



# ORCHIDS

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## Calendar

### January 25<sup>th</sup>

Show Preparation

### January 27<sup>th</sup>

Show Setup

### January 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>

GVOS Show

### February

TBA

## GVOS Board

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Joel Borst

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I am sorry the newsletter is getting out late this month. Most of the focus has been on show preparations and show sign ups. A huge thank you to everyone who has signed up to work this weekend. It literally is not possible without any of you.

Anyone who was not able to commit to something in advance is still very much welcome and encouraged to come. If you feel like jumping in somewhere, please do!

## GVOS News

### Calendars

Please do not forget the first ever GVOS calendar will be available for purchase at the show for \$25. For those who have not had a chance to look through it yet, it is stunning. Justin did a fantastic job on it. I personally have it hanging up in my office at work and I get so many people complimenting and commenting on it. They will be available for sale at our media table. Send your friends in to get one and pick one up for a friend. You will not regret it.

### Meeting

The meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> is going to be all about getting ready for the show. Please bring any plants you have to contribute to the display along with you. If you can not make it Thursday night, please get your plants to the Frederik Meijer Gardens as early as possible. If that is going to be impossible for you, please see if a fellow society member can transport them for you. Alison is willing to bring any and all plants that are labeled and packed and dropped off either at her home or office. If you are going to take advantage of this, please reach out to her directly to make arrangements.

Please make sure all your belongings are clearly labeled. This includes orchids, cash/decorative pots, boxes/coolers/containers. This will help organize the chaos of teardown.

If you have any questions or need help cleaning up/staking your plants, please bring stakes and ties with you. One of the veteran members will be more than happy to provide assistance.

We will also be packaging and pricing the media we will be selling at our table. Anyone who can pitch in is welcome. Last year we had it all done very quickly.

Lastly, but not least, we will be starting to fill out registration tags for the plants that are brought in that evening. A copy of the show schedule was emailed out already. There will also be some printed copies at the meeting to use.

## Important Show Information

- 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](mailto: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.	<b>Ron McHatton</b> Chief Education and Science Officer	<b>Carol Klonowski</b> Hobby Grower AOS Judge



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## December Plant Table

Alliance	Place	Name	Owner
Cattleya Classes 11-27	1	 Key Lime	Tom Glover
	2	 Potinara	Jen Mayaard



Cypripedium Classes 28-47	1		Tara Rietberg	
	1		Paul Ondarko	

	2		Tara Rietberg	
Phalaenopsis - large Classes 48-62	1		Olivia Martin	

Paph Vexillarium



Phal NOID - peach



	2		Tom Glover	
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Phal NOID - yellow

Phal NOID - blush

	3		Tom Glover	
Phalaenopsis - mini Classes 48-62	1		Tom Glover	



Phal NOID #18



Phal NOID - purple

Vanda Classes 63-78	1		Dan Delano	
	2		Jill Wood	



Holcoglossom 1

Ascocentrum aurantiacum



	3	 <p data-bbox="440 810 610 842">Schoenorchis</p>	Jill Wood	
Oncidium Classes 79-86	1	 <p data-bbox="440 1478 537 1509">Twinkle</p>	Olivia Martin	

	1		Jen Mayaard	
	2		Thomas Longshied	



Dendrobium Classes 90-96	1		Thomas Longshied	
		Den Kyle Quintal		
Miscellaneous - large Classes 97- 110	1		Tara Rietberg	
		Cycnoches Wine Delight		

	1		Justin Krenselewski	
	2		Justin Krenselewski	

	2	 <p>Zygo Blue Birds</p>	Justin Krenselewski	
Plant of the Month		 <p>Vuylstekeara Melissa Brianne 'Dark'</p>	Jen Mayaard	



## Current Point Standings

Last Name	First Name	Total Points - Summer/Fall
Borst	Joel	141
Wood	Jill	135
Glover	Tom	110
Rietberg	Tara	107
Krenselewski	Justin	82
Longschied	Thomas	70
Maczka	Alison	59
Myaard	Jen	55
Martin	Olivia	54
Ondarko	Paul	34
Verbeek	Kenesha	34
Ambrose	Jerry	29
Miller	Kathy	22
Smith	Debbie	19
Smith	Bert & Teresa	18
VanderVelde	Jade	17
Griffin	Gordon	17
DeLano	Dan	15
Albin	Brittany	10
Shipaila	Joan	6
Warner	Archie	6
Habib	Erin	5
Martinez	Christie	3
Loeper	Matt	2
Marsh	Gary	2
Crabill	Kehvren	1
Alshayeb	Maythem	1
Schroeder	Ginn	1



## **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](mailto: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

