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CALYPSO DEADLINE:

Feb 24 for the March issue

The purposes for which the Society is organized are to create an awareness of orchid culture; to foster the preservation of native species of orchids; to support research and development of orchid culture; and to hold meetings, lectures, and exhibitions.

JANUARY 18 MEETING:

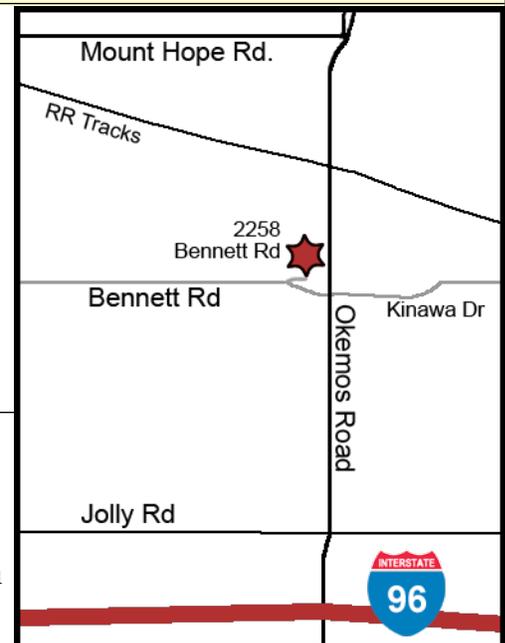
Presbyterian Church, Okemos

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for:

- Plant shopping
- Experienced Society members will be available to answer questions and help problem solve orchid growing issues
- Please have refreshments in place prior to start of meeting.

Meeting will start promptly at 7:00 pm

Our speaker this month is our own Bill Bergman. Bill is the grower of that fabulous *Cypripedium Philipp 'Hannah Fern'* CCE/AOS we saw this past Spring. Bill will talk about how he grows his *Cypripediums*, and how you can grow them, also.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -- Dawn Kittle

I'm hoping everyone had a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year or Hanukkah or Kwanza or whatever I missed. I am so excited that one of my Cymbidiums has 5 spikes, and the flowers are just about to open. This is the first time I have had so many spikes. Funny, the other Cymbidiums were outside just like this one. and they have no spikes. Go figure! Unfortunately am fighting scale, white flies and mealy bugs. Most of them are conquered, but I am still keeping vigilant. I hope no one else is having that problem! On a good note, the varmints missed the 5-spoke Cymbidium.

Wasn't our speaker in November outstanding? With his grueling schedule, he still was able to present an informative and interesting presentation on Draculas. We also appreciate that Kristen of New World Orchids was there to sell them and other small treasures. We had a wonderful time and are looking forward to Bill Bergman's presentation on Cypripediums.

WHERE GLOS MEMBERS LIVE - submitted by Doris Asher, Membership Committee Chair

If you had to guess which area town provides the greatest number of GLOS members, what would you pick?

If you selected Lansing or Okemos, you would be correct! With 11 members each, these two towns are the clear winners among the 36 different hometowns represented in our current membership. Lansing and Okemos provide 25% of our 88 members.

The next most populous town is Williamston with 6 members and fourth is a tie between East Lansing and Grand Ledge – each has five members.

Other towns having at least two members include:

Ann Arbor – 3 members, Charlotte – 4, DeWitt – 2, Haslett -- 2, Holt – 3, Howell -- 3, Jackson – 2, Laingsburg – 3, Mason -- 3, St Johns – 3

However, members come from all over, including:

Alpena, Bath, Beaverton, Bloomingdale, Brighton, Dimondale, Eagle, Flint, Fowlerville, Grand Rapids, Horton, Monroe, Mt. Morris, Naperville IL, Ortonville, Owosso, Perry, Rome City, IN, Roscommon, St Clair, and Salinas, CA.

The current membership of the Society stands at 77 households comprised of 88 individuals.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

The Grand Valley Orchid Society Show is at the end of this month, January 25th and 26th. Dot will collect orchids at her home on January 21st and 22nd during the hours of 10:00 am - 6:00 pm. You may also bring your orchids to our meeting Saturday and Dot will care for them for that week. Please attach your name to the pot, and be sure the plant label is either in the pot or pasted to the outside of the pot. We have a 50 foot display, so we can include lots of orchids.

REMINDER TO ALL GLOS MEMBERS:

When you are at our February Show, please wear your Society name badge so that our visitors know you are someone whom they can ask for help.

→ Thanks to Mary Henman, Marilyn Porter, and Ioana Sonea for snacks at our November meeting. Dawn, Ioana and Jerrie have generously offered to bring refreshments to our January meeting.

GLOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **January 18 - GLOS General Meeting** - Bill Bergman will talk about Cypripedium growing.
- January 25 - 26 - Grand Valley Orchid Society Show at Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park, Grand Rapids. See note above for display info.
- February 14-16 - Mid-America Orchid Congress, Doubletree Suites Dayton-Miamisburg, OH; Show in Cox Arboretum, Dayton, OH (see related articles p. 8)
- No orchid judging at Matthaei February 15th. The Great Lakes Judging Center has moved its February judging to the Greater Cleveland Orchid Society Show in Cleveland
- **February 22-23 - GLOS Orchid Show and Sale -- look for an email soon from Bill Cadman regarding plant collection and set-up information.**
- March 28-29 - MOS Orchid Show - United Food & Commercial Workers Union Building - Ioana is in charge

MINUTES OF NOV. 16, 2019 GENERAL MEETING - submitted by Ioana Sonea, Secretary

Meeting called to order by President Dawn Kittle at 7:02 pm.

The meeting was attended by 23 members and 3 guests, Emily Dunn, Joni Boylan, and Phil Apol. Kristen Uthus from New World Orchids had a great selection of plants for sale including Draculas, the topic of today's meeting.

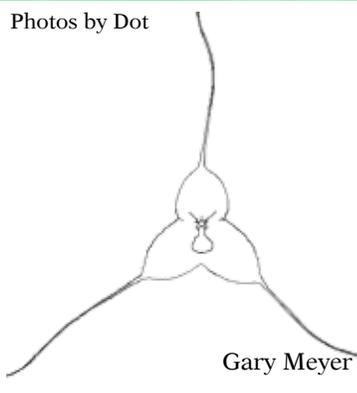
- Doris asked for volunteers to sponsor 2 show trophies at the February 2020 GLOS show.
 - o Kristen Uthus will sponsor the "Best in Show" trophy.
 - o Ioana Sonea and Chris Brown will sponsor the "People's choice" trophy.
- Pete Ostlund reported that preparations for the Feb. GLOS show were on track. Vendors were returning, hospitality, display set up, judging and other aspects of the show's organization were all under control.
- Away shows:
 - o Saginaw Valley Orchid Society is on Thanksgiving weekend: Abby Skinner and Ioana Sonea will set up, Pete Ostlund, Dot Barnett and Ioana Sonea will take down.
 - o Grand Valley Orchid Society's will be held January 25th-26th, 2020. Dot Barnett, Pete Ostlund and Michael Bukala will set up and take down.
- Doris Asher showed off the numerous beautiful orchids at the "Show and Tell" table, including some delightful Laelias grown by Owen Neils and a gorgeous Paph grown by Bill Cadman.
- Gary Meyer from San Francisco, CA gave a fascinating talk on Draculas in which he discussed their discovery, where they were found and the rainforest ecosystems in which they thrive. Greg was a passionate and knowledgeable speaker, and helped his audience understand the many threats these sometimes weird but wonderful orchids face, from overcollection to loss of habitat due to deforestation. He talked about the challenges of growing these humidity-loving orchids indoors, and shared cultural tips with the audience.
- The raffle table had numerous orchids as well as some orchid cacti, and generated a lot of interest from the audience: nearly everybody left with a plant or something from the raffle table.

The meeting was adjourned at around 9 pm. Members helped put the room back in order before leaving.

Doris at plant table



Photos by Dot



Gary Meyer

**GLOS FEBRUARY SHOW INFORMATION** - Bill Cadman, Display Chair

Our GLOS 2020 Show is quickly approaching! Bill Cadman will be coordinating the construction of our club display this year. We typically set up a 75 square foot display, which means we need lots of blooming orchids. If you're willing to loan your healthy and pest free orchids in flower we would love to use them – please send to Bill the names of the plants you'll be sharing by the evening of Wednesday, February 19, 2020. Plants will need to be brought to the conservatory where our show is held Friday before Noon (Feb. 21, 2020). If you have any questions, send an email to: billc377@yahoo.com, or call 517-484-3406

SAGINAW VALLEY ORCHID SOCIETY 2019 ORCHID SHOW REPORT - submitted by Ioana Sonea

The SVOS held its Annual Orchid Show at the Kochville Veterans Hall, 3265 Kochville Rd, Saginaw, MI on Nov 30-Dec 1 2019. This well organized show had numerous beautiful displays of all sizes, great vendors, and a wonderful group of volunteers to help it all go well. The weather also collaborated: it was mild and not too windy both before and after the show.

The GLOS display was set up by Abby Skinner and Ioana Sonea, with plants from 6 GLOS members as well as a framed color photo exhibited by Abby in the Art section. As usual, it was fun to try to find the best way to display the flowers to each one's best advantage while keeping the whole display balanced! The display itself earned a second place in the 50 sq ft Display by an AOS affiliated society category.

