision Orchids' (George Formby x Vogelsang) AM/AOS 83 pts, New Vision Orchids (Yorktown, IN)
2. Doritaenopsis Mount Lip 'Gladys' (Phal. South Cha-Li x Dtps. Mount Beauty)

AM/AOS 80 pts, Tom Pat Stinson (N. Gilead, OH) The owners write: "Yes, it is true. Both plants were on their way to the compost pile. Our son is a grower for a large company which has several garden centers. They ship in orchids for their retail stores. If plants finish blooming or become damaged, they are sent back to the growing facility to be added to the compost pile. They know we grow orchids, so allow our son to pick through them before they are discarded. Everyone has really gotten a kick out of these plants being awarded. It is the first time the Fred's Ghost has bloomed for us and the second year the Mt Lip has bloomed since we have had it. We were thrilled that they were pulled, never dreamed that they would be awarded. One man's trash is another man's treasure! Thanks" Tom and Pat Stinson

3. Doritaenopsis (Sogo Dove x World Class) 'Festival' HCC/AOS 76 pts, Stones River Orchids (Franklin, TN)
4. Odontioda San Damiano Dugger 'New Vision Orchids' (Odm. Relton x Oda. Robert Dugger) HCC/AOS 78 pts, New Vision Orchids (Yorktown, IN)
5. Odontioda (Horsforth x (Oda. Avimore x Trixon)) 'New Vision Orchids' HCC/AOS 78 pts, New Vision Orchids (Yorktown, IN)
6. Paphiopedilum Fred's Ghost 'Mighty Ducky' (Friedrich von Hayek x Macabre) AM/AOS 84 pts, Tom & Pat Stinson (N. Gilead, OH)
7. Phalaenopsis Maki Watanabe 'Laura' (Romance Miki x Otohime) AM/AOS 82 pts, Stones River Orchids (Franklin, TN)

8. Phragmipedium Peruflora's Cirila Alca "Que Maravilosa" (kovachii x d'allesandroi) HCC/AOS 75 pts, Chuck & Edie Van Dyke (Pittsburgh, PA)

Special Mid-America trophies awarded:

1. Henry C. Holmes Award for the best Oncidium alliance plant: Brassia Rex 'Lexie's Num-Num' owned by Steve Helbling (Cincinnati, OH). This plant was also Best of Show.
2. Fox Valley Cypripedium Alliance Award for the best Cypripedium alliance plant: Paphiopedilum Screaming Eagle owned by Porter's Orchids (Grand Ledge, MI).
3. F. L. Stevenson Pleurothallid Alliance Award for the best Pleurothallid alliance plant: Pleurothallis cypripedioides 'Cottonelle' owned by Windswept in Time Orchids (Cleveland, OH)
4. Myron Banta Award for the best specimen plant: Paphiopedilum Screaming Eagle owned by Porter's Orchids (Grand Ledge, MI)

ACTIONS TAKEN BY MAOC:

- MAOC web-site is being re-designed to comply with current trends, producing an interesting format
- Affiliated Societies Committee extended an invitation to 6 ex-EOC (Eastern Orchid Congress) societies to join MAOC
- Conservation Committee renewed \$400 grant to Cleveland Botanical Garden
- Auction netted \$2784
- Twenty-five percent of auction income will be designated for speakers fund
- Hermann Pigors and Lois Cinert named co-chairs of Show Schedule Committee
- MAOC to donate \$2000 to American Orchid Society at this time of financial challenge

INFORMATION FOR LOCAL MAOC SOCIETIES

- Societies and individuals are asked to contribute unrestricted funds to AOS
- Orchid Conservation Coalition requests local societies contribute 1% of net revenues to the orchid conservation project of their choice

Thirty-three people had a productive discussion on "Selecting Programs" at the Sunday morning AFFILIATED SOCIETIES BREAKFAST:

