

Greater Akron Orchid Society

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November 2018

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Minutes of Oct. 2018 Meeting

We heard from Tim Choltco's "Using Lights to Grow Orchids" Presentation. Notes on his talk on the following pages.

For our November 12 meeting, we will have a potluck holiday banquet. Doors will open at 5:45pm. Everyone attending should bring a dish to share as well as their own place setting. Elections of officers will be held.

Potential slate of officers:

President: Jane Bush
Vice President: Barb Ford
Treasurer: Paul Bujak and Claudia
Secretary: Lore Nestel-Yu
Newsletter: Brandon Spannbauer
Program Director: Vacant

Upcoming Business

Please note the early start time of 5:45pm for the Nov. meeting

Open Houses:

Windswept in Time

Saturday, November 3 & Sunday, November 4: 11:00-5:00
8066 Skyline Drive, Broadview Heights, Ohio 44147

Roberts Flower Supply (10% off for Members)

Dec. 7 & 8: 12:00-5:00, and Dec. 15: 12:00-4:00

12390 Root Road, Columbia Station, Ohio 44028

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the GAOS will be Monday, November 12, 2018 at 5:45 pm at the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Center, 725 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron, Ohio 44319.

Program: **Holiday Banquet / Elections**

Speaker:

This month's program is our annual holiday pot luck dinner. Attendees are asked to bring a dish and place settings. The society will provide drinks. The doors will open early in order to have dinner start at 6:30 pm.

We will have elections of officers for 2019 and each paid member in attendance and wearing their name tag, will receive their free orchid plant entitled by their membership. Those who have been authorized to pick up a plant for a member not in attendance must check in with the President at the beginning of the meeting.

Website: www.thegaos.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/theGAOS

President's Corner

By Jane Bush



Greetings!

As GAOS closes out the 2018 season, I want to thank Brandon for a great job as newsletter editor. We have enjoyed the many pictures and articles he has provided. Remember, Brandon is always looking for any news or articles you might have for the newsletter.

Thanks also to Frank for his many years of service as treasurer. He has not only kept meticulous track of our finances but has been responsible for keeping our membership roster up-to-date. Frank, you are appreciated far beyond what words can express.

Darlene as Vice-President and Dave as Trustee have given me valuable support during the year. Lore as Secretary has faithfully submitted meeting announcements to the Akron Beacon Journal, and kept minutes of our meetings. Thanks to each of you!

Officers are the key to a successful society. If members are not willing to service, there would be no society. You do not need to know a lot about orchids to serve. So please consider what you will do for GAOS in 2019.

TIDBIT: Orchids except for phals grown in a window need to be turned periodically.

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.**

Nov 12	Holiday Banquet / Elections
Dec 10	No Meeting – Happy Holidays!
Jan 14	Round Robin (3 Small Group Presentations)
Feb 11	“Preparing Plants for Show” & “Miniatures” Edgar Stehli



Photo of the Month: Masdevallia pleurothalloides, from the Panama cloud forests is a warm growing, high humidity miniature masdevallia

Photo By: Wiel Driessen



Meet Our Member



Dave Miller, Trustee

Dave Miller will continue in 2019 as Trustee, a non-elective position usually filled by the previous president. Joining the society in 2004 after realizing I needed hands-on orchid help, I have filled the positions of Secretary, Vice-President, and then President 2015 - 2017 and program chairman 2012 to present. As of November 1, 2018, I will have completed all of the requirements and will be an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society. A member of four orchid societies in Ohio and Pennsylvania, I enjoy lecturing on orchids to societies and garden clubs. In my spare time I play a lot of golf.

By Norman Fang. Phal. appendiculata ' Liu's Best ' x Phal pulcherrima ' Royal Purple) - A fabulous re-make from Mr. Liu, recipient of the IPA Award of Distinction, renowned for his exciting micro-miniature hybrids created from his select collection of miniature and micro-miniature species! , This re-make is a strong grower with great weather tolerance as a result of its Phal. pulcherrima parent. As micro-miniatures, in just 2" pots .



GAOS Program Chairperson Needed

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.

Some wisdom and facts from Tim Choltco's "Using Lights to Grow Orchids" Presentation:

By Lore Yu

Background: Tim grows his orchids in the basement under lights in the Pittsburgh area. He started quite young (35 years ago) and has been constantly improving his system until he has found what works for him.

