



# ORCHIDS

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## Calendar

**July 17<sup>th</sup>**

Bulbophyllum Culture

**July 19<sup>th</sup>**

FMG Volunteer Day

**August**

Member Q&A and Silent Auction

**September 19<sup>th</sup>**

Tim Culbertson

## GVOS Board

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I hope everyone had a good time at the last meeting and managed to snag a few new plants to add to collections. At the end of the newsletter you will find all the Q&A information shared at the meeting, typed up by Tara. Thank you for doing that for us, Tara!

This month we are excited to have Tim Culbertson coming to speak to us on miniature catesetum orchids. This exciting opportunity is being brought to you from funds raised through donations, dues, shows, society auctions, and the participation of other Michigan orchid societies. With that in mind, keep an eye out for upcoming away shows. The Ann Arbor show is coming up and it's a great chance to volunteer and show support for one of the societies that helped make Tim's visit possible.

## Society News

### A Letter from the President

Dear GVOS members,

Fall is right around the corner, and so is show season. It's never too early to begin show prep. Start staking and guiding those new growths, clean sheaths and any debris, keep an eye on pest management. You should begin lowering the day length of your light schedule if you are growing in tents.

Don't forget that our meeting this month is on Friday, September 19th. We have a very exciting speaker that will be joining us! Tim Culbertson will be here and he is bringing plants. He will be covering the subject of mini catasetums.

Due to our visitor, we will not be having any silent auctions this meeting. Please wear your name tag if you have one.

We have received two more deliveries of plants from our donor in Texas. The first delivery is mostly cattleyas, the second delivery is paphs & praghs. We will be offering these plants in an auction format during future meetings. Our last auction was very successful. The money raised will allow us to continue bringing in speakers and offering opportunities to our members. I am very grateful to you all, and also very proud.

Looking forward to seeing everyone,  
Kenesha Verbeek  
President, GVOS

### A Word of Thanks

GVOS would not exist without active members that are willing to participate in meetings and at shows. Thank you to the following people for your contributions.

#### Snacks – September

Treats  
Tara Rietberg  
Jen Myaard

#### Suggestions

#### Donations



## Society News

### Bio for Tim Culbertson

Since I was young, one of my passions has always been plants. I began growing orchids in high school, and expanded my collection as an offshoot from working at Longwood Gardens in Philadelphia just after college. From the very beginning it was all about Paphs, particularly awarded and select clones of historic importance, of which my collection numbers in the thousands. While I love finding old, rare stepping stones in paph breeding, I also do a little hybridizing of my own, and growing and flowering my hybrids is very exciting. I was once the youngest accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, and have been a judge now for 20 years; I have served in various capacities with various orchid societies in California and on the East Coast. Recently, I've partnered with Fred Clarke to greatly expand the selection of paphs at Sunset Valley Orchids through the acquisition of significant parts of Sam Tsui's collection at Orchid Inn. I currently manage the Paphs at SVO, and do hybridizing in a wide range of genera including Cattleya, Catasetinae and Masdevallia. I love meeting other people who like orchids too, and doing so often finds me traveling to shows, vendors, and peoples' greenhouses to see the latest and greatest in new hybrids and species. I like to be involved in plants as much as possible: in addition to Longwood, I've worked at the Smithsonian Institution tending to their orchids, and for years for the United States National Arboretum, collecting rare non-orchid plants and documenting cultivated species and hybrids for their herbarium. In short, I really like plants of all kinds.

I love Catasetums! They are fantastic plants, with an incredible diversity in colors and forms. At SVO, we understand that growing space is limited, so we are working hard to produce the best miniature Catasetums available. This presentation includes some of the important parents in miniature Catasetum breeding, interesting directions for intergenerics, wonderful photos of the pathway we've taken to achieve miniature results, some natural history of this incredible alliance, and lots of information on Catasetum culture! By the end of this presentation, you will have a new appreciation of their beautiful flowers and ease-of-growth. I will have lots of plants of this alliance for sale.

