

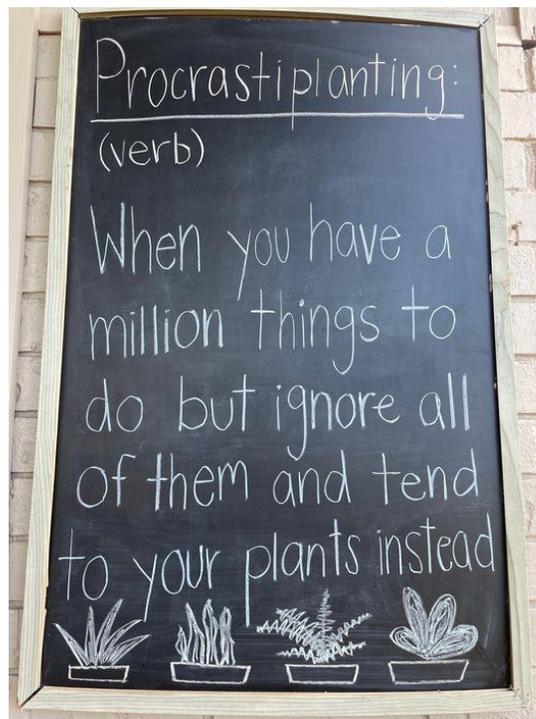
# Greater Akron Orchid Society

An Affiliate of the American Orchid Society & the Mid-American Orchid Congress

## July 2022

### Minutes of June Meeting

Our June meeting was virtual with David Haelterman who gave a very interesting and informative presentation on the "Orchids of Columbia"



### 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

July 11: In-Person  
Aug 8: Virtual  
Sept 12: In-Person  
Oct 10: Virtual

Our 2022 meetings will have a combination of in person and Zoom meetings. Detailed meeting schedule below

### Next Meeting (In-Person)

The next meeting of the GAOS will be Monday, July 11, 2022. Doors open 6:45 pm, and meeting starts 7:00 pm. Portage Lakes Kiwanis Center, 725 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron, Ohio 44319

Program: **Summer Picnic**  
Speaker:

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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.  
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## Letter from the Editor



Greetings GAOS,

In the March 2022 meeting, Officers discussed their roles and duties in the society. One of my main jobs is to write these monthly newsletters. I love showcasing our members' orchids and interesting articles I find around the internet to you all. Sometimes it's hard to come up with new and exciting things to include. Therefore, if any of you find an interesting article, want to share pictures of your plants or how you grow at home, or just have a question you'd like answered here in the newsletter: please feel free to email it to me. I'd love the feedback on how to improve these newsletters with information that you're interested in.

Thanks,

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## 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**

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| July 11 | <b>(In-Person)</b> Summer Picnic                                       |
| Aug 8   | <b>(Virtual)</b> Orchids of Borneo – Charles Wilson                    |
| Sept 12 | <b>(In-Person)</b> Orchid Panel / 2 <sup>nd</sup> Member Plant Auction |
| Oct 10  | <b>(Virtual)</b> 60 Years of Orchid Growing Mistakes / Clark Riley     |



**Photo of the Month:** Paphiopedilum Norito Hasegawa 'Yoko's Smile' AM and CCM. Grown by Masahiro Saito. 8 blooms and a bud. All Japan Orchid Society show 2022.

Photo: 清水 柁孝

## 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 7:00pm  
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](mailto:greaterakronorchidsociety@gmail.com)

Thanks,

Brandon Spannbauer, Editor

## July Summer Picnic Meeting Details

July 11 we will have our annual Summer Picnic. Please feel free to bring a dish to share. We will provide a honey baked ham and drinks:

### Agenda:

6:30 Doors will open for those who want to help set up early  
7:00 Jane will open the meeting  
7:15 Picnic

All members are invited to bring a covered dish or desert of their choice.

The Society will provide the main dish. This year it will be Honey Baked style ham.

Don't forget to bring serving utensils with your dish.

We will also bring the supply of soft drinks and water usually provided at the meetings.

Members feel free to bring a soft drink of their choice  
Paper plates, disposable utensils and napkins will be provided by the society.

7:45 Show table

There will be no formal presentation for this meeting but feel free to bring any plants for informal discussion and the show table.

