

Greater Akron Orchid Society

An Affiliate of the American Orchid Society & the Mid-American Orchid Congress

Feb 2023

Previous Meeting Minutes

Our first meeting of 2023 discussed grow light and preparing plants for the show. Followed by the short movie 'Chasing Ghosts.'

Meeting summary below (Page 4):



Announcements

We are excited to announce that in 2023 we will have hybrid meetings (both In-Person & Zoom). Zoom details will be included in each newsletter

2023 will have an earlier start time of 6:30pm to accommodate for a Beginner's Corner, a short topic each month focused on growing happy orchids followed by our normal meeting

Announcement details below (Page 3):

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the GAOS will be Monday, Feb 13, 2023. **New start time of 6:30pm.** Doors open at 6:00pm. Portage Lakes Kiwanis Center, 725 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron, Ohio 44319

Topics

Mini: **Pots**
Program: **Best Practices for Buying Plants**
Speaker: **Eric Sauer**

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):

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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,

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www.gcos.org

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westshoreorchidsociety.org/

Meeting Schedule

GAOS meets the second Monday of each month (except December) Beginner's Corner starts at 6:30pm and the meeting at 7:00pm, 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

Feb 13	Pots / Best Practices for Buying Plants – Eric Sauer
Mar 13	Water / Getting to Know Members / Orchid Basics
Apr 10	Internet Resources / Lycaste
May 8	Potting Media / Member Plant Auction and Repotting Clinic



Photo of the Month: Oncidium La Ville Abbe
(Onc. Westmount x Onc. Noirmont) This grex bred and then registered by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation in 2000.
Photo © The Mathers Foundation.

2023 Meeting Changes

In 2023, we will be having 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.

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.

Meeting Location:

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

Doors open: 6:00pm
Beginner's Corner: 6:30pm
Main Meeting: 7:00pm

- 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: greaterakronorchidsociety@gmail.com

Thanks,

Brandon Spannauer, Editor

February 13, Meeting Info

Our Feb Meeting will be with the Hybrid Meeting model, thanks in part to the new Owl camera which is able to capture and record our meetings for those unable to meet in person. Please bear with us as it will probably take some time to iron out all of the kinks.

We will also have a new earlier start time of 6:30pm. This will allow for a Beginner's Corner segment with information on growing orchids.

Beginner's Corner Topic / Meeting Topic:

Pots / Best Practices for Buying Plants – Eric Sauer

Attention:

Membership dues are now due.

Those that choose to re-up their 2023 Membership dues of \$25 by the Feb 13 meeting will be included in a raffle for a free orchid! The drawing will be at the Feb meeting, if the winner is not present, they will be contacted with details on how to pick their plant up.

Zoom Meeting Details

Follow the link below to join the Zoom Meeting

Topic: GAOS February Monthly Meeting

Time: Feb 13, 2023 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87008460774?pwd=UIB5TzV3NUlZM3hmUWFDMDZ6dU5Mdz09>

GAOS January Meeting Notes

By Pam Everett

GAOS held its regularly scheduled meeting Monday, January 9. This was the first meeting that was conducted live and on Zoom simultaneously. Those who watched the meeting on Zoom are requested to provide any feedback or suggestions to Craig Miller (justcraig@ssnet.com). Craig called the meeting to order and explained the equipment we are employing to manage both live and Zoom simultaneously. Jane Bush gave the Treasurer's report and stated that GAOS took in \$4,577.90 last year which yielded a net profit after expenses of just over \$100. The treasury now stands at \$10,300.

As a result of the passing of Wayne Roberts and GAOS' desire to make a donation in his honor, Craig introduced a proposed amendment to the By-Laws to codify how donations may be made. This was the initial reading of the amendment, and it is hoped that it can be voted on at the February meeting. However, to pass, 2/3 of the regular members must vote their approval, so those who may not be attending the February meeting in person are asked to respond via email or, if attending on Zoom, via Zoom chat.

The annual Orchid Show will be held Mar. 4 -5, with setup beginning Thursday, Mar 2 and continuing through Friday. There is still much to accomplish prior to the show, and registration sheets for Welcoming, Membership, Trophy Awards, Repotting, and Hospitality. This year, much of the food will be catered, but members who wish to provide food or desserts are encouraged to do so. This year there will be six vendors at the show. Brandon, reminded everyone that it is important to secure advertisers for the Show booklet and that ads are due by the February meeting. A Zoom meeting to cover Show progress was scheduled for Thursday, January 12 at 7pm.

