

# Greater Akron Orchid Society

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

## November 2021

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### **Minutes of Oct Meeting**

We had our Zoom meeting Alan Koch discussed "Understanding Dendrobium" Meeting details below

Happy Halloween



### **Upcoming Business**

We are still navigating the confusing world of reopening meetings amid covid. Please bear with us as things may change month to month. Here is our tentative meeting itinerary for the rest of 2021 and beginning of 2022

November 8: In-Person

December: No Meeting

January 10: In-Person

February 14: In-Person

In all likelihood our 2022 meetings will have a combination of in person and Zoom meetings. We are still finalizing the calendar and I will have more info to share in a few months

### **Next Meeting (In-Person)**

The next meeting of the GAOS will be Monday, Nov. 8, 2021. Doors open 6:45 pm, and meeting starts 7:15 pm. Portage Lakes Kiwanis Center, 725 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron, Ohio 44319

Program: **Cypripediums**

Speaker: Wayne Roberts

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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.  
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**Meeting details below**

**Website:** [www.thegaos.com](http://www.thegaos.com)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/theGAOS](http://www.facebook.com/theGAOS)

**Email:** [greaterakronorchidsociety@gmail.com](mailto:greaterakronorchidsociety@gmail.com)

## Letter from the Editor

By Brandon Spannbauer



Greetings!

We are partnering up with nearby societies to promote our online Zoom meetings to members for those interested in checking them out and their interesting speakers. Details on future free online meetings will be periodically emailed out to you with instructions on how you can join and participate if you wish.

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### Greater Cleveland Orchid Society

[www.facebook.com/GreaterClevelandOrchidSociety/](http://www.facebook.com/GreaterClevelandOrchidSociety/)

[www.gcos.org](http://www.gcos.org)

### West Shore Orchid Society

[www.facebook.com/WestShoreOrchidSociety/](http://www.facebook.com/WestShoreOrchidSociety/)

[westshoreorchidsociety.org/](http://westshoreorchidsociety.org/)

## Meeting Schedule

GAOS meets the second Monday of each month (except December) Beginner's Corner starts at 6:45pm and the meeting at 7:15pm, 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 8 Wayne Roberts – Cypripedium (In-Person)

Dec No Meeting

Jan 10 Caring for Oncidium / Show Prep (In-Person)  
Edgar Stehli



**Photo of the Month:** The cultivar shown is *Dracula roezlii* 'Cow Hollow'. *Dracula roezlii* is a cool to cold growing epiphyte from Colombia (Antioquia) at elevations of around 1800 to 2350 metres.

Photo © Luis E. Baquero

## Greetings GAOS members!

On November 8, 2022 we will be having an In-Person meeting and member plant give away. We want to make people feel comfortable coming and participating in the meeting so here are a few details:

- Masks will be recommended but not required
- Member plants will be given away during the meeting. If you wish to pick up your plant before the meeting, we will have an outdoor pickup from 6:30-7:00pm then indoors after that time
- Extra plants will be sold for \$15 after everyone has received a plant

Sept 13, 2021: Doors open 6:45pm, meeting starts at 7:15pm  
Portage Lakes Kiwanis Center, 725 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron, Ohio  
44319

- Wayne Roberts will be our presenter this evening, he will be discussing Cypripediums
- Wayne will be taking orders for plants and orchid supplies to bring to the meeting. If you're interested in an order please send him a list of what you'd like promptly to: [rfs@orchidmix.com](mailto:rfs@orchidmix.com)  
His website: <http://www.orchidmix.com/>

- Our 2022 Spring Show is a go! We will be discussing it at the meeting and voting on 2022 officers
- 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

We hope that everyone has been staying healthy and look forward to getting together. Please feel free to email any questions to:  
[greaterakronorchidsociety@gmail.com](mailto:greaterakronorchidsociety@gmail.com)

Thanks and see you then!

## Member Plant Info for Nov 8 Meeting

GAOS Members:

It is time for our annual plant give-away. The plants will be available at our November 8 meeting from 6:30 - 7:00 PM outside the building and during the regular meeting time inside. We want to have the plants ready to go for you like last year. Below is the list of available plants. Please email [bushjj@juno.com](mailto:bushjj@juno.com) or text me at 440-429-5779 with your first, second and third choices. If you cannot pick up your plant at the designated time, Jim Bell will take the assigned plants to his house for you to pick up by arrangements with him.

