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## 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Orchid Show



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Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 2017: 10 am – 5 pm

Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> 2017: 11 am – 4 pm

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Welcome and thank you for coming to our show! It is a new year at GAOS with the start of the 2017 season. Spring is a great time to get into orchids because so many are in bloom with all of their gorgeous colors and shapes. From the familiar Phalaenopsis, to the classic Cattleya and the unusual Paphiopedilum, each type of orchid has specific needs and naturally there will be many, many questions.

For those who are interested in learning more about this fascinating hobby, we invite you to stop by the Information desk and ask for details about the Greater Akron Orchid Society. Don't be afraid to ask questions of the Society members and growers that you meet at the show.

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Or stop by for a meeting (open to the public) where we will be discussing orchid topics and addressing questions and concerns that arise when caring for these amazing plants.

We meet on the second Monday of every month at the Portage Lakes Kiwanis, 725 Portage Lakes Drive, Akron at 6:45 p.m. and visitors are always welcome.

We are happy to have you with us today and wish you a warm welcome to the world of orchids. Enjoy the Show!

**Next Show:                    March 3-4, 2018**

**Next Meeting:                March 13, 2017**

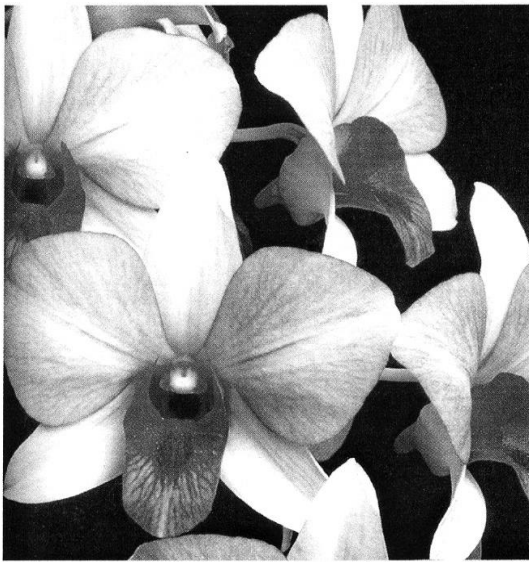
**Program:                      "Orchid Roundtable: Q&A"**

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Those new to orchid growing are often daunted by the reputation that the plants are finicky and difficult to grow. While it is true that some varieties are demanding of specific environmental conditions, many types will grow quite well under conditions suitable for African violets. *Phalaenopsis* and *Paphiopedilums*, in particular, are well-suited to artificial light culture, as are certain varieties of the "mini-Cattleyas". A sunny windowsill will suffice nicely for those requiring moderate light levels. Some types, however, require very high light levels and are not generally suitable for in-home culture, but will do well for those lucky enough to have a greenhouse. Many indoor growers move their plants outside for the summer to take advantage of the buoyant air and light levels that only sunshine can adequately provide.

Orchids do require humid air to thrive, but 40-60% relative humidity is generally sufficient, so you need not turn your home into a steaming jungle. Setting plants over – not in – gravel-filled trays holding excess water or misting the plants with a sprayer can help to offset low humidity. And because epiphytes are air plants, good air circulation is essential to plant health. A small fan in the growing area will provide sufficient air movement to keep your plants happy.

Just as different families of orchids differ in light requirements, the proper temperature range is crucial to blooming. Broadly speaking, orchids are classified as either cool, intermediate, or warm growers, depending upon the heritage of the plant. A species found natively in the hot jungles of the Amazon River basin will naturally prefer a warmer climate than one at home in the high altitudes of the Andes mountains. By crossing species from different climates, however, hybrids are created which are less demanding of specific environmental conditions than are the parent plants. This "hybrid vigor" makes hybrids – rather than species – generally better choices for the beginner. There are a few species, however, which are exceptionally forgiving and make excellent beginner's plants.

The growers at our show can give you more information about the cultural requirements of those plants which strike your fancy.

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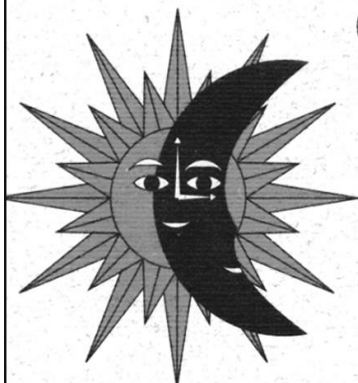
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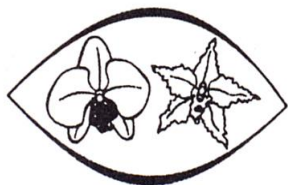
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## **2017 Monthly Program Schedule**

<b>March 13</b>	<i>"Orchid Rountable: Q&amp;A"</i>
<b>April 10</b>	<i>"Orchids &amp; Their Friends in Costa Rica" Franks and Bernie Skalak</i>
<b>May 8</b>	<i>"Orchids of Ecuador" John Dunkleberger</i>
<b>June 12</b>	<i>"Summer Picnic and Member Auction"</i>
<b>July 10</b>	<i>"Growing Orchids at Home" - Tentative Patty Conrad</i>
<b>August 14</b>	<i>"Orchid Rountable: Q&amp;A" And Orchid Bingo</i>
<b>September 11</b>	<i>"Pleiones: Terrestrial Orchid Culture" Brandon Spannbauer</i>
<b>October 9</b>	<i>"Member Plant Auction"</i>
<b>November 13</b>	<i>"Holiday Banquet and Elections"</i>
<b>December 11</b>	<i>Happy Holidays – No Meeting</i>

Whether you grow orchids, would like to,  
or just like them

### **The Greater Akron Orchid Society**

extends an invitation to come to one  
of our meetings as our guest.

We meet on the second Monday of every month  
at the Portage Lakes Kiwanis  
725 Portage Lakes Drive, Akron at 6:45 p.m.

**Our next meeting will be March 13, 2017**

# Greater Akron Orchid Society

## Membership Application

To become a GAOS member, complete the following form and present it or mail it to the treasurer with your dues.

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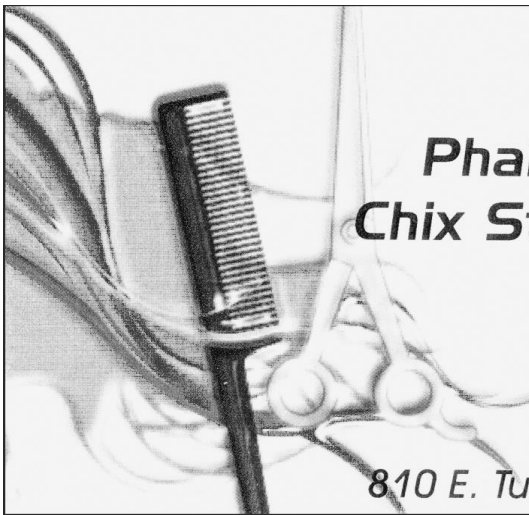
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