GAOS will be exhibiting at the Greater Cleveland Orchid Society Show Feb. 3-4, and Jane urged members to enter their blooming plants and register them online in advance... details on this to follow.

Annual membership dues are due and those who pay by or at the February meeting will be entered in a drawing for a couple of plants that were not given away at the November meeting.

Following the business meeting, members shared their stories about the two dozen plants on the show table. Then, members enjoyed a brief film on the Ghost orchid, called Chasing Ghosts, which depicted scientists exploring the orchid's Florida habitat in an attempt to determine which insect pollinates the Ghost.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30.

2023 GAOS Dues

2023 GAOS dues will remain at \$25 for an individual or family 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 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
728 Apache Run
Macedonia, OH 44056



Note – At this time, electronic or credit card payment is not available.

Greater Akron Orchid Society



2023 GAOS Program Calendar

Jan 9	Grow Lights / Preparing Show Plants and Movie "Chasing Ghosts"
Feb 13	Pots / Best Practices for Buying Plants - Eric Sauer
Mar 13	Water / Getting to Know Members and Orchid Basics
Apr 10	Internet Resources / Lycaste - Russ or Cheryl
May 8	Potting Media / Member Plant Auction and Repotting Clinic
Jun 12	Orchid Pests & Problems / Coelogyne - Webinar or speaker
Jul 10	Let's Talk About Your Orchid / Summer Picnic
Aug 14	Buying Orchids on the Internet / Bulbophyllum - Charles Wilson
Sep 11	Getting Orchids to Bloom / Second Plant Auction / Mounting Clinic
Oct 9	Growing Under Lights / Wild, Weird & Wonderful Orchids – Peter Lin
Nov 13	Orchid Stories / Holiday Banquet, Election of Officers
Dec 11	No Meeting



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*Work with other such people
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*For more information contact us at
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GAOS Spring Show

Greater Akron Orchid Society
21st ORCHID SHOW & SALE
SAT-SUN March 4-5, 2023- Free Admission & Parking

Dayton Nursery
3459 S. Cleveland Massillon Rd.
Norton, OH 44203

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 at WWW.THEGAOS.COM,
GREATERAKRONORCHIDSOCIETY@GMAIL.COM or
Craig at 330-671-2681

GAOS Spring Show

Our show committee has been working very hard to put on a great show this year. We are still looking for a few more volunteers for setup, manning the membership tables, hospitality and tear down. As well as donations for trophies and food for judges and volunteers. This year we are catering the main dishes but sides, drinks and desserts are always welcomed.

The website has been updated with show information:

For general info about the show, directions and vendor links:

<https://thegaos.com/2023-show-info>

We still have a few volunteer spots that need filled and trophy donations (Note: phone # isn't required for sign-up):

<https://www.timetosignup.com/gaosshow/sheet/1339999/>

Show Registration:

This year we will have both online and in-person plant registration. For general info about how to register and links to related docs:

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

We are using Greater Cleveland's website registration system again for online registration. They have done a great job explaining the process to register. Currently, the website is being used for their own show. Registration online for GAOS will start Feb. 28. Use the following link for instructions and registration:

https://gcos.org/AKRON_SHOW/ONLINE_REGISTRATION_FRAME/online_registration_frame.html

2023 Show Ad Contract

It's official, we are full steam ahead with our plans for the 2023 Spring Show! We had a great 2022 show after taking a year off and it's time to get a head start with our show planning and prep. One of the most important things to get squared away is securing advertisers for our show.

Our spring show will take place on March 4-5, 2023. Our location is:

Dayton Nursery
3459 S. Cleveland Massillon Rd.,
Norton, OH 44203

It is so important that we secure advertisers as this is one of our main ways that we acquire the funds needed to have a great show and allow for speakers for our society. A copy of the ad contract has been attached to the email with this newsletter, will be provided at the January meeting and is available on our website for download: <http://www.thegaos.com/>

Each year at our show we hand our show booklets to attendees. Inside is info about orchids, our club, our upcoming schedule and ads for local businesses. These ads are vital for us to bring in enough money to host a yearly orchid show.

They come in 3 different sizes with prices to match. We ask that everyone do their part and print out a few and go to your local businesses and inquire if they would like to advertise for our show. They supply their business card and/or art for their advertisement to be included in our booklet. It's that simple. All the details will be explained at the meetings and are in the contract.

