

Greater Akron Orchid Society

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Previous Meeting Minutes

In our Jan meeting, we had Dave Miller discussing how to get our plants ready for the show, including staking flowers and leaf maintenance.

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.

Meeting summary below (Page 4):

Me: *depressed*

Me, 2 plant orders later



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

Feb 10, 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: **What's Wrong with my Orchid?**

Speaker: ***Bring in your problem plants for discussion***

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.facebook.com/GreaterClevelandOrchidSociety/

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

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
May 12	Compact Vandaceous Species & Hybrids – Peter Lin



Photo of the Month: Pete Ostlund earned 91 points at the Central Ohio OS show in October. The *Tolumnia* **Jairak Firm** 'Dalmatian' had 120 flowers and 20 buds on an extremely clean, healthy, well-grown plant. – Eric Sauer

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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Facebook: www.facebook.com/theGAOS

Thanks,

Brandon Spannbauer, Editor

February 10 Meeting Info

In the meeting, we will have an open discussion about our plants. If you have a plant you're concerned about, feel free to bring it in and come with questions for the group!

We also need help cutting plant labels and attaching them to the ribbons used in our show. **Please bring scissors with you to the meeting, thanks!**

More show sponsors and volunteers needed, please click the link to help:
<https://www.timetosignup.com/gaosshow2024/sheet/1354145>

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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/87133104277?pwd=7axaeKWe8kgsf5DVhHVOEAAwluPsyZ.1>

Interesting Growing Setup

What a difference 1.5yrs makes (February 2023 to October 2024) when you give orchids room to grow vs keeping them in tight containers. These are orchids I've grown for many years but are unruly with their +2ft roots dangling outside their pots so I gave them room to grow. – JC Ng



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.

NEW We now have the option to pay online: <https://thegaos.com/paypal>

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 10	Holiday Banquet / Election of Officers
December	No meeting, Happy Holidays



IS THIS FOR YOU?

**The American Orchid
Society Judging
Program**

**is seeking highly
motivated orchid
enthusiasts to join the
judging ranks.**

*Work with other such people
and help maintain our
awards programs and
educational efforts.*

*For more information contact us at
judges@aos.org*

2025 GAOS Spring Show

It's official, we are getting ready for our 2025 Spring Show! 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 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>

This year all plant entries for the show must be registered online. This greatly reduces our workload Friday on an already chaotic day. Online registration will open Sunday, Feb. 23 – Friday, Feb.28 @1 pm. A detailed walkthrough on the registration process is currently available on the website and below.

Show Registration info:

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

Plant Registration Link: (Opens Feb. 23-28)

<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>

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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:

www.thegaos.com

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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)

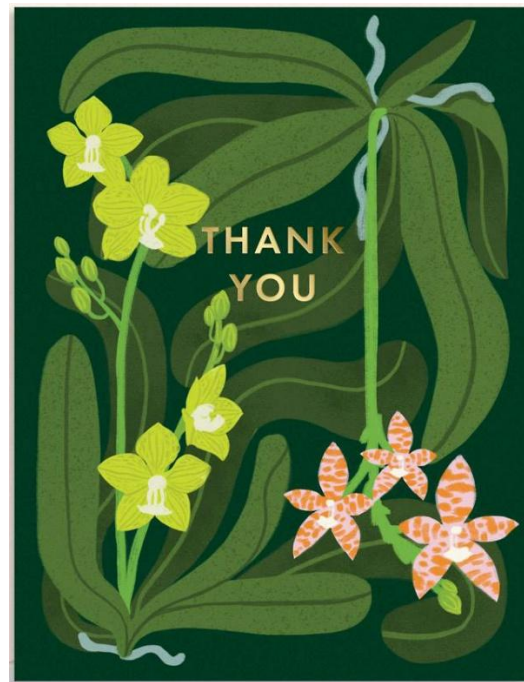
Volunteer Sign-Up Sheets:

<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



How to Register Plants for the Show

Registration Times

Online Registration: (Mandatory)

Feb 23 (Sunday) 12pm to Feb 28 (Friday) @ 1 pm

Early Registration:

Feb 23 (Sunday) to Feb 27 (Thursday) @ 12 noon

Registration Closes Fri 28 @ 1pm *NO EXCEPTIONS*

The following instructions also found here:

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

Show Plants Registration Available *Online Only*

All plant registrations must be made Online. Online registration will be available Sunday Feb 23 thru Friday Feb 28 at 1 pm. To register, read the directions and then access the registration site with the "Registration Link". WiFi will be available during setup so that you can register on Friday using your cell phone. One computer will be available during Friday setup if you wish to use a computer instead of your cell phone

