

# Greater Akron Orchid Society

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

## June 2023

### Previous Meeting Minutes

In our May meeting we discussed different potting media, had and repotting clinic and had our first member auction of the year.

Meeting summary below (Page 4):



### Announcements

We are excited to announce that in 2023 we will have hybrid meetings (both In-Person & Zoom). Zoom details will be included in each newsletter

2023 will have an earlier start time of 6:30pm to accommodate for a Beginner's Corner, a short topic each month focused on growing happy orchids followed by our normal meeting

Zoom details below (Page 3):

### Next Meeting

The next meeting of the GAOS will be Monday, June 12, 2023. **New start time of 6:30pm.** Doors open at 6:00pm. Portage Lakes Kiwanis Center, 725 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron, Ohio 44319

### Topics

Mini: **Orchid Pests & Problems**  
Program: **Common Problems / Orchid Remedies**  
Speaker: **Ron McHatten**

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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/>

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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## Meeting Schedule

GAOS meets the second Monday of each month (except December) Grower's Club starts at 6:30pm and the meeting at 7:00pm, 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**

Jun 12	Orchid Pests & Problems / Common Problems & Remedies
Jul 10	Let's Talk About Your Orchid / Summer Picnic
Aug 14	Buying Orchids on the Internet / Bulbophyllums – Charles Wilson
Sept 11	Getting Orchids to Bloom /



**Photo of the Month:** Cattleya Ai Lin Chew Tan  
(Cattleya forbesii × Cattleya lueddemanniana) (E.M.K-A. Chew, 2015)

## 2023 Meeting Info

In 2023, we will be having 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.

Additionally, meetings will start at 6:30pm to accommodate our new Beginner's Corner. Each month will tackle a new topic on growing happy orchids.

### Meeting Location:

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

Doors open: 6:00pm  
Grower's Club: 6:30pm  
Main Meeting: 7:00pm

- 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

## June 12, Meeting Info

Our meeting will be with the Hybrid Meeting model, thanks in part to the new Owl camera which is able to capture and record our meetings for those unable to meet in person. Please bear with us as it will probably take some time to iron out all of the kinks.

We will also have a new earlier start time of 6:30pm. This will allow for a Beginner's Corner segment with information on growing orchids.

### Beginner's Corner Topic / Meeting Topic:

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## Zoom Meeting Details

Follow the link below to join the Zoom Meeting

Time: June 12, 2023 06:30 PM

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83468698210?pwd=S0I0VThyUGxxekNiWVJEBEhQM0IGUT09>**

## GAOS May Meeting Notes

By Pam Everett

GAOS held its regularly scheduled meeting, Monday, May 8 in person and on Zoom with more than 30 individuals in attendance. Craig Miller called the meeting to order at 6:45 and conducted a brief beginner's presentation on potting media. He discussed three major types of orchids...epiphytic, terrestrial, and hanging, with each requiring a different kind of planting medium. Epiphytic orchids are the most common and require a medium that holds water yet allows air circulation into the roots. These orchids do well with varying proportions of bark mix, charcoal, perlite, and sphagnum.

Terrestrial orchids, as the name implies, can withstand a medium more similar to potting soil or peat moss.

Hanging orchids, such as Vanda, frequently grow well without a potting medium, but require almost daily watering or misting of the root structure.

A brief business meeting followed with Jane Bush noting that GAOS currently has \$12,302.86 in its treasury. Jane and Brandon Spannauer both requested that members in attendance please check the email addresses on the current roster and make corrections as necessary so nobody will miss the monthly newsletter or any other society related communication.

Following the business meeting, members enjoyed the annual plant auction and a brief repotting clinic.

The show table included twenty-five well-displayed orchids.

