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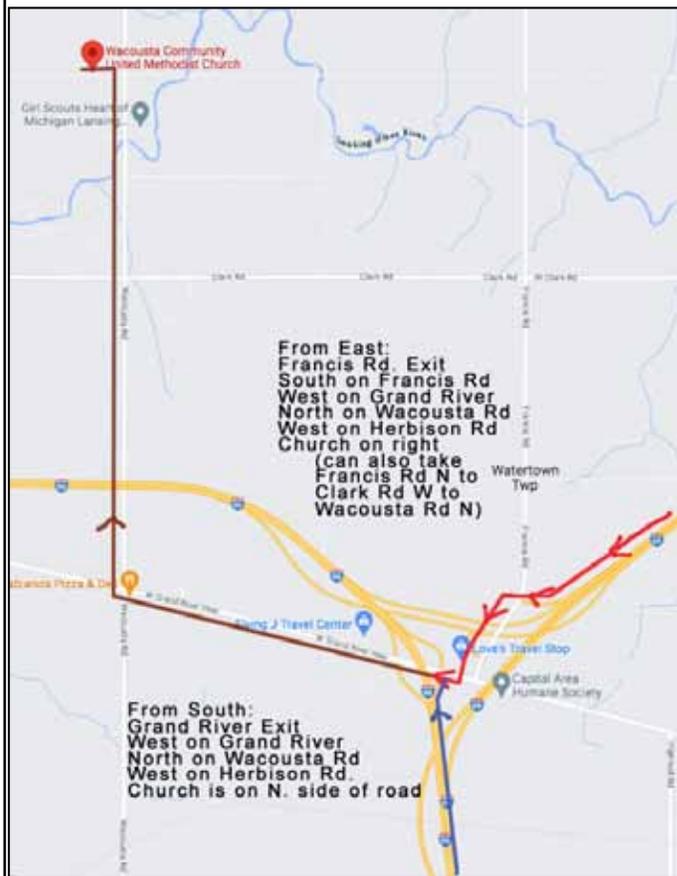
CALYPSO DEADLINE:

Feb. 27 for the March '24 issue

The purposes for which the Society is organized are to create an awareness of orchid culture; to foster the preservation of native species of orchids; to support research and development of orchid culture; and to hold meetings, lectures, and exhibitions.

JANUARY 13 MEETING: In-Person at 2:00 p.m.

Wacousta Community United Methodist Church, at 9180 Herbison Rd., Eagle



If you would like a printable copy of this map, please contact Dot

Our speaker this month is member Jim Heilig. Jim will be speaking with us via ZOOM from California. His talk will be about making your own hybrids. Jim has been doing this for years, and is especially known for his *Habenaria* hybrids, several of which have received AOS awards.

Our January weather in Michigan is always a big question mark. We are planning on meeting in person, but if it is necessary, we will change to ZOOM only. Please keep tabs on your email, especially on the day of the meeting, just in case.

GLOS GENERAL MEETING ZOOM LINK:

Greater Lansing Orchid Society is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Jim Heilig: Making your own hybrids

Time: 02:00 Eastern Time (US and Canada) January 13, 2024

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87568612312?pwd=RWpWaxKWuy0elBGbMKuJcJcJM8qFqep.1>

One tap mobile

+19292056099,,701683513# US (New York)

Meeting ID: 701 683 513

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, January 2024 - Jerrie Nichols, President**MOVING THE GLOS SHOW IN 2025**

We have made the difficult decision to move our GLOS show away from Michigan State University in 2025. In 2025, our show will be held at Van Atta's Greenhouse 9008 Old M-78, Haslett, MI 48840.

This has been a hard decision. We have been at MSU since 1996. The staff have been the best people to work with over the years, and as you know, the facilities are simply fantastic. The problem is that the rent went up, without warning in 2023, and went up again in 2024. Truthfully, MSU has been renting the show site to us for a ridiculously low price for years. In 1996 we rented the entire show site for \$300. Even as of 2022, we only paid \$500 for the show space and another \$600 to rent the tables for a total rental cost \$1100.

But like everyone else, MSU is looking to improve their income stream. And in their drive to reflect the true cost of doing business in 2023 our total rent went from \$1100 to \$2539. Rent has increased again for our upcoming 2024 show to \$3039. These fees may be more in line with rental rates in the area, but this increase has left us with budget deficits. Plus, we do not know if rents will continue to increase in 2025.

