

Greater Akron Orchid Society

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March 2022

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Minutes of Feb Meeting

Our Feb meeting had speakers Barb Ford and Dave Miller, where they discussed how to prepare plants for the show

Meeting details below

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And then they watered their Orchids with ice cubes

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

March 14: In-Person

April 11: Virtual

May 9: In-Person

June 13: Virtual

Our 2022 meetings will have a combination of in person and Zoom meetings. A detailed meeting schedule is on our website and on the next page

Next Meeting (In-Person)

The next meeting of the GAOS will be Monday, Mar 14, 2022. Doors open 6:45 pm, and meeting starts 7:00 pm. Portage Lakes Kiwanis Center, 725 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron, Ohio 44319

Program: **Orchids 101 / New Member Q&A**

Speaker: Jane Bush

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.

Meeting details below

Website: www.thegaos.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/theGAOS

Email: 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/

www.gcos.org

West Shore Orchid Society

www.facebook.com/WestShoreOrchidSociety/

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.**

Virtual meeting invites will be sent out via email the week before the meeting along with the monthly newsletter

Mar 14 (In-Person) Orchids 101 – New Member Q&A

Apr 11 (Virtual) Demystifying Sphagnum Moss
Carri Raven-Reiman

May 9 (In-Person) Repotting Clinic / 1st Member Plant Auction

Jun 13 (Virtual) Orchids of Columbia – David Haelterman



Photo of the Month: Bulbophyllum Walnut Valley Jersey 'Max and Bryan's Best' FCC/AOS (B. Jersey x B. reticulatum)
This grex was bred and then registered by Rinke & Thompson in 2011.
Photo © F. Clarke

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 Spannbaauer, Editor

2022 GAOS Dues

2022 GAOS dues will remain at \$25 for an individual or family membership. Dues allows us to host our annual orchid show as well as bring in amazing speakers to showcase their orchid knowledge. Each membership will receive a free orchid during our holiday party at the November meeting. You can either send in payment to the address on the form provided with this email or on the website, or in person at one of our meetings. Thank you

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
728 Apache Run
Macedonia, OH 44056



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

GAOS February 2022 Meeting Notes

By Pam Everett

GAOS held its regularly scheduled meeting in person Monday, February 14. Jane Bush called the meeting to order. Barb Ford updated the group on our upcoming Orchid Show March 5 and 6 at Dayton Nursery and asked members to sign up for working the show, including setup and teardown. The show table was flush with orchids, and each member who brought them shared information about their orchids.

Dave Miller discussed preparing orchids for best presentation at the show. He noted that bad leaves and dead spikes should be removed. Leaves with defects can be trimmed to imitate the natural leaf structure. Spikes should be staked so inflorescences show optimally in the display. Stakes should not be obtrusive so as to detract from the plant and flower, and they should not extend higher than the inflorescence itself. If clips are used, they should be hidden with floral tape. Dave also strongly suggested that plants should be checked carefully for bugs; and if they appear, the plant should be sprayed with alcohol or original Listerine.

Jane Bush explained labelling the plant and the pot. The pot should have the name of the orchid and the owner's name attached to the side of the pot. If a second pot is used to stabilize the plant, the owner's name should be attached to that pot, too. Because plant registration will be different this year, it is necessary to place a piece of paper on the plant in the pot identifying the name of the plant so the proper tag can be placed on the plant for show display. Jane then asked "teams" from each table to participate in an exercise to check five plants she had prepared to see which plants were properly labelled and to identify on each plant those items that were not properly completed.

This year, registration will be completed electronically prior to the start of the show. Members who will be bringing plants to display should email the correct names of each plant to Dave Miller beginning Sunday, February 27. All names should be received by Dave no later than Wednesday, March 3 at 5:00 pm. If members are unsure if a plant will go to the show or not, please send Dave the name of that plant. If it does not go to the show, it will be easier to take the plant off the list than it will be to add the plant name to the list at the show.