The deadline for ad turn in is the February meeting, Feb 13, 2023. Ads may be brought into a meeting or mailed to Brandon Spannbaauer; address located on the ad contract.

Please let me know if you have any questions, much more show info to come.

Thanks,
Brandon

Sample Contract:

Greater Akron Orchid Society Advertising Contract

The Greater Akron Orchid Society is pleased to announce its 21st annual Spring Orchid Show to be held at, Dayton Nursery: 3459 S Cleveland Massillon Rd, Norton, OH 44203, on March 4-5, 2023. As part of this unique event, we are handing out a show program booklet which will showcase local businesses and will talk about orchid care and the Orchid Society membership. This is a great opportunity to advertise your business and to help support our Orchid Show. Please consider supporting our event. Thank you.

Sincerely, The Greater Akron Orchid Society

Sponsor Copy (Due Feb. 13, 2023)

Greater Akron Orchid Society, Affiliated Member of the American Orchid Society

Ads for our show booklet come in 3 sizes. Please select a size and provide a business card or ad art that you wish to be included. Thank you.

Receipt for:			Approx. Dimensions
Business Card	(\$25)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.5 x 2 in.
Half Page	(\$50)	<input type="checkbox"/>	5.5 x 4.25 in.
Corporate Sponsor	(\$100)	<input type="checkbox"/>	5.5 x 8.5 in.

Ad Show Program Amount: \$ _____

Ad copy to be submitted in electronic form as PDF, JPG or PNG file to: braxtonds@gmail.com

Cash or checks made payable to: **Greater Akron Orchid Society (GAOS)**

Accepted By: Sponsor _____ GAOS _____

Please send GAOS COPY with payment, Business card and/or Art to: Brandon Spannbaauer braxtonds@gmail.com
2081 Thornhill Dr. (330) 285-3798
Akron, OH 44313

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GAOS COPY (Due Feb. 13, 2023)

Advertiser's Name: _____

Accepted By: GAOS: _____

Select ad size: Business Card _____ Half Page _____ Corporate Sponsor _____

Advertising Total: Cash _____ Check _____

Ad copy to be submitted in electronic form as PDF, JPG or PNG file to: braxtonds@gmail.com

Notes: _____

Repeat advertiser wishes to use old ad? Yes _____ No _____

Please send GAOS COPY with payment, Business card and/or Art to: Brandon Spannbaauer braxtonds@gmail.com
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Akron, OH 44313

Judges Viewpoint

By Dave Miller, Great Lakes Judging Center

Issue #12



Presentation, Presentation, Presentation

Sure, you have babied your prize orchids and now they are coming into bloom just in time for exhibiting at the show. Let's talk about how to maximize your ribbon count by putting a little effort into putting each of your plants into their Sunday best outfits.

GAOS Spring Show and Program Ads



Spring Show Program Ads

A very important part of our show is the advertisements in our show program. We need you to get ask your local businesses to buy an ad. This is our largest fund raiser to support our society and shows.

Please help us complete our show program with an ad you solicit.

Blank ads will be available at the meetings, our website or please email for a printable copy.

greaterakronorchidsociety@gmail.com
www.thegaos.com

All ads are due by Feb 13, 2023 at the meeting, or mailed to Brandon (address on the ad)

Volunteer Sign-up Sheets for the Upcoming Orchid Show

We are looking for a few good people to help with the March 2023 orchid show. This is your show and it takes the contribution of every member, whether it be time, money or goods (like a dish for the meals.) Sign-up sheets will be circulated at the meetings. Please help make your show a success!



Pretend You are the Audience

Yay, it's show season finally, what should you be thinking about your orchids? The simple view of how to display your orchids is to pretend you are the Viewer. There will be hundreds of visitors passing the exhibit area after judging is over. Some of them even are looking for a quick photo op of YOUR great flowers. Make it easy on them by presenting your flower directly at their eyes. With multi-floral orchids, sometimes that is a very tough thing to do. It may take the better part of a half hour to get the arrangement just right. And whatever you do, don't leave your arrangement up to the exhibit builder. They are extremely busy but keep in mind they do dozens of plants to arrange so your plant will only get a fraction of attention that you would give.

Many times, I will start priming my plants as soon as they start to spike. Yessiree, it could be three months or more before the flowers open. Phals and slippers for sure. As soon as the spike is 2" tall, I put a stake in the plant to notify me there is one and secondly to keep my bumbling hands away from the tender tip. On the right is a Phal with two spikes and I already enforced a separation in the spikes as I can see there will be interference when the flowers open.