Though we have available cash to pay these fee increases right now, this is a trend we cannot sustain and continue providing the services we do. First, be aware that we do not earn money from our show. Over the years, we usually break even or at best, lose or gain a couple of hundred dollars. Most of our show costs are covered by vendor table fees. We did discuss raising those fees, but quickly dropped that idea as it would be a strain on several of our vendors and might discourage them from coming at all. In case you have not noticed, regional orchid vendors willing to travel to shows are a disappearing breed. Raising society dues would be problematic because half our memberships are lifetime and not subject to increase payments. MSU rules prohibit auctions, raffles, or charging admission. Since we could not figure out a sustainable way to raise income, we decided to look for another show site.

From the first, Van Atta's Greenhouse was a promising option. The greenhouses are more than adequate for show activities in late February, there is extensive free parking, and getting plants unloaded will be so much easier because vehicles can drive right into the greenhouse. The main managers, Jason and Lisa, are excited to work with us. Our initial discussions with them have been very positive and reassuring. More importantly, site rental is only slightly higher than what we were originally paying at MSU prior to 2023.

So, this year in 2024, we will still be at MSU and the show will continue as usual. We will be advertising that our show is moving in 2025 at this year's MSU show. However, a lot of our show visitors are preprogrammed—February, MSU, orchid show. They do not listen to advertising. We will need your help in getting the word out about the change in venue. The planning phase for our first Van Atta's' show in 2025 has already begun. Dawn Kittle, as Vice President, is also Show Manager and will be coordinating efforts for the move. We have a very experienced show team and I am anticipating a smooth transition.

Just a reminder, our January speaker will be Jim Heilig who will be talking on growing orchids from seed. I have specifically asked him to detail how to handle flasks and compots since I have bought several over the years and have killed them all. I had been looking forward to spectacular new and unique hybrids to generate envy in my orchid friends, something different from the same boring stuff at the box stores. But all I ended up with dead mushy stuff in the pots. This is not fair.

In any case, may your Holidays be wonderful and we will see you in January.

GLOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- January 13th 2024 1:30- 4:30 - Jim Heilig: "Making Your Own Hybrids"
- February 3 - 4 2024 Three Rivers OS Show
- February 24 - 25 2024 GLOS Show and Sale
- March 9th - 1:30 - 4:30 - Rob Kaufman - Orchid Conservation Alliance - "101 ways to kill your orchid"
- April 13th - 5:30 - 8:30 - Eric Sauer - River Valley Orchids (share with MOS and AAOS) Probably talk on Columbian orchids.
- May 11th - 5:30 - 8:30 - Carter & Holmes (share with MOS & AAOS)
- July Picnic -- Saturday the 27th Tentative
- August 10th - 5:30 - 8:30 - in-house phalaenopsis culture talk
- September - Norman's Orchids. Topic to be determined *Share with AAOS and MOS) Exact date to be determined. Topic to be determined.
- October - Rob Halgren - In person talk on artificial lighting



ANN ARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW, NOVEMBER 18 – 19, 2023 - report by Carol Stuhrt

The Ann Arbor society was spurred to a quick replay of their spring 2023 show when Matthaei Gardens could not schedule their show in spring 2024. Congratulations to their society; they did an excellent job.

GLOS entered a 25 square foot tabletop display with 32 orchids. Dot Barnett collected plants from eight of our members. Ioana Sonea, Jerrie Nichols and I set up the display in Ann Arbor Friday the 17th. It was blustery, wet and cold that day; but all the orchids made it to their assigned position in the display in fine shape. The display was quickly packed up for the return to Lansing Sunday by Ioana and her husband Chris, David Madison, Jerrie, and me. A huge thanks to everyone that made the display happen.

The display and the orchids in it were appreciated by show guests and the AOS show judges. GLOS garnered seven trophies and two AOS awards. David Madison's *Paphiopedilum villosum* received an AOS Award of merit with 82 points. It is David's first awarded plant. Congratulations, David.

