

Greater Akron Orchid Society

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Previous Meeting Minutes

In our Nov meeting, we had our holiday banquet, member plant giveaway and election of officers

Our spring show is March 1-2, 2025. NEW LOCATION: Petitti Garden Center in Tallmadge. We need help setting up for the show and getting advertisers for the show booklet. More info to come

Meeting summary below (Page 4):



Announcements

In 2025, we will have hybrid meetings (both In-Person & Zoom). In-Person meeting details below and Zoom details will be included in each newsletter and on our Facebook page.

Meetings start at 6:30pm, doors open at 6:00pm

Zoom details below (Page 3):

Next Meeting

**Jan 13, 2025
Monday, 6:30pm**

Portage Lakes Kiwanis Center

725 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron, Ohio 44319
Start Time: 6:30pm Doors Open: 6:00pm

Topic

Program: **Preparing Your Orchids for the Shows**
Speaker: **Dave Miller**

Each meeting will have a show table in which everyone is invited to bring in their blooming orchids to show off. 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

Meeting details below (Page 3):

Website: www.thegaos.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/theGAOS

Email: greaterakronorchidsociety@gmail.com

Letter from the Editor



Greetings,

We are pleased to be providing these newsletters to GAOS members and the public alike! If you'd like to access our current and past issues please visit our website for PDF downloads.

<https://thegaos.com/newsletters>

For access to our most current club news, information and our direct newsletter emails please join our email list by sending us your email address to be added.

Thanks,

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www.qcos.org

West Shore Orchid Society

www.facebook.com/WestShoreOrchidSociety/

westshoreorchidsociety.org/

Meeting Schedule

GAOS has hybrid meetings (both In-Person and Virtual) and meets the 2nd Monday of each month (except December) at 6:30pm, at the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Center, 725 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron, Ohio 44319

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

Virtual meeting invites will be sent out via email the week before the meeting along with the monthly newsletter

Jan 13	Preparing Your Orchids for the Shows – Dave Miller
Feb 10	What's Wrong with my Orchid? - *Bring in problem plants*
Mar 10	How to Grow Orchids / Welcome New Members – Edgar Stehli
Apr 14	Orchid Nomenclature – Eric Sauer



Photo of the Month: Widely considered to be the best “blue”, Lc Dinard ‘Blue Heaven’ AM/AOS (Saint Gothard x Dinah) was first made by Charlesworth in 1930.
– Arthur Chadwick

2025 Meeting Information

In 2025, we will continue with our Hybrid Meetings (both In-Person and Virtual.) You can join us either at our normal meeting location or via Zoom where the live meeting will be broadcasted online. Zoom meeting details will be included in the Newsletter before each meeting.

Meeting Location:

Portage Lakes Kiwanis Center
725 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron, Ohio 44319

Doors open: 6:00pm
Main Meeting: 6:30pm

- 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.

- Virtual portion of the meetings will be conducted via Zoom. It is free to download and use. An email with the invite link will be provided the week before the meeting along with the newsletter for that month. After Zoom is installed on your computer, tablet or phone, all you have to do is click the link to join in.

Please feel free to email any questions or to be added to the email list to receive our newsletter and Zoom meeting links send us a message:

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Thanks,

Brandon Spannbauer, Editor

January 13 Meeting Info

Welcome to the first meeting of 2025. We are right in the middle of preparations for our show March 1-2, 2025. Our new venue will be Petitti Garden Center in Tallmadge, more details below

Our speaker is Dave Miller and he will be talking on "Preparing Your Orchids for The Shows". The talk will cover what needs to be done to exhibit their plants in the show, when the tasks need to be done, and who needs to know about your plants. Dave will also give advice on how to get your orchids looking their very best to increase ribbon potential. Dave will have plants to sell from his orchid collection. We will also be going through all of the info for the upcoming GAOS Spring show, March 1-2, 2025

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Zoom Meeting Details

For those who would like to join us online please, follow the link below to join the Zoom Meeting

Topic: GAOS Monthly Meeting Time: 06:30 PM Eastern Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86226616172?pwd=OMUEmqmUMJwRaseUnARWUfzt7emqcX.1>

GAOS November Meeting Notes

GAOS held its regularly scheduled meeting Monday, November 11. We had our holiday banquet, show table, passed out our holiday plants to members and elected officers for 2025.

