

# Greater Akron Orchid Society

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## October 2021

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### **Minutes of Sept Meeting**

We had our first in person meeting this year where Edgar Stehli discussed "Habenaria and their culture." Meeting details below.

*when planting your cats, make  
sure you space them equally so  
they have room to grow...*



### **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

October: Zoom Meeting  
November: In-Person  
December: No Meeting

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 (Zoom)**

Our October meeting will be online using Zoom where Alan Koch will discuss "Understanding Dendrobium"

**Zoom meeting details below**

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## 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/](https://www.facebook.com/GreaterClevelandOrchidSociety/)

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[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.**

Oct 11	Alan Koch – Understanding Dendrobium (Zoom)
Nov 8	Wayne Roberts – Cypripedium (In-Person)
Dec	No Meeting



**Photo of the Month:** Cycnoches Richard Brandon x Cycnoches Cryminy

Photo: Fred Clark

## Greetings GAOS members!

Our next meeting will be Online. Here are the details on how to enter the meeting (this info will also be emailed to you so you can follow the links that way).

The meeting will open early at 6:30 pm to allow everyone plenty of time to connect to the Zoom Conference room we are using. The actual meeting content will start at 7 pm and end at approximately than 8:30 pm.

### Agenda

**6:30pm – Virtual Doors Open for Member Mingle**

**7:00pm – Meeting Starts with Society Updates**

**7:15pm – Virtual Show Table**

**7:30pm – Presentation**

If you have any pictures of your blooming orchids for the show table, please send them to me ([darlenejthompson@gmail.com](mailto:darlenejthompson@gmail.com)) by Sunday before the meeting. I would love to showcase your beautiful orchids. (Darlene Thompson)

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Topic: Greater Akron Orchid Society October meeting  
Time: Oct 11, 2021 06:30 PM Eastern Time

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89089102705?pwd=UWQ4cGt1N3ZCaERCS1NKYtFWDNSdz09>

## October 2021 Zoom Online Meeting Info

Alan Koch will be speaking with us this month. His topic will be *Understanding Dendrobium*. Dendrobium alliance is one of the most diverse Genera in the Orchid Family. Join us as Alan shares the tricks to being successful with all the different sections.

Alan Koch owns and operates Gold Country Orchids where he specializes in miniature and compact Cattleyas. Alan started growing orchids in 1969 with three Cymbidiums given to him by an aunt. While in college he became interested in other orchids and discovered many would grow outdoors in Southern California. Alan has moved five times as his orchid obsession has led to the need for more growing space. With the last move, he purchased 10 acres of land in Lincoln, California for his 250,000 orchids. He is recognized as an expert in the Brazilian Cattleya alliance and is a trend setter in miniature compact and Cattleya breeding. Alan has been published in the Orchid Digest, the American Orchid Society magazine, as well as many international publications. He has also been published in several proceedings of the World Orchid Conference and he is an internationally known speaker. He is a past member of the AOS Judging Committee, and the Research Committee, as well as an accredited judge and is training coordinator for the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center. Alan also served two terms on the Orchid Digest Executive Committee and 3 terms on the Board of Directors, as well as two terms as a Trustee for the AOS.

Alan has graciously extended a preorder discount. Please review the attached plants lists. All orders receive a 10 percent discount and orders over \$150 get a 20 percent discount. Freight is billed at cost. Please email Gold Country Orchids at [gcorchids@aol.com](mailto:gcorchids@aol.com) with any questions and pre-orders.

Please use the Zoom information below to join us on Oct 11th. Doors open at 6:30pm EST, and the meeting starts at 7pm EST.

## GAOS September Meeting Notes

By Brandon Spannbauer

Meeting Minutes for Greater Akron Orchid Society for Monday September 13, 2021.

This was our first meeting back in-person after an almost 18-month hiatus. There were 20 people in attendance, including several new faces and new members who joined right before the shut-down, welcome!

Our speaker was Edgar Stehli, who discussed Habenaria and their culture. Despite some technical difficulties with no projector, we all enjoyed his presentation and his various examples of plants that he brought to the show table.

Our next meeting will be a Zoom meeting and our final meeting of the year will be in-person for November.