Early registration will be from Sunday Feb 23 till noon Thursday Feb 27, Plants registered during early registration will be included on a list of plants with assigned numbers that will be given to each display to expedite setup. Plants registered after Thursday noon till the end of registration will receive a number at Friday setup

There is no "in person" registration. All registration is online

Online Registration System

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

Instructions on how to register your plants:

(Documents needed for this section located on our website)

1. Look over the 2025 GAOS Show Rules
2. Go to Exhibits Numbers doc and find the number for your exhibit
3. Go to Exhibitor Numbers doc and find your exhibitor number (if your name is not on the list call/text 440-429-5779)
4. Go to MAOC Orchid Classes to identify the class for each plant you are entering. Be sure to use the MAOC document dated July, 2020. Refer to the 'DOCUMENTS TO HELP YOU IDENTIFY YOUR PLANT'S CLASS' for help in determining the correct class. (If you need further help, call/text 440-429-5779)
5. Click the registration link to register your plants

Click *REGISTRATION LINK*

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

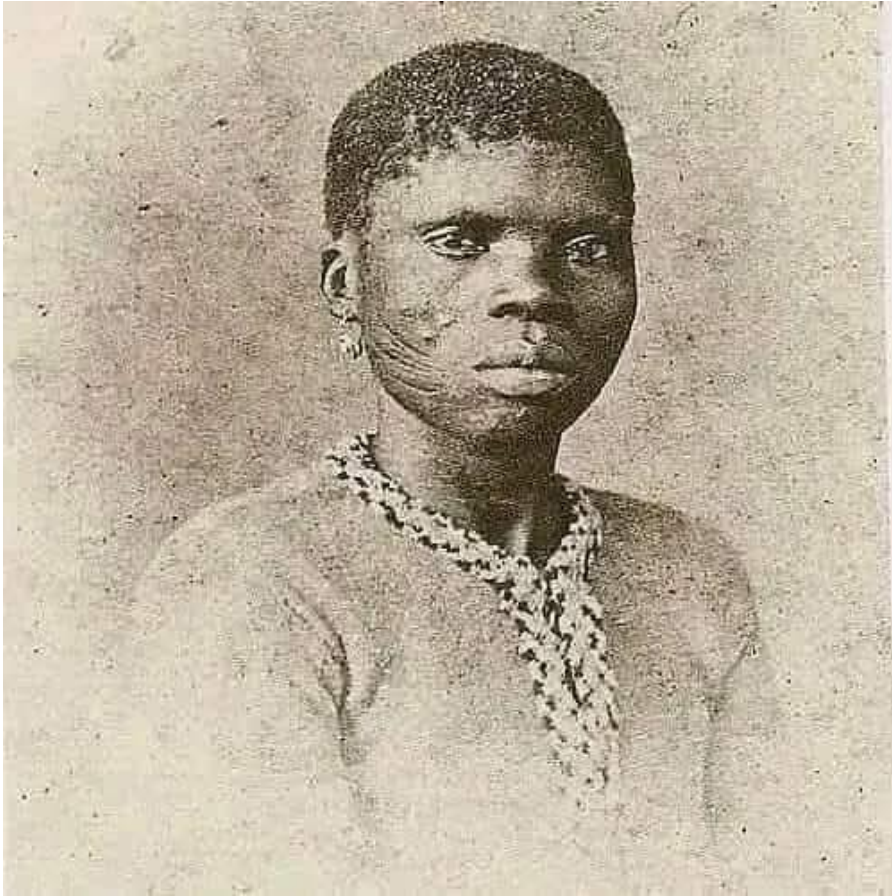
Instructions for the REGISTRATION LINK:

(Documents needed for this section located on our website)

1. At the top of the website, enter your name
2. Enter the exhibitor number
3. Enter the exhibit number
4. Enter the class for your plant
5. Enter the full name of your plant beginning with its genus. If the plant has no ID, then enter "hybrid" and put a name you create in parentheses after "hybrid,"
6. Answer if you have another plant to enter. If you say "Yes" then, after you answer the last question, you will return to this page to enter another plant.
7. Check all your entries and when they are correct, answer "yes"

Edmond Albius – Father of Modern Vanilla Cultivation

By Ay Haan



Edmond Albius was just a 12-year-old boy, enslaved and without formal education, in 1841. However, he managed to develop an innovative technique to pollinate vanilla orchids quickly and profitably, solving an enigma that intrigued prominent botanists of the time. Without his contribution, vanilla would not have achieved the popularity it has today.

