

Greater Akron Orchid Society

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Previous Meeting Minutes

In our January meeting we discussed 'Picking the Right Orchid' with Dave Miller

Our spring show is March 2-3, 2024. We need volunteers for the show, more below

Meeting summary below (Page 4):



I adore this orchid so much that look like duck! It's flying duck orchid!



squints how does it know what ducks look like

Announcements

In 2024, we will continue our hybrid meetings (both In-Person & Zoom). In-Person meeting details directly below and Zoom details will be included in each newsletter and our Facebook page. We will also continue with our earlier 6:30pm start time, doors open at 6pm

Zoom details below (Page 3):

Next Meeting

Monday, Feb 12, 2024

Portage Lakes Kiwanis Center
725 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron, Ohio 44319
Meeting starts 6:30pm. Doors open 6:00pm

Topic

Program: **Getting Your Orchids Ready for the Show**
Speaker:

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 to the list.

Thanks,

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Greater Cleveland Orchid Society

www.facebook.com/GreaterClevelandOrchidSociety/

www.gcos.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 12	Getting Your Orchids Ready for the Show
Mar 11	How to Grow Orchids / Welcome to New Members
Apr 8	How to Grow Slipper Orchids – Darlene Thompson
May 13	1 st Member Plant Auction / Member Discussion



Photo of the Month: Cattleya schilleriana season 2023

Photo – Moises Bravim

2024 Meeting Information

In 2024, 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: greaterakronorchidsociety@gmail.com

Thanks,
Brandon Spannbauer, Editor

February 12 Meeting Info

Our meeting this month will be all about preparing for our upcoming show, March 2-3. We will be discussing how to get your own orchids show ready so that they can look their best. We will also be going over all the finishing touches for the show: show schedule, registration, volunteers, judging, clerking, set-up, hospitality & publicity, just to name a few things!

Our website has been updated with all the latest info about the show, in-depth overview below:

<https://thegaos.com/2024-show-info>

Topic

Program: **Getting Your Orchids Ready for the Show**
Speaker: **Craig Miller**

Zoom Meeting Details

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

Time: Feb 12, 2024 06:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83829423371?pwd=dGsxTXR5S0dYYnBENXUycXgvZW02Zz09>

GAOS January Meeting Notes

By Pam Everett

GAOS held its regularly scheduled meeting January 8 in person and on Zoom with 30 people in attendance. Craig called the meeting to order at 6:30. He reminded everybody that membership dues are due and then discussed several details of our upcoming Orchid Show the first weekend in March. Plant registration will be done online beginning February 25.

Setup for the show will occur Thursday, February 29 at Dayton Nursery. Exhibit and vendor setup will occur Friday March 1. The show will open to the public Saturday, March 2. Signup sheets for all stages of assistance are on the table, and all members are encouraged to sign up for at least one hour, preferably two hours, in order to ensure the success of the Show. Additionally, show flyers are now available for members to distribute to friends and places of business in their area.

In other orders of business, society officers from 2023 were re-elected to serve out 2024. Jane gave the Treasurer's report. Brandon asked that all ads for the Show program be turned in to him by February 12.

Following the business meeting, members shared details about plants they brought to the show table.

After a brief break, Dave Miller presented "Picking the Right Orchid." He jokingly remarked that if we want to grow our collection, we need to "buy faster than we kill." But what should we look for in buying an orchid? Color, balance and plant vigor are the three most important criteria.

As a final note, the Greater Cleveland Orchid Show will occur Saturday and Sunday, February 3 and 4.

The West Shore Orchid Show will occur Saturday and Sunday April 27 and 28.

2024 GAOS Dues

2024 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 or 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
728 Apache Run
Macedonia, OH 44056



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2024 GAOS Program Calendar

- Jan 8 "Picking the Right Orchid" – Dave Miller
- Feb 12 Getting Your Orchids Ready for the Show
- Mar 11 How to Grow Orchids / Welcome to New Members
- Apr 8 "How to Grow Slipper Orchids" – Darlene Thompson
- May 13 1st Member Plant Auction / Member Discussion
- June 10 "How to Grow Miniatures" – Olga Shostachuk
- July 8 Summer Picnic
- Aug 12 2nd Member Plant Auction / Member Discussion
- Sept 9 "What's Wrong with My Orchid?" *Bring in your problem plants for discussion*
- Oct 14 "The Future of Orchid Growing" – Edgar Stehli
- Nov 11 Holiday Banquet / Election of Officers
- Dec 9 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*

2024 GAOS Spring Show

The website is now updated with all the information needed for our upcoming show, March 2-3. All the relevant links below can also be found on the website show page.

