

Greater Akron Orchid Society

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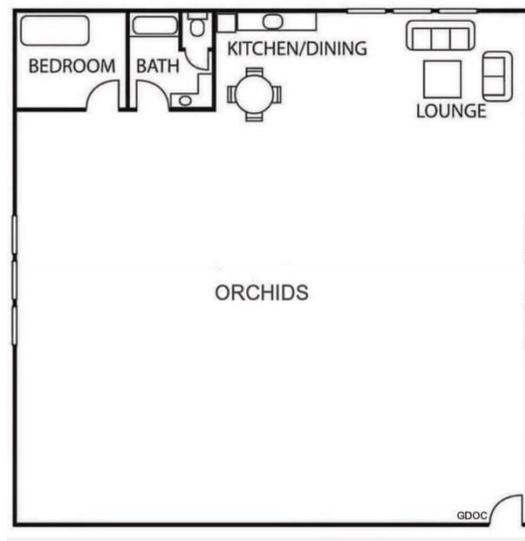
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Minutes of Nov Meeting

We had our final 2021 meeting and it was in person. Wayne Roberts was our speaker where he discussed Cypripediums. Meeting details below



Upcoming Business

We are still navigating the confusing world of reopening meetings amid covid. Please bear with us as things may change month to month. Here is our tentative meeting itinerary for 2022

January 10: In-Person

February 14: In-Person

March 14: In-Person

April 11: Virtual

Our 2022 meetings will have a combination of in person and Zoom meetings. A detailed meeting schedule is on our website and on the next page

Next Meeting (In-Person)

The next meeting of the GAOS will be Monday, Jan 10, 2022. Doors open 6:45 pm, and meeting starts 7:15 pm. Portage Lakes Kiwanis Center, 725 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron, Ohio 44319

Program: **Caring for Oncidiums**

Speaker: Edgar Stehli

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

Website: www.thegaos.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/theGAOS

Email: greaterakronorchidsociety@gmail.com

Letter from the Editor

By Brandon Spannbauer



Greetings!

We are partnering up with nearby societies to promote our online Zoom meetings to members for those interested in checking them out and their interesting speakers. Details on future free online meetings will be periodically emailed out to you with instructions on how you can join and participate if you wish.

Greater Cleveland Orchid Society

www.facebook.com/GreaterClevelandOrchidSociety/

www.gcos.org

West Shore Orchid Society

www.facebook.com/WestShoreOrchidSociety/

westshoreorchidsociety.org/

Meeting Schedule

GAOS meets the second Monday of each month (except December) Beginner's Corner starts at 6:45pm and the meeting at 7:15pm, 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

Jan 10 (In-Person) Caring for Oncidium - Edgar Stehli

Feb 14 (In-Person) Preparing for the Show - Barb Ford & Dave Miller

Mar 14 (In-Person) Orchids 101 – New Member Q&A

Apr 11 (Virtual) Demystifying Sphagnum Moss
Carri Raven-Reiman



Photo of the Month: Phalaenopsis GW Green World
(Phal. Tying Shin Wonder × Phal. Haur Jin Princess)

This grex bred and then registered by Yaphon Orchids in 2017.
Photo © Primahati Riana Rosy

Greetings GAOS members

In 2022, we will be having both In-Person and virtual meetings. A detailed itinerary is explained in our Calendar as to whether the meeting is in person or online. We want to make people feel comfortable coming and participating in in-person meetings so here are a few details:

- Masks will be recommended but not required
- Please social distance if possible

Meeting Location:

Doors open 6:45pm, meetings start at 7:15pm
Portage Lakes Kiwanis Center, 725 Portage Lakes Dr.,
Akron, Ohio 44319

- 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 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

- If there are changes to future meetings you will be notified via email, if you haven't been getting any GAOS emails please send your email address to be added to the list

We hope that everyone has been staying healthy and look forward to getting together. Please feel free to email any questions or to be added to the email list to: greaterakronorchidsociety@gmail.com

Thanks,

Brandon Spannbauer, Editor

2022 GAOS Dues

2022 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 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
830 Zeletta Dr.
New Franklin, OH 44319



GAOS November 2021 Meeting Notes

By Pam Everett

GAOS conducted its November 8 meeting at the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Center. Prior to the start of the meeting, members were able to pick up their annual free orchids.

Barb Ford was the host this month and called the meeting to order at 7:00. She introduced one guest, Cheryl Bradley.

During the business portion of the meeting, Barb introduced the full slate of 2022 officer candidates, after which all were elected:

President	Jane Bush
Vice President	Craig Miller
Treasurer	Claudia Englert
Secretary	Pam Everett
Newsletter Editor	Brandon Spannauer

Barb Ford nominated herself for Trustee and was also elected.