- Many societies try to tailor their programs to their members' interests.
  - Let members direct choices – provide programs that appeal to everyone
  - Program chairman (frequently Vice-President) or program committee takes responsibility
  - Board chooses speaker a couple of months ahead
  - Select speakers based on information on membership applications (growing conditions, number of plants)
  - Encourage interaction
  - Keep in mind that program(s) affect membership
  - Keep track of programs over a long time to avoid duplication
  - Key is communication with members
- Cost of programs
  - Many (or most) societies have program costs in their budgets
  - Budgeted amounts vary widely (\$50-\$2000)
  - Invite commercial growers to speak and sell plants in lieu of fee (newer members love vendors)
  - Many societies provide dinner for the speaker
  - House speaker in member's home
  - Pay an honorarium
  - Use student judges and area judges—give honorarium to judging center
  - Bring speaker from a distance and share with 2 or 3 other societies
- Program sources
  - Members who have been to other places or meetings
  - Carson Whitlow's website, [www.orchidmall.com](http://www.orchidmall.com)
  - New AOS directory, available on CD and in paper

- MAOC website, [www.midamericanorchid.org](http://www.midamericanorchid.org)

● How have you filled in when a speaker is unavailable or a scheduled speaker must cancel?

- Member panel on how to build greenhouses
- Member panel on how to grow specific genera
- Members do short talks or Q&A sessions in break-out format
- Use “show and tell” table and have judges talk about plants from judging standpoint
- Member demonstrate how to build an exhibit
- Member talk about an article of interest
- Member made photo equipment from household materials to improve home orchid photos
- Have mini-class before regular society meeting
- Compare AOS judging vs ribbon judging at shows vs ribbon judging at meetings
- Compare OrchidWiz with Wildcatt with AQ Plus

● Recommended speakers

- Entomologist from Michigan State University (Rachel Olson) on pollination and orchids
  - Leo Schordje (Chicago) on Phrags
- Howard Ginsberg (Montreal) on Phals
- Ernie Gemeinhart (Chicago judging center) on slipper orchids
- Tom Harper (Nashville) on how to stake a plant
- Ken Cameron (University of Wisconsin) on taxonomy
- Erich Michel (Indianapolis)

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Plan to attend the next Mid-America Orchid Congress, October 30-November 1, 2009, in Franklin, TN. The topic of the Affiliated Societies Breakfast will be “Creative Approaches to Local Orchid Shows.”

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**NEWS FROM THE SHOW SCHEDULE COMMITTEE**

The Mid-America Orchid Congress SHOW SCHEDULE COMMITTEE was enlarged by two new members at the Columbus, Ohio Congress meetings. Co-chairing the committee of seven are: Hermann Pigors and Lois Cinert of the Chicago area. Stephen Benjamin of Kentucky, Tom Harper of Tennessee, Barbara Nuernberger of Ohio, and Dr. Tom Ott and Dr. Craig Plahn of St. Louis are the other members. Barbara Nuernberger has agreed to continue the show entry analysis, which is a vital tool for future revisions of classes. Please send your class entry numbers after each show to her: 27 Colony Drive, Oberlin, OH. 44074-1418 or [bnuernberger@oberlin.net](mailto:bnuernberger@oberlin.net).

Dr. Ott has agreed to continue the mailing of show entry tags as before. (22 Algonquin Lane, St. Louis, MO. 63119 or [maryott@swbell.net](mailto:maryott@swbell.net) or 314-961-3088)

The Committee plans to meet at the Fall Mid-America Congress in Franklin TN to consider possible schedule adjustments and any input received by that time. Please forward any suggestions for improvement to Hermann Pigors at: [pigors@juno.com](mailto:pigors@juno.com).



# TENNESSEE CAPITAL ORCHID SHOW AND 50<sup>TH</sup>

## ANNIVERSARY MID-AMERICA ORCHID CONGRESS

Dear Orchid Friends,

The Orchid Society of Middle Tennessee would like to invite you to participate in our fall 2009 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mid-America Orchid Congress show and sale. The show will be held at the Franklin Marriott Cool Springs in Franklin, TN on October 30 – November 1, 2009. This will be an AOS sanctioned show.

