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Calendar

October 19th

Catasetum Culture – Fred Clark

November 16th

Fall plant Auction

November 17-19th

AAOS Show

December 21st

Holiday Potluck and Show signup

GVOS Board

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December is here and the year is almost over. This means that it is time for the annual Christmas party as well as show preparations. Please bring some treats and goodies to share.

Also, take the time to read below about what kinds of help we will need for January. Shows are a lot of fun, and a lot of work. Neither our show nor any of the away shows are possible without the support and participation of our members. No task is too small or unappreciated.

Ann Arbor Show Results

Congratulations to everyone who came home with a ribbon! A huge thank you to everyone who contributed plants to the display. As usual, we had some real stunners and Tara worked her magic arranging everything. A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered to make the drive for both set up and tear down. The displays and our participation would not be possible without your assistance.

Exhibitor #	Plant Name	Place
46 - Society	Exhibit	3 rd
47 – Tara Rietberg	Alcra Hilo Ablaze 'Hilo Gold'	NP
47	Paph spicerianum x Olympic Halo	NP
48 – Joel Borst	Tolumnia Jairak Firm 'Barbie'	3 rd
48	Zygoneria Adelaide Meadows	NP
48	Zygopetalum triste	NP
48	Kfs Ashtree Stunning x Cnth Camdida	NP
49 – Justin K	Coelogyne elata	NP
49	Bc Binosa 'Key Lime'	NP
50 – Dan Delano?	Onc Heaven Scent	NP
51 – Tom Glover	Phal NOID – pink	2 nd
51	Den Nano Chip x aberrans	3 rd
51	Onc Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'	NP
51	Den Hidden Money	NP
52 – Olivia Martin	Rhyncattleanthe Dan O'Neil Jubilee	3 rd
52	Leomesezia Lava Burst "Punani"	3 rd
53 – Paul Ondarko	Den Regal Vista	NP
54 – Kathy Miller?	Rhyncattleanthe Oh Rose	NP
55 – Jill Wood	Spathoglottis NOID	NP
56 – Thomas L	Den Kyle Quintel	2 nd

GVOS News

An update from our Treasurer

The fall auction brought in \$278. Thank you so much to everyone who participated by either bringing or buying plants. Every dollar that goes into the GVOS accounts helps to make our show, as well as educational programming possible.

Calendars

The first ever GVOS calendar will be available for purchase at the December meeting. The cost is \$20 at the meeting or \$25 at the show. If you would like to purchase a calendar at the meeting, please make sure to have your money with you.



Important Show Information

Some of this will be discussed in the upcoming meeting, but it is vitally important that everyone starts preparing now. January is coming up quickly and some of this can not be handled last minute.

- 1) Check Your Orchids – If you have any plants, you know or think might be ready for the show, now is the time to start looking them over. Check them for any signs up pests or disease and treat them if necessary. Keep checking them carefully from now until show time. No one will appreciate bringing home anything other than ribbons. Please don't share any bugs with the others.
- 2) Tidy Up for Best Display – While looking over potential display plants for pests and disease, now is a great time to remove dried sheaths, spent spikes, dried up and dead bulbs as well as wiring the plants to make the most attractive display possible.
- 3) Look over the show schedule and start figuring out how to register the plants you may be contributing. The first week of January the show schedule and show registration document will be sent out so members can begin pre-registering their plants. This will not only give us a jump on registration, but will also give Tara a little bit of an idea of what she will have to work with.
- 4) Look at your schedule and think about how you would like to contribute to the show. Putting on an orchid show is a lot of fun, and is also a lot of work. Some examples of what is needed are as follows:

- **Friday**

- ◆ Set up
 - Run cables
 - Place tarps
 - Skirt Tables
 - Set up Membership/Raffle Table
 - Assist vendors and visiting societies at the loading dock
 - Assist vendors with set up if needed
 - Assist Tara with GVOS display set up
 - Skirting pots and display stands
 - Labeling orchids in display
 - Placing registration tags on appropriate plants
 - Registration Table
 - Contributions to the Friday night potluck

- **Saturday**

- Breakfast for Judges and clerks
- Many clerks for judging
- Membership/Raffle Table
 - ◆ Shifts are usually a couple hours long. We need at least 2 people for all shifts
 - Vendor assistance for sales or covering breaks
 - ◆ Most vendors have an assistant, but on busy days extra hands especially if the vendor is also a judge are much needed and appreciated.

Visible presence on the show floor to answer guest questions
 Assistance in answering guest questions while Mei Ling takes AOS award photos

◆ This allows Mei Ling to work undisturbed.

Snacks for the refreshment room

◆ Jill usually does a smashing job with this, but if anyone wishes to contribute something that would also be welcome.

- **Sunday**

Membership/Raffle Table

◆ Shifts are usually a couple hours long. We need at least 2 people for all shifts

Vendor assistance for sales or covering breaks

Visible presence on the show floor to answer guest questions

Tear Down

- Taking down GVOS Display and packing up plants
- Assisting vendors with tear down and packing
- Assisting vendors and society tear down crews at loading dock

Please keep in mind this is not an exhaustive list of what needs to be done, but it gives you an idea of where our needs are. Sign-up sheets will be available starting at the December meeting. Please look ahead and have an idea of what you can and would like to do. None of our shows or displays are possible without member participation.