Upcoming Shows – West Shore Orchid Society



West Shore Orchid Society SPRING ORCHID SHOW

April 23rd & 24th, 2022

at the Ehnfelt Recreation Center in Strongsville



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West Shore Orchid Society SPRING ORCHID SHOW April 23rd & 24th, 2022

at the Ehnfelt Recreation Center • 18100 Royalton Road • Strongsville, OH 44136

Saturday, April 23rd 9:00 - 5:00 pm

9:00 am Sales open
Noon Show area open after judging
1:30 pm Beginners culture talk: FREE with paid admission
3:30 pm Orchid talk: Reviewing ribbons & displays
4:50 pm Sales area closes

Sunday, April 24th 10:00 - 4:00 pm

10:00 am Show opens
1:30 pm Orchid talk: Re-potting your orchid
4:00 pm Show closes

Admission: \$5.00 per person, kids under 12 free



Learn more about orchids!
Join the West Shore Orchid Society
Meetings are held Wednesdays 6pm - 9pm at the North Olmsted Community Cabin, 28114 Lorain Rd., North Olmsted, OH

2022 West Shore Orchid Society Meeting Schedule

February 16th
April 20th
May 18th
June 15th
August 21st (Picnic in Columbia Station)
September 21st
October 19th
December 21st (Holiday Party)
Membership dues \$25.00 year
Questions? call John Rini at 216-538-5537

for more information visit: westshoreorchidsociety.org

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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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Orchids 101

By AOS, Abbrev. for space

Knowing which orchid you are trying to grow is your key to its cultural requirements. Orchids, like all plants, need a balance of light, air, water and food to grow and flower well.

Light

Without enough light, orchids may produce lush looking growths but no flowers. Not giving orchids enough light is the most common reason for failure to bloom. The old notion of orchids growing in dark jungles still persists and it couldn't be further from the truth. In reality, many have evolved as epiphytes to take advantage of brighter light available in the upper forest canopy.

How much light is enough? The answer to this seemingly simple question is "as much as they will take without burning." Orchids grown under sufficient light will have lighter, somewhat yellow-green foliage and strong upright growths.

Air

Orchids roots will die if they do not get air and this is the reason that, with the exception of a few terrestrial varieties, orchids do not grow in soil. Orchid potting media should be open, with exceptionally good drainage, yet capable of holding sufficient moisture to support the plant's needs. You should provide gentle air movement. For orchids grown in the home, this can be provided by an overhead paddle fan set on its lowest setting or a portable oscillating fan directed AWAY from the plants.

Water

Without question, more orchids are killed by incorrect watering than by any other reason. Proper watering consists of two separate components; quantity and frequency. Orchids should be watered just as they dry out. Humidity, air movement, potting medium and light levels all play a role. There are several ways to determine when a potted orchid is almost dry: 1) the surface of the potting mix will appear dry; 2) dry pots will feel lighter; 3) clay pots feel dry; 4) a wooden stake or skewer inserted into the potting mix will come out almost dry

When orchids are watered, they should be watered copiously. Water should be provided until it runs freely from the drainage holes. Not only does this soak the potting medium but it also flushes salts that naturally accumulate.

