

# Greater Akron Orchid Society

22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Orchid Show



Dayton Nurseries

3459 S. Cleveland Massillon Rd., Norton, Ohio, 44203

Saturday: March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024: 10 am – 5 pm

Sunday: March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024: 11 am – 4 pm

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# Greater Akron Orchid Society



Welcome and thank you for coming to our show! It is a new year at GAOS with the start of the 2024 season. Spring is a great time to get into orchids because so many are in bloom with all of their gorgeous colors and shapes. From the familiar Phalaenopsis, to the classic Cattleya and the unusual Paphiopedilum, each type of orchid has specific needs and naturally there will be many, many questions.

For those who are interested in learning more about this fascinating hobby, we invite you to stop by the Information desk and ask for details about the Greater Akron Orchid Society. Don't be afraid to ask questions of the Society members and growers that you meet at the show.

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Or stop by for a meeting (free and open to the public) where we will be discussing orchid topics and addressing questions and concerns that arise when caring for these amazing plants. Feel free to bring any orchids in bloom to share at our Show Table!

We meet on the second Monday of every month at the Portage Lakes Kiwanis, 725 Portage Lakes Drive, Akron, Ohio 44319 at 6:30 pm, and visitors are always welcome.

We are happy to have you with us today and wish you a warm welcome to the world of orchids. Enjoy the Show!

**Next Meeting: March 11, 2024**

**Program: Getting Acquainted with New Members /  
How to Grow Orchids & Orchid Basics**

**Next GAOS Orchid Show:**

**March 1 - 2, 2025**

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**Sun: March 3, 2024**

**12 – 3 pm**

*\*Located in the back greenhouse, pots and potting materials included\**

## ABOUT ORCHIDS

About 30,000 or so species of Orchids make up an exceedingly diverse family. In addition to the species found in nature, man has created over 100,000 hybrids in a wide variety of colors, sizes, and growth habits. Orchids may generally be classified as either epiphytes (“air plants”), that is, those that grow on the branches or trunks of trees and receive nutrients from organic matter washed over the roots by rainfall, or terrestrials, which grow with their roots in the soil. Of the two, the epiphytes are the more common. Most epiphytes are grown by hobbyists in plastic or clay pots filled with fir bark mixtures, although many types will do very well when mounted on slabs of cork or other suitable supports.

Those new to orchid growing are often daunted by the reputation that the plants are finicky and difficult to grow. While it is true that some varieties are demanding of specific environmental conditions, many types will grow quite well under conditions suitable for African violets. *Phalaenopsis* and *Paphiopedilums*, in particular, are well-suited to artificial light culture, as are certain varieties of the “mini-Cattleyas”. A sunny windowsill will suffice nicely for those requiring moderate light levels. Some types, however, require very high light levels and are not generally suitable for in-home culture, but will do well for those lucky enough to have a greenhouse. Many indoor growers move their plants outside for the summer to take advantage of the buoyant air and light levels that only sunshine can adequately provide.

Orchids do require humid air to thrive, but 40-60% relative humidity is generally sufficient, so you need not turn your home into a steaming jungle. Setting plants over – not in – gravel-filled trays holding excess water or misting the plants with a sprayer can help to offset low humidity. And because epiphytes are air plants, good air circulation is essential to plant health. A small fan in the growing area will provide sufficient air movement to keep your plants happy.

Just as different families of orchids differ in light requirements, the proper temperature range is crucial to blooming. Broadly speaking, orchids are classified as either cool, intermediate, or warm growers, depending upon the heritage of the plant. A species found natively in the hot jungles of the Amazon River basin will naturally prefer a warmer climate than one at home in the high altitudes of the Andes mountains. By crossing species from different climates, however, hybrids are created which are less demanding of specific environmental conditions than are the parent plants. This “hybrid vigor” makes hybrids – rather than species – generally better choices for the beginner. There are a few species, however, which are exceptionally forgiving and make excellent beginner’s plants.

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# SPRING ORCHID SHOW

April 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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# Basic Orchid Culture

Knowing which orchid you are trying to grow is your key to its cultural requirements. Orchids, like all plants, need a balance of light, air, water and food to grow and flower well.

## Light

Without enough light, orchids may produce lush looking growths but no flowers. Not giving orchids enough light is the most common reason for failure to bloom. The old notion of orchids growing in dark jungles still persists and it couldn't be further from the truth. In reality, many have evolved as epiphytes to take advantage of brighter light available in the upper forest canopy.

How much light is enough? The answer to this seemingly simple question is "as much as they will take without burning." Orchids grown under sufficient light will have lighter, somewhat yellow-green foliage and strong upright growths.

## Air

Orchids roots will die if they do not get air and this is the reason that, with the exception of a few terrestrial varieties, orchids do not grow in soil. Orchid potting media should be open, with exceptionally good drainage, yet capable of holding sufficient moisture to support the plant's needs. You should provide gentle air movement. For orchids grown in the home, this can be provided by an overhead paddle fan set on its lowest setting or a portable oscillating fan directed AWAY from the plants.

## Water

Without question, more orchids are killed by incorrect watering than by any other reason. Proper watering consists of two separate components; quantity and frequency. Orchids should be watered just as they dry out. Humidity, air movement, potting medium and light levels all play a role. When orchids are watered, they should be watered copiously. Water should be provided until it runs freely from the drainage holes. Not only does this soak the potting medium but it also flushes salts that naturally accumulate.

