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## CALYPSO DEADLINE:

December 29 for the Jan 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.*

## NOVEMBER 19th 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 will be Sam Tsui, owner of Orchid Inn:

<http://www.orchidinnusa.com>

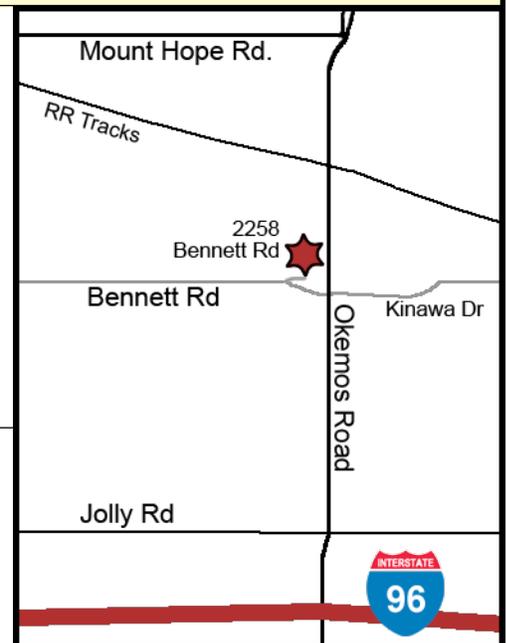
Orchid Inn, Ltd is owned and operated by Sam Tsui and his wife Jeanie. We started growing orchids in the early 1980's and it has always been our passion! Sam started breeding/hybridizing in the early 1990's and eventually started our home-commercial business "Orchid Inn" in our basement and greenhouses attached to our house. As the business grows, we purchased a six acres property and built our first commercial 6,000 square greenhouse in 2004.

In the past 20 years, Sam has been very active in the orchid world, traveling for shows, sales, and lecturing. At Orchid Inn, Ltd, we continue to specialize in Paphiopedilums and Phragmipediums. We particularly emphasize species, Brachypetalum, Parvisepalum and Multifloral hybrids. We only select the best, most vigorous parent plants in our collection for breeding/hybridizing. Occasionally, we select the best plants or flasks which are, we believe, outstanding example of their type from our friends around the world to improve our breeding stock.

As a result of our breeding program, over two hundred American Orchid Society, Cymbidium Society of America and European Orchid Congress awards have been bestowed on our orchids. Our most prestigious awards include thirteen FCC/AOS awards, a 93 points CCE/AOS award, and seven AQ/AOS awards.

Sam will offer us a 10% discount (except net price and division items) for any pre-order received one week prior to the meeting. Tell Sam via email what plants you would like him to bring to the meeting for you:

Sam Tsui <[samtsui@orchidinnusa.com](mailto:samtsui@orchidinnusa.com)>



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -- Rob Halgren**

Looks like fall is in full swing, I hope you have managed to find room for all those orchids that grew so well this summer. My strategy of viciously thinning my collection seems to have worked, I have no crates of orchids blocking the aisles of the greenhouse - there are still a few crates of bromeliads, but I'm calling it a win. I haven't even turned on all my lights yet, so lots of space to fill with impulse buys over the coming show season! The Cubs are playing a world series game at Wrigley Field for the first time in most of our lifetimes, even as I type this. They may even win it before you read this. Put it all together and we may not get to the next orchid meeting due to the apocalypse...

Speaking of the next meeting, our friend Sam Tsui is coming to town. You may remember him as the one with all the awesome ladyslippers at our spring show. He is one of the best Paph breeders in the country, so come check out his amazing plants and great depth of knowledge. See you at the meeting!

**THE SPECIAL ALL-STATE MEETING - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2016** - submitted by Diane Zoellner, Secretary Jack Shumaker began the meeting at 2:15 by thanking everyone involved. He thanked Dottie Winters for organizing the food and thanked those members who supplied the refreshments. He expressed his appreciation to the set up crew and Georgian Franczyk for organizing the event. Marilyn Whitacker was thanked for selling the book "Phalaenopsis, The Genus in Pictures" by Wesley Higgins and Peggy Alrich. Also, Jack thanked Porter's Orchids for supplying orchids to purchase.

The seven societies which sponsored this meeting were Ann Arbor, Dunes Kalamazoo, Grand Valley, GLOS, Michigan, Northwest Michigan, and Saginaw Valley. A representative from each group received a copy of last year's presentation. Jack thanked Sally Hilight who recorded last year's and this year's program. Each society will receive a copy of this year's program.

Carlos Fighetti's program was about phalaenopsis species. As an orchidist, one must learn where each species is grown to discover what conditions each plant requires. These plants will not adapt to your conditions. It is difficult to grow and flower everything because each comes from a different environment. However, you may be able to find some micro climates in your greenhouse or growing area to meet different plants' needs. A plant's origin tells whether it is a warm or cool grower, what the day and night temperature range should be, what the rainfall is or water needed, and how much humidity is needed. The culture of a plant is light, temperature, humidity, air movement, and water. All of these are usually higher in the summer and down in the winter.