The plant ribbons, trophies and awards are as follows:

Orchidist	Plant Name	AOS	Ribbon
Display		Silver Certificate, Show Trophy	1st, class 6 Trophy
Becky Thayer	Rlc. Michael Tomihama		2nd class 25
Molly Bacon	Tolu. Jairak Flyer 'Red Spread'		2nd class 84
David Madison	Paph. Deena Nicole		1st class 31
	Paph.villosum fma, amnamense	AM/AOS 82 pts	1st class 28
			Cyp Alliance Trophy
Pete Ostlund	Epi. porpax		President's Trophy
	Tolu. Jairak Firm 'Dalmatian'		2nd class 11
			1st class 84; 3rd class 113
	Paph. spicerianum		Onc & Cym Alliance Trophy
Ioana Sonea	Phal. NoID		2nd class 28
Owen Neils	C. (Sophronitis) brevipedunculata		1st class 53
			1st class 17; 2nd class 113
			Catt Alliance trophy
Bill Cadman	Paph. In-Charm Topaz x Little Trouble		Best in Show
	Paph. In-Charm Topaz x Little Trouble		1st class 39
	Paph. charlesworthii x Baby Boo Boo		3rd class 40
	Paph. Wossner Helene		2nd class 40
	Paph. Hengduan's Qin		3rd class 34
Dot Barnett	Hab. roeblenii		3rd class 34
	Paph. tranlienianum		2nd class 109
	Max. johniana 'Mem. John Potter'		3rd class 28
	CHM/AOS		2nd class 105
	Max. caespitifica		1st class 105
	Enc. garciana		1st class 11
	Barkeria skinneri		2nd class 16



Congratulations to:
Carol Ann Stuhrt, set-up Chair,
David Madison, AM/AOS
Owen Neils, Best of Show



GREATER LANSING ORCHID SOCIETY MINUTES MEMBERSHIP MEETING - November 11, 2023

President Jerrie Nichols called the meeting to order at the Wacousta Community United Methodist Church in Wacousta at 2:10 p.m. with thirty-two people (plus two more on Zoom) present.

Although there were no visitors, Doris welcomed several members whom we have not seen in a while. So good to have them back. She explained how the fundraising raffle and silent auction work.

Jerrie thanked the people who provided refreshments for the meeting (Teresa Fowle, Christine Granger, Marilyn Porter, and Becky Thayer), and the following people volunteered to bring refreshments to our January 13th meeting – Christine Granger, Marilyn Porter, and Ioana Sonea.

Ann Arbor Orchid Society Show: Dot, Carol and Ioana will be working on the GLOS display at the upcoming Ann Arbor Orchid Society Show on November 18th and 19th at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Dot will be collecting orchids for that exhibit at her house on Wednesday the 15th from 10 am to 7 pm; if these times do not work, members may contact her to make other arrangements. Dot will also take care of the registration of the plants and the plant labels. Carol and Ioana will do both set up and take down of the exhibit.

GLOS Show – February 24-25, 2024: Show Chair Dawn Kittle again asked for a publicity coordination chair, and Jill Wood volunteered for that role. Mike Underwood, who is responsible for our classes for the public, outlined his plans for the four classes this year – two on Saturday and two on Sunday. Jolanta Piecuch, who chairs the Orchids in Use section of the Show, invited members to enter flower arrangements which are displayed but not judged. She brought cards detailing the rules for the orchids in use part of the Show. Jerrie invited everyone to take a supply of the publicity cards for the Show available at the Treasurer’s table.

January 13, 2024 Meeting: The current plan is to meet, as usual, at the Wacousta church. Our speaker, Jim Heilig, a GLOS past- president, will talk via zoom from California. Jim’s presentation will be on growing orchids from seed. Jerrie, our current president, urged everyone to watch his/her email if the weather looks bad for this January meeting. If the weather deteriorates, our whole meeting will be via zoom. The email you will be watching for will give the specifics.

Show and Tell Table: Teresa Fowle and Bill Cadman discussed the numerous beautiful plants that members had brought in.

Program: Peter T. Lin of Diamond Orchids in southern California gave an excellent presentation on “Mini-Catts” covering both conventional miniature-sized cattleyas and also “micro mini’s”. He brought an array of orchids to sell.

Break for refreshments, shopping and bidding on silent auction plants

Raffle/Silent Auction: The day concluded with Becky Thayer settling up the silent auction and Teresa Fowle calling out the winning raffle ticket numbers.

