

Greater Akron Orchid Society

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

Oct 2022

Minutes of Sept Meeting

Our Sept meeting was in-person and our 2nd member plant auction with Edgar Stehli explaining how to bring in our plants for winter.

Meeting summary below:

Me buying more plants knowing I shouldn't be buying more plants.



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

Oct 10: Virtual
Nov 14: In-Person
Dec: No Meeting
Jan 9: In-Person

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

Next Meeting (Virtual)

The next meeting of the GAOS will be Monday, Oct 10, 2022 meeting starts 7:00 pm, it will be Virtual via Zoom

Program: **60 Years of Orchid Growing Mistakes**
Speaker: **Clark Riley**

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.

For Virtual meetings, please email blooming pics to Craig Miller to be added to the virtual show table, email him by Noon, Monday of the meeting: justcraig@sssnet.com

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) 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

Oct 10	(Virtual)	60 Years of Orchid Growing Mistakes / Clark Riley
Nov 14	(In-Person)	Holiday Banquet & Elections
Dec		No Meeting
Jan 9	(In-Person)	Getting Plants Ready for the Spring Show



Photo of the Month: Cynoches Richard Brandon x Cynoches Cryminy
This seedling bred by Fred Clarke.
Photo © Fred Clarke

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

October 10, 2022 Virtual Meeting Info

Our next meeting will be Virtual. 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 8:30 pm.

Agenda

6:30pm – Virtual Doors Open for Member Mingle

7:00pm – Meeting Starts with Society Updates

7:15pm – Presentation

8:15pm – Virtual Show Table

8:30pm – Closing Questions and Comments

If you have any pictures of your blooming orchids for the show table, please send them to: justcraig@sssnet.com by Noon, Monday of the meeting

Topic: GAOS October Monthly Meeting

Time: October 10, 2022 06:30 PM Eastern Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84211119412?pwd=TFA5ZXVYZDhzeUhScGhYRVJYZm1jUT09>

GAOS September Meeting Notes

By Pam Everett

GAOS held its regularly scheduled meeting Monday, September 12. Jane Bush called the meeting to order and outlined the rules for the Society's second member plant auction. Attendees placed initial bids on the numerous plants offered for auction, then members shared notes about the orchids they brought for a beautiful show table that numbered more than 25 plants.

Edgar Stehli followed with a discussion on how to prepare plants for bringing them inside for the winter. Although most members do carry plants outdoors for the summer, Edgar suggested that those who do not should consider doing so because of the many benefits of air movement, moisture and humidity, changes in temperatures between day and night, and natural sunlight. Edgar then discussed the need to remove unwanted insects and other plant invaders before bringing plants indoors and suggested a number of chemicals that are appropriate. He also covered the sequence of bringing plants indoors based on overnight temperature drops, then opened the floor for questions.

Following Edgar's talk, attendees were invited to place final bids on plants in the auction. Jane concluded the auction by asking successful bidders to pay auction plant owners who, in turn, paid GAOS 25% of the final sales price. The meeting was enjoyed by all, and GAOS was able to add to its treasury.

Upcoming Orchid Events

By Dave Miller

Great Lakes Judging Center monthly judging will be held Saturday October 15, 2022 at Washtenaw Community College, Morris Lawrence building room 160 in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

AOS judging will begin at 1:00 PM. This location is for October only and is the same facility as our normal June seminar.

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.

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

Windswept in Time Orchids Open House
Nov 5-6: 11am – 5pm Both Days
8066 Skyline Drive, Broadview Heights, Ohio 44147,
United States

[440-838-5757](tel:440-838-5757)

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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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**The American Orchid
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**is seeking highly
motivated orchid
enthusiasts to join the
judging ranks.**

*Work with other such people
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educational efforts.*

*For more information contact us at
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Two GAOS Members Receive AOS Cultural Awards

By Dave Miller

At the September 17 AOS monthly judging, Darlene Thompson and Dave Miller received AOS awards for their orchids. You may have seen both of these on our show table at the September meeting.

Paphiopedilum fairrieanum fma. *bohlmannianum* 'Ellis' Emeralds' CCM/AOS was awarded to Darlene for her stunning plant with four prominent green and white flowers; she received 84 of 100 points. One of the judges, a much awarded slipper orchid grower, commented he had never seen an album variety with so many flowers.



