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### **Aug 2022**

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#### **Minutes of July Meeting**

Our July meeting was our annual summer picnic. There was no official presentation except for a great spread of food, desserts and conversation.

Meeting summary below:



Website: www.thegaos.com

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#### **Upcoming Business**

We are still navigating the confusing world of reopening meetings amid covid. Please bear with us as things may change month to month. Here is our tentative meeting itinerary for 2022

Aug 8: Virtual
Sept 12: In-Person
Oct 10: Virtual
Nov 14: In-Person

Our 2022 meetings will have a combination of in person and Zoom meetings. Detailed meeting schedule below

#### **Next Meeting (Virtual)**

The next meeting of the GAOS will be Monday, Aug 8, 2022 meeting starts 7:00 pm, it will be Virtual via Zoom

Program: Orchids of Borneo Speaker: Charles Wilson

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.

For Virtual meetings, please email blooming pics to Craig Miller to be added to the virtual show table, email him by Sunday before the meeting: <a href="mailto:justcraig@sssnet.com">justcraig@sssnet.com</a>

Meeting details below (Page 3):

#### 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/

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 to the list.

Thanks,

Brandon Spannbauer <u>greaterakronorchidsociety@gmail.com</u>

#### **Greater Cleveland Orchid Society**

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www.gcos.org

#### **West Shore Orchid Society**

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#### **Meeting Schedule**

GAOS meets the second Monday of each month (except December) Beginner's Corner starts at 6:45pm and the meeting at 7:15pm, 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.

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

Aug 8 (Virtual) Orchids of Borneo – Charles Wilson

Sept 12 (In-Person) Orchid Panel / 2<sup>nd</sup> Member Plant Auction

Oct 10 (Virtual) 60 Years of Orchid Growing Mistakes / Clark Riley

Nov 14 (In-Person) Holiday Banquet & Elections



**Photo of the Month:** Brassavola Yaki 'Black's Best' (Brassavola nodosa 'Off The Wall' X Brassavola appendiculata). The most famous cultivar that I've produced – Allen Black

#### **Greetings GAOS Members**

In 2022, we will be having both In-Person and virtual meetings. A detailed itinerary is explained in our Calendar as to whether the meeting is in person or online. We want to make people feel comfortable coming and participating in in-person meetings so here are a few details:

- Masks will be recommended but not required
- Please social distance if possible

#### Meeting Location:

Doors open 6:45pm, meetings start at 7:00pm Portage Lakes Kiwanis Center, 725 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron, Ohio 44319

- 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 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
- If there are changes to future meetings you will be notified via email, if you haven't been getting any GAOS emails please send your email address to be added to the list

We hope that everyone has been staying healthy and look forward to getting together. Please feel free to email any questions or to be added to the email list to: greaterakronorchidsociety@gmail.com

Thanks,

Brandon Spannbauer, Editor

#### August 8, 2022 Virtual Meeting Info

Our next meeting will be Virtual. Here are the details on how to enter the meeting (this info will also be emailed to you so you can follow the links that way).

The meeting will open early at 6:30 pm to allow everyone plenty of time to connect to the Zoom Conference room we are using. The actual meeting content will start at 7 pm and end at approximately than 8:30 pm.

#### Agenda

6:30pm - Virtual Doors Open for Member Mingle

7:00pm - Meeting Starts with Society Updates

7:15pm - Presentation

8:15pm - Virtual Show Table

8:30pm - Closing Questions and Comments

If you have any pictures of your blooming orchids for the show table, please send them to: <a href="mailto:justcraig@sssnet.com">justcraig@sssnet.com</a> by Sunday before the meeting

Topic: GAOS April Monthly Meeting

Time: August 8, 2022 06:30 PM Eastern Time

#### Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87092008440?pwd=TGhHb0x RejA1OCtZZzlLRkdoZXdqUT09

#### **GAOS July Meeting**

By Pam Everett

GAOS held its monthly meeting and annual summer picnic Monday, July 11. The meeting was called to order by Jane Bush who announced that GAOS had won a \$500 scholarship from the Mid-America Orchid Conference to underwrite costs for members who wish to attend the meeting scheduled for the last weekend of August in Kettering, Ohio. Jane asked interested members to contact her immediately in order for her to allocate the scholarship funds equitably.

Following the business meeting members who brought many orchids to a great show table shared their stories about the plants. Afterwards, members enjoyed the variety of meat, salads, vegetables and desserts everyone prepared.

In all, more than 20 people attended.

