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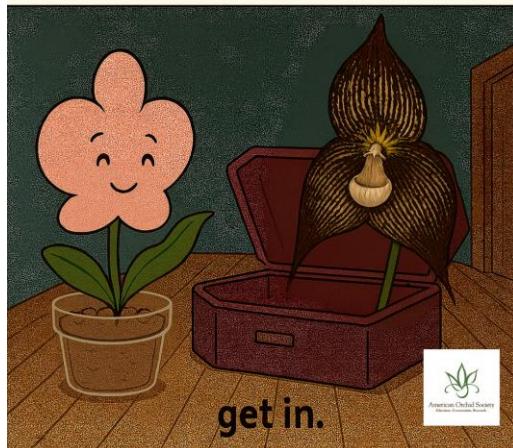
Previous Meeting Minutes

In our November meeting, we had our Holiday Banquet, member plant giveaway and Officer elections

Our spring show is March 7-8, 2026. LOCATION: Petitti Garden Center in Tallmadge. We need help setting up for the show and food donations. More info to come

Meeting summary below (Page 4):

Me buying an orchid that I know I don't have the right conditions for:



Announcements

In 2026, we will have hybrid meetings (both In-Person & Zoom). In-Person meeting details below and Zoom details will be included in each newsletter and on our Facebook page.

Meetings start at 6:30pm, doors open at 6:00pm

Zoom details below (Page 3):

Next Meeting

January 12, 2026
Monday, 6:30pm

Portage Lakes Kiwanis Center

725 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron, Ohio 44319

Start Time: 6:30pm Doors Open: 6:00pm

Topic

Program: **Preparing Your Orchids for the Shows**

Speaker: **Dave Miller**

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):

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.

Thanks,

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West Shore Orchid Society

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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

Jan 12 Preparing Your Orchids for the Shows – Dave Miller

Feb 9 Native Orchids in Ohio – Ken Mettler

Mar 9 How to Grow Orchids / Welcome New Members – Edgar Stehli

Apr 13 Mini Cattleyas – Kristen Urhus



2026 Meeting Information

In 2026, 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 receive our newsletter and Zoom meeting links send us a message:

Email: greaterakronorchidsociety@gmail.com

Website: www.thegaos.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/theGAOS

Thanks,

Brandon Spannbauer, Editor

January 12 Meeting Info

Welcome to the first meeting of 2026. We are right in the middle of preparations for our show March 7-8, 2026. Our venue will be Petitti Garden Center in Tallmadge, more details below

Our speaker is Dave Miller and he will be talking on "Preparing Your Orchids for The Shows". The talk will cover what needs to be done to exhibit their plants in the show, when the tasks need to be done, and who needs to know about your plants. Dave will also give advice on how to get your orchids looking their very best to increase ribbon potential. We will also be going through all of the info for the upcoming GAOS Spring show, March 7-8, 2026

Topic

Program: **Preparing Your Orchids for the Shows**

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Zoom Meeting Details

Join Zoom Meeting

Topic: GAOS January Monthly Meeting

Time: Jan 12, 2026 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87067216168?pwd=0GfV8nZzI0RYX1JKMkltxSDrDGG5eL1>

GAOS November Meeting Notes

GAOS held its regularly scheduled meeting Monday, November 10. We had our holiday banquet, show table, passed out our holiday plants to members and elected officers for 2026.

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2026 GAOS Dues

2026 GAOS dues will remain at \$25 for membership. Dues allows us to host our annual orchid show as well as bring in amazing speakers to showcase their orchid knowledge. Each membership will receive a free orchid during our holiday party at the November meeting. You can either send in payment to the address on the form provided with this email, on the website, or in person at one of our meetings. Thank you

Greater Akron Orchid Society

Membership Application

To become a GAOS member or to renew your membership, complete the following form and present it or mail it with your payment to the society using the address below.

