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**CALYPSO DEADLINE:**

Sept. 1 for the September 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.*

**JULY 22 MEETING: ANNUAL PICNIC** *Saturday!*

Our Annual Picnic will be held in Granger Meadows Park. Again this year, our picnic is on Saturday in hopes that more members can attend. We have rented the first pavilion, the one closest to the road and "rest stations." *Although the official start time is 12:00 noon, please bring your donations to the pavilion before noon so they can be priced and ready for sale by 12:15.* Please wear your GLOS Name Tag.

*Before 12:00 noon -- If you are bringing something to sell or for the auction, please bring no later than 12:00 noon.*

*12:00 noon -- official start of picnic & social*

*12-12:15 -- pricing of sale items -- help is appreciated*

*12:15 - 1:00 -- flat rate sales (Please come early for best selection)*

*1:00 eat*

*Live auction after we eat (Any unsold plants will be auctioned or should be taken home)*

*4:15 Clean-up*

Please remember that this is our major fund-raising event for the year. All donations are welcome: Orchids, house plants, garden plants, books, and any orchid or gardening-related items.

The society will provide:

- drinking water & ice

You should bring:

- a dish to share and a serving utensil
- your own table service (plate, silver-ware, cup, etc.)
- lawn chairs and card table if desired
- bug spray (optional)
- orchid plants for the live auction, flat rate sales tables and plant show-off table
- perennial plants for the live auction
- other items for sale
- live auction after we eat
- Guests are welcome.



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -- Dawn Kittle**

Dear fellow members,

It was with trepidation that I became president. However with the help and support of all of you I feel now at ease. This position is not without its anxiety levels. The first meeting went well, I thought, thanks to all of you.

The first item of business was the 3x5 cards. On these you were to write any ideas or programs that you would like to see. The response was overwhelming and many ideas from a few were received. A few were speakers on Miltoniopsis, on Phragmipedium culture, a video called "Plants Behaving Badly" by David Attenborough, growing orchids under lights, growing on the windowsill, and common pest control. One member, Abby Skinner, is willing to write and/or speak about the newest research on orchids.

The board and I will look into all of these suggestions. Remember you can always hand me card with your ideas at any time. Now if the creek doesn't rise and the moon doesn't fall in the ocean I will be at the picnic. That would be a good time to give me any ideas or requests.

On a sadder note we lost a long time member and an integral part of our society. That is Marilyn Lee. There should be an item in this newsletter about her. She will be greatly missed. Second another member, Alex Challis, is in Ann Arbor in intensive care at the U.M. Hospital after suffering a heart attack. We all pray and hope for his recovery.

See all of you at our potluck picnic and remember to bring plants of any kind for the auction.



Photo Compliments of Ed Cott

**DEATH TAKES MARILYN LEE FROM GLOS**

- Doris Asher, Society Archivist

Her husband Hans let us know that Marilyn Lee died June 18, 2017, after a brief illness from a particularly aggressive form of leukemia. Marilyn was among the longest term members of our Society – her name appears for the first time in our 1978 membership roster – 39 years! (Remember, too, that GLOS came into existence in 1977 – Marilyn was almost a charter member.) She was the Society Secretary from 1980 – 1982 and its President in 1985, 1986, and the year 2000. GLOS honored her as Orchidist of the Year in 1996. One of her greatest contributions to GLOS was the fabulous array of "Orchids in Use" entries she gathered together for our annual show – this competition was among the very finest and largest of any show in the region. Another of her passions was orchid conservation – she created native orchid gardens at both the Harris Nature Center in Meridian Township and also in the Fenner Arboretum in Lansing.

She was an active judge with the American Orchid Society for 24 years having achieved fully accredited judging status in 1993. A superb grower, Marilyn maintained a large,

diverse collection in her greenhouse attached to their house. She almost always contributed several beautiful plants to GLOS exhibits both at our own show and at away shows. She earned at least 70 AOS awards from 1986 to the present and usually gave them the clonal name 'Okemos' or same variant of it, such as 'Okemos Little One'.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to her husband Hans, their children Pauline and Paul and their grandchildren. Rest in peace, Marilyn – you have lived a long life filled with beauty and grace.

Thank you.

→ Thanks to May refreshment volunteers: Dawn Kittle, Carol Ann Stuht, and Ioana Sonea. Ioana Sonea and Michele volunteered to bring in refreshments for the August 19th meeting.

**GLOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- **July 22** - GLOS Picnic
- **August 19** - GLOS Special Meeting #3 - Kristen Uthus will talk about Japanese Orchids (See p. 8)
- **September 16** - GLOS General Meeting - Deciphering orchid names and the Internet - tentative
- **October 14** - All-State Society meeting - Francisco Miranda and George Hatfield (see p. 8)
- **February 24-25, 2018** - **GLOS Orchid Show and Sale**



***What follows are thoughts and remembrances from GLOS members and AOS judges:******From email from Eugenia (Renate deZacks' daughter) received Tuesday, June 20, 2017:***

My deepest condolences and sorrow to both Marilyn's family and friends -which mean to you Doris, all of you on the cc list, and all the orchid enthusiasts near and far --and community friends; this is absolutely heartbreaking --Marilyn Lee was a name that came up weekly in conversations with my mom for decades -- her teaching, her arrangements, her judging, her taste and her leadership style and vision were "signature" graciousness. She was so sweet and thoughtful towards my mom in hard times and nice times -- providing an orchid when my mom broke her ankle, inviting her for a lunch in her home upon recovery, being there for organizational pow wows and on and on. So much energy. So much vibrancy. And always poise. I am sorry I did not know she was so ill.

***From email from Larry Watson, Jr. received Tuesday, June 20, 2017:***

Of all the people I've met in the orchid life she was a one of a kind! From her asking for cut flowers at judging and even her requesting Sausage and Sauerkraut. I had an amazing time knowing and learning from her. I am saddened to know such a wonderful lady has left us. THANK YOU, Marilyn Lee

***From email from Sharon Alden received Tuesday, June 20, 2017:***

I remember some of my first meetings at GLOS. Marilyn was one of the first members to welcome me, and always made a point to talk to me at other meetings. Will miss her beautiful smile.

***From email from Pete Ostlund received Friday, June 23, 2017:***

I remember that Marilyn was very interested in Michigan native orchids. I know she helped maintain the slipper orchids at one or 2 local arboretums. She also took day trips looking for native orchids in bloom. She told me about her trips several times.

She was also interested in helping new members and recruiting new members. I think I attended one or 2 meetings at her house as part of her efforts.

She was always inquisitive and friendly. She will be missed.

***From email from Carol Ann Stuhrt received Thursday, June 1, 2017:***

I feel ill. Marilyn was mentor and friend. Exasperating at times but always well meaning. I would not be in GLOS if not for her.

***From email from Diane Zoellner received Thursday, June 1, 2017:***

Marilyn was the person who approached me to do the children's corner for the orchid show. She had so much energy. What a loss.

***From email from Ed Cott received Tuesday, June 20, 2017:***

I did find that photo I mentioned. I took this at the GLJC a couple years ago. Marilyn had brought in a Schomburgkia cross, not for judging but just for "show & tell". That was something she did quite often. I took the photo so we would have one to put in our Newsletter when she was our scheduled speaker. She was quite proud of the plant that stood almost as tall as she was.

I remember when she came to Windsor, she and Hans visited, and we had a delightful breakfast and then off to the Windsor OS meeting. She was a hit with our group and spoke about the Native Orchids of the Great Lakes. I had invited her back to speak to us this past April and everything was arranged - she was going to talk about the principles of design as it related to displays and floral arranging. Unfortunately we had to move our meeting date to the week following which presented a conflict for her and she could not come. I tried to re-schedule when I saw her at the GLJC in May, she said she was staying close to home for health reasons - alluding to an ailment but not one I attributed to something as dire as it was.

I will miss Marilyn terribly. She has been a mentor, a good friend and a strong supporter. Often strongly opinionated and perhaps a bit stubborn, I enjoyed being on her judging teams - both AOS and ribbon judging. She was one of the first people to talk to me when I first came to the GLJC to observe and instantly made me feel welcome and at ease. She was also very generous. She started divesting of some of her library a few years ago and would often bring a box of her books for me to select from and/or to contribute to the WOS library. It was always my observation that she really loved being an orchid judge and being with everyone at the center.

Mario Ferrusi once said to me that the best part of being involved with orchids was the many people you meet and become friends with. I count Marilyn as one of those I had the distinct pleasure of knowing and calling a friend.

