

Greater Akron Orchid Society

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Previous Meeting Minutes

In our November meeting we had our holiday potluck banquet, elected officers, received our holiday plants and told orchid stories

Our spring show is March 2-3, 2024. We need help setting for the show and getting advertisers for the show booklet. More info to come

Meeting summary below (Page 4):



Announcements

In 2024, we will continue our hybrid meetings (both In-Person & Zoom). 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, Jan 8, 2024

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

Topic

Program: **Picking the Right Orchid**
Speaker: **Dave Miller**

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

Jan 8	Picking the Right Orchid – Dave Miller
Feb 12	Getting Your Orchids Ready for the Show
Mar 13	How to Grow Orchids / Welcome to New Members
Apr 8	How to Grow Slipper Orchids – Darlene Thompson



Photo of the Month: Cymbidium Rotorua 'Rose' (Ngairé x Volcano) This grex bred and then registered by Valley Orchids in 1982.

Grown and photographed by [3 Amigos Orchids](#)

2024 Meeting Info

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

January 8 Meeting Info

Welcome to our first meeting of 2024. Dave Miller will be our speaker and will be discussing 'Picking the Right Orchid.' We will also be going through all of the info for the upcoming GAOS Spring show, March 2-3.

Dave will also be bringing plants from own personal collection for sale, prices ranging from \$5 - \$50. Bring cash if interested, thanks.

Topic

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Speaker: **Dave Miller**

Zoom Meeting Details

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

Time: Jan 8, 2024 06:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87571473415?pwd=V0svait2VGM1a3hSSzBZN1BkSTlXQT09>

Zoom Show Meeting on Jan. 15: All are welcome to attend

Time: Jan 15, 2024 07:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85228339026?pwd=d3ZPTmY5SXRzS1FtTm5sNnhmTjY2UT09>

GAOS November Meeting Notes

By Pam Everett

GAOS held its regularly scheduled meeting Monday, November 13. We had our holiday banquet, show table, passed out our holiday plants to members and elected officers for 2024.

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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



Greater Akron Orchid Society



2024 GAOS Program Calendar

- Jan 8 "Picking the Right Orchid" – Dave Miller
- Feb 12 Getting Your Orchids Ready for the Show
- Mar 13 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 18 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 Show Ad Contract

It's official, we are getting ready for our 2024 Spring Show! 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 2-3, 2024. 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 and is available on our website for download: <https://thegaos.com/2024-show-info>

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.

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

Thanks,

Brandon Spannbauer greaterakronorchidsociety@gmail.com

Sample Contract:

Greater Akron Orchid Society Advertising Contract

The Greater Akron Orchid Society is pleased to announce its 22nd annual Spring Orchid Show to be held at Dayton Nursery: 3459 S Cleveland Massillon Rd, Norton, OH 44203, on March 2-3, 2024. 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. 12, 2024)

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)	_____	Approx. Dimensions
	Half Page (\$50)	_____	3.5 x 2 in.
	Corporate Sponsor (\$100)	_____	5.5 x 4.25 in.
		_____	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: greaterakronorchidsociety@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 greaterakronorchidsociety@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. 12, 2024)

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: greaterakronorchidsociety@gmail.com

Notes: _____

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

Please send GAOS COPY with payment, Brandon Spannbauer greaterakronorchidsociety@gmail.com
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Akron, OH 44313

Stubborn Orchids

By Brandon Spannbauer

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



Cynoches Mass Confusion (Cyc. chlorochilon x Cyc. warscewiczii)

This was the holiday plant that I received at our November meeting. The blooms are rather large and smell faintly of cinnamon and soap, it's a little odd. I have cut back watering it in hopes that it goes in to dormancy for a few months before spring.



(L. Tropical Sunrise '22 Orange' x Bl. Richard Mueller '4N') / L. anceps

L. Tropical Sunrise '22 Orange' x Bl. Richard Mueller '4N'

This is first bloom seedling from SVO. Richard Mueller crosses is one group that I like to collect because I like that it adds a compact, fast growth habit and free blooming to its offspring. These are nicely shaped, small flowers but have been open 7 weeks so far!

L. anceps

I've bought this species orchid 7 years ago from Orchid Trail in North Carolina. It was a rather large blooming size when I got it but it took me this long to give it the right care it needed to rebloom. I've found that anceps have really sticky blooms that have a hard time to open on their own. I spray the buds with a spray bottle of water everyday as they open and this has solved the problem.

