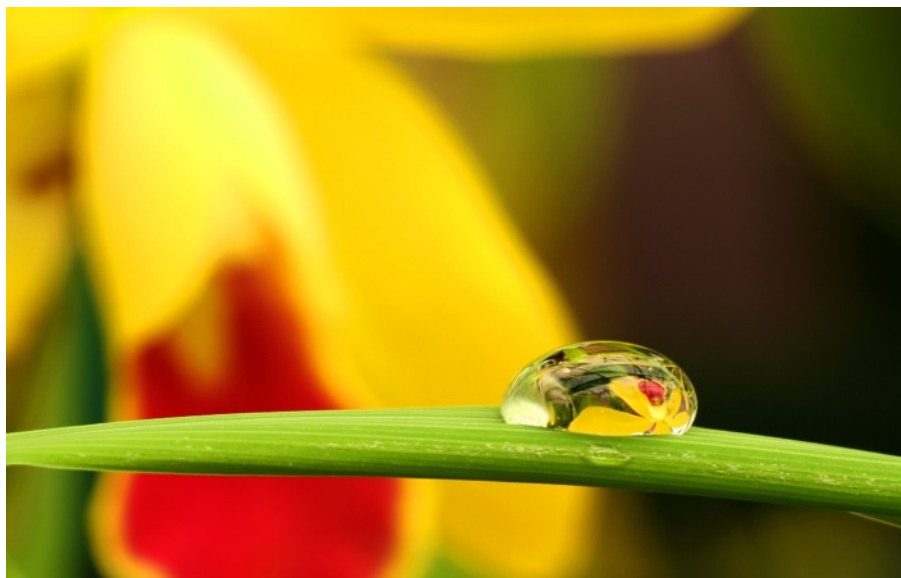


THE MID-AMERICAN

Mid-America Orchid Congress (MAOC)

Summer 2025 Newsletter



Orchid Perfection Reflected in a Water Drop:

This amazing, unusual photo was taken by Andrea Price and published in the Memphis Orchid Society Newsletter and on their website. Andrea graciously gave us permission to share the photo, although she does not remember the name of this orchid.

President's Message

Happy Summer Everyone!

I hope all of you are keeping somewhat cool this summer and working to keep our orchids happy and blooming! Your leadership team at MAOC is working hard to plan a few events for all of our member societies!

We are adding an additional day of speakers at Orchid Fest this year which will happen on Friday afternoon, so make sure to adjust your plans accordingly. There will still be the opening Preview Party for your first shot at the sales tables Friday evening. As always, there will be lots of great food and fellowship opportunities to see old friends and meet new ones.

There will be lots of fun at the Orchid Fest including several raffles, so enter often and help raise funds for the MAOC! There will be supplies available as well, but make sure to place a pre-order online to ensure that what you need is there waiting for you!

As always, if there is anything we can do to help you make your MAOC or your own society better, please let us know!

I hope to see everyone in August!

Eric

MAOC Annual Business & Society Building Workshop Sunday August 24, 11:30 am-1:00 pm

Our annual MAOC meeting will again be at the Ohio Valley Orchid Fest.

Topic: How we can we work as a group of societies to make our individual societies stronger!

It will include the approval of the new budget, but more importantly the election of new officers!

We would love to have you join us as a committee member or officer! Please contact Russ Vernon at newvisionorchids@aol.com to discuss your interest or with questions!

Ohio Valley Orchid Fest August 23 and 24, with selected activity on Friday the 22nd

OVOF has expanded. Lots of new information is on the website at

www.ohiovalleyorchidfest.com

2025 is the fifth year for the Ohio Valley Orchid Fest and it continues to grow. Vendor interest has been high and some vendor requests had to be turned away.



We are adding an additional day of speakers this year on Friday afternoon August 22. We will have two fantastic speakers; Ron Kaufmann and Ron McHatton. Each will give keynote talks on both Friday and Saturday.

Ron McHatton will also present a hands-on Orchid Virus seminar on Sunday afternoon.

New Square Link Makes OVOF Registration and Ordering Easy

<http://ohiovalleyorchidfest.square.site/>

Use this link to pay online for these and more:

- Registration is open. **Full registration at \$75 before August 1st is a bargain!** It includes the Friday Preview Party, all 4 lectures, and meals from local restaurants from Friday noon through Sunday lunch, snacks, goodie bags, a vendor voucher and more! After August 1st and at the door the fee increases to \$95. Tickets may also be purchased separately for individual events.
- *Can't make it to Dayton but want to view the lectures?* \$35 provides a login code to all society members to attend keynote speakers Ron Kaufmann and Ron McHatton online. That is 2 lectures on Friday and 2 on Saturday. Each of them, each day.
- *Need Orchidata?* Between now and **JULY 18**, you can pre-order Orchidata Bark for pickup at Orchid Fest with 5 bark sizes to choose from. A full bag is \$35, a 1/2 bag is \$20.
- Tickets, not part of full registration, are available for the AOS Mingle Tour and Dinner on Thursday.

