

# Greater Akron Orchid Society

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

## November 2023

### Previous Meeting Minutes

In our October meeting we discussed Growing Under Lights and What Makes a Winning Show Display

-- Our November meeting will be the holiday banquet. Please bring a dish to share, ham will be provided --

Meeting summary below (Page 4):

(Lego orchid watered with a lego ice cube and its leaves fell off!)



### Announcements

We are excited to announce that in 2023 we will have hybrid meetings (both In-Person & Zoom). Zoom details will be included in each newsletter

2023 will have an earlier start time of 6:30pm to accommodate for the 'Grower's Club', a short topic each month focused on growing happy orchids followed by our normal meeting

Zoom details below (Page 3):

### Next Meeting

The next meeting of the GAOS will be Monday, Nov 13, 2023. **New start time of 6:30pm.** Doors open at 6:00pm. Portage Lakes Kiwanis Center, 725 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron, Ohio 44319

### Topics

Mini: **Orchid Stories**  
Program: **Holiday Banquet**  
Speaker: **Officer Elections**

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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 (Page 3):

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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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## Meeting Schedule

GAOS meets the second Monday of each month (except December) Grower's Club starts at 6:30pm and the meeting at 7:00pm, 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 13	Orchid Stories / Holiday Banquet / Officer Elections
Dec	No Meeting
Jan 8	TBD / Getting Ready for the Show
Feb 12	TBD / Preparing Plants for the Show



**Photo of the Month:** Another fine B digbyana with four flowers, 'Mrs Chase' AM/AOS, originally awarded in 1970. – Arthur Chadwick

## 2023 Meeting Info

In 2023, we will be having Hybrid Meetings (both In-Person and virtual.) You can join us either at our normal meeting location or via Zoom where the live meeting will be broadcasted online. Zoom meeting details will be included in the Newsletter before each meeting.

Additionally, meetings will start at 6:30pm to accommodate our new Beginner's Corner. Each month will tackle a new topic on growing happy orchids.

### Meeting Location:

Portage Lakes Kiwanis Center  
725 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron, Ohio 44319

Doors open:	6:00pm
Grower's Club:	6:30pm
Main Meeting:	7:00pm

- 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 portion of the 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

Please feel free to email any questions or to be added to the email list to: [greaterakronorchidsociety@gmail.com](mailto:greaterakronorchidsociety@gmail.com)

Thanks,

Brandon Spannbauer, Editor

## November 13, Meeting Info

This meeting is our holiday pot luck dinner. The society will provide the main course of glazed ham. Please bring a side dish of your choosing (side, salad, desert). Plates and utensils will be provided.

6:00	Doors open
6:30	Opening comments
6:45	Begin dinner
7:30	Vote for officers / Distribute Member plants - See note below
8:00	Orchid stories - Member are invited to share stories of their orchid experiences with the group. I will have the projector running if you have pictures to share.

Orchids will be distributed for members in attendance. We will be going table by table, having each table select the plant of their choosing. Jane or I will be setting aside a plant for anyone who has made prior arrangements.

### Grower's Club (Mini) / Meeting Topic:

#### Topics

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## Zoom Meeting Details

For those who would like to join us online please, follow the link below to join the Zoom Meeting

Time: Nov 13, 2023 06:00 PM

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86949952185?pwd=TzExSWNOZGE3T3QyaEQrM2F4WE0vQT09>

## GAOS October Meeting Notes

By Pam Everett

GAOS held its regularly scheduled meeting Monday, October 9 with 27 people attending in person and online. Craig Miller called the meeting to order and made a brief presentation on Growing Under Lights, explaining that in Ohio growing conditions are such that to be successful in getting orchids to bloom, lights are a necessity. He discussed three types of lights that are useful – fluorescent, led, and high-pressure sodium. He discussed the use of power strips and showed several slides of his lighting arrangements. He also talked about timing lights and measuring light density. A brief discussion with members followed.

The business meeting followed. The November meeting will be the annual holiday dinner with the plant giveaway. Members will receive a notice to indicate their choice of plants indicating first, second and third choice. Members who do not attend are asked to make pre-arrangements for pickup or delivery of their plants. November's meeting will also have election of officers for 2024 so members are also asked to consider nominations from the floor and consider running for an office themselves. The Orchid Show will run March 2 and 3 next year with setup on Thursday, March 1.

The show table this month was rather small with only 9 plants displayed.

After a brief break, members saw an AOS presentation by Kathy Batholder on the five principles of general arrangement to achieve excellent show displays. She discussed in detail Balance, Contrast, Dominance, Proportion and Rhythm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15.