***Calypso Editor's note:***

Marilyn's strength of character, energy and independence was a role model I can never emulate. Her example of naming her awards after her home town prompted me to do the same. She encouraged me to join her trip to the Chicagoland Orchid Festival when I was just getting my feet wet in orchids, and we shared in a trip to the Redlands Festival in Florida when I was totally immersed. She was always kind, and I never remember hearing a negative comment from her about another person.

**ALEX CHALLIS HAS DIED** - Doris Asher, Society Archivist

Alex Challis died at the age of 55 on June 26, 2017, a few days after a severe heart attack. Alex joined GLOS eight years ago, in May 2009, and was very helpful to the Society serving as a frequent, talented speaker, a judge and a vendor at our annual Show, and most recently as a member of our Nominating Committee. He served as a judge with the American Orchid Society for seventeen years, becoming fully accredited in October 1999. In the Great Lakes Judging Center, Alex gave numerous presentations and served as one of our auctioneers at fund-raising events.

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When my husband Jim died in 1996, Alex established the "Jim Asher Trophy" in the Ann Arbor Orchid Society show schedule, given to the best Paphiopedilum species – Alex often honored me by having me choose the winner. Even as we grieve our loss, we extend our condolences to his parents and brother and, especially, to our colleagues in Alex's primary orchid society, the Ann Arbor Orchid Society, in which he was President at the time of his death.

***What follows are some thoughts and remembrances from the people who knew him:***

*From Facebook posting by Larry Watson, Jr. on Monday, June 26, 2017*

Alex Challis - Thank you and I'll miss you! He was a massive help to most people and a pain to others, but to me he was a beer loving, Orchid selling, joke cracking, crazy guy. Thankful to have had the time to know each other and I'll remember the things you taught me forever. Although not the best looking guy heheh, I will with tears remember your face always as it was always there for all of the orchid events. I will miss his ability to always lighting up the judging program.

Tear filled thank you!

*From email from Dawn Kittle received on Monday, June 26, 2017:*

So very sad. So young to be done with run on earth.

His many achievements were numerable. For me I will remember his sense of humor and kindness. Especially whenever I clerked with him for the shows. We had this bantering going about my pronunciations of the various orchids. I will surely miss him a lot.

*From email from Dot Barnett received on Monday, June 26, 2017:*

Words cannot express my sadness. As I was watering my orchids this morning, I noted all the plants I've purchased from him over the years, and thought about what a great person and asset he is to the orchid community. Then I came in the house and read Kristen's note. I'm sure I'm joining everyone who knew Alex in a similar grief. Some things are hard to accept - this is one of them. I am grateful for the orchids he brought into my life, as he came with them.

*From email from Kristen Uthus received on Monday, June 26, 2017:*

With a heavy heart, I have to report that Alex Challis passed away at 9:45 this morning.

He was surrounded by his family and has been visited by many friends since his heart attack June 15. He leaves a huge hole in our corner of Orchid World, and he will be impossible to replace. He was everyone's go-to guy for all questions orchid and generally agreed to be a walking encyclopedia of orchid knowledge. Moreover, he has been the glue holding together the Ann Arbor Orchid Society. He was a fun-loving, witty, smart, and truly unique character who will be sorely missed.

*From email from Bill Porter received on Monday, June 26, 2017:*

How to memorialize two such opposite individuals, fairly, each absolutely vital to their organizations.

Marilyn Lee, the judge, hobbyist, membership seller, fund raiser, Orchidist of some repute, friend, garden clubber, sunshine spreader, trooper. She was a trooper, not to be denied enjoying an orchid show just because of the weather, or the distance, "what's that got to do with anything". She was there if anyone was. She spread sunshine, usually upbeat and happy to be doing what she loved to do. A garden club member, who sold memberships as something everyone who was a member should be doing. A friend of mine joined because of Marilyn, and is quite happy Marilyn was so forceful in recommending this gal join up and participate. Marilyn was a friend I bumped into frequently, being in the same orchid societies and judging many of the same shows. Marilyn could grow orchids, show orchids and judge orchids, sort of the orchids trifecta. She was always selling greens at Christmas time as a fund raiser for the garden club. I don't think she ever retired, except from her career as a public health nurse. If she belonged, she thought all her friends and acquaintances should also belong, and Marilyn pushed folks to get off their duffs and participate. Marilyn as a judge was a little slow for me, because I always wanted to get back to my sales table. She always wanted to get it right. Marilyn was vital to the Greater Lansing Orchid Society Shows, and almost single-handedly fought to make the orchids-in-use section the biggest and best in the Midwest at least. "Vital" is a good descriptor for Marilyn.