The Franklin Marriott has provided us with a special room rate of \$119.00 per night. Hotel reservations can be made by calling 1-888-403-6772. Be sure to mention the MAOC when calling to insure you receive our discounted room rate. Reservations can be made online by visiting the OSMT website at [www.tnorchid.com](http://www.tnorchid.com) and following the link provided.

Friday, October 30: Show set-up will start at 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Plant registration will be open until 7:00 p.m. The vending area will be open for sales from 12:00 - 6:00 p.m. MAOC committee meetings will be held from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. The Preview Party will be held from 9:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 31: Judges and clerks breakfast will be held from 7:00 - 8:00 a.m., with ribbon judging to follow. Upon completion of the ribbon judging (approximately 12:00 p.m.) the exhibits will be opened to the public. Judges and clerks luncheon will be from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Vending area will be open from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. The banquet will be from 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. The Saturday lecture schedule and program topics will be posted at a later date, please visit our website often for updated information.

Sunday, November 1: MAOC Affiliated Societies breakfast will be from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Exhibit and sale areas will be open to the public from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Show co-chairs for this event are Tom Harper and Steve Burger.

We are very excited to be hosting this 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event, and look forward sharing the experience with all our fellow orchid enthusiasts.

Sincerely,

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Editor's note: The Orchid Society of Middle Tennessee is one of the eight founding societies of the Mid-America Orchid Congress, founded in October, 1959 – 50 years ago.

### CALLING ALL SOCIETY TREASURERS!

Your Editor received an inquiry from one of our member societies about good software for a society treasurer to maintain the society's financial data; I have received the following responses so far. There is still time! If you will send me information on the financial software you use and how well it works for you, I will publish the information for all of us to benefit from.

Paul Bujak writes: "I use *Quicken* for keeping the Greater Akron Orchid Society's financial information. I find this a good way to track all income and expense categories. I also use it for my personal finances."

From Beth Engle of the Illinois Orchid Society: "I have been the treasurer of the IOS for a couple of years. I use both Microsoft Money and Excel in keeping track of the IOS accounts and for reporting. I like the reports I can get out of Money, though I admit I haven't tried any other software. I use for the IOS what I use for my personal accounts."

The Mid-America Orchid Congress Treasurer Jan Yates says: "I use Quicken Deluxe – there is a Quicken version for businesses and non-profits but it has features that the MAOC would not need because we do not have employees and it is significantly more expensive. MAOC finances are pretty simple so this version of Quicken works fine."

I am Treasurer for the Greater Lansing Orchid Society and also the Great Lakes Judging Center headquartered in Ann Arbor, MI. I use an old DOS-based relational database manager called Ultra-Plus (earlier versions were called Nutshell, which is what I tend to call it still). Ultra-Plus was marketed by Fairhaven Software, Inc. and has been a real workhorse for me. However, I know one of these days it will self-destruct and it is no longer sold. At that point, I, too, will need the information in this article to move to something new. Doris Asher

**MINUTES APPROVED**

These are the official minutes of the Fall Business Meeting held in Mason, OH, and approved March 29, 2009, in Columbus, OH.

**MINUTES  
of the  
MID-AMERICA ORCHID CONGRESS**

**2008 Fall Meeting**

**September 7, 2008**

**Call to order/ opening remarks/President's Report --** President Mark van der Woerd  
9:12 a.m., King's Island Resort and Conference Center, Mason, OH.

- Mark van der Woerd opened the meeting by thanking the members of the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society and the Miami Valley Orchid Society for inviting the Congress and for doing such a wonderful job in hosting the Mid-America
- He noted as one benefit to a society of hosting the Congress is having the high

quality of the lecture program, with guest speakers such as Dr Oakeley from the UK.