Dues are \$25 for a single/family membership

Make checks payable to GAOS

Name _____

Additional Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Primary Cell Phone _____

Primary e-mail _____

Check this box if you do not want your contact information on the published member list

Mail to:

GAOS

1110 Woodlawn Ave NW
Canton, OH 44708



Note – At this time, electronic or credit card payment is not available.

Recvd. By _____ Chk #. _____ Date: _____

Greater Akron Orchid Society



2026 GAOS Program Calendar

Jan 12	Prepping Your Plants for Show - Dave Miller (short presentation)
Feb 9	Native Orchids in Ohio - Ken Mettler
Mar 7-8	GAOS Orchid Show @ Petitti Garden Center – Tallmadge location
Mar 9	How to Grow Orchids / Welcome to New Members – Edgar Stehli
Mar 14-15	GCOS Orchid Show @ Cleveland Botanical Gardens
Apr 13	Kristen Urhus - Mini Cats
Apr	WSOS Orchid Show @ Erhnfelt Recreation Center
May 11	Repotting workshop with new members, no speaker
June 8	Jim France - Latest Breeding Trends in Phrags
July 13	Summer Picnic & Member Plant Auction
Aug 10	Existing Members - How we grow our orchids
Aug	Ohio Valley Orchid Fest @ Kettering, Ohio
Sept 14	Kim Feddersen - topic TBD
Oct 12	TBD
Nov 9	Holiday Banquet / Election of Officers
December	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 judges@aos.org

2026 GAOS Spring Show

It's official, we are getting ready for our 2026 Spring Show! We'd like to get a head start with our show planning and preparations.

Our spring show will take place on March 7-8, 2026. Our location is:

Petitti Garden Center

**311 West Ave.,
Tallmadge, OH 44278**

Our website is now current and will be updated in the next few weeks, with all the information needed for our upcoming show. All the relevant links below can also be found on the website show page.

The main hub for all show info:

<https://thegaos.com/show-info>

Show Volunteer info:

<https://thegaos.com/show-volunteers>

Volunteer Sign-Up Sheets:

<https://www.timetosignup.com/gaosshow2024/sheet/1354145>

This year we will be returning to good ol' fashioned analog paper tags for our show plant registration. All plant show entries will need to be registered in person Friday, March 6 (the day before the show.) More info will be in future newsletters and on the website.

GAOS Spring Show

Our website has been updated with current information for our spring show. Registration info will follow in the coming weeks

<https://thegaos.com/show-info>

GREATER AKRON ORCHID SOCIETY
24th ORCHID SHOW & SALE
SAT-SUN March 7-8, 2026
PETITTI GARDEN CENTER
311 West Ave. Tallmadge, OH 44278
Free Admission & Parking

SAT | 10am - 5pm
Exhibits Open at 11am
AOS Judging at 11am
Repotting 1-4pm

SUN | 11am - 4pm
Repotting 12-3pm

Orchid Sales
Growing Tips
Potting Supplies
Orchid Repotting

More information:
thegaos.com
facebook.com/theGAOS
greaterakronorchidsociety@gmail.com

2026 Show Volunteers Needed!



Volunteering is easy and we need all hands on deck. There are many positions that need filled, we really appreciate all the help!

- Setup for the show is Thurs (March 5) - Fri (March 6) 10am - 5pm
- Volunteers are needed during the show as well as setup & tear down. Please consider helping us out in any of the following areas:
 - 1 - General Show & Display Setup
 - 2 - Clerking (Assisting Judges)
 - 3 - Hospitality (Food Setup)
 - 4 - Membership / Welcome Table
 - 5 - Repotting Table
 - 6 - Show Tear Down

Food Donations are also needed. Specifics are online under the volunteer sign-up sheets.