Plants submitted by GLOS members did very well, with 2 AOS awards (both to Pete Ostlund's plants) and 2 show trophies. A list of the awards and placements follows:

Dot Potter Barnett

- Paph. Cascading Purple, 2nd place
- Prosthechea vitellina, 2nd place
- Phal. Silbergrube, 2nd place

*Congratulations
to Pete and Ioana!*

Pete Ostlund

- Cattleya cernua 'Syzygy', 1st place in Specimen plant class, Best of Specimen class trophy, AM/AOS 83 pts.
- Ctna. Hunabu Sunset, 1st place
- Maxillaria luteograndiflora 'Syzygy', 1st place, CHM/AOS 81 pts
- Paph. victoria-reginae (formerly chamberlainianum), 1st place
- Paph. Presidential Pops, 1st place, pulled for AOS judging
- Dendrochilum uncatum (formerly formosanum), 2nd place in Misc. class, 1st place in Specimen plant class
- Maxillaria scalariformis, 2nd place

Jerrie Nichols

- Cattleya maxima s/a striata 'Manolo', 1st place

Ioana Sonea

- Den. Nano Chip, 1st place, 1st place in Miniature orchids class, Best Dendrobium trophy
- Phal.. no ID, 1st place
- Phal. MS Golden Sweet 'MBL098', 1st place
- Ludisia discolor, 1st place (Orchid species and hybrids without flowers grown for unusual or beautiful foliage)

Julie Bishop

- Vuylstekeara Carnivale 'Rio', 3rd place
- Rhyncholaeliocattleya Marquette Canary 'Yellow Bird', 3rd place

*Congratulations also to GLOS
member Larry Watson for his
"Best of Show" Cattleya in his
own vendor display!*

Tammy Scherer

- Den. Lim Chong Min, 1st place
- Den. Woo Leng 'Blue', 2nd place
- Den. Hawaiian Punch, 3rd place
- Den. Pumpkin Patch, 3rd place in Miniature orchids class
- Phal. Jiaho's Pink Girl #1 'LHPO1', 3rd place

Many of us just brought plants to display because we liked them... the judges obviously did too! So if you have a plant blooming when the next show comes up, why don't you add it to our display? You might come away with a ribbon or even a trophy!

The display was rapidly dismantled on Sunday by Abby Skinner, Dot and Lee Barnett, and Ioana Sonea: thank you so much for volunteering!



Photo by Dot

MINUTES OF THE GLOS BOARD MEETING December 5th, 2019 - submitted by Ioana Sonea, Secretary

Present: Dot Barnett, Bill Cadman, Dawn Kittle, Jerrie Nichols, Pete Ostlund, Ioana Sonea, Carol Ann Stuht, Becky Thayer.

The meeting was held at Dot and Lee Barnett's home. Board members who arrived early were able to visit Dot's greenhouse and admire the numerous healthy plants that filled it. Board members enjoyed a great supper (pizza, a wonderful salad, and Dot's famous Blueberry Boy Bait cake) before buckling down to business.

The meeting was called to order by President Dawn Kittle at approximately 7 pm.