- Mark asked for a moment of silence in the memory of long-time Mid-America supporter Margaret Brown, who passed away May 10, 2008
- He invited people to talk with him about the possibility of hosting future meetings as we have no hosts after 2009

**Roll Call --** Secretary Doris Asher called the roll:

**PRESENT**

- |                                   |                                       |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Alabama Orchid Society            | Kentucky Orchid Society               |
| Ann Arbor Orchid Society          | Miami Valley Orchid Society           |
| Atlanta Orchid Society            | Michiana Orchid Society               |
| Batavia Orchid Society            | Michigan Orchid Society               |
| Blackhawk Orchid Society          | Northeast Alabama Orchid Society      |
| Blue Grass Orchid Society         | Orchid Growers Guild Inc of Madison   |
| Central Kentucky Orchid Society   | Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City |
| Central Ohio Orchid Society       | Orchid Society of Middle Tennessee    |
| Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society | Orchid Society of Minnesota           |
| Greater Lansing Orchid Society    | Peoria Orchid Society                 |
| Greater Omaha Orchid Society      | Prairie State Orchid Society          |
| Heart of Dixie Orchid Society     | South Metro Orchid Society            |
| Illinois Orchid Society           | Wisconsin Orchid Society              |

**ABSENT**

- |                                |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Central Indiana Orchid Society | London Orchid Society                       |
| Central Iowa Orchid Society    | Memphis Orchid Society                      |
| Central Ontario Orchid Society | Northeastern Wisconsin Orchid Society       |
| Eastern Iowa Orchid Society    | Northwestern Michigan Orchid Society        |
| Grand Valley Orchid Society    | Orchid Society of Greater St Louis          |
| Greater Akron Orchid           | Orchid Society of the Royal Botanic Gardens |
|                                | Saginaw Valley Orchid                       |



Society	Society
Greater Cleveland	Smoky Mountain Orchid
Orchid Society	Society
Greater Pensacola	South Mississippi
Orchid Society	Orchid Society
Greater Toledo Orchid	Springfield Orchid
Society	Society
Illowa Orchid Society	Three Rivers Orchid
Kingwood Orchid	Society
Society	West Shore Orchid
Lincoln Orchid Society	Society of Northern
Little Egypt Orchid	Ohio
Society	Windsor Orchid Society

**Minutes** of the Business Meeting, Troy, MI, March 16, 2008, approved as distributed.

**Treasurer's Report** – Jan Yates

For the year 2008 through August 31:

- Income -- \$6,682  
Major items:
  - Auction income: \$1,656
  - Registration from Troy mtg: \$2,418
  - Dues: \$1,210
  - Interest: \$743
- Expenses -- \$6,355  
Major items:
  - Troy mtg: \$2,910
  - Loan of seed money: \$2,500
  - Trophies: \$397

Ending balance (both restricted and unrestricted funds): \$59,976.09

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report – passed.

**Membership Report** – Jan Yates

- Missouri Orchid Society has disbanded
- Southern Ontario Orchid Society has officially withdrawn from the Congress
- Lafayette Orchid Society may have disbanded

Motion to accept Membership Report – passed

**Committee Reports**

- **Affiliated Societies** – Doris Asher, Committee Member

The Affiliated Societies Committee met on Friday, September 5, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. at the

King's Island Resort and Conference Center, Mason, OH. with four members of the committee, Doris Asher, Roberta Ginavan, Doug Hartong, and Judith Rapacz, present. Committee Chair Mary Beth Mansour could not attend.

The topic for the breakfast meeting in Columbus was chosen: "Selecting Programs".

The Affiliated Society Breakfast was held on Sunday, September 6, 2008, with forty people in attendance. The topic "Compensating Speakers" generated a good discussion with both speakers and program chairs presenting points of view and suggestions. As with so many areas of society life, communication is key. Details of the discussion will be included in the Affiliated Societies Committee report to societies.

Motion to accept Affiliated Societies Committee report – passed

- **AOS Liaison** – Doris Asher, Liaison

The American Orchid Society met in Miami, FL, January 20-21, just prior to the convening of the 19th World Orchid Conference, and I reported on happenings there when I addressed the Congress at our meeting in Troy back in March of this year. The Society has not met since our Troy session and does not meet again until next month at Longwood Gardens, PA/Wilmington, DE.

Some developments in the AOS, which may be of interest to you.

1. The AOS is offering affiliated societies the opportunity to advertise their shows and other events at 50% discount on display advertising in Orchids magazine.

2. A task force of the Judging Committee will be leading a discussion of their recent recommendations on judging ethics at the Judges Forum during the upcoming Fall Meeting at Longwood Gardens, PA.