In other business, dues for 2022 will remain at \$25 for an individual or family membership; and as was the case this year, only one orchid per membership will be offered next year. Darlene Thompson, who was not able to be present, submitted the calendar for next year. It will be a combination of live and zoom meetings, and speakers have already been contacted. Brandon agreed to send members an email containing the schedule.

The GAOS Orchid Show for 2022 will be held Saturday, March 5 and Sunday, March 6 at Dayton Nursery. Setup will be Friday, March 4 and volunteers are urgently needed for setup on Friday and teardown on Sunday.

Because there is still much to plan for the show. GAOS will meet in person in January and February. It will also meet in person in March, as it is the meeting where individuals who join at the show will be invited to attend and will be introduced.

Claudia Englert agreed to handle publicity for the show and Mary Bell agreed to manage hospitality for the show. Because of Covid considerations, planning for food preparation and service is critical. And with still much to do, Barb Ford will host a meeting of the Show committee at her house in December, date and time still to be determined. Jim Bell covered several items regarding the show and passed around the trophy sheet for members to sign. Sponsorship will again be \$20 for a full sponsorship and \$10 for a shared sponsorship. Brandon passed out copies of the 2019 Show program and advertising contract sheets for the 2022 show.

Following the conclusion of the business meeting, members who brought their orchids talked about them. Next, Wayne Roberts of Roberts Flower Supply presented his talk on Cypripediums. It is noteworthy that many cypripediums are native to Ohio, and Wayne has spent many years studying and growing them on his property. He also noted that Cypripediums are native throughout North America as well as Europe and Japan. His presentation also included photos and discussion on a wide variety of Cypripediums.

The meeting concluded at 8:30.

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2022 GAOS Program Calendar

- Jan 10 In-person – Edgar Stehli – Caring for Oncidium
- Feb 14 In-person – Preparing for the Show – TBD (Barb Ford and Dave Miller)
- Staking spikes, selecting plants for the show
 - Cleaning plants and creating labels
- Mar 14 In-person – Orchids 101 – Panel Discussion/New member meet and greet
- Orchid Tabletop Conversations
- Apr 11 Virtual – Demystifying Sphagnum Moss – Carri Raven-Rieman
- May 9 In-person – Repotting Clinic (will need 3-4 volunteers to demo)
1st Member Plant Auction
- Jun 13 Virtual – Orchids of Columbia – David Haelterman
- Jul 11 In-person - Summer Picnic
- Aug 8 Virtual – Orchids of Borneo – Charles Wilson
- Sep 12 In-person – Preparing for Fall/Winter (Speaker Needed) – Panel Discussions
2nd Member Plant Auction
- Oct 10 Virtual – Clark Riley – 60 Years of Orchid Growing Mistakes
- Nov 14 In-person - Holiday banquet / Elections
- Dec 12 No meeting



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Judges Viewpoint

By Dave Miller, Great Lakes Judging Center

Issue #11

Growing Tolumnias at Home

Yep, that's right. Today we are going to talk about those cute little Oncidiums known as Tolumnias or more appropriately as Equitant orchids. There are more than just Tolumnias in this group. For the most part, you find Tolumnia (its own genera) and Rodrumnia (Tolumnia x Rodriguezia) as the predominant equitants. There are others but I don't have space today.

I talk to home growers and experienced orchidists alike that complain about how to keep these guys alive. Let's take a look at where they grow first and then our answers will reveal themselves.

Where Are They From?

Equitant orchids were first known as Equitant Oncidiums. They do look like their larger cousins, the Dancing Lady orchids.



This group of small orchids are so named due to their leaf structure which shows the base of each lower leaf overlapping the leaf-base above it, straddling or saddle style, hence the name is derived from the greek word for horse which is "equus".

Enough botany for now. This subset of orchids are comprised predominately of complex hybrids giving us better form and lots of colors. There are a handful of hybrids around but most are not readily available.

In actuality, most of these interesting hybrids are come from only six of the species. The reason, for one, is that Equitant species are either very finicky about culture due to their very localized natural habitat or they carry weird chromosome counts and will not breed with much.

Equitant Oncidiums grow only around the Caribbean basin including countries like Cuba, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Jamaica, and the Virgin Islands. I think you get the picture here. These guys like wind, heat, and lots of rain. Most of the species do not grow in the same country (habitat). That's why we have mostly complex hybrids because the hybrids breed out the habitat finickiness (hah, knew I could work that in) and make more habitat tolerance a possibility.



About the Equitants

They will be available to you as mounted or generally in small 1" clay pots or net pots. Either way, they want water and then dry out. Potted this way, there is no way for them not to dry out, quickly, and thus is our problem to grow them successfully.



Growing Equitants

For most of us, humidity control is the most difficult part of this process. It is easier to grow these in a greenhouse/outdoor situation since daily or nearly that is much easier to do. Because the root mass of these plants is so minimal, they automatically dry quickly which is how they grow in nature. Rain then winds, dry them fast.