The available plants are:



10 *Aerangis luteo alba* var. *rhodosticta* These plants are easy to grow but should just dry at the roots between watering. When in flower, keep slightly more moist at the roots. Grow in Phalaenopsis light and conditions. Do well mounted if you have limited space.



10 Maude type Paphs – a molted leaf paph; a couple with white; most will have a dark flower



10 Oncidium Tsiku Marguerite - a compact grower with sprays of delicate fragrant white and orange flowers. ... Care is very easy – this plant will reward you several times a year with fragrant blooms! This orchid prefers the brightest possible indirect light, regular weak fertilization, and occasional misting.



4 Lysudamuloa Red Jewel 'Hilo Girl' grown with cool dry winters and wet summers. Will do best in intermediate temperatures, with highs in the 80's. May lose leaves in winter but Edgar says maybe not. Well draining, moisture retentive media and snug containers are best.



4 Zygo. Advance Australia -compact but vigorous Zygopetalum hybrid astounds with its fragrant flowers that smell of hyacinth but with a sweeter overtone that often blooms twice per year with 2 to 3 inch flowers that last up to 3 months. Grow in medium light and keep the potting mix on the moist side, never allowing the mix to totally dry between watering. Grow in intermediate temperatures.



2 Wils. Hilda Plum Tree 'HOF' -produces multiple 1.5-2" blooms lasting 2-3 weeks and can bloom twice year. Grow in cool to warm temperature, bright light, and keep moist.



2 Mtdm. Pacific Waters 'Paul's Pride' - Oncidium type orchid, easy to grow in Intermediate lighting. This is a compact type, is not tall, with light fragrance.



2 Aliceara Snowblind 'Sweet Spots' -- Oncidium type orchid, easy to grow in Intermediate lighting. This one is for those who like spotted flowers.



2 Ons. Wildcat 'Yellow King' - a second spotted oncidium type. Grow in bright, diffused light and water just as the media are approaching dryness.



Bllra. Tahoma Glacier 'Green' - a thire spotted oncidium type with large, 6" flowers that last 2-3 months.

## GAOS October Meeting Notes

By Pam Everett

GAOS met on Zoom Monday, October 11, with 29 members and guests participating. Darlene Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 and discussed getting orchids indoors for the winter. She presented the slate of officers for 2022. They are:

|                |                    |
|----------------|--------------------|
| President      | Jane Bush          |
| Vice President | Craig Miller       |
| Secretary      | Pam Everett        |
| Treasurer      | Claudia Englert    |
| Editor         | Brandon Spannbauer |

Members will vote on the slate at the November meeting, but a discussion ensued regarding a quorum. According to Dave Miller, GAOS currently has 48 paid memberships and bylaws state that a majority of members must be in attendance to hold the vote. There were several suggestions for achieving that number, and details will be forthcoming.

Darlene also announced that the November meeting will be in-person, and current CDC rules for masks will be honored...those not fully vaccinated will be required to wear masks, while those fully vaccinated will not be required to wear masks but masks are still strongly recommended. Wayne Roberts will be the speaker at the meeting, and the annual plant giveaway will be conducted at that time.

GAOS is progressing with plans for a spring orchid show, tentatively scheduled for March 5 and 6, 2022. Dayton Nursery has graciously agreed to host the show again, and members are strongly encouraged to volunteer their time to assure the show's success.

Darlene presented this month's virtual show table, with 18 orchids. She then introduced Alan Koch of Gold Coast Orchids in California who spoke on the genus Dendrobiums

Alan explained that Dendrobium is the largest orchid genus with the most different species. An "industry" was started when Dendrobium phalaenopsis was first crossed with antelope Dendrobium to provide growers with a plant that could produce flowers beautiful enough to make leis and strong enough to resist bud blast, which had been a problem in the past. He then discussed a variety of species as well as primary and secondary hybrids and showed the progression in flower development through hybridization. He also compared the growing requirements of different Dendrobiums to other types of orchids. In short, the message was that anybody can successfully grow Dendrobiums as long as we understand the needs of each type of plant. For instance, some require a cooling period similar to Cymbidiums. Others can use the amount of light Cattleyas require. And so on.

Following a brief question and answer period, the meeting concluded at 8:30.