## Upcoming Orchid Events

8/22 - 8/24 - Ohio Valley Orchid Fest - 4865 Wilmington Pike, Dayton, OH 45440  
 9/6 - 9/7 - Kentucky Orchid Society Show - 330 N Hubbards Ln, St Matthews, KY 40207  
 9/13 - 9/14 - Wisconsin Orchid Show - 524 S Layton Blvd, Milwaukee, WI 53215  
 9/19 - 9/21 - Chicagoland Orchid Festival - Natt's Orchids and Hauserman's Orchids  
 10/11 - 10/12 - Illinois Orchid Society Show - Chicago Botanic Garden  
 11/1-2<sup>nd</sup> 2025 - Central Ohio Orchid Show - 1500 Polaris Pkwy, Columbus, OH 43240

## FMG Volunteer opportunity

Saturday August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025 **Canceled due to heat**

Saturday September 13<sup>th</sup> 2025

Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup> 2025

Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup> 2025

Volunteer shifts start at 9am and end at 3pm. Show up when you are able.

Wear light clothes that you will be comfortable in. This is a great opportunity to test new ideas and learn new skills.

## Ohio Valley Orchid Fest Results

| Member          | Plant                                          | Ribbon                                                                                                                 |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Kenesha Verbeek | Rth Krull's Cherokee                           | 1 <sup>st</sup> Cattleya Class<br>1 <sup>st</sup> First Bloom Seedling<br>Trophy Cattleya Alliance<br>AM/AOS 80 points |
| Jill Wood       | Anathallis pachyphyta 'Little Weirdos' CCM/AOS | 1 <sup>st</sup>                                                                                                        |
|                 | Pleurothallis sphaerantha                      | 1 <sup>st</sup>                                                                                                        |
|                 | Bulbo auratum                                  | 1 <sup>st</sup>                                                                                                        |
|                 | Lepanthes ejecta                               | 1 <sup>st</sup>                                                                                                        |
|                 | Anathallis rabei                               | 2 <sup>nd</sup>                                                                                                        |
|                 | Phrag Paze en Columbia                         | 2 <sup>nd</sup>                                                                                                        |
|                 | Dendrobium versteegii                          | 2 <sup>nd</sup>                                                                                                        |
|                 | Pleurothallis tridentata                       | 2 <sup>nd</sup>                                                                                                        |
|                 | Trichosalpinx ciliaris                         | 2 <sup>nd</sup>                                                                                                        |
|                 | Podochillus khasianthus                        | 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>CBR/AOS                                                                                             |
|                 | Masdevallia Paulina Villena                    | 3 <sup>rd</sup>                                                                                                        |

## August Plant Table

| Alliance                       | Place | Name                                                                                                           | Owner           |
|--------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Cattleya - lg<br>Classes 11-27 | 1     | <br>Rth Krull's Cherokee      | Kenesha Verbeek |
|                                | 2     | <br>Cattleya Martian         | Kenesha Verbeek |
|                                | 3     | <br>Cattleya Antie-up Jones | Joel Borst      |

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| Cattleya -<br>medium<br>Classes 11-27 | 1 |  A photograph of a Cattleya forbesii flower, which is light yellow with a white center and a long, slender, upright sepal. | Josh<br>Leonard |
|                                       | 2 |  A photograph of a Cattleya Measuresiana flower, which is a vibrant purple color with dark spots on the petals.           | Josh<br>Leonard |
|                                       | 3 |  A photograph of a Tiny Treasure x harrisoniana flower, which is a vibrant purple color with a yellow center.            | Tom<br>Glover   |

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| Cattleya -<br>small<br>Classes 11-27 | 1 |    | Josh<br>Leonard |
|                                      |   | Cattleya Amethyst Star                                                              |                 |
| BrassoCattleya<br>Classes 11-27      | 2 | Cattlianthe Jupiter Drops                                                           | Josh<br>Leonard |
|                                      | 1 |   | Tom<br>Glover   |
|                                      |   | Brassocattleya Yellow Bird                                                          |                 |
|                                      | 2 |  | Joel Borst      |
|                                      |   | Brassocattleya Clear Stars 'Burst<br>Creek'                                         |                 |