- Setup for the show is Thurs (Feb. 29) - Fri (Mar. 1) 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, 728 Apache Run, Macedonia, Ohio 44056

The main hub for all show info:

<https://thegaos.com/2024-show-info>

Show Volunteer info:

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

Volunteer Sign-Up Sheets:

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

Show Registration info:

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

Plant Registration Link:

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

How to Register Plants for the Show

Online Registration: (Preferred)

Feb 25 (Sunday) 12pm thru Feb 29 (Thursday) 4pm

In-Person Registration: (For last minute entries)

Mar 1 (Friday) 11am - 4pm

The following instructions also found here:

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

Online Registration System

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

Instructions on how to register your plants:

(Documents needed for this section under '**Show Registration Documents**' on the website)

1. Look over the 2024 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. If you need help, reference the supporting documents below (if you still need help, call/text 440-429-5779)
5. Click the registration link to register your plants

Instructions for the registration link:

(Documents needed for this section under '**Supporting Show Documents**' on the 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 genus of the plant
6. Enter the rest of the plant name. If the plant has no ID, then enter hybrid and put a name in parentheses after "hybrid"
7. 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.
8. Check all your entries and when they are correct, answer "yes"

Stubborn Orchids

By Brandon Spannbauer

A post dedicated to showing off blooms that never make it to a meeting.



Cattleya Glenarun (C. Triumphans x L. tenebrosa):

This is the 2nd blooming of a new hybrid that I purchased last year from Diamond Orchids. This plant bloomed just 6 months ago and this time has 2 spikes with a total of 5 blooms. The first spike of 3 was kinked in the sheath and only survived a week in bloom.

Looking online, it is very similar to C. Luminosa (dowiana x tenebrosa). It seems to me that results on petal color are very dependent on the tenebrosa parent used since there are many color variants available (from dark maroon, to bronze, to a yellow aurea.)



Epc. Rene Marques 'Tyler / Bl. Claudia Cotarelo

Epc. Rene Marques 'Tyler (Epi. pseudopidendrum x C. Claesiana)

I've been growing my Rene Marques for almost 11 years and it blooms every year for me on growths almost 3 feet tall. This year it has 8 blooms on one spike. Edgar has told me that mine could grow even taller which I hope it doesn't because then it'll be in my lights, we'll see.

Bl. Claudia Cotarelo (Bl. Sunny Delight x Bl. Richard Mueller)

I bought this orchid almost 8 years ago from Sunset Valley Orchids (SVO). It has since become my most reliable bloomer with flower nearly every month of the year. I find it hard not to bring it in every month because its display is so good.

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

greaterakronorchidsociety@gmail.com

GAOS Spring Show

Our website has been updated with current information for our spring show

<https://thegaos.com/2024-show-info>



Greater Akron Orchid Society
22nd ORCHID SHOW & SALE
SAT-SUN March 2-3, 2024 - 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:
www.thegaos.com
greaterakronorchidsociety@gmail.com
Barbara: 330-644-3168

Spring Show and Booklet Ads



Spring Show Book 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 via our website or please email for a printable copy.

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www.thegaos.com

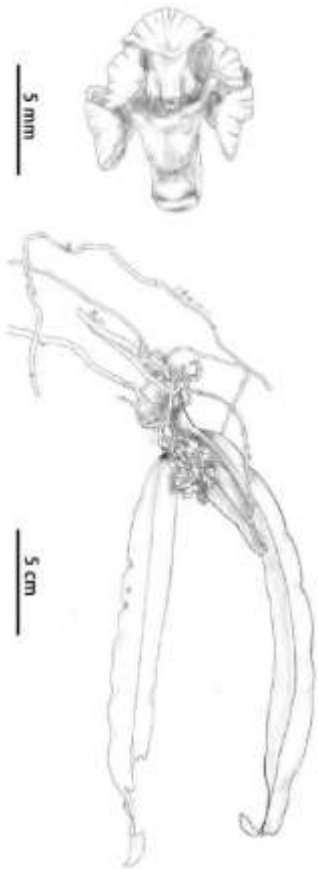
All ads are due by Feb 12, 2024 at the meeting, or mailed to Brandon (address on the ad)

Volunteer Sign-up Sheets for the Upcoming Orchid Show

We are looking for a few good people to help with the spring orchid show. This is your show and it takes the contribution of every member, whether it be through 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, Thank You!