(All online volunteer sign-ups will occur through [TimeToSignUp.com](https://www.timetosignup.com), please follow the link below)

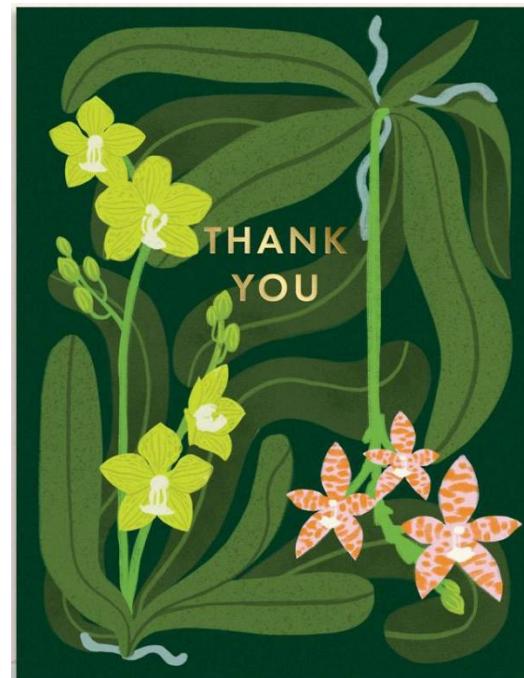
Volunteer Sign-Up Sheets:

<https://www.timetosignup.com/gaosshow2024/sheet/1354145>

This website is easy to use, click on link below to access the spreadsheet. Included are sign-ups for the volunteer positions as well as food donations. To sign up click the box next to the volunteer position and time that suits you. Then click on the pop-up box at the bottom left of your screen. This takes you to the page to fill out your name to sign up

Those who do not wish to or are unable to access online can simply contact Craig Miller with their commitment and he will manually enter them

Craig Miller: justcraig@sssnet.com



It's officially winter, but don't fear – the putty-root orchid is here! The distinct green and white pin-striped leaf of *Aplectrum hyemale* might be found among leaf litter and snow from fall until early spring in the eastern to central US and eastern Canada.

The species name "hyemale" comes from the Latin term "hiemalis", meaning "wintry" – a fitting descriptor.

This unique species is the only one in its genus and is critically imperiled in much of its range, including in Quebec, New York, Vermont, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Delaware, and Mississippi.

Please do not disturb wild orchids. – North American Orchid Conservation Center



NEWS from the Great Lakes Judging Center

AOS plant judging takes place the 3rd Saturday each month. Judging is always open to the public and anyone is invited to bring plants for the AOS judges to look at them. AOS awards given are the responsibility of the exhibitor.

Sessions begin at 11 AM Eastern Time with any center business and then an educational talk by judges or other featured speakers. AOS judging begins no later than 1 PM Eastern Time. The Great Lakes Judging Center is responsible for AOS judging in the region spanning Michigan, Northern Indiana, and Northern Ohio.

Judging sessions are held at Washtenaw Community College located at 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105. Activities take place in the Morris Lawrence building. Parking is ample and free. Dress is casual and all are welcome to bring lunch or snacks for themselves as no food is provided.

Find more information dates and locations for other Judging Centers at www-aos.org under *Awards and Judging*.

Upcoming Schedule:

January 17 A talk with Mei Ling Clemens of Grand Valley Orchid Society and AOS Judge on “Papilionanda (Pda) Mimi Palmer and it's hybrids”.

February 21 TBD

March 21 There is no judging at our normal Washtenaw CC location. AOS judging will be held at the Michigan OS Show at Matthaei Botanical Garden in Ann Arbor, Michigan and will start no later than 1 pm EST.

For more information contact Dave Miller at dcmjpasmil@aol.com, especially if you are not familiar with the location or process.