Alex Challis, a vital cog in several wheels in my orchid circle. He would be here, there, most everywhere orchids were, as a grower, seller, judge, and informed horticulturist. When I needed suggestions for an orchid I was not successful with, I asked Alex. And I wasn't the only one. He was always informal, usually late, and always missed if a model train meeting interfered. He was so vital and young, it is going to be hard getting used to his absence. He always had a humorous and friendly way about him, that made him so accessible. The consummate "go to" guy. Constantly helped my wife Marilyn on occasions while she tended the sales table in my absence, answering questions for the customers, and helping make the sale. From a Vendors standpoint, he was the Ann Arbor Orchid Society Show. I was privileged to know Alex, and know him as a friend. Many are with me on that.



Photo courtesy of Kristen Uthus



**MINUTES OF GLOS GENERAL MEETING MAY 20, 2017** - submitted by Ioana Sonea, Acting Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Rob Halgren at approximately 7pm.

Twenty-one GLOS members attended the meeting. The speaker John Curtin and his spouse brought a nice variety of plants to sell.

**Business items****Upcoming GLOS meetings**

- The next general meeting is June 17th, the topic is TBA.
- The annual GLOS picnic will be held at Granger Meadow Park at noon on July 22nd, with Mike Underwood and Rob Halgren as auctioneers. More details to follow in the Calypso.

**Election of officers**

The officers of the GLOS Board for the 2017-18 year were elected by acclamation (per our bylaws, a quorum is 15% of the membership: for 110 members, 17 were required for a quorum).

- President: Dawn Kittle
- Vice President: Doris Asher (incumbent – her 3d/final year)
- Secretary: Diane Zoellner (incumbent -- her 3rd/final year)
- Treasurer: Rob Halgren
- Directors:
  - Michael Henderson (in middle of 2-year term – not up for re-election)
  - Carol Ann Stuht (incumbent – her 2nd/final 2-year term)
- Newsletter Editor Dot Potter Barnett (incumbent – no term limit)

**Presentation of awards**

Rob Halgren presented the following awards:

- Orchidist of the Year, along with a beautiful Cattleya, to Larry Watson and Kherwin Cheng Chua, who unfortunately could not be present.
- Silver Award of Appreciation (with a very promising Phragmipedium) to Ioana Sonea, who was most appreciative of the honor.

**Other business**

- In honor of the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Greater Lansing Orchid Society, a gorgeous cake decorated with orchids and a fruit salad were available for attendees.
- The show and tell table had several beautiful plants including a phenomenal Paphiopedilum belonging to Dot Barnett which had received an FCC 90 points at the Great Lakes Judging Center earlier in the day.
- Rob Halgren thanked the people who brought food to today's meeting (Tammy Scherer, Jim Churn and Ioana Sonea). Dawn Kittle, Carol Ann Stuht and Ioana Sonea volunteered to bring treats to the June meeting.

**Presentation**

John Curtin gave an excellent presentation about Lycastes and their culture, inspiring many to try their hand at growing these beautiful plants.

**Silent auction and raffle**

The silent auction netted GLOS \$32 after the sellers received their base prices. The raffle earned GLOS \$38.

Members dispersed at the conclusion of the raffle, at about 9pm.



Photos by Dot



**GLOS GENERAL MEETING, JUNE 17, 2017** - submitted by Diane Zoellner, Secretary

President Dawn Kittle called the meeting to order at 7:05. She informed members that Marilyn Lee was in hospice and to send cards to her house. Alex Challis had a heart attack and is at U of M Hospital. Dawn asked everyone to keep him in their thoughts and to send cards.

Dawn passed out 3x5 cards to the 20 members present and asked everyone to write down ideas they would be interested in for topics for future meetings.

**OLD BUSINESS***MEETINGS*

July 22, 2017, The Saturday picnic is at the Granger Meadows Park pavilion. Directions will be in the CALYPSO. The auctioneers will be Rob Halgren and Mike Underwood.

The August and September topics are yet to be determined. The church does have Wi-Fi, so AOS Webinars might be considered.

October 14, 2017, is the Special All-State Orchid Societies Meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A new AOS representative needs to be chosen. Until more information about this position's responsibilities is learned, the discussion is tabled until the next meeting.



Thank you to Dawn Kittle, Carol Ann Stuht, and Ioana Sonea for supplying food for tonight's meeting. Ioana Sonea and Michele volunteered to bring in refreshments for the August 19th meeting (the third of our experimental additional meetings).

Dot Potter Barnett discussed the lovely plants on the plant table. Dawn reminded everyone to purchase raffle tickets for the raffle table and to bid on items at the silent auction table.

Dawn introduced our speaker Jerrie Nichols, who did an amusing, informative and lively program called MURDER, MAYHEM AND MYSTERY, The Orchid's Journey From Jungle To Windowsill.

Winners of the raffle table and high bidders for the silent auction table took home their treasures.

The meeting ended at 9:15. Members cleaned tables and returned tables and chairs to their original places.



Photos by Dot

**GLOS BOARD MEETING, June 5, 2017** - Submitted by Diane Zoellner, Secretary

The board met at Carol Ann Stuht's house for a delicious meal of chicken, potato salad, asparagus, salad and homemade pound cake with whipped cream. Members present were Jerrie Nichols, Doris Asher, Dot Potter Barnett, Ioana Sonea, Michael Henderson, Diane Zoellner, Dawn Kittle, and Carol Ann Stuht.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The credit union needs some paper work before Ioana can transfer the treasurer's position to Rob. For the current period from April 3, 2017, to June 3, 2017, the income is \$699.08 with expenses of \$517.42. The net income for the reporting period is +\$181.66.

For year-to-date period (July 1, 2016 to June 3, 2017), the income is \$8,960.32 with expenses of \$8,678.63. The year-to-date net is +\$281.69.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership Committee:** Doris reported that since the last report on April third, we have one new member. We welcome Fred Swartz as our new member. We received fourteen renewals with Bridget Ludwig renewing with a life membership. We currently have 111 members in 97 households. The current membership year ends on June 30, 2017.

**Show Committee:** Doris reported that we do not need an AOS Show Trophy for 2018 because Ioana gave us a trophy which will save GLOS about \$60-\$70. Doris has already replenished the ribbon inventory for 2018. She will send out the AOS judging application in late July.

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**GLOS BOARD MEETING MINUTES** - *Continued from p. 6*

## OLD BUSINESS

## Programs:

April 15, 2017 Dave Miller: The Equitant Oncidiums

There were 28 members who attended this meeting. It was one of the three new meetings. Dot sent out an email announcement to members with emails on Wednesday, April 5, 2017. On Thursday, April 6, 2017, Doris sent out 10 paper copies to members without email. (cost: \$4.90) The fee for the presentation was \$100. Jerrie took Dave to dinner. There were no other expenses. The Porters graciously hosted Dave on Saturday night. Dave reported that his sales of Tolumnias were good.

May 20, 2017 Society's Fortieth Anniversary

There were 21 members who attended. The anniversary cake was beautiful and delicious. GLOS received a \$30 gift card because the wrong flavor of cake was made. The election of officers was held. The annual awards winners were announced. The program was on Lycastes by John Curtin. There was no charge for the speaker.

June 17, 2017 One of three new meetings

This date is in conflict with GLJC Seminar which means many members will not be able to attend the GLOS meeting. (Rob, Doris, Alex, Bill Porter) Possible programs are: getting orchids ready for a show; sterilizing pots and repotting; setting up and staging a display; common and uncommon windowsill orchids; how to check registered names/parents using RHS website; no meeting but attend GLJC Seminar in Ann Arbor; Greenhouse crawl; or Jerrie has a program on the history of orchid collecting called "Murder, Mayhem, and Mysteries of Orchids". After a discussion, it was decided to have Jerrie present her program about the history of orchid collecting.

Saturday, July 22, 2017 Picnic

We have the pavilion at Granger Meadows Park reserved. Rob Halgren and Mike Underwood will be asked if they would be the auctioneers. GLOS will provide water and ice. Everyone will be asked to bring a dish to pass. Members bringing plants will be asked to come early so that plants can be priced or put up for the auction. Ioana will help with the pricing.