- Rob Halgren had a conflict and could not be present; the treasurer's report was circulated by email a couple days later.
- Doris Asher's membership report was read and discussed. There is a need to recruit new members to replace those who have left over the years. More outreach via Facebook or other social media was suggested. Currently there is no significant presence of GLOS on Facebook.
- Pete Ostlund discussed preparations for the February GLOS show, which are well underway.
 - o All regular vendors returning, with the exception of Hillside (no longer selling orchids). Joy Suphrata will be selling her handmade orchids at the show; Josh's Frogs will sell companion plants in collaboration with Rob Halgren.
 - o GLOS members who volunteered for hospitality, judging, etc have all agreed to perform those duties again.
 - o The new configuration of the unloading area was discussed: Pete Ostlund will drive to MSU to take a look and let vendors know where to unload.
 - o Bill Cadman will set up the display. He requested \$250 for fresh moss and for the purchase of additional black cloth. The request was approved unanimously. Carol Ann Stuht will buy the cloth
 - o Dawn Kittle will talk to Mike Underwood about having a table at the Meridian Indoor Farmer's market on Feb 15th, the weekend before the show. Several board members volunteered to staff the booth if this could be arranged.
- Pete Ostlund generated an email member survey seeking to determine the best day and time for general meetings. Doris Asher printed paper copies for members without internet access and mailed them out. Results should be available soon.
- Moving the general meetings to a new site was discussed: some members had visited the Obedience Training Club of Greater Lansing's new site, which seemed very promising and would be available most weekends. Other sites that would be possible if meetings were held during the week were the Michigan Nature Association's and the Michigan Credit Union's buildings.
- Jerrie Nichols discussed Away Shows:
 - o Grand Valley Orchid Society show will be set up by Pete Ostlund with Michael Bukala's and Dot Barnett's help. Carol Ann Stuht cannot help this year: she will be having eye surgery soon and will be unable to drive at night at that time.
 - o Ann Arbor Orchid Society Orchid Festival will be held on March 21-22 at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd, Ann Arbor, MI. A basket display will be set up by Jerrie Nichols and Dot Barnett.
 - o Michigan Orchid Society will be held on March 28-29 at the United Food & Commercial Workers Union Bldg., 876 Horace Brown Drive, Madison Heights, MI. The display will be set up by Ioana Sonea.
- Programs for upcoming meetings (dates reflect current schedule; this may change based on the results of the survey and availability of speakers):
 - o January 18th, 2020. Bill Bergman will talk about Cypripediums
 - o March 21st, 2020. This is the weekend of the AAOS Orchid Festival. Dea Bishop will give a talk about the care and culture of orchids suitable for novices.
 - o April 18th, 2020: TBA. Perhaps Fred Clarke could talk about Catasetums?
 - o May 16th, 2020 is the business meeting. Could Rob talk about growing under lights?
 - o June 20th, 2020: no meeting, members encouraged to attend the Great Lakes Training Seminar which is being held that weekend.
 - o July 18th, 2020: Annual Picnic at Granger Meadows (Dot will make reservation) (Editor's note: this has subsequently been changed to July 25).
 - o August 15th, 2020: ?
- Sad but not unexpected news: Carol Ann Stuht tendered her formal resignation from the post of Director. She is no longer able to fulfill her duties due to her husband's deteriorating health. Board members thanked her for all she has been able to do for the Society over the years despite her other obligations. Bill Cadman accepted to replace Carol Ann until the end of her term.
- The setting up of an Awards Committee was discussed: Dawn Kittle and Becky Thayer will be members based on the GLOS bylaws, one member at large must be identified.
- The setting up of a Nominating Committee to select candidates for a new Board in May 2020 was also discussed: Dawn Kittle will ask Mike Underwood to serve; 2 other members at large must be identified. Pete Ostlund volunteered to take on the position of President at the end of Dawn's term; Doris Asher volunteered to become treasurer; Ioana Sonea volunteered to become Vice-President; Becky Thayer is willing to serve another term as Director. Other potential candidates were discussed.
- Potential speakers for the 2020 All State Orchid Society meeting were discussed.
 - o Yamada from Hawaii (Dendrobiums, mostly nobile type) had been suggested by Jack Shumaker. That nursery is permanently closed.
 - o Ecuagenera has opened a site in Florida: it may be possible to contact them.
 - o Larry Watson and Kherwin may know of growers in the Philippines.
 - o Check major shows and their speakers.
 - o Discuss with Doris Asher.
- Ioana still has 13 orchid virus (ORSV and CymMV) kits donated by Agdia to GLOS. Dot will have one plant tested. Ioana requested permission to use the remaining 12 kits to test her own plants: she will order more kits for her own use, reserving 12 of them for GLOS members seeking to test plants. This was approved by the board.
- Carol Ann Stuht has an extra set of Proceedings from the 2017 World Orchid Conference at Guayaquil, Ecuador. These are beautiful documents with a lot of information about orchid conservation. She has donated them to GLOS: Doris Asher, the society's archivist, will store.
- The next board meeting will be held at Ioana Sonea's and Chris Brown's house on February 6th 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

GLOS MEMBERS SHOW THEIR GENEROSITY – 2020 SHOW TROPHY SPONSORS - from Doris Asher

Once again, Society members have come through, underwriting ALL of the trophies for our Show this February! The trophies will be prepared by Larry Galdes.

Many of these wonderful sponsors have already paid the Society for their sponsorships. If you have not yet had the opportunity to do so, you can save yourself expensive postage by paying Treasurer Rob Halgren in person at our January 18th meeting. A check or cash is equally welcome – the cost is \$25.00. Checks payable to GLOS may also be mailed to Rob Halgren, Treasurer, 2100 Grovenburg, Lansing, MI 48911..

Thank you, donors, very much. This is a wonderful way to help our Show! This year's sponsors are:

Trophy	Sponsor
Exhibits, Open	Pete Ostlund
Exhibits, Society	Pete Porciello
Exhibits, Amateur	Anonymous GLOS Members
Cattleya Alliance	Andrea Bishop
Cypripedium Alliance	Dot Potter Barnett
Phalaenopsis	Julie Bishop
Vanda and Ascocenda	Diane Zoeller
Brassia and Miltonia	Mary Henman
Oncidium Alliance	Don and Jane Farrelly
Cymbidium Alliance	Dawn Kittle (in memory of Sherwin Kittle and Betty Jane Harvey)
Dendrobium Alliance	Michael Henderson
Pleurothallid Alliance	Lynn O'Shaughnessy
Alex Challis Memorial Miscellaneous Genera	Littlefrog Farm
Specimen Plant	Jerrie Nichols
Art (Excluding Photography)	Harry & Dottie Winter
Photography	Carol Ann Stuht
Marilyn Lee Memorial Orchids in Use (Amateur)	Jim Heilig
Orchids in Use (Professional)	Tammy Scherer & Jim Churn
Orchids in Use Public Choice Award	Anonymous GLOS Members
Don and Kris Garling Memorial	
Best of Show	New World Orchids
AOS Show Trophy – Outstanding Exhibit	Greater Lansing Orchid Society

**ORCHIDS AT THE MERIDIAN MALL FARMERS' MARKET**

For the last seven years on the Saturday before our Show, we have been setting up an information table at the Meridian Mall Farmers' Market. We have received great positive feedback from this event. Each year, we speak to over a hundred people who tell us that they want to attend the Show after meeting us or that they attend the Show every year and are glad to learn this year's dates.