In the 1820s, French settlers brought vanilla capsules to the island of Reunion, where Albius was born in 1829, near Madagascar, and to Mauritius from Mexico. It soon became clear that no insect from the region could pollinate vanilla orchids, unlike Mexico, where wild bees did the job. In the 1830s, the Belgian botanist Charles Morten developed a manual pollination technique, but it took a lot of time and work.

Albius, at 12, used leaves of grass or fine pieces of wood to lift the flower lid and fold the male part, allowing pollen to come in contact with the female part. Then, with the thumb, he pressed slightly, performing the pollination effectively. Although simple, its technique revolutionized the industry and transformed Reunion into one of the largest suppliers of vanilla in the world.

Albius' contributions to science went unnoticed during his lifetime and he passed away into poverty and oblivion. Only many years after his death his work was recognized and celebrated as a significant breakthrough in the history of botany. To this day, the Albius technique is used in Madagascar and the country stands out as the largest supplier of vanilla in the world.

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



B. Little Stars and Lc. Sunset Glory

Two brassavola nodosa hybrids. Little Stars is much more of a prolific bloomer which Sunset Glory has blooms that open purple and fade to a lovely pale orange.



C. Small World x Bl. Richard Mueller / B. nodosa x Epc. Mem. Young C. Lott

C. Small World x Bl. Richard Mueller

This is an unnamed hybrid that I received a few years ago from H&R Orchids. It is a testament to giving a plant a few times to bloom before you judge the flowers. This is maybe the 5th-6th blooming from this compact little plant and flower shape, size and color has greatly improved over time. They also last 6-8 weeks because the flowers have some nice substance.

B. nodosa x Epc. Mem. Young C. Lott

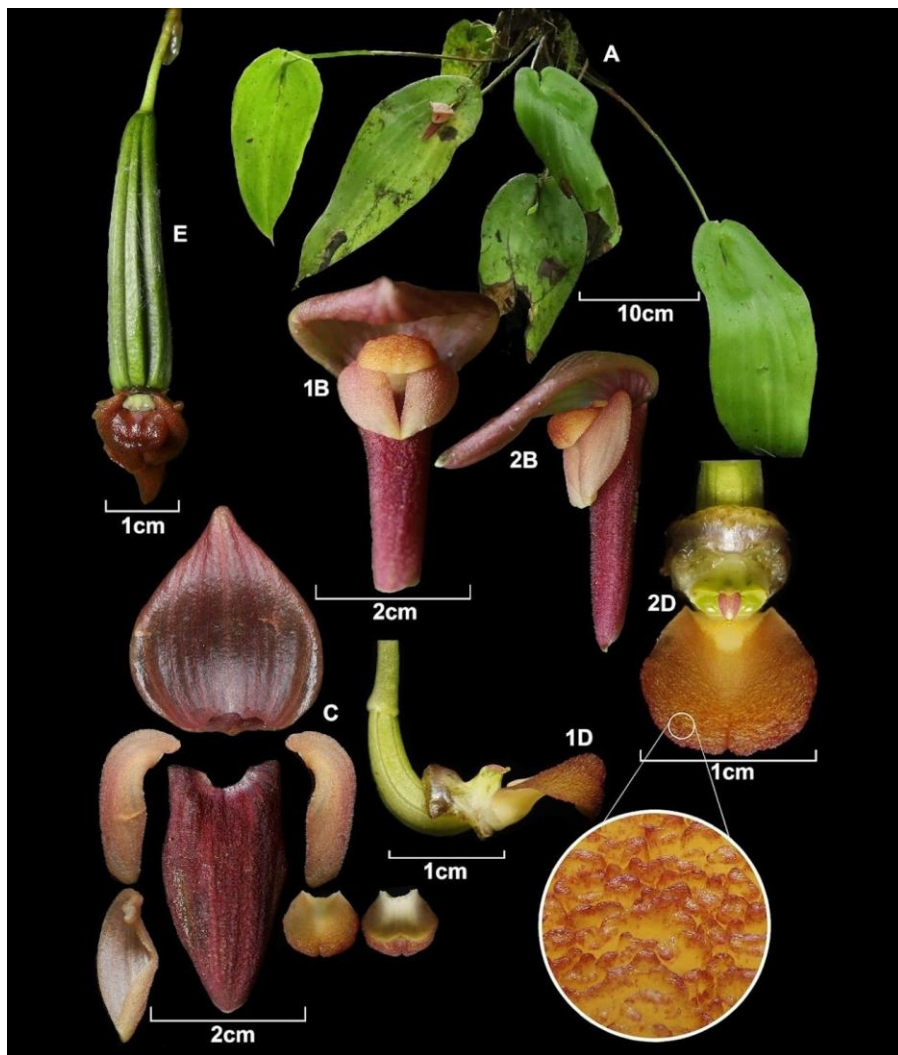
Another unnamed hybrid from H&R Orchids which is a prolific grower and bloomer. An interesting note about this plant is the leaves are extremely sensitive to something, possibly water temperature, and go brown easily but there are so many that it's hard to notice once removed.

