

# Greater Akron Orchid Society

An Affiliate of the American Orchid Society & the Mid-American Orchid Congress

## September 2018

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### **Minutes of Aug. 2018 Meeting**

Edgar led a well-attended and very interesting mini class before the meeting. Jane opened the meeting with a discussion of officers and asked for volunteers for Vice President and a program director. Darlene's job has made it impossible to attend all the meetings. Brandon will, thankfully, continue to supply us with our awesome newsletters.

After the break, Jim France gave his talk Titled: Lycaste, Sudamerlycaste, Ida...Oh, my! These orchids derive from Central and South America with a variety of altitudes. Some grow warm, some grow cool, and some will tolerate a variety of conditions.

Some of these are deciduous due to growing where there is a dry season others keep their leaves all year. For those that are deciduous, it is important not to water when they are dormant. For all of them, water should be added below the leaves to avoid infections. Jim showed us pictures of many, many species and explained the conditions each needed to grow. At the end, we were introduced to some natural hybrids and given care tips on how to grow them.

### **Upcoming Business**

We need a new Program Director. Dave Miller has done a great job and has brought in some amazing speakers, but after years of service he needs to step down to devote more of his time to AOS Judging. He has provided an easy to follow guideline and is willing to help anyone able to help fill this position. Please see the duties below.

This club is able to run only because of our monthly speakers and events. If you are interested or have questions please see Dave at a meeting to discuss it. We really appreciate it.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the GAOS will be Monday, September 10, 2018 at 6:45 pm at the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Center, 725 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron, Ohio 44319.

Program: **2<sup>nd</sup> Member Auction**

Speaker:

2nd Member orchid auction will take place during the evening. Members may sell their orchids, divisions or supplies; the orchid society retains 25% of the final sale price. The format will be silent auction throughout the evening.

**Website:** [www.thegaos.com](http://www.thegaos.com)

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## President's Corner

By Jane Bush



Greetings!

Following a school bus the other day and wanting a jacket when I walked out the next morning into the 56° air left no doubt that it was time to get ready for NE Ohio's long winter's nap. It's time to check for orchid growth and hopefully signs of blooms to come.

The new season is also bringing some exciting changes to our society's meetings. First, Dave is going to present some basics about each of the alliances in the Mid-America Show Schedule, starting in September with Cattleyas. Another goal is to have more audience participation.

If you have a blooming cattleya, a special one, or one about which you have a question, please bring it to the September meeting. Also, if you have a cat the you are ready to part with, please enter it into the silent auction so a newer member can have a chance to try growing a cat with the knowledge gained at the meeting.

TIDBIT: An AOS webinar indicated that thiomyl was a good fungicide for several types of fungal infection.

## Letter from the Editor

Apologies for the smaller newsletter this month, trying to squeeze it in before headed off to vacation. See you at the next meeting, assuming I ever decide to come back!

## Meeting Schedule

GAOS meets the second Monday of each month (except December) at 6:45pm, impromptu Q&A start at 6:30pm at the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Center, 725 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron, Ohio 44319

Members are encouraged to bring orchids from their collection for exhibit. **All are welcome; you do not have to be a member to attend.**

Sep 10	2 <sup>nd</sup> Member Plant Auction
Oct 8	"Using Lights to Grow Orchids" Tim Choltco of Orchid Society of Western PA
Nov 12	Holiday Banquet / Elections



**Photo of the Month:** Laelia purpurata (sanguinea x flammea) in bloom for me on the back porch. Brandon Spannbauer

## GAOS Program Chairperson Needed

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We are looking for a new Program Chairperson.

The primary duties of the Program Chairperson are two-fold. First, to work with the officers and members to develop the program calendar for each year. Typically, this task starts in August of the previous year with a completed schedule to be announced at the last monthly meeting of the year. There are eleven programs but June and November are dinner meetings and do not always have supplemental programs. There are also two member auction programs and generally do not have other program parts. In January and February, a lot of the program content centers around preparing for the show so those meetings require coordination with the show chairperson and members who wish to contribute their show skill to help out.

The program calendar is kept up to date and sent in electronic form to the Newsletter, Website and Social Media editors when any changes occur. A printed copy should be displayed at the monthly meetings.

The second task is to make sure that all arrangements are made for each program or to make sure the member in charge of an individual program is prepared. This might include coordination of room setup, care and determination of housing (hotel or host member) for out of town speakers, reimbursement of speaker and member expenses for travel, fees and expenses and as always, having a backup plan due to weather or unexpected problems. This is for the most part a coordination role as the Treasurer actually pays the bills and other members may be actually giving the program.

There are many resources available and this role is for coordination and responsibility that members will have meaningful programs at each meeting. There are some members that routinely give talks to other societies and they are excellent candidates for last minute backup plans.

## Cypripedium fargesii

By Gawler Orchids

*Cypripedium fargesii*. Found at elevations of around 1900 to 3200 metres in Hubei and eastern Sichuan provinces of China. *Cyp. fargesii* is a cold growing terrestrial.

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# Photo Gallery

August 2018 Meeting