I have made arrangements to do this again this year from 10 am to 4 pm Saturday, February 15th, and I need more volunteers to help us for part or all of the Market's hours. You would not be alone at any time, as we have some volunteers already. It is great fun and we get to speak to a lot of the public about orchids – no experience necessary.

Also, if you have an unusual orchid that can make a great conversation starter, we could use it, too. It does not need to be show quality, just something to attract the shopper's eye. Call or email me if you can help.

Mike Underwood mike@avi-sci.com 989-224-9227

ORCHID FLOWERS NEEDED

Marilyn Lee's colleagues in the Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. will be in charge of the orchids-in-use competition in our Show for the third consecutive year – they volunteered to take on this role to honor Marilyn's memory. Since flower arrangements in that competition must include orchid blossoms, they need orchid flowers for those arrangers who do not have access to any. Many genera of orchids hold up well as cut flowers: cymbidiums, phalaenopsis, sprays of oncidiums, sprays of dendrobiums, to name just a few. If you will have orchid flowers that you are willing to cut, please contact Jenny Bond (jbond@msu.edu; 517-676-2676) to make arrangements to get the flowers to her. She needs to hear from you by Monday, February 17th, please.

Note: in the orchids-in-use competition, "class" is defined as a group of exhibits in the Show that conform to the same specifications that are included in the class description in the schedule included in this newsletter. For example, a class might include orchids of several types, colors, sizes. Depending on the number of exhibits entered, judges may further divide the class by color of orchid or another common feature.

Another note: are you interested in entering an orchid design? Jenny and Sue welcome your participation. See the brochure cover on p. 11. Contact Jenny, Doris or Dot and ask to be emailed the complete brochure.

USED ORCHID BOOKS/PERIODICALS WANTED

Do you have some orchid books or orchid periodicals that you no longer want? For several years now at our Orchid Show, we have sold numerous used books donated by various Society members. Visitors to the Show snap them up very quickly and, because the books are donated, the Society makes 100% profit. We use the orchid magazines as free giveaways to our visitors to encourage their joining our Society.

Because this service is so popular, we would like to offer inexpensive, used orchid books again at this February's Show. Since GLOS is an IRS not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization, you may deduct the value of the books and magazines you give us. The Treasurer will be happy to provide you a receipt for your gift.

Please consider giving such items at this January meeting to Doris Asher or to Christina Gregg Baker or to Mary Henman, the Co-Chairs of our Show's Information Table.

In addition, Mary and Christina will be "recruiting" at the January 18 meeting for volunteers to work the Information Table during the Show. Please look at your calendar for February 22 and 23 and see when you could devote two or three hours to staff that Table. No experience required! Christina/Mary will tell you everything that you need to know!



Doris Asher (asherdoris44@gmail.com; 517-332-0004), Christina Gregg Baker (greggch25@gmail.com; 810-986-5413), Mary Henman (knights@yahoo.com; 810-882-9092)

WILL YOU CLERK FOR US?

We need clerks for ribbon judging at this year's February Show. Clerks assist the judging teams in finding the plants entered in the class, preparing the ribbons for the winning entries, placing the ribbons on the winners, and recording the winners in the Society's official record. Your time commitment is for Saturday morning, February 22nd, beginning at 7:30 a.m. (we provide a light breakfast), lasting until ribbon judging is concluded, about 11:00 a.m. We need thirty clerks. Some of our more knowledgeable clerks may be asked to serve as lay judges in order to get the ribbon judging concluded in a timely fashion. All clerks are invited to be the Society's guests at the Judges' Luncheon held at the Show at noon.

You do not need experience as a clerk in order to volunteer. We have written instructions for you, and will place you on a team with more experienced people. We want you to enjoy your first experience! This is a terrific opportunity to learn what judges are looking for in a prize-winning orchid.

To date, Doris has commitments from the following twenty-one people to clerk: Leslie Behm, Michele Bridges, Michael Bukala, Bill Cadman, Jim Churn, Lynn Cook, Yvonne Dunphe, Teresa Fowle, Anna Jullie, Dawn Kittle, Ann McConnelee, Pete Ostlund, Jolanta Piecuch, Barry Rhinehart, Jeanne Rhinehart, Tammy Scherer, Ioana Sonea, Chris Steele, Becky Thayer, Mike Underwood, and Jill Wood.

Won't you consider joining them?

To volunteer or to ask questions, please contact Chair of Judging Activities Doris Asher at 517-332-0004 or e-mail asherdoris44@gmail.com.