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|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
|                                       | 3 |    | Kenesha Verbeek |
| Phalaenopsis - large<br>Classes 48-62 | 1 |   | Kenesha Verbeek |
| Phalaenopsis - small<br>Classes 48-62 | 1 |  | Joel Borst      |

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| Oncidium -<br>large<br>Classes 79-86 | 1 |  <p>Wilsonara Tiger Brew 'Pacific Holidays'</p> | Tom<br>Glover |
|                                      | 2 |  <p>Wilsonara Space Mine 'Red Rendezvous'</p>  | Tom<br>Glover |
|                                      | 3 |  <p>Odontocidium Catatante 'Sun King'</p>     | Tom<br>Glover |

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| Oncidium -<br>small<br>Classes 79-86 | 1 |  A photograph of an Oncidium orchid with several upright stems bearing small, reddish-pink flowers with yellow centers. The leaves are green and lanceolate.                       | Kenesha<br>Verbeek |
|                                      | 2 |  A photograph of an Oncidium orchid with a single upright stem bearing several flowers that are yellow with prominent reddish-pink markings. The leaves are green and lanceolate. | Jen<br>Myaard      |
| Dendrobium<br>Classes 90-96          | 1 |  A photograph of a Dendrobium orchid with several upright stems bearing yellow flowers with dark, almost black, centers. The leaves are green and lanceolate.                    | Quinton<br>Lohman  |

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| Zygopetallum -<br>large<br>Classes 97-110 | 2 |    | Jen Selwa  |
|                                           | 1 |   | Joel Borst |
|                                           | 2 |  | Joel Borst |

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| Zygopetallum -<br>small<br>Classes 97-110 | 3 |    | Joel Borst |
|                                           |   | Pescatorea dayana                                                                   |            |
|                                           | 1 | Zygo NOID                                                                           | Jen Selwa  |
|                                           | 2 |   | Joel Borst |
|                                           |   | Kfz Ash Tree x Cnths Candida                                                        |            |
|                                           | 3 |  | Jen Selwa  |
|                                           |   | Promenea riograndensis                                                              |            |

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| Miscellaneous<br>- large<br>Classes 97-110 | 1 |    | Jen<br>Myaard        |
|                                            | 2 |   | Thomas<br>Langschied |
| Miscellaneous<br>- small<br>Classes 97-110 | 1 |  | Quinton<br>Lohman    |

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| <p>Plant of the Month</p>   |  | <p>Kenesha<br/>Verbeek</p> |
| <p>Rth Krull's Cherokee</p> |                                                                                   |                            |



Rth. Krull's Cherokee  
'Burning Ember'  
Photo by Kenesha Verbeek

## Culture Corner

### Decoding Plant Tags – Jill Wood

Decoding Your Plant Labels...what does it all mean???

Most of the orchids you buy will include a plant label. But is it in some crazy code that you do not understand?

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| Phrag Sedenii |
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| Phrag kovachii |
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“Phrag” is the abbreviation for the Genus (also referred to Genera). In this case it is short for *Phragmipedium*. The [MAOC](#) has a cheat sheet for the abbreviations (MAOC Classification-2024 complete)

The Uppercase on the “Schlimii” indicates that it is a Hybrid (or a cross of multiple parents). The lowercase on the “kovachii” indicates that it is a species.

Tracing the parentage back to the species can assist you in determining the plant culture, especially in Genera with a range of growing conditions. [Orchidroots.com](#) will give you the parents and the percentage by species for registered Hybrids. [Orchidspecies.com](#) is a good source of information for the culture for species.

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|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Phrag Sedenii<br>( <i>longifolium</i> x <i>schlimii</i> ) |
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Since this Hybrid is made from 2 species it is known as a Primary Hybrid. A Complex Hybrid crosses a Hybrid with anything else (a species or another Hybrid). The first parent listed is the seed parent. The second parent listed is the pollen parent.

