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Minutes of April 2017 Meeting

Dave welcomed new members and guests to the society. We had an overflowing show table with over 45 plants with spring time blooms. It was quite a display.

Frank and Bernie gave a presentation of their visit to Costa Rica and all of the flora they saw at several different preserves ranging over a few different climates.

General Business

We have a new secretary, Karen Schlote. Thank you, Karen.

2017 club dues are now due. It is \$20 for a single membership and \$30 for a family. Please see Frank at a meeting for payment.

New Business

Upcoming Open Houses:

Roberts Flower Supply OPEN HOUSE
May 26-28, 2017 10 am to 5 pm
12390 Root Rd, Columbia Station, OH
440-236-5571
www.orchidmix.com

Windswept In Time Orchids OPEN HOUSE
May 27-28, 2017 11 am to 5 pm
8066 Skyline Dr, Broadview Heights, OH 44147
440-838-5757

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the GAOS will be Monday, April. 10, 2017 at 6:45 pm at the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Center, 725 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron, Ohio 44319.

Program: **Orchids in Ecuador**

Speaker: **John Dunkleberger**

John Dunkelberger of State College, PA will share photos of his orchid observation trips in Ecuador. He has visited there many times and most recently in 2016. Over 25% of the world's orchids grow in South America.

Website: www.thegaos.com

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Cypripedium formosanum

By Brandon Spannbauer

Cypripedium formosanum is a terrestrial species orchid from the mountains of Taiwan. It has two broad, pleated leaves that fan out from the stem, which holds a single flower. They are very unique cypripediums in that they hold their flowers with pouches facing forward. The flowers are a pure white with light red to pink markings. This species starts growth before most other Cyps, usually around late March, with flowering occurring sometime in mid-April. Therefore, plants in growth must be protected from frost events or the flower buds will be lost and the plants set back a bit.



Meeting Schedule

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.

May 8: Orchids in Ecuador
John Dunkleberger

June 12: Summer Picnic / 1st Member Plant Auction

May 8: Pleiones: Terrestrial Orchid Culture
Brandon Spannbauer



Photo of the Month: Close-up of pleione aurita's bright yellow hairs along the inside of the lip is a contrast to the white throat and lavender lip
-Brandon Spannbauer

Sunset Valley Orchids 2017 Spring Newsletter

By Sunset Valley Orchids

For most parts of the country it's finally spring! Your *Catasetinae* should be or are just getting started to grow. Most of you along the southern edge of the country have already started watering and fertilizing. I am hearing reports from many Southern growers that most of the new growths are 6"-12" tall with new roots 3"-6" long. This is the time to start watering! The growers farther north (myself included) may still have a few weeks until the new roots are 3"-6" long. Remember: not all *Catasetinae* come out of dormancy at the same time, so you may have some plants showing well-developed roots while others will be just starting to root. Begin watering and fertilizing those plants that are ready and hold off on the ones still needing more time; this is a good practice to develop.

I start the watering season using $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp fertilizer per gallon of water, and then, as the days get longer and the temperatures warm up in late June and early July, I increase the fertilizer to 1 tsp per gallon through August, before switching back to $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp from September through October.

Don't forget that *Catasetinae* prefer to be re-potted or divided with the onset of new growth just before the new roots start to show.

Early in the growing season is when spider mites can get a foot-hold on your plants. Be diligent and check the undersides of the new leaves regularly. If mites are detected, spray immediately. They can quickly get out of control if early action is not taken!