August 19, 2017 One of three new meetings

Doris cannot attend, so a volunteer is needed to transport supplies and set up the room. The program is yet to be determined. (*Editor's note: Kristen Uthus will talk about Japanese Orchids*)

September 16, 2017

The program is yet to be determined. It could be Glen Decker, Piping Rock Orchids, a program shared with Ann Arbor OS. However, their meeting is September 10th. The vote on the one-year experiment with the three added meetings (April, June, and August) should take place at this meeting.

1:30 p.m., October 14, 2017 Special All-State Meeting

Francisco Miranda - Brazilian Cattleyas, and George Hatfield - The AOS Today

We have booked the church meeting room. Ioana will contact Jack about GLOS members supplying additional food. The society already supplies the drinks.

November 18, 2017 Eric Sauer, President, Miami Valley Orchid Society

Topic to be determined and to be shared with Ann Arbor Orchid Society

January 20, 2018 Yet to be determined This is usually our Round Robin. One suggestion: How to prepare for a show.

March 17, 2018 Yet to be determined

## AWAY SHOWS

Michiana, November 11-12

Saginaw Valley, November 25-26

## NEW BUSINESS

A Pete Ostlund received a request for a donation to the AOS for a new annual award for the finest Schomburgkia hybrid each year. They have raised 40% of the \$10,000 goal. It is mentioned and described in this month's ORCHIDS magazine. The board tabled any motion until the August Board meeting.

B GLOS Liability Insurance Ioana reported that the insurance is automatically paid, but Doris, not Ioana, has been continually emailed the information. As the new treasurer, it will be put in Rob's name.

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**GLOS BOARD MEETING MINUTES - Concluded from p.7**

- C Audit of Treasurer's books (Bylaws, p.5 & 7) When a change in treasurers occurs, an audit is suggested. Dawn will form an Audit Committee of 3 members. The Board proposed several possible members.
- D Budget (Bylaws p.7 & 8) Ioana volunteered to make a draft budget to present at the next board meeting.
- E Pete Ostlund invited the board to see his greenhouse when the board meets at Dot's house.
- F The July Calypso deadline is Friday, June 30, 2017 to Dot.
- G Announcement: GLJC Seminar on Cymbidiums & Dendrobiums is June 17-18

The August Board Meeting is Monday, August 7th at Dawn Kittle's House, 2014 Gannon, Howell, MI 48855 on Monday, August 7, 2017. All members are welcome.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55.

## *GLOS Special Meeting in August*

**KRISTEN UTHUS WILL BE OUR SPEAKER FOR OUR SPECIAL MEETING, AUGUST 19th**

**Biography:**

Dr. Kristen Uthus studied both plant and animal ecology and evolution at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) and the Ohio State University (OSU). She then taught biology and ecology at several colleges including VCU, OSU, University of Michigan, and Eastern Michigan University. The daughter of a plant fanatic, Kristen has been growing orchids for over 20 years, sometimes more and sometimes less seriously. In April 2013, however, she began working with Dr. Glenn Lehr, the previous owner of New World Orchids, one of the first people to introduce Japanese orchids to the American market. After a short time, he offered her the business, and she fulfilled a lifelong dream of making orchids a full-time commitment by purchasing NWO from Dr. Lehr in January 2014.

Although she enjoys growing many varieties of orchids and other plants, miniatures remain her passion—the weirder the better. New World Orchids specializes in Japanese species including *Neofinetia falcata*, *Dendrobium moniliforme*, and *Sederia japonica* as well as Asian *Cymbidium* species, but her miniature selection has been expanding to include other small species including *Pleurothallids*, *Bulbophyllums*, and *Angraecums*. Although not ever entirely up to date, you can check out some of NWO's offerings at [www.newworldorchids.com](http://www.newworldorchids.com).

