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Calendar

October 16th

Live Auction

November 13th

Chris Satch

November 14th

Ann Arbor Set up

November 15th-16

AAOS Show and teardown

GVOS Board

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Thank you to our benefactor and to Jen Selwa for entering the raffle with Maui Orchid Whispering for us. I hope that everyone had a great time and found space for all their new plant babies. If you are interested in checking out their sales, search for their business page. The Maui Orchid Whisperer on Facebook. Their Facebook Group is Maui Orchid Whispering.

The first show of the season is this weekend in Ann Arbor. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with both set up and tear down. Please keep Tara and her family in your prayers as they navigate through their grief.

Our speaker this month also offers Plant Doctor private consultations. \$60 for 15 min, but for an orchid society, it is \$40 for 15 min for private zoom help.

Society News

A Letter from the President

Dearest GVOS Members,

Our first show is this Saturday. Please remember to have all plants being entered clean and free from pests. Plan on arriving at 6:30 if you need help registering plants. If anyone is available to pick up the show supplies from Bert's house and bring them to our meeting, please let myself or Jen M know as soon as possible.

We will be hosting our first raffle this Thursday. Feel free to bring any orchid related items or extra plants/divisions.

Thank you to all the volunteers that have stepped up for set up and tear down. I encourage anyone interested in learning more about what the judges look for to sign up for clerking at any of the shows. It was an amazing experience!

Warm Regards,
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

Tara Rietberg
Jen Myaard
Bob Skaggs
Quintin Lohman

Suggestions

Donations



Speaker Presentation and Biography

No greenhouse? No problem! This talk will focus on the basics of light, photosynthesis, and growing indoors as well as under lights. These principles and recommendations apply to not only orchids, but to all plants. Learn about what to consider when selecting a light, the distance, the duration that they need to be on, and all the technicals boiled down into a simple formula. Never worry again about the differences between watts, lumens, kelvins, and all the other jargon that comes with growing under lights. There will also be some great information on growing in terrariums and tanks, as well as in windowsills.

Christopher Satch is a Professor at the New York Botanical Gardens, as well as the CEO and Founder of NYC Plant Help, a horticultural consultancy for indoor and outdoor growers in the greater New York area. Having been featured on NPR, the Wall Street Journal, Architectural Digest, and more, Christopher breaks down the science behind growing plants and explains how plants grow in human-understandable terms. Having specialized in plant physiology and pathology, you can ask him any orchid growth, flowering, or culture question, and he will know the answer. He is a member of the AOS Education/Tech Committee, has participated in the rewrite of the care and culture sheets for AOS, and grows over 200 plants on windowsills, in terrariums, and more in his tiny Manhattan apartment. His favorite orchids are Cattleya species, Catasetiinae, Miltoniopsis, Lepanthes, and anything else that's either odd or fragrant.

Upcoming Orchid Events

11/1-2nd 2025 – Central Ohio Orchid Show – 1500 Polaris Pkwy, Columbus, OH 43240
11 15-16th 2025 – Ann Arbor Orchid Society Show and Sale. Matthai Botanical Gardens

FMG Volunteer opportunity

Saturday December 13th 2025

Volunteer shifts start at 9am and end at 3pm. Show up when you are able.

Wear light clothes that you will be comfortable in. This is a great opportunity to test new ideas and learn new skills.

October Plant Table

Unfortunately, due to time constraints in the previous meeting, plant table was not judged.



Culture Corner

Plant Registration

The Resources

The Mid-American Orchid Congress has information for registration and identification.

EDUCATION

MAOC Intergeneric Makeup-Name-July2020-Update (pdf)	Download
MAOC Intergeneric Makeup-Name-July2020-Update (xls)	Download
MAOC Intergeneric Makeup-Abbrev-July2020-Update (pdf)	Download
MAOC Intergeneric Makeup-Abbrev-July2020-Update (xls)	Download

“Name” is alphabetized by the Name of the Intergeneric and “Abbrev” is alphabetized by abbreviation. These are great for deciphering plant labels at any time.

MAOC Classification-2024 complete (xls)	Download
MAOC 2021 Dendrobium cheat sheet (docx)	Download
MAOC 2022 Paph cheat sheet (docx)	Download

These resources are for registering plants under the MAOC schedule. All of the orchid shows that GVOS participates in use the MAOC show schedule.

The International Orchid Register / RHS Gardening

Not sure if your Hybrid is registered? Have a named hybrid and want to know the parents? The search function will help you. Remember that if the seed and pollen parents are reversed then it is still the same registered hybrid so search both ways if you think the hybrid is registered.

Plants of the World Online | Kew Science

Have the taxonomists been changing names of your species and not nice enough to come over and update your plant labels? This site has the latest information on what it is called and every other synonym.

Orchidroots, home of orchids and selected plants and animals.

While this is not an official site for information, it can be a good reference if you know the hybrid name and want the parents and species composition information.

Remember that help is available. You can bring always bring questions to the meetings for assistance. If you do not have tags available, writing your list with the tag information will help the person doing registration at the show greatly.