About 80% of phalaenopsis live in tropical rainforests which are constantly warm and moist. However, the location in the rainforest determines the optimum conditions for each plant. For example, some grow in the shade of the trees and require lower light while others live in the bright light of the top layer of branches. Most live on trees and are epiphytes. Long stemmed monopodial plants require high light conditions while short stems require lower light.

Phalaenopsis cannot store water. They are CAM plants which use Crassulacean acid metabolism, also known as CAM photosynthesis. It is a 2 step photosynthesis. (In a plant using full CAM, the stomata in the leaves remain shut during the day to reduce evapotranspiration, but open at night to collect carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). Wikipedia) During the day, they release oxygen. They require water at night because that is when they take in carbon dioxide. It is very important to have humidity at night. How much and how often you water will determine what planting medium to use. For example, if you plant in moss, you might water every 21 days, while in bark, you would water more often. Water less in winter, but keep humidity in the air all year.

Carlos Fighetti recommended using the Michigan State formula fertilizer. Fertilize a little all the time, however, fertilize less in the winter. Not all phalaenopsis species grow under the same conditions. Research each plant's natural environment to determine its specific needs.

This informative and entertaining program ended at 4:15.

→ Thanks to Pete Ostlund, Ioana Sonea, Dea and Julia Bishop and Dottie Winter for volunteering to bring refreshments to our September meeting. Ioana Sonea, Dottie Winter, Tammy Scherer and Jim Churn have volunteered for the November meeting.

**GLOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- **November 5-6, 2016** - Michiana OS Show - Doris and Lynn will set-up and take down.
- **November 19 - GLOS General Meeting** - Speaker Sam Tsui of Orchid Inn: Multifloral Paphs
- **November 26-27, 2016** - Saginaw Valley OS Show - Ioana is in charge of the display
- **December 3** - Porter's Orchids Holiday Open House
- **December 5 - GLOS Board meeting at Ioana's**
- **January 21 - GLOS General Meeting** - "round robin" format. Suggestions for topics welcome.
- **January 28-29** - Grand Valley OS Show - Carol Ann Stuht is in charge; Dot & Pete O will assist
- **February 25-26, 2017 - GLOS Orchid Show and Sale**
- **February 24-25, 2018 - GLOS Orchid Show and Sale**

**GLOS SEPTEMBER 17 GENERAL MEETING** - Submitted by Diane Zoellner, Secretary

Rob called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.. The first item discussed was our GLOS picnic. The attendance was down this year, perhaps because of the change to a Sunday or because the weather was very steamy that day. A show of hands was taken for either Sunday, Saturday, or no difference for when the picnic should be next year. Saturday received more show of hands. Also, whether to move the picnic to June will have further discussion.

We extend a warm welcome to Linda and Mike Dull as new GLOS members.

Thank you to Pete Ostlund, Ioana Sonea, Dea and Julie Bishop, and Dottie Winter for providing the delicious refreshments for this meeting. The plants were shared from the plant table. Rob Halgren supplied plants for purchase.

Doris Asher reported on the GLOS Orchid Show which is the last week end of February. The plans are progressing with judges lined up, trophies ordered, and committees being organized. Cindy Ryan graciously accepted the chair of the hospitality committee. Pete Ostlund has 16 tables sold out of the 23 available. Larry Watson and Kherwin Cheng Chua are in charge of the GLOS exhibit this year. Mike Underwood discussed the classes available at the show and asked to be contacted if anyone is interested in presenting. Doris will have a new class that tours the exhibits while pointing out the winners in the displays. She will need a microphone for this class.

October 8, 2016, at 2:00 is the Special All-State Meeting with 7 societies in attendance. The program will be about phalaenopsis species by our speaker, Carlos Fighetti. For the All State meeting, GLOS is responsible for the hot beverages and for the plastic and paper products.

The Michiana show is November 5-6. Doris Asher will collect plants at her house on Wednesday, November 2nd from 3-8 p.m. Lynn O'shaughnessy and Doris will set up and take down the exhibit.

On November 19, 2016, Sam Tsui will be the speaker. Thank you to Ioana Sonea, Dottie Winter, Tammy Scherer, and Jim Churn for volunteering to bring the refreshments for the November 19, 2016, meeting.

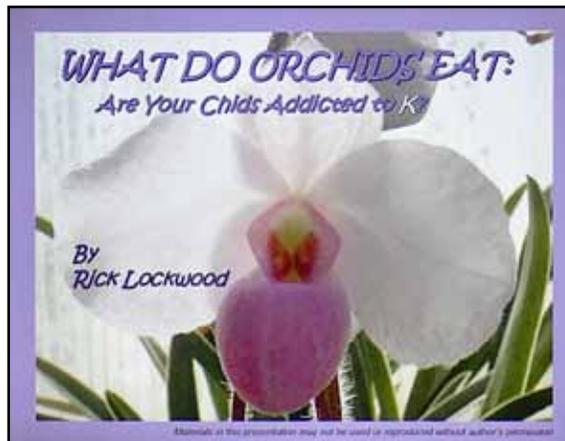
Our speaker, Rick Lockwood, presented "What Do Orchids Eat?" The question being, "Are your orchids addicted to K, (potassium)?" Plants need water, CO<sub>2</sub>, and micronutrients. We should not think of what we add as food, but as vitamin supplements. We can "feed" our orchids to excess. His suggestion is to add a very diluted amount of fertilizer each time orchids are watered. Find out the chemical composition of the water you use and formulate a nutrient plan.

The winners of the raffle and silent auction tables were determined.

The meeting was adjourned at about 9:00 p.m.



Photos by Dot



**MINUTES OF OCTOBER 3, 2016 GLOS BOARD MEETING** - submitted by Diane Zoellner, Secretary

The board members met at Doris Asher's house for a delicious supper of sandwiches, veggies, and pies. The members present were Dot Potter Barnett, Ioana Sonea, Diane Zoellner, Jerrie Nichols, Carol Ann Stuht, and Doris Asher. The meeting was called to order by Doris at 7:05.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Ioana reported that the income from July 1, 2016 to October 01, 2016, was \$956.48. Expenses were \$1,441.00. The year to date net was -\$484.52.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS****MEMBERSHIP**

Doris submitted that since July 25, 2016, GLOS has received two new members, Linda and Mike Dull from Coldwater, and five renewals: Megan Botti-Marino, Bill Cadman, Edwina Engel, Sharon Johnson, and Jean Maday. Welcome to all. We currently have 98 members in 86 households. At this same time last year, we had 94 members in 82 households. At its largest, the 2015-2016 membership was 108 people in 93 households. We are now in our 2016-2017 membership year, which began July 1, 2016.

**B. SHOW PLANNING FOR 2017**

1. Diane shared the children's book "ORCHIDS" by Kim Bogren Owen. The book will be shown to Mary Henman for evaluation and consideration for the book sale at the show.
2. Doris ordered the trophies for 2017 at the same price as last year.
3. All of the committees have chair people. The last to be filled was the hospitality committee. Cindy Ryan will chair the Hospitality committee with Teresa Fowle. Linda Jones has also graciously volunteered to help. Thanks to all for their involvement and support.
4. Dot has designed and ordered 2000 publicity postcards. We received a 20% off print discount, so the total cost was \$233.35 including \$25.35 for shipping.
5. The AOS judging application was approved by AOS August 29, 2016. Doris already has many judges lined up.
6. Pete Ostlund has received confirmation from 23 vendors. Everyone from last year will return for the 2017 GLOS SHOW.

**OLD BUSINESS****PROGRAMS**

1. The September 17th program "What Do Orchids Eat?" seemed to be well received.
  2. The Special All-State Meeting is Saturday, October 8th at 2 p.m. The program is presented by Carlos Fighetti. Bill Porter will be selling orchids at the meeting. Doris purchased paper products if needed. GLOS is responsible for the coffee and tea at the meeting.
  3. The November 19th meeting will be Sam Tsui from Orchid Inn Ltd., from Bloomington, IL.
  4. The January 21st meeting will be in the round table format. One of the suggestions for a topic was "What Bugs You?" about bugs and diseases for orchids. A dissecting microscope could be used to see problems up close. The program could deal with what the damage looks like and what treatment could be used.
  5. March 16, 2017 Topic to be determined
  6. April 15, 2017 One of the 3 new meetings
  7. May 20, 2017 Topic to be determined
  8. June 17, 2017 One of the 3 new meetings
- Some of the topics discussed were: using different planting media; pros and cons of different kinds of lights; and rescheduling Dave Miller for the "Tolumnias: the Equitant Oncidiums" or Kristin Uthus for the neofinetia falcata programs. Also the owner of Windswept in Time was considered as an option for a program. Anyone who has a program suggestion is asked to contact Rob.
11. July, 2017 GLOS Picnic The date has not been determined whether it be a Saturday or Sunday.
  12. August 19, 2017 One of 3 three new meetings.

**B. AWAY SHOWS**

1. MICHIANA SHOW - NOVEMBER 5-6. Doris Asher and Lynn O'shaughnessy will set up and take down the GLOS exhibit. Doris will collect plants at her house Wednesday, November 2nd from 3 - 8 p.m.
2. SAGINAW VALLEY SHOW - NOVEMBER 26-27. Ioana Sonea and Carol Ann Stuht will be in charge of our exhibit.
3. GRAND VALLEY SHOW - JANUARY 28 - 29. Carol Ann Stuht, Dot Potter Barnett, and Pete Ostlund will set up and take down the GLOS exhibit.

