

Greater Akron Orchid Society

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Minutes of Nov. 2016 Meeting

The Night's potluck dinner was a great success with tables' worth of food. The New Membership Contest winner was Claudia, congratulations. The prize was a beautiful table-top greenhouse filled with orchid supplies.

Dave announced the elections and candidates running for office. Our officers for 2017 will be Dave Miller, President, Jane Bush, Vice President, Frank Skalak, treasurer, Barb Ford, trustee, and Brandon Spannbauer, editor for the newsletter. Anyone who would be interested in Secretary please talk to Dave.

Show Chairman Jane Bush announced that everyone can sign up for the show at next month's meeting. It will take place March 4th, 5th, 2017 at Donzells. We need someone to be Hospitality chairman. Volunteers will get first pick at free holiday plants in Nov. 2017

General Business

The Spring show will be at Donzell's Flower and Garden Center, 937 East Waterloo Road, Akron Ohio, 44306 on March 4-5, Saturday 10-5 and Sunday 11-4. There will be exhibits, orchids and orchid supplies for sale.

New Business

Paul Bujak is the representative to Mid-America. The May 2017 Conference will be held in Coral Gables, Florida and the November 2017 Conference will be held in Omaha, Nebraska. In May, 2018, it is hoped that West Shore Orchid Society will hold the conference. They already have Miranda Orchids and George Hamilton from Jamaica interested in attending, as well as others.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the GAOS will be Monday, Jan. 9, 2017 at 6:45 pm at the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Center, 725 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron, Ohio 44319.

Program: **Orchid Culture: One Size Doesn't Fit All**

Speaker: **Darlene Thompson, Member**

Each orchid grower goes through many phases as part of their journey. Most often we think of these phases in terms of beginner, advance, and expert. Darlene will discuss the most critical elements of orchid cultivation in each phase, common setbacks we all experience and how to deal with them, and how to define orchid success. Darlene Thompson is an active member of the Greater Akron Orchid Society. Since starting her orchid journey six years ago, her small windowsill collection has grown to over 250 orchids.

Website: www.thegaos.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/theGAOS

Spring Show and Booklet Ads

By Brandon Spannbauer



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 business friends to buy an ad. This is a good time as businesses are focused on making themselves known and also many businesses need to balance expenses with profit before the end of the year.

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

Blank ads will be available at the meetings or please email: braxtonds@gmail.com for a printable copy.

Volunteer Sign-up Sheets for the Upcoming Orchid Show

Jane Bush is looking for a few good men (and women) to help with the March 2017 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!

As a special thanks, those who volunteer will be given first choice of gift orchids at the November 2017 meeting.

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.**

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| Jan 9: | Orchid Culture: One Size Doesn't Fit All
Darlene Thompson |
| Feb 13: | Preparing your Plants for Show
Dave Miller |
| Mar. 13: | Orchids of Costa Rica
Frank and Bernie Skalak |



Photo of the Month: *Laelia anceps* var *lineata*. The sepals are solid lavender, but the true petals have a peloric "splash" that results in very attractive feathery markings of dark lavender-magenta.

Photo © Brandon Spannbauer

Phragmipedium kovachii

By Becky Brinkman (The Orchid Column)



Phragmipedium kovachii, the most notorious orchid discovery within recent memory, is flowering now in our Tropical High Elevation House. It's growing high on the waterfall, perched on mossy rocks among two other slipper orchids, *Phragmipedium besseae* and *Phragmipedium schlimii*. This is the first flowering for our plant, which is a laboratory produced seedling purchased from Piping Rock Orchids in 2009. In the wild, *Phragmipedium kovachii* grows in cloud forests at 2,000 meters elevation near Moyobamba, Peru on limestone seepage sites. Since it first caught the attention of growers and scientists outside of Peru,

P. kovachii has practically become a poster child for bad behavior within the horticultural/botanical community -the illegal poaching of a protected orchid by a private collector, followed by an astonishing display of poor judgement by the botanists who took possession of it. You can find a detailed account of the story in Craig Pittman's *The Scent of Scandal* (2012 University of Florida Press).

Pittman is a reporter for the Tampa Bay Times who has covered the *kovachii* story since 2003. It's a fascinating story and it underscores the importance of following the law when self-interest, science and the law conflict. I think of the *kovachii* story as a cautionary tale and I believe Pittman's account should be required reading for anyone who works with orchids at a botanical garden.