GLOS TREASURER'S REPORT - Period since 10/2/2019 submitted by Rob Halgren, Treasurer

Income:	Expenses:
Trophy sponsorships: (9 at \$25 each) \$225	Bill Porter (show supplies): \$25 Dot Barnett
Donations: Asher (show food) : \$300 Asher (memoria Mary Dee): \$50	(website, postcards, picnic) \$349 Gary Meyer (Nov Speaker) \$349.87
September meeting: (raffle \$62, SA \$59) \$121.00	Total Expenses: \$723.87
November meeting : \$58 (raffle)	Net gain for period: \$700.13
Meeting room (October): \$100	N.B. We have \$12,957.47 in 9 CDs (As of November 30, 2019)
Show tables: Roberts Flower Supply : \$570	
Total Income: \$1424	

MID-AMERICA ORCHID CONGRESS IN DAYTON, FEBRUARY 14-16, 2020

THE MID-AMERICA
ORCHID CONGRESS

Sometimes, the Mid-America Orchid Congress meets far, far away from Lansing. The next meeting is about five hours by car from here in Miamisburg/Dayton, OH.

In case you are tempted, the speakers include Glen Decker (“Phragmipediums, Their Hybrids and How to Grow Them”, “My Life with Slippers”) and David Haelterman from Colombia, who is a long-time grower, photographer and tour guide in the native orchid habitats in South America. David will give two talks, also: “Orchids of Colombia in Their Native Habitats: a Huge Richness to Conserve in an Incredibly Biodiverse Country”, and “Maxillaria of Colombia: One of the Most Diverse Genera But Yet Poorly Understood”. The organizers invite your participation Saturday morning, February 15th, as a clerk, as the judges do the ribbon judging.

You can register now – the price goes up January 15th – full registration costs \$75.00 and includes unlimited access to the Show, vendors, auction, dinner, and all speakers. (If you procrastinate, the registration fee is \$95.) I can send you the registration form – contact me at asherdoris44@gmail.com or 517-332-0004.

The conference hotel is the Double Tree Suites Dayton-Miamisburg – reservations: 937-436-2400. Tell the booking agent that you want the “2020 Mid-America Orchid Congress” rate, which is \$109 + tax. The Hotel’s deadline for the discounted rate is January 30.

For more information, contact Doris Asher at asherdoris44@gmail.com or 517-332-0004.

FINANCIAL HELP TO ATTEND MID-AMERICA ORCHID CONGRESS IN DAYTON

Great news! The MAOC Board approved awarding up to three attendance scholarships of up to \$500 each to encourage societies to attend the MAOC meetings.

The Mid-America Orchid Congress will provide up to \$500 to pay for the banquet, registration and affiliated societies breakfast and remaining funds given when winner attends the MAOC members meeting on Sunday morning.

Please let GLOS President Dawn Kittle (dawnk8684@gmail.com; 517-546-8016) know of your interest in applying – the GLOS leadership needs to let MAOC know very quickly – the deadline to express interest is Friday, January 10, 2020.

Of the societies responding, three will be randomly drawn to receive the funding. The funds can be used by one member or split among a group of society members. MAOC will pay the host society the registration, banquet and affiliated societies breakfast costs in advance. Your society representative(s) must attend the MAOC business meeting and any remaining money from the \$500 grant will be turned over to them to help defray any other travel expenses.

If you have questions, please contact Doris Asher at asherdoris44@gmail.com or 517-332-0004. Doris is the Congress’ Secretary and can help. At this writing, both she and Rob Halgren plan to attend the Congress in Dayton, February 14-16, 2020.

Good luck!

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO ISSUE NEW ORCHID STAMPS - from Doris Asher

I love orchid stamps almost as much as I love orchid flowers, and I am so excited to tell you that on February 21st, the United States Postal Service will have its First Day of Issue Ceremony for ten new orchid stamps at the American Orchid Society’s Library at the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden in Coral Gables, FL. These stamps feature orchid species which grow wild in the United States: *Cypripedium californicum*, *Hexalectris spicata*, *Cypripedium reginae*, *Spiranthes odorata*, *Triphora trianthophoros*, *Platanthera grandiflora*, *Cyrtopodium polyphyllum*, *Calopogon tuberosus*, and *Platanthera leucophaea*. Art director Ethel Kessler designed the stamps with existing photographs by Jim Fowler.

The USPS will sell the orchid stamps in booklets of 20 and coils of 3,000 and 10,000, and I cannot wait to get my hands on some of them to use on our various GLOS mailings!



FEBRUARY 22/23 2020 GLOS ORCHID SHOW UPDATE - submitted by Pete Ostlund, Show Chair

The dates for our 37th orchid show are February 22-23, 2020. Although planning for the show is in good shape, we could use your help during the show. In this newsletter you'll read how you can help with the information table, hospitality, the Meridian Mall Farmers Market outreach effort, or by providing your blooming orchids for the GLOS display. But there are other ways you can help make our show a success. The individuals on the Show Planning Committee (see below) may seek your help, or if you have a particular interest in their activity, feel free to contact them.