If you have any stubborn orchids that bloom in-between meetings, send me 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. Registration info will follow

<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.

greaterakronorchidsociety@gmail.com
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

Fourteen species of the genus *Epidendrum*, recently collected in the Área de Conservación Privada, Peru, five of them new to science. Our results show the need to continue conducting botanical exploration in the ACPPB as a baseline for subsequent studies, including a full inventory of the orchid diversity. – Novataxa 2023



Upcoming Shows

Greater Cleveland Orchid Society

February 3-4 at Cleveland Botanical Gardens
11030 East Blvd, Cleveland, OH 44106

<https://www.facebook.com/GreaterClevelandOrchidSociety>
<http://www.gcos.org/>

Greater Akron Orchid Society

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

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>

Catasetum Growing Tips

By Fred Clark, SVO

(December) Now that winter has really set in, your *Catasetums* and *Cycnoches* will have matured their growths and for the most part finished flowering, there are always a few late bloomers that should be on their way to dormancy soon. *Mormodes* will be finishing up their bloom season, and now it's time for many of the *Clowesia* hybrids to flower. The onset of dormancy is caused by several factors: the maturity of the pseudobulb, shortening day length, cooler day/night temperatures and a reduction of root zone moisture. The yellowing and dropping of leaves signal the beginning of dormancy. By now you should have stopped fertilizing and cut back on watering frequency, simulating the end of the wet season in nature. This change in culture will cause the pseudobulbs to harden off in preparation for the upcoming months of dormancy. When most leaves are yellow/brown and have fallen off, cease watering altogether. This marks the start of the dormant period.

Those of you in Florida and the southern states will have dormant plants now, and it's possible that some of you may start to see the first beginnings of new growth.



These six plants illustrate the progression of Catasetinae into dormancy, from left to right: 1) leaf tip yellowing, 2) leaf yellowing, browning and abscission, 3) more yellow leaves, tip die back and leaf drop, 4) obvious missing leaves at base, 5) two leaves remaining, 6) leafless plant.

Some Catasetums, Cycnoches, Clowesia and most Mormodes begin their flowering season at the end of the growing season, coinciding with the changing environmental conditions, and the onset of leaf yellowing and in dormancy. In these cases, it is natural for the flower inflorescences and blooms to begin while you are reducing irrigation frequency. Some plants don't even start to develop inflorescence until well after all water is stopped and the plant is totally leafless!

The gradual backing off of watering frequency and an increasing longer dry interval is accepted by the plants without complaint, of course there is the exception. If your plant pseudobulb shows signs of shriveling during late season usually one or two watering's will quickly plump it back up.



Not all plants lose all of their green leaves when dormant, and it's not uncommon for some to hold a few leaves well past the point when irrigation has stopped.

By late December, it's important to get your *Catasetinae* into the dormant stage and provide them with an adequate rest period so that they will "wake up" early in the spring to a long growing season that will help them to develop big bulbs and lots of flowers!

The onset of dormancy generally occurs naturally; however, when plants are cultivated in consistently warm growing areas, such as in the home or under lights, dormancy sometimes needs to be encouraged.

I have found that managing irrigation is one of the best tools to trigger dormancy. If you still have plants in December with a full complement of green leaves, it's time take a more aggressive approach. Allow the media to become dry, regardless of the number of green leaves. Let the media stay dry for 5-6 days then water sparingly, about one or two ounces of water. The water may flow right through the media, and that's okay. Then let media to dry and wait 8-9 days before following the same stingy irrigation procedure. Repeat this process, increasing the dry interval between waterings. This will trigger dormancy in plants that are resisting the transition.

It is best to keep the plants in nearly the same light levels as in the growing season: target 2000-2500 foot candles. When the plants are cultivated in the home or under lights do your best to give at least a 10-15 degree day night differential.

If you're growing under lights, you do need to adjust the day length throughout the year, as all *Catasetinae* experience seasonal changes in the daylight hours per day. This adjustment is important for all your orchids.

Light level management Indoors

Growing under lights for optimal results:

April – October: day length should be set at 15 hrs.

November: reduce light schedule hour to = 14 hrs.

December: reduce one more hour = 13 hrs.

January: and reduce one more hour = 12 hrs.

February: add one hour = 13 hrs.

March: add one more hour = 14 hrs.

April – October: back to a day length schedule of 15 hrs.

If you've had challenges overwintering your *Catasetinae* plants, due to excessive dehydration, perhaps caused by long periods of low humidity. Here is a solution being used successfully by some ingenious growers in locations with low winter humidity.



Set the pot in a jar with water, making a loose-fitting seal with the rim of the jar. The water should not touch the bottom of the pot, for best results it should be 2-3" away. The water reservoir will maintain high humidity around the roots, while the plant remains dry during dormancy. This innovative technique produces great results! We have had lots of positive feedback from growers using this method.

Photo Gallery

Show Table

Nov 2023





