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Calendar

September 19th

Tim Culbertson

October 16th

Live Auction

November 13th

Ann Arbor show Prep

November 14th

Ann Arbor Set up

November 15^{th-16}

AAOS Show and teardown

GVOS Board

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I hope everyone enjoyed and learned a lot from Tim at our last meeting. Just a reminder, we are a registered non-profit and all donations are tax deductible. Membership fee's, donations, and any fundraisers, such as the plant auctions are what enables us to bring in speakers. That and the hard work of our board members to coordinate the visits. If you enjoyed Tim's visit and would like us to continue to provide similar programming, your donations and fundraising ideas are always welcomed

Our very kind benefactor has sent another shipment of plants to our president. We will be holding a live auction at our upcoming meeting. A plant list will be included in the email. I looked through the plants, and there are some extremely nice crosses listed. If you are interested in paphs, this is a good opportunity to snag high dollar crosses at a discounted price.

Society News

A Letter from the President

Dearest GVOS members,

Fall is upon us, show season is right around the corner. How exciting! We are trying something new this season. We will be working towards pre registering our plants for each show. It should streamline things for all of us and make the process go much smoother. There may be some hiccups in the beginning, I just ask for everyone to work together, it will get easier as time goes on.

Don't forget that we have social time from 6:30-7. Our meetings have been jam packed full of goodness lately, so we need to start on time.

We will be doing a large live auction at this months meeting. Be prepared for lots of plants! As always, all money raised allows us to do things like bringing in special speakers. Wasn't Tim great by the way!?

A big thank you to Joel for starting the process, GLOS, KOS and our very own VP, Jen Myaard for working together and making his visit happen.

As always,
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

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 August 23rd 2025 **Canceled due to heat**

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.

September Plant Table

Alliance	Place	Name	Owner
Cattleya - lg Classes 11-27	1	Potinara George A Pobuda II	Josh Leonard
	2	BLC Amazing Thailand 'Rainbow'	Jen Mayaard
Prosthechea Classes 11-27	1	Prosthechea cochleata	Olivia Martin
	2	Prosthechea NOID	Jen Selwa
Cattleya - small Classes 11-27	1	BL Richard Mueller x LC Jahaoa 'Rubens'	Kenesha Verbeek
	2	BC Yellow Bird	Jeromey Mann
Paphiopedilum Classes 28-47	1	Cocoa Oliver x Cocoa Green	Jen Selwa
Phalaenopsis - large Classes 48-62	1	Phal NOID - burgandy/white	Kenesha Verbeek
	2	Phal Lioulin Wild Cat 'Lioulin's Best'	Kenesha Verbeek
	3	Phal NOID - white/pink spots	Denise Olson
Phalaenopsis - small Classes 48-62	1	Phal Alfinia (violacea x finleyi)	Joel Borst
Vanda Classes 63-78	1	Vanda mariae	Tara Rietberg
	2	Pteroceras semiteritifolium	Quinton Lohman
Oncidium Classes 79-86	1	Bllra Marfitch 'Howard's Dream' AM/AOS	Kenesha Verbeek
	2	OSP Brazilian Sun 'Sumba'	Jen Mayaard
	3	Psychopsis Mariposa 'Special'	Thomas Langschied
Bulbophyllum Classes 97-110	1	Bulbo Pride of Papua	Jen Mayaard
	2	Bulbo Walnut Valley Jersey	Thomas Langschied
	3	Bulbo Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry'	Jen Mayaard
Miscellaneous - lg Classes 97-110	1	Clo Acute Aspect 'Hotspot'	Jen Mayaard
	2	Galeandra greenwoodiana	Jill Wood

Miscellaneous - med Classes 97-110	1	Stenocoryn aureofulva	Thomas Langschied
	2	Dendrochilum glumaceum	Joel Borst
	3		
Miscellaneous Classes 97-110	1	Lepanthes gargoylea	Jill Wood
	2	Pleurothallis spaerantha	Jill Wood
	3	Stelis argaitata	Jen Mayaard
Zygopetalum Classes 97-110	1	Zygoneria Adelaide Meadows	Joel Borst
	2	Zygo Rhein Moonlight 'Peloric'	Jen Selwa
	3	Pescatoria Alice Hipkins	Joel Borst
Plant of the Month		Potinara George A Pobuda II	Josh Leonard



Rth. Krull's Cherokee
'Burning Ember'
Photo by Kenesha Verbeek

Culture Corner

It is Almost Orchid Show season!!!

Orchid Shows in Michigan run from November to March. Ann Arbor kicks off the season at Matthai Botanical Garden the weekend of November 15th and 16th. Our show is next in January the weekend of the 24th and 25th. Lansing is up next at Van Atta's Greenhouse the weekend of February 28th to March 1st. Michigan Orchid Society has not posted their show information yet, but they are typically the middle of March.