Cl Grace Dunn ‘Live Oak’ HCC/AOS x Ctsm Melana Davidson ‘Summer Snow’

Genus “Clowesia” (abbreviation Cl) and Grex “Grace Dunn” (a registered Hybrid). The ‘Live Oak’ is the clonal name, this distinguishes this plant from other plants of the same Hybrid. The “HCC/AOS” indicates that this ‘Live Oak’ received an HCC award from the American Orchid Society. To keep the ‘Live Oak’ clonal name, the new plant would have to be a division or a meristem of the originally awarded plant.

Genus “Catasetum” (abbreviation Ctsm) and Grex “Melana Davidson” (a registered Hybrid). The ‘Summer Snow’ is the clonal name that the hybridizer has given to a specific plant. They may have multiple clonal names for the same Grex that they use to distinguish plants used in breeding. Intergenerics are made by crossing multiple Genera. By crossing the Clowesia and the Catasetum, this is now a Clowesetum. The [MAOC](#) has a cheatsheet for what Genera make up an Intergeneric (MAOC Intergeneric Makeup-Name-July2020-Update).

This particular cross has not been registered yet so it would be referred to by the parents as indicated on the tag. Unfortunately our tags do not self-update when a hybrid is registered. The [RHS](#) (Royal Horticulture Society) is the keeper of official plant registration. Using their search function can give you the registered Hybrid if you know the parents or the parents if you know the Hybrid. If the seed and pollen parents are reversed, it is still the same Hybrid.

(RLC Moon Miss x C Dubiosa) x C Mini Purple ‘Heavens to Betsy’

The cross in parentheses is the seed parent and is an unregistered cross. The pollen parent is a registered cross.

*Cattleya cernua* x sib

This is a seed grown plant made by crossing a *Cattleya cernua* with another *Cattleya cernua*. You may also see “self” instead of “sib”, this indicates that the pollen and the seed were from the same plant. Taxonomists have re-arranged plants into different genera over time so the genera and the name can change over time. *Sophranitis cernua* is now *Cattleya cernua* for example. A search on Kew will find the latest species names. OrchidRoots and RHS are good sources for searching hybrids. If you need help, bringing a tag (or picture of the tag) to an orchid meeting is always an option for assistance.

## GVOS QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

### 8-20-2025

What does your grow area look like (lights, humidity, circulation, etc.)?

- ◆ 4x4 tent with botanical LEDs
- ◆ Wire shelves wrapped in greenhouse film
- ◆ Grow tent, humidifier, LEDs, lots of fans and fresh air intake
- ◆ Grow tent with two lights per shelf with five fans and exhaust running on environmental changes
- ◆ East window with humidifier in winter, shaded porch in summer
- ◆ Indoor tent with fans and lights
- ◆ Plant stand in window, outdoors in summer, bakers rack in basement under grow lights
- ◆ Outside on racks in summer, indoor plant stands with LEDs in winter
- ◆ Lots of shelves, barrina lights

Nutrient deficiencies- what are your solutions? How do you identify them?

- ◆ Discoloration on leaves – added calcium/magnesium to my rotation. No more discoloration.
- ◆ Pellet fertilizer. Don't have the patience to liquid fertilize them. Lighter leaves= plant struggling

Problems- How do you identify and solve them?

- ◆ Read/research- look for strange colors or growths
- ◆ Facebook page – Beginning Orchid Growers – worldwide 60K members

Growing outdoors- benefits/problems?

- ◆ Mother Nature helps water them – if it rains
- ◆ Summer is a short season. Problems are bugs and rodents
- ◆ My cats and oncidiums love the outdoors from June – September

Growing under lights—what are the challenges and the solutions that are most helpful?

- ◆ Quality of light v. return on investment
- ◆ Figuring out distance needed for different orchids
- ◆ Space and height
- ◆ Moving plants on occasion until finding “happy place”

Growing on windowsill or inside a house—challenges/solutions?

- ◆ Cat
- ◆ Low humidity in house – solution is a grow tent
- ◆ Low house humidity—need to water more. Pets (cats)! Need a dedicated room to shut the door.
- ◆ Not good light or humidity in the house

Propagating – experience and advice?