At home, it is much more difficult to maintain this cycle. I use terrariums to grow them because I can keep the humidity above 60% by misting twice per week. Not everyone has one though and life becomes more difficult. They have fine roots and die quickly if not watered soon.

I use a double-pot method or close to that and it works quite well. I like to wrap the pot with coconut fiber which I take from plant liners. Wrapping the fiber around the existing pot or root mass then placing in a slightly larger pot, emphasizing slightly to be just enough to put the whole thing in the pot. I like coco fiber because it retains a little more moisture but then dries, just as these guys want.

As soon as I get a new plant, it goes to the potting area for repotting. Here are a couple photos of how I repotted three new plants. Little clay pot or net pot or mount, I place in the new pot after wrapping with fiber. Sometimes they slip right out of the old pot but in many cases they are rooted to or out of the existing pot so pot up including the old pot. It doesn't seem to matter a lot whether I pot up a clay pot into plastic or clay as either will work. The coco provides a buffer for extra moisture but also space for air circulation. I have been doing it this way for a number of years and it still works quite well. Even mounts I place in a pot after wrapping the mount and roots in coco. Here is a gallery of related pics.





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 at the meetings, our website or please email for a printable copy.

akronorchidsociety@gmail.com
www.thegaos.com

All ads are due by Feb 14, 2022 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 2022 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!



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

2022 Show Ad Contract

It's official, we are going ahead with plans for our 2022 Spring Show! With taking a year off, we'd like to get a head start with our show planning and prep. One of the most important things to get squared away are securing advertisers for our show.

Our spring show will take place on March 5-6, 2022. 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 secure 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 November 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.

All ads are due by Feb 14, 2022 at the meeting, or mailed to Brandon (address on the ad)

Please let me know if you 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 20th Annual Spring Orchid Show to be held at our new location, Dayton Nursery: 3459 S Cleveland Massillon Rd, Norton, OH 44203, on March 5-6, 2022. 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. 14, 2022)

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:	Business Card (\$25)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>Approx. Dimensions</u>
	Half Page (\$50)	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.5 x 2 in.
	Corporate Sponsor (\$100)	<input type="checkbox"/>	5.5 x 4.25 in.
		<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, Brandon Spannbauer braxtonds@gmail.com
Business card and/or Art to: 2081 Thornhill Dr. (330) 285-3798
Akron, OH 44313

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GAOS COPY (Due Feb. 14, 2022)

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, Brandon Spannbauer braxtonds@gmail.com
Business card and/or Art to: 2081 Thornhill Dr. (330) 285-3798
Akron, OH 44313

World's Oldest Orchid?

By Feng Zengkun



An orchid plant in the Singapore Botanic Gardens could well be the largest and oldest in the world, staff at the newly minted Unesco World Heritage Site have discovered.

The tiger orchid is about 5m in diameter and has been growing in the same spot at the intersection of two paths, near the Curtain of Roots Walk, in the Gardens for the past 154 years. Going by research by the Gardens' staff, no other orchid has been found anywhere else which is as old or as large.

The Gardens' director, Dr Nigel Taylor, uncovered the plant's astonishing history when he dug into archival material for the site's Unesco bid. "In a guide produced for the Gardens in 1927... I came across a reference to a tiger orchid planted by Lawrence Niven in 1861," he said.

Niven was hired as the Gardens' manager in 1860, a year after the Agri-Horticultural Society bought a plot of land to set up the green oasis.

He spent 15 years developing the Gardens and was responsible for laying out its curving roads and paths, creating the band parade area and excavating the Swan Lake.

Dr Taylor said that while the 1927 reference by itself could be questioned, photographs from the 19th and 20th centuries showed the orchid growing larger in the same place specified in the guide.

"I also checked with people like Dr Tan Wee Kiat, who was the Gardens' director in the late 1980s, and he told me the orchid was always growing at that spot. It must also be very old, just by its sheer size," he added.

Dr Taylor said another large tiger orchid growing on one of the Gardens' heritage trees is believed to be its daughter.

Tiger orchids, which are native to Singapore, were believed to have become extinct here due to habitat loss. In 1999, the Botanic Gardens reintroduced the plant to the island using specimens from Malaysia.

Dr Taylor said the Gardens' molecular laboratory will run tests to determine whether the two on its grounds are genetically different from the others in Singapore. "That would lend scientific support to the historical research," he said.

He added: "Given that Singapore and the Botanic Gardens are synonymous with orchids, the fact that we have the oldest living specimen is very special."

Photo Gallery

Displays

Nov 2021



Phal Kenneth Schubert x violacea
Chester Kieliszek



Paph Oriental Aura
Chester Kieliszek



Lc Love Knot x Blue Rose
Chester Kieliszek



L sanguiloba x tenebrosa
Chester Kieliszek



Phaiocalanthe Kryptonite
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Den Fairy Moon
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Zygo Advance Australia
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