



# The Mid-American

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fall is a great time for orchid lovers. I hope all of you are enjoying your orchids, orchid shows, and of course, your local orchid societies!

I want to express my sincere appreciation for two of the orchid societies who helped create the Mid-America Orchid Congress nearly 50 years ago. The Illinois Orchid Society hosted our Mid-America meeting in Chicago this past spring to help celebrate the IOS's 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary. All of us who attended enjoyed a wonderful weekend featuring spectacular orchids, great speakers, and of course the beautiful Chicago Botanic Garden. Our Fall 2007 Mid-America meeting hosted by another of our founding members, the Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City, promises to be an exciting event as well. For several decades, these two societies have supported Mid-America by encouraging their members to attend and participate in Mid-America, providing financial support, and hosting our meetings.

I hope more of our affiliated societies will follow the example set by IOS and OSGKC, and help Mid-America serve the needs of orchid societies throughout our region. Please consider inviting Mid-America to meet in conjunction with your society's orchid show or speakers' day. Mid-America can help any society interested in hosting our meetings, both financially and organizationally. These combined events offer an attractive package for many hotels and other venues. We can assist in negotiating with hotels, planning, budgeting, etc. Mid-America can loan societies up to \$2500 for deposits and other up-front costs, and we're willing to consider other cost-sharing arrangements.

By now, all of you should know that the Mid-America Constitution and Bylaws Committee recommended a complete revision of our constitution and bylaws. The recommended changes are the result of a year's worth of careful work by the committee, with input from Mid-America officers and committee chairs. This important matter will be voted on at the Mid-America business meeting in Kansas City. We hope to see delegates from all affiliated societies attend the meeting and take part in this important decision. Please make your plans now to go to Kansas City for a fun weekend of orchids and "all that jazz."

Beth Martin, President, Mid-America Orchid Congress

## REPORT TO MID-AMERICA AFFILIATED SOCIETIES MID-AMERICA ORCHID CONGRESS CHICAGO, IL, APRIL 27-29, 2007

Congratulations and a big Thank You go to the Illinois Orchid Society for hosting the Spring Meeting of the MAOC in conjunction with their 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Spring Show and Sale. Members gathered April 27—29 at the Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel in Northbrook, Illinois just outside of Chicago. The three days were packed full of things to do, see and hear. Hospitality was superb as in the past, and we once again had the

opportunity to sample Illinois Society members' great home-cooking. Besides having a beautiful show site at the Chicago Botanical Gardens, there were 25 vendors to feast the eyes and four lectures to satisfy any orchidist's curiosity and fill the knowledge bank. The lectures included two by Dr. Eric Christenson on Orchids of Peru and The New *Maxillaria*, a lecture by Hadley Cash of Marriott Orchids entitled The Adventure Begins: The Latest in Complex *Paphiopedilum* Hybridizing, a lecture by Patricia Harding entitled The *Huntleya* Clad and finally on Sunday afternoon a lecture by Alfredo Manrique of Centro de Jardeneria Manrique, Lima, Peru entitled *Phragmipedium kovachii*: Habitat, Culture and Conservation. I had the opportunity to hear the lectures on The New *Maxillaria*, Orchids of Peru, and The *Huntleya* Clad and found all of them to be quite elucidating and enlightening. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the lecture scheduled late on Sunday afternoon (as I am afraid happened to many attendees due to travel constraints!) on *Phragmipedium kovachii*. Perhaps we will have the opportunity to hear Alfredo again at another conclave.

The transportation provided by the Illinois Orchid Society between the hotel and Botanical Garden ran smoothly and reliably. This can be a big issue when the host hotel and show site are separated by some distance; however, this time there were no problems. The numerous exhibits were systematically placed inside the buildings of the gardens, with plenty of available daylight for viewing and judging. There were many beautifully executed displays with outstanding examples of various orchid genera.

Suki Nax chaired the eleven ribbon teams of some 60 judges Saturday morning as they evaluated the approximately 1000 plants and 49 exhibits. The AOS Show Trophy went to the exhibit put in by the Wisconsin Orchid Society.