- ◆ Need good roots when making divisions. Health of mother plant to consider. Cattleyas need minimum 3 bulb division.
- ◆ Wait for good roots- find a friend to give to
- ◆ Keikis good

Mounting orchids- preparing mount and best way?

- ◆ Use fishing line, some moss for moisture. Make sure plant is secure. Mounted plants need more water- higher humidity
- ◆ Disinfect mount first
- ◆ Use fishing line to secure plant to mount. Use non-chemically treated mount material. Make sure plant is secure!

Challenges- recently or in the past?

- ◆ Heat of summer. Have started opening grow areas at night.
- ◆ Pests – scale and mealybugs are the worst to eliminate!

What genera have you found hard to grow and why?

- ◆ Dendrobiums and phalaenopsis – I can never get the watering just right

Sterilizing tools to avoid bacteria/virus – how?

- ◆ Fire until tool is almost red
- ◆ Alcohol between orchids
- ◆ Alcohol when cutting each time
- ◆ Alcohol and fire
- ◆ Light saber lighter
- ◆ Dip in glass of milk

Isolation of new plants- Duration? Treatment? Location?

- ◆ 3 months – treat with insecticide, pesticide, and fungicide
- ◆ One month to 6 weeks isolation- treatment depends on problem. ICU or holding Garea away from main stock

- ◆ Malathion
- ◆ Imidocloprid(?) to treat- isolate for a few days
- ◆ Spinosad and a good shower

Any advice for other growers?

- ◆ Find the right kinds of orchids for you
- ◆ It's okay to kill them when you are trying new things
- ◆ Water consistently
- ◆ Keep things manageable
- ◆ Research and keep trying

Tracking your orchids – Quantity? Flowering? General?

- ◆ My brain
- ◆ Wing it
- ◆ Notebook, Google doc, Phone app
- ◆ 3-ring binder with photo of flower, name, where and when purchased
- ◆ Google sheet
- ◆ Box of index cards with name of orchid, when purchased, when last repotted

What has worked well for you?

- ◆ Seasonal light change

Epson salt – experiences/benefits/problems?

- ◆ Yes – stopped yellowing leaves
- ◆ No experience because I supplement with calcium/magnesium

Fertilizer – best, worst, frequency, type?

- ◆ Osmacote – sprinkle on every 6 months (spring & fall)
- ◆ RO Fertilizer – half a teaspoon once a week
- ◆ Peters 20/20/20 calcium/magnesium kelpack – every water except when I flush

Insecticides and pesticides – frequency, problems? Do you use it on a preventive schedule?

- ◆ As needed
- ◆ Preventive schedule – monthly
- ◆ Spinosad – use frequently – Bayers 3 in 1
- ◆ Use none

Flushing fertilizer salts – frequency/how?

- ◆ When watering under faucet

Watering – frequency/how? Water type?

- ◆ Depends on weather if outside and humidity level if inside. I use city water.
- ◆ Every week to week + ½ tap

◆ Twice a week - tap

## Upcoming AOS Events

### July and August Webinars



# Webinars - Coming Attractions!

REGISTRATION IS EASY [www.aos.org/webinars](http://www.aos.org/webinars)  
 Cannot make it on the scheduled date and time? No need to worry.  
*Register now and view on your time schedule.*  
 Send Your Greenhouse Chat Questions and Photos to: [greenhousechat@aos.org](mailto:greenhousechat@aos.org)  
*Greenhouse Chat webinars are recorded and summarized by topic for future viewing.*

