

# Greater Akron Orchid Society

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## June 2021

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## **Minutes of April Meeting**

We had a Zoom meeting where Darlene Thompson discussed "Curating an Everblooming Collection"

### **GAOS Meeting Goes Online!**

The GAOS meeting will be online, hosted by Dave Miller and Darlene Thompson. Anyone who is interested will be able to participate in the meeting or just view it from home using your personal computer, smart TV or smart phone

**Monday, June 14:**

**Our meeting will be from 7:00 to 8:30 pm with people able to join the meeting as early as 6:30 pm where we will chat and answer questions until the meeting starts**

If you have any pictures of your blooming orchids for the show table, please send them to ([darlenejthompson@gmail.com](mailto:darlenejthompson@gmail.com)) by the Saturday before the meeting to be included in the Show Table presentation

**More info below**

## **Upcoming Business**

GAOS yearly dues are now due, details below



## **Next Meeting**

Our June meeting will be online using Zoom where Darlene Thompson will discuss "Curating an Ever-Blooming Collection"

**Zoom meeting details below**

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

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

**Email:** [greaterakronorchidsociety@gmail.com](mailto: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/](https://www.facebook.com/GreaterClevelandOrchidSociety/)

[www.gcos.org](http://www.gcos.org)

### West Shore Orchid Society

[www.facebook.com/WestShoreOrchidSociety/](https://www.facebook.com/WestShoreOrchidSociety/)

[westshoreorchidsociety.org/](http://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.**

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| June 14 | "Honey, I Shrunk the Orchids" Miniature Orchids<br>Dr. Kristen Uthus |
| July 12 | Tolumnia Species and Hybrids<br>Edgar Stehli                         |
| Aug 9   | TBD                                                                  |



**Photo of the Month:** A fine dark variety of *C warscewiczii* - 'Beta', from my father's collection

Photo © Chadwick and Sons Orchids

## Greetings GAOS members!

Our next meeting will be Online. Here are the details on how to enter the meeting (this info will also be emailed to you so you can follow the links that way).

You can use your Windows PC, Mac, iPhone or Android phone to connect and participate in the meeting. Preferred equipment will be speakers and a microphone but members have connected using only phone or computer screen and no camera attached. People have found it beneficial to test their equipment prior to the meeting so if you have questions contact:

Dave Miller at 330-307-7189 or [dcmjpasml@aol.com](mailto:dcmjpasml@aol.com)  
Darlene Thompson at 901-210-5502 or [darlenejthompson@gmail.com](mailto:darlenejthompson@gmail.com).

The meeting will open early at 6:30 pm to allow everyone plenty of time to connect to the Zoom Conference room we are using. You can text or email either of us if you have trouble connecting using the information below. The actual meeting content will start at 7 pm and end at approximately 8:30 pm.

### Agenda

**6:30pm – Virtual Doors Open for Member Mingle**

**7:00pm – Meeting Starts with Society Updates**

**7:15pm – Virtual Show Table**

**7:30pm – Presentation**

If you have any pictures of your blooming orchids for the show table, please send them to me ([darlenejthompson@gmail.com](mailto:darlenejthompson@gmail.com)) by Sunday before the meeting. I would love to showcase your beautiful orchids. (Darlene Thompson)

## June 2021 Zoom Online Meeting Info

Dr. Kristen Uthus of New World Orchid will be joining us on Monday, June 14 at 7pm to discuss miniature orchids. Her talk, *Honey, I Shrank the Orchids*, will leave you excited and ready to add a few great miniature orchids to your collection. Below is a bit more about Kristen.

Dr. Kristen Uthus studied both plant and animal ecology and evolution at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) and the Ohio State University (OSU). She then taught biology and ecology at several colleges including VCU, OSU, University of Michigan, and Eastern Michigan University. The daughter of a plant fanatic, Kristen has been growing orchids for over 20 years, and in 2014 she fulfilled her dream of making orchids a full-time commitment by purchasing NWO.

