

# Greater Akron Orchid Society

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## **Minutes of June 2016 Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by Dave Miller who explained about the plant auction and invited all to line up for the Pot Luck Picnic. After everyone had finished eating, the orchids on the show table were introduced. After the show table, Dave Miller conducted a brief meeting. We finished up with our Silent Member Auction which was a great success. Many plants were rehomed and traded. Thanks everyone for your excellent pot luck dishes and wonderful plants for the auction!

There will be another pot luck dinner and silent auction in October if you have any plants or orchid related items you'd like to bring in.

## **General Business**

It was announced that Jim Crook, one of our active members, had passed away unexpectedly. The society will send flowers. Anyone wishing for details on where to send flowers, if you wish, please contact Dave Miller.

## **New Business**

A New Member Contest has been announced. The member that brings in the most new members will receive a fabulous orchid bundle prize! Contact Frank with your new member name so they can be added to your count.

**Help Wanted:** Jim Bell is resigning as the chairman of the Show. We also need someone who is willing to order the orchids for our holiday party and we need a librarian and a hospitality coordinator.

If anyone is interested in any of these positions or would like more info, please contact Dave.

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the GAOS will be Monday, July 11, 2016 at 6:45 pm at the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Center, 725 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron, Ohio 44319.

Program: **Picking the Right Orchid**

Speaker: **Allen Lund**, West Shore Orchid Society

This is a problem that confronts many orchid growers, even the most experienced. Allan is a longtime member of West Shore Orchid Society and is also a member of the Greater Cleveland Orchid Society. He is a familiar face as he also attends many of our Greater Akron meetings. There will be plant sales by Windswept in Time Orchids.

**Website:** [www.thegaos.com](http://www.thegaos.com)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/theGAOS](http://www.facebook.com/theGAOS)

## From the Editor

We are now on Facebook! Get all our up to date info and pics. You can find us at [www.facebook.com/theGAOS](http://www.facebook.com/theGAOS). Also, please feel free to send me any articles or photos you would like to be included in future newsletters to:

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Thanks,  
Brandon Spannbauer



## 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.**

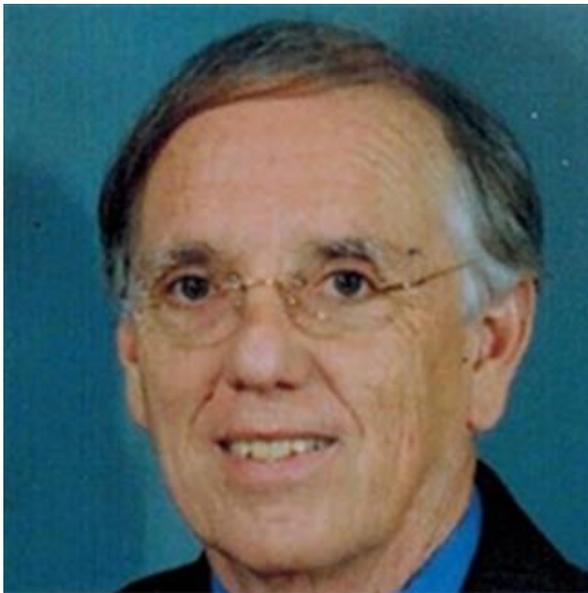
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| July 11: | Choosing the Right Orchid<br>Allen Lund, West Shore Orchid Society (plant sale) |
| Aug 11:  | Jewel Orchids<br>Leon Glicenstein (plant sale)                                  |
| Sept 12: | Topic TBD<br>Jane Bush (plant sale)   |
| Oct 10:  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Member Auction  |
| Nov 14:  | Holiday Banquet and Elections   |
| Dec 12:  | No Meeting  |

## Notice to All Members

The 2016 GAOS Membership List is about to be published. It will include all member's names, addresses and phone number. Anyone who does not want any of their information published should contact Dave Miller no later than the end of the meeting on July 11, 2016. Dave can be contacted at the meeting, by phone at [330-307-7189](tel:330-307-7189) or by email at [gaos@thegaos.com](mailto:gaos@thegaos.com). The list will be distributed with the August newsletter.

Dave Miller, President GAOS.

## Farewell To Our Friend Jim



It doesn't seem that long ago that Jim and Carol Crook were new members to the society. It did not take long for them to dig in, make new friends and contribute their personalities and effort to various activities. Although they traveled extensively they continued to show up at meetings when possible.

With great sadness, on June 12 Jim unfortunately lost his fight against illness and has gone on to greater places. Several of us attended the calling hours and got a chance to talk with Carol for quite a long time. The society sent this peace lily.

We will miss our friend Jim.



## Monthly Checklist for July and August

By AOS (Abbrev. to fit)

### CATTLEYA

Cattleyas this month require careful attention to their watering and fertilizing needs due to high temperatures. Evaporative cooling is a great way to cool down plants. Increased air flow lessens humidity and dries plants out more quickly, necessitating more frequent misting and watering. Higher light and heat indicate more fertilizer. The growths your plants are making now are the source of this autumn, winter and spring's blooms, so applying adequate fertilizer this month is the best way to ensure future blooms. Higher temperatures and humidity may also lead to fungal or bacterial rot problems, so it is important to closely observe your plants for any early indication of problems as well as pests.

### PAPHIOPEDILUM

Cooling and air circulation are especially critical in these two months to prevent stress and avoid disease problems. Watering needs to be closely monitored to ensure that plants do not dry out. Warmer-growing hybrids will be at the peak of their blooming, with attention needing to be paid to staking of spikes. Look for water lodging in growths, which can rot emerging spikes and lead to the loss of the entire growth.