3. The AOS has established a Public Garden Committee to nurture the development of its botanical garden at Headquarters in Delray Beach, FL. The group is in the process of drafting recommendations for the future of the garden.

4. There are two new AOS conservation grants: one to survey the flora of three areas in Gabon in Central Africa – this is a collaborative effort between the Missouri Botanical Garden and scientists from the National Herbarium of Gabon. A second grant will support development of an integrated plan to identify and meet orchid conservation needs of the Cabo Corrientes region of Mexico. The area is home to such species as *L speciosa*, *L autumnalis*, *L crawshayana*, *Encyclia adenocaula*, *Encyclia kennedyi* and *Prosthechea trulla*. This work is a collaborative effort sponsored by the Vallarta Botanical Garden in Mexico.

5. The AOS Board of Trustees has completed a series of four retreats undertaking an ambitious self-assessment and developing a five-year strategy including rewriting the bylaws, developing a new set of governance rules, a definition of the board structure, a complete reorganization of the standing committees and a restructure of the staff. We anticipate a report on this endeavor when we meet at Longwood Gardens in a month's time.

Motion to accept AOS Liaison report – passed

- **Annual Meeting** – Tim Brooks, Chair
  - Committee has received no invitations beyond the year 2009
  - Tim invited societies to call on him for advice or assistance re hosting a future Congress

SCHEDULE FOR FUTURE MID-AMERICA ORCHID CONGRESS MEETINGS  
As of September 7, 2008

Meeting Location	Dates	Host
Spring 2009	Columbus, OH March 28-29	Central Ohio Orchid Society
Fall 2009	Franklin, TN October 31- November 1	Orchid Society of Middle Tennessee

All Spring and Fall dates 2010 on are open.

Motion to accept Annual Meeting Committee report – passed

- **Awards** – Christine Chowning, Chair.
  1. Mid-America Perpetual Trophy for the most outstanding exhibit by an affiliated society: Miami Valley Orchid Society. This exhibit was designed and installed by Eric Sauer with help from Society members; also awarded the AOS Gold Certificate (91 points)
  2. Clifford and Vivian Walters Award for the best oncidium alliance plant: *Psychopsis Mendenhall* 'Hildos' FCC/AOS owned by Dr. Malcolm Siegel of the Central Kentucky Orchid Society, Lexington, KY
  3. Memoria Raymond McCullough award for the best epidendrum/encyclia: *Encyclia phoenicea* owned by Tom and Pat Stivers of the Central Ohio Orchid Society
  4. Christine M. Chowning Angraecoid Award for the best angraecoid species: *Angraecum distichum* owned by Dr. Malcolm Siegel of the Central Kentucky Orchid Society, Lexington, KY

Christine reported that she has only one more of the Raymond McCullough trophies remaining. She has been told that the manufacturer has gone out of business; she needs to ask the Michigan Orchid Society how they want to proceed.

Motion to accept Awards Committee report – passed

- **Budget** – Jan Yates, Treasurer
  - 2009 Budget similar to 2008 Budget
  - Income -- \$9,000
    - Expecting income from two auctions
    - Expecting some donations because of Congress's new 501(c)3 status
  - Expenses -- \$6,775
    - Two issues of The Mid-American -- \$2,000 for copying/postage
    - Conservation grants

- Revamping the web site -- \$1,000

Motion to accept 2009 Budget – passed

Tim Brooks reminded people that many employers are interested in providing matching funds for donations to 501(c)3 organizations and urged us to take advantage of that if we work for such a company. Tim would like to have more funds available to help underwrite the cost of speakers.

