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Calendar

February 26th

Orchids 101 With Thomas

February 27th -March 1st

GLOS Show

March 19th

Repotting

April 16th

New World Orchids

GVOS Board

President

Kenesha Verbeek

Vice-President

Jen Myaard

Secretary

Jessica Driesenga

Treasurer

Quintin Lohman

Communication

Alison Maczka

Members-At-Large

Jill Woods

Thomas Langschied



While we offer our congratulations to our two new board members, I would like to take a moment to share my thanks and appreciation to Joan and Tara for their many years of service to the society. I hope you both are looking forward to enjoying the group as a member and know that we will be leaning on you and your experience as we make this transition.

For our June meeting, some of the board members will be bringing in examples of what they use for pest control at home. For all other members, please do bring questions and the names of products you have used and found to be effective. If you have

Society News

A Letter from the President

Dear Members of GVOS,

Congratulations to our new board members Quintin and Jessica. Quintin will be taking over for Joan as our new treasurer, and Jessica will be taking over for Tara as our new Secretary.

Summer is in full swing. Hopefully you've seen some incredible growth from your favorite orchids, maybe even done some repotting.

This month we are doing a show and tell. We'll be bringing in what we use to keep our orchids pest free and looking their best. So if you've ever been curious on how to treat a certain pest, or maybe you get overwhelmed on which fertilizer to use and how often, this meeting is for you.

Mark your calendars for our annual GVOS picnic. It will be held July 11th from 1pm - 5pm. The address for the location is 10720 Walnut Ave, Grant MI, 49327.

I can't wait to see all of you!

Don't forget that we have a volunteer day at Frederick Meijer Gardens on June 27th (9am-3pm). Dress for greenhouse conditions, bring drinks and tools, and get ready to have fun.

Happy Growing,
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

4/25/26 - Westshore Orchid Society Show - 18100 Royalton Rd, Strongsville, OH 44136
5/14/26 - GVOS semiannual auction
5/16/26 - Great Lakes Judging Center Monthly Meeting - 4800 E Huron River Dr, Ann Arbor, MI 48105
5/23-5/24/26 - Windswept in Time Open House - 8066 Skyline Dr, Broadview Heights, OH 44147
6/20/26 - Great Lakes Judging Center Monthly Meeting - 4800 E Huron River Dr, Ann Arbor, MI 48105
7/11/26 - Annual Picnic Located at 10720 Walnut Ave, Grant MI, 49327
7/18/26 - Great Lakes Judging Center Monthly Meeting - 4800 E Huron River Dr, Ann Arbor, MI 48105
8/15/26 - Great Lakes Judging Center Monthly Meeting - 4800 E Huron River Dr, Ann Arbor, MI 48105
8/21 - 8/23/26 - Ohio Valley Orchid Fest - 4865 Wilmington Pike, Dayton, OH 45440

FMG Volunteer opportunity

May 30th
April 18th
June 27th



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	July 09, 2026 Thursday 8:30 pm EDT	SUMMER BREAK Review the Full Index of Recorded Webinars on the AOS Website	In Search Of Webinar Presenters
Topic	<i>FREE Live</i> Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A Answers to your questions about all things orchid. <i>Send in your Photos</i> <i>and Questions</i> <i>by July 07</i>	Filter by Members Only or All Viewers Select From Title - Choose Culture, Virtual Events, Judging, Pests and Diseases, Greenhouse Chats and More. Click Register or Watch Now.	Future Webinars You are invited to share your orchid knowledge with an enthusiastic audience of thousands. We can show you how. <i>Contact webinar</i> <i>organizer for details.</i> greenhousechat@aos.org
Presenter	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	The Experts Orchid Growers, Orchid Judges, Biologists, Scientists and More. Offering Culture Tips and Education.	Expert Growers, Hobby Growers, AOS Judges, Scientists, Biologists and YOU!



Webinar announcements are posted on the AOS website,
 on Facebook and Instagram,
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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)

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. Please note we are asking plants brought in for judging to arrive by 12:30.

For 2026, our meetings begin at 10:30 AM Eastern Time with any judging center business and then an educational talk by judges or other featured speakers. AOS judging begins no later than 12:30 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:

June 20 Steve Gonzalez-Costa from Minnesota will be our speaker. His topic will be "Keeping Your Center Active and Growing". AOS Judging will begin no later than 12:30 PM EDT.

July 18 Daniel Mok of the GLJC will be our speaker on "Leafless Orchids". AOS Judging will begin no later than 12:30 PM EDT. NOTE: room changed to Rm 150

August 15 Dave Sorokowsky of Paph Paradise will be our special speaker on "Judging Maudiae Paphs". Dave will take pre-paid pre-orders via their website at www.paphparadise.com. AOS Judging will begin no later than 12:30 PM EDT.

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



2026 GVOS Meeting Schedule

Learn, Grow and Bloom With Us!

GVOS usually meets the third Thursday of the month in a Frederik Meijer Garden classroom

January 22
Topic: GVOS show prep-
 including packaging potting media
 Pre Register plants for our show
 Plant table

February 26
Thomas Langschied
Topic: Basic orchid biology
 Pre Register for GLOS show
 Plant table

March 19
Topic:
 Bring your plants you need to repot- discounted media
 and pots available. Learn other members techniques!
 Mounting too?
 Proceeds benefit our society
 Pre Register for MOS show
 Plant table

April 16
Kristen Uthus in person
New World Orchids
Topic: TBD
 Plant table

May 7
Topic: Orchid auction & elections
 All proceeds benefit the society
 Plant table

June 18
Topic: Show and tell
 fungicides and pesticides-
 members share what they use and how
 Plant table

July 16
Cheryl Erins
Topic: TBD
 Plant table

August 20
Topic:
 Blooket with prizes OR
 Tips Talk OR
 Pests and Diseases or deficiencies
 Plant table

September 17
Topic: Outreach Judging
 Plant table

October 15
Topic: Orchid Auction
 All proceeds benefit the society
 Plant table

November 19
Eric Sauer in person
Topic:
 Pre Register for AAOS
 Plant table

December 17
Topic: Show talk
 Blooket with prizes
 Potluck-bring a dish to pass
 Plant table