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Minutes of the February 2016 Meeting

The program, given by Dave Miller, concerned the finer points of preparing your orchid to make it look its very best for the show and how to enter the orchid into the show. Dave shared with us tips on staking, cleaning leaves, ridding the orchids of any pests, and making the orchid as presentable as possible. We also learned what information is helpful for entering the orchid in the show.

General Business

It was announced that members Jackie Martin and Stephan Harper need to be kept in our prayers.

Please don't forget to pay your dues. They can be mailed to our treasurer, Frank Skalak (9258 Seneca Street, NW Massillon Ohio 44646) or paid at the orchid show. It is \$20 for a single membership or \$30 for a family. At the November holiday dinner, those who buy a single will get a single free orchid and those who have a family membership are allowed to select two!

New Business

We also were still in need of sponsors for trophies and people to work the Membership and Welcome tables. Working the Membership and Welcome tables is a great way to meet other people interested in orchids and to help them with any problems that they might have growing them. Every new member enhances our Orchid Society by bringing something special so helping with the Membership table is very important and gratifying.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the GAOS will be Monday, March 14, 2016 at 6:45 pm at the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Center, 725 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron, Ohio 44319. We will be holding a repotting clinic for all types of orchids. We hope to see everyone there!

All are welcome; you do not have to be a member to attend.

Program: **Repotting Clinic**

Speaker: **Dave Miller**

Bring your orchids for repotting help. We will help you repot, talk about their care and answer other orchid questions you have. Repotting fee will be \$5 each plant which includes the orchid mix. New pots may be extra. Membership is not required.

Website: www.thegaos.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/theGAOS

From the Editor

We are now on Facebook! Get all our up to date info and pics. You can find us at www.facebook.com/theGAOS. If you have a question that you would like answered, you can have it put into the newsletter. If you would like to write an article for the Orchid Society, please write it and email to:

braxtonds@gmail.com

Thanks,
Brandon Spannbauer

Spring Show

Help to set up for the Orchid show, starting at 9:00am Friday, at Donzells, is very much appreciated. Come and have fun with other members! Even better, after, you will have an extra chance to browse Donzell's wonderful collection of plants and other treasures! If you have a little spare time Sunday after the show, please join the Orchid Society's tear down party!

Barb Ford reported that she found enough Clerks to help with the judging this year. If you have signed up to be a clerk, please arrive Saturday at 7:00AM.

Please contact Cheryl Paul if you can help in any way by either bringing food or by providing hosting duties.

If anyone wishes to have their orchids entered into our Orchid Society display or have a display of their own, don't forget to send Paul the names of your orchids by Wednesday, March 2, noon. He will need the full name of your orchid.

The list of information required to register your orchid can be found on our website. The orchid name, names of both parents, class number and exhibit number are needed on Friday, March 4 to register the orchid. Registration begins at noon. Have your plants there by 11:00am.

GAOS Website: <http://www.thegaos.com/>

Excerpted from the AOS Judges' Handbook

10 Recommendations for Exhibitors

Whether you have exhibited many times before or this is your first time, the following suggestions will help you prepare your exhibit and enjoy the experience:

1. Read the schedule and be prepared to provide information about your plant(s).
2. Do not be deterred from exhibiting because you are inexperienced. You can only gain experience by accepting the challenge and doing your best.
3. Plants for exhibition should receive special attention. Flower stems of phalaenopsis should be staked during their entire growth process. Cattleyas should be staked and tied before buds emerge from the sheath. Stake a spray-type orchid before buds begin to open. Do not change the position of any plant after buds are mature.
4. Wash discolorations from leaves before exhibiting. Mild soap suds may be used. Lemon juice may be used to remove hard water spots (lime scale). Artificial "shine" should not be applied. Pots should be clean or covered.
5. Water your plants thoroughly before taking them to the show and be sure they are pest-free.
6. Think of your exhibit as a painting, executed in depth. Remember that the principles of good design include balance, rhythm, dominance, contrast, proportion, and scale (See Part I, paragraphs 8.1 and 7.4).
7. Colors should be pleasingly grouped, not scattered at random. In general, darker colors should be at the bottom of the display.
8. Choose accessories with care. They should complement, not overpower, your orchids.
9. Do not wait until the last minute to set up your exhibit.
10. Exhibitors and the Show Committee should work as a team in setting up the show. Do your part!



The Spring Show is only a few days away

How can I still help?

Bring a friend or neighbor to the Show. Help us beat last year's attendance record!

Come back Sunday afternoon to help with Tear Down. Taking down tables and displays, repacking items for storage, and cleaning up is a big job. As the old Shaker axiom says "Many hands make light work." Several members contributing an hour or two of time will make a huge difference.

Free Admission

Free Parking

Prize Raffle

Wheelchair and walker friendly

Convenient Restrooms

Handouts on "How to Grow Orchids"

"Ask an Expert" - answers for your orchid questions

Meeting Schedule Through July 2016

GAOS meets the second Monday of each month (except December) at 6:45 pm 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.**

- March 14: How to Repot Your Orchid and Repotting Clinic (repotting supplies will be available for purchase)
- April 11: Neofinetias and Other Orchid Gems
Kristen Uthus, New World Orchids (plant sale)
- May 9: Growing Phalaenopsis from Seed
Russ Vernon, New Vision Orchids (plant sale)
- June 13: Summer Picnic and 1st Member Auction
- July 11: Choosing the Right Orchid
Allen Lund, West Shore Orchid Society (plant sale)
- Aug 11: Jewel Orchids
Leon Glicenstein (plant sale)

Orchid Tasks for Late Winter – Early Spring

Be alert for pests that use the increasing temperatures to multiply. Of particular concern are mealy bugs and aphids. For small numbers of insects, use rubbing alcohol on a Q-tip to remove them. For larger numbers, try a bland, liquid soap and a vigorous spray of water as the first intervention. Catching pests early prevents the need for chemical insecticides.

Orchid species on "winter rest" can be moved into higher temperatures and go back on a regular watering schedule.

Many plants are flowering and will be due for repotting when their flowers fade; use this time to purchase new repotting supplies.

Treat yourself to a new orchid that's in full bloom. This will help assure that you have something in bloom around this time next year.

Cleveland Orchid Society Show

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The Photo Gallery

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