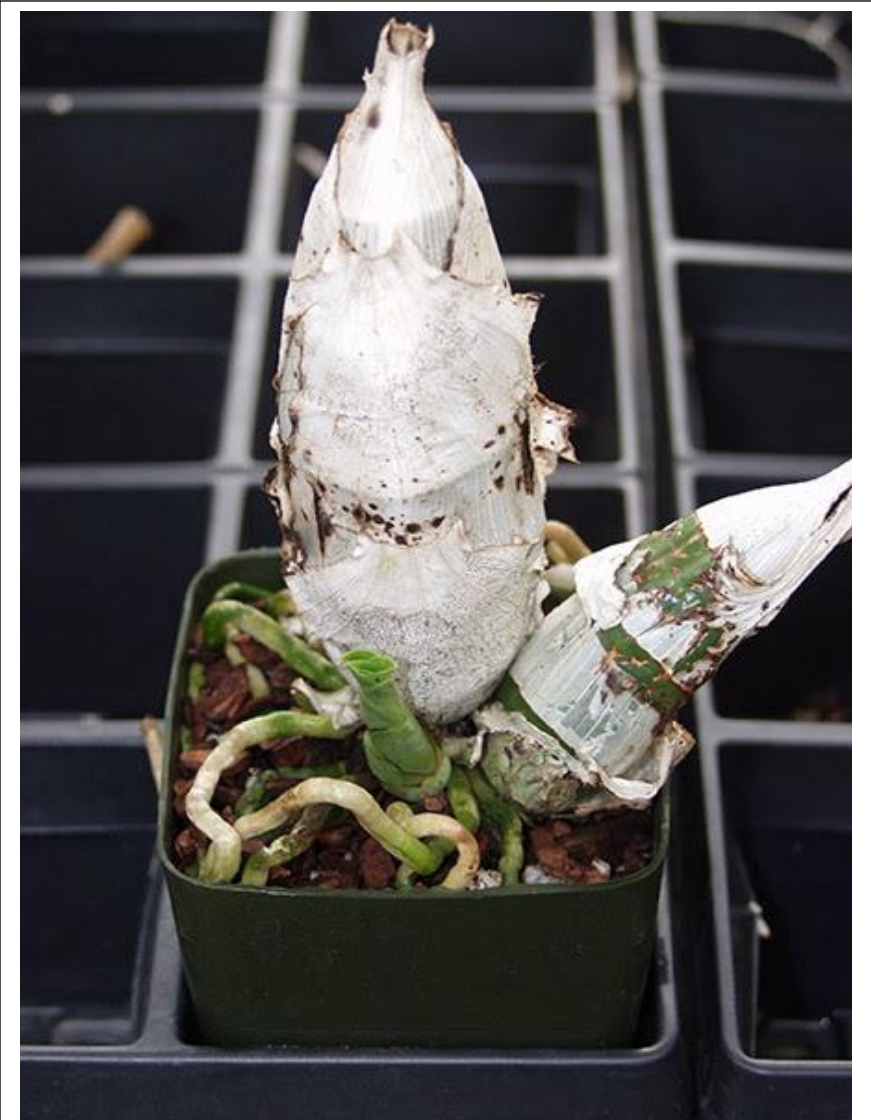
Catasetinae like lots of light and air movement. I keep mine under 50% shade with lots of air movement day and night.

Ideal temperatures in early spring are 60 degree nights and 75-85 degree days, with humidity between 40% and 60%.

I expect to have the new *Catasetinae* list ready in late June. Start saving your \$'s now, the new list is really that good!

Here are some pictures showing root development and when to start watering and fertilizing.

