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Calendar

February 26th

Orchids 101 With Thomas

February 27th - March 1st

GLOS Show

March 19th

Repotting

April 16th

New World Orchids

GVOS Board

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Kenesha Verbeek

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With the closing of the MOS show, that ends the spring show season. Thank you so much to everyone who helped at any of the shows. We couldn't participate and do what we do without each and every one of you. There are a lot of show results in this newsletter. Jill has everything but is still working on updating everything after a very busy few months at work. Board elections are coming up, so if you are interested in running for a position, please send your bio in. Both Joan and Tara have indicated they would like to "retire" from their positions

This month we are pleased to welcome in person Dr. Kristen from New World Orchids. She will be talking to us on how she grows her lovely miniature orchids. She will also have some available for sale, so bring your wallets! Als

Society News

A Letter from the President

Dear GVOS members,

The MOS show was a huge success! It was very nice to meet and connect with the MOS members. They were very happy to see us. Between having plenty of help for set up and tear down, we came home with 7 trophies! Thank you to every person that made the trek over to support us. We couldn't do it without you.

Our display reflected the growth we have achieved as a group over the last several years. Bigger plants, more blooms, excellent presentation. It was beautiful!

We have some volunteer days coming up with FMG, April 18th, May 20th, and June 27th. If you have not been to one, I highly recommend it. We always have a great time!

Don't forget that May is our elections for board positions. If you are interested in a position, please submit a bio to Alison. The Treasurer and Secretary position will both be available. I want to thank Tara and Joan for their years of dedication filling those roles. You are very much appreciated and will be missed.

May is also our semi annual auction. Please divide plants you'd like to share, or bring plants that no longer suit your needs. All proceeds help out our society.

Don't forget that we have a live speaker this month! Dr. Kristen of New World Orchids will be here to teach us about growing miniature orchids. She's even bringing some goodies to share! It's going to be a wonderful time.

Warm Regards,
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

4/25/26 - Westshore Orchid Society Show - 18100 Royalton Rd, Strongsville, OH 44136
5/14/26 - GVOS semiannual auction
5/16/26 - Great Lakes Judging Center Monthly Meeting - 4800 E Huron River Dr, Ann Arbor, MI 48105
5/23-5/24/26 - Windswept in Time Open House - 8066 Skyline Dr, Broadview Heights, OH 44147
6/20/26 - Great Lakes Judging Center Monthly Meeting - 4800 E Huron River Dr, Ann Arbor, MI 48105
7/18/26 - Great Lakes Judging Center Monthly Meeting - 4800 E Huron River Dr, Ann Arbor, MI 48105
8/15/26 - Great Lakes Judging Center Monthly Meeting - 4800 E Huron River Dr, Ann Arbor, MI 48105
8/21 - 8/23/26 - Ohio Valley Orchid Fest - 4865 Wilmington Pike, Dayton, OH 45440

FMG Volunteer opportunity

May 30th
April 18th
June 27th



Society News

April Meeting

April we are going to have a live guest speaker. Dr. Kristin Uthus from New World Orchids will be joining us in person to do a talk on miniature orchids. If you are not familiar with her or her business, she specializes in growing miniatures from Asia. This is a wonderful opportunity to ask her questions about growing plants like vanda falcata and pick up one or two dozen of your own. She will be bringing some orchids to sell so make sure you have your wallets ready!

It is that time of year when dues are due. Please make sure to pay your membership dues by the end of the month. You can pay at the meeting with cash, write a check payable to GVOS or Grand Valley Orchid Society, or through zeffy. The QR code for zeffy payments is below.



GVOS Show Results

Alliance	Place	Name	Owner
Cattleya - lg Classes 11-27	1	Rby TLDC Divine Phoenix 'Pterodactyle'	Alison Maczka
	1	BLC Hauserman's Holiday 'Christmas'	Bert Smith
	2	C Sandra Turner x C Mark Jones ***Pulled for AOS***	Kenesha Verbeek
	2	BL Yellow Bird	Kenesha Verbeek
	2	C Tony Bob	Jen Selwa
	3	Tuckerara Hilo Adventure 'Pinkie'	Kenesha Verbeek
Cypripedium Classes 28-47	1	Paph Whyte Thorne Savior	Jen Selwa
	2	Paph NOID - Spilled Wine	Jen Selwa
	3	Paph vexillarium	Tara Rietberg
Phalaenopsis Classed 48-62	1	Phal schilleriana	Thomas Langschied
	1	Phal Fangtastic 'Green Envy'	Jen Selwa
	1	Phal Dragonfly	Joel Borst
	1	Phal Hebe	Jill Wood
	1	Phal - NOID - Blushing Yellow	Olivia Martin
	1	Phal Surf Song 'Salmon Splendor'	Olivia Martin
	2	Phal Yaphon Yellow Bomb	Quintin Lohman
	3	Phal Zeng Min Anaconda	Jen Selwa
Vanda Classes 63-78	1 & Trophy	V Bronze Butterfly x V Thai Spots	Jessica Driesenga
	1	Hoc MS Sunlight 'Diamond Orchids II'	Jen Selwa
	2	V falcata 'Yellow' x curvifolium	Tara Rietberg

Oncidium Classes 79-86	2	Pps labukeensis	Thomas Langschied
	3	V lameilata 'Okinawa' x sib	Tara Rietberg
	3	Stenorrhynchos speciosum	Jill Wood
	1	Onc Dorothy Wisdom 'Golden Gate'	Bert Smith
	1	Lockhartia micrantha	Jill Wood
	2	Pyp Mendenhall	Thomas Langschied
Dendrobium Classes 90-96	1	Dendrobium officinale	Quintin Lohman
	2	Den tetragonum	Thomas Langschied
Miscellaneous Classes 97- 110	1	Bulbophyllum habrocinum	Thomas Langschied
	1	Masdevallia Purple Haze 'Dan's Pick'	Kenesha Verbeek
	1	ZGA Happy Bay 'Oliver Twist' x ZGA Happy Bay 'Green Hills'	Joel Borst
	1 & Trophy	Masdevallia discoidea	Jill Wood
	1	Platystele umbellata	Jill Wood
	1	Phloeophila	Jill Wood
	1	Trichosalpinx orbicularis	Jill Wood
	1	Pleurothallis picta	Jill Wood
	2	Pleurothallis allenii	Quintin Lohman
	2	Cal vestita	Thomas Langschied
	2	Pescatoria Damana 'Harford'	Joel Borst
	2	Masdevallia imposter x tanduzii	Jill Wood
	2	Platystele umbellata	Jill Wood
	2	Trichosalpinx ciliaris	Jill Wood
	2	Trichosalpinx orbicularis	Jill Wood
	2	Masdevallia amplexia	Jill Wood

	3	Cl Roseu	Thomas Langschied
	3	Galptm Arlene Armour 'Coaching' x Zgonisia Cynosure 'Blue Bird'	Rachel Hofer
Foliage	1	Sediera japonica 'Nagoran-Shimao'	Thomas Langschied
First Bloom Seedlings	1	Paph Whyte Thorne Savior	Jen Selwa
	3	Paph NOID - Spilled Wine	Jen Selwa
Orchids in Use and Art	1	My Pins	Tara Rietberg
	1	If a Masdevallia Balaeane Could Sing Doodle	Deb Smith
Exhibit	1	Society Exhibit	
	1 & Trophy	Jill Wood	

MOS Show Results

Alliance	Place	Name	Owner
Cattleya Classes 11-27	1 & Trophy	BL Yellow Bird	Kenesha Verbeek
	1	Pot Hawaiian Prominence 'America'	Jen Myaard
	1	Cattleya loddigesii 'Aranda'	Olivia Martin
	1	Leptotes pohlitinocoi	Jill Wood
	2	Cattleya walkeriana 'Estrella De Colina'	Joel Borst
	2	Leptotes bicolor	Jill Wood
	3	BLC Golden Tang	Kenesha Verbeek
	3	Rhncattleanthe Candy House 'Happiness'	Jill Wood

Cypripedium Classes 28-47	1 & Trophy	Paph venustum x sib	Thomas Langschild
	2	Paph Hilo Magic Ruby x Paph Mem. Serafin Perez	Tara Rietberg
	3	Paph Icy Icy Wind 'Crystal'	Thomas Langschild
Phalaenopsis Classed 48-62	1 & Trophy	Phal I-Hsin Spot Leopard 'Fangtastic' peloric	Kenesha Verbeek
	1 & Trophy	Phal NOID - Ernie H	Bob Skaggs
	1	Phal NOID - Tom #1	Tom Glover
	2	Phal MS Spider Web	Bob Skaggs
	2	Phal NOID - Blushing Yellow	Olivia Martin
	2	Phal NOID - white / magenta	Deb Smith
	3	Phal Lioulin Wild Cat	Kenesha Verbeek
	3	Phal NOID - Jenny's Smile	Kenesha Verbeek
Oncidium Classes 79-86	1 & Trophy	Brasidostele Gilded Tower Mystic Maze	Bob Skaggs
	1	Tolumnia Jairak Flyer 'Tutterfish'	Joel Borst
	1	Oncidium Wildcat 'Garfield'	Bob Skaggs
	2	Oncostelopsis Mayor Billy	Bob Skaggs
	2	Ionmesa Popcorn	Jill Wood
	2	Pyp Mendenhall 'Hildos'	Thomas Langschild
	3	Oncidium Eye Candy	Tom Glover
	3	Oncidium Catatante Orange Kiss	Bob Skaggs
Cymbidium Classes 87 - 89	2	Cym NOID - Whiskey & Wine	Jill Wood
Dendrobium Classes 90-96	1	Den polyanthum	Jill Wood
	2	Den Christy Dawn	Jessica Driessenga

Miscellaneous Classes 97-110	1 & Trophy	Zygoneria Dynamo King 'Freckles' x Zga Freestyle Meadows 'The Chosen One'	Joel Borst
	1	Pptm Heawatha x Zygo crinitum	Joel Borst
	1	Anathallis sanchezii	Jill Wood
	1	Platystele reflexa	Jill Wood
	1	Acianthera polystachya	Jill Wood
	2	Masdevallia (sydney x uniflora) x patriciana	Jill Wood
	2	Maxillaria horichii	Jill Wood
	3	Maxillaria tenuifolia	Tom Glover
	3	Promenaea rollissonii	Jill Wood
Exhibit	1 & Trophy	Society Exhibit	
	1 & Trophy	Jill Wood	

March Plant Table

March Plant Table

Alliance	Place	Name	Owner
Cattleya Classes 11-27	1	RLC Hippie Lettuce 'Bill's Weed'	Jen Myaard
	2	Pot Hawaiian Prominence 'America'	Jen Myaard
	3	BL Yellow Bird	Kenesha Verbeek
Paphiopedilum Classes 28-47	1	Paph venustum album	Thomas Langschied
	2	Paph Icy Icy Wind	Thomas Langschied
	3	Paph appletonianum	Tara Rietberg
Phalaenopsis - large Classes 48-62	1	Phal NOID - Ernie H	Bob Skaggs
	2	Phal NOID - Pink Tom #1	Tom Glover
	3	Phal NOID - White Tome #2	Tom Glover
Phalaenopsis - large w/ markings Classes 48-62	1	Phal I Hsin Spot Leopard 'Fangtastic' peloric	Kenesha Verbeek
	2	Phal NOID - white pink stripes/spots	Debbie Smith
	3	Phal NOID - Pink Star	Denise Olson
Phalaenopsis - small Classes 48-62	1	Phal NOID - white pink blush	Denise Olson
	2	Phal NOID - pink stripes/lip	Denise Olson
	3	Phal NOID - white pink lip	Denise Olson
Oncidium Classes 79-86	1	Ons Wildcat 'Garfield'	Bob Skaggs
	2	Onc Mayor Billy	Bob Skaggs
	3	Ons Catatonte 'Orange Kiss'	Bob Skaggs
Oncidium Relatives Classes 79-86	1	Psychopsis Mendenhall	Thomas Langschied
	2	Tolumnia Jairak Flyer 'corona'	Tara Rietberg
	3	Brasidostele Guided Tower Mystic Maze	Bob Skaggs
Dendrobium Classes 90-96	1	Den Roy Tonunga	Quintin Lohman
	2	Den Christy Dawn	Jessica Driesenga

Miscellaneous - large Classes 97-110	1	Maxillaria tenuifolia	Tom Glover
	2	Maxillaria curtipes	Quintin Lohman
Miscellaneous - small Classes 97-110	1	Pleurothallis allenii	Quintin Lohman
Zygopetalum Classes 97-110	1	Zygo Debbie De Mello 'Honolulu Baby'	Bob Skaggs
Plant of the Month		Phal I Hsin Spot Leopard 'Fangtastic' peloric	Kenesha Verbeek

Culture Corner

Some Orchid Supplies You Didn't Know You Wanted



The Watering Vine

Indoor Sink Hose Attachment For Kitchen Sink or Bathroom Sink Faucet - Extra Long (75 FT) For Watering Houseplants, Dog Washing, Household Cleaning

Brass (for fittings) - 75 FT

Last purchased on Sep 9, 2024

Size: 75 FT ▼

\$69⁹⁹

✓prime Tomorrow

FREE delivery Tomorrow, Apr 9

Sold by The Watering Vine and Fulfilled by Amazon.

This hose connects to a standard kitchen sink faucet. Goodbye hauling buckets when you don't want to.



Govee

Govee WiFi Hygrometer Thermometer 6 Pack H5100, Indoor Wireless Temperature Humidity Monitor with Remote App Notification Alert, 2 Years Data Storage Export, for Home, Office

Last purchased on Mar 5, 2025

Style: 6 Sensor ▼

Limited time deal

-14% \$85⁹⁸

List: \$99.99 ⓘ (\$14.33/count)

Save 5% on 2 select item(s) [Shop items >](#)

✓prime Tomorrow

Allows you to track your temperature and humidity over time in multiple locations from your cell phone.



