

# Greater Akron Orchid Society

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## September 2017

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### **Minutes of Aug 2017 Meeting**

Dave welcomed new members and guests to the society. Everyone was informed about the board meeting that was held. We are looking for a program director if anyone would like to run. Our spring show is going to be held March 3- 5, 2018. Dave is going to give a 4 min talk on Cleveland's CBS station it is going to be on potting phals. We had a great turnout with a well-stocked show table. Then we played Orchid bingo, everyone had a good time and the winners won a plant.

### **General Business**

It's time to start thinking about next year. We are calling for volunteers to become board members, we need some new blood! Dave is asking for an apprentice program director to assist him in getting programs together. He has a very detailed list of potential speakers and just needs someone willing to help make calls and finalize next schedule. Please see him at the meeting to discuss this position. Thanks

### **Upcoming Events**

We had a couple board meetings to discuss changes to the by-laws, Jane has been working on making revisions to the current by-laws which she will distribute to you before the meeting.

Elections are coming up and if you're interested in a position or helping out in the upcoming year in any capacity please speak with Dave or Jane. Thanks

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the GAOS will be Monday, Sept 11, 2017 at 6:45 pm at the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Center, 725 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron, Ohio 44319.

Program: **Growing Orchids at Home**

Speaker: **Patty Conrad**

Our speaker, Patty Conrad from Greater Cleveland Orchid Society, will be sharing her techniques for maintaining a wonderful orchid collection at home. She has lots of photos showing miniature orchids and how she grows them. Patty will also be available to answer questions.

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

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

## Monthly Checklist for September and October

By AOS

Cycnoches

This little-known and under-appreciated genus, which can have male or female flowers, is at its best in the autumn. Two of the spectacular varieties are *Cycnoches loddigesii*, with its large brown flowers resembling a prehistoric bird, and *Cycnoches chlorochilon*, the swan orchid. This last one has large, fragrant green flowers. The biggest problem, culturally, will be red spider mite infestations that require immediate attention. Plants are quite seasonal, requiring heavy watering in the growing season and then a drier dormant winter season.



## Meeting Schedule

GAOS meets the second Monday of each month (except December) at 6:45 pm 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.**

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| Sept 11: | Growing Orchids at Home<br>Patty Conrad |
| Oct 9:   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Member Orchid Auction   |
| Nov 13:  | Holiday Banquet / Elections             |
| Dec 11:  | No Meeting                              |



**Photo of the Month:** *Cattleya warscewiczii* 'Phoenix', is the largest flowering cattleya species, with flowers that can reach 12 inches  
**Photo By: Matt Bond**

## Cattleya

Despite the shortening days and lowering angle of the sun, September can still be one of the hottest months. Water and fertilizer need to be in balance with heat and light. The alert grower will notice, however, that his or her plants are beginning to slow down a bit. Growths are maturing, and the sheaths are giving the promise of the next six-months' bloom.

Check plants for potting needs for the last time this season. Any in dire need should be potted, even some that may be on the cusp, as there is just enough of the growing season left to allow the plants to establish before the days start to get really short and cold.

This is the month for purples derived from *Cattleya labiata* breeding to flower. If you are short on flowers, look into this group. There is nothing that can quite match this type for beauty and fragrance. They are easy to grow, too.

Plants summered outdoors should begin to be prepared to be brought back into the winter growing area. Clean the plants up and be on the lookout for any pests they may have picked up during the summer. Treat as necessary.

## Cymbidium

Summer can be the most rewarding season for cymbidiums. Growths should be coming strong now. The leaves of the new growths are best when they are broad and fairly stiff. The color should be a light green to nearly yellow. Early flowering varieties should be showing flower spikes, so move the plants into a cooler area with lower light. For mid-season varieties, lower the dosage of nitrogen to assist in spike initiation.

## Dendrobium

This is a good season for hybrids of the *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* and *Dendrobium canaliculatum* types. Both are capable of putting on tremendous shows of long-lasting flowers. Fertilize with a low-nitrogen formula to promote the best flowers. *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* can get tall and top heavy, suggesting an attractive and heavy container would be appropriate for this type.

## Paphiopedilum

Standard, green-leaved paphiopedilums begin to show their bloom sheaths this month. Late-season heat waves can blast these early sheaths, so be observant about proper cooling and air circulation. As with the rest of your plants that may have been summered outdoors, it is time to prepare for their move inside. Clean each plant and implement pest-control practices. Repotting, if necessary, is appropriate.

