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Calendar

April 17th

Michigan Native Orchids

May 15th

Board Elections + Auction

June 19th

Kristin Uthas Japanese Orchids

July 17th

Bulbophyllum Culture

GVOS Board

Interim President

Justin Krenselewski

Interim Vice-President

Jill Wood

Secretary

Tara Rietberg

Treasurer

Joan Shipaila

Members-At-Large

Jerry Ambrose



Thank you to everyone who came out to our last meeting and made our new members feel welcome. We are so very excited to have you all joining us. There have been some changes to the board ahead of the elections. Our president, Joel Borst, has decided to step down to re-prioritize his responsibilities. Thank you for your years of hard work.

This month we will be meeting April 17th at 7pm at the Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park. There will be signs marking the way to our meeting room. This meeting we have a guest speaker that will be talking to us about Michigan Native Orchids.

Society News

A letter from the President

"Dear GVOS Members,

I hope this message finds you well and that your orchids are thriving moving into Spring. This month, I want to take a moment to address an important change within our society. As some of you may know, our president, Joel Borst, has stepped down from his role. We deeply appreciate Joel's leadership, dedication, and the passion he brought to GVOS. His contributions have left a lasting impact, and we wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

While transitions like this bring big changes, I want to assure you that our commitment to our society's mission remains strong. The board and I have been working hard to ensure a smooth transition, and we are excited about the future. At our board meeting on March 20, I was elected to serve as interim president, and Jill Wood will be stepping into the role of interim vice president until our upcoming board elections in May. During that meeting, all members in good standing will have the opportunity to vote on all board positions as well as proposed changes to our society's by-laws. If you are interested in running for any board position, please reach out to myself or Jill.

In addition to these leadership updates, we have been diligently planning an engaging 2025 education schedule, with many speakers already confirmed. We look forward to bringing you a lineup filled with learning opportunities, inspiration, and, of course, our shared love for orchids.

Thank you for your continued support, enthusiasm, and dedication to GVOS. Let's keep growing together!

Warm regards,

Justin Krenselewski

Interim President"

Upcoming Orchid Events

4/26 - 4/27 - West Shore Orchid Society Show - 18100 Royalton Rd, Strongsville, OH 44136

4/26 - 4/27 - Central Indiana Orchid Society Show - Garfield Park Conservatory 2505 Conservatory Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46203

5/18 - AOS Orchid Culture Day webinars - \$40 registration

5/24-5/25 - Windswept In Time Open House - 8066 Skyline Dr, Broadview Heights, OH 44147

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

FMG Volunteer opportunity

Saturday April 12th 2025

Saturday May 3rd 2025

Saturday June 28th 2025

Michigan Native Orchids

This month we will have Jeanne Rhinehart presenting on Michigan Native Orchids. Jeanne will be joining us in person.

Biography:

"I'm a retired math, biological science and computer teacher having taught junior and senior high school for 41 years. I have been secretary, webmaster and newsletter editor of the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society, I am presently Treasurer, Communications chair, and newsletter coeditor for the Mid-America Orchid Congress and one of the three founders of the Native Orchid Preservation and Education Society and at present a director, webmaster and newsletter editor of Native Orchid Preservation and Education Society.

I have always been interested in growing plants as my parents were local florists. This encouraged my interest in unusual plants and trying to successfully grow them. My husband and I are avid gardeners and are members of various societies – Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society, Miami Valley Orchid Society, American Orchid Society, Native Orchid Conference Cincinnati Wildflower Society, Cincinnati Herpetology Society, Cincinnati Nature Center. My husband and I have traveled all over to view plants in situ including most US states, Canada, London, Peru, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand."



March Plant Table

Alliance	Place	Name	Owner
Brassavola Classes 11-27	1	B nodosa ('Remar' x 'Mas Major')	Jessica Driesenga
	2	Bl Yellow Bird	Kenesha Verbeek
	3	BL Little Stars	Jen Myaard
Cattleya - lg Classes 11-27	1	Bct Taiwan Mermaid 'STK'	Joel Borst
	2	Ecn cochleata 'Superbun'	Jen Selwa
	3	Pot Toshie's Charm	Tom Glover
Cattleya - mini Classes 11-27	1	Cat Shengy Cranberry	Kenesha Verbeek
	2	EPC Kyoguchi' M Sauno' Mutation x L Gold Star 'SVO' 4N	Joel Borst
	3	Cat Love Knot 'Carmela Blue'	Jen Selwa
Paphiopedilum Classes 28-47	1	Paph barbato - purpuratum	Alison Maczka
	2	Paph QF KoehuKai x fairrianum	Alison Maczka
	3	Paph delanatii v. vinicolor x sib	Thomas Longshied
Phragmipedium Classes 28-47	1	Phrag Mont Fallu	Tara Rietberg
	2	Phrag Susan Kulhavi	Jill Wood
Phalaenopsis - large Classes 48-62	1	Phal NOID - white/purple	Jen Selwa
	2	Phal NOID - pink spots/stripes	Jen Myaard
	3	Phal NOID - white/lg spots	Hannah Schaafsma
Phalaenopsis - small Classes 48-62	1	Phal equestris var ilocas	Jen Selwa
	2	Phal schilleriana	Thomas Longshied
	3	Phal Mini Mark	Alison Maczka
Phalaenopsis - novelty Classes 48-62	1	Phal Elaine B Taylor 'Mitten Magic'	Joel Borst
	2	Phal Dragonfly	Joel Borst