Although she enjoys growing many varieties of orchids and other plants, miniatures remain her passion—the weirder the better. New World Orchids specializes in Japanese species including *Neofinetia falcata*, *Dendrobium moniliforme*, and *Sederia japonica*, but her miniature selection includes many other small species including Pleurothallids, Bulbophyllums, and Angraecums. Although never entirely up to date, you can check out some of NWO's offerings at [www.newworldorchids.com](http://www.newworldorchids.com).

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Dave Miller is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Greater Akron Orchid Society May meeting

Time: June 14, 2021 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83609202144?pwd=OVhoODVMNTdrWUtJUTkwQXFwa1p1Zz09>

## GAOS May Meeting Notes

By Pam Everett

GAOS met on Zoom May 10 with 39 individuals attending. There were a number of people from other area orchid societies participating. Darlene Thompson held a brief business meeting, and Claudia Englert reported receiving three additional dues payments. The virtual show table included photos of 24 beautiful orchids submitted by GAOS members.

Darlene Thompson presented this month's program, Curating an Ever-Blooming Collection, suggesting that we grow orchids primarily to have them flower and acknowledging that a healthy collection is the essential ingredient for an ever-blooming collection. And in order to do that, we must make smart purchases of plants that are healthy, mature, and in bloom when possible. She stated that there are generally two paths to take – buy lots and lots of plants or take a planful approach.

In order to achieve an ever-blooming collection, it is important to use a combination of four characteristics: 1) orchids that bloom for a long time, 2) orchids that bloom sequentially 3) orchids that are frequent bloomers, and 4) orchids that are seasonal bloomers.

Those that bloom for a long time include Phalaenopsis hybrids, Latouria Dendrobiums, and those in the Oncidium alliance.

Those that are good sequential bloomers include Phalaenopsis species, Phragmipediums, Paphiopedilums – especially the Cochliopetalum section, and Prosthecheas. Darlene noted that because these orchids do bloom sequentially, it is important to stake the spikes early on.

Orchids that are frequent bloomers include the Australian Dendrobiums and the miniature and compact Cattleyas.

Finally, when it comes to seasonal bloomers, Darlene recommended the book, Four Seasons of Orchids. She then discussed a number of the seasonal bloomers:

Winter – Cattleya percivaliana, Angraecum sesquipedale and its hybrids, Cymbidiums, and Lycastes.

Spring – the Dendrobium section Densiflorum, Sarcophiluses, and Cattleya purpurata.

Summer – Cattleya violacea and the spotted crosses, Encyclias, and species Phalaenopsis and their close hybrids.

Fall – the Oncidium group including Miltonias, and Habernarias.

The meeting concluded at 8:30.



## 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](mailto:judges@aos.org)*

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## 2021 GAOS Program Calendar

- Jan 11 Managing an Orchid Collection – David Miller
- Feb 8 Understanding Orchid Nutrition - Ray Barlow
- Mar 8 Mini-Catts: Delightful Cattleyas in Miniature – Peter T. Lin of Diamond Orchids
- Apr 12 Understanding Light – Cheryl Erins
- May 10 Curating an Ever-Blooming Collection – Darlene Thompson
- Jun 14 Summer Picnic  
1<sup>st</sup> Member Plant Auction
- Jul 12 “Tolumnia Species and Hybrids” with Edgar Stehli
- Aug 9 TBD
- Sep 13 2<sup>nd</sup> Member Plant Auction
- Oct 11 TBD
- Nov 8 Holiday banquet / Elections
- Dec 13 No meeting

Cattleya triumphans. A primary hybrid between Cattleya dowiana and Cattleya rex. This has always been my bucket list orchid. I spent a very long time tracking one down until I finally found one thanks to Tatyana Bocicov (thank you!!). The plant I got was small so I have had to wait several years for it to mature enough to bloom. The flowers are quite large and have a slight floral fragrance. Not overpowering but certainly noticeable. The lip on the flower is spectacular. I really can't do it justice in the image. Thankfully the plant itself is not fussy and seems to be quite vigorous. I'm hoping it will make a few more flowers next year

-Pramodh Seneviratne



## GAOS 2021 Dues

By Jane Bush

Greetings GAOS members and friends,

GAOS membership dues are **now due**. Dues are our biggest income and determine how much financially we can do as a society.