One note about this. I use simple bamboo skewers at first but if I know the spike is long for an Oncidium or Phragmipedium, I would likely start

with a larger stake. Floral stakes from the craft store are sturdy and affordable and bamboo plant stakes are the strongest wooden product.

The Process

As the flower spike develops, it can be carefully manipulated into a pleasant form. I repeat CAREFULLY. The process of training spikes takes time. Move it a little, stake it there, come back in four to seven days and move it again. Sometimes only once in a while is enough as long as you have left time before the anticipated showing. So, on the right, is what happens if you push/pull on the spike too much. Sad to say it's not the first Phal spike I have broken while getting ready for a show.

Early Staking

Visualize what your flower spike will look like as it starts to develop. Next, examine the tendency of the spike or more importantly, the spikes to see if you think they will be crowded and if so, then early is the time to get them spaced apart. In the first picture below, it is visually obvious the two spikes are colliding even though they are both nicely arched. The watch-words here are we want to see every flower with no crowding. Simple, use an upright stake on each one to pry the spikes apart to give all flowers a little breathing room. In the right photo, the flowers have started to open and there is plenty of room with no crowding, yet all the flowers are oriented up because I started early.



To restate, it's important to do this early before the buds have differentiated which means they have already decided which way is up. Doing this too late will give you flowers that twist in all directions. Not good. I will put this plant back on the bench in EXACTLY the same spot and orientation as it came to keep the emerging flowers the same. Just before the show, I will decide whether stakes are still required and if so, I will trim them, wrap them, and fix the spike to them.

These two slippers on the left have been prepped for show with their faces directed at the viewer and their stakes upright and wrapped to blend in with the spike. On the right is a large Bulbophyllum with thirteen spikes and some of them were crawling over the others. Before the flowers opened, I staked some of the spikes away from others to make sure none were touching and to try to have spikes visually all around the plant. After two weeks most of them stayed with no staking. On the right is the fabulous Paphiopedilum out of the Barbara Tisherman Slipper Orchid Collection that just recently received an AOS CCE award for cultural excellence. Note how the spikes are arranged all around the plant. This is critical to receive the highest possible award the plant can garner in its current form. What you don't see are the eight stakes attached but hidden to make those spikes "appear" all the way around the plant. Again I say, please don't force this job on the exhibit builder, it just isn't fair to them. In addition, there is only so much time, so if you want better ribbons, then YOU need to put in the time to groom your own plant before you drop it off for exhibiting. True for shows, true for AOS judging, and also very true for the Show Table



Housekeeping

Cleaning your plant is just as important than the rest. Take for example the cute purple Phal with two spikes. It has a fading leaf, the oldest one, which is normal. Before showing this plant, the leaf will either fall off or I will remove it. It's wrinkly and unsightly.



Finally, the most sacrilege of all. If you have a plant with multiple flowers or spikes but one is damaged or fading/wilting. CUT IT OFF. Two flowers are better but one good and one bad flower will depreciate the visual effect of the good flower and a viewer's eye will go directly to the bad stuff first. Believe me, it is heartbreaking to cut off a fading flower or spike on the way to AOS judging. Sorry, it must go, and that is also true for entire spikes if the flowers are past prime. Take a look at this Howeara and how unsightly the faded spikes highlight the plant instead of the good flowers.

Go get 'em now and follow these simple guidelines for prepping your plants for the show.

Happy Orchid'ing Contact Dave at dcmjpsmil@aol.com or 330-307-7189

New Orchids to Science

2022 :: A new orchid species from southern Thailand, *Aphyllorchis* [#periactinantha](#), is described and illustrated. The novelty is characterized by the [#subactinomophic](#) flowers, the concave labellum, not divided into hypochile and epichile, the reduced staminodes, the shallowly bilobed stigma and the semicircular rostellum. A key to the species of *Aphyllorchis* in Thailand is updated.

– Novataxa 2022



Upcoming Orchid Events

The 2023 Greater Cleveland Orchid Society Show will be held on February 4-5, 2023 at Cleveland Botanical Garden

Our 2023 Greater Akron Orchid Society Show will be held on March 4-5 at Dayton Nursery. More info to come

The 2023 Orchid Society of Western PA Show in Pittsburgh will be held on March 18-19 at the Crowne Plaza Pittsburgh South

The 2023 Ann Arbor Orchid Society Show will be held on March 18-19 at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens

Photo Gallery

Displays

January 2022





