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Minutes of Jan. 2017 Meeting

We had a show table overflowing with amazing plants in bloom. Darlene Thompson gave a wonderful and very informative presentation on orchid culture and how we focus on different parts of orchid care as we become more experienced.

Show Chairman Jane Bush announced that the show will take place March 4th, 5th, 2017 at Donzells. We need several volunteers, including someone to be Hospitality chairman. Volunteers will get first pick at free holiday plants in Nov. 2017

General Business

We are still looking for a secretary. It is a very easy position and will help us out. The secretary takes basic notes on the proceedings of the meetings, types them and emails them to me to be included in the newsletters and our records. Please see Dave if you're interested.

2017 club dues are now due. It is \$20 for a single membership and \$30 for a family. Please see Frank at a meeting for payment.

New Business

The February meeting is the deadline for turning in ads for the show booklet. It is our main source of income for the show and everyone's participation is appreciated. A blank copy has been included in this email. Once filled out, please bring it to the Feb. meeting or mail it to me. Contact myself or Dave with any questions. Thanks.

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Our next show prep meeting will be Jan. 25 at 6:00 pm at the Rose Villa Restaurant. All are welcome. Please contact Jane to be added to the reservation: bushjj@juno.com

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Next Meeting

The next meeting of the GAOS will be Monday, Feb. 13, 2017 at 6:45 pm at the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Center, 725 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron, Ohio 44319.

Program: **Preparing Plants for the Show**

Speaker: **Jane Bush, Member**

Jane Bush, Show Chair, will be sharing final details for the Spring Show and asking for additional help from members to make it a success. Society members will be explaining the right way to get your plants ready for display at the show and there will be time for general orchid questions as well.

Website: www.thegaos.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/theGAOS

Monthly Checklist for January and February

By AOS



Cattleya trianae 'Mary Fennel' HCC/AOS is a good example of this winter-blooming species.

Meeting Schedule

GAOS meets the second Monday of each month (except December) at 6:45 pm 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.**

- Feb 13: Preparing your Plants for Show
Dave Miller
- Mar. 13: Orchids & Their Friends in Costa Rica
Frank and Bernie Skalak
- Apr. 10: The Genus Pleione: Terrestrial Culture
Brandon Spannbauer



Photo of the Month: *Ophrys apifera*, commonly referred to as the 'Bee Orchid,' is native to Europe, Northern Africa and the Middle East. They are unusual in that they grow in autumn and winter, flower in spring and die back and are dormant in summer.

CATTLEYA

Watering and fertilizing will be at a minimum, as will potting. Be on the lookout for senescing sheaths on your winter-into-spring bloomers. Careful removal of the dying sheaths will still allow buds to develop without the danger of condensation-induced rot. Low light will lead to weak spikes, so, and as noted above, staking is critical. If you have a chance to get out to nurseries, there may still be a chance to acquire good plants in sheath for spring bloom. Getting them now not only ensures that you'll have them, but allows them to acclimate to your conditions and bloom at their best.

CYMBIDIUM

We are well into the flowering season now. Outdoor growers should be cautious of freezing temperatures. Damage starts to occur below 30 F. Be diligent about tying the inflorescences for best arrangement of the flowers. Also watch closely for slugs and snails. If weather is quite wet, protect the plants from the rain and this will help to reduce the risk of botrytis spotting.

LYCASTE

The most glorious of all orchids, Lycaste, will be moving toward their flowering season. Make sure the palm-like leaves do not interfere with the emerging inflorescences. Tying them loosely together often is helpful. Some growers cut the leaves off at the pseudobulb, but this removes part of the attractiveness of this elegant orchid. Resist picking up the plant to inspect those beautiful buds and then setting it down in all different directions as the flower buds will be forced to re-orient themselves to the light source each time and will not open as nicely as they should. Keep plants a little drier during the shorter days.

ODONTOGLOSSUMS

Odontoglossums and their intergeneric hybrids offer a great splash of color now. Though once thought of as being difficult to grow and requiring cool temperatures the new intergeneric hybrids are just the opposite. These plants are quite content in more intermediate conditions. New growths generally emerge in the spring, later forming beautiful plump pseudobulbs. Look for the flower spikes to emerge from the inner sheath of the pseudobulb. If your plant's pseudobulbs are shriveled, then the plants have been kept too dry or too wet. Inspect the roots to determine which condition prevailed. If the lead pseudobulb is large, plump and green (and back bulbs are shriveled) but no flower spike is evident, the plants may have been kept too dry.

PAPHIOPEDILUM

The standard Paphiopedilum insigne-derived hybrids, which are called "bull dogs" and "toads," are at their peak. Unlike most other orchids, they can even be potted while in bud. There really is no wrong time to pot a paphiopedilum, and no other orchid responds so favorably to fresh mix and a cleanup. Keep an eye on watering until roots begin to grow.

PHALAENOPSIS

Now is the peak of spike development, with the first plants in full flower. Staking and plant preparation is a must for those all-important spring shows. Correct staking now will give a better display and also make it much easier to transport to your society meetings and shows. Care with watering is vital to avoid mechanical damage to the flowers, as well as rot-related problems. Keep spent blooms cleaned up to avoid botrytis inoculation. Do not repot this month. Now you'll be seeing lots of phalaenopsis at orchid shows and sales.

Photo Gallery

Member Show Table and Meeting
January 2017



Angraecum sesquipedal
Frank Skalak



Paph. lowii
Darlene Thompson



Coel. Unchained Melody
Dave Miller



Paph. liemianum
Dave Miller



L. anceps (too tall to photograph at the meeting)
Brandon Spannbaauer



L. anceps var. lineata (a few days prior)
Brandon Spannbaauer

Photo Gallery

Member Show Table from the
Jan. 2017 meeting



C. gaskelliana
Jane Bush



Phrag. longifolium
Darlene Thompson



Phrag. Cardinale Birchwood
Frank Skalak



Ctsm. Chuck Taylor x kleberianum
Darlene Thompson



C. percivaliana
Jane Bush



Comp. macroplectron
Darlene Thompson



Masd. Jelly Belly
Brandon Spannbauer



Paph. fairieanum
Darlene Thompson



Phrag. Rici
Darlene Thompson



Lc. Canhamiana
Jane Bush



Onc. Wild Willy
Paul Bujak



Cym. Sunshine Falls x Butterball
Darlene Thompson



Cym. Pink Dawn
Jane Bush



Cym. Clarisse
Jane Bush



Blc. Memoria Eichler
Frank Skalac