Opportunity to Mingle with AOS

Our friends from the American Orchid Society will be in Dayton prior to the Ohio Valley Orchid Fest for planning sessions on Thursday and Friday mornings, August 21 and 22.

There is also a **special tour and dinner being offered Thursday afternoon and evening at the Carillon Historic Park** for the opportunity to see why you can't go a day without Dayton Ohio!

Some key things to see include the first fully functional airplane that was developed here in Dayton and an amazing collection of historical cash registers that were invented and produced by the NCR Corporation. Dayton still has the highest per capita of patents anywhere in the country, so come see all the things that were developed in Dayton!

Affiliated Societies Activities

Coming Up:

Mark your Calendars!

1. Sunday October 19th, 2025

6:00 pm

General Members talk

Online discussions about ways to make your show registrations easier and ways to make your society better. Sharing with other societies leads to helpful, often surprising, suggestions.

2. January 25, 2026

**Ron Parsons will show us
Orchids in Madagascar**

Last year the Affiliated Societies Committee presented 2 breathtaking lectures online.

1. Guido Braem's Tolumnia lecture was viewed by approximately 60 members. His theme on October 20, 2025 was this Genus is very endangered. Treasure, cultivate and help save these beautiful often tiny gems.
2. Last March, we were treated to Carson Whitlow's entertaining report of adventures finding and studying native orchids. At least 75 attended the talk focused on the Cypripedium.

Conservation Grants: 2023 Reports Submitted in 2024

Wheeler-Thanhauser Orchid Collection and Species Bank (WOC SB):

Dear Karen,

I hope you are doing very well.

This is the quotation of your

	Customer	Order	Real quantity	Unitary Price	Subtotal	Discounts	Total before shipping costs
06		Cattleya labiata	1	US\$ 41	US\$ 41		
06		Cattleya labiata color form dark semialba	1	US\$ 68	US\$ 68		
06		Cynochilum orgyale	1	US\$ 23	US\$ 23		
06		Dichaea cameridoides	1	US\$ 18	US\$ 18		
06		Dichaea sodiroi	1	US\$ 16	US\$ 16		
06		Dichaea tachirensis	1	US\$ 16	US\$ 16		
06		Epidendrum aguairae	1	US\$ 16	US\$ 16		
06		Epidendrum nora-mesae	1	US\$ 14	US\$ 14		
06		Epidendrum subpurum	1	US\$ 18	US\$ 18		
06		Houlletia lignina	1	US\$ 41	US\$ 41		
06		Laelia pumila	1	US\$ 32	US\$ 32		
06		Ornithocephalus (Sphyrastylis) ecuadorensis	1	US\$ 18	US\$ 18		
06		Prosthechea cf. vespa	1	US\$ 18	US\$ 18		
06		Prosthechea garclana OKF2022042301	1	US\$ 16	US\$ 16		
06		Prosthechea grammaglossa	1	US\$ 16	US\$ 16		
06		Restrepia cymbula	1	US\$ 23	US\$ 23		
06		Scaphosepalum grande	1	US\$ 16	US\$ 16		
06		Stanhopea platyceras	1	US\$ 27	US\$ 27		
06		Stelis argentata color form vinolinto	1	US\$ 16	US\$ 16		
06		Xylobium corrugatum	1	US\$ 16	US\$ 16		
06		Xylobium elongatum	1	US\$ 18	US\$ 8		
06		Xylobium loveatum	1	US\$ 18	US\$ 18		
06		Xylobium leontoglossum	1	US\$ 23	US\$ 23		
06	Como Park & Zoo	ZZ-Total	23		US\$ 528	US\$ (26)	502

order;

I hope you agree, it will be delivered at Natt's to Bill Morrison. For the payment you can cash check or Zelle transfer, please let me know what you prefer.

Karen Kleber Digs

From: Deerwood Orchids <messaging@messaging.squareup.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 27, 2024, 10:46 AM
To: Karen Kleber Digs
Subject: Receipt from Deerwood Orchids

Let Deerwood Orchids know how your experience was

\$25.00

Custom Amount \$25.00
Total \$25.00

2023 funded by Epidendrum centropetalum

Note: The total submitted was for \$502 + \$25 = \$527 for specific orchids.

Buffalo Botanical Gardens

Historical Orchid Collection 2023 Grant Report

Through the generous grants from The Mid America Orchid Congress we have been able to acquire premium orchids from Chadwick Orchids and Oakwood Orchids over the past two years. This year we focused on Paphiopedilums from the mid 1800's to the turn of the century. This coincides with the time our venue opened and the available orchids of that time frame. We obtained the following Paphs from Jim France at Oakwood Orchids with the 2023 MAOC grant monies.

Paph. philippense 1892

Paphs from MAOC Grant 2023

Paph. villosum 1892

Paph. javanicum 1888

Paph. spicerianum 1888

Paph. gratrinxianum 1905

Paph. charlesworthii 1894

Paph. argus 1892

Paph. appletonianum 1896

Paph. barbatum 1888

Paph. delenatii 1924

Paph. lowii 1892

Paph. rothschildianum 1892

Paph. hookerae 1892



Orchid grow house on the left





Mid-American Orchid Congress
Orchid Conservation Committee
Program August 10, 2024
Landscape Arboretum

David Remucal
Plant Conservation
University of Minnesota

Report on grant activity from 2023 grant

In 2023, MAOC granted the Plant Conservation Program at the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum \$500. This money helped purchase a second misting system to be used in the greenhouse to help harden off deflasked orchids grown for conservation and display purposes. A previous misting system MAOC had helped fund has been in use for a couple of years now and has made a difference with plant production, so much so in fact that we needed a second misting system to help with moving plants out of the greenhouse environment.

