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Minutes of Oct. 2016 Meeting

Dave began the meeting by introducing himself and explaining how the plant auction would work and welcomed our guests, Brian and John. Dave informed our members that we had held a board meeting and had discussed the schedule. We need someone willing to run Orchid Bingo. The Michigan Orchid Society are the experts. Please contact Dave if you're interested in running it.

Next month is officer elections, Barb noted that we need a full slate of officers and asked everyone to consider volunteering.

Show Chairman Jane Bush announced that everyone can sign up for the show at next month's meeting. It will take place March 4th, 5th, 2017 at Donzells. We need someone to be Hospitality chairman. Volunteers will get first pick at free holiday plants in Nov. 2017

General Business

Mid-America will take place in Buffalo, NY starting on November 12th at the Botanical Gardens: There will be series of lectures, vendors, and a potting table.
<http://midamericanorchids.org/>

New Business

Fall open house at Windswept in Time Orchids on Saturday and Sunday, November 5-6 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m at 8066 Skyline Dr., Broadview Heights, OH.

Wayne and Nancy Roberts will have their annual Winter Orchid Sale on Friday, December 9, noon to 5 and Saturdays, December 10 and 17, 10-5, at Roberts Flower Supply, 12390 Root Rd., Columbia Station, OH. Orchid Society members receive a 10% discount off purchase of any of the more than 3000 plants.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the GAOS will be Monday, Nov. 14, 2016 at 6:45 pm at the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Center, 725 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron, Ohio 44319.

Program: **Holiday Banquet and Officer Elections**

We will have the holiday dinner which will be a potluck. Everyone is asked bring a casserole, dessert, vegetable, salad or similar food item to share, along with their own place settings. Drinks are provided by the Orchid Society. The holiday plants will come from Gold Country Orchids.

Election of officers will take place after dinner. Brandon and Lore will not be returning as officers as VP and Secretary respectively, Brandon will remain as the Newsletter and Social Media Editor. Dave has volunteered to remain as president, Jane Bush has offered to run as Vice President, and Frank has offered to return as Treasurer. We still need someone to serve as secretary. Barb Ford remains as trustee.

Website: www.thegaos.com

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Membership Drive and Spring Show

By Cheryl Paul



Membership Drive

The membership drive for 2016 wraps up after the business meeting of the November meeting. The member who has signed up the most new members will receive a lovely gift basket of orchid care related items. A GAOS membership makes a wonderful holiday gift for the person on your list who "has everything"!

Volunteer Sign-up Sheets for the Upcoming Orchid Show

Jane Bush is looking for a few good men (and women) to help with the March 2017 orchid show. This is your show and it takes the contribution of every member, whether it be time, money or goods (like a dish for the meals.) Sign-up sheets will be circulated at the November meeting. Please help make your show a success!

As a special thanks, those who volunteer will be given first choice of gift orchids at the November 2017 meeting.

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.**

Nov 14:	Holiday Banquet and Officer Elections
Dec 12:	No Meeting
Jan 9:	Orchid Culture: One Size Doesn't Fit All Darlene Thompson
Feb 13:	Preparing your Plants for Show Dave Miller



Photo of the Month: *Chloraea magellanica* is found throughout the mountainous regions of southern Chile and Argentina at a high altitude. An extremely cold growing terrestrial orchid with tulip-like foliage.
Photo © Albé, Gawler District Orchid Society

First Ladies and their Cattleyas: Eleanor Roosevelt

By A.A. Chadwick - Chadwick Orchids (Abbrev. to fit)



Lc. Eleanor Roosevelt (Lc. C.G. Roebling x C. Undine)

Eleanor Roosevelt was First Lady during the great depression the Second World War. Her husband, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, was the 32nd President and had been wheelchair bound since 1921.

Mrs. Roosevelt was ground breaking in every respect - she was the first president's wife to testify before a Congressional committee, the first to hold press conferences, and the first to speak before a national party convention. Her life was of such interest to the public that, for 26 years, she wrote a syndicated newspaper column, "My Day", that was read by millions. She was a strong advocate for social justice and equality and, although controversial, she is remembered as one of the notable figures of the twentieth century.

Like many First Ladies, Mrs. Roosevelt's namesake Cattleya was not hybridized while she was in office (1933 – 1945). Some historians believe that she did not wish to display wealth and glamour at a time when the nation was in distress.

Instead, her orchid is a recent development using authentic lineage from that era.

One parent of the Roosevelt orchid is Lc C.G. Roebling (L purpurata x C gaskelliana) which was named after an American businessman, Charles G. Roebling, who had one of the finest orchid collections in the United States in the late 1800's. The other parent of the Roosevelt orchid is Cattleya Undine (C intermedia x C mossiae)

The strongest influence of the four species which make up this spectacular First Lady hybrid is, undoubtedly, Laelia purpurata, which is found in the tree tops of coastal areas in Brazil. The pseudo-bulbs of Lc Eleanor Roosevelt are tall and vigorous while the blossoms are large and open-shaped, typical of the 1930's.

As the United States recovered from the war, Cattleya orchids hit their 'heyday' of corsage fashion. Mrs. Roosevelt was 'courted' by politicians to consider running for public office, but she chose to focus her later years on various duties within the United Nations. She traveled the world giving countless lectures and was regularly seen wearing Cattleya corsages.



