

Greater Akron Orchid Society

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Previous Meeting Minutes

In our June meeting, we had guest speaker, Jim France discuss the 'Latest Breeding Trends in Phrags' and offer plants for sale

Meeting summary below (Page 4):

LIFE IS TOO SHORT



SO BUY THOSE ~~SHOES~~
lady slippers



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

July 13, 2026
Monday, 6:00pm

Portage Lakes Kiwanis Center
725 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron, Ohio 44319
Start Time: 6:30pm Doors Open: 6:00pm

This month only! Start time 6:00pm

Topic

Program: **Summer Potluck Picnic ***Bring a Dish*****
Speaker: **Member Plant Auction**

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

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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.

Thanks,

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Greater Cleveland Orchid Society

www.facebook.com/GreaterClevelandOrchidSociety/

www.qcos.org

West Shore Orchid Society

www.facebook.com/WestShoreOrchidSociety/

westshoreorchidsociety.org/

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

July 13	* 6pm Start * Summer Picnic & Member Plant Auction
Aug 10	Existing Members – How We Grow Our Orchids
Sept 14	Topic TBD – Kim Feddersen
Oct 12	Orchid Expedition on the Rio Negro – Deborah Boersma



2026 GAOS 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:

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Thanks,

Brandon Spannbauer, Editor

July 13 Meeting Info

5:30	Open doors (early because of picnic)
6:15	Start picnic
7:00	Open meeting, Show table
7:15	Silent Plant Auction
8:00	Close meeting

Early doors open at 5:30 PM and start time of 6:15 PM

The Society is providing the main course, plates, utensils, napkins and beverages. Everyone is invited to bring a dish including side dishes, salads, breads or deserts. Thank you!

We will also have our member plant auction. All are invited to bring any orchid plants or orchid related items they want to sell for the auction. This is a silent auction where buyers pencil their bid on an auction slip and the next buyer then comes along and pencils in a higher bid. The highest bidder at the end of the night wins the plant and pays the treasurer what he bid. 25% of the winning bid price goes to GAOS and 75% goes to the seller. Buyers and sellers are responsible for checking with the treasurer that night for payments. We do not accept credit cards so please bring cash or check with you for the auction.

Auction slips have been attached to this email, you can use them to fill in plants you'd like to auction ahead of time, or you can fill them out at the meeting.

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Zoom Meeting Details

No Zoom Meeting this month for the summer potluck and member auction, normal Zoom will resume in August

GAOS June Meeting Notes

By Meghan Harper

Announcements:

Next year's GAOS Show will be held at Petitti's March 6-7 2027!

Show meeting was held and decision was made to try to get additional vendors. Craig suggested attending other orchid society shows to get names of new vendors.

Welcome new members who attended this evening.

Membership badges are available for new members.

Show Table

Members Chester, Kat, Rachel, Susan, Cara, Bill, Craig, Bernie, Sue, Dean, Darlene, brought plants to the show table pictures have

Member Notes

Cathy received a *Best in class* ribbon at the West Shore Show.

Program — Jim France “Current Hybridization Trends in Phragmipediums”.

Tips on growing:

Phrags like water, natural habitat is beside rivers, waterfalls go light on fertilizer, don't require a lot don't use moss use charcoal, perlite moss can go toxic if they get cool and wet can cause problems, like getting repotted.

If you go to a show, make sure you have the classes identified for all the parentage.

Trends:

Older flowers were green, pink, orange and red which has led into new colors

Three most active Breeders of Phrags:

Flasks by Chuck Ackers <https://www.flasksbychuckacker.com/>

Focused breeding on getting desired hybrid..

Quintal Farms <https://orchidgrowersofhawaii.org/business-directory/quintal-farms-inc/>

(Large scale breeder)

Woodstream Orchids <http://www.woodstreamorchids.com/>

Breeding to get very white flowers)

(The presenter interviewed the breeders for this presentation)

Breeders are trying to get new hanging twisted petals, new colors and bigger flowers. Some crosses are trying to get branching phrags with more flowers or fuller flowers.

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	Cattleya Relatives – Kristen Uthus, owner of New World Orchids
Apr 25-26	WSOS Orchid Show @ Erhnfelt Recreation Center
May 11	Repotting workshop with new members, no speaker
June 8	Latest Breeding Trends in Phrags – Jim France
July 13	Summer Picnic & Member Plant Auction
Aug 10	Existing Members - How we grow our orchids
Aug 22-23	Ohio Valley Orchid Fest @ Kettering, Ohio
Sept 14	Kim Feddersen - topic TBD
Oct 12	Orchid Expedition on the Rio Negro, Brazil – Deborah Boersma
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*

Monthly Checklist for July and August

By AOS

Cattleya

Cattleyas this month require careful attention to their watering and fertilizing needs owing to characteristically high temperatures. Evaporative cooling is a must in areas of the country where it is effective. Where it is not (the more humid regions), care needs to be paid to proper venting to keep temperatures within reason. Bottom vents in conjunction with top vents provide enough rising airflow to help keep plants cool. Increased air flow lessens humidity and dries plants out more quickly, necessitating more frequent damping down and watering, in areas where high humidity is not a problem. Higher light and heat indicate more fertilizer. The growths your plants are making now are the source of this autumn, winter and spring's blooms, so applying adequate fertilizer this month is the best way to ensure future blooms. Higher temperatures and humidity may also lead to fungal or bacterial rot problems, so it is important to closely observe your plants for any early indication of problems. Pests are also at a high point this month for the same reason.