Thanks to continued support from the Mid-American Orchid Congress, the Plant Conservation Program at the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum has been able to continue to thrive in its work towards conserving and displaying native orchids. With the two misting systems and improved hardening techniques, survival of deflasked orchids in a greenhouse environment has improved quickly. This has resulted in greater production capabilities for orchids we have been producing both for our own conservation and display purposes and for external groups for whom we have been growing orchids. These groups, such as The Ridges Sanctuary in Wisconsin, have given us seed over time and, with the misting systems we have in place, the numbers we have been able to get ready for them has increased. These orchids will hopefully be both more numerous and more vigorous and so likely to persist in the locations these groups want to place them.

Thanks to the MAOC continued generous support, our conservation work continues to grow and our ability to help additional partners around the region and country grows as well.

Item	Cost
Misting system with additional misting nozzles	\$498
Shade structure and water reservoir	\$132



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Figure 1. *Calopogon tuberosus* seedlings growing under misting system. Seedlings have been more numerous and more vigorous with new two-tier system.



Figure 2. Multiple species, including *Cypripedium reginae*, *Cypripedium candidum* and *Malaxis unifolia* growing under the misting system.

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Alabama OS	facebook.com/alabamaorchidsociety
Ann Arbor OS	aaosonline.org
Atlanta Orchid Society	atlantaorchidsociety.org
Batavia Orchid Society	bataviaorchidsociety.org
Carolinas Judging Center	carolinasjudgingcenter.org
Central Indiana Orchid Society	centralios.org
Central Iowa Orchid Society	centraliowaorchidsociety.org
Central Ohio Orchid Society	centralohioorchidsociety.org
Eastern Iowa Orchid Society	easterniowaorchidsociety.org
Grand Valley Orchid Society	grandvalleyorchidsociety.org
Greater Akron Orchid Society	thegaos.com
Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society	cincinnatiorchids.org
Greater Lansing Orchid Society	greaterlansingorchidsociety.com
Greater Omaha Orchid Society	greateromahaorchidsociety.org
Greater Pensacola	facebook.com/GreaterPensacolaOrchidSociety
Greater Toledo Orchid Society	ryarger@toast.net
Gulf Coast Orchid Society	gcorchids.org
Illinois Orchid Society	ciorchidsociety.org
Kentucky Orchid Society	kyorchidsociety.com
Mansfield (Kingswood) Orchid Society	lpitzen@sssnet.com
Memphis Orchid Society	memphisorchids.org
Miami Valley Orchid Society	miamivalleyorchidsociety.com
Michigan Orchid Society	miorchidsociety.com
Native Orchid Preservation Education Society	nativeorchidpreservationeducationsociety.com
Niagara Frontier Orchid Society	niagarafrontierorchids.org
Northland Orchid Society	northlandorchidsociety.org
Northwestern Michigan Orchid Society	nmorchid.org
Orchid Growers Guild of Madison	orchidgrowersguild.org
OS of Greater Kansas City	osgkc.org
OS of Greater St. Louis	osogsl.org
OS of Middle Tennessee	tnorchid.org
OS of Minnesota	orchidsocietyofminnesota.org
OS of the Royal Botanic Gardens	osrbg.ca/wp
Orchid Society of the Ozarks	oso-web.org
Orchid Society of Western PA	mapike@earthlink.net
Peoria Orchid Society	facebook.com/Peoria-Orchid-Society-224849760918419
Prairie State Orchid Society	https://www.facebook.com/prariestateorchidsociety/
Saginaw Valley Orchid Society	sagvalleyorchids.org
Smokey Mountain Orchid Society	www.smokymountainorchidsociety.org/
Springfield Orchid Society	Cnutt54@gmail.com
Three Rivers	facebook.com/pages/category/Nonprofit-Organization/Three-Rivers-Orchid-Society-374952799184040
West Shore OS of Northern OH	westshoreorchidsociety.org
Western North Carolina Orchid Society	www.wncos.org
Windsor Orchid Society	windsororchidsociety.ca
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I. ACTIVE SOCIETY DUES 2025

_____ x \$ 0.50 = \$ _____ **OR \$ 15.00 PER SOCIETY \$ _____**
(If membership is greater than 30 members) (If membership is fewer than 30members)

II. NAME OF SOCIETY: _____

President: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

E-mail address: _____

Treasurer: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

E-mail address: _____

Main Mid-American Contact: _____

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City/State/Zip Code: _____

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OFFICERS' TERMS EXPIRE _____ **(MO/YR)**

SOCIETY WEB ADDRESS: _____

SOCIETY FACEBOOK PAGE: _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE