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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

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Many thanks to everyone who helped at the show in Lansing. Our society would not be able to do what we do without willing volunteers. With that being said, if you are able to assist with set up or tear down for the Michigan Orchid Society Show, please let us know as soon as possible.

If you have an orchid or two that needs to be repotted and you are not sure where to start, this meeting is for you. This meeting will be all about repotting your orchids. There will be a short discussion and then we will break into small groups to repot orchids. We are asking for a \$5 donation for small orchids and \$10 for large to cover the cost of supplies, if you are not bringing your own. Please feel free to bring your own tools, pots or other supplies. There will be some 6" plastic pots for sale, and Mayaard Made will be offering discounted pots.

Society News

A Letter from the President

Dear Members of GVOS,

Signs of spring are upon us, whether it's a flower spike on a phal, or fresh green root tips on a catasetum. Most of our orchids are waking up. This means it's time to start repotting!

Join us this month for our repotting clinic. This will be a great learning experience for our new members.

Hopefully you made it out to support Greater Lansing Orchid Society at their beautiful show. Congratulations to all societies on such beautiful displays, and a huge congratulations to our very own Olivia Martin on her Best in Show! Thank you to every member that supported us at this show, from set up to tear down, we had a fantastic number of volunteers. We cannot do this without you.

Don't forget that we will be pre registering plants for the MOS Show. Make sure all plants are clean and pest free.

I can't wait to see you all!

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

February 28th- March 1st - GLOS Show and Sale at VanAttas Greenhouse

March 21st - 22nd MOS Show and Sale in Madison Heights

April 12th - Orchids 101 class taught by Alison Maczka at the Frederik Meijer Gardens

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 and is offering pre-orders as well. All pre-orders will receive a 10% discount. Her website is <https://newworldorchids.com> and preorders can be sent to kristen@newworldorchids.com.

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.



Society News

Plant drop off for the show will be this week at our meeting. Pick up time and location will be announced once it's finalized.

The plant registration article Jill wrote is included in the culture corner section. If you need assistance with any of your plants, the experienced members will be there and ready and able to help.

Plant Preparation

Make sure your plants are looking their best for the display and judging.

- 1) Remove old dead spikes and dried sheaths. Basically, if it is brown and crunchy remove it if possible. If you have questions about whether or not something can or should be removed, hold off and ask one of the veteran growers at the upcoming meeting.
- 2) Stake any flower spikes or growths for the best presentation. Staking not only helps support the flower spike and help prevent it from bending or snapping when being moved, but it also helps to display the flowers at their best. Any unruly growths can also be wired/staked upright to give a more pleasing appearance to the eye.
- 3) Check for pests. The time to treat your plants has passed. If you are looking at your plants and find any sort of live bug on them, leave them at home. Plants will be inspected prior to adding them to the display. It does not matter how pretty the flowers are, any plant found to have an infestation of any kind will be excluded to protect the health of all the other plants. Please, just do not bring plants with bugs.
- 4) If you are unsure how to spruce up your plant to get it show ready, there will be many people at the meeting who are willing to help. Many times people often bring emergency supplies such as some extra stakes and ties.

Culture Corner

Plant Registration

The Resources

The Mid-American Orchid Congress has information for registration and identification.

EDUCATION

MAOC Intergeneric Makeup-Name-July2020-Update (pdf)	⬇ Download
MAOC Intergeneric Makeup-Name-July2020-Update (xls)	⬇ Download
MAOC Intergeneric Makeup-Abbrev-July2020-Update (pdf)	⬇ Download
MAOC Intergeneric Makeup-Abbrev-July2020-Update (xls)	⬇ Download

“Name” is alphabetized by the Name of the Intergeneric and “Abbrev” is alphabetized by abbreviation. These are great for deciphering plant labels at any time.

