

Greater Akron Orchid Society

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Previous Meeting Minutes

In our Aug meeting, we had our 2nd Member Plant Auction, Member Plant Discussions and a presentation by Meghan Harper "Orchids – Loving and Learning"

Meeting summary below (Page 4):



I WORK HARD SO MY PLANTS
CAN HAVE MORE FRIENDS.

Announcements

In 2024, we will continue our hybrid meetings (both In-Person & Zoom). In-Person meeting details directly below and Zoom details will be included in each newsletter and our Facebook page. We will also continue with our earlier 6:30pm start time, doors open at 6:00pm

Zoom details below (Page 3):

Next Meeting

Monday, Sept 9, 2024

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

Topic

Program: **Orchid Physiology**
Speaker: **John Finan (Guest 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):

Website: www.thegaos.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/theGAOS

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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/newsletters>

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 has hybrid meetings (both In-Person and Virtual) and meets the 2nd Monday of each month (except December) at 6:30pm, at the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Center, 725 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron, Ohio 44319

Members are encouraged to bring blooming 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

Sept 9	Orchid Physiology – John Finer (Guest Speaker)
Oct 14	The Future of Orchid Growing – Edgar Stehli
Nov 11	Holiday Banquet / Officer Elections
December	No Meeting



Photo of the Month: The many color variations of *Laelia tenebrosa*.
– Chadwick & Son Orchids

2024 Meeting Information

In 2024, we will continue with our 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.

Meeting Location:

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

Doors open: 6:00pm
Main Meeting: 6:30pm

- 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:
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Thanks,
Brandon Spannbauer, Editor

Sept 9 Meeting Info

Our meeting we are excited to welcome John Finan, who will talk about "Orchid Physiology" and explain the various ways that orchids are so different from other plants. Hopefully, understanding some of the basics of orchid physiology will allow us all to become better orchid growers. Since retiring, John started a YouTube channel where he is "The Plant Propagator" and a new business called "The Orchid Propagator", where he grows and sells his new orchid hybrids.

More on next page

The Plant Propagator (YouTube) -
<https://www.youtube.com/@plantpropagator>

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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

Topic: GAOS Monthly Meeting Time: 06:30 PM Eastern Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82077720262?pwd=V4XsnzqOVkRn6UevXC1PUm2lsG9MHx.1>

GAOS August Meeting Notes

By Pam Everett

GAOS held its regularly scheduled meeting Monday, August 12 with 24 persons in attendance live and on Zoom. Meghan Harper started the evening with a presentation on Orchids – Loving and Learning. She shared her journey as a “beginner” orchid enthusiast with some interesting facts about orchids. They are the oldest flowering family; they have tremendous cultural value and symbolism; they grow everywhere in the world except Antarctica. She also mentioned several national and international cities where orchid collections can be found. Then, she provided a number of resources she has discovered to assist her in becoming a better orchid grower and concluded by inviting members to share resources they use.

Craig opened the business portion of the meeting and discussed the upcoming election of officers. Nominees for all positions but president and secretary have been identified, so Craig invited anyone interested in either to contact him.

Jane reported no changes in the treasury, so the evening proceeded with a show table of twenty-four plants. Afterward, members broke to investigate and bid on plants at the auction table.

Following the break, young Hunter presented his 4H project which won best of show award at the Summit County Fair and an Outstanding ribbon at state. His topic...Orchids of Ohio.

The evening concluded shortly after 8:00 after the completion of the plant auction.

Meet Our September Presenter, John Finan



John Finan is an Emeritus Professor in the Department of Horticulture and Crop Science at The Ohio State University and Courtesy Researcher in The Water School at Florida Gulf Coast University. He is currently serving on the Education Committee and Research Committee of the American Orchid Society and is an Education Director with the Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance. After retiring to Naples, FL in June, 2021, John has focused on propagating and reintroducing native orchids into a local beachfront state park and making novel new orchid hybrids, which will be available soon from select orchid growers around the US. So far, John has 30 new registered orchid hybrids with many more on the way! For his presentation, he will talk about “Orchid Physiology” and explain the various ways that orchids are so different from other plants. Hopefully, understanding some of the basics of orchid physiology will allow us all to become better orchid growers. Since retiring, John started a YouTube channel where he is “The Plant Propagator” and a new business called “The Orchid Propagator”, where he grows and sells his new orchid hybrids.

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2024 GAOS Program Calendar

Jan 8	"Picking the Right Orchid" – Dave Miller
Feb 12	Getting Your Orchids Ready for the Show
Mar 11	How to Grow Orchids / Welcome to New Members
Apr 8	"How to Grow Slipper Orchids" – Darlene Thompson
May 13	1 st Member Plant Auction / Member Discussion
June 10	"How to Grow Miniatures" – Olga Shostachuk
July 8	Summer Picnic
Aug 12	2 nd Member Plant Auction / Member Discussion
Sept 9	"What's Wrong with My Orchid?" *Bring in your problem plants for discussion*
Oct 14	"The Future of Orchid Growing" – Edgar Stehli
Nov 11	Holiday Banquet / Election of Officers
Dec 9	No meeting, Happy Holidays



IS THIS FOR YOU?