**OUR ORCHID SHOW -- AN UPDATE** - Submitted by Doris Asher

Below is a list of Show Committee chairs for last year and for this coming year: Thank you, all!

Show Chair	Doris Asher
AOS Judging	Lynn O'Shaughnessy
Art Exhibits, Orchid-Related	Carol Ann Stuht
Classes for Public	Mike Underwood
Flyer/Handouts	Dot Potter Barnett
GLOS Exhibit	Kherwin Cheng Chua
	Larry Watson, Jr.
Hospitality	Cindy Ryan
Information Table	Mary Henman
Judging Activities/Registration	Doris Asher
Kids' Corner	Diane Zoellner
	Michael Bukala
MSU Liaison	Ioana Sonea
Orchids-in-Use Competition	Marilyn Lee
Parking Permits/Sig	Ioana Sonea
Television Publicity	Pete Porciello
Vendor and Exhibitor Liaison	Pete Ostlund

I hope that you will reserve Thursday night February 23rd through about 6:00 Sunday night February 26th to volunteer with us at the Show. If you would like information about any of the subcommittees comprising the Show Planning Committee, please contact me or the individual chairperson for that activity. All of us need help! We can talk in person about what is involved in each activity at our November meeting.

Pete Ostlund, our Vendor and Exhibitor Liaison, has a wonderful roster of vendors selling at this February's Show: Hilltop Orchids, Littlefrog Farm, Natt's Orchids, New Vision Orchids, New World Orchids, Orchid Inn, Porter's Orchids, Raising Rarities, Roberts Flower Supply, Suphattra's Clay Flowers, and Windswept in Time. Every vendor who sold at our 2016 Show is returning!

We need your help to make our Show successful. We need new volunteers to augment those members already planning to help. Much work happens before the Show. Thursday night we start setting up by placing tables for vendors and displays, attaching skirting to the tables and covering them with tablecloths, getting ready for art, orchids-in-use and other displays, hanging backdrops. Friday 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, with much of the food provided by volunteers – we need help for our Hospitality Committee. On Saturday members help with judging by clerking for the judges, staff the information table, and relieve those vendors who are working alone. When the Show closes on Sunday at 4:00, we help everyone tear down and get on their way home (you will be amazed how quickly that happens with a little help). There are so many ways you can help make the Show a great show! Please contact me, the individual chairperson, or any of the Board members if you can help out.



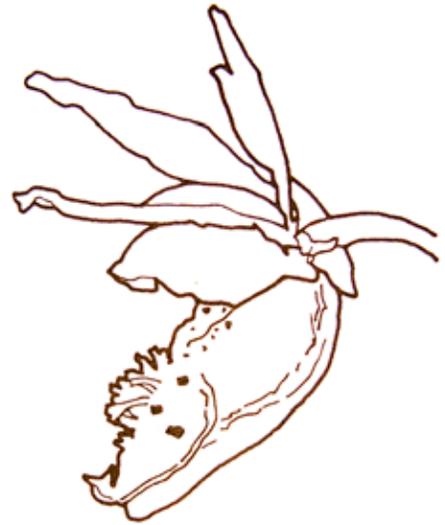
We can also use your help by providing orchids in flower for our display. You can start now training your coming flower spikes for the best display of the flowers, and by cleaning your plant leaves (use milk and cotton balls, scrub the leaf gently) before the Show. But we want your plant even if you cannot do this. Just make sure your plant is disease free and all the pests (scale, aphids, mealy bugs, etc.) are taken care of. Now is a good time to assess your plants and treat them for critters if necessary (you can spray them outside). Please do not be shy with providing orchids. Even if the orchid does not win a ribbon, you contribute to making our display beautiful. Every orchid helps. And you just may be surprised by getting a ribbon -- it happens often. If your orchid sits at home, it is sure it wins nothing! We are offering an unusual class for a second year for orchids with beautiful or unusual foliage but lacking flowers!

**GLOS MEMBER/ARTIST IN THE NEWS** - submitted by Doris Asher, Society Archivist

Long-time GLOS member Bobbi Kilty got the front cover plus a nice article with more color photographs in the October 5-11, 2016, issue of The City Pulse. She is donating the painting detail on the newspaper's cover, "Kelp Forest", to the Arts Council of Greater Lansing's fundraising event, holiday glitter, this December. Bobbi displayed a selection of her work at Vanguard Public Affairs as part of Lansing's Arts Night Out program. The art work remains on display at Vanguard Public Affairs and is for sale.

Bobbi designed the Calypso bulbosa logo featured on the GLOS pin. She prepared the black-and-white ink drawing at the request of then President Don Garling and then Vice President Bill Porter in 1990. Then Secretary/Newsletter Editor Lynda Walker announced the pins were for sale in a newsletter in 1992.

Congratulations, Bobbi! And thank you for your support of GLOS through all these years!!