There being no further business, Jerrie adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,
Doris H. Asher, Secretary



Why grow mini-catts?

- Small and compact
 - Minicatt size
 - Micro minicatt size
- Can flower more than once a year
- Available in most Cattleya flower colors
- Grow and bloom faster than standard Cattleyas
- Many hybrids are temperature tolerant



Photos & Screen Shots by Dot

GREATER LANSING ORCHID SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES - December 5, 2023

President Jerrie Nichols called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. The following people attended: Doris Asher, Dot Barnett, Dawn Kittle, Pete Ostlund, Jolanta Piecuch and Carol Stuht.

Treasurer's Report: Although she could not attend the meeting, Treasurer Teresa Fowle emailed her report to us. Some of the items in her report: we have had \$1,380 in income: from the November 11th meeting \$40 in raffle ticket sales; \$74 in silent auction sales; since that meeting, we have had \$16 income from dues, \$50 in trophy sponsorships, donations toward Show expense \$1,200 for total income since our October 4th Board meeting.

Membership Committee Report: Doris presented the Committee's report – GLOS currently has 100 members in 91 households. Most GLOS members (88%) receive their newsletters via email – Doris copies and mails only 11 paper copies – those members have donated more than the total cost these last several years, enabling GLOS to continue providing this service.

Thank you's: Jerrie thanked Dot for her successful efforts in getting the Society website working properly. Users are no longer getting the warning message: the new website address is greaterlansingorchidsociety.info, no longer .com. Jerrie also thanked Doris for her recent donation of \$1,000 toward food expense at our Show and also to Vivian Lin, who recently sent in a gift of \$200 toward our Show.

GLOS Show Planning:

1. Dawn reported on behalf of Mike Underwood about the classes for the public. In addition to the "Tour the Show with a Judge" offered on both Saturday and Sunday, he will be offering only one class on each day. One will be a repotting class, and one will be Jill Wood on building an orchid terrarium.
2. Carol reported that she has sent out her invitations to local artists to enter art pieces into the Show. She is working on updating her rules for the art competition. Pete confirmed with Carol that she needs 4 tables for art.
3. Jolanta is requesting \$300 to buy orchid flowers for use in the Orchids in Use competition. In addition, she will be working with Doris to run an article in the January Calypso soliciting orchid flowers from members and also asking Dot to do an emailing requesting flowers closer to Jolanta's deadline for receiving them. If she does not need the entire \$300, she will refund the balance to the Society. The Board voted to approve her request for \$300. Pete confirmed with Jolanta that he should order 4 tables for the orchids in use.
4. Pete discussed the videos to be used as advertising on Facebook and the Board chose the desirable version. In addition, the Board authorized Pete to place several additional ads on Facebook as he did last year.
5. With respect to vendors, Pete reported that he now has a full slate and will be supplying Dot with the complete list so she can put it up on the Society website. It is about time for him to send our invitations to societies to exhibit; he asked Doris to supply him with a list of the contacts in the various societies.
6. Dawn has received a request from Mary Henman for \$200 to buy needed orchid books to sell at the Information Table. The Board approved that expenditure. In addition, Dot is in possession of a recent email from former GLOS President Randy Robinson offering the Society his orchid book collection. We will investigate whether he would be amenable to our selling some of these at the Information Table, too. Dot will be getting back in touch with Randy about the disposition of his books – Doris has his list of his books which she will send to the Board. Another interesting item for the Information Table is a photographic triptych that Lynn O'Shaughnessy is donating. The volunteers at the Table will price it and sell it during the Show. The Board asked Doris to ask Lynn to bring it with her to the Show when she comes in Friday afternoon to work registration with Doris.
7. Doris reported on judging activities – she has a roster of judges planning to come and will begin work very soon lining up clerks for the Show. She and Lynn will be handling registration for the Show beginning at 3 pm on Friday afternoon.
8. Dawn asked Pete for help in contacting Michael Bukala to see if he is willing to work with Diane Zoellner to provide our Children's Activities service. Pete was able to reach Michael, who agreed to do that.