Stubborn Orchids

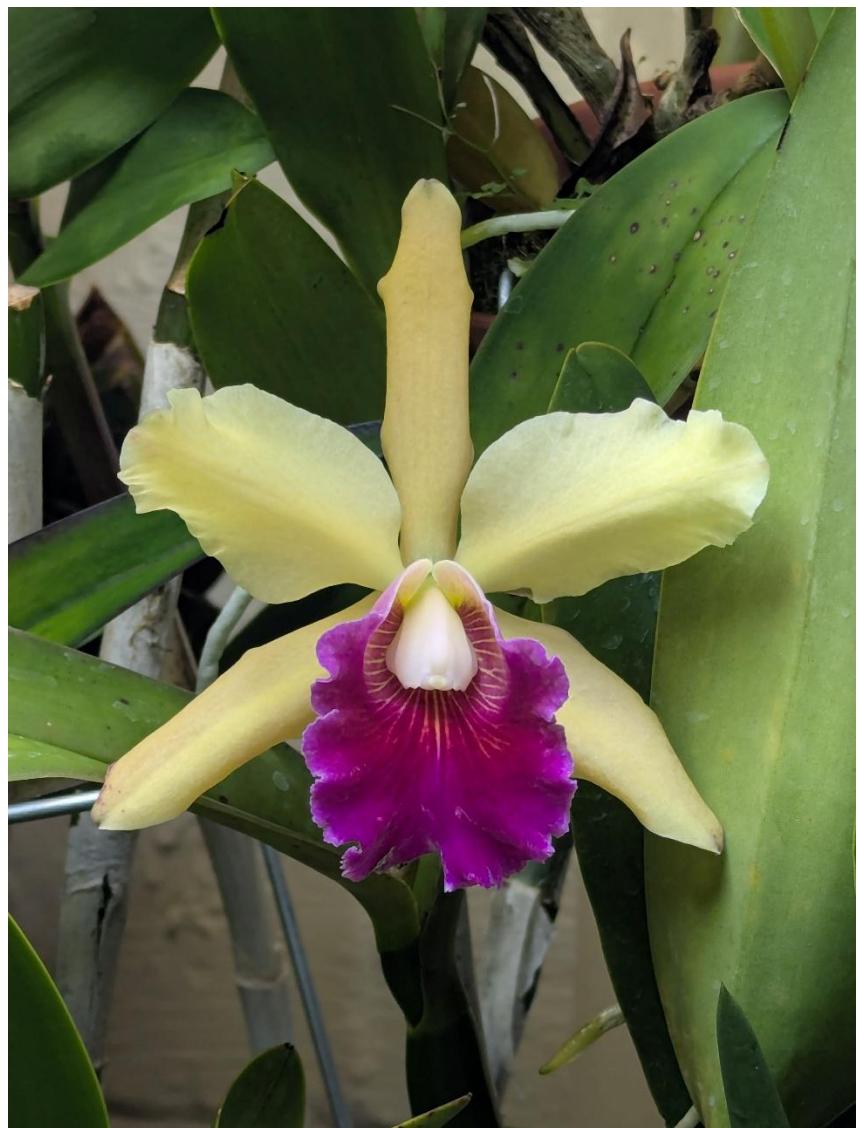
By Brandon Spannbauer

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



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

This cross is from H&R and blooms reliably twice a year and has 6 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. It also has the largest flowers of all my Richard Mueller crosses.



C. Small World 4N x C. Triumphans 4N

This is a new, unregistered cross from H&R between a popular mini catt and a historic primary hybrid. The result is a rather large plant with large flowers is thick substance and a nice fragrance. I am pleasantly surprised with the great coloration of the lip. This is the 2nd blooming with only 1 flower, the 1st having only 2. I am interested to see if future bloomings will produce more flowers or will they be lower in count.



L. itambana x milleri

This is a 1st bloom from Diamond Orchids. It opened a deep almost purple red and gradually lightened to a red-orange. Only 1 flower, the size of a quarter, but it lasted almost 6 weeks. These rupicolous laelias are a new favorite of mine because of their tiny plant size and intense color, and I intend to collect a few more.