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## 2021 GAOS Program Calendar

- Jan 11 Managing an Orchid Collection – David Miller
- Feb 8 Understanding Orchid Nutrition - Ray Barlow
- Mar 8 Mini-Catts: Delightful Cattleyas in Miniature – Peter T. Lin of Diamond Orchids
- Apr 12 Understanding Light – Cheryl Erins
- May 10 Curating an Ever-Blooming Collection – Darlene Thompson
- Jun 14 Summer Picnic  
1<sup>st</sup> Member Plant Auction
- Jul 12 “Tolumnia Species and Hybrids” with Edgar Stehli
- Aug 9 TBD
- Sep 13 2<sup>nd</sup> Member Plant Auction
- Oct 11 TBD
- Nov 8 Holiday banquet / Elections
- Dec 13 No meeting



**IS THIS FOR YOU?**

**The American Orchid  
Society Judging  
Program**

**is seeking highly  
motivated orchid  
enthusiasts to join the  
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*Work with other such people  
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awards programs and  
educational efforts.*

*For more information contact us at  
[judges@aos.org](mailto:judges@aos.org)*

# Judges Viewpoint

By Dave Miller, Great Lakes Judging Center

Issue #10

## How Does My Orchid Stack Up?

I get contacted frequently with photos of outstanding orchids that my orchid friends are growing, some to my own envy. The plant and flower(s) are so visually stunning that the discussion turns to “Is it Awardable?”.

As an AOS member, you are bequeathed your own copy of the AOS Awards database, known as OrchidPro. Not only just a repository of awards, there is also a wealth of available resource material included.

In Issue #11 next month I will share some basic guidance on how to use OrchidPro to find revealing information about orchids just like yours. It’s one of the things I do regularly when I obtain a new plant or have one come into flower (sometimes just in bud is even exciting).

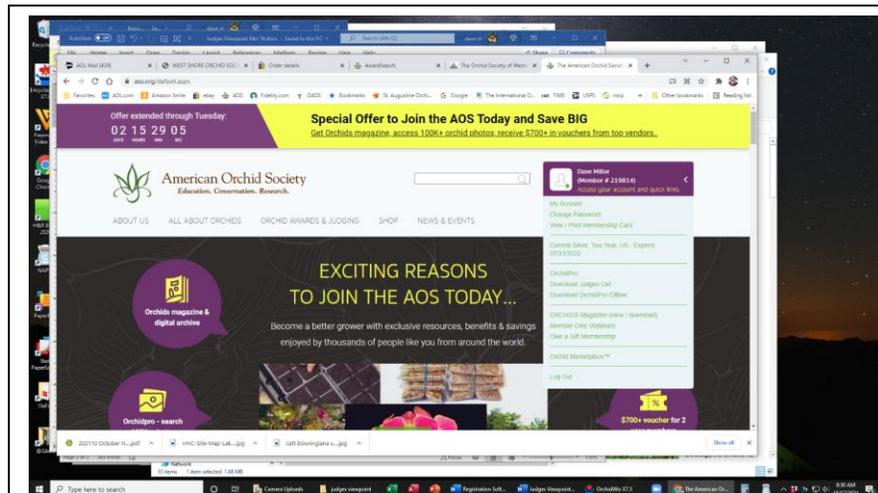
## Getting Started

First, if you are currently an AOS member, then go to the [AOS Home Page](#). Look on the right side for your account area and click on the right caret > to access features and services available to you.

After clicking >, your personal menu and OrchidPro will be listed as a choice for any current member. More on this next month but if the anticipation is simply killing you, just get in touch with me for a private lesson on basic How-To.

## The Exciting Part

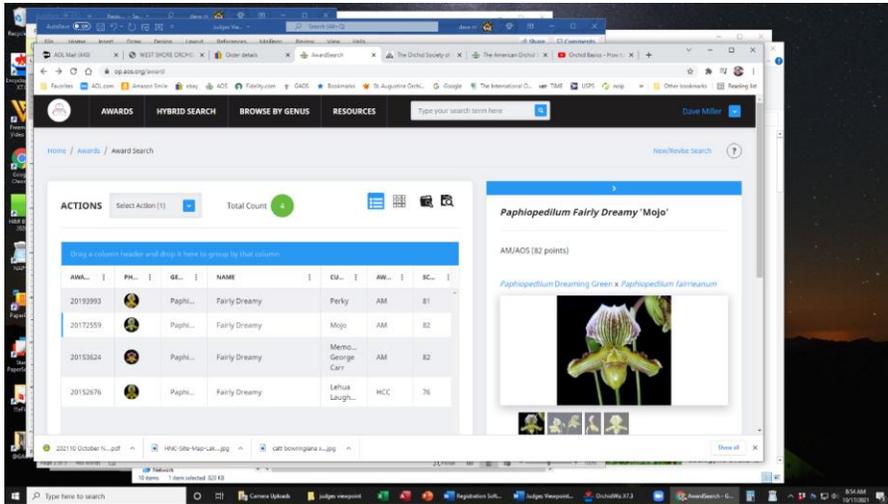
If I am not familiar with a new plant, the first thing I do is to verify the names on the label. There are frequent mis-spelling or omitted parts of the orchid name. If you are unsure of this process, you can watch my YouTube video on reading orchid labels at [Reading Orchid Labels](#). It is short but will give you a good idea on what you have.



