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Calendar

July 17th

Bulbophyllum Culture

July 19th

FMG Volunteer Day

August

Member Q&A expanded plant table

September

TBA

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Thank you to all our current and active members. There would not be a society without you. With a new board, comes new ideas and some new changes. There will be some content change to newsletters happening in the next few months. If you are looking for additional ways you can be active and help out the society, do not hesitate to reach out to one of the board members

This month we have Bill Thomas speaking to us about bulbophyllum culture. Bill and his wife, Doris Dukes, have been growing orchids for over 35 years. They have more AOS awards for culture than most other growers in the world. AOS has even named an award in Bill's honor. This is an amazing opportunity to learn about these weird and wonderful orchids from the best.

Society News

A Letter from the President

Dear GVOS Members,

I hope this summer finds you well. I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your trust in me as your new president. Joel and Justin left some pretty big shoes to fill. I'd like to extend my deepest gratitude for their hard work and dedication. As you know we have several new board members. Many new ideas have been brought up, exciting things are happening behind the scenes. One new implementation I would like to bring members attention to is a fundraiser we will be adding during our meetings. We will be doing a raffle for orchid related items. Individual tickets will be \$1 or 6 tickets for \$5. Proceeds from each monthly raffle will be applied to future speakers, club activities, and our January show.

There are a lot of exciting things coming up this month, from our meeting, to a volunteer day at FMG on 7/19, and the GVOS Picnic on 7/20. Thank you to Olivia Marten for volunteering to host our picnic. Can't wait to see all of you!

Warm regards,
Kenesha Verbeek
President, GVOS



Society News

A Note from Jill:

I know our show in January seems so far away, but some of the behind-the-scenes work is already starting. For AOS judges in the mid-west, the show season ended in April and starts up again in August. We also meet monthly for education and AOS judging year-round.

At most shows, plants are arranged in displays by a single owner (like a vendor) or a group of owners (like an Orchid Society) and entered in classes based on the size and type of owner. Each individual plant is then entered into a class based on what the plant is. Some genera are kept together like all *Zygopetalum* and intergenerics are class 106) and other genera are divided based on size and color (like *Phalaenopsis* are classes 48-62). Societies in our area use the Mid-America Orchid Congress (MAOC) Show Schedule, other areas may use a different class schedule. During ribbon judging, teams judge each class for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Then the 1st place winners are in competition with each other in Trophy groups (Best *Cattleya* Alliance for example). All of the plant trophy winners are then in competition with each other for the “Best of Show” Trophy.

A challenging part of ribbon judging is making sure that all the registered plants get reviewed and then the right ribbon gets on the right plant. The processes vary by show, but the *Phalaenopsis* NOIDs are a particular challenge. It does make judges cry when they get the list of plants in a class and there are 15 plants called “*Phalaenopsis* NOID – pink” in a single class.

A NOID is a plant of unknown parentage. It can be of any genera, but most commonly seen in *Phalaenopsis* purchased at “big box” stores (think Lowes, Trader Joes, etc). They have a beautiful flower that you cannot resist, but the tag in the pot just says *Phalaenopsis* (and might tell you how many ice cubes to water it with – you need to ignore that part). This can also be applied to plants that have lost their tags.

To make sure your plants is seen during judging and gets the ribbon it was awarded, I am asking you to “Name the NOIDs”. I am not asking you to do a ton of research and find a registered hybrid that looks like your plant to call it something that it may not be. I am asking you to give your NOID a “NOID name” so that it is unique. Please keep the NOID at the start of the name – this will avoid confusion when plants are being pulled for AOS judging.

Please see the graphic on the following page for examples.

Name Your NOIDs!!!

Before

Phalaenopsis NOID—Pink w/spots



After

Phalaenopsis NOID—Magenta Leopard?

Phalaenopsis NOID—From Mom?

Phalaenopsis NOID—Trader Joes #4?

Phalaenopsis NOID—Birthday Present?

Phalaenopsis NOID—Happy Days?

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

11/1-2nd 2025 - Central Ohio Orchid Show - 1500 Polaris Pkwy, Columbus, OH 43240

FMG Volunteer opportunity

Saturday June 28th 2025

Saturday July 19th 2025

Saturday August 23rd 2025

Saturday September 13th 2025




Saturday October 18th 2025




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.