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2025 GAOS Dues

2025 GAOS dues will remain at \$25 for membership. Dues allows us to host our annual orchid show as well as bring in amazing speakers to showcase their orchid knowledge. Each membership will receive a free orchid during our holiday party at the November meeting. You can either send in payment to the address on the form provided with this email, on the website, or in person at one of our meetings. Thank you

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

Make checks payable to **GAOS**

Name _____

Additional Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Primary Cell Phone _____

Primary e-mail _____

☐ Check this box if you do not want your contact information on the published member list

Mail to:

GAOS

1110 Woodlawn Ave NW
Canton, OH 44708



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2025 GAOS Program Calendar

Jan 13	"Getting Your Orchids Ready for the Shows" – Dave Miller
Feb 10	"What's Wrong with My Orchid?" *Bring in your problem plants for discussion*
Mar 1-2	GAOS Orchid Show @ Petitti Garden Center – Tallmadge location
Mar 10	"How to Grow Orchids" / Welcome to New Members – Edgar Stehli
Mar 22-23	GCOS Orchid Show @ Cleveland Botanical Gardens
Apr 14	"Orchid Nomenclature" – Eric Sauer
Apr 26-27	WSOS Orchid Show @ Erhnfelt Recreation Center
May 12	"Compact Vandaceous Species & Hybrids" – Peter Lin
June 9	"Seeing Spots: Growing Brachypetalum Paphs" – Darlene Thompson
July 14	Summer Picnic & Member Plant Auction / Member Discussion
Aug 11	TBD
Sept 8	TBD
Oct 13	TBD
Nov 8	Holiday Banquet / Election of Officers
Dec 9	No meeting, Happy Holidays



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and help maintain our
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judges@aos.org*

2025 GAOS Spring Show

It's official, we are getting ready for our 2025 Spring Show! We'd like to get a head start with our show planning and preparations. This year we had to find a new venue due to Dayton Nursery's closure at the end of the year.

Our spring show will take place on March 1-2, 2025. Our new location is:

Petitti Garden Center

311 West Ave.,
Tallmadge, OH 44278

Our website is now current and will be updated in the next few weeks, with all the information needed for our upcoming show. All the relevant links below can also be found on the website show page.

The main hub for all show info:

<https://thegaos.com/show-info>

Show Volunteer info:

<https://thegaos.com/show-volunteers>

Volunteer Sign-Up Sheets:

<https://www.timetosignup.com/gaosshow2024/sheet/1354145>

We would appreciate plant entries to be pre-registered for the show via an online link. This greatly reduces our workload Friday on an already chaotic day. Online pre-registration will open Sunday, Feb. 23 – Thursday, Feb. 27 and in-person registration on Friday, Feb. 28. A detailed walkthrough on the registration process is currently available on the website and will be included in the February Newsletter.

Show Registration info:

<https://thegaos.com/show-registration>

Plant Registration Link: (Opens Feb. 23-27)

<https://fs28.formsite.com/Htn7sJ/form1/index>

GAOS Spring Show

Our website has been updated with current information for our spring show. Registration info will follow in the coming weeks

<https://thegaos.com/show-info>



Greater Akron Orchid Society
23rd ORCHID SHOW & SALE
SAT-SUN March 1-2, 2025 - Free Admission & Parking
Petitti Garden Center
311 West Ave.
Tallmadge, OH 44278

Hours:
SAT - 10 to 5
Exhibits Open at 11
AOS Judging at 11
RePotting 1 to 4
SUN - 11 to 4
RePotting 12 to 3

Exhibits
Orchid Sales
Growing Tips
Potting Supplies
Orchid Repotting Service

For more information visit us:
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2025 Show Volunteers Needed!



Volunteering is easy and we need all hands on deck. There are many positions that need filled, we really appreciate all the help!

- Setup for the show is Thurs (Feb. 27) - Fri (Feb 28) 10am - 5pm
- Volunteers are needed during the show as well as setup & tear down. Please consider helping us out in any of the following areas:
 - 1 - General Show & Display Setup
 - 2 - Clerking (Assisting Judges)
 - 3 - Hospitality (Food Setup)
 - 4 - Membership / Welcome Table
 - 5 - Repotting Table
 - 6 - Show Tear Down
- Donations are needed for Award Trophies. Donations for show award trophies follow the same link below for sign-up. Donations may be brought in to the next meeting or mailed to:

GAOS, 1110 Woodlawn Ave. NW, Canton, Ohio 44708

(All online volunteer sign-ups will occur through TimeToSignUp.com, please follow the link below)

Volunteer Sign-Up Sheets:

<https://www.timetosignup.com/gaosshow2024/sheet/1354145>

This website is easy to use, click on link below to access the spreadsheet. Included are sign-ups for the volunteer positions as well as donations for the orchid class awards that we give out to winners at our show. To sign up click the box next to the volunteer position and time that suits you. Then click on the pop-up box at the bottom left of your screen. This takes you to the page to fill out your name to sign up