## Free Orchid Conservation Virtual Symposium

**Saturday November 18, 2023**

9:00 AM-12:30 PM (PDT)

**9:00-9:55 Prof Ken Cameron, University of Wisconsin**  
*The Impact of Climate Change on Regional Flora*

**10:00-10:45 Javier Robayo**  
Fundación Ecominga, Baños, Ecuador

**10:50-11:35 Sebastián Vieira**  
Corporación SalvaMontes, Yaramul, Colombia

**11:40-12:25 Nicholas Locke**  
REGUA, Rio de Janeiro state, Brazil

**12:25 - 12:30 Mary Gerritsen, President, OCA**  
*Closing Remarks*

It is a pleasure to announce the Orchid Conservation Alliance's second Orchid Conservation Symposium. The goal is to acquaint you with some of our currently-supported reserves, their current projects and challenges, and some of the people who are overseeing them. We also will introduce a new potential partner who has been doing habitat restoration in Brazil. The symposium will begin with an introductory presentation on orchid conservation by renowned biologist and OCA member Ken Cameron. After that, the conservationists will each give a presentation about their reserves and their recent activities and be available for your questions.

Register for Zoom link at  
<https://tinyurl.com/yckr4f7t>

[Orchidconservationalliance.org](https://Orchidconservationalliance.org)

# Greater Akron Orchid Society



## 2023 GAOS Program Calendar

Jan 9	Grow Lights / Preparing Show Plants and Movie "Chasing Ghosts"
Feb 13	Pots / Best Practices for Buying Plants - Eric Sauer
Mar 13	Water / Getting to Know Members and Orchid Basics
Apr 10	Internet Resources / Lycaste - Russ or Cheryl
May 8	Potting Media / Member Plant Auction and Repotting Clinic
Jun 12	Orchid Pests & Problems / Coelogyne - Webinar or speaker
Jul 10	Let's Talk About Your Orchid / Summer Picnic
Aug 14	Buying Orchids on the Internet / Bulbophyllum - Charles Wilson
Sep 11	Getting Orchids to Bloom / Second Plant Auction / Mounting Clinic
Oct 9	Growing Under Lights / Wild, Weird & Wonderful Orchids – Peter Lin
Nov 13	Orchid Stories / Holiday Banquet, Election of Officers
Dec 11	No Meeting



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## 2024 Show Ad Contract

It's official, we are getting ready for our 2024 Spring Show! 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 2-3, 2024. 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 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,

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Sample Contract:

### Greater Akron Orchid Society Advertising Contract

The Greater Akron Orchid Society is pleased to announce its 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Spring Orchid Show to be held at Dayton Nursery: 3459 S Cleveland Massillon Rd, Norton, OH 44203, on March 2-3, 2024. 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. 12, 2024)

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:			Approx. Dimensions
Business Card	(\$25)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.5 x 2 in.
Half Page	(\$50)	<input type="checkbox"/>	5.5 x 4.25 in.
Corporate Sponsor	(\$100)	<input type="checkbox"/>	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: [greaterakronorchidsociety@gmail.com](mailto:greaterakronorchidsociety@gmail.com)

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

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Business card and/or Art to: 2081 Thornhill Dr. (330) 285-3798  
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## Stubborn Orchids

By Brandon Spannbauer

Let's dedicate this post to showing off blooms that never make it to a meeting.



*L. anceps v. lineata*

I've had this laelia for 7 years and it took at least 5 years to start producing show stopping blooms. The striations took years to really develop a nice pattern. For years it was barely there strips of color. I've found that anceps have really sticky blooms that have a hard time to open on their own. I spray the buds with a spray bottle of water everyday as they open and this has solved the problem.



Blc. Copper Queen / (Bl. Richard Mueller 4N x Lc. Jalapa 4N 'Ruben's Pick')

Blc. Copper Queen (Rlc. Toshi Aoki x Bl. Richard Mueller 4N)

This is cross from H&R and its second blooming and has 3 large flowers. I'm very happy with the size and shape and the deep, rich yellow color. Like some Richard Mueller crosses, it has a very slight color change from a pastel orange to yellow as the flowers age.

(Bl. Richard Mueller 4N x Lc. Jalapa 4N 'Ruben's Pick')

This is first bloom seedling from SVO. Richard Mueller crosses is one group that I like to collect because I like that it adds a compact, fast growth habit and free blooming to its offspring. This cross is very interesting so far, it opened a deep almost maroon red and lightened with age but the petals are curled backward. Hopefully, this improves in the future.