General tips and bits of wisdom from Tim:

1. Use a timer
2. Isolate new plants to help prevent the spread of disease
3. Some plants are especially attractive to pests—use them as indicator plants and keep an eye on them
4. Use a systemic to control pests in Autumn while it is still warm so that plants can be sprayed outside
5. Change fluorescent lights yearly
6. Air movement prevents lights from burning leaves
7. Windows have different light intensities in different seasons
8. When air conditioning a home, humidity will drop
9. Always check your light intensity/levels

Eight tips from Tim to grow in the window:

1. Know the exposure of the window—North, South, East, or West
2. There are compass apps available for phones if the phone doesn't already have it preloaded.
3. An unobstructed South-East or South-West facing window will offer the brightest light
4. North facing windows receive very little light
5. A curtain can be placed between the plants and the window to add shade for low-light plants.
6. Be aware of nearby trees that might obstruct the light.
7. The sun is higher in the sky during the summer and, therefore, the light coming through the window is diminished.
8. The sun is lower in the sky during winter and the light coming through the window is more intense.

Some glitches Tom had with switching to HPS fixtures:

1. He failed to realize the intensity of the lights. Some of his orchids were burned by the lights
2. He had to develop a new strategy for plant placement
3. Plants dried out faster so he had to water more often

Photo Gallery

October 2018 Meeting



Vanda Pak Chong Blue
Mary Bell



Den Yellow Song
Mary Bell



Lys Red Jewel
Mary Bell



C Mary Elizabeth
Mary Bell



Bc. Binosa x Little Stars
Claudia Englert



Haraella retrochilus
Meghan Lauer



Masdevallia nidifica
Brandon Spannbauer



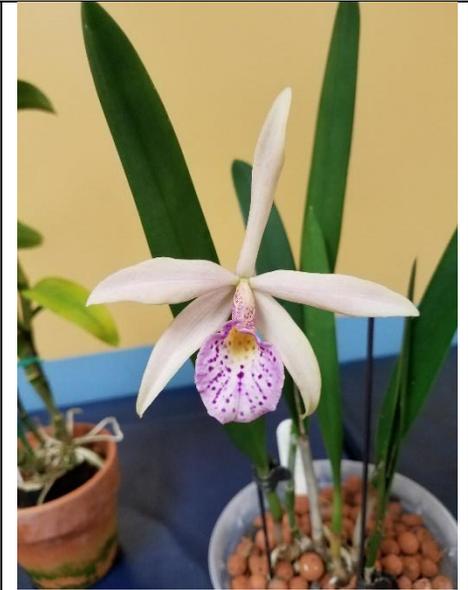
Paph Barbie's Candy x
Darlene Thompson



Masdevallia Morenita
Brandon Spannauer



Den Red Emperor
Bernadette Skalak



Bc Sunset Glory
Dave Miller



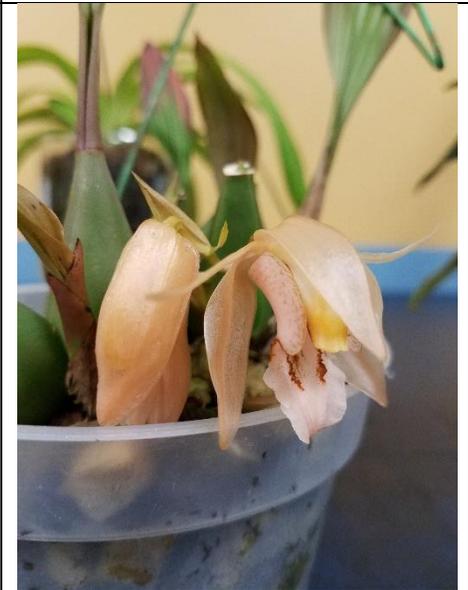
Phrag Calurum
Dave Miller



Paph henryanum
Dave Miller



Paph liemianum
Dave Miller



Coel Salmonicolor
Dave Miller



Mtssa Dark Star
Jane Bush



Den Emma Burana
Jane Bush



Encyc allemanii
Darlene Thompson



Habenaria medusae
Darlene Thompson



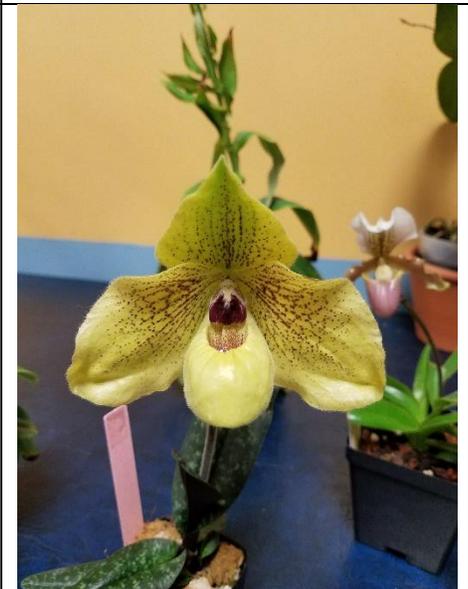
Lc Lulu x Summerland
Darlene Thompson



C Mareeba
Darlene Thompson



Hab carnea var alba
Darlene Thompson



Paph Mint Chocolate
Darlene Thompson