Drawing by Bobbi Kilty

**GLOS MEMBERS SHOW THEIR GENEROSITY – 2017 SHOW TROPHY SPONSORS** - Submitted by Doris Asher, Vice President/Show Chair

Once again, Society members have come through, underwriting all but one of the trophies for our Show this February! The trophies will be prepared by Larry Galdes and Joy Suphattra's Clay Flowers. I continue to look for someone to underwrite the trophy for the best of the Brassias/Miltonias. Who can help me with this?

Sponsors can save themselves expensive postage by paying Treasurer Ioana Sonea in person at our November or January meetings. A check or cash is equally welcome – the cost is \$25.00. Checks payable to GLOS may also be mailed to Ioana Sonea, Treasurer, 3740 Chippendale Dr., Okemos MI 48864.

Thank you, donors, very much.

This year's sponsors are:

***Trophy***

Exhibits, Open  
Exhibits, Society  
Exhibits, Amateur  
Cattleya Alliance  
Cypripedium Alliance  
Phalaenopsis  
Vanda and Ascocenda  
Brassia and Miltonia  
Oncidium Alliance  
Cymbidium Alliance  
  
Dendrobium Alliance  
Pleurothallid Alliance  
Miscellaneous Genera  
Specimen Plant  
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Orchids in Use (Professional)  
Don and Kris Garling Memorial Best of Show  
AOS Show Trophy – Outstanding Exhibit

***Sponsor***

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**TREASURER'S REPORT** - submitted by Ioana Sonea, Treasurer*Treasurer's report Sept 1, 2016*

Current period from 07/01/2016 to 09/01/2016 and Year to date are identical for this period.

Income year to date: \$620.08

1. Main sources of income were
  - a. proceeds from the picnic sale and auction (\$576)
  - b. Miscellaneous donations (\$11.38)
  - c. Donations to GLOS to cover cost of hard copies of Calypso (\$32.70)

Expenses year-to-date: \$0

Year-to-date net: \$620.08

*Treasurer's report Oct 1, 2016*

Current period from 09/01/2016 to 10/01/2016.

Income: \$336.40

1. Refund \$169.40 from MOS for Richard Lockwood's airfare (speaker 9/17/2016)
2. Raffle 9/17/2016 meeting \$71
3. Silent auction 9/17/2016 meeting \$44
4. Donation from Rob Halgren 9/17/2016 meeting \$40
5. Membership dues \$12

Expenses: \$1,441.00

1. Rick Lockwood, speaker at October meeting: \$474.79, of which \$187.39 will be refunded. This includes a speakers' fee (\$100) + airfare (\$338.79 including Paypal fees) + parking at home airport (\$36): ½ of airfare and parking will be reimbursed by MOS.
2. Church rental for 2016-17 season \$350
3. Total Charitable contributions \$350
  - Great Lakes Judging Center \$150
  - Michigan Nature Association \$100
  - Nature Conservancy \$100
4. Show copying/supplies etc \$246.21
5. State of Michigan tax exempt registration \$20

*Year to date (07/01/2016 to 10/01/2016)*

Income year to date: \$956.48

1. Main sources of income were
  - a. proceeds from the picnic sale and auction (\$576)
  - b. reimbursement from MOS for Speaker's airfare (\$169.40)
  - c. general meeting silent auction and raffle (\$115)
  - d. Miscellaneous donations (\$51.38)
  - e. Donations to GLOS to cover cost of hard copies of Calypso (\$32.70)
  - f. Membership renewals (\$12)

Expenses year-to-date: \$1441.00

1. See above

Year-to-date net: -\$484.52

**REMINDER: WEAR YOUR SOCIETY NAME TAG** - Submitted by Doris Asher, Membership Chair

Your Society's Membership Committee has changed the way we handle the GLOS name tags -- members are responsible for their own name badges.

As an incentive to wear the name tag, which is very nice for visitors and for those of us with failing memories (!), anyone who wears the badge AND purchases even one raffle ticket at \$1.00 per ticket will get a complimentary raffle ticket.

Wear your badge to the meeting. Let's help everyone greet everyone by name by wearing a name tag.

Wear your badge. Get an extra raffle ticket!

If your name tag is lost, please let Doris or Dot know so that Dot can make you a new one.

**GETTING THE WORD OUT** - submitted by Doris Asher, Vice-President/Show Chair

The Society currently has 98 members. All 98 of us can help publicize our Orchid Show! Pete Ostlund has done a marvelous job lining up a large roster of orchid vendors, who provide the bulk of the funding of our Show with their fees for sales tables. It is essential that the Show get many visitors who may buy many orchids from our vendors. 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. So we do not duplicate each other's efforts, please let me know what you have done or are doing. I plan to announce the Show in 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. If all 98 of us invite only eight of our friends, neighbors and relatives, imagine how many visitors our Show might garner!

