

Greater Akron Orchid Society

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

Nov 2022

Minutes of Oct Meeting

Our Oct meeting was virtual with Clark Riley discussing 60 years of orchid growing mistakes

Meeting summary below:



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 2022

Nov 14: In-Person
Dec: No Meeting
Jan 9: In-Person
Feb 13: In-Person

Our 2022 meetings will have a combination of in person and Zoom meetings. Detailed meeting schedule below

Next Meeting (In-Person)

The next meeting of the GAOS will be Monday, Nov 14, 2022. **Early start time of 6:30pm this month only.** Portage Lakes Kiwanis Center, 725 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron, Ohio 44319

Program: **Holiday Banquet & Elections**
Speaker:

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):

President

Jane Bush

Vice President

Craig Miller

Treasurer

Claudia Englert

Secretary

Pam Everett

Editor

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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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West Shore Orchid Society

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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.**

Virtual meeting invites will be sent out via email the week before the meeting along with the monthly newsletter

Nov 14	(In-Person) Holiday Banquet & Elections
Dec	No Meeting
Jan 9	(In-Person) Getting Plants Ready for the Spring Show
Feb 13	(In-Person) Preparing for the Spring Show



Photo of the Month: From the First Lady series, it's Blc Hillary Rodham Clinton 'First Lady' HCC/AOS (Meditation x C Kittiwake) from 1993. Photo © Chadwick & Son

Greetings GAOS Members

In 2022, we will be having both In-Person and virtual meetings. A detailed itinerary is explained in our Calendar as to whether the meeting is in person or online. We want to make people feel comfortable coming and participating in in-person meetings so here are a few details:

- Masks will be recommended but not required
- Please social distance if possible

Meeting Location:

Doors open 6:45pm, meetings start at 7:00pm
Portage Lakes Kiwanis Center, 725 Portage Lakes Dr.,
Akron, Ohio 44319

- 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 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

- If there are changes to future meetings you will be notified via email, if you haven't been getting any GAOS emails please send your email address to be added to the list

We hope that everyone has been staying healthy and look forward to getting together. Please feel free to email any questions or to be added to the email list to: greaterakronorchidsociety@gmail.com

Thanks,

Brandon Spannbauer, Editor

November 14, In-Person, Meeting Info

Our November meeting will be our Holiday Banquet, Elections & Member Plant Give-away. **Early start time of 6:30pm**

6:00 Doors open for set up of food items

6:30 Meeting begins with dinner:

The society will provide the main course (probably Honey Baked Ham again) and all members should bring a covered dish of their choice. Plates, napkins, eating utensils and cold beverages will also be provided by the society.

We will be conducting the business of the Society during dinner after everyone is served/seated.

Business will include:

Opening comments

Elections of 2023 officers

Discussion of 2023 Orchid show

Plant give away:

You must be present to receive a plant or you must designate someone to pick up your plant for you. Any plants that remain will be sold at the end of the November meeting.

Also, you can contact me at justcraig@sssnet.com or call (330) 671-2681 to make arrangements for your plants.

GAOS October Meeting Notes

By Pam Everett

GAOS met via Zoom October 10, Jane Bush shared the current slate of officers for 2023:

President, Craig Miller
Vice President, open
Jane Bush, Treasurer
Brandon Spannbauer, Editor
Barb Ford, Trustee
Pam Everett, Secretary

Jane and Craig discussed the responsibilities of the Vice President, and suggested that much of that work has already been completed with the 2023 calendar already well in place. Anyone interested in the position should contact Craig or Jane.

Jane also announced that next year's meetings will start at 6:30 in order to include a half-hour session on orchid basics prior to the call to order at 7:00. In addition, there will be an attempt at holding all meetings both in person and on Zoom as there are individuals who attend live but not via Zoom and there are individuals who attend via Zoom but not live, including a few individuals from out of state who do not have access to a local society. In order to accomplish this, GAOS is also considering the purchase of a larger screen, perhaps to be donated to Kiwanis in return for its permitting us to use their facilities at no charge. This will enhance program viewing in person as well as on Zoom.

Craig mentioned that he will be emailing a short survey to all members regarding ways to improve the organization and to get member input on other suggestions. He asked that members please respond to the survey.

After concluding the business portion of the meeting, Craig shared the visual show table, which included 21 beautiful plants this month.

Clark Riley then presented "65 Years of Orchid Mistakes" in which he recounted his Top 10 mistakes orchid aficionados frequently make.

10. Not labeling orchids
9. Not giving orchids a "summer vacation" – as in not taking them outdoors
8. Not setting seed on special plants – setting seed provides next-generation plants
7. Worrying about fertilizers
6. Not repotting often enough
5. Ignoring bugs for too long
4. Not providing enough light
3. Not giving enough air movement
2. Not paying attention to the quality of water
1. Not buying that orchid you really love!

Upcoming Orchid Events

By Dave Miller

Judging will resume in November at the Matthaei Botanical Garden in Ann Arbor.

The 2023 Greater Cleveland Orchid Society Show will be held on February 4-5, 2023 at Cleveland Botanical Garden.

Our 2023 Greater Akron Orchid Society Show will be held on March 4-5 at Dayton Nurseries. More info to come.

