



ORCHIDS

Monthly Meeting

There will be no beginners' meetings until after the show in January. There is no regular meeting this month due to the show

Calendar

OCT

Oct 17th, Meijer Gardens

Oct 26-27 Michiana Orchid Society Show

NOV

Nov 21th, Meijer Gardens

DEC

Dec 19th, Meijer Gardens Holiday Party

JAN

GVOS Show-Jan 25-26th, 2020

MAR

Mar 21-22 Ann Arbor Show

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Cattleya Blooming from our show table

January

The show is quickly approaching and there is a lot still to do. Keep an eye on your email for last minute announcements and reminders.

Here are a few words and reminders from Gordon about preparing orchids for transport and the display.

1. If you are a photographer, artists, have a crafty brain, or a floral designer, please consider putting something in our show. The main purpose is to show orchids in use, as in pictures, Ceramics, or other means. We have had few participants in the past, so we would greatly appreciate your involvement.

2. In preparing your orchids for display, please do the following.

Remember to put your name and the names of your orchids on your box or cover, or whatever and a list in the box or container. Put your name somewhere on the orchid pot.

3. Prepare your orchids now by looking for bugs or damaged foliage and stake the spike (inflorescences) to show off the flower at its best. Clip off any bad or damaged parts that would detract from the flower.

4. Those of you who are interested, we really need you, like 12 more for the ribbon judging at 8:00 am on Friday, January 25. We also need a bunch from 12 noon til 6pm to help the arriving societies and vendors at the dock.

5. Please send a list of your expected flowers to Tara Rietberg at whiztr1@gmail.com. Look at the show schedule which will be sent to you to find which class each of your orchids might be in. If you are not sure just put a question mark and we can look it up at the set-up. Thanks,
See you with buttons on!!

Please start checking over plants for bugs and cleaning them up (removing old dry sheaths, spent spikes, staking spikes if needed) for presentation. Start a list of plants you will be bringing. The show schedule will be attached to this email as well. Find out what class each of your orchids might be in. Include the orchid name, class and a brief description of the flowers to Tara at whiztr1@gmail.com. This will make registration and set up much faster and more efficient.

If you can not get your plants to the gardens early enough on Friday, please have them prepared and drop them off at Joan Shipalia's house by Thursday night so they can be at the facility early Friday morning. Her address is below with the dues reminder. All plants need to be there as early as possible so the display can be set up and arranged.

If anyone has checked their schedules and has realized they can clerk or help out at the loading dock with the arriving vendors and societies and haven't already signed up, please let me know and I will compile a list and send that along to Gordon. Judging from the Facebook activity our event has been receiving, this could be our biggest and best show yet so anything you can do to help out will be greatly appreciated and needed!



**GREATER LANSING
ORCHID SOCIETY
ORCHID SHOW & SALE**

February 22-23, 2020
Michigan State University
Plant & Soil Science Conservatory

Hours:
Sat. Noon-5
Sun. 11-4

orchid sales
orchid displays
orchid growing classes

Free admission/parking
Donations accepted
Handicapper accessible



Other News

Dues are due!

It's that time again. Please make a note of the following changes. The prices have gone up and it is now \$25 for an individual and \$40 for a family for the year. Please see Joan Shipaila, Treasurer, to make a payment. Please make checks payable to GVOS. You may also mail payments to Joan at the following address:

2139 Chesapeake NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49505

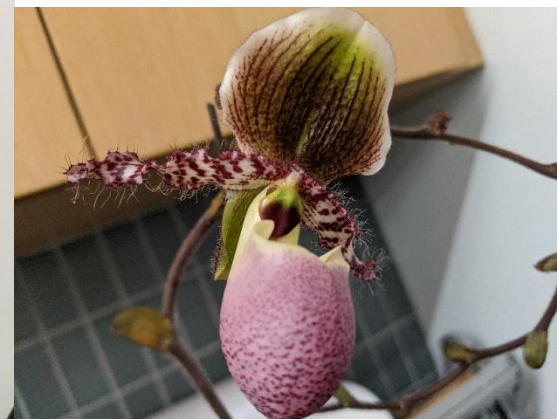
If there have been any changes to your information, please include that update as well.

Snack sign-up

January - Friday night potluck sign-up sheets to follow
February - Jim Molchan

Show Table Photos







Orchid Show/Festival Schedule

Note: These are shows that are happening in our area/Mid-west. GVOS will be attending doing a display as a society only at the highlighted shows.

October 12-13, 2019. Illinois Orchid Society Fall Show “Autumn Splendors”. Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Rd., Glencoe, IL

October 19-20, 2019. Greater Cincinnati Orchid Show. Krohn Conservatory, 1501 Eden Park Drive, Cincinnati, OH

October 26-27, 2019 Michiana Orchid Society Fall Show. Holy Cross College, 54515 State Road 933 North, Notre Dame, IN

November 30- December 1 2019 Saginaw Valley Orchid Show. Kockville Veterans Hall. 3265 Kochville Rd.

January 25-26 2020 Grand Valley Orchid Society Show. Frederick Meijer Gardens

February 22-23 2020. Greater Lansing Orchid Society Show. Plant and Soil Science Conservatory, Michigan State University

March 21-22 2020 Ann Arbor Orchid Society Show University of Michigan's Matthaei Botanical Gardens 1800 North Dixboro Road Ann Arbor, MI

March 28-29 2020 Michigan Orchid Society Spring Show United Food & Commercial Workers Union Bldg., 876 Horace Brown Drive, Madison Heights, MI

Upcoming shows will also be announced and discussed at meetings. Please start looking ahead and add the available dates to your calendars to see if you are able to assist in set up or tear down.