#### 2022 Mid America Orchid Conference

http://www.ohiovalleyorchidfest.com/



# Greater Akron Orchid Society



## 2022 GAOS Program Calendar

- Jan 10 In-person Edgar Stehli Caring for Oncidium
- Feb 14 In-person Preparing for the Show TBD (Barb Ford and Dave Miller)
  - . Staking spikes, selecting plants for the show
  - Cleaning plants and creating labels
- Mar 14 In-person Orchids 101 Panel Discussion/New member meet and greet
  - Orchid Tabletop Conversations
- Apr 11 Virtual Demystifying Sphagnum Moss Carri Raven-Rieman
- May 9 In-person Repotting Clinic (will need 3-4 volunteers to demo)

  1st Member Plant Auction
- Jun 13 Virtual Orchids of Columbia David Haelterman
- Jul 11 In-person Summer Picnic
- Aug 8 Virtual Orchids of Borneo Charles Wilson
- Sep 12 In-person Preparing for Fall/Winter (Speaker Needed) Panel Discussions 2<sup>nd</sup> Member Plant Auction
- Oct 10 Virtual Clark Riley 60 Years of Orchid Growing Mistakes
- Nov 14 In-person Holiday banquet / Elections
- Dec 12 No meeting



## 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

## Powhatan Grower Delivers 'Biden' Orchid to First Lady



Powhatan County orchid grower Art Chadwick wheeled his company van onto the White House grounds last week, slowly made his way through layers of security and finally made it into the East Wing where he made his special delivery to first lady Jill Biden: two blooms from an orchid hybrid he developed, grew and named in her honor.

"Wow, this is amazing," Chadwick recalled Biden saying when she saw the blooms.

Through his orchids, Chadwick, of Chadwick & Sons Orchids, has developed quite a connection to first ladies over the years. He said he had a "fantastic" visit at the White House on Tuesday, chatting with Biden for about 20 minutes in the Vermeil Room, on the ground floor of the residence. She had just concluded a meeting with the Ukrainian first lady.

"A two-hour power meeting, talking about all of the things going on over there, and here I've got my little flowers," Chadwick said. "It seemed ridiculous ... the extremes there."

But Biden seemed to enjoy their conversation, he said.

"Her favorite subject is flowers," he said. "She goes out in her garden every day and cuts flowers, and she grades papers in the garden in this little gazebo. That's her true passion: flowers."

Chadwick said Biden, who is also a professor at Northern Virginia Community College, told him she would put one of the blooms on her desk and "maybe I'll put one on Joe's desk."

The Biden orchid blooms in July, producing large, greenish-yellow flowers, though some have distinctly magenta lips. The botanical name of the orchid is Brassolaeliocattleya Jill Biden (Goldenzelle x Sea Swirl). Chadwick officially registered the Biden hybrid with the Royal Horticultural Society.

"It's a knockout bloom in terms of color, and there isn't much else like it in existence," he said.



#### **New Orchids to Science**

Vanilla andina new species belonging to subgen. Vanilla, is described and illustrated based on living material from Peru and Ecuador. The new species is similar to V. armoriquensis but can be easily distinguished by the prominent parallel callus, longitudinal narrow keels that extend above the middle of the lip and broadly obtuse to emarginate midlobe with crispate margins. – Novataxa 2022



#### **Phalaenopsis Joy Fairy Tale**

I finally could do a proper clear comparison between the 2-Eyes and 3-Lips clones.

The 2-Eyes tends to be more symmetrical than the 3-Lips, from what I've observed so far (both on my plants and on various pictures on the Web) but the 3-Lips is more colorful.

Both are gorgeous and have a wonderful sharp lemony fragrance (a single flower won't fill up an entire room with its fragrance, but it's definitely noticeable, it's not a mild fragrance)

This is a sequential bloomer with a beautiful growth habit that makes mature plants look almost like Vandas (they retain most of their older leaves and can look quite bushy after a few years!).

I grow these in a mix of 1/3 sphagnum moss, 1/3 bark and 1/3 horticultural charcoal, under grow lights (medium light).

I water with filtered water when the potting mix approaches dryness while still retaining a bit of moisture and I fertilize at least twice per month.

#### - Diane Ozdamar



### **New Cross by Sunset Valley Orchids**

Slc. Cosmic Future (Slc. Cosmic Angel x Slc. Katherine Clarkson)
This cross give you an idea of the color and pattern variations you can get from some of the complex cattleya breeding. This is a definite benefit to seedling crosses if you're looking for something new and unusual. Check out the variety of colors.





## **Photo Gallery**

Displays
July 2022

I had camera issues at the July meeting, apologies for the photo quality this month - Brandon