For general show support, the following activities need your help:

- Thursday night set up (starts at 5:30 PM, ends in an hour or 2 for most activities). We have tables delivered and set up according to the layout we supply. But we could use help putting the final touches on the table arrangement, attaching skirting to the tables and covering them with tablecloths, getting ready for art, orchids-in-use and other displays, and hanging backdrops.
- Friday 9 AM to 8 PM –we set up our GLOS display, help vendors and societies move their orchids and material into the building, and prepare for judging by registering all the orchids and exhibits in the Show. Friday night dinner is provided to all the workers at 6 PM, with much of the food provided by volunteers.
- Sunday at 4:00 PM the show closes – we disassemble everything in a matter of a couple hours, help vendors and societies move their material into their vehicles and get on their way home, and do some cleanup of the display area and the vendor's area. We're usually done by 6:00 PM.

Please contact me (p.ostlund@yahoo.com / 517-449-5248) if you're able to help on Thursday night with set up, Friday afternoon moving vendors and societies into the building, or with Sunday tear down.

The Show Planning Committee consists of the following members:

- AOS Judging - Lynn O'Shaughnessy
- Art Exhibits, Orchid-Related - Carol Ann Stucht
- Classes for Public - Mike Underwood
- Flyer/Handouts - Dot Potter Barnett
- GLOS Exhibit - Bill Cadman
- Hospitality – Teresa Fowle
- Information Table/Membership - Mary Henman
- Judging Activities/Registration - Doris Asher
- Kids' Corner - Diane Zoellner/Michael Bukala
- MSU Liaison - Ioana Sonea
- Orchids-in-Use Competition - Jenny Bond and Sue Wittick
- Signage - Ioana Sonea
- Publicity (not TV) - Ioana Sonea
- Television Publicity - Pete Porciello
- Vendor and Exhibitor Liaison - Pete Ostlund

GETTING THE WORD OUT - submitted by Peter Ostlund, Vice President/Show Chair

We have lined up a large number of orchid vendors with an interesting and diverse selection of orchids and supplies. Our vendors provide the bulk of the funding of our show with the fees they pay for sales tables. But they will only continue to participate in our shows if we are successful in keeping show attendance high, especially so for those potential orchid buyers. In addition to the excellent TV commercials that Pete Porciello obtains for us through the services of King Media, I urge all of you to do whatever you can to publicize our Show. The Society has approximately 90 members. All of us can help publicize our Orchid Show!

So we do not duplicate each other's efforts with regards to media advertising, please let Ioana Sonea (ioanamsonea@gmail.com) know what you have done or are doing with regards to media advertising. Ioana has taken on the job of sending publicity about the Show to the free community calendars in both The Lansing State Journal and also in The Towne Courier – the weekend before the Show and the weekend of the Show.

Please post show information in your social media accounts, and invite a few of your friends, neighbors and relatives. The postcard designed by Dot Potter Barnett for this February's Show will be available at the January meeting. Please take some and spread them around. A PDF version of the postcard, and a flyer, will be available on our website (<https://greaterlansingorchidsociety.com>). It is a simple matter to email folks with the postcard or flyer attached and invite them to the Show. . Thanks for helping.

PREPARING PLANTS FOR ORCHID SHOWS - compiled by Dot Potter Barnett

1. Make sure that the plant is clean, and that you have removed unsightly dead leaves and bracts. Clean dusty leaves with soft cloth or paper towels, dipped in soapy water. Squeeze until just moist. Clean calcium deposits with: lemon juice, milk, or horticultural oil.
2. Be sure the pot is clean and the plant is stable in it.
3. Check plant for any sign of disease or insects. If you find insects, clean them out. Any sign of rot should also be removed and the area treated. If you think the plant is virused, don't submit it.
4. Staking is one of those tasks that should commence (but rarely does) early in the development of the flower spike. If staking is left too late the results can look rather peculiar, as flowers can be twisted out of position. To a large extent staking is now at the individual's discretion. The judges have the right to remove the stake if they so wish. As a general aesthetic comment, be sensible with your staking, and try to keep the stake shorter than the raceme of flowers it supports: this avoids the unsightly phenomenon of the 'tomato stake syndrome', a rich and varied forest of stakes, with the occasional flower.

By all means, use additional stakes and ties to help support your flowers and racemes while you transport them to the Show but remove the 'transport stakes' once you have the plant safely benched.
5. Plant labels should be clean and easy to read. If the plant is a hybrid and you know the parents, have the names on the tags. Be sure the tag is small enough to be hidden in the plant at set-up time.
6. Water your plants well the day before you bring them in because it will not be possible to thoroughly water them for the duration of the Show.
7. Label your box (es) with your name, and include a list of the plants you are sending to the show.

Note: I like to place the plant's name & my initials on a piece of tape placed on the pot. I've seen situations where people who put up a display can't remember which plant is whose, especially if there are duplicates. And it is easier to return them to the correct owner at the end of the show. Julie Bishop has a good way of identifying her plants: She uses her own address labels on her pots.

DECEMBER 2019 SUNSET VALLEY ORCHIDS - CATASETINAE GROWING TIPS - Fred Clark

What a great year for the genus! Feedback from Catasetinae growers confirms this was a spectacular growing and flowering year. There have been many awards given by the American Orchid Society judges. Congratulations to all of you who received them!