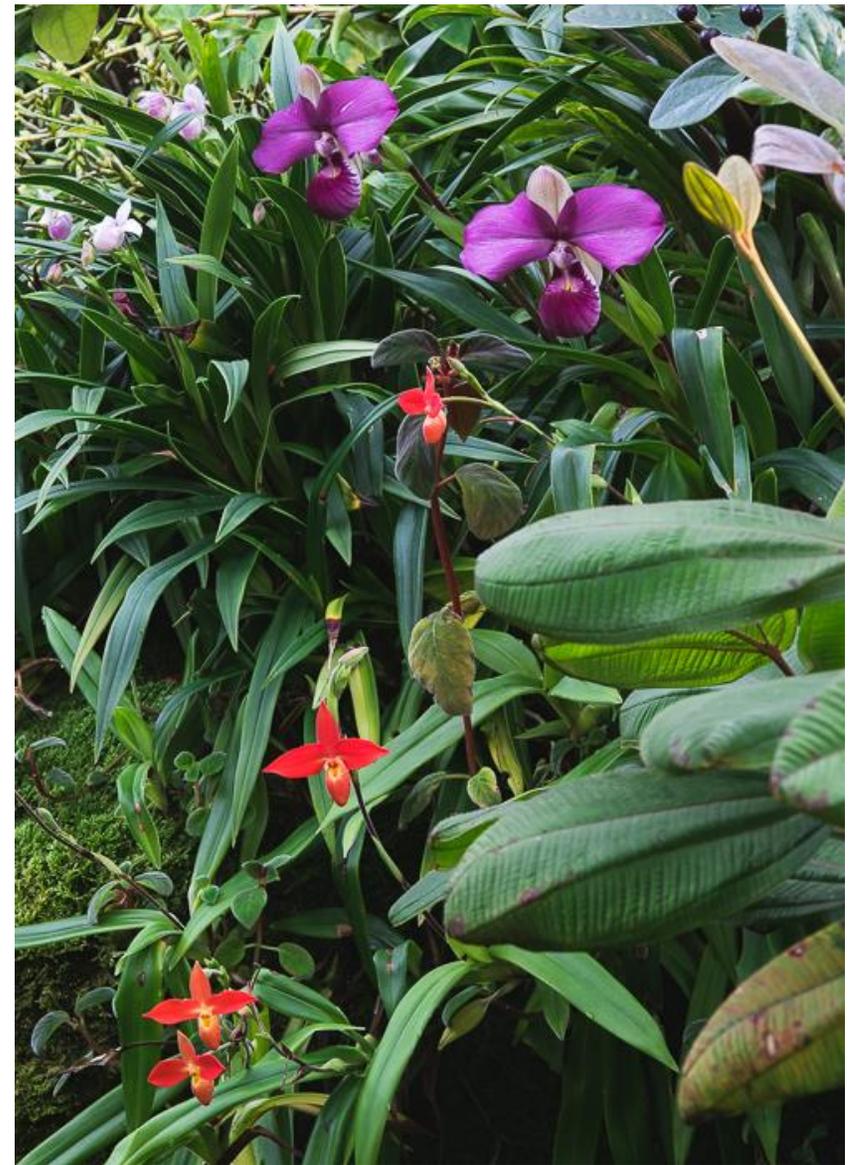


Photo Gallery

Member Show Table and Meeting
November 2016



Lc. Net Siri



C. Mount Hood Hybrid



B. Little Stars



Lc. Star Parade



C. leopoldii var. alba x Bc. Xanthette
'Chartreuse'



Lifecycle of an Orchid

Photo Gallery

Member Show Table from the
Nov. 2016 meeting



C. Mount Hood Hybrid



Paph. Complex hybrid



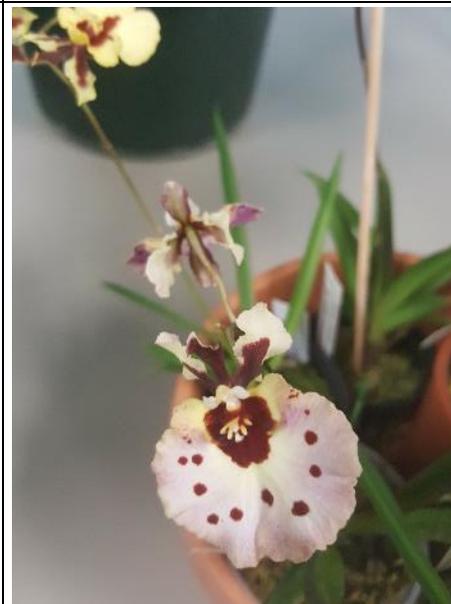
Stenorrhynchos glicensteinii



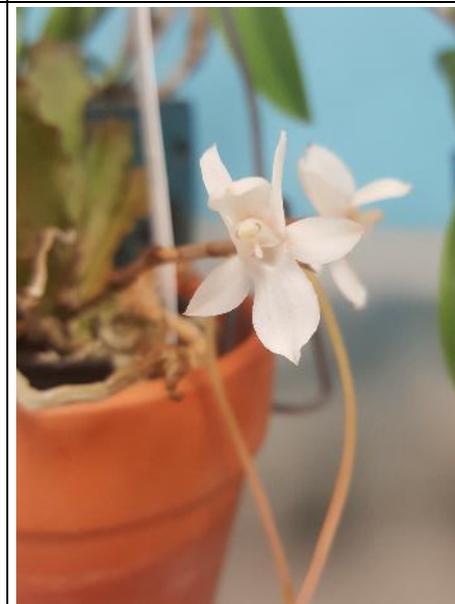
Tolumnia hybrid



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Aerangis somalense



Paph. Complex hybrid



Blc. Suncoast Sunspots x
Slc. Katherine Clarkson



Onc. Mule Ear



Psh. Green Hornet



Lc. Mini Song



Gptm. Starburst Parkside



Potluck Banquet Table



Cattleya hybrid