Eight judging teams selected fifty-eight orchids for AOS award consideration; the following nine AOS awards were granted:

1. *Dendrobium trantuanii* 'Silas' CHM/AOS 81 points owned by Walter Crawford, Milwaukee, WI.
2. *Sarcochilus* (Hartlight x Fitzhart) 'Hot Ice' HCC/AOS 78 points owned by Randy Highfield, Indianapolis, IN (provisional).
3. *Paphiopedilum* Fumi's Gold 'Solar Flare' (Fumi's Gold by sib.) AM/AOS 86 points owned by Hadley Cash of Marriott Orchids, Kernersville, NC.
4. *Paphiopedilum* (Red Czar x *charlesworthii*) 'Perfect Circle' AM/AOS 86 points owned by Orchid Inn, Bloomington, IL (provisional)
5. *Paphiopedilum lowii* 'Gigantic Wing' CCM/AOS 82 points owned by Orchid Inn, Bloomington, IL
6. *Promeneia* Meadow Gold 'Amore Mother Aery's' (Limelight x *xanthina*) CCM/AOS 83 points owned by Jane and Charles High, Gurnee, IL.
7. *Phalaenopsis* Hilltop's Jewel 'Dazzling' (Golden Peoker x John Ewing) AM/AOS 81 points owned by Hilltop Orchids, Cloverdale, IN
8. *Porroglossum sergioi* 'Silas' CCM/AOS 85 points owned by Walter Crawford, Milwaukee, WI.
9. Display of *Cattleya* alliance, JC, William Rogerson, Winnetka, IL

Winners of special Mid-America trophies included:

1. Myron Banta Award for the best specimen plant – *Dendrobium thrysiflorum*, Roy and Lauren Lenz, Wisconsin Orchid Society
2. Henry C. Holmes Award for the best *Oncidium* alliance plant -- *Odontocidium* Maeve, Larry Sanford, Cincinnati Orchid Society
3. FL Stevenson Pleurothallid Alliance Award for the best pleurothallid alliance plant – *Pleurothallis teaguei*, Claire Rojohn, Wisconsin Orchid Society
4. Fox Valley Cypripedium Alliance Award for the best *Cypripedium* alliance plant – *Cypripedium parviflorum* var. *parviflorum*, Orchids Ltd.

On Sunday morning 44 registrants attended the Affiliated Societies Breakfast hosted by Chair Mary Beth Mansour and Committee members Doris Asher, Roberta Ginavan and Doug Hartong. The topic for this breakfast was "Challenges Facing Local Societies." Issues focused on getting new members and keeping the ones you have. One of the biggest problems facing most societies is the loss of older members who for various reasons just stop attending monthly meetings. One society devised a method of retrieving members by sending out (Email or snail mail) friendly reminders to welcome them back, notices of dues in arrears, etc. Pro-active is the key.

- Don't ask for volunteers with a general announcement, but personally ask people for a specific task.
- Support other orchid societies in the immediate area by sharing speaker expenses and paying mileage.
- Publicize society; get involved with local garden centers and Big Box stores that sell orchids; offer to host teaching sessions/workshops on orchid culture and potting on site and hand out brochures advertising your society's meeting time and place; volunteer at your local botanical garden as an "orchid expert" and inform people of your local orchid society and when/where it meets.
- Offer coupons to new members from various orchid vendors; provide a "goodie bag" for new members that might include a small plant or other pertinent orchid info (culture sheets from the AOS for example).
- Provide a teaching session to schools on orchid culture, even genetics; a great way to get young members to your society.
- Follow up phone calls to find out why a regular member has stopped attending; this goes along with the member retrieval idea.
- Plan extra society activities: Beginners Group (Greengrowers Group) for your society; more advanced group for others (hybridizing); organize "field trips" to local orchid nurseries or members' greenhouses.
- Welcome new members: phone to invite to next meeting; personally welcome at meeting; introduce at business meeting.

Based on conversation at the Breakfast there are some societies that have had real success with any or all of the above. All it takes is initiative.