Attached (to the email along with this newsletter) is the correct **application for 2021**. **An application must accompany dues money**. The application is GAOS's record of your membership.

Because we are not meeting in person, you **must mail** your application and check to our treasurer Claudia.

Please note that there are some old forms of membership applications in cyber space. If you have not refreshed your browser, you may get one of these old forms. Please be sure to use the form attached to this email or the internet form that has **January 2021 (21-03)** in the bottom right corner.

Thank you for your support of GAOS through membership dues,

Jane Bush, Trustee

## 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:

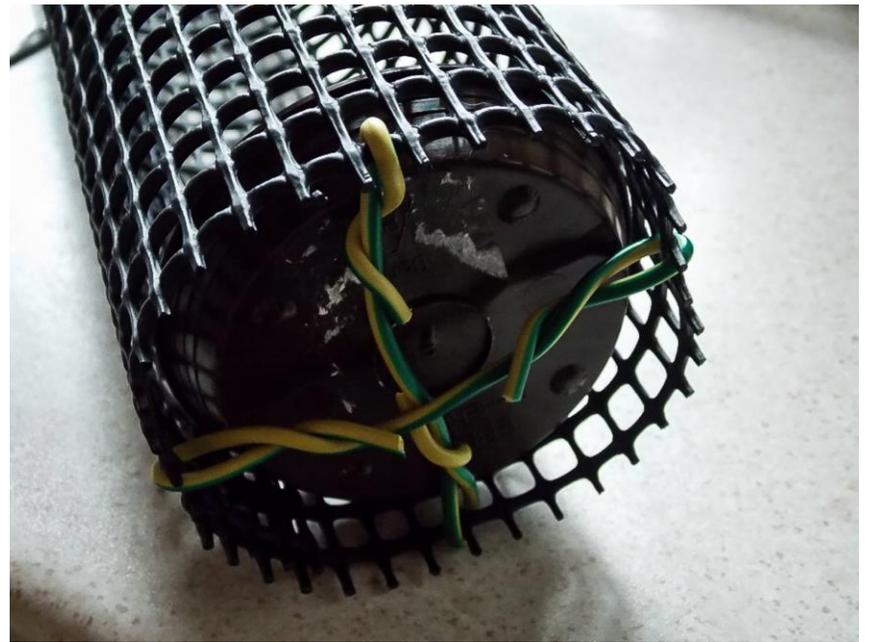
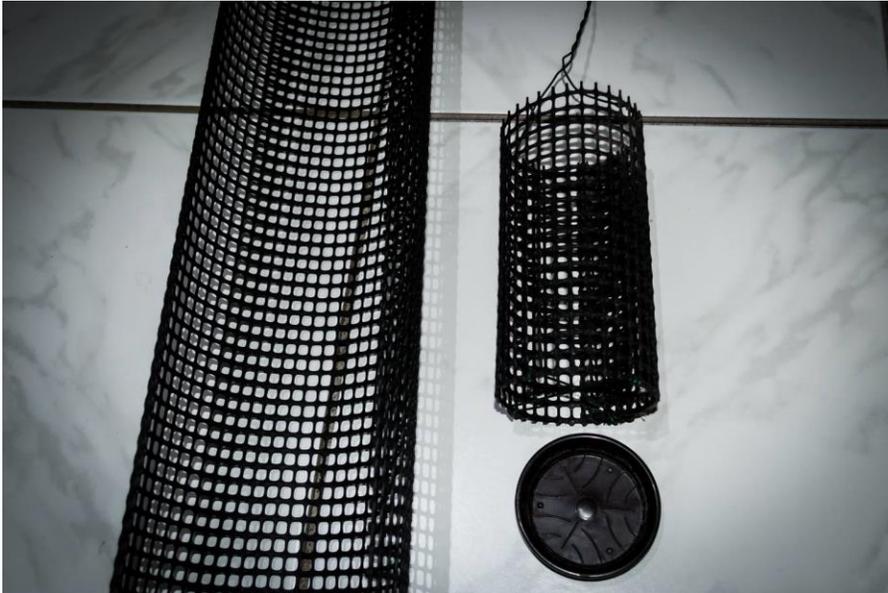
**GAOS**  
830 Zeletta Dr.  
New Franklin, OH 44319