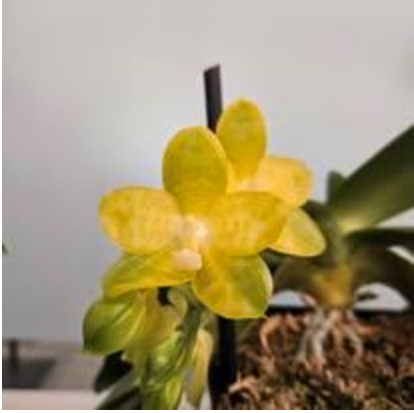
May Plant Table




Alliance	Place	Name	Owner
Cattleya - Brassavola Classes 11-27	1	 Encyvola Jairak Treasure	Thomas Langshied
	2	 Brassavola Little Stars 'Mello Yellow'	Justin Kreselewski
	3	 Encyvola Jairak Treasure 'Red Trogon'	Justin Kreselewski




Cattleya - large Classes 11-27	1	 Cattleya Sandra Turner x Mark Jones	Kenesha Verbeek
	2	 Cattleya tigrina coerulea x sib	Joel Borst
	3	 LSA Dick Phippen 'Lemon Yum-Yums'	Joel Borst




Cattleya - medium Classes 11-27	1		Kenesha Verbeek
	2		Tom Glover
	3		Kenesha Verbeek




Paphiopedilum Classes 28-47	1		Tara Rietberg
		Snow Squal	
Phragmipedium Classes 28-47	1		Alison Maczka
		Ouaisne	
Phalaenopsis - large Classes 48-62	1		Tom Glover
	2	Apprecit	Denise Olson

Phalaenopsis - small Classed 48-62	1		Tara Rietberg
		mini-multi lip	
Phalaenopsis - novelty Classed 48-62	2		Kenesha Verbeek
		NOID - lt yellow	
	1		Kenesha Verbeek
		Yaphon'	
	2	Blue Jay'	Thomas Langshied
	3	Olivia'	Joel Borst

Vanda Classes 63-78	1		Quintin Lohman
	2		Eric Korseval
Oncidium Classes 79-86	1		Kenesha Verbeek

	2		Tom Glover
	3		Tom Glover
Miscellaneous - large Classes 97-110	1		Quintin Lohman

	2	 <i>Ctsm semicirulatum x gladiatorium</i>	Jessica Driesenga
	3	 <i>Stenocoryne aureofulva</i>	Thomas Langshied
Miscellaneous - small Classes 97-110	1	 <i>Bulbophyllum barbigerum</i>	Quintin Lohman

	2		Jill Wood
	3	<div>S</div>  <div>Stelis hallii</div>	Quintin Lohman
Plant of the Month		 <div>Ctsm semicirulatum x gladiatorium</div>	Jessica Driesenga

Upcoming AOS Events

July and August 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	July 02, 2025 Wednesday 8:30 pm EDT	July 08, 2025 Tuesday 8:30 pm EDT	Aug. 07, 2025 Thursday 8:30 pm EDT	Sep. 11, 2025 Thursday 8:30 pm EDT
Topic	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A Answers to your questions about all things orchid. <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by June 30</i>	<i>Master Orchidist Series</i> Orchids Under Lights, Greenhouse Not Required You can grow a variety of quality orchids indoors.	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A Answers to your questions about all things orchid. <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by August 04</i>	<i>Master Orchidist Series</i> Best Methods for Indoor Pest Management Explore pest problems of indoor orchid growing.
Presenter	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	Sarah Hurdell AOS Judge and indoor orchid grower	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer



Webinar announcements are posted on the AOS website,
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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)

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:

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, especially if you

are not familiar with the location or process.

Current Point Standings

Last Name	First Name	Total Points
Verbeek	Kenesha	32
Lohman	Quintin	19
Glover	Tom	15
Borst	Joel	14
Rietberg	Tara	13
Longschied	Thomas	12
Driesenga	Jessica	11
Maczka	Alison	7
Krenselewski	Justin	7
Myaard	Jen	7
Wood	Jill	5
Olson	Denise	5
Korseval	Eric	5
Leonard	Josh	5
Hofer	Rachael	5
Griffin	Gordon	1
Ambrose	Jerry	1
VanderVelde	Jade	1
Miller	Kathy	1
Kopec	John	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

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