- **Communications** – Mark van der Woerd
  - MAOC web site
    - Executive Committee has approved the complete overhaul of the web site
    - To be developed and maintained by commercial firm
    - They need content from us
  - The Mid-American
    - Doris Asher will assume the role of Editor
    - She welcomes/needs input/ideas/articles!
- **Conservation** – Doug Martin, Member of Committee
  - Committee meeting -- Glenn Evans, Robert Lewis, and Ken Mettler attended.
  - Received a request for donation from American Orchid Society to support conservation; Committee members were unanimous in their opinion that, while the AOS conservation efforts are worthwhile, MAOC has its own conservation program which addresses different needs; therefore, recommends that we do not contribute to the AOS at this time
  - Considered the three conservation grant requests received
    - Recommends renewal of support to Marjorie McNeely Conservatory, St. Paul, MN, and to the Wheeler Orchid Collection and Species Bank, Muncie, IN

- New grant request from Blue Grass Orchid Society – purchase plants for the installation of a Hardy Orchid Garden at The Arboretum, State Botanical Garden of Kentucky, located in Lexington on the grounds of the University of Kentucky – Society to match MAOC funds
  - Recommends \$400 each to these three projects from its 2008 funds
  - Requests approval to award the remaining budgeted funds (\$1,300) at their discretion before the end of the fiscal year

Motion to accept Conservation Committee report – passed

- **Constitution & Bylaws** – Lowell Jacks, Chair – no report at this time
- **Education & Research** – no report at this time
  - Marks seeks a Chair
  - What direction for the Committee?
- **Historical** – Lois Holmes, Chair
  - Lois told amusing stories of activities behind the scenes in early shows associated with the Mid-America Orchid Congress – stories concerning trees
    - A blue ribbon winning exhibit by the Orchid Society of Minnesota in St Louis, which featured three large trees/logs
    - Same three logs were featured in an exhibit at Friendly Third Bank in Nashville – much discussion/argument concerning appropriate floor covering – again, a blue ribbon
    - Tree used again for the third time when they rented a truck to take the tree to the Chicago Show at a cost of \$500
  - Foolishness in early Mid-Americas
    - After complaining that she had never won a door prize, Lois won a full-size door as a door prize – Cliff Walters drove it home for her



- Lois then used her prize in a subsequent exhibit where she featured one specimen plant on a privy behind her door

Motion to accept Historical Committee report – passed

- **Orchidist-of-the-Year** – Steve Ryan, Chair
  - Committee consists of Steve Ryan, Doris Asher and Lois Holmes
  - 2008 Orchidist-of-the-Year is Mary Beth Mansour – cited for her years of dedicated, effective work on the Affiliated Societies Committee; for her enthusiasm and zeal on behalf of the Mid-America Orchid Congress – she is single-handedly responsible for the recruiting eight new societies to the Congress plus coaxing a society to rejoin after several years; has worked on this Committee since 1991, serving as its Chair since 2006
  - Doris to ship Mary Beth her Orchidist-of-the-Year trophy, as Mary Beth was unable to attend due to pre-scheduled family vacation

Motion to accept Orchidist of the Year Committee report – passed

- **Show Schedule** – Mark read the report from Chair Tom Ott, as he could not attend the Meeting
  - Separate the Show Schedule from the Annual Meeting document and to make both available via the web site.
  - The Committee accumulated and reviewed data from 35 Mid-America shows over the past 3 years.
  - Recommends the following changes:
    - Combine (10) Epidendrum and (11) encyclia species.
    - Combine the (13) Epidendrum and Encyclia intergenerics with their (12) hybrids.
    - Try to reduce the huge numbers in (2) Lavender/Mauve and (23) Yellow/Orange Cattleyas by

creating separate classes of “large” (8 cm or more) and “small” (up to 8 cm) flowers within each of these two color groups.

- Eliminate (24) Green Cattleyas, which will go into Other Colors, by default.
- Combine (16) Laelias and (17) Sophronitis.
- Alter the second Paph Class (30) to include species with two or more flowers when mature.
- Create new two subcategories of (63) White Phals with markings and (70) Yellow Phals with markings for white Harlequin and yellow Harlequin Phalaenopsis.
- Combine the two white multifloral Phal classes (64 & 65) (markings and no markings).
- Eliminate the Phal intergenerics (76) – they go into Class 69 with Vanda species, hybrids & intergenerics.
- Change the sequence to put Phals before the rest of the Vandaceous Alliance.
- Combine (55) Renanthera and (47) Aerides
- Put (56) Vanda species into the same class with their allied hybrids and intergenerics.
- Put all Tolumnias (83,84, & 85) into one class
- Combine Miltonia/Miltoniopsis hybrids (79) and species (78).
- Combine (87) Odontoglossum species with their (88) hybrids and intergenerics.
- Put (90) Cymbidium species in with their allied genera species (93), hybrids & intergenerics.
- Combine (101,102) Masdevallias with (103) Draculas in both their species and hybrid classes.
- Divide the class with the largest volume of entries – (111 – Orchids not covered elsewhere), into two new classes: (98 – species not covered elsewhere and 99 – hybrids not covered elsewhere) – until we can get additional data on the