*Note – At this time, electronic or credit card payment is not available.*

## Mounting Orchids Ideas

By Sabine Furtwangler

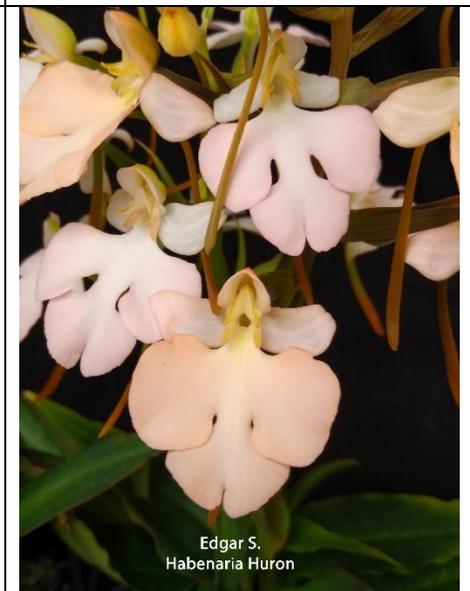


**Cymbidium Pauwelsii 'Kessander' CCE/AOS 96 pts**



# Photo Gallery

Home Displays  
May 2021





Lc. Drumbeat 'Heritage'  
Brandon S.



Paph. Lynleigh Koopowitz  
P262



Masdevallia Cassiope  
Edgar S.



Masdevallia princeps  
Brandon S.



Miltassia Shelbo Tolkien  
Wayne R.



Pot. Paradise Rose 'My Valentine' x Sl. Orpetii 'Hidden Treasure'  
Jane B.



NOID Masdevallia  
Brandon S.



Paphiopedilum haynaldianum  
Wayne R.



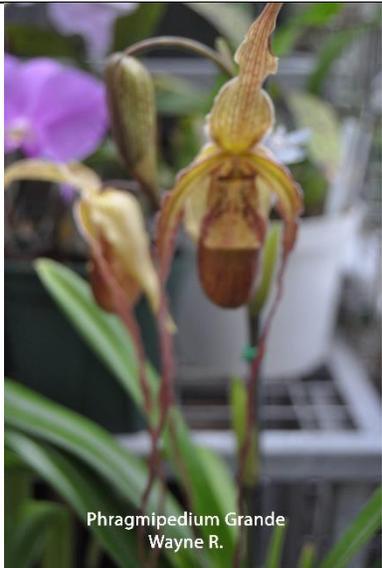
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Jaret A.



Phal. Yin's Black Eagle 'Nobby-B' AM/AOS  
Jaret A.



Top Left - Blackberry  
Top Center - K. S. Happy Eagle  
Top Right - equestris  
Left - (speciosa x Yaphon Evergreen)  
  
Phalaenopsis in bloom - Dave Miller



Phragmipedium Grande  
Wayne R.



Prosthechea cochleata 'D&B' AM/AOS  
Krokod Orchids



Vanda tricolor  
Wayne R.



Zygopetalum Debbie De Mello 'Honolulu Baby'  
Jane B.