Vaughnara Golden Spice (Bl. Richard Mueller x Epi. stamfordianum)

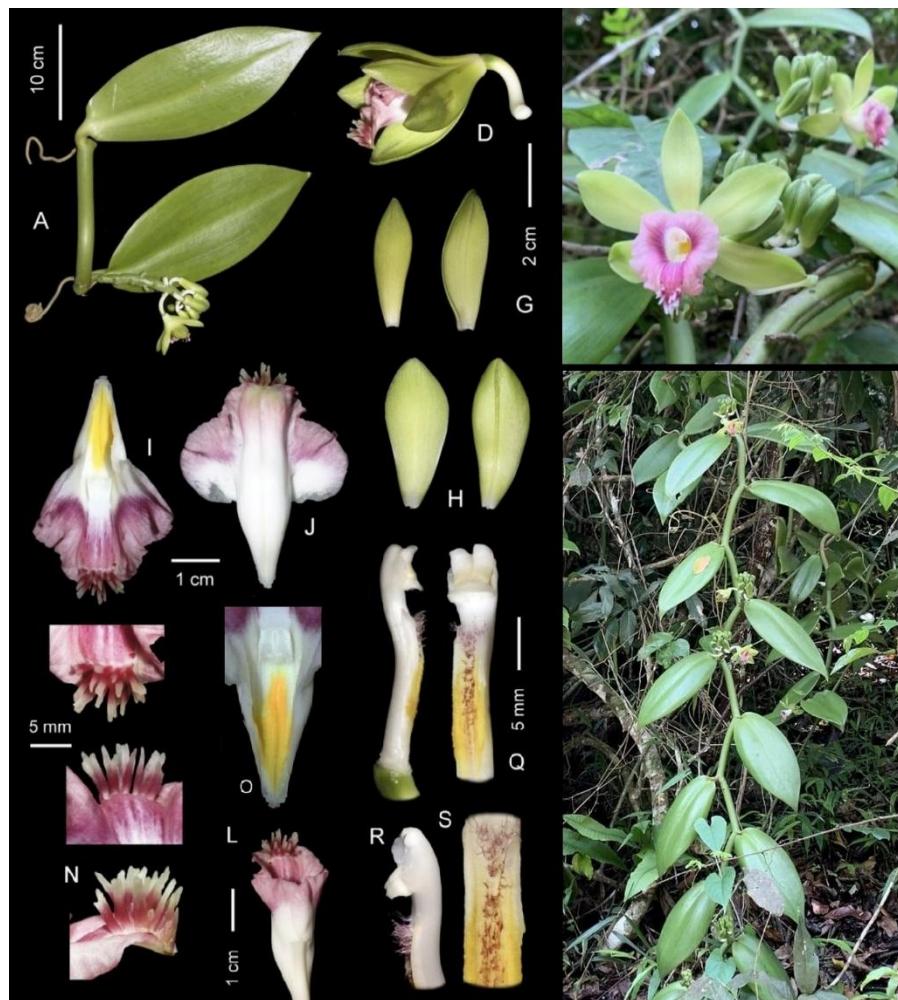
This is a great little hybrid from SVO's 2024 spring release, that has already bloomed several times. The Richard Mueller is a brassavola nodosa hybrid that is great in breeding a smaller more compact plant and in this case, nice spots. These open a pale purple, almost red and finished a bright yellow.

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

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New Orchids to Science

Vanilla baosangii discovered in the Central Highlands of southern Vietnam. In floral morphology the new species is similar to *Vanilla siamensis* and *V. tiendatii* in having hairs on the apex of the epichile and hairy column. According to IUCN Red List Categories and Criteria *V. baosangii* is assessed as a [#CriticallyEndangered](#).—Novataxa 2025



Upcoming 2026 Orchid Shows

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Greater Cleveland Orchid Society

March 14-15 at Cleveland Botanical Gardens
11030 East Blvd, Cleveland, OH 44106

<https://www.facebook.com/GreaterClevelandOrchidSociety>
<http://www.gcos.org/>

West Shore Orchid Society

April at Strongsville, Ohio Rec Center
18100 Royalton Rd, Strongsville, OH 44136

<http://www.westshoreorchidsociety.org/>
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100072143500531>

Photo Gallery

Meeting Show Table
November 2025