## Fertilizer

Orchids will grow and flower, given that their other requirements are met, for fairly long periods without fertilizer but you'll get better results with some level of feeding. Typically plants are fertilized once a week during the summer and every two weeks in the fall and winter. Regardless of the fertilizer that you chose to use, most experienced growers use no more than ½ the label-recommended strength. Fertilizers used on orchids should contain little or no urea. This is because soil organisms must first convert the nitrogen in urea to a form useable by plants, and since orchids do not grow in soil, this conversion does not occur efficiently.

# Greater Akron Orchid Society

## Membership Application

To become a GAOS member or to renew your membership, complete the following form and present it or mail it with your payment to the society using the address below.

**Dues are \$25 for a single/family membership**

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## 2024 GAOS Program Calendar

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| Jan 8     | "Picking the Right Orchid" – Dave Miller                                     |
| Feb 3-4   | GCOS Orchid Show @ Cleveland Botanical Garden                                |
| Feb 12    | Getting Your Orchids Ready for the Show                                      |
| Mar 2-3   | GAOS Orchid Show @ Dayton Nursery  |
| Mar 11    | How to Grow Orchids / Welcome to New Members                                 |
| Apr 8     | "How to Grow Slipper Orchids" – Darlene Thompson                             |
| Apr 27-28 | WSOS Orchid Show @ Erhnfelt Recreation Center                                |
| May 13    | 1 <sup>st</sup> Member Plant Auction / Member Discussion                     |
| June 10   | "How to Grow Miniatures" – Olga Shostachuk                                   |
| July 8    | Summer Picnic  |
| Aug 12    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Member Plant Auction / Member Discussion                     |
| Sept 9    | "What's Wrong with My Orchid?" *Bring in your problem plants for discussion* |
| Oct 14    | "The Future of Orchid Growing" – Edgar Stehli                                |
| Nov 11    | Holiday Banquet / Election of Officers                                       |
| Dec 9     | No meeting, Happy Holidays   |

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

Members are encouraged to bring blooming orchids from their collection for exhibit on the show table

All are welcome; you do not have to be a member to attend. In 2024, we will continue with our Hybrid Meetings (both In-Person and virtual.) Virtual meeting invites will be sent out via email the week before the meeting along with the monthly newsletter



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By American Orchid Society

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**LIGHT** Without enough light, orchids may produce lush looking growths but no flowers. Not giving orchids enough light is the most common reason for failure to bloom. Orchids grown under sufficient light will have lighter, somewhat yellow-green foliage and strong upright growths. Place the orchid close to an east, west, or lightly shaded south window. A north window will rarely provide adequate light. If light is too intense in a southern exposure, a sheer curtain can hung to diffuse the light.

**TEMPERATURE** Orchids will be comfortable where you are comfortable. Typical home temperatures of 55–60 F (13–16 C) at night and 75 F (24 C) during the day are fine. Guard against excessively low or high temperatures immediately adjacent to glass windows. Some leeway for seasonal fluctuations is allowed. Do not place your plants in front of the furnace or air conditioning ducts.

**HUMIDITY** Group plants to take advantage of their collective transpiration (exhaled moisture) or place them on gravel-filled trays to raise the humidity. Be sure that the plants are sitting above the water level.

**WATERING** More orchids are killed by over-watering than by any other reason. Constant wetness will cause the roots to rot, which leaves the plant without a means for taking up nourishment which then causes the leaves to droop and will eventually kill the plant. The classic advice is to water the day before the plant dries out. If you have to let the plant go dry to figure out what a dry plant weighs, it will not kill the plant and will make you a better grower. Another measure is to use the pencil trick (the point of a sharpened pencil, when inserted into the medium, will darken with moisture if the plant has enough water). And, there's always the old standby -put your finger in the mix. If it feels wet, it is wet. If you aren't sure whether it is time to water, wait one more day. When orchids are watered, they should be watered copiously. Water should be provided until it runs freely from the drainage holes. The best place to water your plant is in the kitchen sink. Use lukewarm water (do not use salt softened water) and water your plant for about 15 seconds and be sure to thoroughly wet the media. Then allow the plant to drain for about 15 minutes. It may appear dry but it has had enough water. After the plants are watered, they should be placed so that the pots do not stand in water.

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Additionally, meetings will start at 6:30pm to accommodate our new Beginner's Corner. Each month will tackle a new topic on growing happy orchids.

- Remember to bring any orchids in bloom for our Show Table. This is a great way to see what other members are growing and how they do so. New members and visitors are also invited to bring any plants they wish to show or have questions about.

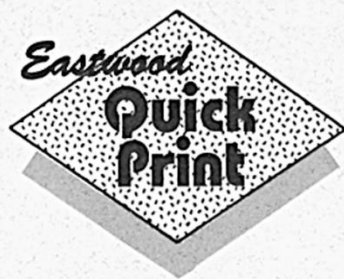
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Please feel free to email any questions or to be added to the email list to: [greaterakronorchidsociety@gmail.com](mailto:greaterakronorchidsociety@gmail.com)

### **Meeting Location:**

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