



# ORCHIDS

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## Calendar

April 17<sup>th</sup>

Michigan Native Orchids

May 15<sup>th</sup>

Auction

June 19<sup>th</sup>

Board Elections

July 17<sup>th</sup>

Bulbophyllum Culture

## GVOS Board

**Interim President**

Justin Krenselewski

**Interim Vice-President**

Jill Wood

**Secretary**

Tara Rietberg

**Treasurer**

Joan Shipaila

**Members-At-Large**

Jerry Ambrose



A huge thank you to everyone who participated in the semi-annual auction. If anyone has any ideas on potential fundraisers we can do, please let a member of the board know. As a reminder, we are a 501-c3 non-profit so all donations are tax deductible!

Unfortunately, due to family obligations, Dr. Kristen had to cancel her presentation for the June meeting. Please keep an eye out for when she will be rescheduled. Also, due to some additional family chaos, the sign in sheet for last months meeting went astray. If you are missing any points from last months meeting, please let Jill Wood know.

## Society News

### Upcoming Orchid Events

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 June 28<sup>th</sup> 2025  
Saturday July 19<sup>th</sup> 2025  
Saturday August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025  
Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup> 2025  
Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup> 2025

Volunteer shifts start at 9am and end at 3pm.

Wear light clothes and bring sack lunches or plan on eating in the café.

### Letter from the President

"Dear GVOS Members,

Summer is almost here, and I hope you're enjoying a fantastic Spring! As many of you know, our board elections will take place during the June meeting. Voting will be in-person only, and I encourage each of you to attend and take part in this important moment for our society. We have a strong slate of candidates, and I'm excited to see the fresh energy and ideas they will bring to the new board.

Attached to this newsletter email, you'll find a document with bios of all candidates running. I encourage you to take a few moments to review it and get to know the candidates. Please reach out with any questions and share your thoughts and ideas with them.

Unfortunately, I do need to share that New World Orchids has had to postpone their talk and plant sale originally scheduled for June. A new date has not yet been confirmed, but we'll share that as soon as it's available. Even so, our June meeting will be full, with board elections and a robust plant table to enjoy.




Thank you all for your support during my time as Vice President and Interim President. I look forward to seeing you soon!




Warm regards,




**Justin Krenselewski**




Interim President, GVOS"




## May Plant Table




Alliance	Place	Name	Owner
Cattleya - lg Classes 11-27	1	 <p>Pry Muscat Smile 'Green Mountain'</p>	Jen Myaard
	2	 <p>Jackfowlieara Apple Blossum 'NN'</p>	Tom Glover
	3	 <p>Pot Ruby Delight 'Ruby Splash' x Fantasy Circle'Flaming Hot'</p>	Alison Maczka




Brassavola Hybrids Classes 11-27	1	 BLC Jairak Treasure'Red Trogon'	Justin Krenelewski
	2	 MCV Mini Fox	Kenesha Verbeek
	3	 BC Richard Mueller	Quinton Lohman




Paphiopedilum Classes 28-47	1	 Paph appletonianum	Jen Selwa
	2	 Paph Pleasantry	Debbie Smith
	3	 Paph (Cuban Boys x Memoria Shinsuke Tani) x niveum	Jen Selwa




Phragmipedium Classes 28-47	1		Jill Wood
		Phrag x richteri	
Phalaenopsis - large Classes 48-62	1		Kenesha Verbeek
	2		Kenesha Verbeek
		Phal NOID - yellow w/pink spots	




	3		Debbie Smith
Phalaenopsis - small Classed 48-62	1		Jen Selwa
Vanda Classes 63-78	1		Jen Myaard




Oncidium Classes 79-86	1		Justin Krenelewski
	2		Jen Myaard
	3		Jen Selwa

Tolumnia Classes 79-86	1	 <p>Tolumnia Jairak Firm 'Quail Eggs'</p>	Jen Selwa
	2	 <p>Tolumnia Jairak Flyer 'Lady Bug'</p>	Dan Delano
Dendrobium Classes 90-96	1	 <p>Den NOID - unicum hybrid</p>	Olivia Martin