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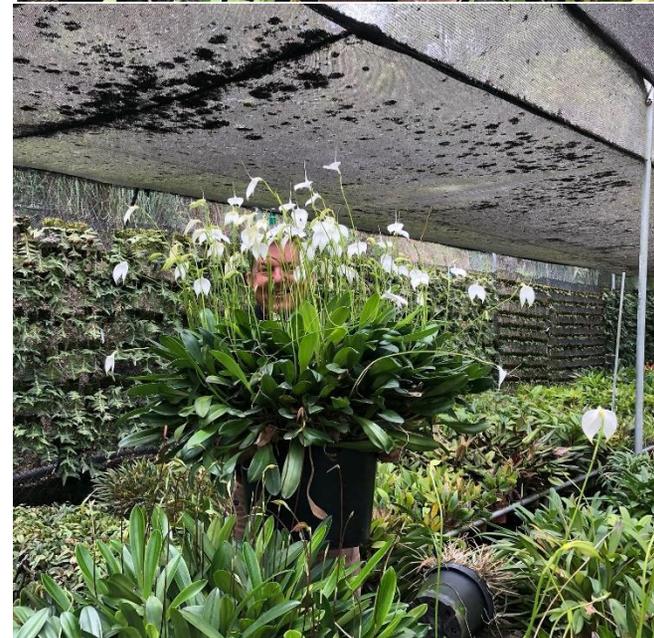
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## 2021 GAOS Program Calendar

- 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

Our friend Sam holding a *Masdevallia coccinea alba*. This is one of our mother plants, growing very happy at our cold greenhouse in the Andes at 2200 meters – Ecuagenera



## Judges Viewpoint

By Dave Miller, Great Lakes Judging Center

Issue #9

Look for Long-blooming Orchids

There are a number of ways to have more flowers. First and foremost: have more Orchids in your collection! Yes, it's pretty simple. The more you have and the better you grow them, the more flowers you will have at any given time. Well, at least it works that way on paper.

In truth, many orchids are stunning but they have seasonal bloom. Pretty green the rest of the year though. Start adding orchids that have multiple bloom cycles throughout the year. There a lot of great orchid groups that do so and many of them will flower nicely in the home as well as greenhouse.

For starters, take a look at Bloom-Again Orchids, Judy White ISBN 9781604690552. Judy will get you looking down the right path. We all know that Phalaenopsis orchids will hold their flowers for a long time but the ones that hold their spikes in the form of "antlers" will continue to bloom for years on a spike. Look for those.



Here are some thought starters for you.

Coelogyne ovalis is a wonderful choice. Blooms off and on in its smaller maturity but once it achieves some size, it will bloom all year. C. fimbriata is a little smaller with lemon yellow flowers.

Next is Prosthechea cochleata or in its hybrid form P. Green Hornet. Same performance as C. ovalis but showier flowers.



Staying with the P's, take a look at the Butterfly orchids, the Psychopsis. They are known to flower for years consecutively. The easiest to find is Psychopsis Mendenhall 'Hildos' FCC/AOS. These are readily available and a great flower to have in your collection.

I personally like the slipper orchids from the Cochliopetalum section. Those are the sequential bloomers. Paphiopedilum liemianum, glaucophyllum, and primulinum to name just a few of these. They can bloom for a year or more and then send out a new spike.

Scaphosepalums in the Pleurothallid Alliance are great for long-term blooming with their wispy spikes popping one flower after another and also putting out more spikes.



Restrepias like this *R. trichoglossa* bloom frequently if not always.

Two of my favorites are also Pleuros.

*Lepanthes telipogoniflora* is so happy just sitting in this jar. The flowers are larger than the plant. It needs humidity above 90% usually but an old cookie jar is perfect. What's not to like here?



And finally, *Diodonopsis erinacea* (sometimes labeled as *horrida* or *Masdevallia*) is happy with a little less humidity (only 80% works). You can see it is extremely happy in its little home. Quite the UFO look!



There are many, many more. Check with some of your orchid society friends for leads to good choices for your grow area.

Contact Dave at [dcmjpasnil@aol.com](mailto:dcmjpasnil@aol.com) or call or text to 330-307-7189.

Paphiopedilum Delrosi - first flowering for this plant after 7 years of work from seedlings. It' from Orchids limited in USA and a cross between delenatii "Pink Giant x rothschildianum "King Cobra" – Phillippe Czwojdznski



Not all orchids are pretty and smell nice. Diss one, stinks, bad. Bulbophyllum phalaenopsis, an orchid species from New Guinea, you can smell it way before you see it. It smells like something died last week. And the smell gets inside your head. I grow it simply because I can, and it protects my 'Nero Wolfe' private time in the orchid greenhouse – Ed Merkle



# Photo Gallery

Show Table Display  
Sept 2021



C. aclandiae



Propedelum La Jolla



Phal Kenneth Schubert x violacea



Phal Jiaho Blueberry



Bl. Claudia Cotarelo



Habenari Regnieri



Den Red Emperor



Lycaste Balliae



Bracidosteles Gilded Tower



Cycnoides Wine Delight



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Habenaria Kakoeri



Habenaria rhodocheila 'Red Lip'



Habenaria rhodocheila Yellow



Habenaria Sunrise Plumes