

Greater Akron Orchid Society

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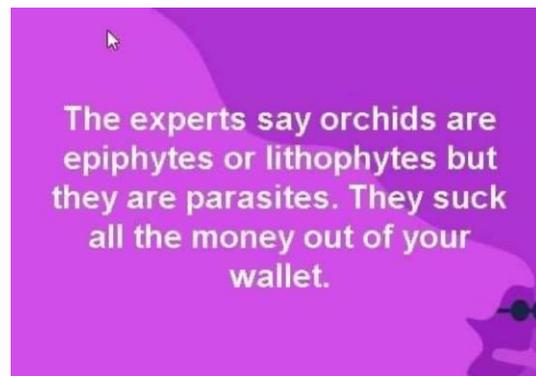
June 2022

Minutes of May Meeting

Our May meeting was in person where we had our 1st member plant auction. We then had a demonstration on how to properly pot up our orchids, including their different media and pot types.

Our 2nd member auction will be at our September meeting. When checking through our collection or moving them outside for the summer is a great time to decide if there are plants you'd like to sell or propagate for the auction.

More meeting details below:



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

June 13: Virtual
July 11: In-Person
Aug 8: Virtual
Sept 12: In-Person

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

Next Meeting (Virtual)

The next meeting of the GAOS will be Monday, June 13, 2022 meeting starts 7:00 pm, it will be Virtual via Zoom

Program: **Orchids of Columbia**
Speaker: **David Haelterman**

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.

For Virtual meetings, please email blooming pics to Craig Miller to be added to the virtual show table, email him by Sunday, April 10: justcraig@sssnet.com

Meeting details below

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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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| Jun 13 | (Virtual) Orchids of Columbia – David Haelterman |
| July 11 | (In-Person) Summer Picnic |
| Aug 8 | (Virtual) Orchids of Borneo – Charles Wilson |
| Sept 12 | (In-Person) Orchid Panel / 2 nd Member Plant Auction |



Photo of the Month: *Caladenia multiclavia* is a cool growing terrestrial from south western, Western Australia (Wongan Hills to Ravensthorpe) at elevations of around 150 - 300metres.
Photo © Noel Hoffman

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

Thanks,

Brandon Spannbauer, Editor

June 13, 2022 Virtual Meeting Info

Our next meeting will be Virtual. 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).

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. The actual meeting content will start at 7 pm and end at approximately than 8:30 pm.

Agenda

- 6:30** Participants sign in begins
- 7:00** Meeting opens with remarks from the president.
- 7:15** Show table - remember to get those plant pictures in!
- 7:30** Presentation:
 - Orchids of Columbia - David Haelterman
 - Questions for Dave
- 8:30** Close meeting

If you have any pictures of your blooming orchids for the show table, please send them to: justcraig@sssnet.com by Sunday before the meeting

Topic: GAOS June Meeting

Time: Jun 13, 2022 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88156131503?pwd=NzhXZFVam9rSkQ2ZGZYV3dhZFUvUT09>

GAOS May Meeting Notes

By Pam Everett

GAOS held its regularly scheduled meeting Monday, May 9. Jane Bush called the meeting to order and invited guests and new members to introduce themselves. A short business meeting followed where everyone was encouraged to become more involved in next year's annual orchid show. Show committee members and show workers had met just prior to discuss what went right at this year's show and what needed improvement in order to continue the show's success.

Following the business meeting, persons who brought their orchids to the show table discussed their plants. Next, members and guests were invited to place bids on orchids that were brought in for the spring auction. After bidding concluded, Jane Bush and Craig Miller demonstrated orchid repotting and discussed the various media needed and suitable for different types of orchids.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Sergio Augusto Alves Oliveira

Here we present the rarest variety of *Cattleya tenebrosa*, the *coerulea* variety. This plant belonged to the Collection of the most famous Brazilian collector, Mr. José Dias de Castro (In Memoriam)



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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)
1st 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
2nd 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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How Do I Water My Orchid?

By AOS

Avoid overwatering which leads to the demise of many more orchids than underwatering. Constant wetness will cause the roots to rot, which leaves the plant without a means for taking up nourishment which then causes the leaves to droop and will eventually kill the plant. The classic advice is to water the day before the plant dries out. If you have to let the plant go dry to figure out what a dry plant weighs, it will not kill the plant and will make you a better grower. Another measure is to use the pencil trick (the point of a sharpened pencil, when inserted into the medium, will darken with moisture if the plant has enough water). And, there's always the old standby - put your finger in the mix. If it feels wet, it is wet. If you aren't sure whether it is time to water, wait one more day.

"Evenly moist," while the most commonly given advice on watering, is the least easily explained. Because most plants are grown in plastic containers a good diagnosis is the weight of the plant: heavy - does not need watering; light - does require water. With a little practice, one can easily tell the amount of moisture remaining in the container.

Water your orchid early in the morning. This insures complete water evaporation on the foliage as well as the crown by nightfall. If your home is very warm or has low humidity you will most likely need to water more often. The best place to water your plant is in the kitchen sink. Use lukewarm water (do not use salt softened or distilled water) and water your plant for about 15 seconds and be sure to thoroughly wet the media. Then allow the plant to drain for about 15 minutes. It may appear dry but it has had enough water. After the plants are watered, they should be placed so that the pots do not stand in water. Some people like to place the pots on "humidity trays" or in trays or saucers of gravel or pebbles and water. The pot is placed on the pebbles above the water line. This helps to ensure that the base of the pot is not immersed in water, increases humidity for the plant, and provides some air circulation under the pot.