Those who do not wish to or are unable to access online can simply contact Craig Miller with their commitment and he will manually enter them

Craig Miller: justcraig@sssnet.com



Catasetum Growing Tips

By Fred Clark, SVO

(December) Now that winter has really set in, your *Catasetums* and *Cycnoches* will have matured their growths and for the most part finished flowering, there are always a few late bloomers that should be on their way to dormancy soon. *Mormodes* will be finishing up their bloom season, and now it's time for many of the *Clowesia* hybrids to flower. The onset of dormancy is caused by several factors: the maturity of the pseudobulb, shortening day length, cooler day/night temperatures and a reduction of root zone moisture. The yellowing and dropping of leaves signal the beginning of dormancy. By now you should have stopped fertilizing and cut back on watering frequency, simulating the end of the wet season in nature. This change in culture will cause the pseudobulbs to harden off in preparation for the upcoming months of dormancy. When most leaves are yellow/brown and have fallen off, cease watering altogether. This marks the start of the dormant period.

Those of you in Florida and the southern states will have dormant plants now, and it's possible that some of you may start to see the first beginnings of new growth.



These six plants illustrate the progression of Catasetinae into dormancy, from left to right: 1) leaf tip yellowing, 2) leaf yellowing, browning and abscission, 3) more yellow leaves, tip die back and leaf drop, 4) obvious missing leaves at base, 5) two leaves remaining, 6) leafless plant.

Some *Catasetums*, *Cycnoches*, *Clowesia* and most *Mormodes* begin their flowering season at the end of the growing season, coinciding with the changing environmental conditions, and the onset of leaf yellowing and in dormancy. In these cases, it is natural for the flower inflorescences and blooms to begin while you are reducing irrigation frequency. Some plants don't even start to develop inflorescence until well after all water is stopped and the plant is totally leafless!

The gradual backing off of watering frequency and an increasing longer dry interval is accepted by the plants without complaint, of course there is the exception. If your plant pseudobulb shows signs of shriveling during late season usually one or two watering's will quickly plump it back up.



Not all plants lose all of their green leaves when dormant, and it's not uncommon for some to hold a few leaves well past the point when irrigation has stopped.

By late December, it's important to get your *Catasetinae* into the dormant stage and provide them with an adequate rest period so that they will "wake up" early in the spring to a long growing season that will help them to develop big bulbs and lots of flowers!

The onset of dormancy generally occurs naturally; however, when plants are cultivated in consistently warm growing areas, such as in the home or under lights, dormancy sometimes needs to be encouraged.

I have found that managing irrigation is one of the best tools to trigger dormancy. If you still have plants in December with a full complement of green leaves, it's time take a more aggressive approach. Allow the media to become dry, regardless of the number of green leaves. Let the media stay dry for 5-6 days then water sparingly, about one or two ounces of water. The water may flow right through the media, and that's okay. Then let media to dry and wait 8-9 days before following the same stingy irrigation procedure. Repeat this process, increasing the dry interval between waterings. This will trigger dormancy in plants that are resisting the transition.

It is best to keep the plants in nearly the same light levels as in the growing season: target 2000-2500 foot candles. When the plants are cultivated in the home or under lights do your best to give at least a 10-15 degree day night differential.

If you're growing under lights, you do need to adjust the day length throughout the year, as all *Catasetinae* experience seasonal changes in the daylight hours per day. This adjustment is important for all your orchids.

Light level management Indoors

Growing under lights for optimal results:

April – October: day length should be set at 15 hrs.

November: reduce light schedule hour to = 14 hrs.

December: reduce one more hour = 13 hrs.

January: and reduce one more hour = 12 hrs.

February: add one hour = 13 hrs.

March: add one more hour = 14 hrs.

April – October: back to a day length schedule of 15 hrs.

If you've had challenges overwintering your *Catasetinae* plants, due to excessive dehydration, perhaps caused by long periods of low humidity. Here is a solution being used successfully by some ingenious growers in locations with low winter humidity.



Set the pot in a jar with water, making a loose-fitting seal with the rim of the jar. The water should not touch the bottom of the pot, for best results it should be 2-3" away. The water reservoir will maintain high humidity around the roots, while the plant remains dry during dormancy. This innovative technique produces great results! We have had lots of positive feedback from growers using this method.

Stubborn Orchids

By Brandon Spannbauer

This series is dedicated to showing off blooms that never make it to a meeting. If you have any stubborn orchids, send photos to be included in a future newsletter: greaterakronorchidsociety@gmail.com



Cynoches Mass Confusion (Cyc. chlorochilon x Cyc. warszewiczii)

This is my first cynoches orchid that I received as the member plant during the holiday party 2023. It has large blooms and a sweet scent. Cynoches like a winter rest with little to no water for a few months.