Although there are around twenty AOS awards, most of us focus on the Flower Quality (HCC, AM, FCC) and the Cultural Awards (CCM, CCE). As implied, flower quality focuses directly on your flowers by looking at symmetry, color, size, and floriferousness. Cultural awards focus more on the plant and how it has been grown by examining size, condition and floriferousness. One caveat on cultural awards is the plant must have been in the owner’s possession for at least one year.

## ONWARD.

Use a basic search to locate any existing awards for your plant. I generally start with size using flower width. All award measurements are in cm. (centimeters). This number is named NS (natural spread width) and NSV (natural spread vertical) and are measured at the widest and tallest part of the flower when facing the flower. Next, I look at how many flowers, buds and inflorescences the awarded plants have on average. There are many factors involved but this at least gives me a starting point for how well my orchid has been grown. Below, you can see a sample award page for Paphiopedilum Fairly Dreamy. There are four awards and I have highlighted my award from 2017. This is a nice view as it shows how many awards, photos of each award, year given and to whom, and the actual hybrid cross making this plant. Also, it shows the number of flowers, buds and spikes for each award and dimensions (cm.) for all important flower segments. There is also a simple tool available to calculate the averages for some or all awards. This panel will show all awards but in this case there are only flower quality awards.

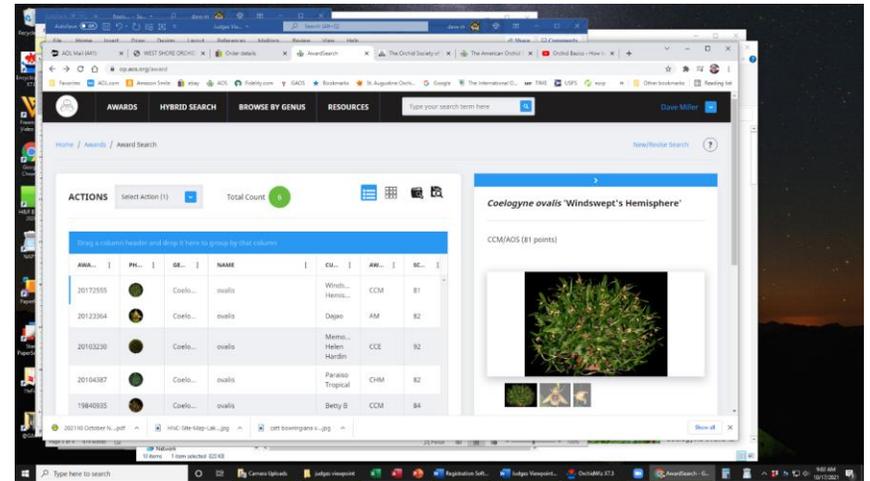


Looking at previous awards will also give you an idea of good flower form, color and balance for your plant. I do this frequently as my collection blooms to see how I am doing and to verify the quality of my collection. Here is one more sample showing an orchid with a cultural award. Looking at cultural awards gives you a good look at the potential of your orchid based on how other growers have cultivated them and the plant potential. This example is for *Coelogyne ovalis*, known to grow to a very dense ball.

On the award listing will be the number of flowers and buds and in current times, the size of the plant which is in a 15-cm basket (6 inches) but the plant itself is 90-cm (36 inches). Puts my 20 inch plant to shame but mine has grown larger each year.

There is lots of information about your orchids at your fingertips and this is just a toe-dip for now.

Happy Orchid'ing Contact Dave at [dcmjpasmil@aol.com](mailto:dcmjpasmil@aol.com) or 330-307-7189



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## 2022 Show Ad Contract

It's official, we are going ahead with plans for our 2022 Spring Show! With taking a year off, we'd like to get a head start with our show planning and prep. One of the most important things to get squared away are securing advertisers for our show.

