



# Orchid Society of Minnesota

## Meeting Record and Announcements

### May 2008

## Mounted Orchids: Fact and Fantasy

— with Harry Phillips  
from Andy's Orchids

Harry's talk will be a demonstration and open discussion on the do's and don'ts of growing mounted orchids. Your questions are encouraged, so bring them to the meeting. Harry's talk will cover how to mount, proper watering and everything in between. He will demonstrate how to mount orchids and donate the demonstration plant to the society for more fund raising.

Harry has teamed up with Calwest Tropical Supply to donate a box of orchid supplies to the society !!

Harry Phillips was born in San Diego, California on July 9, 1953. His Father taught him to appreciate plants at an early age. In January of 1963 Harry's brother Andy (of Andy's Orchids fame) was born, and six years later it all started. They were both exposed to exotic plants and flowers at an early age, but when Andy became interested—and latter obsessed—with orchids, Harry somehow resisted becoming involved with them for as long as he could. He assisted Andy in his passion by building his first two green houses. Andy would reward him with a hybrid in bloom, tell him to bring it back when the flowers fell, and exchange it for another one in bloom. This lasted about a year. Then, Harry decided he wanted to keep one and get it to re-bloom. It was the beginning of the end.

In 1986 Harry, with his soon to be wife Leslie, moved with Andy and his orchid collection to Encinitas , California . Constant exposure to Andy's orchids was beginning to have an effect on Harry. Shortly after, Andy left for four months for Costa Rica, and placed Harry in charge of the collection. When Andy returned he found that Harry had not killed too many plants and had managed to become even more addicted. Andy, feeling more confident about leaving his orchid collection under Harry's care, planned a cycling trip through South America. He was gone for two years. After that it was all over for Harry, he was completely addicted to orchids.

Harry assisted Andy part time at the beginnings of Andy's Orchids. For 10 years he held a full-time job to pay the mortgage, finally going full time orchid about 10 years ago. His passion in orchids is in the Genera Sobralia and Elleanthus. But if but you ask him at any particular time of the year which is his favorite orchid, it will most likely be the one or ones in bloom.

He has traveled in Mexico and Ecuador to view orchids in the wild. Harry believes that growing epiphytic orchids the way they grow in nature is best. The orchids seem to agree. He will share with us his experiences with growing mounted orchids, and would like to dispel the fantasy that growing mounted orchids is difficult.

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**Location:** Eisenhower Community Center

1001 Highway 7  
Hopkins MN 55305

**When:** Saturday, May 17, 2008

**Time:** 1:00-3:00 PM

Located 1 mile west of 169 on the north side of Highway 7. The building is the old high school that is now the community center. Our meeting is in the theater and there should be lots of parking. Those traveling from further west can take 494 to highway 7 and then 2 miles east of 494 on Highway 7.

**No member sales this month**

Our speaker will bring plants  
to sell this month

## Orchid Society of Minnesota Officers and Board Members

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### Orchid Society of Minnesota Treasurer's Report for February, 2008

Opening Balance & Total Assets	\$29,735.08
Ending Balance & Total Assets	\$29,251.41

#### Profit & Loss

##### **Income**

Checking Account Interest	.03
Meeting Snack Collection	30.25
Plant Raffle	208.00
Winter Carnival	1,649.19
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,887.47</b>

##### **Expenses**

Chicago Trip (bus down payment)	334.14
Exhibition Committee (AOS and Mid America)	279.85
Library Purchase (books)	339.97
Meeting Room Rental	10.00
Meeting Snacks	83.45
Speaker Expense (Symposium and March meeting)	1,323.73
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,371.14</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$483.67</b>

#### OSM Balance Sheet

##### **Assets**

##### **Current Assets**

US Bank Checking	3,677.29
US Bank CD 6/30/08 (00000373104068490)	18,120.91
US Bank CD 06/07/08 (00000373104114005)	7,453.21
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$29,251.41</b>

**Liabilities & Equity Liabilities** **\$0.00**

**Total Equity** **\$29,251.41**

Prepared by M. Cheleen, Treasurer

### Meeting Minutes — April, 2008

The April 19, 2008 Orchid Society of Minnesota meeting was called to order by President Bob Bulthuis. Four visitors were welcomed and one was given a copy of Orchids magazine. The February Treasurer's Report and March Secretary's Report were approved as published. The monthly drawing for an AOS membership went to Judy Yurkew.

Our Librarians, Tom and Linda Moskalik, reported that they have books on Orchids of Minnesota, Fragrant Orchids, and Miniature Orchids available to check out. Orchids Ltd. has also donated books in memory of Sandy Murphy. Bill and Anna Morrison indicated that they have old copies of Orchids magazines if anyone is interested in looking at them. Lori Benassi announced that the Winter Carnival posters are now available at a discounted price of \$10 and Rick Brink has had one framed to offer in the Plant Raffle. Patricia Hartmann reminded members to pick up their new nametags.

Sarah Tufford announced that the annual bus trip to the Chicagoland Orchid Festival will be September 26, 2008 through September 28, 2008. Registration forms will be available in the May newsletter and will be accepted beginning at the May meeting. Judy Yurkew announced a 14-day tour in February 2009 to Ecuador. The tour will take in the Quito Orchid Show and will conclude with a shopping trip at Ecuagenera.

Michael Dyda announced that today's presentation will be a mock-AOS judging by Kathy Creger, an accredited AOS judge, and Lois Cinnert, a student judge. May's speaker will be Harry Phillips of Andy's Orchids, who will present information on mounting orchids. Michael will be coordinating a group plant order from Andy's, as they are offering a discount as well as free shipping. They will also bring plants to sell. Our June speaker will be Helmut Rohl on oncidiums. The State Fair Show for this year will be co-chaired by Bob Bulthuis and Linda Sizer.

The next board meeting will be May 13, 2008 at the home of Patricia Hartmann. The Plant Table theme for

May is Cinco de Mayo and members are reminded that the May meeting will be at the Eisenhower Community Center in Hopkins.

Respectfully Submitted, Linda Sizer

#### **Highlights from the April OSM Board Meeting**

- Current membership is at 262.
- Current budget status - We are currently ahead in income and slightly behind in expenses.
- State Fair - Bob Bulthuis and Linda Sizer will co-chair this year.
- Orchid Symposium - Bob Bulthuis indicated that the number of attendees has grown each of the 3 years this event has been held, with this year's attendance at over 80. While everything went really well, in 2009 a larger space may be required to allow for more registrants.

#### **The President's Column**

*"He who is born with a silver spoon in his mouth is generally considered a fortunate person, but his good fortune is small compared to that of the happy mortal who enters this world with a passion for flowers in his soul."*

- Celia Thaxter

If you get a chance, check out this month's *Northern Gardener*. There is a fantastic article written about our own Kevin Olson and his passion for his orchids. The article has a photo of Kevin in his basement grow room. His collection is amazing and it is packed with lots of really healthy happy plants! His grow room has all the current technology of the best grow rooms. Kevin mentions the *Orchid Society of Minnesota* in the article and the value in finding a mentor.

Thanks for mentioning us!

Kevin mounts a lot of orchids in a very artistic and beautiful style. Our monthly speaker Harry Phillips from Andy's orchids will discuss mounting orchids and growing them this way. Andy's orchids are great so I encourage you to place an order in advance.

Our friend Carol Siegel of Las Vegas has a fun and interesting article in this season's *Orchid Digest*. She writes about Hot Salep and Frozen Viagra. It is an interesting presentation of native orchids in Turkey that have been used to cure everything including diarrhea, colds, virility and appetite. She ends ..."a

#### **Ads from OSM Members**

*OSM members may place ads of about 30 words in the OSM Newsletter for \$5.00. All ads must be for orchid-related items. Send ad copy and payment to the editor by the 1st day of the month.*

*third of all medicines used today are derived from plants. Salep is an ancient plant cure-all that not only tastes good and nourishes the body and soul, but also keeps one's love life flourishing. No wonder we love orchids."*

Thank you to Bob Walsh for bringing in his blooming amorphophallus (richardsii?) plant at our last meeting. I am really glad that it was past its prime smelly stage. It was really big and still had a strange fragrance. Can you imagine an amorphophallus society and how smelly their plant table contest would be?

I am glad that you have a passion for orchids!

Sincerely, Bob Bulthuis

#### **Note from the editor:**

Again, I'm apologizing.

I'm also making a pitch for e-mail delivery of your OSM newsletter.

The apology is for the fact that those of you who receive this newsletter in paper form didn't get a chance to pre-order from our speaker this month—unless you attended last month's meeting and remembered to give Michael Dyda a call before this coming Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup>.

I did intend to get the newsletter out a week early. It didn't happen. I could blame it on not having some of the columns until mid-week, but I could have bugged the slowpokes. The real reason was that I chose to use the time on work and family. Last weekend, our elder daughter and son-in-law took us to "A Midsummer Night's Dream," including a backstage tour, dinner and a day with her in-laws (a fine, fun couple). It was glorious. You should go. Then, Wednesday evening, my only free night, the other daughter was able to score us tickets for the Robin Williams show. So we went. It was hilarious. Today is Friday and I took the day off to finish the newsletter. Sill, I should have gotten it out earlier. That's why I'm apologizing.

Now for the sales pitch. Those of you who receive the newsletter on line will have time to e-mail or call Michael and get your order in, if you want.

Your copy will also arrive in full color. It won't cost 41-cents to mail, 42-cents next time. (And I won't have to print, fold, address, and stamp it!)