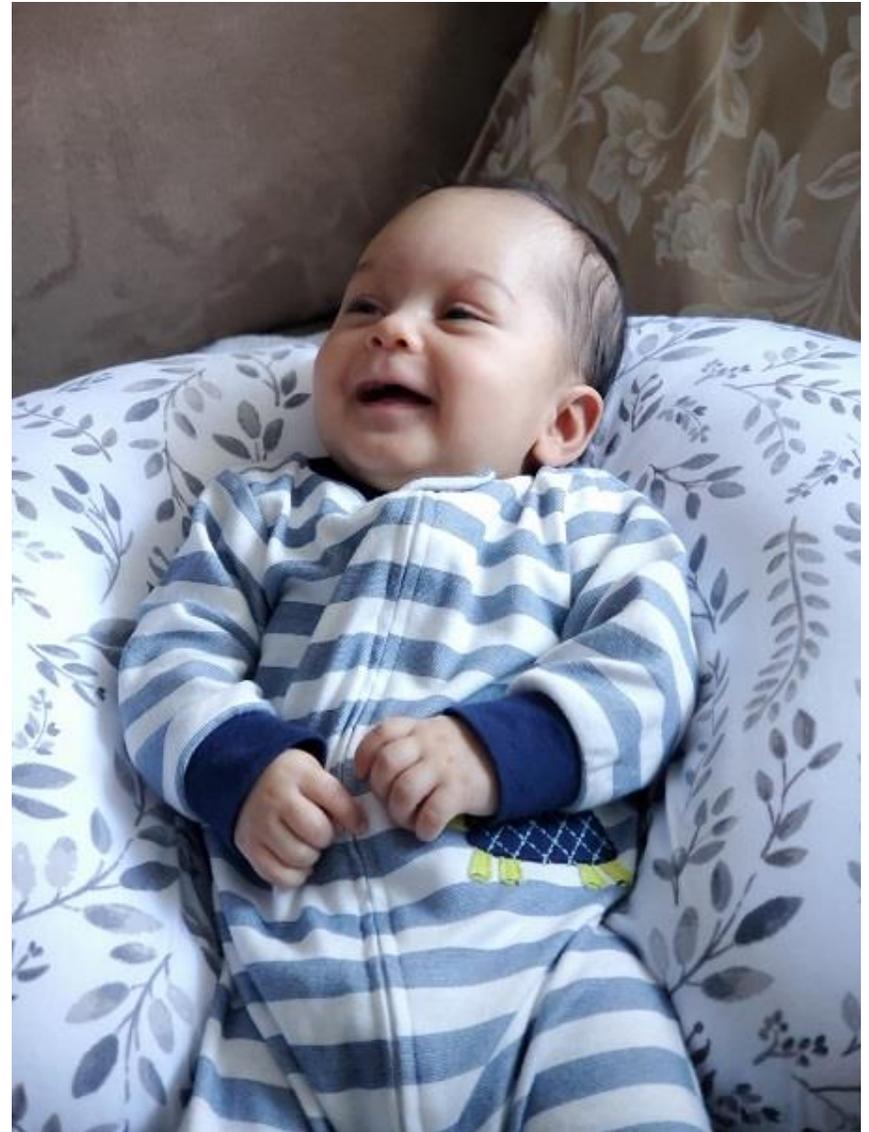
Fertilizer

Orchids will grow and flower, given that their other requirements are met, for fairly long periods without fertilizer but you'll get better results with some level of feeding. Typically, plants are fertilized once a week during the summer and every two weeks in the fall and winter. Regardless of the fertilizer that you chose to use, most experienced growers use no more than ½ the label-recommended strength.

Fertilizers used on orchids should contain little or no urea. This is because soil organisms must first convert the nitrogen in urea to a form useable by plants, and since orchids do not grow in soil, this conversion does not occur efficiently.

Welcome to Our Newest Member!

Here is an update on Darlene Thompson, Ellis Alexander Lutz was born on November 8, 2021 at 6:42 am weighing 6lbs 6oz and measuring 19.5 inches long. Now he is 15 weeks and enjoys tummy time and his hands.



GAOS Spring Show 2022



GAOS and Welcome to New Members!

On March 5-6, we had our 2022 spring show at Dayton Nursery to much success! Thank you to everyone who visited, participated and who helped put the show together!

After taking a year off, we kicked off the spring season with a bang. It was a beautiful weekend to come out and enjoy our orchid show. Thank you to Dayton Nursery for helping us make a seamless transition to our new location for the second year.

Thank you to especially to everyone who helped donate their time, money, resources and knowledge to making this show a success. It takes a staggering amount of time and effort for this undertaking and many hands make light work. Most of our show committee have been doing this for many, many years so please consider lending a hand next year. There are many jobs with tasks large and small, all are welcome and encouraged to help out in the future.

To the new members, our 2022 meetings will have a combination of in person and Zoom meetings. Details are provided in our Program Calendar, as well as in our monthly newsletters and on our website and Facebook page. If you are not receiving our newsletters, please email us to be added to the list.

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Photo Gallery

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Feb 2022



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Chester Kieliszek



Phrag Fall River x besseae
Chester Kieliszek



Slc Jewell Box
Chester Kieliszek



Propetelum La Jolla Delight
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Pot Triple Love
Pam Everett



Wils Eye Candy
Pam Everett



NoID Phal
Pam Everett



Pot Risky Business
Pam Everett



NoId Phal
Jane Bush



Rlc Mem Shirley Bynes
Jane Bush



Phal Sogo Vivien
Jane Bush



Lc Mini Purple x Floralia Azul
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Den NoID
Jane Bush



Den Memory Love
Jane Bush



Den Spring Dream
Jane Bush



C Prism Pallette
Jane Bush



Lc Purple Cascade
Jane Bush



C Spring Fragrance
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Phal Wedding Bells
Jane Bush



Phrag Jersey
Dave Miller



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Den Brilliant Smile
Dean Pawlicki



Den Oriental Smile
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Kathleen Powell



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