

Greater Akron Orchid Society

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

March 2023

Previous Meeting Minutes

In our February meeting we discussed orchid Pots and preparing plants for the show. Followed by Best Practices for Buying Plants with Eric Sauer

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

Announcement details below (Page 3):

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the GAOS will be Monday, Mar 13, 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: **Water**
Program: **Getting to Know Members / Orchid Basics**
Speaker: **Craig Miller**

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 (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) Beginner's Corner 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

Mar 13	Water / Getting to Know Members / Orchid Basics
Apr 10	Internet Resources / Lycaste
May 8	Potting Media / Member Plant Auction and Repotting Clinic
Jun 12	Orchid Pests & Problems / Coelogyne



Photo of the Month: Brassavola digbyana
Photo © Chadwick & Son

2023 Meeting Changes

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
Beginner's Corner: 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

Thanks,

Brandon Spannbauer, Editor

March 13, 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:

Topics

Mini: **Water**
Program: **Getting to Know Members / Orchid Basics**
Speaker: **Craig Miller**

Zoom Meeting Details

Follow the link below to join the Zoom Meeting

Topic: GAOS March Monthly meeting
Time: Mar 13, 2023 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88567095267?pwd=RmJUUKVVUEVKR0g5KzZEaGJJR1pOUT09>

GAOS February Meeting Notes

By Pam Everett

GAOS held its regularly scheduled meeting Monday, February 13 both live and on Zoom. Craig Miller conducted the beginners' session by talking about pots for growing orchids. He then called the general meeting to order with several items of business to discuss. First, because this was the last regular meeting before the March show, Craig pointed out that we still need a number of volunteers to assist at the show. We also still have openings for sponsors for show trophies. Brandon mentioned that we need ads for the show booklet immediately and mentioned that anyone planning to display orchids at the show will need to pre-register that plants through the Greater Cleveland Orchid Society website. All plants for display must be at Dayton Nursery between the hours before 10:00 am. Friday, March 3. Craig announced that Meghan has agreed to be responsible for Hospitality at the show. There will be a show Zoom meeting Monday, February 20. It is open to all members, and Brandon will send an email with the Zoom log on information. Finally, the proposed change to our bylaws was amended, so the final vote to approve will occur at the March meeting.

The show table included 13 plants and following a brief break, three members won a free orchid through a drawing of persons whose 2023 dues were paid as of the Monday meeting.

Our speaker was Eric Sauer of River Valley Orchids in Centerville, OH as he presented "Expanding Your Orchid Collection – You Can Know What You're Gonna Get." He described the importance of understanding orchid names from genus to species to natural, complex, and intergeneric hybrids. He also discussed the complexity involved with orchid nomenclature. And, he tied everything together by explaining the importance of how understanding all of this can help us determine which orchids are best for our personal collections.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45.

2023 GAOS Dues

2023 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 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.

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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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GAOS Members Win AOS Awards at GCOS Show

By Dave Miller

Congratulations to Jane Bush and Darlene Thompson for receiving AOS awards for their extraordinary plants at the Greater Cleveland show this year. Both exhibited miniature slipper orchids commonly known as Teacup Paphs. The poor photog is mine so don't hold it against Jane or Darlene or their plants. Yay for both of you. Dave Miller

Jane for Paphiopedilum QF Mini 'Roberta Mae' AM/AOS.



Darlene for Paphiopedilum barbigerum album 'Steal My Sunshine' HCC/AOS.



GAOS AOS Award at Our Spring Show

By Dave Miller



Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make our 2023 show a success. It takes a tremendous effort to put it all together and we are very appreciative. There were so many outstanding plants that were judged with a few notable entries. Congratulations to Andrea Altvater with Best Cattleya” Lc. Memoria Robert Strait ‘Blue Hawaii’ & her Orchid Quilt which received Best Artwork & The Best in Show!

Special congratulations are also in order to Darlene Thompson who took home another AOS award so far this year with

Paph. hangianum ‘Burnt Sugar’ AM/AOS 85 points.



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.

New Orchids to Science

2022 :: A new one-flowered species of *Nervilia* section *Linervia* is described and illustrated based on material collected in [#Kanchanaburi](#) Province, southwest Thailand. The white and magenta-spotted labellum and glabrous, angular leaf immediately identify *N. #hemrati* as yet another member of the taxonomically challenging *Nervilia adolphi*/[#punctata](#) species alliance, with the purple streaks on the leaf rendering it practically indistinguishable from *N. #infundibulifolia* in the vegetative state. However, the new species differs in the outline and coloration of its labellum, which bears two pubescent ridges on the hypochile and a third on the epichile.

– Novataxa 2022



Upcoming Orchid Events

The 2023 Orchid Society of Western PA Show in Pittsburgh will be held on March 18-19 at the Crowne Plaza Pittsburgh South

The 2023 Ann Arbor Orchid Society Show will be held on March 18-19 at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens

The 2023 West Shore Orchid Society Show will be held on April 22-23 at the Ehrnfelt Recreation Center in Strongsville

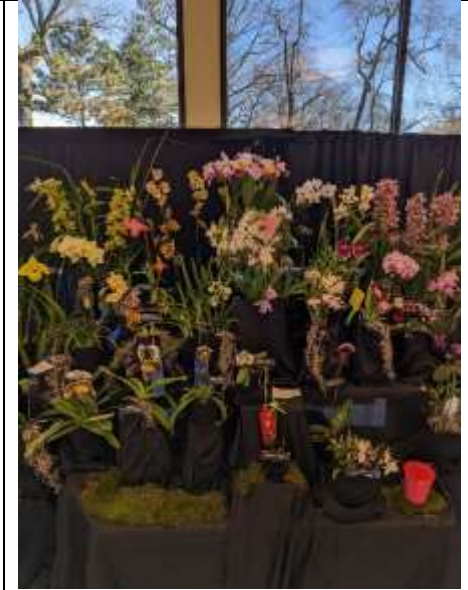
West Shore Orchid Society
SPRING ORCHID SHOW
April 22nd & 23rd, 2023
at the Ehrnfelt Recreation Center in Strongsville

Details at westshoreorchidsociety.org

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Photo Gallery

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