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Minutes of Nov. 2017 Meeting

For the November meeting, all members, who are present, received a free orchid as part of their annual membership. Family memberships are entitled to two plants. Our plants this year were supplied by Windswept In Time Orchids.

In addition to our normal Nov. potluck dinner meeting, we had a special guest speaker, Alek Zaslowski from AWZ Orchids in Brazil. He gave a very interesting and informative talk about orchids native to his home country of Brazil.

General Business

Dave announced the slate of officers for 2018: President, Jane Bush; Vice President, Darlene Thompson; Secretary, Karen Schlote; Treasurer, Frank Skalak; and Editor, Brandon Spannbauer. Dave Miller as retiring President automatically becomes the Trustee.

Upcoming Business

For 2018, we will open doors 15 mins earlier and have a quick presentation each month hosted by Edgar Stehli. Details below.

We also will have a monthly addition to the newsletter called 'President's Corner' by Jane Bush.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the GAOS will be Monday, Jan. 8, 2018 at 6:45 pm at the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Center, 725 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron, Ohio 44319.

Program: **Preparing Plants for Show &
Growing Cymbidiums**

Speaker: **Dave Miller & Jane Bush**

Preparing for the Show

It's time to start getting plants ready to display at the March orchid show.

Growing Cymbidiums

Jane Bush will be sharing her knowledge and growing methods for one of the most beautiful orchid groups.

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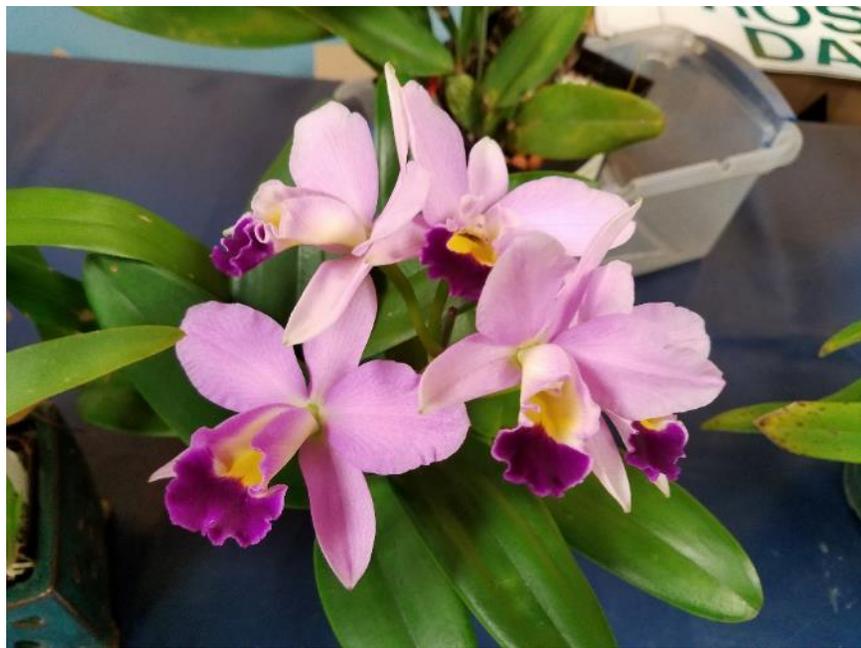
Facebook: www.facebook.com/theGAOS

President's Corner

By Jane Bush

Greetings! The new year bring a new addition to our general meeting. Edgar Stehli will be doing a short educational presentation at the beginning of each meeting. So, for 2018, the doors will open at 6:30 PM, Edgar's presentation will start at 6:45, and the general meeting will start at 7:00 PM. The presentation will occur in one corner of the meeting room and is optional. Others may socialize during this time. Edgar has been doing this at the GCOS meeting and has graciously agree to do it for us, too.

TIDBIT: Viruses enter a plant through an insect bite. If you prevent insect infestations, you are also preventing viral infections.



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. 8: | Preparing Plants for Show & Growing Cymbidiums
Dave Miller & Jane Bush |
| Feb. 12: | Preparing Plants for Show & Phragmipedium Culture
Dave Miller & Darlene Thompson |
| Mar. 12: | Orchid Roundtable
Orchid Q&A & Show Wrap-up |



Photo of the Month: *Pleione maculata* is part of a small group of autumn blooming pleiones. Only 3 species all warm growers, all others are spring blooming and need a cool dormancy.
Photo By: Brandon Spannbaauer

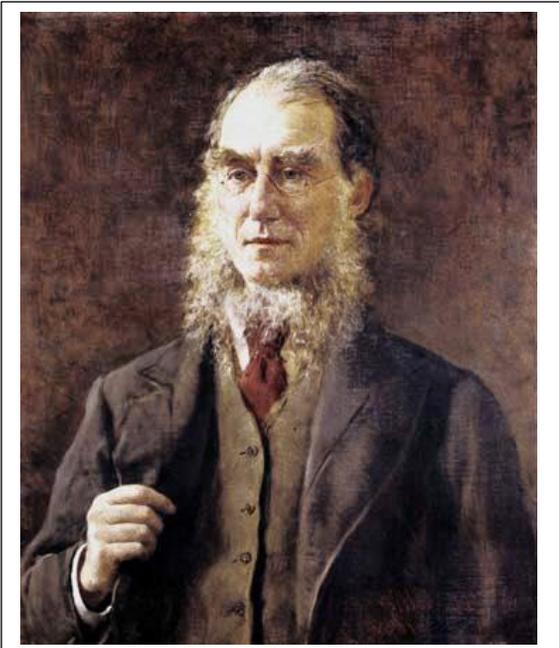
The Orchids of Joseph Dalton Hooker

By Unknown Author

Sir Joseph Dalton Hooker (1817-1911) was one of the greatest botanists and explorers of Victorian Britain. He was Charles Darwin's closest friend, a founder of geographical botany, the 2nd Director of the Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew (thereby succeeding his father William Jackson Hooker, who had been the 1st Director) and President of the Royal Society.

Apart from discovering 25 *Rhododendron* species in the Himalayas, Hooker studied and wrote about Asiatic orchids in various travelogues, the 'Flora of British India' (1875) and 'A Century of Indian Orchids' (1895). In the Khasia hills of Assam during the 1850s, he collected 'seven men's loads' of *Vanda coerulea*, which he witnessed growing in profusion, waving their pale blue tassels like thousands of azure butterflies in full flutter.

Over 20 orchid species were named for Hooker, of which 10 are still recognized.



Dendrobium hookerianum



pleione hookerianum

Arachnis hookeriana
var. *luteola*



Photo Gallery

Member Show Table
November 2017



Holiday Plants Table



Alca. Martitch
Paul Bujak



Pot. Triple Love
Jane Bush



Blc. Edisto Newbury
Jane Bush



Onc. Sharry Baby
Frank Skalak



Phrag. longifolium
Dave Miller



Holiday Plants Table



Holiday Plants Table



Potluck Table



Potluck Table



Masdevallia Cheryl Shohan
Brandon Spannbauer



Mtssa. Estrelita
Paul Bujak



Brat. Royal Robe
Paul Bujak



Dracula mopsus
Brandon Spannbauer



Lycaste Balliae
Frank Skalak



Masdevallia NoID
Brandon Spannbauer



Den. Ise x Angel Baby
Frank Skalak



Bc. Mt. Hood
Frank Skalak



Den. auriculatum
Lore Yu



Paph. gratixianum
Wayne Roberts



Sales Table



Blc. Edisto Newbury
Jane Bush