A CCM award is a Certificate of Cultural Merit which is given to the grower of a plant with exceptional culture and condition. CCM and CCE awards are two of only a few awards which are given to the grower and not the plant. Although Darlene can identify her plant as CCM/AOS, the award does not transfer to divisions or clones.

Dave Miller also received a cultural award for his *Coelogyne ovalis* 'Windswept's Hemisphere' CCM/AOS with a score of 82 of 100 points. This plant with over one hundred-fifty flowers and buds started as a small division from Edgar Stehli, Windswept In Time Orchids, in 2012 and which Edgar received his own CCM/AOS award in 2017. Dave's plant is nearly thirty inches in diameter now and flowers most of the year. Note that both Edgar's and Dave's plants carry this cultivar name, Edgar had already named it in 2017. Even though the award is Edgar's, the clonal name but not the award designation must be carried with all divisions. So, if you have a piece of one of these plants, you can add the clonal epithet of 'Windswept's Hemisphere' to your label.



New Orchids to Science

2022 :: *Bulbophyllum cryptomeriicola* :: This report presents one new orchid of Taiwan, viz., *Bulbophyllum cryptomeriicola* is a member of the section *Ephippium* with a sub-umbellate inflorescence, ciliate upper sepal and petals, glabrous lateral sepals which are much longer than the median one, and a stolidium without a tooth.

– Novataxa 2022



AOS Judges

By Dave Miller

What Do Judges Do?

The primary responsibility of AOS judges is to support the AOS Judging Program by providing judging support at monthly AOS sponsored regional judging centers and providing judging support at AOS sanctioned orchid shows.

AOS Monthly Judging

AOS Judging is geographically divided into regional judging centers in the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico. Each month, a judging center hosts “monthly judging” on a consistent day of the week, time, and location. The monthly sessions provide a place for any person to bring their orchids and have them judged by AOS judges. These sessions are open to the public not only to have plants judged but also just to observe the judging process.

Most judging centers also use this time to offer education hours in the form of talks on aspects of orchids and their development. In COVID times, this has been much easier for others to attend the talks as most of us are still using online meetings for our sessions.

All monthly sessions are published in the AOS Calendar of Events located at aos.org. Sometimes circumstances force the center to move or even cancel a monthly judging. COVID restrictions and guidelines has wreaked havoc on monthly judging and shows over the last year. Most sessions have been strictly internet meetings with no live plant judging.

Regional Judging Centers can be found on the AOS website under Orchid Awards and Judging or use this link [AOS Judging Centers](#) to find information about monthly judging dates, times, location and who to contact. At present there are twenty-seven AOS judging centers but several, like in California, Hawaii, and Florida, have multiple locations.

DID YOU KNOW? Any person can ask to have their orchid judged by an AOS judging team. True for monthly judging and as well as sanctioned orchid shows. It is the responsibility of the owner to have the plant delivered and picked up from judging. Obviously much easier to do so at an orchid show.

AOS Orchids magazine has been publishing photos of awarded orchids in their monthly issues for some time now. It is a great opportunity to see photos of extremely well-grown orchids.

If you are unsure of the quality of your orchid, take a few minutes to consult with a local judge that you know or is affiliated with your society. Most of us don't bite, so don't be fearful of asking. We are accustomed to the process of helping people with their plants.

AOS Sanctioned Shows

All orchid shows where AOS judges are providing services must be registered with the AOS. That is the meaning of the "sanctioned" part. In general, judges host an official AOS judging session right at the show. In smaller judging centers, the usual monthly judging session might be moved to that show to provide enough judges for the show.

Judges select plants from the exhibits and sometimes owners submit their plants for the judges to review. If you plan to submit your own plant then talk to a participating judge that you know or present yourself to the assigned "Head Judge" for the session. If you are simply "Observing", find the Head Judge and introduce yourself and the HJ will give you a little guidance.

At AOS sanctioned shows, judges usually assist and perhaps even manage the ribbon judging tasks. Although ribbon judging is listed as a society responsibility, most ribbon judging is managed by AOS judging teams. If you have participated on a ribbon judging team, you already know that each team is comprised of judges and other society members as clerks and lay judges. "Lay Judges" are society members who are not judges but have good orchid knowledge and are used to fill-in in the judging teams when there are not enough AOS judges to have enough judges. It's a lot of fun and you are likely to learn quite a bit about orchids.

Other Activities

You are likely to see judges holding society offices, publishing newsletters or maintaining websites and social media, giving the monthly program talk, working at plant registration at a show or teaching a public class on repotting or orchid culture. We take that part of judging quite seriously and like to take those opportunities for increasing general knowledge of orchid care with anyone who will listen.