## Phalaenopsis

The bulk of this season's growth is being ripened this month, with growers in cooler climates seeing the first emerging inflorescences. Some night heating may be necessary in the cooler areas. Begin to watch watering more carefully, and reduce feeding proportionately with reduced watering needs. An extra dose of phosphorus and potassium, such as a bloom-booster or high-acid-type fertilizer, is beneficial.



# Photo Gallery

Member Show Table  
August 2017



Phal. Flirtation  
Wayne Roberts



Paph. Krull's Pride  
Edgar Stehli



Vitessa. Shelob  
Dave Miller



Ang. longiscott  
Darlene Thompson



Bc. Sunset Glory  
Dave Miller



C. C.G. Roebling  
Frank Skalac



Phal. bellina x violacea  
Wayne Roberts



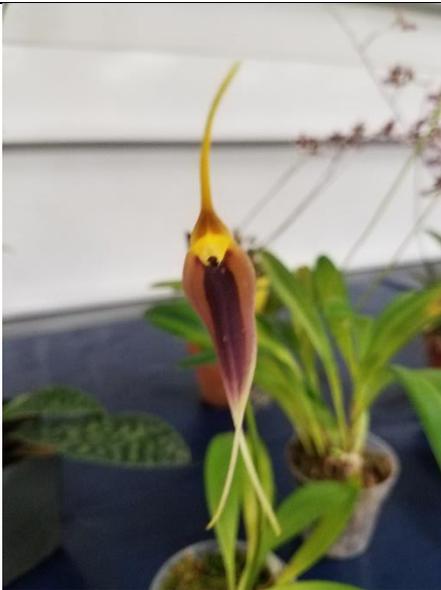
Phal. bellina  
Wayne Roberts



Paph. Black Ruby  
Wayne Roberts



Platanthera cillia  
Wayne Roberts



Masdevallia impostor  
Brandon Spannbauer



Masdevallia Cheryl Shohan  
Brandon Spannbauer



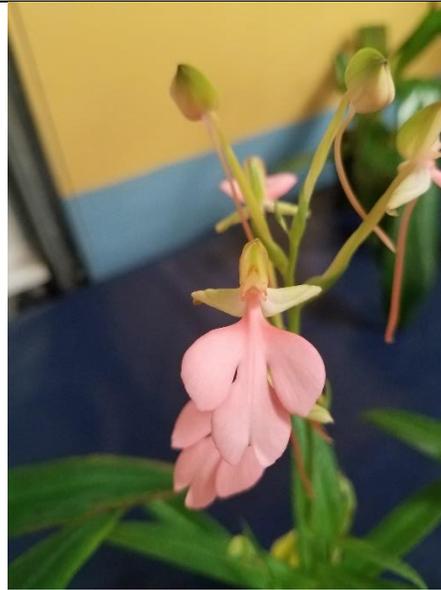
Tolumnia Genting Angel  
Brandon Spannbauer



Habenaria medusa  
Edgar Stehli



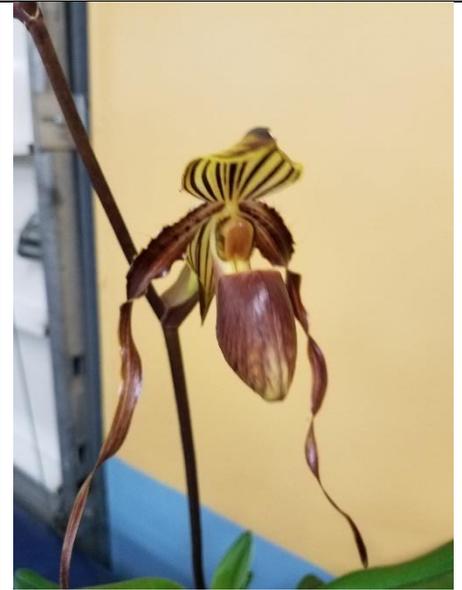
Habenaria rhodocheila  
Edgar Stehli



Habenaria Erich's Pink Thing  
Edgar Stehli



Paph. Chiu Hua Dancer  
Edgar Stehli



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Edgar Stehli



Den. Crystal Rose  
Jane Bush



Paph niveum  
Jane Bush



Paph curthall  
Jane Bush



Cat. Stonewall Rebellion  
Jane Bush



Paph henryanum  
Jane Bush



Paph Fanaticum  
Dave Miller



Psychopsis Mendenhall  
Paul Bujak



Phrag. Evening...  
Darlene Thompson



Phrag QF Hazel  
Darlene Thompson



Habenaria xanthochila  
Darlene Thompson



Habenaria rhodocheila  
Darlene Thompson



Ons. Hilo Firecracker  
Frank Skalak