Cattleya Undine
(C. intermedia x C. mossiae)



Lc C.G. Roebling
(L purpurata x C gaskelliana)

Habenaria radiata, the egret orchid

Photos by Brandon Spannauer (Cultural info by BotanyBoy of Japan)



One of Japan's most famous orchids is the terrestrial species, the egret flower, *Habenaria radiata*. In addition, most growers find it a bit difficult to keep for more than a season or two, but that is mostly a problem with cultural requirements. The grass-like leaves are formed each spring and flowering in late July and August with anywhere from 1 to 8 flowers. A healthy growth can produce up to 3 replacement bulbs, and sometimes more each season with the previous bulb dying at the end of the year. The new bulbs are fully formed by late October when the leaves die off.

To store them for the winter, dry them out and place them in a freezer bag with a bit of very slightly damp vermiculite or perlite. Put this in a cool place over winter, below 50 F, I use the fridge. Avoid freezing them. In early spring the bulbs should be planted just below the surface, 0.5 inch deep. Plant them pointy side up. Once potted, put them in a sunny, warm position and keep them moist, but not wet.

Be patient, they can take weeks to start to grow, but once they do, increase watering. When the plants are growing strong in the summer, water them so they remain essentially wet. I'm careful with not letting them get waterlogged or to dry out.

The plants will be full grown by mid-July and will start throwing their flower spikes. Be careful for bug attacks at this time since the delicate buds are easily destroyed. Once they are finished flowering, continue growing them wet until the heat of summer is over. In the cooler days of early fall keep them just moist. Once nights get below 60 F they will begin to go dormant. You can remove the dead growths at that time.

For winter's rest, keep them in the same pot, but dry it off bit by bit until it is nearly completely dry. Do not bring them into a heated area to do this, instead allow it to happen slowly by not watering at all. Keep the plants cool and dry (but not bone dry) all winter in their pot 32 to 50 F.

In March or early April take the plants out of the pot. Recover all newly formed bulbs and throw away the old bulbs and dead roots. The new bulbs will be bright tan or light brown in color and firm to the touch. The old bulbs will be dark and soft. Replant them immediately to start the new growth cycle.



5 Cool Ideas for the Home Hobbyist

By Cheryl Paul

No basement? No greenhouse? No problem! These things will make your life easier!

Make room for more plants: Double your growing space by hanging plants on the edge of shelves or windowsills with metal pot hangers. Drill small holes about an inch from the edge of the shelf, anchor hangers to the pots. Hang from the hooks. (Check Ebay)



Make room for even more plants: Use wall space to hang pots. These plastic hangers install in minutes and will hold a pot up to 12" and up to 75 pounds. Indoor or outdoor. (Roberts Flower Supply)



Buy your RO water in 5 gallon jugs? This stainless steel bottle holder will keep your bottle secure on a tabletop and the leak-free spigot makes dispensing easy. (EBay or Amazon)



A portable workspace with a built-in sink: This solves the problem of no water or drain in a growing area. It's about 2 X 3.5 feet and has a molded-in sink. There's a faucet to connect a hose and a drain hose that can be used with a bucket (mine is routed outside through a window.) The workspace is easy to clean and the whole thing folds up to be taken outside to clean plants before bringing them in for the Fall.



Safety first: Put a plant clip over the top of each stake to prevent an accidental eye injury.



The Photo Gallery

Member exhibits from the Sept. 2016 meeting



Silent Auction
Table



Lc. Lulu x Summerland Girl
Darlene Thompson



Cymbidium Amazing
Dave Miller



Lepanthes telipogoniflora
Brandon Spannbauer



Lc. Mini Song – Jane Bush



Cyc. Anne x pentadactylon
Lore Yu



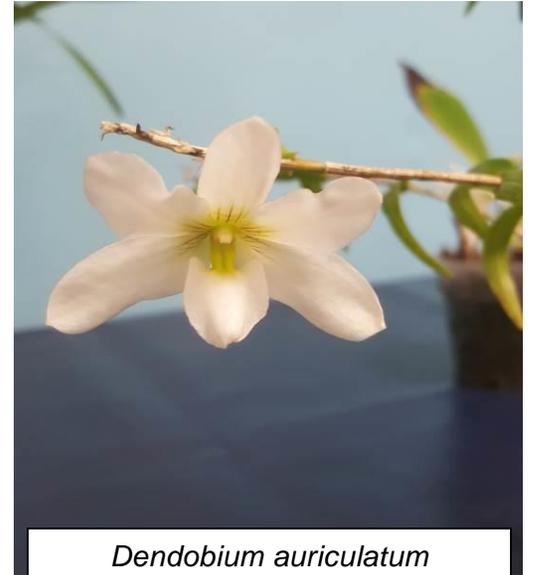
Zootrophion lappaceum
Brandon Spannbauer



C. Mareeba Tiger
Darlene Thompson

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Dendobium auriculatum
Dave Miller



NOLD Cattleya Hybrid
Mary Lou Jubin



Odcdm. Wild Willie
Bernie Skalak



Lc. Wrigley
Jane Bush