Vaughnara Golden Spice / Bc. Robert Bauman 4N

Vaughnara Golden Spice (Bl. Richard Mueller 4N x Epi. stamfordianum)

This little plant bloomed just 2 months earlier and already had a nice flush of 11 blooms. I was looking for a compact yellow with spots and this is fitting the bill nicely. Blooms come in a blush pink and slowly fade to a deep yellow.

Bc. Robert Bauman 4N (Bl. Richard Mueller 4N x Lc. Jalapa 4N)

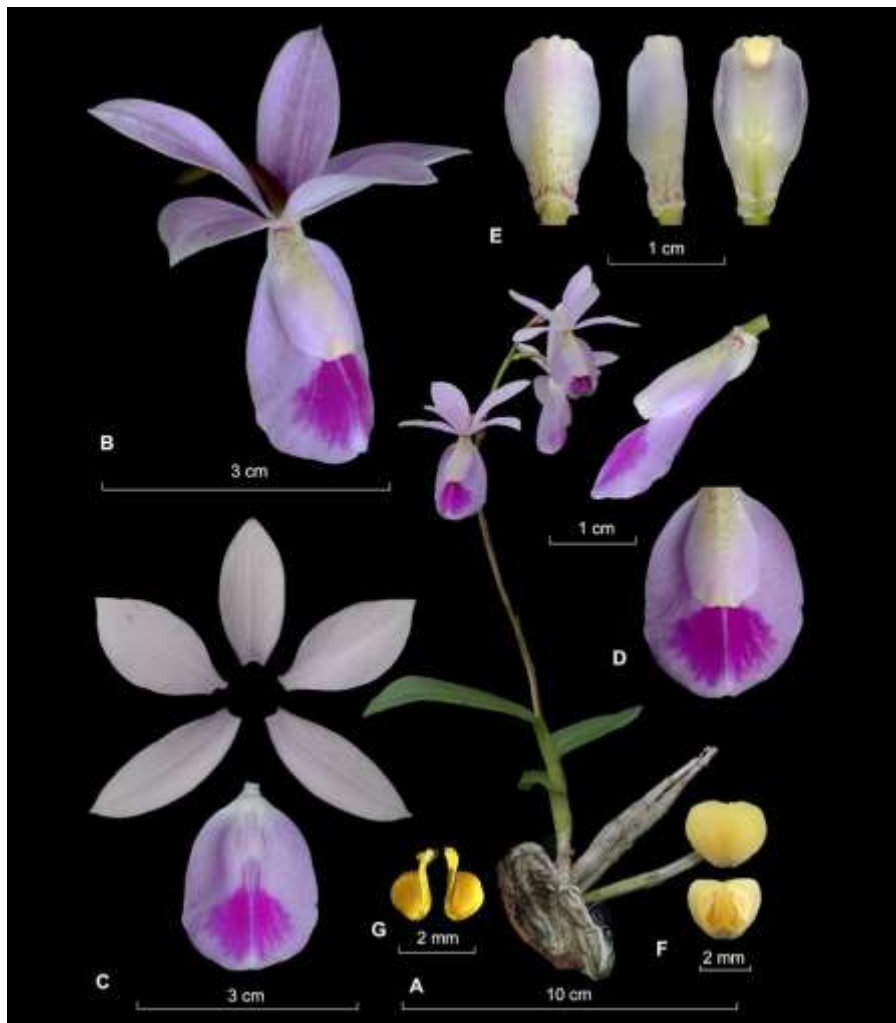
Quickly becoming a favorite by blooming every 2-3 months is yet another reason why I love the Richard Mueller brassavola crosses. They are consistently pushing out new growths and blooms all year round. Richard Mueller also lends its color changing to its offspring, here, flowers start as a deep red maroon and fade to a strong orange.

If you have any stubborn orchids that bloom in-between meetings, send in photos to have them included in the newsletter:

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New Orchids to Science

Barkeria wixarika is described from [#Nayarit](#), Mexico. This new species is morphologically similar to *B. uniflora* but distinct in its flowering phenology, inflorescence type, petal shape, column morphology, and geographic distribution. – Novataxa 2024



Upcoming 2025 Orchid Shows

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<http://www.gcos.org/>

West Shore Orchid Society

April 26-27 at Strongsville, Ohio Rec Center
18100 Royalton Rd, Strongsville, OH 44136

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<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100072143500531>

Photo Gallery

Meeting Show Table
November 2024