If you are planning on traveling and want to find orchid events, visit the calendar on the AOS website to find events all over the US and other countries that the AOS has affiliated societies in. [Events Calendar - American Orchid Society](#)

Your plants want to be their best in a society display. If you have not already started preparing, here is what you need to do.

1. Give all of your plants an examination
2. Pest Free – We all want to bring new things home from orchid events...but not the creepy crawly kind. Wipe, spray, isolate, re-treat.
 - The St Augustine Orchid Society has a well-researched page on treatment for pests. [Orchid Pests, Orchid Diseases](#)
 - Pests munch on your plants making them sickly and can transmit viruses.
 - Multiple treatments are usually required to eliminate the multiple life stages of pests.
3. Are spikes starting? – start staking as needed.
 - Phal spikes should be staked as they develop (when they are flexible) instead of waiting until they are fully developed and firm.
 - Once spikes have started, avoid moving the plant if possible. Spikes and flowers go towards the light. If the direction changes, they will twist.
4. Clean them up.
 - Remove old leaves, spikes, and any other unsightly material.
 - Use sterilized or new cutting tools
5. Name your NOIDs.
 - A NOID is a plant of unknown parentage. Think big box store purchases without tags and those plants that have lost their tags for some reason.
 - Why is this important? During Judging it is difficult to make sure that all plants are found and get attention when looking for multiple plants labeled “Phal NOID – pink with markings”. Giving them a unique name like “Phal NOID – Pink Zebra” makes identification easier.
 - NOIDs are not isolated to just Phals...this applies to any genera of orchid that has lost its tag.
6. In the days before the show...
 - Water your plants well. Unfortunately, the air at orchid shows is not as humid as our growing areas. Making sure they are well watered before the event reduces the stress on the plants.

- Clean the leaves to remove any debris and water marks. Leaf shine makes leaves glossy but can block the stomata. Instead give your plants a warm shower in the sink then gently wipe them with a dilute solution of water and lemon juice to remove any remaining deposits.
 - Remove any flowers that are on their way out.
 - Label each plant on the bottom with your name and the plant name. This makes sure the right plant gets back to the right person and the plant is still identified if the tag is separated from the plant. In the display, tags cannot be visible so they may be tucked down or hidden.
 - Find the perfect packing materials. A sturdy box or tote will make it easy to carry plants and protect them as you stuff everything in the car. Label each container with (2) copies of a plant list with your name and what plant(s) go in the container (1 list for plant registration and the other to stay on the container for teardown). Include packing materials so that your plants do not shift in the container (newspaper or plastic bags).
7. When packing up for the show...
- Add extra stakes for transportation
 - Arrange flower spikes so that they do not rub against anything and damage the flowers
 - COVER YOUR PLANTS!!! Most of your plants are going to be unhappy with temperatures below 50 degrees Fahrenheit. Closing the box, adding a lid, or placing a garbage bag over the top of the container will protect your tropical plants during the dash from the car to the warm building.
8. After the show...
- Make sure that all of your plants have been returned.
 - Give all plants a warm shower in the sink. Rehydration is important after being in the drier show air.
 - When in doubt, isolate the plant to make sure that you have not brought home any pests.
 - Replace any tags.

Upcoming AOS Events

September and October 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	Sept. 11, 2025 Thursday 8:30 pm EDT	Sept. 23, 2025 Tuesday 8:30 pm EDT	Oct. 09, 2025 Thursday 8:30 pm EDT	Oct. 13, 2025 Monday 8:30 pm EDT
Topic	<i>Master Orchidist Series</i> Best Methods for Indoor Pest Management Explore pest problems of indoor orchid growing.	AOS Awards—The Honor of Cultural Excellence Review the plants that earned this award for their grower/owner. Get growing tips.	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A Answers to your questions about all things orchid. <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by Oct. 06</i>	The World of Phragmipediums, What Nature Can Teach Us The result of twenty-five years exploring phragmipedium habitats.
Presenter	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	Sandra Svoboda AOS Judge and AOS Past President	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	Frank Cervera Biologist, well established in the Phrag community



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
Wood	Jill	145
Verbeek	Keneshia	142
Borst	Joel	90
Myaard	Jen	65
Lohman	Quintin	53
Glover	Tom	41
Clemens	Mei Ling	41
Leonard	Josh	40
Langschied	Thomas	34
Selwa	Jen	25
Rietberg	Tara	23
Driesenga	Jessica	17
Smith	Debbie	15
Martin	Olivia	12
Hofer	Rachael	11
Olson	Denise	9
Maczka	Alison	8
Krenselewski	Justin	7
Korseval	Eric	7
Mann	Jeromey	6
Loeper	Matt	5
DeLano	Dan	3
Ambrose	Jerry	3
VanderVelde	Jade	2
Schaafsma	Hannah	2
Kopec	John	2
Shipaila	Joan	2
Griffin	Gordon	1
Miller	Kathy	1
Albin	Brittany	1
Smith	Bert & Teresa	1
Ahmieleski	Benjamin	1
Skaggs	Bob	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