Now that winter has clearly arrived, your Catasetums should have matured growths and be mostly done flowering, *Cynoches* will be finishing their blooming, *Mormodes* should be flowering now, and *Clowesia* should be starting soon.

The onset of dormancy is caused by several factors: the maturity of the pseudobulb, shortening day length, cooler day/night temperatures and the end of the rainy season resulting in the lack of root zone moisture.

Those of you in Florida and southern states may already have dormant plants. Those in more temperate areas like here in California should be seeing the starts of dormancy with the lower leaves starting to turn light brown and drop off.

The first indications of leaf yellowing and leaf drop signal the beginning of dormancy. This is when you should stop fertilizing and cut back on watering frequency. You want to simulate the end of the wet season, as it happens in nature, by gradually increasing the dry interval in-between watering. I am watering every two weeks at the time of the writing of this news letter. This change in culture will cause the pseudobulbs to harden of, in preparation for dormancy. When most leaves are yellow/brown and have dropped off, cease watering altogether this should be around the first of the new year and marks the start of dormancy.

Generally, this process occurs naturally; however, when the plants are cultivated in warm growing areas such as in the home or under lights, dormancy sometimes needs to be encouraged. I have found that in addition to the steps outlined above stopping watering in late December or early January, regardless of the number of green leaves, will trigger dormancy in plants that are resisting the necessary transition. If you see a little shriveling of the bulb usually one watering is enough to plump them back up.

By late December, it's important to get your Catasetinae into the dormant stage; to provide them with an adequate rest period so that they will 'wake up' early in the spring to a long growing season.

As my Catasetinae go to 'sleep' for the winter I am reminded of an old proverb (with apologies to Ben Franklin) "Early to bed and early to rise, makes you healthy, happy and floriferous."



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Jump into Orchids !



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NEW DIY materials - Make your own Poly Mounts
 20 % discount at Phalaropa.com with 'GLOS' coupon

NOTE FROM ROBERTS SUPPLY FOR OUR SHOW:

We are selling our box truck and buying a used Sprinter van next week. We will not be bringing as many supplies as before. So please let your members know that to insure they get what they need, please pre-order as our van space will be smaller to bring people's orders of large items. First come, first served. We will not be going to Grand Rapids if the construction is still going on since that affected our sales terribly last year. Fortunately some of the Grand Rapids customers came to your show to pick up supplies instead, so that will probably happen next year also. We still have most items in stock, but as slower moving items sell out, we are not buying new inventory to replace it. We still have most items, just letting you all know we are downsizing so you can plan ahead.

The Grand Valley Orchid Society's 22nd Annual Orchid Show held at Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park

orchid show

January 25-26, 2020



Photo by Neil Ling Oimets.

Orchid Displays: Saturday 12-5 pm, Sunday 11am-4:30 pm / Orchid Sales: Saturday 10 am-5 pm, Sunday 11 am-4:30 pm

FREE EVENT

FREDERIK MEIJER
Gardens & Sculpture Park

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 Michigan Orchid Society
 Orchid Show
 March 28th and 29th 2020
 United Food & Commercial Workers
 Union Building
 876 Horace Brown Drive
 Madison Heights, Michigan 48071

Small Miracles

Floral Designs with Orchids
 February 22 - February 23, 2020

Entries may be placed on February 21
 between 1:30-7:00 p.m.
 Judging arrangements begins at 8:30 a.m. February 22
 Show open noon-5:00 p.m. February 22
 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. February 23

Plant and Soil Science Conservatory
 Michigan State University
 1066 Bogue Street, East Lansing



"Small Miracles" is a part of the
 Greater Lansing Orchid Society
 Show and Sale



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FOOD HELP NEEDED FOR THE SHOW!

Please sign up to bring food for the workers at our Show at MSU. Write what type of food you plan to bring. Please bring your food to the MSU Horticulture Display Greenhouses on Friday evening, February 21st before 5:30 pm. If you will be staying any length of time, you will need to pay to park until 6:00 – parking is free after that time.

We feed 80-100 workers between 6 – 7 pm. If you can't donate food, please consider a gift of money for the purchase of food and drink.

Name _____ Phone no. _____

Salad _____ Soda _____

Desserts _____ Water _____

Fruit/Veggies _____ Snacks _____

Donation for food and drink for Friday night or Saturday (breakfast, lunch) \$ _____

Please give this form to Teresa Fowle or Doris Asher at the January meeting or mail to Doris at 277 N Hagadorn Road, East Lansing MI 48823. You may also email either Teresa (tdlewis9@yahoo.com) or Doris (asherdoris44@gmail.com).

Hospitality Chair Teresa Fowle needs helpers for food service for Friday afternoon/evening setup, Saturday morning/noon/afternoon, and Sunday all day/cleanup. Contact Teresa or Doris if you can volunteer a couple hours providing food services. Teresa's phone number is: 517-879-1930. Doris's phone: 517-332-0004.

Thank you in advance. As much as we all love orchids, we also really love to eat!!