numbers of the various orchids which are typically entered into this group.

- Split photographs into color and black-and-white, by adding a subcategory.
- Send data on numbers of entries in each class to Committee member Barbara Nuernberger, 27 Colony Dr, Oberlin OH 44074. In addition, please tell her species and #'s of them registered in class # 111 (Species, hybrids, and intergenerics not covered elsewhere)
- To be issued simultaneously with the revised Mid-America Orchid Classification prepared by Lowell Jacks – January 1, 2009.
- Delegates were reminded that individual shows are welcome to modify the Schedule to meet their individual needs, so long as they do not change the numbering sequence; they can add classes by using decimals
- Secretary to apprise the Judging Center chairs of the revision of the Show Schedule and to ask their assistance in informing local societies of its existence

Motion to accept Show Schedule Committee report – passed

- **Ways & Means** – Roberta Ginavan, Chair

The chairman reported MAOC was privileged to have secured the services of the widely traveled, and well-recognized antique experts, the M & M Auction team (Doug Martin and Karen McBride) to call the MAOC auction. We thank them for their services. As a result of their outstanding work, the Saturday night auction brought in \$3,548, which, we are told, is the second highest auction total in recent MAOC history.

The Chair also recognized individuals who donated items for the auction as well as bidders who opened their pocket books. Without these folks, the auction could not have been so successful. A T-shirt with a Marion Sheehan logo

was awarded to Pat June, the biggest spender at the auction.

Revisions to accommodate 501(c)(3) record-keeping have been instituted, leading to changes in clerking duties. The Chair thanked the auction clerks, Jan Yates, Lois Holmes, Aileen Garrison and Pat Cleveland, for making the changes work smoothly. With the 501(c)(3) tax recognition, donors may use the value of items donated as tax deductions. The Committee requests that donors include their name, address and item value on each item donated to assist the Committee in completing pre-auction paperwork (a sticky note attached to item is fine). Bidders may claim the positive difference between the declared value of an item and the purchase price. Donors receive a pink receipt for the donation while buyers receive a yellow receipt for the purchase.

Motion to accept Ways & Means Committee report – passed

- **Technology** – Mark will be establishing this new Committee; one of its charges will be to look into electronic registration for shows as a service to member societies
- **Nominating** – Beth Martin, Chair
  - Committee consisted of Tim Brooks, Pat Cleveland, and at-large members Roberta Ginavan and Pat June
  - Presented slate for 2009:

President – Mark van der Woerd  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Karen McBride  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Aileen Garrison  
Secretary – Lois Cinert  
Treasurer – Jan Yates

Motion to accept slate by unanimous vote – passed

**Adjournment** -- 11:03 a.m.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Doris H. Asher, Secretary

## HELPFUL INFORMATION FROM MAOC

Next up – for your calendar – October 30 – November 1, 2009

The Orchid Society of Middle Tennessee invites you to the Tennessee Capital Orchid Show and the Fall 2009 Meeting of the Mid-America Orchid Congress. More information: [www.tnorchid.com](http://www.tnorchid.com) or Steve Burger, Co-Chair ([gandsgh@blomand.net](mailto:gandsgh@blomand.net)) and Tom Harper, Co-Chair ([harper\\_sro@bellsouth.net](mailto:harper_sro@bellsouth.net))

The year 2009 is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mid-America Orchid Congress

Show Schedule Committee still needs data on the number of entries in each class – send to Barbara Nuernberger, 27 Colony Dr., Oberlin, OH 44074; ([bnuernberger@oberlin.net](mailto:bnuernberger@oberlin.net))

Need Mid-America entry tags for registration of plants and exhibits at your Show?