New Orchids to Science

A new species, *Uncifera motuoensis* from Xizang Autonomous Region, China is described and illustrated with detailed photos and scientific illustration. Detailed morphological comparisons indicate that *U. #motuoensis* is similar to *U. #obtusifolia*, but differs in having entire mid-lobe of lip, narrower leaf blade and wider pollinarium stipe. For the identification, a key to the known seven species of *Uncifera* is presented. – Novataxa 2023



Upcoming Orchid Events

Greater Akron Orchid Society Show

March 2-3 at Dayton Nursery
3459 S Cleveland Massillon Rd, Norton, OH 44203

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

West Shore Orchid Society Show

April 27-28 at Strongsville, Ohio Rec Center
18100 Royalton Rd, Strongsville, OH 44136

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

Windswept in Time Orchids Open House

May 25 & 26 11am – 5pm
8066 Skyline Dr. Broadview Heights, Ohio 44147

www.windsweptorchids.com
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057748685808>

Is This Endangered Orchid the Last of its Kind?

By Kendra Pierre-Lewis, Smithsonian Magazine



Angraecum longicalcar is threatened by increasing fires and a buzzing black market for orchids. Conservators at England's Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, have been working to reintroduce seedlings into the wild. Jessica Pettway

The modern fascination with orchids may have begun with an accident. According to legend, in 1818, the English explorer William John Swainson was sending a shipment of plants from Brazil back to England; for packing material, he used what he thought were weeds. When the package arrived, those weeds—epiphytic orchids, which don't need soil to grow—had bloomed into gorgeous purple flowers, of a species later called *Cattleya labiata*. The flowers' beauty and their mysterious arrival triggered an acquisition frenzy, which British papers described as an "orchidelirium." In the two centuries since, the world has yet to recover.

Orchids had a special allure on both sides of the Atlantic. Connoisseurs with means built special storehouses and funded orchid-hunting expeditions to places like Colombia, the Philippines and New Guinea. (Orchids grow all over the world but tend to be most diverse in tropical regions.) While humans have long been captivated by flowers—archaeologists have found drawings of flowers in Egyptian burial sites dating back more than 100,000 years—our fascination with orchids has been extreme. Orchid-hunters in the 19th century endured yellow fever and malaria, and risked being mauled by tigers or drowned in rivers—all in pursuit of a new species. Orchids remain a hot commodity: In 2005, a single plant of one especially rare species, the Shenzhen Nongke orchid, named after the university where it was bred, sold for more than \$200,000, a record recent acquisitions have approached but not beaten.

But even less exotic orchids still exert a powerful magnetism. These bewitching blooms "have that fun characteristic of bilateral symmetry—it's kind of like the human face. So you can kind of put a personality [on them]," says Justin Kondrat, lead horticulturist at the Smithsonian Gardens Orchid Collection. "And that's why people are so inclined to write books about them, go halfway across the earth to collect them ... just die for them."

One of the most sought-after is the *Angraecum longicalcar*, a species that first entered the Smithsonian collections in 2016 in a collaboration with the Atlanta Botanical Garden. The flower is native to the central highlands of Madagascar but critically endangered, and conservationists worry it might become extinct in the wild—the only survivors will be in hothouses—because of habitat loss, poaching and other problems.

The most immediate threat to *Angraecum* is the potential loss of its pollinator. While many plants are generalists, with a wide number of insects, birds and bats that can pollinate them, *Angraecum* is a specialist. Its name, *longicalcar*, is a nod to its long nectar spur, or the hollow extension that secretes nectar to attract pollinators. Botanists say it might be the longest nectar spur of any orchid. This extraordinary spur necessitates a unique pollinator, alongside which *Angraecum* evolved. Yet no one has identified the creature.

If the pollinator is an insect, such as a moth, that could be trouble, because of the great die-off of insects the world has seen in recent decades. In that case, institutions like the Smithsonian may be essential to *Angraecum longicalcar's* long-term survival. One important benefit of conserving imperiled species in captivity is the possibility of someday reintroducing the plant into the wild, a kind of Noah's ark for fragile plants.

The Smithsonian Gardens Orchid Collection began in 1969 with a donation of 100 *Cattleya* orchid plants. Today the collection boasts more than 5,000 orchids, including three *Angraecum longicalcar*, one of which saw its creamy white flowers bloom for the first time this past November. When the Smithsonian first took possession of this *Angraecum*, it was a seedling, just an inch tall. Today it's two feet tall and four feet across. While nobody can say how long it will live, there are orchids in European collections that have remained alive since the 1800s.

But *Angraecum longicalcar*, like many orchids, has a fail-safe: It is capable of asexual reproduction without a pollinator, producing little side shoots called keikis. If the shoots are separated and replanted, new but identical plants will emerge, perhaps buying this precious species precious time.



Mount Ideas - Pot. Lila Ashitomi 'Hawaiian Flare' on one of my custom mounts. (The mount is made of buttonwood, a very dense wood and screwed together) – Jay McMahon



Photo Gallery

GCOS Show

Feb 2024





Photo Gallery

Show Table

Jan 2024