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

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2022 GAOS Program Calendar

- Jan 10 In-person – Edgar Stehli – Caring for Oncidium
- Feb 14 In-person – Preparing for the Show – TBD (Barb Ford and Dave Miller)
- Staking spikes, selecting plants for the show
 - Cleaning plants and creating labels
- Mar 14 In-person – Orchids 101 – Panel Discussion/New member meet and greet
- Orchid Tabletop Conversations
- Apr 11 Virtual – Demystifying Sphagnum Moss – Carri Raven-Rieman
- May 9 In-person – Repotting Clinic (will need 3-4 volunteers to demo)
1st Member Plant Auction
- Jun 13 Virtual – Orchids of Columbia – David Haelterman
- Jul 11 In-person - Summer Picnic
- Aug 8 Virtual – Orchids of Borneo – Charles Wilson
- Sep 12 In-person – Preparing for Fall/Winter (Speaker Needed) – Panel Discussions
2nd Member Plant Auction
- Oct 10 Virtual – Clark Riley – 60 Years of Orchid Growing Mistakes
- Nov 14 In-person - Holiday banquet / Elections
- Dec 12 No meeting



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motivated orchid
enthusiasts to join the
judging ranks.**

*Work with other such people
and help maintain our
awards programs and
educational efforts.*

*For more information contact us at
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New Sunset Valley Orchid Fall Blooming Crosses

Cygd. Leopard's Gold 'Jordan H'
(Cyc. warszewiczii 'Leo' AM/AOS x Cygd. Freckled Sweetheart 'Samantha' AM/AOS)



Ctsm. Double Down 'BPYL'
(Ctsm. Chuck Taylor x Ctsm. kleberianum)



Cynoches Providence 'SVO'
(Cynoches Richard Brandon x Cynoches Martha Clarke).



Cyc. Richard Brandon 'Xtra Wide Petals'



New Orchids to Science

2021 :: [Cyrtochis](#) okuensis. The newly discovered species, here named *C. okuensis*, is restricted to the montane forest (1600 to 2500 m elevation) of the [Cameroon Volcanic Line](#) (CVL) and is currently assessed as [Near Threatened](#) (NT). Among angraecoid orchids in which hawkmoth pollination is recorded (~16 species), *C. okuensis* has the shortest nectar spur (19–40 mm). In situ observations revealed hawkmoths with short proboscis of the genus [Hippotion](#) (*H. celerio*, *H. eson*, and *H. osiris*) as the main pollinators. The rate of pollination and fruiting under natural conditions was low and among the 448 surveyed flowers only 38.8% (174/448 flowers) had their pollinia removed, 19% produced fruits (87/448 flowers), and 16% (70/448 flowers) set mature fruits.

– Novataxa 2021



Remembering Warren Stoutamire



Many of our current members probably do not even know about Warren. He was a great friend to many of us and in fact was one of the GAOS charter members. He lived for a long time in Mogadore where he grew, hybridized, and propagated many native plants including a large number of orchids.

He was truly a plant lover. In recent years after being diagnosed with Parkinson's, Warren was forced to sell his home where he lived alone and move closer to family. He has lived more than five years in Cincinnati. I was able to visit with him several times during orchid visits to Cincinnati and he was still growing orchids on his windowsill in his one room apartment.

For a long while, Warren was the curator of the greenhouses at the University of Akron. On our visit there, I asked why there was a refrigerator in the greenhouse. Upon opening, the entire fridge was chock full of little packets of plant seeds he had collected and was using to make more plants.

As a world-renowned native plant specialist, I still learn of his notoriety in the plant world as evidenced when we see talks from Dr. Clark Riley and Leon Glicenstein among others. He specialized in South African orchids and other plants, especially known for his work with *Disa* orchids until a bacterial infection decimated his collection, an affliction common to growing *Disas*.

A great friend and a great plant man. We will miss him.

Dave Miller

GAOS Survey

Earlier we sent out a survey via email to get your thoughts on a few subjects. We have received many responses so far. If you haven't responded and would like to, here are the questions, please submit them to Craig to be tallied, thanks.

In an effort to keep our monthly program schedule interesting, fun and in line with what our membership would like to see, I have put together a short survey to try and get some feedback. Please take a minute to respond back to me concerning the survey questions. Once an adequate response period has passed, I will send out the results to everyone. All responses will be anonymous, so please say anything you want. Thanks in advance for your time!

1. Do you prefer programming focused at growing orchids or about orchid culture (where plants are from how they are bred, naming)?
2. Do you prefer in person or Zoom meetings?
3. Are the presentations too long? What would be a better time slot if so?

Please reply to this email with your response OR send them directly to Craig: justcraig@sssnet.com

Thanks for your help,
Craig Miller

Thelymitra speciosa Jeanes, *Muelleria* 27: 166 (2009).

Commonly known as The Eastern Queen of Sheba.

Thelymitra speciosa is one of our most colourful native Australian orchids. From Western Australia in the Stirling Range to Condingup at elevations of 50 to 400 meters this cold growing terrestrial can be found among dense low shrubs in heavy clay loam.

In-situ photo © Noel Hoffman



Photo Gallery

Displays

October 2022

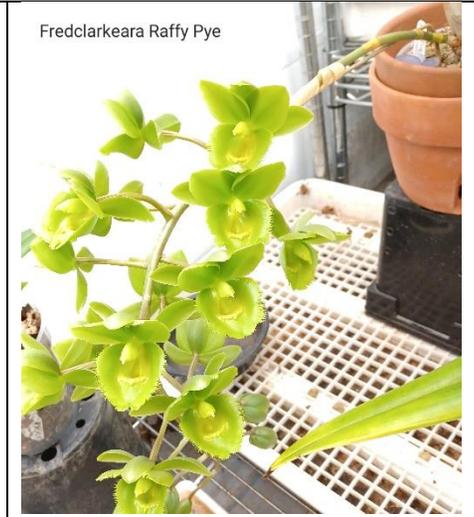




Paph. delenatii
P145



Aerangis luteo-alba
var. *rhodosticta*
A08



FredClarkeara Raffy Pye



Bulb. Thai Spider