**GREATER LANSING ORCHID SOCIETY  
ORCHID SHOW & SALE**

February 25-26, 2017  
Michigan State University  
Plant & Soil Science Conservatory

orchid sales  
orchid displays  
orchid growing classes

Hours:  
Sat. Noon-5  
Sun. 11-4

Free admission/parking  
Donations accepted  
Handicapper accessible

Here is the publicity piece/postcard for this February's Show. One suggestion: it is a simple matter to email folks with the postcard attached and invite them to the Show.

Thanks for helping.

Postcard Design  
by Dot

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**, continued from p.4

## C. ANNUAL DONATIONS. Ioana made the following annual donations:

Great Lakes Judging Center	\$150
Nature Conservancy	\$100
Michigan Nature Association	\$100

## D. GLOS SHIRTS Rob will research ordering GLOS shirts.

## NEW BUSINESS

Dot will renew the GLOS website and domain name.

The November CALYPSO deadline is Saturday, October 29, 2016. Please submit articles to Dot.

The December Board Meeting is Monday, December 5, 2016, at Ioana's house, 3740 Chippendale Drive, Okemos, MI 48864. Members are welcomed. Please inform Ioana if you will attend.

Our meeting was adjourned at 7:58.



### COME TO AN ORCHID HOLIDAY PARTY

The personnel of the Great Lakes Judging Center invite you to join us for our annual holiday party on Saturday, December 17, 2016, at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens, Ann Arbor, MI.

Gordon Griffin, a student judge from Grand Rapids, MI, will begin the festivities with a program at 11 am on a recent trip to the Chelsea Flower Show in London and a tour of Wales. Gordon's presentation is followed by a potluck lunch provided by the judges for all to enjoy. Plan to have a fun time with orchids, books, holiday items (and who knows what else) for auction! The proceeds support the Judging Center.

Regular orchid judging will take place immediately following the festivities. All visitors are welcome to sit in on the judging – and to bring an orchid to be judged.

For additional information, contact Doris Asher at 517-332-0004 or asherdoris@juno.com

### ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE GLJC

The Greater Cleveland Orchid Society Show will be February 18-19 this year – the third Saturday of February. The Great Lakes Judging Center is moving its regular monthly judging from Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor to the Show site in Cleveland. Please update your calendars so that you will not bring your orchids in bloom to Matthaei on February 18th to be judged.

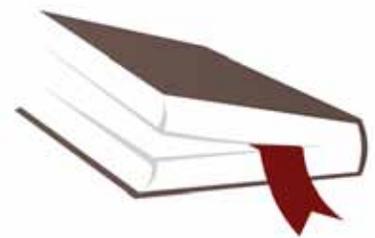
Doris Asher, GLJC Liaison to Matthaei

### USED ORCHID BOOKS/PERIODICALS WANTED - submitted by Doris Asher

Do you have some orchid books or orchid periodicals that you no longer want? In recent "editions" of our Orchid Show, in addition to brand new orchid books, we sold numerous used books donated by various Society members. Visitors to the Show snapped them up very quickly and, because the books were donated, the Society made 100% profit. We use the orchid magazines as free giveaways to Show 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 to Mary Henman, Chair, Show's Information Table, or to Doris Asher, Show Chair, at our November 18th meeting; Doris will hand the materials on to Mary.



### GIVE A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE GIFT - submitted by Doris Asher, Vice-Chair



The Greater Lansing Orchid Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. According to state and federal tax laws, this means that, if you itemize your deductions on your tax returns, you can deduct any contribution you make to the Society. As required by law, please note that you will not receive any gift or services in exchange for your contribution.

This means if you donate plants or other items to our meetings' raffles, you can deduct the value of your donated items. Please consider making an end-of-the-year monetary gift to the Society.

Thanks to everyone for contributing!

## 2016 Dillon/Peterson Essay Prize

**AOS CORNER**

Let all of your members know that the AOS is now accepting entries for the 2016 Gordon W. Dillon/Richard C. Peterson Memorial Essay Contest. They should let their imaginations run wild and the winner will receive a cash prize and certificate suitable for framing.



This year's theme is: Why I grow the orchids I grow. Membership in the American Orchid Society is not necessary to enter the contest. The deadline is November 30, 2016. The winning entry, if any, will be published in the June issue of the following year.

**Contest Rules:**

- ◆ The essay must be an original, unpublished article.
- ◆ The contest is open to all persons except employees of the American Orchid Society and their immediate families.
- ◆ Submissions must be no more than 5,000 words in length.
- ◆ Manuscripts must be submitted in English, typewritten and double-spaced or submitted in Word or other compatible electronic format.
- ◆ Submissions will be judged without knowledge of the identity of the author. The decision of the judges is final. If no entries meet the expected criteria of excellence, the award will be withheld.
- ◆ Artwork is not necessary for entering this competition.
- ◆ Non-winning entries will be returned to the contestant if requested. Such entries are eligible for resubmission in subsequent contests. These non-winning entries will also be considered for publication by the editor of *Orchids* and may be used in *Orchids* or other AOS publications including the AOS website.

