

# Greater Akron Orchid Society

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## Previous Meeting Minutes

In our June meeting, we were presented 'How to Grow Miniatures' with Olga Shostachuk

Meeting summary below (Page 4):

**Procrastiplanting:  
When you have  
millions of things  
to do but go to  
the garden to  
plant instead.**

## Announcements

In 2024, we will continue our hybrid meetings (both In-Person & Zoom). In-Person meeting details directly below and 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 6:00pm

Zoom details below (Page 3):

## Next Meeting

Monday, July 8, 2024

Portage Lakes Kiwanis Center  
725 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron, Ohio 44319

**This month only! Start time 6:00pm**

### Topic

Program: **Summer Potluck Picnic \*\*\*Bring a Dish\*\*\***  
Speaker: **Plant Discussions**

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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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Meeting details below (Page 3):

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## 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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[westshoreorchidsociety.org/](http://westshoreorchidsociety.org/)

## Meeting Schedule

GAOS has hybrid meetings (both In-Person and Virtual) and meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

July 8	Summer Potluck Picnic – ***Bring a Dish***
Aug 12	2 <sup>nd</sup> Member Plant Auction / Member Discussion
Sept 9	What's Wrong with my Orchid? (Bring in problem plants)
Oct 14	The Future of Orchid Growing – Edgar Stehli



**Photo of the Month:** Dendrobium Nagomi 'Punkin & Miss Kitty'  
CCE/AOS Dendrobium cuthbertsonii x Dendrobium bracteosum  
Fun fact: Dendrobiums are an extremely diverse genus of about 900 species from India to the islands of the Pacific Ocean.

## 2024 Meeting Information

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](mailto:greaterakronorchidsociety@gmail.com)

Thanks,

Brandon Spannbauer, Editor

## July 8 Meeting Info

5:30 Open doors (early because of picnic)  
6:15 Start picnic  
7:00 Open meeting, Show table  
7:15 Open floor for plant discussions  
8:00 Close meeting

\*Early doors open at 5:30 PM and start time of 6:15 PM for our summer picnic\*

The Society is providing the main course of honey glazed ham, plates, utensils, napkins and beverages. Everyone is invited to bring a dish including side dishes, salads, breads or deserts.

The program for the night will be 'Let's talk about your orchid'. Feel free to bring an orchid from your collection (even if it's not flowering) and let us know what questions you have about it. Whether you would like to know about its care or have questions or problems, this is your opportunity to get feedback from society members.

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## Zoom Meeting Details

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

**Topic: GAOS June Monthly Meeting Time: July 8, 2024 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81310463789?pwd=IZPH3Pf0s0EHAPiRb55jzhkthUaDE0.1>

## GAOS May Meeting Notes

By Pam Everett

Greater Akron Orchid Society held its regularly scheduled meeting, Monday, June 10. Twenty-seven people were in attendance, live or on Zoom. Craig Miller called the meeting to order at 6:45 and noted that Jane would not be present for the Treasurer's report. Looking ahead to 2025, Craig indicated a desire to split the duties of Treasurer and create a Membership Chair. Two of our newer members have already indicated a desire to run for these positions. Craig reminded members that the Ohio Valley Orchid Fest will again be held in Dayton on August 24 and 25 and encouraged everyone to attend this highly popular event. Next month's meeting will be our summer picnic, and members should remember to bring a food item for the serving table. Craig also noted that our speaker, Olga Shostachuk, had plants for sale and encouraged us to check them out during our break.

The show table included sixteen orchids plus two "troubled" plants that members offered hints for cure.

Olga then gave her presentation on miniatures, specifically Neofinitia and Dendrobium moniliforme. She discussed the cultural history of Neofinitia in Japan and noted the many ways this species has been so special to the Japanese. She also discussed the many variations in color and leaf appearance and went on to share how some rare variations can bring very high prices. She then discussed the Dendrobium and noted the many similarities between these two plants as species with such unique color and leaf variations. She also discussed the many ways the Japanese display their Neofinitia in specially designed pots and plant displays even in the home. Finally, Olga held a brief repotting demonstration to share how the Japanese manage this process.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45.

## Monthly Checklist for July and 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.

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## 2024 GAOS Program Calendar

- Jan 8 "Picking the Right Orchid" – Dave Miller
- Feb 12 Getting Your Orchids Ready for the Show
- Mar 11 How to Grow Orchids / Welcome to New Members
- Apr 8 "How to Grow Slipper Orchids" – Darlene Thompson
- May 13 1<sup>st</sup> Member Plant Auction / Member Discussion
- June 10 "How to Grow Miniatures" – Olga Shostachuk
- July 8 Summer Picnic
- Aug 12 2<sup>nd</sup> 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



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## Cymbidium

Summer can be the most rewarding season for cymbidiums. Growths 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 intergenerics

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.

## Orchid Inspiration

By John Bills (Facebook)

A year-long house project was finished to add an attached greenhouse and I was able to make the transition from artificial lights to natural sunlight. Loving the results.





## New Orchids to Science

*Triphora gallegosii*, a new species of [#geophyte](#) orchid known so far from central, western, and northwestern Mexico. This species is morphologically similar to *T. [#gentianioides](#)* and *T. wagneri*, with whom it shares the presence of scale-like leaves, three longitudinal verrucose lines on the lip, and floral parts of similar sizes, but differs from both by its lip lines that vanish towards the middle of the central lobe, and flowering between August and September. It also differs from *T. wagneri* by having a constricted central lobe and lateral lobes with acute apex, and from *T. gentianoides* by having entire margins on the lateral lobes, column with a magenta apex and whitish towards the middle portion with a green base, magenta anther, smaller leaves, and solitary growth. – Novataxa 2023



## Stubborn Orchids

By Brandon Spannbauer

In 1911, one of the finest orchid collections in the United States belonged to Clement Moore of Hackensack, New Jersey. Shown are his *C. trianaei*.





# Photo Gallery

Meeting Show Table

June 2024