Order from Tom Ott  
22 Algonquin Lane  
St. Louis MO 63119  
(314) 961-3088  
[maryott@swbell.net](mailto:maryott@swbell.net)

Send check made payable to MAOC in the amount of \$30.00 for 1000 tags; remember to enclose address to which to send them.

Mid-America Constitution & By-laws is available on the Mid-America website ([www.midamericanorchids.org](http://www.midamericanorchids.org))

The 2009 edition of the Mid-America Show Schedule and the January 2009 edition of the supplemental material edited by Lowell Jacks are all available on the Mid-America website ([www.midamericanorchids.org](http://www.midamericanorchids.org))

For advice or assistance in hosting a future Congress, contact Tim Brooks ([timcbrooks@aol.com](mailto:timcbrooks@aol.com)); 867 Edgewater Dr., Lexington, KY 40502 (859-268-4567))

## MID-AMERICA MEMBER SOCIETIES 2008

Alabama Orchid Society  
Ann Arbor Orchid Society  
Atlanta Orchid Society\*  
Batavia Orchid Society\*  
Blackhawk Orchid Society\*  
Blue Grass Orchid Society\*  
Central Indiana Orchid Society  
Central Iowa Orchid Society\*  
Central Kentucky Orchid Society\*  
Central Missouri Orchid Society  
Central Ohio Orchid Society  
Central Ontario Orchid Society  
Eastern Iowa Orchid Society  
Grand Valley Orchid Society\*  
Greater Akron Orchid Society  
Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society  
Greater Cleveland Orchid Society  
Greater Lansing Orchid Society\*  
Greater Omaha Orchid Society\*  
Greater Pensacola Orchid Society  
Greater Toledo Orchid Society  
Gulf Coast Orchid Society\*  
Heart of Dixie Orchid Society  
Illinois Orchid Society\*  
Illowa Orchid Society\*  
Kentucky Orchid Society\*  
Kingwood Orchid Society  
Lincoln Orchid Society\*  
London Orchid Society  
Memphis Orchid Society  
Miami Valley Orchid Society\*  
Michiana Orchid Society\*  
Michigan Orchid Society  
Northeast Alabama Orchid Society  
Northeastern Wisconsin Orchid Society  
Northwestern Michigan Orchid Society\*  
Orchid Growers Guild Inc. of Madison \*  
Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City

Orchid Society of Greater St. Louis\*  
 Orchid Society of Middle Tennessee\*  
 Orchid Society of Minnesota\*  
 Orchid Society of the Royal Botanic Gardens  
 Peoria Orchid Society  
 Prairie State Orchid Society\*  
 Saginaw Valley Orchid Society\*  
 Smoky Mountain Orchid Society  
 South Metro Orchid Society\*  
 South Mississippi Orchid Society  
 Three Rivers Orchid Society\*  
 West Shore Orchid Society of Northern Ohio  
 Windsor Orchid Society\*  
 Wisconsin Orchid Society\*

\*Renewed for 2009

Note: If your Society is not listed and you believe it is a member, please contact me. I will investigate! Doris Asher

Another note: Congress Treasurer Jan Yates has mailed out dues notices for the 2009 membership year. Please contact her if yours has gone astray. ([jyates11@earthlink.net](mailto:jyates11@earthlink.net))

**FROM YOUR EDITOR**

A hearty “thank you” to my authors in this issue: Hermann Pigors, Mary Beth Mansour, and Roberta Ginavan, and to Dot Potter Barnett for technical assistance.

I welcome your input – suggestions, corrections, and articles to be published are all welcome. I love hearing from readers! Keep those e-mail messages coming!

Contact me if I can help: (I’m a retired librarian – I cannot help myself!)

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PICTURES FROM COLUMBUS (Photos: Lois Cinert)



Left: Beth and Doug Martin at Friday's Preview Party  
 Beneath: Hermann and Dorothy Pigors at Saturday's Banquet

