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Calendar

April 17th

Michigan Native Orchids

May 15th

Board Elections + Auction

June 19th

Kristin Uthas Japanese Orchids

July 17th

Bulbophyllum Culture

GVOS Board

Interim President

Justin Krenselewski

Interim Vice-President

Jill Wood

Secretary

Tara Rietberg

Treasurer

Joan Shipaila

Members-At-Large

Jerry Ambrose



I hope everyone enjoyed our meeting last month as much as I did. I had no idea there were so many species native to Michigan. It makes me wonder how many I have seen but did not recognize. If you wanted to look through a copy of the book on Michigan Native Orchids Jeanne brought, we do have a copy in the GVOS Library

This month we are meeting May 15th at the Frederick Meijer Gardens as normal. If we have any interested parties, we will be holding board elections. If not, that will be delayed until next month and we will proceed with the auction as planned.

Society News

Upcoming Orchid Events

4/26 - 4/27 - West Shore Orchid Society Show - 18100 Royalton Rd, Strongsville, OH 44136
4/26 - 4/27 - Central Indiana Orchid Society Show - Garfield Park Conservatory 2505 Conservatory Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46203
5/18 - AOS Orchid Culture Day webinars - \$40 registration
5/24-5/25 - Windswept In Time Open House - 8066 Skyline Dr, Broadview Heights, OH 44147
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 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.

Semi-annual Auction

It is time for our annual orchid auction! This is a great chance to pick up some new orchids for a great price, support the society and have some fun!

- 1) Bring any new or gently used, pest free orchids (and divisions) you want to rehome to the meeting.
- 2) All plants provided for auction are a donation to the society and all proceeds from the sale of the plants goes to support fun and educational programming and other opportunities.
- 3) Please, orchids only. No other house plants.
- 4) Have fun!

April Plant Table

Alliance	Place	Name	Owner
Cattleya - lg Classes 11-27	1	"Mr Chonky Pants"	Jen Myaard
	2	BCT Little Mermaid	Joel Borst
	3	Dial Snowflake x EPC Kyoguchi	Joel Borst
Cattleya - BLC Classes 11-27	1	BLC Guess What 'SVO' x Pot Dean's Gold 'Dean's Gold'	Justin Kresnelwski
	2	BLC Rustic Spots	Kenesha Verbeek
	3	BLC Golden Tank	Kenesha Verbeek
Paphiopedilum Classes 28-47	1	Paph primulinum var purpurescens	Jen Selwa
	2	Paph delenatii ('Regular' x 'Dunkel')	Debbie Smith
	3	Paph Avalon Mist	Hannah Schaafsma
Phragmipedium Classes 28-47	1	Phrag Mont Fallu	Tara Rietberg
Phalaenopsis - Yellow Classes 48-62	1	Phal I-Hsin Spot Leopard 'FANGTastic' (peloric)	Kenesha Verbeek
	2	Phal NOID - yellow	Debbie Smith
	3	Phal Modina	Debbie Smith
Phalaenopsis - Pink Classed 48-62	1	Phal NOID - white w/ Magenta splash	Kenesha Verbeek
	2	Phal NOID - pink	Debbie Smith
	3	Phal NOID - yellow/pink	Tara Rietberg
Phalaenopsis - small Classed 48-62	1	Phal japonica	Kenesha Verbeek
	2	Phal NOID - magenta w/ speckles	Jen Selwa
	3	Phal Mini Mark	Justin Kresnelwski
Phalaenopsis - novelty Classed 48-62	1	Phal Dragonfly	Joel Borst
	2	Phal Yellow Bomb	Quinten Lohman