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

Pleurothallis markgruinii, a particularly tall species for the genus. The new species is most similar to *Pleurothallis gargantua* and shares with that species its large size, reaching 1 m tall, but differs in the much smaller flowers with a deeply concave dorsal sepal, narrower petals, and triangular shape. Comprehensive field research has shown *Pleurothallis markgruinii* to have a restricted geographical range in the northwest Andes of Ecuador, and it is assessed as [#CriticallyEndangered](#). – Novataxa 2024



Upcoming 2025 Orchid Shows

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March 1-2 at Petitti Garden Center
311 West Ave, Tallmadge, OH 44278

<https://www.facebook.com/theGAOS/>
<http://www.thegaos.com/>

Greater Cleveland Orchid Society

March 22-23 at Cleveland Botanical Gardens
11030 East Blvd, Cleveland, OH 44106

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

West Shore Orchid Society

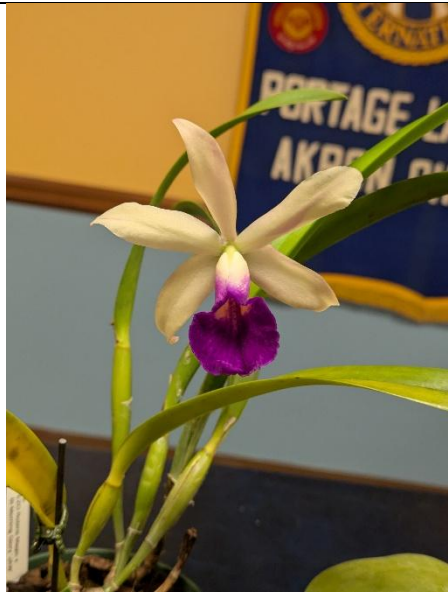
April 26-27 at Strongsville, Ohio Rec Center
18100 Royalton Rd, Strongsville, OH 44136

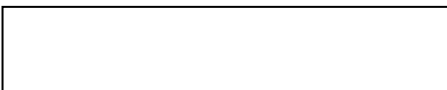
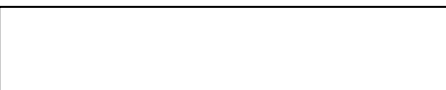
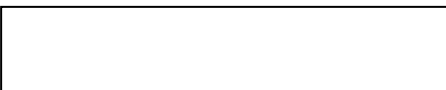
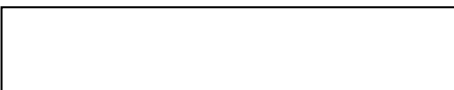
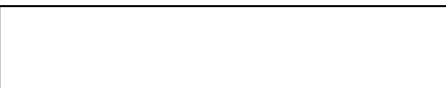
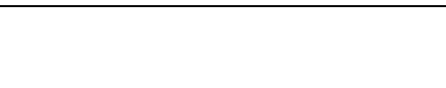
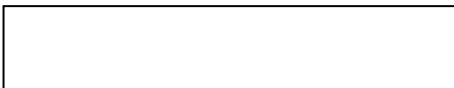
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Photo Gallery

Meeting Show Table

January 2025







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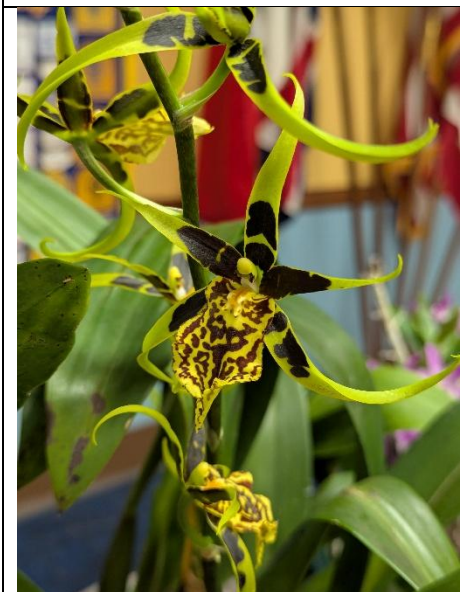
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