Kristen lives in Manchester, MI, about an hour west of Detroit. She is supported in her orchid pursuits by her husband, Dr. Kevin Wehrly, her two sons, Henry and Gus, and a veritable menagerie of lovable animals

Kristen's talk will be:

**Japanese Orchid: The Small and Mighty**

Japanese orchids are not typical in the orchid world as they are often collected for their leaves rather than their flowers. In her talk "Japanese Orchids: the Small and Mighty," Kristen will speak about what makes Japanese orchids stand out in a crowd and why *Neofinetia falcata* may be the easiest of all orchids to grow.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>GLOS ROSTER</b></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>New Member -- Welcome!</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fred Swartz 6403 timber View Dr E. Lansing, MI 48823 517-339-6022 <a href="mailto:swartz.frede@gmail.com">swartz.frede@gmail.com</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2017 All State Orchid Societies Meeting</b> Hosted by the following Orchid Societies: Ann Arbor, Dunes/Kamalazoo, Grand Valley, Greater Lansing, Michigan, Northwestern Michigan, Saginaw Valley</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Oct 14th, 2017 at 1:30 PM</b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><i>Francisco</i></p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><i>George</i></p> </div> </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Francisco Miranda</b> <b>Manaus, Brazil ( FL )</b> Will talk on "Cattleya in Brazil (country tour)"</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>George Hatfield</b> President of the AOS Will talk on "American Orchid Society Today"</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Presbyterian Church of Okemos</b> <b>2258 Bennett Road, Okemos, MI</b> For more info call or e-mail Jack Shumaker 810-265-8117 or <a href="mailto:jcobble58@aol.com">jacobble58@aol.com</a> Everyone Welcome</p>
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**WEAR YOUR SOCIETY NAME TAG TO PICNIC** - submitted by Doris Asher, Membership Committee Chair

Your Society's Membership Committee no longer collects and holds members' name tags. Each member keeps his or her own GLOS name badge.

Please remember to wear your badge to the Picnic. Let's help everyone greet everyone by name by wearing a name tag. Doris will have write-on name tags for visitors and for anyone who forgets his or her official badge.

(If you have lost your name tag, kindly let either Dot or Doris know. Dot will prepare a replacement for you.)

**MEMBERSHIP YEAR DRAWS TO A CLOSE** - submitted by Doris Asher, Membership Committee Chair

Since the Society's fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30 of each year, members for the 2016-2017 year who have not yet renewed their membership for 2017-2018 are now in arrears, and this July newsletter is the last one they will receive. Annual dues are \$8.00 for an individual plus an additional \$4.00 for each additional household member. For members who want to save significant money over time, the Society offers a life membership for a one-time payment of \$80.00. Thirty-seven people have already taken advantage of the life membership.

Please make checks payable to GLOS and send them to Treasurer Ioana Sonea, 3740 Chippendale Drive, Okemos, MI 48864. Or, save a stamp and pay Ionea in person when you come to the Picnic on July 22nd!

So far, 62 households (72 individuals) have already paid their dues for the coming year; we need to hear from 29 households (36 individuals) who have not yet renewed. (These numbers accurate as of Monday, June 26, 2017.)

(Members who have not yet paid for the coming year have their names highlighted in yellow on the mailing label on this issue. Such members need to pay at this time so they will not miss any issues of The Calypso. The Editor will contact those members receiving their newsletters electronically to remind those who have not yet renewed to do so.)

**GOOD NEWS:** Carol Ann Stuht has volunteered to be our AOS representative and liaison.

**AOS CORNER**

*Thank-you, Carol!*



**SPECIAL HONOR TO GLOS MEMBER**

George Hatfield, President of the American Orchid Society, presented Doris Asher with the Society's silver medal at the Society's semiannual business meeting in Coral Gables, FL, on May 20, 2017. The inscription on the medal reads "Doris Asher for outstanding work facilitating founding and set up of the AOS Library at Fairchild May 20, 2017". Doris has served on the AOS Library and Archives Committee since about 2004.

This special medal goes into Doris' "special treasures" place!

Photos by Dot



*Congratulations, Doris!*



**GREAT LAKES JUDGING CENTER EDUCATION SEMINAR 2017**

- submitted by Doris Asher, Registrar

In order to maintain his or her status as an accredited judge for the American Orchid Society, each judge must get twelve hours of continuing education each year. To assist their personnel in doing so, each judging center, such as our local one, the Great Lakes Judging Center, provides an educational session during each of its monthly judging sessions. However, it is difficult to offer twelve hours in this manner. Therefore, once a year, on the third weekend of June, we hold an educational seminar, which runs Saturday afternoon and evening and Sunday morning at excellent conference facilities provided by Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor.