| When             | July 02, 2025<br>Wednesday<br>8:30 pm EDT                                                                                                            | July 08, 2025<br>Tuesday<br>8:30 pm EDT                                                                                                   | Aug. 07, 2025<br>Thursday<br>8:30 pm EDT                                                                                                               | Sep. 11, 2025<br>Thursday<br>8:30 pm EDT                                                                                            |
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| <b>Topic</b>     | <b>Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q &amp; A</b><br>Answers to your questions about all things orchid.<br><i>Send in your Photos and Questions by June 30</i> | <i>Master Orchidist Series</i><br><b>Orchids Under Lights, Greenhouse Not Required</b> You can grow a variety of quality orchids indoors. | <b>Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q &amp; A</b><br>Answers to your questions about all things orchid.<br><i>Send in your Photos and Questions by August 04</i> | <i>Master Orchidist Series</i><br><b>Best Methods for Indoor Pest Management</b><br>Explore pest problems of indoor orchid growing. |
| <b>Presenter</b> | <b>Ron McHatton</b><br>AOS Chief Education and Science Officer                                                                                       | <b>Sarah Hurdell</b><br>AOS Judge and indoor orchid grower                                                                                | <b>Ron McHatton</b><br>AOS Chief Education and Science Officer                                                                                         | <b>Ron McHatton</b><br>AOS Chief Education and Science Officer                                                                      |



Webinar announcements are posted on the AOS website,  
on Facebook and Instagram,  
and in the AOS Corner of your Affiliated Society's newsletter.

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## JUDING CENTER DETAILS

The AOS's judging system comprises 27 judging centers. The centers provide opportunities for the public to have plants judged on specified monthly dates. Center activities are open to visitors who wish to see the judging process in operation or bring in plants to be evaluated. Orchid plants can be submitted for judging using the following guidelines:

- All blooming orchid plants or cut flowers submitted at a monthly judging session are candidates for awards.
- Candidates should be entered in the most presentable condition possible.
- Candidates may be entered by the owner in person or by another attendee on his/her behalf.
- The exhibitor or proxy completes a single sheet entry form for each plant entered for judging.
- As an alternative option when it is not possible to bring the blooming plant, the entire flowering inflorescence can be mailed to the contact listed for the judging center.
- If mailing an entry for judging, please contact the center chair first to confirm the mailing address.

The full show schedule for plant registration can be found on the following website

<https://midamericanorchids.org/education>

Additional information on AOS judging can be found on [aos.org](http://aos.org) under the Orchid Awards & Judging tab.

## Great Lakes Judging Center

Chair - Dennis Seffernick, 2100 Sherwood Ln, Swanton, OH 43558-9767; (419) 654-1433; Email: [dseffernick@msn.com](mailto:dseffernick@msn.com)

**Morris Lawrence Building, Washtenaw Community College, 4800 East Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48105 (Room 160)**

8/16/25  
9/20/25  
10/18/25  
11/15/25  
12/20/25

AOS plant judging takes place the 3rd Saturday each month. Judging is always open to the public and anyone is invited to bring plants for the AOS judges to look at them.

Sessions begin at 11 AM Eastern Time with any center business and then an educational talk by judges or other featured speakers. AOS judging begins no later than 1 PM

Eastern Time. The Great Lakes Judging Center is responsible for AOS judging in the region spanning Michigan, Northern Indiana, and Northern Ohio. Judging sessions are held at Washtenaw Community College which is located at 4800 E.

Huron River Dr. Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105. Activities take place in the Morris

Lawrence building, Room 160 but occasionally it is moved to another room in the same

building. Parking is ample and free. Dress is casual and all are welcome to bring lunch

or snacks for themselves as no food is provided. Any awards given are subject to AOS

Award fees which are presently \$40 for AOS members and \$60 for non-members.

### Upcoming Schedule:

**August 16 TBD**

**Coming September 20** will be Paphiopedilum expert Harold Koopowitz

For more information contact Dave Miller at [dcmjpasmil@aol.com](mailto:dcmjpasmil@aol.com), especially if you

are not familiar with the location or process.