Highlights of the Business Meeting held shortly after the Affiliated Breakfast included:

#### ACTION TAKEN BY MAOC

- MAOC will support at the society level the World Orchid Conference to be held in Miami, January 23-27, 2008;
- Complete revision of the Congress Constitution and Bylaws;
- The entertaining MAOC auction, held prior to the banquet, generated \$3,196 to fund MAOC projects;
- MAOC will support the Cleveland Botanical Garden (\$400) to assist in purchasing orchid species from Costa Rica. MAOC will support The Native Orchid Conservation Committee of the Northeastern Wisconsin Orchid Society (\$400) for conservation efforts at Carney Fen, Carney, Michigan;
- MAOC will apply to re-incorporate in the State of Ohio & apply for IRS 501(c)(3) status;
- Research Committee reported developments in the MAOC-funded project to use liquid nitrogen for the preservation of orchid seed.
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#### INFORMATION FOR LOCAL MAOC ORCHID SOCIETIES

- As a follow-up to the distribution of the CD Pronunciation Guide, the president of each member society received a letter from the Affiliated Societies Committee emphasizing the importance of selecting a MAOC Representative. A document specifying guidelines for "Selecting a MAOC Representative" was included. These guidelines appear on the MAOC web site.

- Show Registration tags can be obtained (\$25/1000) from Tom Ott; 22 Algonquin Lane; St. Louis, MO 63119; (314) 961-3088, email [maryott@swbell.net](mailto:maryott@swbell.net)
- Electronic delivery of The Mid-American cuts costs for MAOC. Mid-America Rep, if you have email, please send Jeanne Sanders Rhinehart ([rhinehart\\_j@summitcds.org](mailto:rhinehart_j@summitcds.org)) your email address. Jeanne could send The Mid-American to you by email & you can distribute it by email.
- In an effort to keep the MAOC Show Schedule reflective of current trends, the Show Schedule Committee requests all local societies send a list of the number of entries in each class following every local show. Send (PREFERABLY by mail) to Barbara Nuernberger, 27 Colony Dr., Oberlin, OH or by email to [bnuernberger@oberlin.net](mailto:bnuernberger@oberlin.net)
- The Affiliated Societies Breakfast addressed “Challenges Facing Local Orchid Societies.” Issues discussed included finding volunteers, attracting new members, particularly young members and retaining members.

Plan to attend in Kansas City: the fall MAOC meeting is scheduled for November 16-18 -- information available on [www.kcorchidshow.org](http://www.kcorchidshow.org) or email [kcorchidshow@kc.rr.com](mailto:kcorchidshow@kc.rr.com); co-chairs Beth and Doug Martin email [bethdoug@kc.rr.com](mailto:bethdoug@kc.rr.com). Rooms are available at the Hilton Garden Inn, Independence, MO 64057 at the Mid-America Orchid Congress group rate of \$84 + tax, king or double (800-445-8667 or 816-350-3000 for reservations); this rate available until October 26, 2007. Speakers include Dr Richard Warren, Equatorial Plant Co., Durham, UK "Lost orchids of the Organ Mountains, Brazil" and James Rose, Cal-Orchid, Inc., Santa Barbara, CA "Culture and hybridization of reedstem epidendrums". Vendors so far include: Bird's Botanicals, Kansas City, MO; Natt's Orchids, Naperville, IL; Gypsy Glen Orchids, Beaver, PA; Cal-Orchid, Inc., Santa Barbara, CA; Ecuagenera, Cuenca, Ecuador; Oak Hill Gardens, Dundee, IL; Hoosier Orchids, Indianapolis, IN; New Vision Orchids, Yorktown, IN; and Roberts Mfg. Jeweler, Inc., Natchitoches, LA.

The Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City is pleased to announce that they've added a **Friday night preview party** to the weekend's festivities. Mid-America registrants are invited to join OSGKC for an elegant evening of orchids and all that jazz. Stroll through the exhibits or start your shopping early while you enjoy hors d'oeuvres, beverages (cash bar) and live jazz.

The full registration also includes the “orchid cave” tour, and a goodie-filled welcome bag including a Greater Kansas City show t-shirt. **Please include your t-shirt size on your registration form!**

Please register for the breakfast hosted by the Affiliated Societies Committee to be held on Sunday morning, November 18, 2007. The topic for discussion will be “Keeping Orchid Society Membership Relevant in Today's Society.”