### PHALAENOPSIS

Most, if not all, potting should be complete by now. This month and next are when these plants achieve their maximum growth. This growth will be that from which they set their spikes for the coming season. The more leaves the plants grow, the better potential for spiking will be realized. A cooling period after all the heat will induce spikes. Lots of heat and light call for liberal applications of water and fertilizer.

### CYMBIDIUM

Summer can be the most rewarding season for cymbidiums. Growth should be coming strong now. The leaves of the new growths are best when they are broad and fairly stiff. The color should be a light green to nearly yellow. Early flowering varieties should be showing flower spikes, so move the plants into a cooler area with lower light. For mid-season varieties, lower the dosage of nitrogen to assist in spike initiation.

### HIGH-ELEVATION PLANTS

For cooler-growing plants, such as masdevallias, other pleurothallids and the like, the next few months will be a challenge. During the hottest times, keep your plants more shaded and be sure to keep the humidity level much higher. Do not let plants dry out. Delay any potting until the weather cools.

### ONCIDIUM INTERGENERIC

Many of the intergeneric crosses between odontoglossums and oncidiums, such as *Odontocidium*, *Wilsonara* and *Colmanara*, will be blooming now. Take special care to train the spikes for best floral display. Keep plants under fairly shady conditions. Watch for snails and slugs.

### VANDACEOUS

Plants will be growing quickly now and really enjoying the hot humid days so similar to their native habitat. Watch for pests though, as many of these also enjoy the same conditions as the plants. Check flower spikes so that they can extend unimpeded for the best flower presentation later.

## 6 Reasons to Join the American Orchid Society

By Cheryl Paul

I've learned so much from my membership in GAOS with its consistently great speakers and the many opportunities to network with more experienced members! As a newbie, I still had (and have!) a thousand questions. In May 2015, I joined the American Orchid Society and it's been one of the most valuable additions to my orchid-growing toolbox. If you haven't already, I strongly recommend you join!

### 1. The American Orchid Society sets the standard!

Ever wonder why a particular orchid is exceptional? AOS strives for continual quality improvement in orchid culture. Attend an AOS sanctioned show to see examples of excellence and understand why a particular plant deserves recognition. Judges are held to exacting standards to award only the best. Growers are tasked with providing the healthiest, most disease-free plants; hybridizers are challenged to create breathtaking new shapes, sizes, colors, and patterns; and orchid lovers (hobbyists and professionals alike) are encouraged to compete with their best plants for a coveted ribbon. This constant striving benefits all of us.



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### 2. Learn from the pros!

On the AOS website, there are culture sheets for dozens of species. Light, water, humidity, fertilizing, repotting – no need to guess what works. Battling pests? Coaxing a reluctant bloomer? There are hours of webinars on a myriad of helpful topics. Participate in “members only” webinars where your questions are answered by experts. Purchase books from their on-line store.

### 3. Enjoy a beautiful full-color magazine!

Each issue provides information on culture for selected species and knock-your-socks-off photos. Pictures of recently awarded plants are presented in each issue. Beginners will appreciate the “For the Novice” articles. A monthly series explains the tasks needed to be done each month.

### 4. Expand your resources!

Membership in your local orchid society provides you with information about resources in your community. Membership in AOS connects orchid lovers to resources around the world! Learn about new techniques and products. Read about what other orchid societies are doing. Be the first to know when and where orchid shows are being held.

### 5. Support research and conservation efforts!

Orchid conservation and preservation of native habitats is some of the work being done by AOS to save many rare plants from extinction. Membership in AOS sponsors many projects across the globe.

### 6. It's a bargain!

Membership costs less than one plant. – especially the cost of replacing a plant lost to a lack of skill or knowledge. Give yourself every advantage by putting the AOS on your side.

# The Photo Gallery

Member exhibits from the June 2016 meeting  
(No plant owner names this month, apologies)



Phal. CX Happy Girl



C. Tropical Pointer



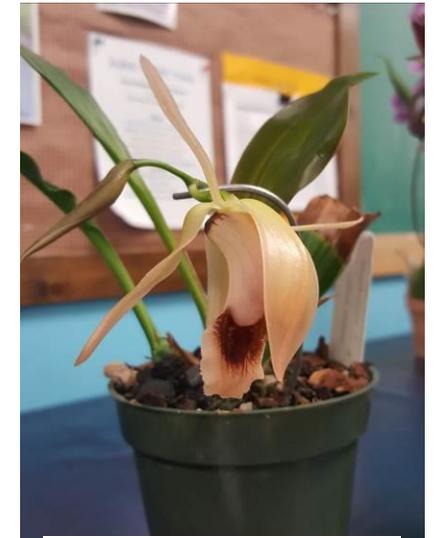
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Asco. christensoniana



Laelia tenebrosa



Coel. xyrekes

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NoID Phal



Lycastes aromatica



Laelia purpurata



Asc. Christensonianum  
Edgar Stehli



NoID Miltonia / hybrid



C. dominiana

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*Ponerorchis graminifolia*



B. Little Stars 'Yasuji Takasaki'



*C. gaskelliana*



Ctsm. Bela Vista Sangria x  
Chuck Taylor



Paph. (Black Cherry x Shadow Master) x  
(sukakhulii x Night Arrow)



Auction Table