## Current Point Standings

| Last Name    | First Name    | Total Points |
|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Wood         | Jill          | 125          |
| Verbeek      | Kenisha       | 116          |
| Borst        | Joel          | 68           |
| Lohman       | Quintin       | 48           |
| Glover       | Tom           | 41           |
| Myaard       | Jen           | 37           |
| Clemens      | Mei Ling      | 31           |
| Leonard      | Josh          | 28           |
| Langschied   | Thomas        | 22           |
| Driesenga    | Jessica       | 17           |
| Smith        | Debbie        | 15           |
| Rietberg     | Tara          | 15           |
| Selwa        | Jen           | 12           |
| Maczka       | Alison        | 8            |
| Krenselewski | Justin        | 7            |
| Korseval     | Eric          | 7            |
| Hofer        | Rachael       | 6            |
| Olson        | Denise        | 5            |
| Loeper       | Matt          | 5            |
| DeLano       | Dan           | 3            |
| Ambrose      | Jerry         | 3            |
| VanderVelde  | Jade          | 2            |
| Schaafsma    | Hannah        | 2            |
| Griffin      | Gordon        | 1            |
| Miller       | Kathy         | 1            |
| Kopec        | John          | 1            |
| Albin        | Brittany      | 1            |
| Smith        | Bert & Teresa | 1            |
| Shipaila     | Joan          | 1            |
| Mann         | Jeromey       | 1            |
| Ahmieleski   | Benjamin      | 1            |
| Skaggs       | Bob           | 1            |
| Schlanderer  | Kathy         | 1            |

## GVOS REWARDS

### Plant Table

Bring a blooming orchid- 1 point  
 Plant of the month – 5 points  
     1<sup>st</sup> place – 5 points  
     2<sup>nd</sup> place – 3 points  
     3<sup>rd</sup> place -2 points

### Participation in Meetings

Attend GVOS meeting – 1 point  
 Attend another society meeting – 2 points  
 Attend away show – 2 points  
 Give a presentation – 10 points  
 Bring Treats to meeting – 1 point

### Participation in Shows

GVOS show participation – 5 points per day  
 GVOS Bring food – 3 points  
 Plants in any show – 5 points  
 Clerking in any show – 5 points  
 Set up away show – 10 Points  
 Tear down away show – 20 points  
 Attend an away show – 2 points  
 Plant pulled for AOS judging – 10 points  
 Plant awarded by AOS – 10 points  
 Awarded a trophy – 10 points

If you are interested in leading a talk or doing a presentation for one of the meetings, please email the newsletter editor at [maczkaal@gmail.com](mailto:maczkaal@gmail.com) with your topic and the date you would like to do it. She will make sure it is added to the event calendar.

## 2025 Schedule



### 2025 Meeting Schedule

Learn, Grow and Bloom With Us!

GVOS usually meets the third Thursday of the month in a Frederick Meijer Garden classroom

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| <p>January</p> <p><b>Topic: GVOS show prep</b></p> <p>Plant table</p>                                     | <p>Febraury</p> <p><b>Topic: GLOS show prep</b></p> <p>Plant table</p>                                                                        |
| <p>March</p> <p><b>Topic: MIOS show prep</b></p> <p>Webinar</p> <p>Plant table</p>                        | <p>April</p> <p><b>Topic: Native Orchids</b></p> <p>Jeanne Rhinehart live speaker</p> <p>Plant table</p>                                      |
| <p>May</p> <p><b>Topic: Orchid Auction</b></p> <p>All proceeds benefit the society</p> <p>Plant table</p> | <p>June</p> <p><b>Topic: Board Elections</b></p> <p>Plant table</p>                                                                           |
| <p>July</p> <p><b>Topic: Bulbophyllums</b></p> <p>Bill Thoms via live Zoom</p> <p>Plant table</p>         | <p>August</p> <p><b>Topic: Member Q&amp;A</b></p> <p>Expanded plant table</p>                                                                 |
| <p>September</p> <p><b>Topic:</b></p> <p><b>Tim Culbertson</b></p> <p>Plant table</p>                     | <p>October</p> <p><b>Topic: AOS display presentation</b></p> <p>Orchid Auction</p> <p>All proceeds benefit the society</p> <p>Plant table</p> |
| <p>November</p> <p><b>Topic: TBD</b></p> <p>Plant table</p>                                               | <p>December</p> <p><b>Topic: Show talk</b></p> <p>Potluck-bring a dish to pass</p> <p>Plant table</p>                                         |