BN-LINK

BN-LINK 8 Outlet Surge Protector with Mechanical Timer, 4 Timed & 4 Always-On Outlets, 1875W, for Aquarium, Grow Lights, Christmas Decor, White**4 Timed / 4 Always On**

12 matching orders | Last purchased on Jan 10, 2026

\$22⁹⁹

✓prime Tomorrow

FREE delivery Tomorrow, Apr 9

Sold by BN-LINK and Fulfilled by Amazon.

Buy now

Add to cart

4 outlets are on a timer (great for your lights) and 4 outlets are “always on” (great for fans).



Upcoming AOS Events



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	May 05, 2026 Tuesday 8:30 pm EDT	June 11, 2026 Thursday 8:30 pm EDT	All Greenhouse Chats	Future Webinars
Topic	<u>FREE Live</u> Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A Answers to your questions about all things orchid. <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by May 02</i>	<u>Members Only Live</u> Hybridizing and Growing Catasetums Learn from the experienced growers with approximately 145 registered hybrids.	<u>FREE Recorded</u> Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A Search answers to your questions about all things orchid. View twelve years of Greenhouse Chats.	In Search Of Webinar Presenters You are invited to share your orchid knowledge with an enthusiastic audience of thousands. Contact webinar organizer for details. greenhousechat@aos.org
Presenter	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	Scott Elliott Hybridizer Maleki Hill Orchids	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	Expert Growers, Hobby Growers, AOS Judges, Scientists, Biologists and YOU!



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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)

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. AOS awards given are the responsibility of the exhibitor.

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 located at 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105. Activities take place in the Morris Lawrence 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.

Find more information dates and locations for other Judging Centers at www.aos.org under Awards and Judging.
Upcoming Schedule:

February 21 TBD

March 21 There is no judging at our normal Washtenaw CC location. AOS judging will be held at the Michigan OS Show at Matthaei Botanical Garden in Ann Arbor, Michigan and will start no later than 1 pm EST.

For more information contact Dave Miller at dcmjpasml@aol.com, especially if you are not familiar with the location or process.

Current Point Standings

Last Name	First Name	Total Points
Verbeek	Keneshia	232
Wood	Jill	170
Myaard	Jen	97
Borst	Joel	95
Lohman	Quintin	94
Rietberg	Tara	89
Langschied	Thomas	73
Glover	Tom	70
Selwa	Jen	57
Clemens	Mei Ling	50
Maczka	Alison	42
Leonard	Josh	40
Martin	Olivia	24
DeLano	Dan	23
Skaggs	Bob	22
Driesenga	Jessica	18
Smith	Debbie	16
Ondarko	Paul	15
Hofer	Rachael	11
Olson	Denise	9
Korseval	Eric	9
Schaafsma	Hannah	9
???	Emily	9
Krenselewski	Justin	7
Mann	Jeromey	6
Loeper	Matt	6
Ambrose	Jerry	4
Shipaila	Joan	4
VanderVelde	Jade	2
Kopec	John	2
Miller	Kathy	2
Albin	Brittany	2
Griffin	Gordon	1
Smith	Bert & Teresa	1
Ahmieleski	Benjamin	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.

2026 Schedule



2026 GVOS Meeting Schedule

Learn, Grow and Bloom With Us!

GVOS usually meets the third Thursday of the month in a Frederik Meijer Garden classroom

January 22
Topic: GVOS show prep-
including packaging potting media
Pre Register plants for our show
Plant table

February 26
Thomas Langschied
Topic: Basic orchid biology
Pre Register for GLOS show
Plant table

March 19
Topic:
Bring your plants you need to repot- discounted media
and pots available. Learn other members techniques!
Mounting too?
Proceeds benefit our society
Pre Register for MOS show
Plant table

April 16
Kristen Uthus in person
New World Orchids
Topic: TBD
Plant table

May 7
Topic: Orchid auction & elections
All proceeds benefit the society

Plant table

June 18
Topic: Show and tell
fungicides and pesticides-
members share what they use and how

Plant table

July 16
Cheryl Erins
Topic: TBD

Plant table

August 20
Topic:
Blooket with prizes OR
Tips Talk OR
Pests and Diseases or deficiencies
Plant table

September 17
Topic: Outreach Judging

Plant table

October 15
Topic: Orchid Auction
All proceeds benefit the society

Plant table

November 19
Eric Sauer in person
Topic:
Pre Register for AAOS
Plant table

December 17
Topic: Show talk
Blooket with prizes
Potluck-bring a dish to pass
Plant table