	3	Phal Mok Choi Yew 'SWR'	Joel Borst
Vanda Classes 63-78	1	Perreiraara Bangkok Star	Tara Rietberg
Oncidium Classes 79-86	1	ONS Wildcat 'Garfield'	Tara Rietberg
	2	ONS Eye Candy 'Pinky'	Tom Glover
	3	Milt James Bradley	Jen Selwa
Tolumnia Classes 79-86	1	Jairek Flyer 'Orange Butter'	Joel Borst
	2	Jairek Flyer 'Lady Bug'	Dan Delano
	3	Jarek Firm 'Snow White'	Dan Delano
Cymbidium Classes 87-89	1	Cym sinense Wan Dai Fu	Tara Rietberg
Dendrobium Classes 90-96	1	Den Mahea	Tara Rietberg
	2	Den Jaiarak Antelope 'Scarlet'	Tara Rietberg
	3	Den Hibiki	Quinton Lohman
Miscellaneous - large Classes 97-110	1	Clowesea rosea ('Andy' x 'Collected')	Thomas Longshied
	2	Bulbophyllum blumei	Jill Wood
Zygopetalum Classes 97-110	1	Zygo Fandango 'Blooming Fool' x Kiwi Korker '9 Flowers'	Kenesha Verbeek
	2	Propetalum Mathina 'Elizabeth'	Joel Borst
	3	Ianclarkara Cheyenne Marie 'Pink Ice'	Tara Rietberg
Plant of the Month		Clowesea rosea ('Andy' x 'Collected')	Thomas Longshied

Upcoming AOS Events

November Webinars

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	March 05, 2025 Wednesday 8:30 pm EST	April 03, 2025 Thursday 8:30 pm EDT	April 16, 2025 Wednesday 8:30 pm EDT	May 08, 2025 Thursday 8:30 pm EDT
Topic	Why Won't It Bloom? Explore reasons why your orchid fails to bloom. <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by March 02</i>	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by March 31</i>	Growing Orchids Indoors and In Terrariums Light, media, pots! What it takes to successfully cultivate orchids indoors.	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by May 05</i>
Presenter	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	Chris Satch Orchid Grower and Professor at NY Botanical Gardens	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer

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

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Save the Date!

Join us for this Outstanding Online Event
 Mark Your Calendar—Get Your Device Reminder



**American Orchid Society
 7th CULTURE DAY
 Sunday, May 18, 2025
 11 a.m.—3:30 p.m. EST**

ORCHIDS—From Seed to Success
This Event is Recorded for all Registrants to View at their Leisure

Door Prizes!
 Must be online day of event to be eligible

**4 Guest Speakers
 4 Great Topics**

- Orchid Pollination - In Nature and at Your Kitchen Table
- Can I Make My Own Hybrid?
- Trends in Free-Flowering *Brassocattleya* Hybrids
- Easy to Grow and Bloom Hybrids

Online Registration Required—Only \$40

JUDGING 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)

3/15/25 – Will be at the MOS show

4/19/25

5/17/25

6/21/25

7/19/25

8/16/25

9/20/25

10/18/25

11/15/25

12/20/25

Current Point Standings

Last Name	First Name	Points
Selwa	Jen	231
Rietberg	Tara	230
Wood	Jill	224
Borst	Joel	188
Verbeek	Kenesha	186
Martin	Olivia	142
Glover	Tom	136
Myaard	Jen	128
Maczka	Alison	106
Longschied	Thomas	104
Leonard	Josh	94
Lohman	Quintin	86
Driesenga	Jessica	85
Krenselewski	Justin	78
Clemens	Mei Ling	75
Smith	Debbie	65
Schaafsma	Hannah	55
Ondarko	Paul	54
Habib	Erin	48
DeLano	Dan	48
Olson	Denise	47
Smith	Bert	36
Griffin	Gordon	30
Korseval	Eric	29
Hofer	Rachael	27
Shipaila	Joan	21
Loeper	Matt	20
Ambrose	Jerry	19
Warner	Archie	17
VanderVelde	Jade	10
Miller	Kathy	8
Marsh	Gary	5
Faber	Carolyn	4
Albin	Brittany	3
Madison	David	2
Bar	Julie	2
Belden	Emma	1
Kaminski	Kim	1
Kopec	John	1
Matko	Deb	1
Lago	Alison	1
Matko	Chuck	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 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 it is added to the event calendar.

Schedule of Shows

Show	Location	Date	Status
Grand Valley Orchids Society Show and Sale	Frederick Meijer Gardens 1000 East Beltline Ave NE Grand Rapids, 2025	January 25-26	
Greater Lansing Orchid Show and Sale	NEW LOCATION Van Attas Greenhouse 9008 Old M-7 Haslett, MI	February 22-23	
Ann Arbor Orchid Society	Matthaei Botanical Gardens 1800 N Dixboro Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48105	November 16 - 17 2024	
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		