Away Shows

The schedule of shows and show dates is at the bottom of every newsletter. It is updated as shows are registered. Please look ahead and make plans for participating in some of these shows as well. Two to three people minimum are needed to help set up and tear down. If we don't get any or enough volunteers, we will have to withdraw from the show in a timely manner so the hosting society can plan for our absences and adjust their show layout accordingly.



Upcoming AOS Events and Webinars

December - January Webinars

Webinars - Coming Attractions!

REGISTRATION IS EASY <https://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>

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 indexed by topic for future viewing.

When	Throughout December	Jan. 03, 2024 8:30 pm EST Wednesday	Jan. 23, 2024 8:30 pm EST Tuesday
Topic	Check Out the Timeless Collection of Recorded Webinars	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by Dec. 29</i>	Multi-floral Paphiopedilums Desirable and highly awarded Slipper Orchids
Presenter	The world's top orchid experts share the latest information on a broad range of webinar topics.	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Carol Klonowski Hobby Grower AOS Judge

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



October Plant Table

Alliance	Place	Name	Owner
Cattleya - lg Classes 11- 27	1	BC Theresa Ricci	Joel Borst
	2	RLC Stich Labs 'Volcano Fancy'	Justin Krenselewski
Cattleya - small Classes 11- 27	1	LSA Dick Pippen	Joel Borst
	2	Potinara Free Spirit 'Eric'	Tom Glover
	3	Eplc Don Herman 'Carmela Spot'	Joel Borst
Cattleya - Brassavola Classes 11- 27	1	BLC Dean's Star	Joel Borst
	2	Procatavola Key Lime Stars	Justin Krenselewski
	3	Rby Copper Queen 'H&R'	Thomas Longschied
Cypripedium Classes 28- 47	1	Paph spicerianum x Olympic Halo	Tara Rietberg
	2	Phrag Mountain Maid	Jerry Ambrose
Vanda Classes 63- 78	1	Sidirea japonica	Thomas Longschied
	2	Neofinetia falcata	Tom Glover
Oncidium Classes 79- 86	1	Bllra Marfitch 'Howard's Dream'	Kenesha Verbeek
	2	Tol Jairak Flyer 'Cardinal'	Justin Krenselewski
	3	Onc Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'	Tom Glover
Dendrobium Classes 90- 96	1	Eria clausa	Tara Rietberg
	2	Den Hidden Money	Tom Glover
Miscellaneous - large Classes 97- 110	1	Zygo Jumpin Jack	Justin Krenselewski
	2	Zygo Sensation	Joel Borst
Miscellaneous - med Classes 97- 110	1	Coelogyne fimbriata	Jerry Ambrose
	2	Cirrhopetalum auratum	Jill Wood
	3	Bulbophyllum laviflorum	Jen Myaard

Plant of the Month	Blira Marfitch 'Howard's Dream'	Kenesha Verbeek	
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Current Point Standings

Last Name	First Name	Total Points - Summer/Fall
Borst	Joel	121
Wood	Jill	107
Rietberg	Tara	65
Glover	Tom	60
Longschied	Thomas	51
Maczka	Alison	44
Krenselewski	Justin	37
Verbeek	Kenesha	31
Ambrose	Jerry	25
Myaard	Jen	21
Smith	Debbie	19
Martin	Olivia	18
VanderVelde	Jade	16
Griffin	Gordon	15
Ondarko	Paul	14
Smith	Bert & Teresa	8
Albin	Brittany	7
Miller	Kathy	6
Warner	Archie	6
Habib	Erin	5
Shipaila	Joan	3
DeLano	Dan	2

GVOS Rewards

Instead of doing a six-month cycle, we are going to move to a full calendar year.

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 an away show or other society meeting – 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 or Tear down away show – 10 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 the information is passed to Joel Borst and added to the meeting schedule. If you would like to write a small article for an upcoming newsletter, please submit those to the same email address

Orchid Show/Festival Schedule

The show schedule will be updated as shows are registered for the 2023-2024 show season

Show	Location	Date	Status
Grand Valley Orchids Society Show and Sale	Frederick Meijer Gardens 1000 East Beltline Ave NE Grand Rapids,		
Greater Lansing Orchid Show and Sale	Michigan State Soil and Science Building 1066 Bogue St, East Lansing, MI 48824		
Ann Arbor Orchid Society	Matthaei Botanical Gardens 1800 N Dixboro Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48105	November 17-19 2023	Scheduled
Michigan Orchid Society Show and Sale	United Plumber Union Hall, 555 Horace Brown Dr, Madison Heights, MI 48071		
Saginaw Valley Orchid Show and Sale	Kochville Veterans Hall, 3265 Kochville Rd, Saginaw, MI 48604		
Michiana Orchid Society Show and Sale	Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, IN	September 30- October 1st	Scheduled - not entering