Email all entries to Ron McHatton at [rmchatton@aos.org](mailto:rmchatton@aos.org). Paper submissions should be mailed to the Dillon/Peterson Memorial Essay Prize at AOS headquarters: Ron McHatton, American Orchid Society at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, Florida 33156.

***Membership and Affiliated Societies Committee***

You should soon get an announcement that selected webinars will be available for use as society meeting programs even if you do not have internet access at your meeting location. We're ironing out the details but we've heard from societies that they could sometimes use access to programs for regular meetings. Also, as winter approaches, speakers can have travel issues due to weather and not make your meeting. You will be able to always use these programs as a backup for a last minute speaker cancellation, so long as you have arranged in advance to use the program.

The committee continues its work to provide additional resources to support the Affiliated Societies. In addition to current information available on the AOS website, we will soon release "The Guide to a Thriving Orchid Society." It is now in the final editing stage. It's a collection of ideas and suggestions about how to recruit new members, keep existing members, and make meetings fun. Our goal is to help the Affiliated Societies flourish.

If you have an upcoming show, remember to check out the "Guide to a Successful Orchid Show" which can aid even the most experienced to stay organized and on-track while planning a show. Also, remember we have an updated List of Speakers to help you plan society meeting programs. You will now find the Affiliated Societies link on the home page under the "About Us" heading.

Here's the link: [AOS.org](http://AOS.org)

***Facebook Page for Affiliated Societies***

Take the time to visit and contribute to our closed Facebook page. Chad Brinkerhuff, Membership and Affiliated Societies Committee Member and AOS Student Judge, is our Affiliated Societies Facebook Administrator. He's doing a great job. You can FB message him with any questions you might have about the page.

It's been great to see that societies have been posting their orchid show fliers. They spark the imagination and it's always good to learn what's successful at others events. Remember to check it out before you travel and you just might find an orchid show in your path. Also, it's another place to share and look for ideas on speakers.

This forum will remain as a place to share your successes, challenges and best practices with other orchid societies, and we hope that participating clubs will find new ideas for improving membership recruitment, retention and participation.

The AOS volunteers will also post information and helpful links, and the AOS will use this bridge to maintain contact with you and your society.

If you haven't already, please follow the link below and request to join:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AffiliatedSocietiesOfTheAOS/>



**Littlefrog Farm**  
*Rob Halgren, PhD.*

**JUMP IN!**

<http://littlefrogfarm.com>  
 rob@littlefrogfarm.com

PO Box 27573  
 Lansing, MI 48909

**Taylor Orchid Greenhouse**  
**Nothin' But Orchids**

**NEW HOURS: Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 to 3:00**  
**734-243-0180**

3022 Bluebush Rd.  
 Monroe, Michigan 48162



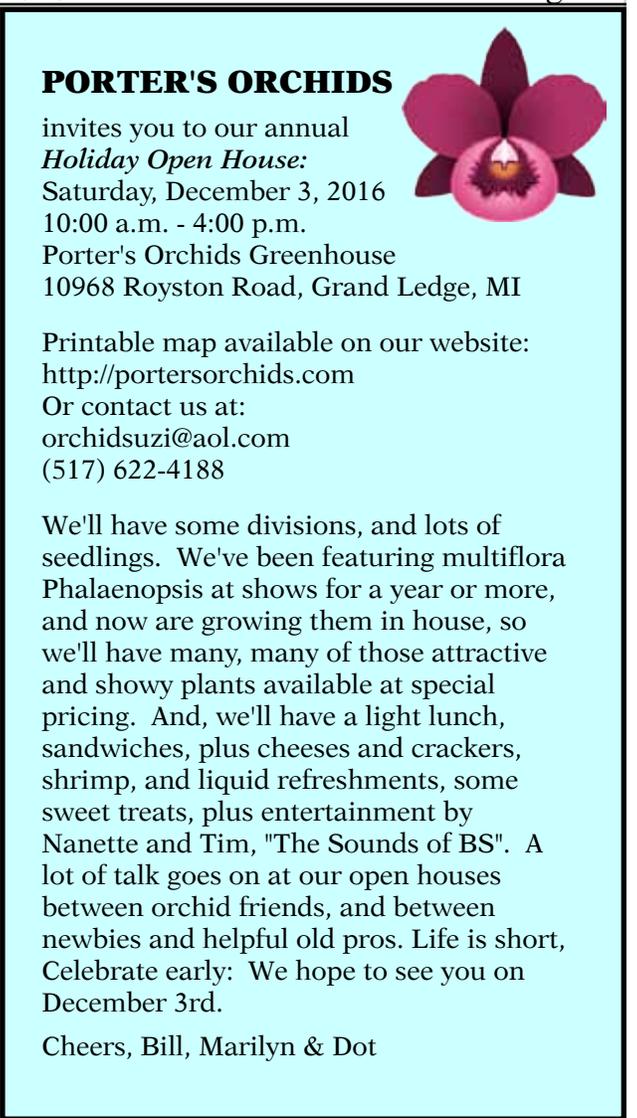
*Saginaw Valley Orchid Society*  
*51st Annual Show and Sale*