Paphiopedilum

Cooling and air circulation are especially critical in these two months to prevent stress and avoid disease problems. Watering needs to be closely monitored to ensure that plants do not dry out. Warmer-growing hybrids will be at the peak of their blooming, with attention needing to be paid to staking of spikes. Look for water lodging in growths, which can rot emerging spikes and lead to the loss of the entire growth.

Phalaenopsis

Most, if not all, potting should be complete by now. This month and next are when these plants achieve their maximum growth. This growth will be that from which they set their spikes for the coming season. The more leaves the plants grow, the better potential for spiking will be realized. Growers in cooler areas such as the Pacific coast have the advantage this month, should they choose, of cooling for early season spikes. Lots of heat and light call for liberal applications of water and fertilizer.

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.

High-elevation Plants

For cooler-growing plants, such as masdevallias, other pleurothallids and the like, the next few months will be a challenge. During the hottest times, keep your plants more shaded and be sure to keep the humidity level much higher. Do not let plants dry out. Delay any potting until the weather cools.



Oncidium intergenerics

Many of the intergeneric crosses between odontoglossums and oncidiums, such as Odontocidium, Wilsonara and Colmanara, will be blooming now. Take special care to train the spikes for best floral display. Keep plants under fairly shady conditions. Watch for snails and slugs.



The Philippine species, Euanthe sanderiana, rewards growers with massive heads of flowers at the end of summer.

Vandaceous

Plants will be growing quickly now and really enjoying the hot humid days so similar to their native habitat. Watch for pests though, as many of these also enjoy the same conditions as the plants. Check flower spikes so that they can extend unimpeded for the best flower presentation later.

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. Please note we are asking plants brought in for judging to arrive by 12:30.

For 2026, our meetings begin at 10:30 AM Eastern Time with any judging center business and then an educational talk by judges or other featured speakers. AOS judging begins no later than 12:30 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:

GOOD NEWS !!! Our website is now up to date with the speaker schedule and locations at www.gljc.org

July 18 Daniel Mok of the GLJC will be our speaker on “Leafless Orchids”. AOS Judging will begin no later than 12:30 PM EDT. **NOTE: room changed to Rm 150**

August 15 Dave Sorokowsky of Paph Paradise will be our special speaker on “Judging Maudiae Paphs”. Dave will take pre-paid pre-orders via their website at www.paphparadise.com. AOS Judging will begin no later than 12:30 PM EDT.

September 19 Daniel Mok on “Leafless Orchids” and Kristin Stepanek on “Catasetum denticulatum” AOS Judging will begin no later than 12:30 PM EDT.

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

Vanilla orchids growing on a house in Hawaii



Lembrança da
AGO
ASSOCIAÇÃO GOIANA DE ORQUIDÓFILOS
DESDE 1994

Genus *Cattleya* Lindl. (1824)

Classificação filogenética atual / Current phylogenetic classification

Subgenus *Cattleya*

 <i>Cattleya labiata</i>	 <i>Cattleya jenmanii</i>	 <i>Cattleya warneri</i>	 <i>Cattleya gaskelliana</i>	 <i>Cattleya huddemanniana</i>	 <i>Cattleya mossiae</i>	 <i>Cattleya mendelii</i>
 <i>Cattleya dowiana</i>	 <i>Cattleya aurea</i>	 <i>Cattleya warszewiczii</i>	 <i>Cattleya rex</i>	 <i>Cattleya wallisii</i>	 <i>Cattleya trianae</i>	 <i>Cattleya schroederiae</i>
 <i>Cattleya quadricolor</i>	 <i>Cattleya percivaliana</i>	 <i>Cattleya lawrenceana</i>	 <i>Cattleya mooreana</i>	 <i>Cattleya iricolor</i>	 <i>Cattleya luteola</i>	

Subgenus *Intermedia*

 <i>Cattleya intermedia</i>	 <i>Cattleya kerrii</i>	 <i>Cattleya harrisoniana</i>	 <i>Cattleya walkeriana</i>	 <i>Cattleya nobilior</i>	 <i>Cattleya loddigesii</i>
 <i>Cattleya violacea</i>	 <i>Cattleya amethystoglossa</i>	 <i>Cattleya aclandiae</i>	 <i>Cattleya schilleriana</i>	 <i>Cattleya velutina</i>	 <i>Cattleya forbesii</i>
 <i>Cattleya granulosa</i>	 <i>Cattleya guttata</i>	 <i>Cattleya porphyroglossa</i>	 <i>Cattleya schofieldiana</i>	 <i>Cattleya schoelians</i>	 <i>Cattleya tenuis</i>
 <i>Cattleya bicolor</i>	 <i>Cattleya dormaniana</i>	 <i>Cattleya elongata</i>			