No water, growth just started



No water, roots too short



Start watering now,
roots 4"- 6"long and
into the media



Fully rooted plant, top growth 10" water and fertilize
regularly



Photo Gallery

Member Show Table
April 2017



Cattleya mossiae
Frank Skalak



Cypripedium Memoria Gerd Kohls
Brandon Spannbaauer



Lc. Park Ridge
Frank Skalak



Blc. Fritz Nicholas
Jane Bush



Pleione formosana 'Blush of Dawn'
Brandon Spannbaauer



Sarcochilus Louise Elmore
Darlene Thompson



Pleione aurita
Brandon Spannbauer



C. nobilior
Darlene Thompson



Phrag. Fox Valley Fireball
Darlene Thompson



Epc. Renee Marques
Brandon Spannbauer



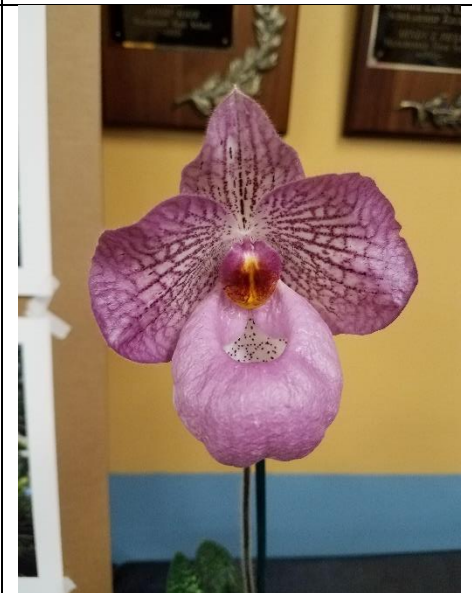
Aerangis fastuosa
Dave Miller



Pths. quadrifida
Brandon Spannbauer



Paph. Moon Stone
Dave Miller



Paph. Magic Lantern
Dave Miller



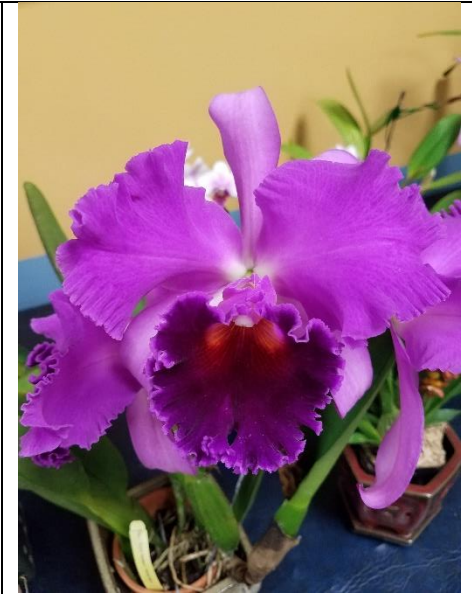
Phrag. Maria Rolando
Darlene Thompson



Phrag. Audry
Darlene Thompson



Onc. Volcano Midnight
Paul Bujak



Blc. Fritz Nicholas
Paul Bujak



Blc. Lester MacDonald
Frank Skalak



Oda. San Damiano Dugger
Frank Skalak



Lc. C. G. Roebling
Frank Skalak



Pot. Love Passion
Larry Ball



Onc. Nia Rose
Larry Ball



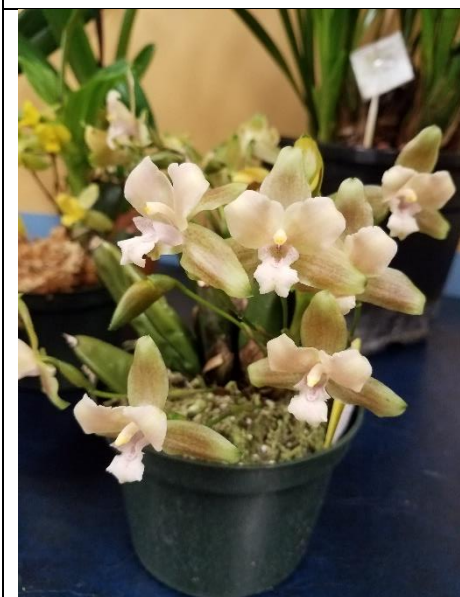
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Paph. Saint Swithin
Edgar Stehli



Den. Fairy Moon
Jane Bush



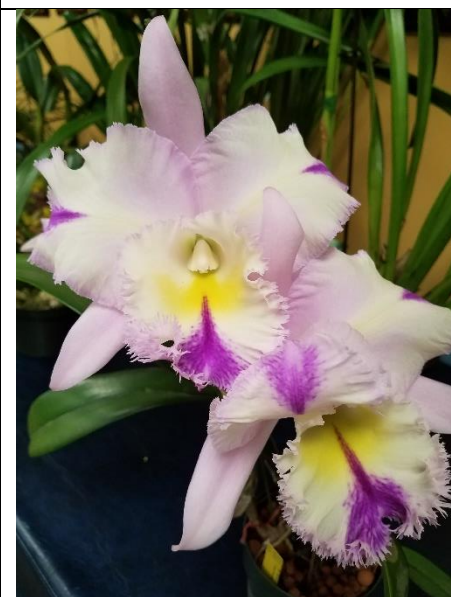
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Cypripedium Memoria Gerd Kohls
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