## Can I Grow My Orchids Outdoors?

By AOS



**Orchids grow well under trees during frost-free summer months.**

Where winters are cold, orchids can be grown on the patio or under trees in the warmer months when frost does not threaten. This is often a wonderful solution for orchid growers in colder climates, and enables the plants to grow so much better than they would if left indoors all year. Growers in frost-free areas with cooler summer nights (below 60 F in August and after) can grow cymbidiums, one of the finest of all garden orchids. Where summer nights are warmer, many varieties of vandas and cattleya types are appropriate.

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## 2023 GAOS Program Calendar

Jan 9	Grow Lights / Preparing Show Plants and Movie "Chasing Ghosts"
Feb 13	Pots / Best Practices for Buying Plants - Eric Sauer
Mar 13	Water / Getting to Know Members and Orchid Basics
Apr 10	Internet Resources / Lycaste - Russ or Cheryl
May 8	Potting Media / Member Plant Auction and Repotting Clinic
Jun 12	Orchid Pests & Problems / Coelogyne - Webinar or speaker
Jul 10	Let's Talk About Your Orchid / Summer Picnic
Aug 14	Buying Orchids on the Internet / Bulbophyllum - Charles Wilson
Sep 11	Getting Orchids to Bloom / Second Plant Auction / Mounting Clinic
Oct 9	Growing Under Lights / Wild, Weird & Wonderful Orchids – Peter Lin
Nov 13	Orchid Stories / Holiday Banquet, Election of Officers
Dec 11	No Meeting



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## Putting Vandas in Pots

By Dino Zelenika

“Vandas cannot be grown potted” is something I keep reading in this group. I’m afraid that this is completely untrue. My large specimen *Vanda suavis* var. *tricolor* is more than 1 metre (3.5 feet) tall and has been grown exclusively potted for many years. In fact, these days I grow all my Vandas potted and have done for years. My medium is 100% medium grade orchid bark. I water about once a week, as that is how long it usually takes for it to get completely dry (very important for Vandas). This has transformed a very high maintenance regime of constant soaking and spraying-sometimes 2-3 times a day-into perhaps the lowest maintenance orchids I own! *Vanda suavis* var. *tricolor* itself is a species which there is much to love about. It is an easy grower, reliable bloomer and, as an added bonus, beautifully fragrant. Its scent can easily fill an entire room. After the first flush of flowers, it usually produces at least one more sequential flower spike. This means it can easily be in bloom for at least 8-10 weeks! There are also stories that this is a “hot growing” species. Mine has regularly taken temperatures down to 10 Celsius (50 Fahrenheit) yet grows and flowers rapidly year on year!



## Phalaenopsis equestris Peloric Mutation

By Diane Ozdamar

Phalaenopsis equestris (Peloric - 3 Lips), with an additional mutation that makes it a "5-Lips" flower instead. This is NOT AI or Photoshop, it's real and it's simply a glitch affecting this flower while all the others are their regular '3-Lips' peloric self.

I wish it were a stable mutation, it looks very unique and pretty.