When Should I Repot?

By AOS



When an orchid plant starts to grow over the edge of the pot, it is time to repot it!

Orchid plants need repotting for one or a combination of two main factors: Potting mix breaks down, often evidenced by dead roots, or the plant outgrowing the container. In the first case, a larger pot may not be required, simply replace the growing medium. In the second case, the plant may need dividing or may be shifted into a larger pot. Fresh media should always be used. A good general rule of thumb is to pot for the bottom of the plant, the root system, and not for the top, the foliage.

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:

gljc.judges@gmail.com or gljc.org



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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Orchid Inspiration - Outdoor orchid panels
by Michael Roderigues



WSOS Spring Show

Displays

April 2022





Photo Gallery

Displays

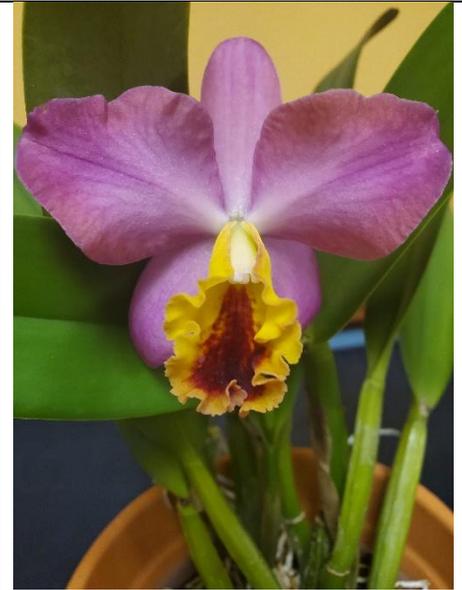
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Brandon Spannbauer



Lc. Sunset Glory
Brandon Spannbauer



Pot. Psycho Bride
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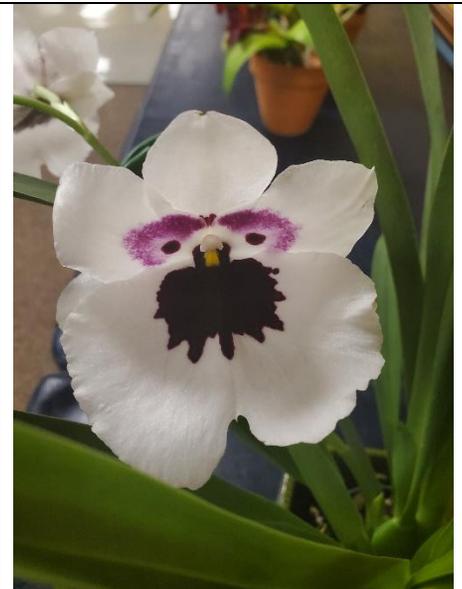
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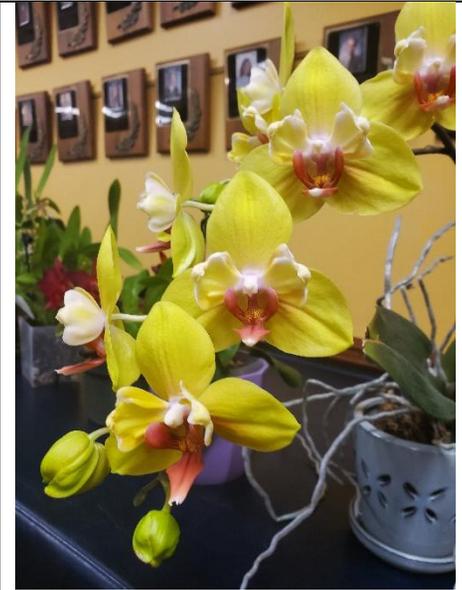
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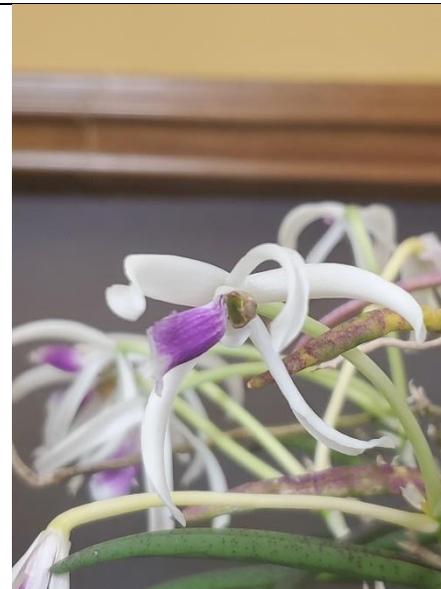
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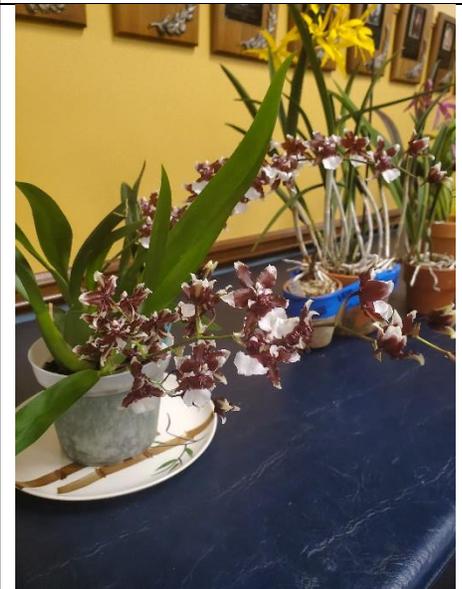
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