OK, enough for the sales pitch. I know some of you don't have e-mail or are uncomfortable with it. For you, I will try harder next time.

— John Widen, Ed. May 9, 2008

## 2008 Chicago Bus Tour: Sign Up Form

Check the attachment to your newsletter e-mail or look for the extra page in the paper version. You'll find the registration form for the trip to the Chicagoland Orchid Festival.

—Sarah Tufford

## AOS Logo Changes

Even though the AOS has endorsed a new logo, the original one continues to be useful.

When we see the new logo, it reminds us

that the AOS mission statement has three elements or aspects: education, conservation and research.

The new logo's graceful, yet contemporary form translates: "AOS", while the three points of the form represent the three characteristics of the mission.



A Native American kneels and looks at a plant of *Encyclia tempensis* while holding a South American species *Phragmipedium caudatum* with his right hand. (reference AOS 2002-2004 Orchid Source Directory, p.19).



[It] is the original and still official logo that will continue to be used for important documents, including the awards and recognitions issued by the AOS.

—Susan Taylor, *Orchids* Editor,



Andy has offered to give our society a discount on a Group Order. We will be given a discount of 5 - 10% based on the actual total dollar amount of combined orders. Shipping will be FREE courtesy of Andy's Orchids !!!

Email Michael Dyda at michael1027us@yahoo.com with your order by May 11, 2008. To qualify for the group order all orders will need to be placed with Michael.

Visit [www.andysorchids.com](http://www.andysorchids.com) to see the selection of plants available.

Orders will need to include: Item Number, Full name of plant, Quantity of each, Price each, and Total Order.

Once all orders are received we will email you with your adjusted total (discount). Make payment to "OSM".

You can pay for your purchases when you receive your order at the May 17th meeting.

Please contact Michael if you have further questions.

Our society thanks Andy and Harry for their generosity.

—Michael Dyda, 1st Vice President

## AOS Corner: Orchid Trivia

"The earliest record we have of the introduction of a tropical orchid into cultivation is that by Peter Collinson in 1731 who sent a plant of *Bletia verecunda* to Mr. Wager in England, but no record exists of its survival to flowering. The first orchids which we know to have survived, albeit for only a short time, in cultivation are a Vanilla species possibly *Vanilla planifolia* and several *Epidendrum* species recorded by Phillip Miller in the second edition of his *Dictionary of Gardening* (1768)." "Ref.: *The Manual of Cultivated Orchid Species*, Third Edition; Helmut Bechtel, Phillip Cribb, Edmund Launert; 1992; p. 24)

—Melba and Jim Butler, AOS Representatives

**April  
Plant Table Winners  
Photos by  
Aditya Wresniyandaka**



Phalaenopsis wilsonii



Paph. delenatii



Iwan. Apple Blossom



Vasco Bluebird 'Precious'



Phal. Lovely Kid



Mexipedium xerophyticum



Paph. Scott Wave



Phal. Baldan's Kaleidoscope



Colmonara Wildcat 'Ocelot'



Bulbophyllum wendlandianum



Dendrobium aggregatum



Rhyncholaelia glauca

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Come to the  
 Eisenhower Community  
 Center in Hopkins

**May Program:** Mounted Orchids: Fact and Fantasy—Harry Phillips

**June Program:** Helmut Rohl on Oncidiums

**July Program:** Growers Tour and/or Picnic

<b>OSM PLANT TABLE WINNERS April 2008</b>		
<b>Alliance</b>	<b>Plant Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>
Cattleya	Rhyncholaelia glauca	Patricia Hartmann
Cymbidium/Dendrobium	Dendrobium aggregatum	Steve & Kim Livingston
Oncidium	Colmonara Wildcat 'Ocelot' (Odontonia Rustic Bridge x Odontocidium Crowborough)	Skip & Lynn Saeger
Miniature	Phal. Lovely Kid (lobbii x parishii)	Nancy Prine
Miscellaneous	Bulbophyllum wendlandianum	Lori Benassi
Paphiopedilum	Paph. Scott Wave (Cecilia Devine x Satchel Paige)	Ross & Julie Hella
Phalaenopsis	Phalaenopsis wilsonii	Patricia Hartmann
Phragmipedium	Mexipedium xerophyticum	Brian O'Brien
Vanda	Vasco Bluebird 'Precious' (Ascda Yip Sum Wah x Vanda Blue Angel)	Steve & Kim Livingston
1st year member	Paph. delenatii	Jeran Magnuson
Theme	Phal. Baldan's Kaleidoscope (Hausermann's Candy x Daryl Lockhart)	R.T. Sorenson
Plant of the Month	Iwan. Apple Blossom (Dial. Snowflake x Blc. Orange Nuggett)	Jim Anderson