Subgenus *Cattleyella*

 <i>Cattleya araguaiensis</i>

Subgenus *Maximae*

 <i>Cattleya maxima</i>

Classificação baseada principalmente em:
van den Berg, C., et al. (2000, 2005, 2009). *Nomencl. Bot. Honda, Kew Bull., Orchids*,
e atualizações posteriores.
Classification mainly based on:
van den Berg, C., et al. (2000, 2005, 2009). *Nomencl. Bot. Honda, Kew Bull., Orchids*,
and subsequent updates.

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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



Brassocattleya Richard Mueller (B. nodosa x C. milleri)
Grown by William Ullom

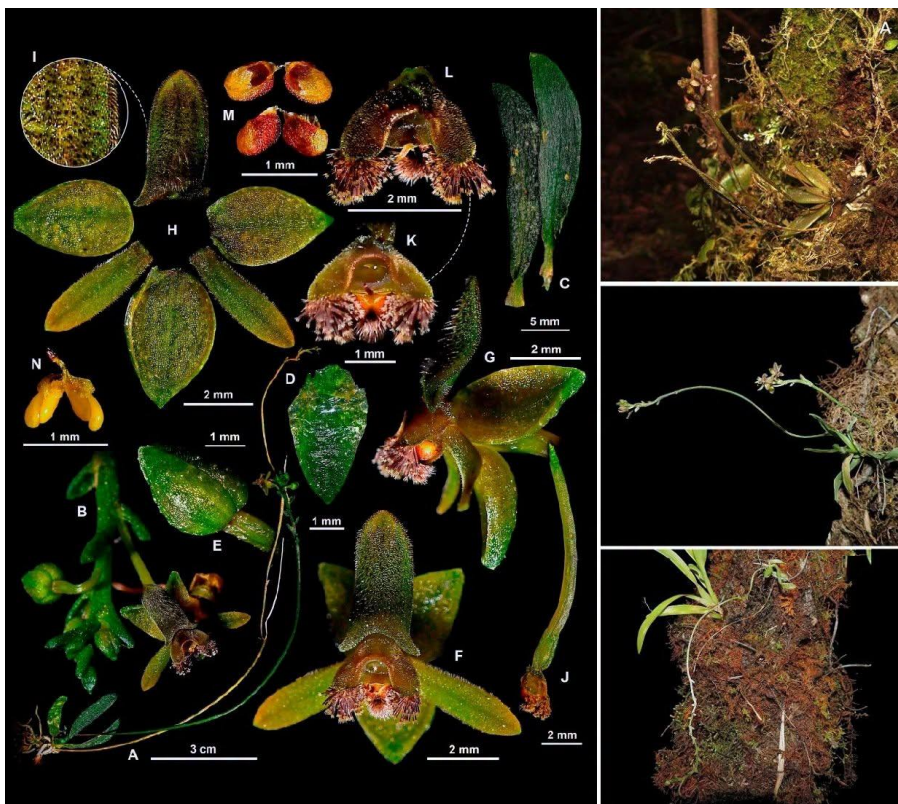


Lc. Sandra Laura x C. harisoniana
Grown by Kat Martz

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

Telipogon is a highly diverse genus in the Andes, yet it remains incompletely documented in northern Peru. *Telipogon vasqueznunezii* is morphologically similar to *T. hystrix* but differs in the oblong-ligulate lip, the two small lobes at the lip base, the absence of a protrusion on the lip, and the tuft of acicular setae on the columnar appendix.— *Novataxa* 2026



Upcoming 2026 Orchid Events

Ohio Valley Orchid Fest

Aug 22-23 Kettering Ohio
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
4865 Wilmington Pike
Kettering, Ohio

<https://www.ohiovalleyorchidfest.com/>

OHIO VALLEY ORCHID FEST

AUGUST 21-23 2026

REGISTER & INFO: www.ohiovalleyorchidfest.com

**Miami Valley Orchid Society &
Emmanuel Lutheran Church**

4865 WILMINGTON PIKE
KETTERING, OHIO

**INTERNATIONALLY
KNOWN SPEAKERS**
FRANK CERVERA
MONSTER ISLAND ORCHIDS

ROSS HELLA
DEERWOOD ORCHIDS

BARRY WOOLF
TEN SHIN ORCHIDS

GREAT FOOD

LEARNING
LECTURES
REPOTTING
DEMONSTRATIONS

PLANT SALES
ORCHIDS, CERAMICS
& AROIDS
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ORCHID SHOW
AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY JUDGING
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
MID AMERICA ORCHID CONGRESS



Photo Gallery

Meeting Show Table

June 2026