**Kochville Veterans Hall**  
**3265 Kochville Rd.**  
 1 Mile North of Fashion Square Mall off Bay Road  
 Saginaw, MI 48604

**Saturday**  
 November 26, 2016 11 am - 5 pm  
**Sunday**  
 November 27, 2016 11 am - 4 pm

Orchid Classes  
 Saturday 2 pm, 3 pm, 4 pm  
 Sunday 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm

**FREE ADMISSION**  
[www.sagvalleyorchids.org](http://www.sagvalleyorchids.org)



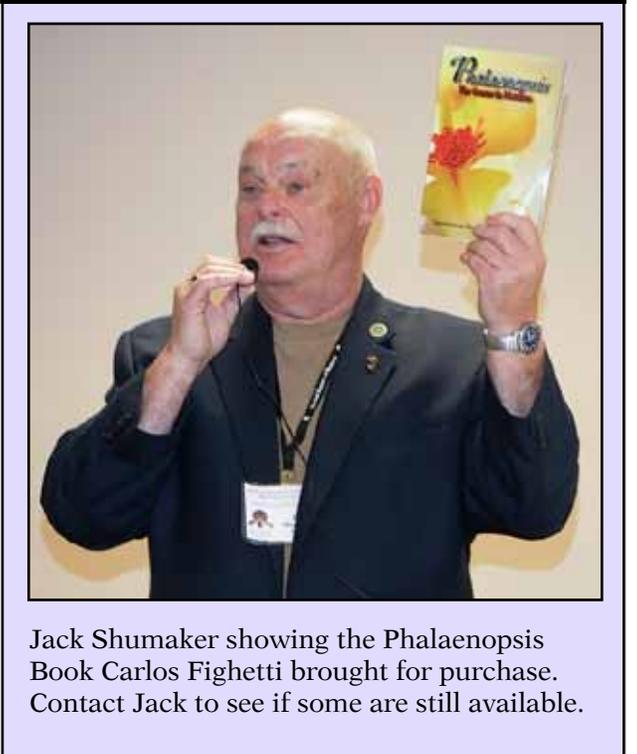
**PORTER'S ORCHIDS**

invites you to our annual  
*Holiday Open House:*  
 Saturday, December 3, 2016  
 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
 Porter's Orchids Greenhouse  
 10968 Royston Road, Grand Ledge, MI

Printable map available on our website:  
<http://portersorchids.com>  
 Or contact us at:  
 orchidsuzi@aol.com  
 (517) 622-4188

We'll have some divisions, and lots of seedlings. We've been featuring multiflora Phalaenopsis at shows for a year or more, and now are growing them in house, so we'll have many, many of those attractive and showy plants available at special pricing. And, we'll have a light lunch, sandwiches, plus cheeses and crackers, shrimp, and liquid refreshments, some sweet treats, plus entertainment by Nanette and Tim, "The Sounds of BS". A lot of talk goes on at our open houses between orchid friends, and between newbies and helpful old pros. Life is short, Celebrate early: We hope to see you on December 3rd.

Cheers, Bill, Marilyn & Dot



Jack Shumaker showing the Phalaenopsis Book Carlos Fighetti brought for purchase. Contact Jack to see if some are still available.

## The Back Page



### ORCHIDS IN CYBERSPACE

Our Fall speakers have talks on phalaenopsis and slipper orchids. Here are a few websites that may help with the culture of these two genera. Don't be surprised if you find contradictory information. Glean what is best for your conditions, and grow happily! Presented here in no particular order. If you receive the Calypso via email, you should be able to click on the links and go directly to the website.

#### *Phalaenopsis:*

<https://www.repotme.com/orchid-care/Phalaenopsis-Care.html>

<http://www.orchidweb.com/phalaenopsiscare.html>

[http://www.beautifulorchids.com/orchids/orchid\\_care\\_tips/individual\\_care/phalaenopsis.html](http://www.beautifulorchids.com/orchids/orchid_care_tips/individual_care/phalaenopsis.html)

<http://www.aos.org/orchids/culture-sheets/phalaenopsis.aspx>

#### *Paphiopedilum:*

<http://www.aos.org/orchids/culture-sheets/paphiopedilum.aspx>

<https://www.orchidweb.com/paphiopedilumcare.html>

<http://www.akatsukaorchid.com/store/pg/27-Paphiopedilum-Care.aspx>

<http://www.slipperorchid.org/paphculturesheets.html>

#### *Phragmipedium:*

<http://www.orchidsgardencentre.com/phragmipedium.html>

<http://www.aos.org/orchids/orchids-a-to-z/letter-p/phragmipedium.aspx>

[http://marlowsorchids.com/phragmipedium\\_care](http://marlowsorchids.com/phragmipedium_care)

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