**The American Orchid
Society Judging
Program**

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

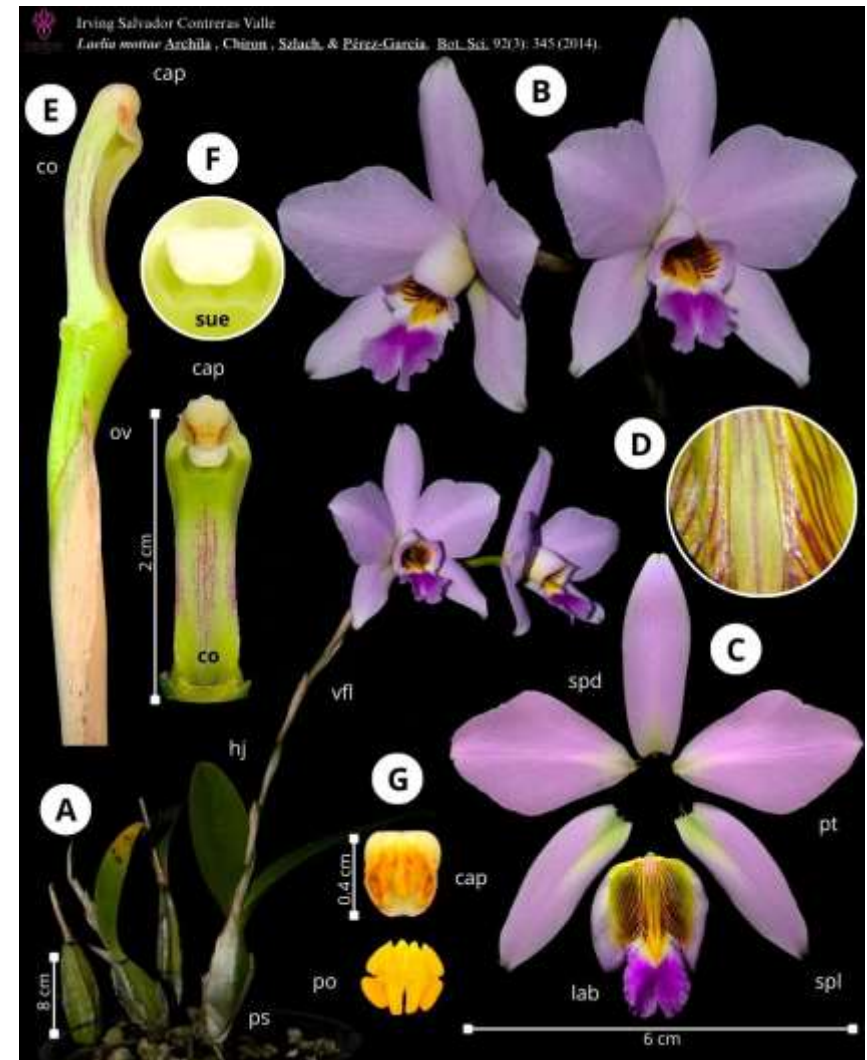
*Work with other such people
and help maintain our
awards programs and
educational efforts.*

*For more information contact us at
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Caladenia melanema (Ballerina Spider Orchids). melas=black, nema=a thread, refers to tips of the petals and sepals. This BRIGHT RED form of the beautiful Ballerina's is absolutely stunning. 31.8.24, (classified as a Threatened, critically endangered species) confidential location, Great Southern Region, Western Australia. – Terry Dunham



Laelia mottae was described 10 years ago by a group of researchers including, Eduardo A. Pérez García. Previously, *L. mottae* was known as *L. anceps* from Guatemala. However, this orchid differs in shape and size from the previously mentioned species, since its flowers are rounder and their size is significantly smaller. These plants come from the southeast of Guatemala and the south of Honduras. In addition, it is usually found at altitudes ranging from 400 to 450 meters above sea level in Guatemala and from 1000 to 1300 meters above sea level in Honduras. On the other hand, its inflorescences are usually shorter compared to *L. anceps*. – Irving Valle



Stubborn Orchids

By Brandon Spannbauer

This series is dedicated to showing off blooms that never make it to a meeting. If you have any stubborn orchids, send photos to be included in a future newsletter: greaterakronorchidsociety@gmail.com



L. tenebrosa ('SVO Vinicolor' x 'Windflower')

This is a first bloom seedling from SVO and has 3 large flowers. I was very happy with the rich color of the petals and the deep rich purple throat. A very vigorous grower, I purchased this plant as a small 3" seedling 2.5 years ago and it is already filling in an 8" clay pot.



Bl. Richard Mueller '4N' x *B. perrinii* 'Ruben' / Otra. Hidden Gold

Bl. Richard Mueller '4N' x *B. perrinii* 'Ruben'

I received both of these crosses from SVO this February and both bloomed 6 months later. They were small 3" plants and are now potted in clay and grown hanging on my orchid wall.

This new cross is very similar to the ever-popular Bl. Yellow Bird (Bl. Richard Mueller x *B. nodosa*) but to me has a better shape with its flat petals and shorter lip.