- grown in a mix of 1/3 bark, 1/3 sphagnum moss, 1/3 horticultural charcoal
- watered when the potting mix approaches dryness
- grown under grow lights
- intermediate/warm temperatures
- fertilized twice per month
- I flush the pot once per month
- this little plant is a sequential bloomer which can produce very large amounts of small flowers over extended periods of time (although each individual flower is rather short-lived for a Phal)
- no fragrance (actually it is VERY lightly fragrant, but only on sunny days when humidity is pretty high, otherwise it's not noticeable at all).
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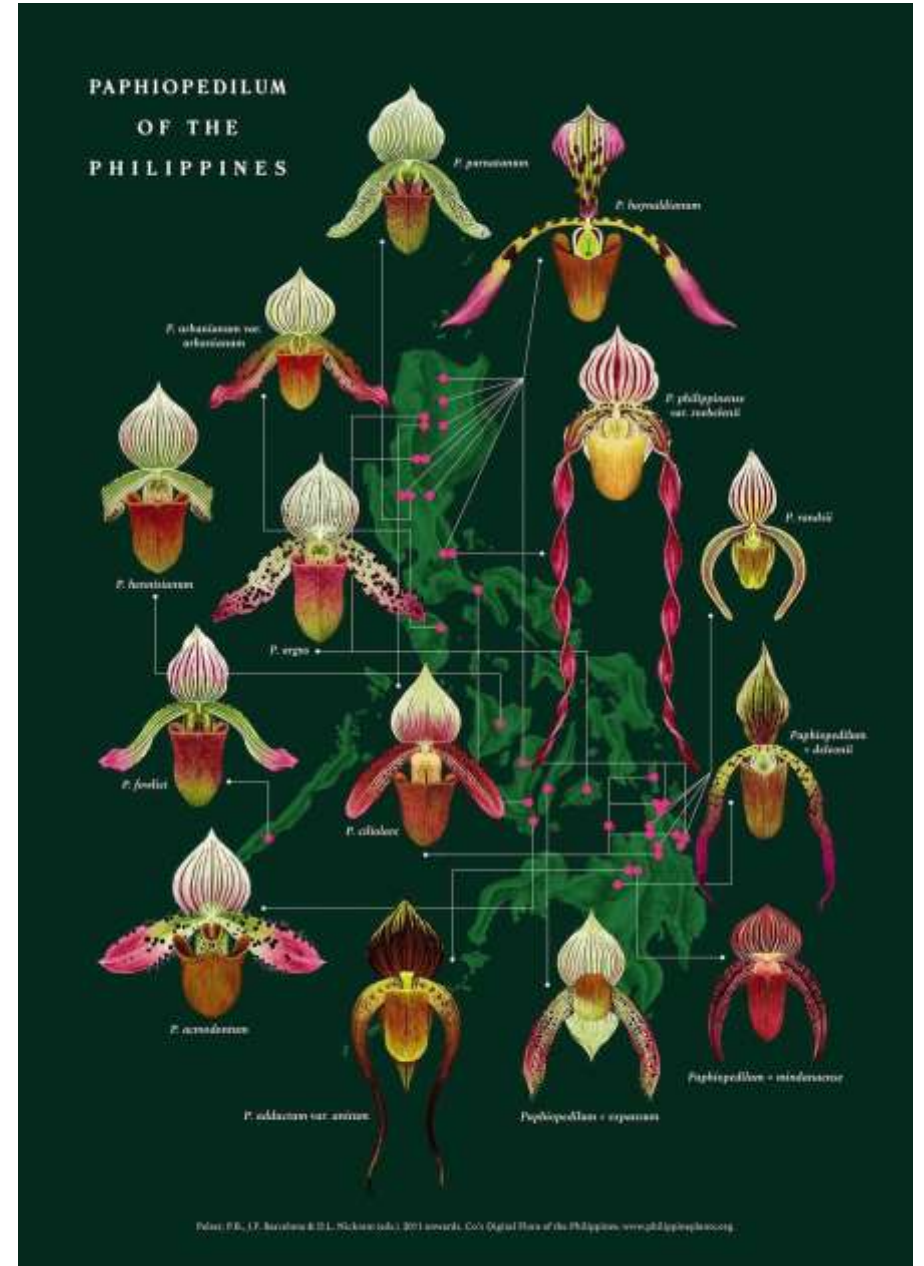
This is simply a genetic glitch that affects this flower only, whereas all other flowers are normal (albeit peloric).



## New Orchids to Science

*Cattleya mireileiana*, a new species [#endemic](#) to South, Brazil, where it was found in a few isolated rocky outcrops, sharing habitat with *Cattleya* [#rupestres](#). It is close to three other species: *Cattleya bradei*, *C. briegeri*, and *C. cruziana*. However, the new species differs in the number of nodes present in the [#pseudobulb](#) components, the size of the diameter, the scent of the flowers and the time of flowering. We assessed its state of conservation as data deficient (DD), as the only know population consists of at least 150 mature individuals and is outside of an environmentally protected area.

– Novataxa 2022





# Photo Gallery

Show Table

May 2023