If you have any stubborn orchids that bloom in-between meetings, send me photos to have them included in the newsletter:

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## Monthly Checklist for November and December

By AOS

### CATTLEYA

Growers of just about every level of expertise will have begun to notice autumn conditions by now. Days are becoming shorter, hence cooler; the sunlight has less intensity as a result of the sun's lowering angle, nights are longer and generally cooler. Plants are responding by slowing and ripening their growth in preparation for winter.

The first cultural change noticed should be a reduced frequency of watering, as the plants dry out more slowly. This is a function of both the reduced day length and lower temperatures, as well as the plants' slowing growth rate. Reduced water needs signal a reduced need for fertilization. Note that the key word is reduced, not eliminated. Feed less frequently and at lower dosage, but feed. Growths, made during summer's heat, and relatively soft and green, will be ripening -- hardening -- in preparation for a brief period of rest (in many cases).

Many of these ripening growths will have a sheath, presaging the coming winter or spring flowering season. In some cases, these sheaths will have been evident since as early as July. (Early sheath development does not mean early flowering on plants with winter-spring seasons.) You may notice that some of these sheaths are showing signs of yellowing. This is not abnormal. Autumn's more pronounced temperature fluctuation can lead to water condensation inside the sheath, hastening the normal process of senescence, so yellowing sheaths can be left on the plant only so long before they must be carefully removed to preserve the bud primordia within. Water condensation left unchecked can rot the bud primordia. The sheaths can be safely removed by slitting open and peeling down toward the pseudobulb.

### COOL-GROWING ORCHIDS

One can almost hear a sigh of relief from all of the cool-growers, from masdevallias to odontoglossums. As day temperatures decline, one can see a noticeable improvement in these plants. Shorter days and lower light levels do not seem to bother

Cymbidium - Finally we begin in earnest the main cymbidium season. *Cymbidium ensifolium* can give some early and fragrant hybrids, but it is now that the bulk of the crop will be flowering. The season lasts for about seven months, adding color to any collection. Miniature varieties will peak for the next three to four months. There are three important things to do: stake inflorescences ramrod straight for best presentation, watch for slugs and snails (especially just after a rain), and fertilize with a mild balanced formula regularly.

Oncidium - This is the season for plants in Oncidium section crispum from Brazil to shine. Extremely vigorous hybrids come in wide varieties of markings dominated with chestnut and brown and butter yellow. Give plants high light to produce strong upright inflorescences. The pseudobulbs should be plump, so do not let the plants dry out while they are in bloom. Later, plants will enter a dormant period.

Paphiopedilum - The flowering season for the "toads" or "bulldog" paphs is just getting underway. These cannot be grown everywhere, but where cooler summer nights allow their growth, there is no longer-lasting or more exotic display than these. Paphiopedilums are, in general, not heavy feeders, and it is especially important with this type to reduce nitrogen levels now for best flowering and spike length. Be watchful for water accumulating in the growth around the sheath, or for the late-season warm spell, either of which can lead to the sheath's rotting. As the spikes emerge, do not change the orientation of the plant toward the light, as this can lead to a crooked or twisted spike

While paphiopedilums rarely like to dry out entirely, water needs are significantly reduced beginning now. Overwatering at this time of year can quickly lead to root rot. Now is the time to practice good sanitary practices in your greenhouse or growing areas, as pest and disease problems have a way of multiplying rapidly in the darker and more crowded conditions that generally mark the winter growing area.

Phalaenopsis - Shortening days and cooler nights are the signals for inflorescence initiation in phalaenopsis. In more northern climates, or on the west coast, growers have already begun to see the early inflorescences that may be ready for Christmas. In the eastern areas, nights in the greenhouse will now be in the low to mid 60s, depending on the thermostat setting, so the first of our phalaenopsis will not begin to bloom until Valentine's Day at the earliest.



## New Orchids to Science

During surveys conducted on Neotropical Vanilla, a new [#endemic](#) species was found in the Brazilian [#Espinhaço](#) Range. Vanilla rupicola is recognized by its rupicolous habit, its reptant stems, and its sessile and rounded leaves. Vegetative and floral features support a close relationship between V. rupicola and sister taxa, mainly regarding the apical inflorescence (V. appendiculata), the type of appendages of the central crest of the labellum, and the labellar color pattern.— Novataxa 2023



After reaching 4 feet tall for two years in a row, I feel like Jiaho Yellow Bird has finally reached maximum height. Kat's Whiskers being the runner up, just a few inches shorter.

All of the plants in the back row are in the same height pots, except Galah - which will probably never need a pot as tall - it has dendritic tubers which spread out rather than grow longer with age. Spoonbill and roebelenii also have dendritic tubers and don't need taller pots.

Measurements are taken from the base of the plant to the last flower.

--Something about orchids (Facebook)

# Photo Gallery

Show Table

Oct 2023