MAOC Classification-2024 complete (xls)	⬇ Download
MAOC 2021 Dendrobium cheat sheet (docx)	⬇ Download
MAOC 2022 Paph cheat sheet (docx)	⬇ Download

These resources are for registering plants under the MAOC schedule. All of the orchid shows that GVOS participates in use the MAOC show schedule.

The International Orchid Register / RHS Gardening

Not sure if your Hybrid is registered? Have a named hybrid and want to know the parents? The search function will help you. Remember that if the seed and pollen parents are reversed then it is still the same registered hybrid so search both ways if you think the hybrid is registered.

Plants of the World Online | Kew Science

Have the taxonomists been changing names of your species and not nice enough to come over and update your plant labels? This site has the latest information on what it is called and every other synonym.

Orchidroots, home of orchids and selected plants and animals.

While this is not an official site for information, it can be a good reference if you know the hybrid name and want the parents and species composition information.

Remember that help is available. You can bring always bring questions to the meetings for assistance. If you do not have tags available, writing your list with the tag information will help the person doing registration at the show greatly.

Examples

Phalaenopsis amboinensis

Name – Phalaenopsis amboinensis

Parents – not applicable since this is a species (we know this is a species since the Grex is lowercase)

Class – 48 (By searching for Phalaenopsis in the MAOC Classification list it shows us that Species are in class 48 and Hybrids are in classes 49-62)

Name:	Abbrev.	Class	Species	Hybrid
Phalaenopsis	Phal.		48	49-62

Paph Cocoa Oliver x Cocoa Green

Name – Paphiopedilum Southernwood's Green Sapphire (Paph is the abbreviation for Paphiopedilum and the Name is found by searching by the parents on RHS)

Cross – Paph Cocoa Oliver x Paph Cocoa Green

Class – 37-42 (Paphiopedilum hybrids are in classes 31-42 per the MAOC Classification List and then the Show Schedule indicates that Complex Paphiopedilum Hybrids are in classes 37-42. Reviewing the flower color would get to the final class number)

Genus	<i>Paphiopedilum</i>
Epithet	Southernwood's Green Sapphire
Synonym Flag	This is not a synonym
Registrant Name	M.Tierney
Originator Name	O/U
Date of registration	16/07/2024

	Seed parent	Pollen parent
Genus	<i>Paphiopedilum</i>	<i>Paphiopedilum</i>
Epithet	Cocoa Oliver	Cocoa Green

Zga Sweet Jade 'Sweet Cheyenne'

Class – 106 (found by searching for Zygoneria on the Show Schedule)

	Seed parent	Pollen parent
Genus	<i>Zygoneria</i>	<i>Zygopetalum</i>
Epithet	Pine Road	Artur Elle

<u>Class #</u> From Show Schedule	<u>Tag #</u> Assigned at Registration
<u>Owner #</u> Exhibitor of Plant	<u>Exhibit #</u> Location/Space #

Name

 Registered name of plant – includes clonal name and award, if applicable

Cross

Pod parent	X	
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Pollen Parent	Award
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Other items to remember

- Let's name those NOIDs..."Phal NOID – Cat Stole the Tag", "Bulbophyllum NOID – Stupid Squirrels", or "Oncidium NOID – Yellow Fireflies"
- In most cases plants are judged in order by class number. When debating between class numbers, register it in the lower class number and the judging team can move it to a higher class number if applicable.
- If you are entering more than 1 plant with the same name please add a '(#)' after the name of the plant.



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	April 02, 2026 Thursday 8:30 pm EDT	April 21, 2026 Wednesday 8:30 pm EDT	May 05, 2026 Tuesday 8:30 pm EDT	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 March 31</i>	<u>Members Only Live</u> Cattleya alarui An introduction to growing primary, complex and intergenerics with this dwarf species. Benefit from personal experience.	<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>	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	Jojo Beaubien Successful grower of this petite orchid species	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	Expert Growers, Hobby Growers, AOS Judges, Scientists, Biologists and YOU!



Webinar announcements are posted on the AOS website,
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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	Kenesha	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