Examples

Phalaenopsis amboinensis

Name – Phalaenopsis amboinensis

Parents – not applicable since this is a species (we know this is a species since the Grex is lowercase)

Class – 48 (By searching for Phalaenopsis in the MAOC Classification list it shows us that Species are in class 48 and Hybrids are in classes 49-62)

Name:	Abbrev.	Class	Species	Hybrid
Phalaenopsis	Phal.		48	49-62

Paph Cocoa Oliver x Cocoa Green

Name – Paphiopedilum Southernwood's Green Sapphire (Paph is the abbreviation for Paphiopedilum and the Name is found by searching by the parents on RHS)

Cross – Paph Cocoa Oliver x Paph Cocoa Green

Class – 37-42 (Paphiopedilum hybrids are in classes 31-42 per the MAOC Classification List and then the Show Schedule indicates that Complex Paphiopedilum Hybrids are in classes 37-42. Reviewing the flower color would get to the final class number)

Genus	<i>Paphiopedilum</i>
Epithet	Southernwood  Green Sapphire
Synonym Flag	This is not a synonym
Registrant Name	M.Tierney
Originator Name	O/U
Date of registration	16/07/2024

	Seed parent	Pollen parent
Genus	<i>Paphiopedilum</i>	<i>Paphiopedilum</i>
Epithet	Cocoa Oliver	Cocoa Green

Name:	Abbrev.	Class	Species	Hybrid
Paphiopedilum	Paph.		28-30	31-42

Zga Sweet Jade 'Sweet Cheyenne'

Name – Zygoneria Sweet Jade ‘Sweet Cheyenne’ (abbreviation ZGA is Zygoneria from the Intergeneric Makeup List)

Cross – Zygoneria Pine Road x Zygopetalum Artur Elle (found by searching on the RHS website)

Class – 106 (found by searching for Zygoneria on the Show Schedule)

Name:	Abbrev.	Intergeneric Make-Up			
Zygoneria	Zga.	Neogardneria x Zygopetalum			
Name:	Abbrev.	Class	Species	Hybrid	
Zygoneria	Zga.	106			

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	Nov. 04, 2025 Tuesday 8:30 pm EST	Nov. 12, 2025 Wednesday 8:30 pm EST	Winter Break	Jan. 08, 2026 Thursday 8:30 pm EST
Topic	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A Answers to your questions about all things orchid. <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by Nov. 01</i>	Greenhouse Culture and Technology Tips for growing in a greenhouse. Learn about technology to help you grow better.	Choose Your Topic From Our Library of RECORDED WEBINARS	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A Answers to your questions about all things orchid. <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by Jan. 05</i>
Presenter	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	Manny Aybar Accredited AOS Judge, Orchid Grower, Frequent Guest Speaker	Expert Growers, Conservationists, AOS Judges, Hobbyists, and more!	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer



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

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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)

8/16/25
9/20/25
10/18/25
11/15/25
12/20/25

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.

Sessions begin at 11 AM Eastern Time with any center business and then an educational talk by judges or other featured speakers. AOS judging begins no later than 1 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 which is located at 4800 E.

Huron River Dr. Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105. Activities take place in the Morris

Lawrence building, Room 160 but occasionally it is moved to another room in the same

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. Any awards given are subject to AOS

Award fees which are presently \$40 for AOS members and \$60 for non-members.

Upcoming Schedule:

October 18 "Judging Dendrobiums" – Carol Klonowski, California-Sierra Nevada JC

November 15 no program due to semiannual business meeting. AOS judging at 1PM

December 20 review of AOS Annual Special Awards finalists.

For more information contact Dave Miller at dcmjpasmil@aol.com, especially if you are not familiar with the location or process.

Current Point Standings

Last Name	First Name	Total Points
Verbeek	Kenesha	154
Wood	Jill	152
Borst	Joel	95
Myaard	Jen	78
Lohman	Quintin	66
Glover	Tom	48
Clemens	Mei Ling	41
Langschied	Thomas	41
Leonard	Josh	40
Rietberg	Tara	36
Selwa	Jen	32
Driesenga	Jessica	17
Smith	Debbie	16
Maczka	Alison	15
Martin	Olivia	13
Hofer	Rachael	11
DeLano	Dan	10
Olson	Denise	9
Korseval	Eric	9
Skaggs	Bob	9
Schaafsma	Hannah	8
Krenselewski	Justin	7
Mann	Jeromey	6
Loeper	Matt	5
Ambrose	Jerry	4
Shipaila	Joan	3
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.

2025 Schedule



2025 Meeting Schedule

Learn, Grow and Bloom With Us!

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

January Topic: GVOS show prep Plant table	Febraury Topic: GLOS show prep Plant table
March Topic: MIOS show prep Webinar Plant table	April Topic: Native Orchids Jeanne Rhinehart live speaker Plant table
May Topic: Orchid Auction All proceeds benefit the society Plant table	June Topic: Board Elections Plant table
July Topic: Bulbophyllums Bill Thoms via live Zoom Plant table	August Topic: Member Q&A Expanded plant table
September Topic: Tim Culbertson Plant table	October Topic: AOS display presentation Orchid Auction All proceeds benefit the society Plant table
November Topic: TBD Plant table	December Topic: Show talk Potluck-bring a dish to pass Plant table