Contact Dave at dcmjpsmil@aol.com or call or text to 330-307-7189.

Photo Gallery

Displays

September 2022



Habenaria Spoonbill
Edgar Stehli



Blc Dr. Joe Walker x Oconee
Jane Bush



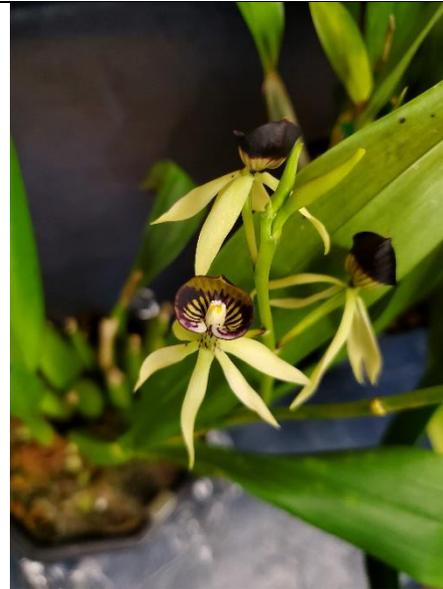
Paph Complex Hybrid
Darlene Thompson



C Bactia
Jane Bush



Lc Mini Song
Jane Bush



Pro Green Hornet
Jane Bush



Paph Western Sky x charlesworthii
Darlene Thompson



Paph Western Sky x charlesworthii
Darlene Thompson



Paph leucochilum
Darlene Thompson



Paph Complex Hybrid
Darlene Thompson



Paph henryanum
Darlene Thompson



Onc Wilcat
Darlene Thompson



Paph fairrieianum
Darlene Thompson



C Marebee Tiger
Darlene Thompson



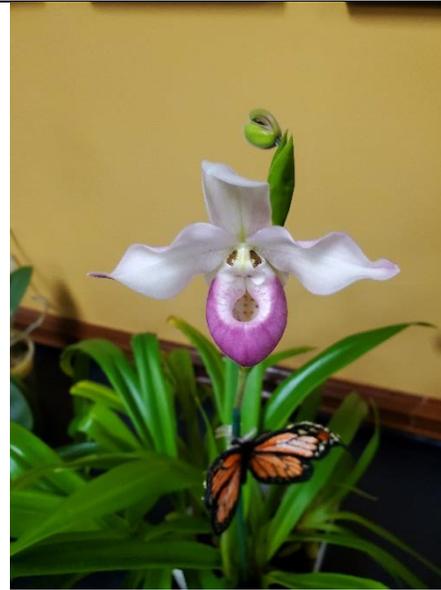
Onc Red Wasp
Pam Everett



Alcra Snowblind
Bernie Skalak



Paph Honeydew
Bernie Skalak



Phrag Cardinale
Bernie Skalak



Lyc Balliae
Frank Skalak



Phal speciosa
Chester Kielszek



Bulbo cocoinum
Pam Everett



Mtdm Pacific Paragon
Claudia Englert



Hab medusae
Chester Kielszek



Phal Kenneth x violacea
Chester Kielszek



Phal equestris
Dave Miller



Vanda falcata
Dave Miller



L sanguiloba x tenebrosa
Brandon Spannbauer



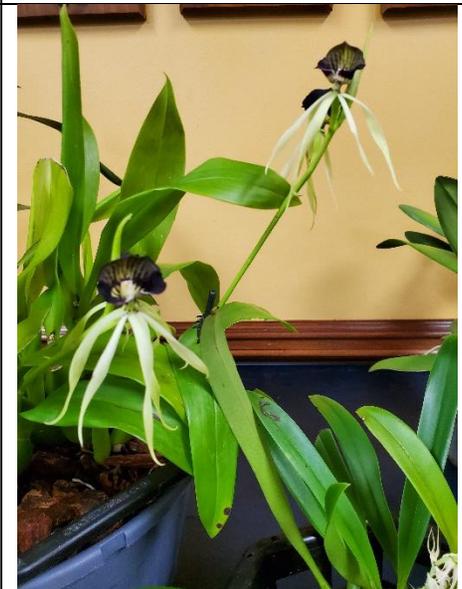
Coel ovalis
Dave Miller



Coel ovalis
Dave Miller



Bulbo cocoinum
Pam Everett



Prosth cochleata
Pam Everett