If the Affiliated Societies Committee or the Mid-America Orchid Congress can help your society, contact us.

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## FUTURE MID-AMERICAN ORCHID CONGRESS DATES – check for updates for rest

The following dates have been set:

Meeting	Location	Dates	Host(s)
Spring 2008			
Fall 2008			
Spring 2009	Columbus, OH	Mar 27-29, 2009	Central Ohio Orchid Society

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# Kansas City Orchid Expo & Mid-America Orchid Congress

November 16-18, 2007

www.kcorchidshow.org

**Registration** (Please type or print legibly)

	First Registrant			Second Registrant		
<b>Name (for your badge)</b>						
<i>Society Affiliation</i>						
Street Address						
<b>City, State, Province, Zip</b>						
<b>Telephone</b>						
<b>E-Mail</b>						
<b>Judging Status</b>	Accredited   Probationary   Student			Accredited   Probationary   Student		
<b>Participating in ribbon judging?</b>	Yes	No		Yes	No	
<b>Do you wish to clerk?</b>	Yes	No		Yes	No	
<b>Participating in AOS judging?</b>	Yes	No		Yes	No	

	First Registrant		Second Registrant		Sub Total
<b>Full Registration (includes welcome bag and unlimited access to show, vendors and speakers )</b>	\$55		\$55		
<b>Full Registration (after 10/26/07)</b>	\$75		\$75		
<b>One-Day Registration (Saturday only) (includes access to show, vendors and speakers)</b>	\$25		\$25		
<b>Saturday Kansas City Barbeque Luncheon (no charge for judges, please note if you will attend)</b>	Yes	No	Yes	No	
<b>Saturday Kansas City Barbeque Luncheon (non-judges)</b>	\$20		\$20		
<b>Banquet – Kansas City Strip Steak</b>	\$35		\$35		
<b>Banquet – Cedar Plank Salmon</b>	\$35		\$35		
<b>Banquet – Chicken Piccata</b>	\$35		\$35		
<b>Affiliated Societies Breakfast</b>	\$17		\$17		
Please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions. We will do our best to accommodate your needs.			<b>Total</b>		

<b>If you wish to tour Bird's Botanicals, please circle your choice</b>	Friday 3-4:30pm	Saturday 3-4:30pm	Sunday 12-1:30pm	<b>How many?</b>	
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If you are flying into Kansas City International, please let us know. We may be able to offer an economical shuttle service.

Friday Arrival: Airline and Flight: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sunday Departure: Airline and Flight: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form with payment (check made to OSGKC) to: **Joy Prout, 129 Edgewater Dr., Lee's Summit, MO 64064.**  
Information at: [kcorchidshow@kc.rr.com](mailto:kcorchidshow@kc.rr.com) or 913-248-8669

**Hilton Garden Inn**  
19677 E. Jackson Drive  
Independence, Missouri, 64057  
Highway I-70 and Little Blue Parkway

OSGKC has reserved a limited number of rooms at a special rate of \$84 + tax, king or double. To make your reservation online visit [www.kcorchidshow.org](http://www.kcorchidshow.org) and click the link under Hotel Information. By phone, contact the hotel at (800) 445-8667 or (816) 350-3000 and request the Mid-America Orchid Congress group rate. This rate will be available until October 26, 2007. Reservations after that date are on a space and rate availability basis.

### **Transportation**

Hilton Garden Inn is 25 miles from Kansas City International Airport. The airport is served by all major car rental companies. Hilton Garden Inn does not offer a shuttle service to/from the airport, and taxi fare is typically about \$50 each way. OSGKC may be able to offer an economical shuttle service if there is sufficient demand. If you are interested in this service, please provide your flight information on the front of this form.

### **Directions to Hilton Garden Inn**

**From Kansas City International Airport** Take I-435 South to I-70 East. Exit at Little Blue Parkway/Exit 17. Turn left onto E. Jackson Drive. The hotel is on the left.

**From I-70** Exit at Little Blue Parkway/Exit 17. Turn left onto E. Jackson Drive. The hotel is on the left.

### **PROPOSED CONSTITUTION CHANGE**

A copy of the proposed constitution can be found on the opening page of our website – <http://www.midamericanorchids.org/>