Otra. Hidden Gold (Richard Mueller '4N' x Ctna. Why Not 'Yellow Kitty')

This cross can potentially have a variety of colors ranging from yellow to orange to peach tones that can be solid or have flares or spots. Mine is a pale peach color but I will see if anything changes in future blooms.



L. anceps v. lineata

I've had this laelia for 8 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 higher humidity has helped with the problem.



L. Tropical Sunrise x Bl. Richard Mueller / Blc. Robert Bauman

L. Tropical Sunrise '22 Orange' x Bl. Richard Mueller '4N'

This new cross is 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. These are nicely shaped, small flowers but have been bloomed multiple times a year with flowers that last 8 weeks.

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

Another seedling from SVO (Sunset Valley Orchids) that I bought 6/23. It first bloomed 10/23 and has since bloomed 6 times in 12 months. This cross is very interesting so far, it opens a deep almost maroon red and lightens with age to a bright orange. The petals are still curled but have noticeably been less curly with each blooming and the flowers are getting larger. Hopefully, this improves in the future.

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New Orchids to Science

A new species of *Bulbophyllum* sect. *Epicrianthes*, *Bulbophyllum wiratnoi*, is described based on specimens from Indonesian New Guinea. – Novataxa 2023



THE CATTLEYA WHEEL

The *Cattleya Wheel* lets growers know when the different species bloom. In some cases, there are as many as four species in bloom at once.

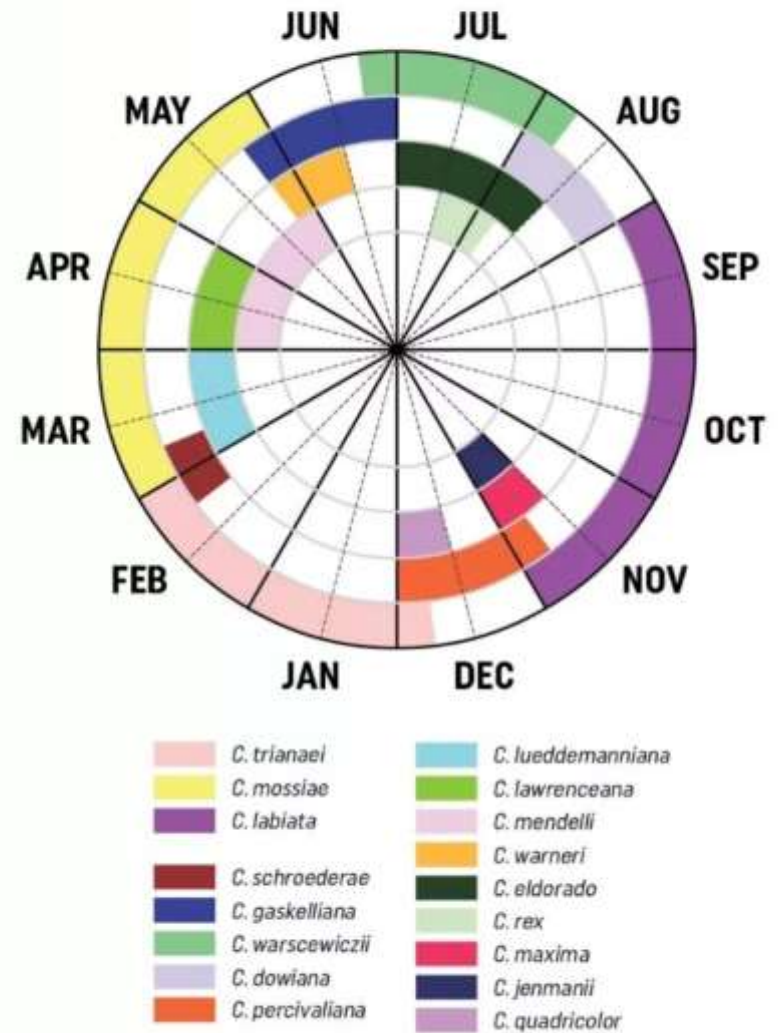
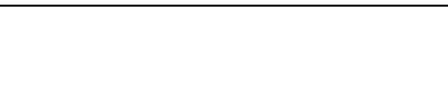
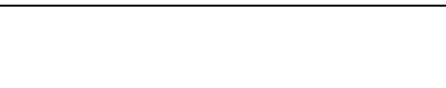
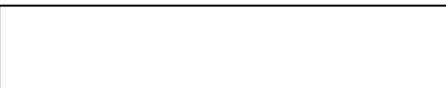
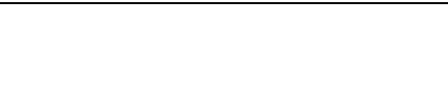
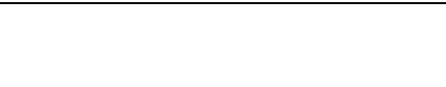
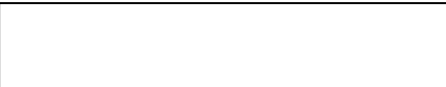


Photo Gallery

Meeting Show Table
August 2024





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