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Calendar

January 23rd

Meeting and pre-registration

January 24th

GVOS Set Up

January 25th - 26th

GVOS Show

February

TBA

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Our 2025 show is just around the corner. Thank you to everyone who has been putting in work behind the scenes for months to make this happen. A huge thank you to everyone who has already signed up to volunteer. If you have not yet signed up and would like to, the links to the sign-up forms and instructions are included in the email the newsletter is attached to. While it's a lot of work, it's also a lot of fun, so I strongly encourage everyone to sign up for a shift or two.

This month's meeting will be Thursday the 23rd at the Frederick Meijer Gardens. We will be using this meeting for plant drop off, pre-registration and packing the potting media for the GVOS vending table.

Society News

Show Readiness

This cannot be stressed enough. Show season is upon us and there is a lot to do to make sure your orchids are ready.

- 1) Make sure your orchids are 100% pest free. It does not matter how you treat them, organically or not, but make sure you follow the recommended treatment plan for whatever creepy crawly you have. If you do not, you could miss some or one of the lifecycle stages and pass them on to other plants at the show. No one wants to bring home anything other than ribbons and trophies. If a plant is found to have a pest, it will not be placed in the display. Please, do not send pests.
- 2) Remove any dead leaves, old spikes, dried sheaths etcetera. This not only makes the plant presentation better, but also exposes places that bugs like to hide. Please, do not send any pests to meetings or to shows.
- 3) Stake any spikes if necessary for best flower presentation.
- 4) Stake/tie/wire growths for a neat presentation. If you need any assistance or advice on how to do this, do not hesitate to ask any of the show veterans. They would be more than happy to assist and advise you.
- 5) Make sure all pots, both plastic and cache, are labeled with your first and last name. This will ensure everything gets back to you.
- 6) Make sure all boxes/packing materials are labeled with your first and last name. Please include in each box a list of what plants are to be packed in it. This will greatly assist the tear down crew.

FMG Volunteer opportunity

Saturday February 15th 2025

Saturday April 12th 2025

Saturday May 3rd 2025

Saturday June 28th 2025

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

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

GVOS Show Information

Many hands are needed to plan and show and make it run smoothly. Look at your schedule and think about how you would like to contribute to the show. Putting on an orchid show is a lot of fun, and is also a lot of work. Some examples of what is needed are as follows:

- **Friday**

- ◆ Set up
 - Run cables
 - Place tarps
 - Skirt Tables
 - Set up Membership/Raffle Table
 - Assist vendors and visiting societies at the loading dock
 - Assist vendors with set up if needed
 - Assist Tara with GVOS display set up
 - Skirting pots and display stands
 - Labeling orchids in display
 - Placing registration tags on appropriate plants

Registration Table

Contributions to the Friday night potluck

- **Saturday**

Breakfast for Judges and clerks

Many clerks for judging

Membership/Raffle Table

- ◆ Shifts are usually a couple hours long. We need at least 2 people for all shifts

Vendor assistance for sales or covering breaks

- ◆ Most vendors have an assistant, but on busy days extra hands especially if the vendor is also a judge are much needed and appreciated.

Visible presence on the show floor to answer guest questions

Snacks for the refreshment room

- **Sunday**

Membership/Raffle Table

- ◆ Shifts are usually a couple hours long. We need at least 2 people for all shifts

Vendor assistance for sales or covering breaks

Visible presence on the show floor to answer guest questions

Tear Down

- Taking down GVOS Display and packing up plants
- Assisting vendors with tear down and packing
- Assisting vendors and society tear down crews at loading dock

December Plant Table

Plant of the Month	Oncidium Sharry Baby	Tom Glover
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Upcoming AOS Events

January and February 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 indexed by topic for future viewing.

When	Jan. 02, 2025 Thursday 8:30 pm EST	Jan. 09, 2025 Thursday 8:30 pm EST	Feb. 05, 2025 Wednesday 8:30 pm EST	Feb.12, 2025 Wednesday 8:30 pm EST
Topic	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by Dec. 31, 2024</i>	Inorganic Potting Media, Never Repot Again Part 1 Semi-hydroponic growing	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by Feb. 03</i>	Inorganic Potting Media, Never Repot Again Part 2
Presenter	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	Harvey Brenneise Long time orchid grower across multiple states and in different environments.	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	Harvey Brenneise Long time orchid grower across multiple states and in different environments.



Webinar announcements are posted to Facebook, 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)

Current Point Standings

Last Name	First Name	Total Points
Borst	Joel	113
Selwa	Jen	107
Verbeek	Kenesha	100
Myaard	Jen	97
Rietberg	Tara	81
Maczka	Alison	63
Wood	Jill	59
Glover	Tom	56
Lohman	Quintin	49
Martin	Olivia	47
Leonard	Josh	36
Krenselewski	Justin	35
Driesenga	Jessica	35
Longschied	Thomas	34
DeLano	Dan	31
Olson	Denise	28
Smith	Bert & Teresa	24
Clemens	Mei Ling	20
Schaafsma	Hannah	16
Smith	Debbie	14
Ambrose	Jerry	5
Shipaila	Joan	5
Loeper	Matt	5
Warner	Archie	4
Griffin	Gordon	4
Habib	Erin	4
VanderVelde	Jade	3
Ondarko	Paul	3
Madison	David	2
Albin	Brittany	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	Scheduled
Greater Lansing Orchid Show and Sale	NEW LOCATION Van Attas Greenhouse 9008 Old M-7 Haslett, MI	February 22-23 2025	Scheduled
Ann Arbor Orchid Society	Matthaei Botanical Gardens 1800 N Dixboro Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48105	November 16 - 17 2024	Scheduled
Michigan Orchid Society Show and Sale	United Plumber Union Hall, 555 Horace Brown Dr, Madison Heights, MI 48071	March 15-16 2025	Scheduled
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		