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Calendar

December 18th

Holiday Party

January 22nd

Meeting

January 23rd

Show set up

January 24-25

Show at FMG

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Our show is this weekend. There is still a lot of work to be done and a lot more volunteers needed for the show weekend. Hosting a show is a lot of work and many hands are needed. I know the weather is not looking particularly wonderful, but if you can make it, please lend a hand. The volunteer sign-up genius is linked below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4FAEAE29A1FDC61-60189230-gvos>

This month the meeting is all about the show and getting ready for the show. We are going to be working on packing media bags for our sale table, registering plants and more.

Society News

A Letter from the President

Dear Members of GVOS,

We are counting down the final hours to our show. I'd like to take a moment and thank everyone that has been working behind the scenes to make this all possible.

Don't forget to wear your GVOS t-shirts, and name tags. Wear comfortable shoes. Make sure plants are clean and free from pests.

This weekend will be extremely busy. Help out where you can, and enjoy the time with your friends and family. Spouses and older children are welcome to help with set up and tear down. If you are there on Friday for set up, don't forget to bring a dish to pass for the potluck. Looking forward to seeing all of our members, vendors, and friends from the other societies. It's going to be a great weekend!

Looking forward to seeing you all,
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

Suggestions

Donations

Upcoming Orchid Events

January 24th and 25th – GVOS Show and Sale

February 28th- March 1st – GLOS Show and Sale at VanAttas Greenhouse

March 21st – 22nd MOS Show and Sale in Madison Heights

FMG Volunteer opportunity

Dates will be posted once they are confirmed.



Society News

It is that time of year when dues are due. Please make sure to pay your membership dues by the end of the month. You can pay at the meeting with cash, write a check payable to GVOS or Grand Valley Orchid Society, or through zeffy. The QR code for zeffy payments is below.



There is still time to sign up for volunteer shifts for the upcoming show, and we are badly in need of some more volunteers. The link to the sign up is at the head of the newsletter. If you would like to sponsor a show trophy, the QR code for that is below.



We are going to be packing the bags of media we will be selling at the show. If you have a vacuum sealer you would like to bring, please do. The more we have the faster we can get that done.

Plant Table

I apologize for not having December's plant table and updated points included. Most of the boards time and energy has been centered on the show and all the last-minute details. Rest assured, Jill does have the plant table points and results, they just have not been compiled into a digital format yet.

Society News

Plant drop off for the show will be this week at our meeting. Pick up will be Sunday at the Meijer Gardens after the show. If you are not going to be able to pick up your plants yourself, please plan to have someone else from the society take them home for you.

The plant registration article Jill wrote is included in the culture corner section. If you need assistance with any of your plants, the experienced members will be there and ready and able to help.

Plant Preparation

Make sure your plants are looking their best for the display and judging.

- 1) Remove old dead spikes and dried sheaths. Basically, if it is brown and crunchy remove it if possible. If you have questions about whether or not something can or should be removed, hold off and ask one of the veteran growers at the upcoming meeting.
- 2) Stake any flower spikes or growths for the best presentation. Staking not only helps support the flower spike and help prevent it from bending or snapping when being moved, but it also helps to display the flowers at their best. Any unruly growths can also be wired/staked upright to give a more pleasing appearance to the eye.
- 3) Check for pests. The time to treat your plants has passed. If you are looking at your plants and find any sort of live bug on them, leave them at home. Plants will be inspected prior to adding them to the display. It does not matter how pretty the flowers are, any plant found to have an infestation of any kind will be excluded to protect the health of all the other plants. Please, just do not bring plants with bugs.
- 4) If you are unsure how to spruce up your plant to get it show ready, there will be many people at the meeting who are willing to help. Many times people often bring emergency supplies such as some extra stakes and ties.

GVOS Dance Card

Our Vice President, Jen Myaard, has been working very hard to come up with more ways people can participate and be active in not only our society, but in the orchid community. The end result was the “dance card” handed out last month. Right now, this is not replacing the current points system. The dance card is in addition to what we are doing currently. Depending on popularity and feedback we may switch to this exclusively in the future. There will be a pdf copy of the card attached to this email as well as additional printed copies available at the January meeting.

Culture Corner

Plant Registration

The Resources

The Mid-American Orchid Congress has information for registration and identification.

EDUCATION

MAOC Intergeneric Makeup-Name-July2020-Update (pdf)	Download
MAOC Intergeneric Makeup-Name-July2020-Update (xls)	Download
MAOC Intergeneric Makeup-Abbrev-July2020-Update (pdf)	Download
MAOC Intergeneric Makeup-Abbrev-July2020-Update (xls)	Download

“Name” is alphabetized by the Name of the Intergeneric and “Abbrev” is alphabetized by abbreviation. These are great for deciphering plant labels at any time.

MAOC Classification-2024 complete (xls)	Download
MAOC 2021 Dendrobium cheat sheet (docx)	Download
MAOC 2022 Paph cheat sheet (docx)	Download

These resources are for registering plants under the MAOC schedule. All of the orchid shows that GVOS participates in use the MAOC show schedule.

The International Orchid Register / RHS Gardening

Not sure if your Hybrid is registered? Have a named hybrid and want to know the parents? The search function will help you. Remember that if the seed and pollen parents are reversed then it is still the same registered hybrid so search both ways if you think the hybrid is registered.

Plants of the World Online | Kew Science

Have the taxonomists been changing names of your species and not nice enough to come over and update your plant labels? This site has the latest information on what it is called and every other synonym.

Orchidroots, home of orchids and selected plants and animals.

While this is not an official site for information, it can be a good reference if you know the hybrid name and want the parents and species composition information.