## Monthly Checklist for July & August

By AOS

### Cattleya

Cattleyas this month require careful attention to their watering and fertilizing needs owing to characteristically high temperatures. Evaporative cooling is a must in areas of the country where it is effective. Where it is not (the more humid regions), care needs to be paid to proper venting to keep temperatures within reason. Bottom vents in conjunction with top vents provide enough rising airflow to help keep plants cool. Increased air flow lessens humidity and dries plants out more quickly, necessitating more frequent damping down and watering, in areas where high humidity is not a problem. 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. Pests are also at a high point this month for the same reason.

### 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. Growers in cooler areas such as the Pacific coast have the advantage this month, should they choose, of cooling for early season 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.



Beallara Diana Dunn 'Newberry' is a good example of the colorful patterns that *Oncidium* intergeneric hybrids offer.

## EXPLORING PHALAENOPSIS

A webinar presented by Great Lakes Judging Center

Five speakers including keynote presenter Norman Fang, Norman's Orchids on

"New Color Forms of Phalaenopsis Species"

Saturday June 18, 2022 10:00 to 12:00 EDT

Live AOS Judging in Howell, Michigan Sat. 1 PM EDT

Sunday June 19, 2022 12:00 to 3:00 EDT

For more information contact:

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Roberts' Flower Supply

Closing Sale

Although I will not be having a formal open house this spring, we will be here with a closing sale. **We are asking you call ahead.**

We are limited on the number of customers we can handle at a time.

We will be discounting items we have a lot of.

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**440 236-5571 e-mail [rfs@orchidmix.com](mailto:rfs@orchidmix.com)**

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.



The Philippine species, Euanthe sanderiana, rewards growers with massive heads of flowers at the end of summer.

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.

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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)  
1<sup>st</sup> 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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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## Orchid Treasures

By Edgar Stehli

We all love orchids! Who doesn't check out the sales table for something new and exciting to add to or replace in the collection? Everyone has their favorite orchid, and that's great! However, there are some overlooked treasures in the orchid world. These treasures often surround us at meetings and shows, but seldom do we take the time to appreciate them for the beauty they are.

I am speaking of the people in the orchid world. From the new member looking to further their knowledge of the orchid family to the long time very knowledgeable member. We often take our members for granted. We overlook, or perhaps are ignorant of all the time, energy, and often money these orchid gems invest in our society.

I have been to board meetings where discussions about the future direction of the society is determined. Meetings to choose food items for the various events, meetings to pick speakers for the society lectures...meetings about all the little things that keep the society functioning. I have been to show committee meetings where all the little details of putting on a show are covered. Judging meetings where a select group of volunteers gather to examine someone's special flowers.

Too often we take these orchid gems for granted. Some of these gems stand out in the limelight, while others tend to keep to the shadows. But they are all there whether we see them or not. They are the officers past and present, the members who help put on the show, the members who have taken the time to become AOS judges, as well as the rare gem that just does what is needed without being asked.

Orchid Gems, Orchid Treasurers, call them what you will, they should not be taken for granted. Please take a little time to tell them you appreciate what they do for the orchid world. Sometimes all a person needs is a pat on the back for a job well done in order to keep going. I wish I could personally thank everyone who has helped me with my orchid obsession. While I can't do that here, I would like to thank all the officers past and present, all the Judges and clerks past and present, as well as all the behind the scenes volunteers who keep things going. I would also like to thank Dave Miller, Darlene Thompson, and Chester Kieliszek who helped me with the last Windswept in Time Orchids open house. Help getting plants repotted, benches cleaned up, and helping customers pick out plants that could become part of their collection.

Thank you all! You are all orchid gems I treasure.

## Facebook Finds

Cymbidium Goeringii is a highly sought-after species in the East with many rare color forms and variegation. This plant was shared online for a Korean grower.

Translated from Korean:

Red Rose (Korean name) Korean Wild Cymbidium Goeringii Machine  
It's very beautiful.

Red and white are extremely rare.

Korea considers the textbook as a copy board. It's a culture that seeks only natural mountains.

So this is how you get treated like a natural diamond of the highest level. In Korea, hybridization is considered a copy board. I only pursue natural products.



## Facebook Finds

*Pterostylis* sp 'early' (as yet unnamed bird Orchid). mid-June 2022, Great Southern Region Western Australia. – Terry Dunham



# Photo Gallery

Displays

June 2022



Lc Canhamania coerulea  
Frank & Bernie Skalak



Onc Sharry Baby  
Frank & Bernie Skalak



Onc Sharry Baby  
Frank & Bernie Skalak



Bleilla striata  
Frank & Bernie Skalak



NoID Phalaenopsis  
Craig Miller



Promenaea Winelight  
Dave Miller



Coelogyne Amber  
Craig Miller