We rotate through the Mid-America Orchid Congress show schedule for our topics. This year we concentrated on the Cymbidiums and the Dendrobiums. Next June the topic will be the miscellaneous genera, such as the Pleurothallis, Lycastes, Bulbophyllums.

In addition to the 20 judges headquartered in the Ann Arbor judging center, about thirty other people attended this year's Seminar. These thirty included judges from the Toronto and the Cincinnati Judging Centers and interested orchid people from the Cleveland area as well as from several of our Michigan-based orchid societies. The combination of people to ask questions of the presenters and to interact throughout the weekend provides vibrancy to the event that might be lacking if the seminar were limited to just the GLJC personnel.

Activities on Saturday open with official AOS award judging in which everyone is invited to participate. Once the judging is concluded, the talks begin. Because we had extra time in the schedule, we added an unscheduled talk by Jean Ikeson on "The Basics of Nomenclature and Taxonomy". We heard Barry Jones on "The Latouria Dendrobiums", Dave Miller on "Why Own More Than One Dendrobium unicum Hybrid?", John Dunkelberger on "Cymbidium Hybridizing", Kristen Uthus on "Dendrobium moniliforme", Laura Bonnell on "The Dendrobium bigibbum Complex", and Carol Butcher on "Red Cymbidiums". We had a delicious buffet dinner served in our seminar room; we bid on silent auction items; we had live auctions, with the facility of Rob Halgren serving as auctioneer. We ate snacks provided by the GLJC judges.

Then, suddenly, it was 1:00 on Sunday, and the Seminar weekend was over, to be renewed in 2018!

Maybe you will plan to join us June 16-17!

**TREASURER'S REPORT JUNE 3 2017** - Submitted by Ioana Sonea, Treasurer

Current period from 04/03/2017 to 06/03/2017.

Income: \$699.08

- Balance show table fee: 200
- Dues: 184
- Reimbursement for room rental for All-Society Meeting in Oct. 2017: 100
- Donations: 38
- Silent auction: 107
- Raffle: 55
- Donations for print Calypso: 15.08

Expenses: \$517.42

- Auto Owner's Insurance (liability): 295
- April speaker's fee (Dave Miller): 100
- Refund for printer ink (for show flower arrangement flyers) to Marilyn Lee: 52.98
- Silent auction base price (to seller): 47
- Reimbursement for April speaker's dinner to Jerrie Nichols: 15.24
- Reimbursement for show parking to Marilyn Lee: 7.20

Net income for reporting period: + \$181.66



Photo by Dot



# Porter's Orchids

## Greenhouse downsizing & Inventory liquidation sale

Bill Porter is selling his inventory, including most of his personal collection. (He is keeping about 40 plants which he will transfer to his home.) At the end of the sale, the Greenhouse will be closed.



**Sale dates:**

- Beginning July 8 – 25% off
- Beginning July 29 – 35% off
- Beginning August 5 – 45% off

Greenhouse hours for the sale dates are 10 am – 5 pm.

Non-perishables will also be marked down for sale: new and sterilized used pots, large bags of Rexius fir bark, horticultural charcoal in 2 sizes (seedling and medium), large bags of perlite and vermiculate, and some Fafard Peat.

A list of flasks will be available soon. Discounted prices are on the potted or plaqued plants only, and at the greenhouse only, and beginning on the specified sale dates only. Potted seedlings are included in the sale. Shipping has ended. A seedling flats listing will be ready soon. Bill's flasks and seedlings in flats were made to enable his sale tables to stand out with saleable orchids available nowhere else, and should be of interest to his commercial grower friends. Flats and flasks are priced to sell out quickly, and are not discounted further.

This is a very difficult decision. But maintaining an aging greenhouse is proving to be an obstacle that can no longer be managed. It is with great sadness that Bill is closing this chapter in his life, and he and Marilyn are hoping all their orchid friends and customers will remember the joy of browsing for that awesome orchid to add to their collection or to give to someone special.



Bill's prices have always been fair. With these discounts and dates, it is best to come early for the greatest selection in inventory.

## Taylor Orchid Greenhouse Nothin' But Orchids

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**Greater Lansing Orchid Society - Membership Form**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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 Renewal  New Membership  Check # \_\_\_\_\_  Cash (DUES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE)

*Dues are payable in May for the membership which begins July 1<sup>st</sup>.*

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