	3	Phal Alfina	Joel Borst
Vanda Classes 63-78	1	Vanda tessellata x flabellata	Jen Myaard
	1	Ons Wildcat 'Yellow King'	Paul Ondarko
Oncidium Classes 79-86	2	Ons Wildcat 'Garfield'	Tara Rietberg
	3	Onc Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'	Hannah Schaafsma
Miltonia/ Aspasia Classes 79-86	1	MPS Edie Brown 'Sparkling Diamonds'	Kenesha Verbeek
	2	(Celtic Sun x Burgundian) 'Blood Orange'	Jen Selwa
	3	Aspasia epidendroides 'Natural World'	Jen Selwa
Tolumnia Classes 79-86	1	Tol Jairak Firm 'Big Bang'	Dan Delano
	2	Tol Jairak Flyer 'Lady Bug'	Dan Delano
Cymbidium Classes 87-89	1	Cym Dorthy Stockstill	Tara Rietberg
Dendrobium - Laturia type Classes 90-96	1	Den Roy Tokunaga	Gordon Griffin
	2	Den Roy Tokunaga	Gordon Griffin
	3	Mahea	Tara Rietberg
Dendrobium Classes 90-96	1	Den Love Memory 'Fizz'	Jen Myaard
	2	Den Fairly Moon 'Sweety'	Jen Selwa
	3	Den Willette Klausner Super	Jen Myaard
Miscellaneous - large Classes 97-110	1	Gramataphyllum Broga Tiger 'Beverly'	Jessica Driesenga
	2	GPTM Starburst 'Parkside'	Justin Kresnelwski
Plant of the Month		Gramataphyllum Broga Tiger 'Beverly'	Jessica Driesenga

Upcoming AOS Events

November 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	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
Topic	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A Answers to your questions about all things orchid. <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by June 01</i>	Master Orchidist Series Explore The Best Orchids to Grow Indoors Many orchids can thrive indoors when we learn their basic needs	More Than A Love of Orchids – How to Become an AOS Judge <i>(in Spanish)</i> Insights into becoming an American Orchid Society Judge	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A Answers to your questions about all things orchid. <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by June 30</i>
Presenter	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	David Vandebroek SDCOS President, Grows mostly species	Manny Aybar Accredited AOS Judge, Frequent guest speaker	Ron McHatton 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.

Use the WEBINAR Display Filter

Save the Date!

Join us for this Outstanding Online Event
Mark Your Calendar—Set Your Device Reminder



**American Orchid Society
 7th CULTURE DAY
 Sunday, May 18, 2025
 11 a.m.—3:30 p.m. EST**

ORCHIDS—From Seed to Success
This Event is Recorded for all Registrants to View at their Leisure

Door Prizes!
Must be online day of event to be eligible

**4 Guest Speakers
 4 Great Topics**

- Orchid Pollination - In Nature and at Your Kitchen Table
- Can I Make My Own Hybrid?
- Trends in Free-Flowering *Brassocattleya* Hybrids
- Easy to Grow and Bloom Hybrids

Only \$49

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)

3/15/25 – Will be at the MOS show

4/19/25

5/17/25

6/21/25

7/19/25

8/16/25

9/20/25

10/18/25

11/15/25

12/20/25

Current Point Standings

Last Name	First Name	TotalPoints
Rietberg	Tara	250
Wood	Jill	250
Selwa	Jen	249
Borst	Joel	213
Verbeek	Kenesha	213
Myaard	Jen	152
Martin	Olivia	145
Glover	Tom	136
Maczka	Alison	107
Longschied	Thomas	104
Driesenga	Jessica	97
Leonard	Josh	94
Lohman	Quintin	91
Krenselewski	Justin	90
Clemens	Mei Ling	80
Smith	Debbie	78
Schaafsma	Hannah	61
Ondarko	Paul	61
DeLano	Dan	58
Habib	Erin	48
Olson	Denise	47
Griffin	Gordon	40
Smith	Bert	36
Hofer	Rachael	32
Korseval	Eric	31
Shipaila	Joan	22
Loeper	Matt	20
Ambrose	Jerry	20
Warner	Archie	17
VanderVelde	Jade	10
Miller	Kathy	8
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
 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,		
Greater Lansing Orchid Show and Sale	NEW LOCATION 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		