Our spring show will take place on March 5-6, 2022. Our location is:

### Dayton Nursery

**3459 S. Cleveland Massillon Rd.,  
Norton, OH 44203**

It is so important that we secure advertisers as this is one of our main ways that we secure the funds needed to have a great show and allow for speakers for our society. A copy of the ad contract has been attached to the email with this newsletter, will be provided at the November meeting and is available on our website for download: <http://www.thegaos.com/>

Each year at our show we hand our show booklets to attendees. Inside is info about orchids, our club, our upcoming schedule and ads for local businesses. These ads are vital for us to bring in enough money to host a yearly orchid show.

They come in 3 different sizes with prices to match. We ask that everyone do their part and print out a few and go to your local businesses and inquire if they would like to advertise for our show. They supply their business card and/or art for their advertisement to be included in our booklet. It's that simple. All the details will be explained at the meetings and are in the contract.

Please let me know if you any questions, much more show info to come.

Thanks,  
Brandon

## Sample Contract:

### Greater Akron Orchid Society Advertising Contract

The Greater Akron Orchid Society is pleased to announce its 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Orchid Show to be held at our new location, Dayton Nursery: 3459 S Cleveland Massillon Rd, Norton, OH 44203, on March 5-6, 2022. As part of this unique event, we are handing out a show program booklet which will showcase local businesses and will talk about orchid care and the Orchid Society membership. This is a great opportunity to advertise your business and to help support our Orchid Show. Please consider supporting our event. Thank you.

Sincerely, The Greater Akron Orchid Society

#### Sponsor Copy (Due Feb. 14, 2022)

Greater Akron Orchid Society, Affiliated Member of the American Orchid Society

Ads for our show booklet come in 3 sizes. Please select a size and provide a business card or ad art that you wish to be included. Thank you.

|              |                   |         |                                     |                           |
|--------------|-------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Receipt for: | Business Card     | (\$25)  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <u>Approx. Dimensions</u> |
|              | Half Page         | (\$50)  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | 3.5 x 2 in.               |
|              | Corporate Sponsor | (\$100) | <input type="checkbox"/>            | 5.5 x 4.25 in.            |
|              |                   |         |                                     | 5.5 x 8.5 in.             |

Ad Show Program Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Ad copy to be submitted in electronic form as PDF, JPG or PNG file to: [braxtonds@gmail.com](mailto:braxtonds@gmail.com)

Cash or checks made payable to: **Greater Akron Orchid Society (GAOS)**

Accepted By: Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ GAOS \_\_\_\_\_

Please send GAOS COPY with payment, Brandon Spannbauer [braxtonds@gmail.com](mailto:braxtonds@gmail.com)  
Business card and/or Art to: 2081 Thornhill Dr. (330) 285-3798  
Akron, OH 44313

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#### GAOS COPY (Due Feb. 14, 2022)

Advertiser's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted By: GAOS: \_\_\_\_\_

Select ad size: Business Card \_\_\_\_\_ Half Page \_\_\_\_\_ Corporate Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Advertising Total: Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_

Ad copy to be submitted in electronic form as PDF, JPG or PNG file to: [braxtonds@gmail.com](mailto:braxtonds@gmail.com)

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

Repeat advertiser wishes to use old ad? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Please send GAOS COPY with payment, Brandon Spannbauer [braxtonds@gmail.com](mailto:braxtonds@gmail.com)  
Business card and/or Art to: 2081 Thornhill Dr. (330) 285-3798  
Akron, OH 44313

## Orchid Open Houses

### ***Windswept in Time Orchids – OPEN HOUSE!***

Edgar and Kim Stehli

2021 Open House Event

Fall: November 6 & 7 (Sat. & Sun.) 11am – 5pm

8066 Skyline Drive

Broadview Heights, Ohio 44147

440-838-5757 – Call first for an appt.

Website: [windsweptorchids.com](http://windsweptorchids.com)

Check us out on Facebook at Windswept in Time  
Orchids (Agricultural Services)

Due to the covid virus, our house will be closed to the public therefore there will be no bathroom facilities-- please plan accordingly. Please follow covid 19 protocols.

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I would like to thank all of our loyal customers  
who commented on my condition

It is nice to know so many care!

Every year we have had a

### **Winter orchid sale**

We have many orchids blooming/spiking and  
seedlings, so we will continue

This year's date is Dec 11, 2021 with extra  
employees to serve you.

Dec. 10 and 12 is by appointment. All days  
10 – 4 pm.

I have posted a partial list of plants to our web  
page.

Please order any grower bags in advance!

We will give 15% discount off your purchase.

We also have tropicals such as hoyas, plumeria  
& tillandsia

Many plant books, vases & orchid artwork

Hope to see you there!

# Photo Gallery

Home Displays  
Oct 2021



