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Calendar

March 17th

Growing Paphiopedilum Orchids

April 21st

TBA

May 19^h

TBA

June

Summer picnic

GVOS Board

President

Open

Vice-President

Joel Borst

Secretary

Tara Rietberg

Treasurer

Joan Shipaila

Members-At-Large

Jerry Ambrose

Jill Wood



March

This meeting will feature a presentation given by Tara Reid on growing Paphiopedilum orchids. We will also discuss the logistics of the upcoming Ann Arbor show as well as other society activities such as group orders and project plants.

Due to the weather in January, our gift plants for new members were not shipped. They have now arrived and will be available at the upcoming meeting for pick up

Greater Lansing Orchid Show

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed plants to our display. A very special thank you to everyone who worked together to bring the display together.



- Bert: Dropping off supplies and doing tear down
- Alison: Setting up and organizing the display
- Deb: Assisting in setting up the display and taking care of registration
- Jill: Assisting Deb with registration

Unfortunately, the list of awards was misplaced in one of the boxes during teardown. The overall society display won third place. Well done to all!

Ann Arbor Orchid Society Show

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Michigan Orchid Society Show

The Ann Arbor Orchid Society Show and Sale at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens is fast approaching. Once again if you have plants you would like to send for the display make sure you check them over for pests and clean them up, remove dead leaves and sheaths, stake spikes and tie up growths as needed to make sure the plant is as tidy as possible

Reminders for plant packing to make things easy for the teardown crew:

- Make sure plants are labeled with your name
- Make sure all boxes/containers are labeled with your name
- Include a plant list in each box/container that includes the number of plants in that box plus their names. This will help the teardown crew immensely.

At this point plant drop off has not been set. An email will go out as soon as arrangements for plant drop off and pick up are finalized.

The weekend after Ann Arbor is the Michigan Orchid Society Show. Emails will also be sent out with information for drop off and pick up will be sent out as soon as it's available.



Society News

It is that time of year again and dues are due.

- \$25 for an individual
- \$40 For Family

Please make checks payable to Grand Valley Orchid Society and send check to:

**Grand Valley Orchid Society
2139 Chesapeake NE
Grand Rapids, MI. 49505**

You are also welcome to bring checks or cash to the meeting and give them to our treasurer, Joan, directly. Paying dues promptly helps the society plan programming and other events for the members. Thank you to everyone who makes what we do possible.

There have been a few requests lately for an updated contact list to be made available for members. If you do not wish to have your contact information shared, please email maczkaal@gmail.com and let her know at your earliest convenience so she can make sure your information is removed or censored.

Snacks

We need a couple of volunteers to agree to bring some snacks to share at the upcoming meetings.

March

April

May

If you would like to bring something to the March 17th meeting, please email maczkaal@gmail.com as soon as possible so we can make sure we have that covered. Feel free to volunteer for April or May as well.



Society News

Current Point standings will be updated once new information is sent out.

Wood	Jill	73
Borst	Joel	51
Maczka	Alison	48
Niemaier	Matthew	40
Rietberg	Tara	33
Smith	Bert & Teresa	29
VanderVeld	Jade	22
Clemens	Mei Ling	15
DeLano	Dan	13
Griffin	Gordon	9
Spratling	Nicole	9
Ambrose	Jerry	8
Molchan	Jim	5
Shipaila	Joan	5
Smith	Debbie	4
Krummel	Karen	4
Ondarko	Paul	4
Albin	Brittany	3
Wane	Archie	1
Bacon	Braden	1
Marsh	Gary	1
Taylor	Robt	1

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.

Please submit any pictures of blooming orchids and the ID if available to at any time to maczkaal@gmail.com. She will make sure they are added to the social media pages.



GVOS Rewards

There have been some adjustments to the point system we used in previous years for participation. The new points system is as follows:

Plant table

Bring a blooming orchid - 1 point
1st place – 5 points
2nd place – 3 points
3rd place – 2 points

Participation

Attend GVOS meeting – 1 point
Attend an away show or other society meeting – 2 points
Give a presentation – 10 points
GVOS show participation – 5 points per day
Plants in GVOS show – 5 points
Set up or Tear down away show – 10 Points
Plants in an away show – 3 points

Orchid Show/Festival Schedule

It is with great pleasure and a lot of excitement we are able to announce upcoming shows once again. This will be updated as more societies schedule and submit their event to the American Orchid Society Calendar.

Show	Location	Date	Status
Grand Valley Orchids Society Show and Sale	Frederick Meijer Gardens 1000 East Beltline Ave NE Grand	January 29th - 30th	Scheduled
Greater Lansing Orchid Show and Sale	Michigan State Soil and Science Building 1066 Bogue St, East Lansing, MI 48824	February 26th- 27th	Scheduled
Ann Arbor Orchid Society	Matthaei Botanical Gardens 1800 N Dixboro Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48105	March 19th and 20th	Scheduled
Michigan Orchid Society Show and Sale	United Plumber Union Hall, 555 Horace Brown Dr, Madison Heights, MI 48071	March 26th and 27th	Scheduled

