

Greater Akron Orchid Society

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Minutes of Feb. 2018 Meeting

Jane opened the meeting and went over our spring show prep. Dave then discussed how to properly stake flower spikes in preparation for shows. He emphasized the importance of staking early. If you stake once the buds are too mature, the flowers may not present well. When staking early, don't try to stake the too close to the bud.

Darlene presented on phragmipedium culture and the different types of phrags and their care. She had some great photos of her home setup and flower examples. Thanks Darlene.

GAOS presented a display for GCOS at the Cleve. Botanical Gardens. Our display won a blue ribbon and the plants in our display won: 4 blues, 8 reds and a white ribbon.

We also had our own show from March 3-4 and was a great success. Thank you to everyone who helped put on the show and participated. An overview of the show will be presented at the March meeting.

Upcoming Business

Welcome new members! Thank you for visiting our spring show, we hope you enjoyed yourselves and will come to a meeting with plenty of questions. We look forward to seeing you.

Each meeting we have a show table of plants in bloom so please feel free to bring in your flowering plants to show off to the group.

2018 GAOS membership dues are now due: \$20 Individual, \$30 family. This entitles you to a free plant at our Nov. holiday banquet meeting and two plants for a family membership. Checks can be made out to GAOS. Thanks

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the GAOS will be Monday, March 12, 2018 at 6:45 pm at the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Center, 725 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron, Ohio 44319.

Program: **Orchid Roundtable: Orchid Q&A & Show Wrap-up**

Speaker:

Come with all your orchid questions. We will break into groups of experienced and inexperienced alike to share our tips and tricks for all things orchid related.

Feel free to also bring in your orchids that you are having issues with to get a diagnosis on problems, remedies and care.

Website: www.thegaos.com

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President's Corner

By Jane Bush

Greetings!

A great big thank you to all the workers who made our show not only possible but a huge success! We estimate that about 600 visited us and one vendor actually complained that they were running out of plants to sell. So, again thank you to those who helped make this possible.

Seventeen new members joined The GAOS so be sure to greet and welcome anyone whom you do not know by name at our next meeting. The March meeting is a roundtable discussion where we can share our successes and our disappointments. Please be sure to come and share your experiences with our new members.

TIDBIT: The best time to repot is when the plant is actively growing, usually in the spring.



Japan Grand Prix
International Orchid
Festival 2018

Meeting Schedule

GAOS meets the second Monday of each month (except December) at 6:45pm, impromptu Q&A start at 6:30pm 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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| Mar. 12: | Orchid Roundtable
Orchid Q&A & Show Wrap-up |
| Apr. 9: | Good Roots Grow Good Orchids
Dave Miller |
| May 14: | Enjoying Encyclia and Epidendrum Orchids
Edgar Stehli |



Photo of the Month: *Epidendrum fimbriatum* is a miniature to medium sized, cool to cold growing epiphyte or terrestrial from Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia and Venezuela.
Photo by Dan Doucette

World's Smallest Orchid

By Gawler Orchids

American botanist Lou Jost, discovered the smallest orchid known to science among the roots of a larger plant in a nature reserve in Bolivia, South America.

The 2.1mm wide flowers have transparent petals, which are only one cell thick. The finding tops the previous record of *Platystele jungermannioides* with 2.5mm flowers. Lou Jost discovered the new species accidentally, looking at a bigger plant from the Cerro Candelaria reserve in the eastern Andes.

The reserve was created by a British organisation World Land Trust in partnership with Fundacion EcoMinga, for which the discoverer works. In fact, Ecuador is the place of discovery of more than 1,000 new species of orchids in the past century. "I found it among the roots of another plant that I had collected, another small orchid which I took back to grow in my greenhouse to get it to flower.



A few months later I saw that down among the roots was a tiny little plant that I realised was more interesting than the bigger orchid. Looking at the flower is often the best way to be able to identify which species of orchid you've got hold of – and can tell you whether you're looking at an unknown species or not." he said. The finding was identified as belonging to genus *Platystele*, like the previous record holder, and is the 60th new species of orchid that Dr Jost had discovered in the past decade.

Dr Jost confirmed that this species has not been described due to other work commitments but is smaller than *Platystele jungermannioides*, the orchid previously considered the smallest orchid in the world.

Cattlianthe Gold Digger 'Fuchs Mandarin'

By Author Unknown

In February of 1986, RF Orchids exhibited Cattlianthe Gold Digger 'Fuchs Mandarin', it rec'd a CCM/AOS of 83 pts. with 48 flowers. Almost 32 years to the day, that same plant rec'd the first CCE/AOS of 95 pts. with 420 flowers; it had doubled in size. It also rec'd only the 3rd quality award in nearly 38 years of being judged; an AM/AOS of 85 pts. I told Robert that I had just bought the plant for \$15.00 from the two employees that came along to judging to help move it around; what a sense of humor! Congrats to RF Orchids!



Photo Gallery

Member's Show Table
February 2018



NoID Phal hybrid
Jane Bush



Den. Love Memory
Jane Bush



Den. Spring Dream
Jane Bush



Pot. Love Passion hybrid
Darlene Thompson



Cattleya trianae
Frank Skalac

Show Displays



GAOS Display at Cleveland Botanical Gardens



Display at GAOS Show



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Cymbidium Via Nogale
Jane Bush



Paph Supersuk x Raison Pie
Jane Bush



Dendrobium Crystal Rose
Jane Bush



Cym. Prolific Pink
Jane Bush



Den. Oriental Smile
Dave Miller



Phrag
Dave Miller



Phrag Schroderae
Dave Miller



Max. sanguinea
Dave Miller



Bllra. Marfitch
Paul Bujak



Trt. Ollie Palmer
Paul Bujak



Phrag. Will Chantry
Darlene Thompson



Paph. Sukhakul
Darlene Thompson



Laelia anceps striata
Brandon Spannbauer



Masdevallia veitchiana
Brandon Spannbauer



Spathoglottis
Brandon Spannbauer



Phrag. Inca Fire
Darlene Thompson



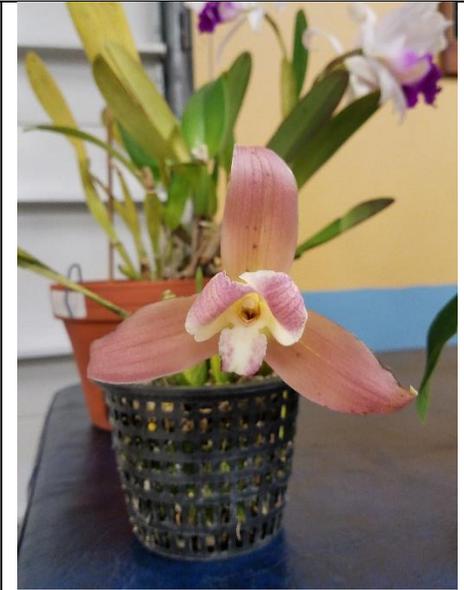
Den. Jonathan's Glory
Darlene Thompson



Phrag. La Vingtaine
Darlene Thompson



Phrag. longifolium hybrid
Darlene Thompson



Lycaste Balliae
Frank Skalac



Display at GAOS Show



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