	2		Tom Glover
	3		Tom Glover
Lycaste Classes 97-110	1		Thomas Longschied

Zygopetalum Classes 97-110	2		Jill Wood
	1		Kenesha Verbeek
	2		Olivia Martin

	3	 <p>Zygo Advance Australia</p>	Olivia Martin
Miscellaneous - large Classes 97-110	1	 <p>Promenea Colmaniana 'Sunlight'</p>	Thomas Langschied
Miscellaneous - small Classes 97-110	1	 <p>Chiloschusta nakapomensis</p>	Jessica Driessenga

	2	 <p>Dryadella edwalii</p>	Jill Wood
	3	 <p>Sigmatostalix graminea</p>	Jill Wood
Plant of the Month		 <p>Gomesa Jiaho Queen 'Jia Ho'</p>	Jen Myaard

## Upcoming AOS Events

### June and July Webinars



# Webinars - Coming Attractions!

**REGISTRATION IS EASY** [www.aos.org/webinars](http://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](mailto:greenhousechat@aos.org)**  
*Greenhouse Chat webinars are recorded and summarized by topic for future viewing.*

When	June 03, 2025 Tuesday 8:30 pm EDT	June 10, 2025 Tuesday 8:30 pm EDT	June 19, 2025 Thursday 8:30 pm EDT	July 02, 2025 Wednesday 8:30 pm EDT
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q &amp; A</b> Answers to your questions about all things orchid. <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by June 01</i>	<i>Master Orchidist Series</i> <b>Explore The Best Orchids to Grow Indoors</b> Many orchids can thrive indoors when we learn their basic needs	<b>More Than A Love of Orchids – How to Become an AOS Judge</b> <i>(in Spanish)</i> Insights into becoming an American Orchid Society Judge	<b>Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q &amp; A</b> Answers to your questions about all things orchid. <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by June 30</i>
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Ron McHatton</b> AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	<b>David Vandenbroek</b> SDCOS President, Grows mostly species	<b>Manny Aybar</b> Accredited AOS Judge, Frequent guest speaker	<b>Ron McHatton</b> 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](http://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](mailto:dseffernick@msn.com)

**Morris Lawrence Building, Washtenaw Community College, 4800 East Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48105 (Room 160)**

6/21/25  
7/19/25  
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:

**June 21** "Red Lycaste Breeding" - Rick Rempel, Toronto Judging Center

**July 19** "Phragmipedium kovachii hybrids" - Jill Wood, Great Lakes Judging Center

**August 16** TBD

**Coming September 20** will be Paphiopedilum expert Harold Koopowitz

For more information contact Dave Miller at [dcmjpasmil@aol.com](mailto:dcmjpasmil@aol.com), especially if you

are not familiar with the location or process.

## Current Point Standings

Last Name	First Name	Points
Wood	Jill	275
Selwa	Jen	270
Rietberg	Tara	250
Verbeek	Keneshia	231
Borst	Joel	213
Myaard	Jen	173
Martin	Olivia	157
Glover	Tom	146
Langschied	Thomas	116
Maczka	Alison	111
Driesenga	Jessica	104
Krenselewski	Justin	102
Lohman	Quintin	95
Leonard	Josh	94
Smith	Debbie	85
Clemens	Mei Ling	80
DeLano	Dan	63
Schaafsma	Hannah	61
Ondarko	Paul	61
Habib	Erin	48
Olson	Denise	47
Griffin	Gordon	40
Smith	Bert	36
Hofer	Rachael	32
Korseval	Eric	31
Shipaila	Joan	23
Ambrose	Jerry	21
Loeper	Matt	20
Warner	Archie	17
VanderVelde	Jade	11
Miller	Kathy	9
Marsh	Gary	5
Albin	Brittany	5
Faber	Carolyn	4
Madison	David	2
Bar	Julie	2
Kaminski	Kim	2
Kopec	John	2
Matko	Deb	2
Matko	Chuck	2
Belden	Emma	1
Lago	Alison	1

## GVOS REWARDS

### Plant Table

Bring a blooming orchid- 1 point  
 Plant of the month – 5 points  
     1<sup>st</sup> place – 5 points  
     2<sup>nd</sup> place – 3 points  
     3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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,		
Greater Lansing Orchid Show and Sale	<b>NEW LOCATION</b> Van Attas Greenhouse 9008 Old M-7 Haslett, MI		
Ann Arbor Orchid Society	Matthaei Botanical Gardens 1800 N Dixboro Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48105		
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		