Remember that help is available. You can bring always bring questions to the meetings for assistance. If you do not have tags available, writing your list with the tag information will help the person doing registration at the show greatly.

Examples

Phalaenopsis amboinensis

Name – Phalaenopsis amboinensis

Parents – not applicable since this is a species (we know this is a species since the Grex is lowercase)

Class – 48 (By searching for Phalaenopsis in the MAOC Classification list it shows us that Species are in class 48 and Hybrids are in classes 49-62)

Name:	Abbrev.	Class	Species	Hybrid
Phalaenopsis	Phal.		48	49-62

Paph Cocoa Oliver x Cocoa Green

Name – Paphiopedilum Southernwood's Green Sapphire (Paph is the abbreviation for Paphiopedilum and the Name is found by searching by the parents on RHS)

Cross – Paph Cocoa Oliver x Paph Cocoa Green

Class – 37-42 (Paphiopedilum hybrids are in classes 31-42 per the MAOC Classification List and then the Show Schedule indicates that Complex Paphiopedilum Hybrids are in classes 37-42. Reviewing the flower color would get to the final class number)

Genus	<i>Paphiopedilum</i>
Epithet	Southernwood's Green Sapphire
Synonym Flag	This is not a synonym
Registrant Name	M.Tierney
Originator Name	O/U
Date of registration	16/07/2024

	Seed parent	Pollen parent
Genus	<i>Paphiopedilum</i>	<i>Paphiopedilum</i>
Epithet	Cocoa Oliver	Cocoa Green

Zga Sweet Jade 'Sweet Cheyenne'

Class – 106 (found by searching for Zygoneria on the Show Schedule)

	Seed parent	Pollen parent
Genus	<i>Zygoneria</i>	<i>Zygopetalum</i>
Epithet	Pine Road	Artur Elle

<u>Class #</u> From Show Schedule	<u>Tag #</u> Assigned at Registration
<u>Owner #</u> Exhibitor of Plant	<u>Exhibit #</u> Location/Space #

Name

 Registered name of plant – includes clonal name and award, if applicable

Cross

Pod parent	X	
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Pollen Parent

Award

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Other items to remember

- Let's name those NOIDs..."Phal NOID – Cat Stole the Tag", "Bulbophyllum NOID – Stupid Squirrels", or "Oncidium NOID – Yellow Fireflies"
- In most cases plants are judged in order by class number. When debating between class numbers, register it in the lower class number and the judging team can move it to a higher class number if applicable.
- If you are entering more than 1 plant with the same name please add a '(#)' after the name of the plant.



Upcoming AOS Events



Webinars - Coming Attractions!

REGISTRATION IS EASY 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
Greenhouse Chat webinars are recorded and summarized by topic for future viewing.

When	Nov. 04, 2025 Tuesday 8:30 pm EST	Nov. 12, 2025 Wednesday 8:30 pm EST	Winter Break	Jan. 08, 2026 Thursday 8:30 pm EST
Topic	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A Answers to your questions about all things orchid. <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by Nov. 01</i>	Greenhouse Culture and Technology Tips for growing in a greenhouse. Learn about technology to help you grow better.	Choose Your Topic From Our Library of RECORDED WEBINARS	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A Answers to your questions about all things orchid. <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by Jan. 05</i>
Presenter	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	Manny Aybar Accredited AOS Judge, Orchid Grower, Frequent Guest Speaker	Expert Growers, Conservationists, AOS Judges, Hobbyists, and more!	Ron McHatton 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 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

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

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. AOS awards given are the responsibility of the exhibitor.

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 located at 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105. Activities take place in the Morris Lawrence 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.

Find more information dates and locations for other Judging Centers at www.aos.org under Awards and Judging.
Upcoming Schedule:

January 17 A talk with Mei Ling Clemens of Grand Valley Orchid Society and AOS

Judge on "Papilionanda (Pda) Mimi Palmer and it's hybrids".

February 21 TBD

March 21 There is no judging at our normal Washtenaw CC location. AOS judging will

be held at the Michigan OS Show at Matthaei Botanical Garden in Ann Arbor, Michigan and will start no later than 1 pm EST.

For more information contact Dave Miller at dcmjpasmil@aol.com, especially if you are not familiar with the location or process.

Current Point Standings

Last Name	First Name	Total Points
Verbeek	Kenesha	232
Wood	Jill	170
Myaard	Jen	97
Borst	Joel	95
Lohman	Quintin	94
Rietberg	Tara	89
Langschied	Thomas	73
Glover	Tom	70
Selwa	Jen	57
Clemens	Mei Ling	50
Maczka	Alison	42
Leonard	Josh	40
Martin	Olivia	24
DeLano	Dan	23
Skaggs	Bob	22
Driesenga	Jessica	18
Smith	Debbie	16
Ondarko	Paul	15
Hofer	Rachael	11
Olson	Denise	9
Korseval	Eric	9
Schaafsma	Hannah	9
???	Emily	9
Krenselewski	Justin	7
Mann	Jeromey	6
Loeper	Matt	6
Ambrose	Jerry	4
Shipaila	Joan	4
VanderVelde	Jade	2
Kopec	John	2
Miller	Kathy	2
Albin	Brittany	2
Griffin	Gordon	1
Smith	Bert & Teresa	1
Ahmieleski	Benjamin	1
Schlanderer	Kathy	1

GVOS REWARDS

Plant Table

Bring a blooming orchid- 1 point
 Plant of the month – 5 points
 1st place – 5 points
 2nd place – 3 points
 3rd 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 with your topic and the date you would like to do it. She will make sure it is added to the event calendar.

2026 Schedule