Upcoming Shows:

1. **Grand Valley Orchid Society Show**, January 27-28 – Moss has been ordered for this Show. Pete will obtain it and determine if additional moss is needed for our exhibit for Grand Rapids.
2. **Three Rivers Orchid Society Show**, February 3-4, at the Fort Wayne Botanical Garden in Fort Wayne, IN – Carol will be setting up a GLOS display there, and Rob Halgren has agreed to bring it home for us.

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GREATER LANSING ORCHID SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES, Continued from p.5

Potential Moving of our Show to Van Atta's: There was a lengthy discussion of the pro's and con's of our relocating our Show to Van Atta's Greenhouse and Flower Shop located at 9008 Old M78 in Haslett. All of the Board members present had been able to visit Van Atta's during their holiday open house the weekend of November 18th and 19th. Everyone was very pleased with what they learned. Pete moved that we relocate our 2025 Show to Van Atta's; Dot seconded. The vote to relocate was unanimous. Pete will contact Lisa Baseline, Van Atta's Buyer/Manager, to let her know of our decision. Dot will begin work on a publicity piece to use at our upcoming Show to alert visitors to the impending change of location.

Speaker for DeWitt Flower Club – On February 8th, this Flower Club would like to have a basic orchid growing program. As Jerrie does not want to be their speaker, the Board agreed that Mike Underwood will be an excellent choice – Jerrie will see if Mike is willing to do that. Pete will send Jerrie the contact information for the Flower Club.

Change of Board Meeting Day: The Board was uncertain as to the date of our February Board meeting – both the first Monday and the first Tuesday were acceptable to everyone present. Jerrie will contact Teresa to see if she could attend on either of those nights. Therefore, our next Board meeting will be either on Monday, February 5th, or on Tuesday, February 6th, at 7 pm, via Zoom.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Doris Asher, Secretary

WILL YOU CLERK FOR US?

We need clerks for ribbon judging at this year's February Show. Clerks assist the judging teams in finding the plants entered in the class, preparing the ribbons for the winning entries, placing the ribbons on the winners, and recording the winners in the Society's official record. Your time commitment is for Saturday morning, February 24th, beginning at 7:30 a.m. (we provide a light breakfast), lasting until ribbon judging is concluded, about 11:00 a.m. We need thirty clerks. Some of our more knowledgeable clerks may be asked to serve as lay judges in order to get the ribbon judging concluded in a timely fashion. All clerks are invited to be the Society's guests at the Judges' Luncheon held at the Show at noon.

You do not need experience as a clerk in order to volunteer. We have written instructions for you and will place you on a team with more experienced people. We want you to enjoy your first experience! This is an excellent opportunity to learn what American Orchid Society judges are looking for in a prize-winning orchid.

To date (12/10/2023) Doris has commitments from the following eighteen people to clerk: Leslie Behm, Dea Bishop, Michael Bukala, Bill Cadman, Diane Collin, Lynn Cook, Teresa Fowle, Michael Henderson, Dawn Kittle, Vivian Lin, Pete Ostlund, Taylor Patterson, Ioana Sonea, Becky Thayer, Mike Underwood, Nick Villarreal, Dina Weston, and Jill Wood.

Won't you join them?

To volunteer or to ask questions about what is involved in clerking, please contact Chair of Judging Activities Doris Asher at 517-332-0004 or email asherdoris44@gmail.com.

GLOS MEMBERSHIP

Our GLOS numbers stand now as follows: as of December 11th -- 100 members in 91 households. At this same time last year, we had 96 members in 89 households.

We have 51 people who are Life Members (51.0% of the membership.) These numbers are included in the current membership numbers detailed above. Life Memberships are still available – Life Membership dues are \$80 for individuals, \$120 for two living in the same household.

Total Households (including Life Members): 91

Households getting paper copies: 11 (12.1%).

Households getting Calypso electronically: 80 (87.9%)

Calypso costs us:

Copying: \$.60 each x 6 issues = \$3.60/year

Copying plus postage: + \$.66 stamp = \$1.26 each x 6 issues = \$7.56/household/year

Eleven households get paper copies: \$83.16 annually. This annual amount is often completely covered by donations that some "paper members" contribute (requested on dues form).

Doris Asher, Membership Committee

ORCHID GROWING SPACE IDEAS - Ioana Sonea

Here (is a picture) that I took this morning, with all lights functioning. I did this (made this enclosed growing space) because it was hard to keep the humidity within 70-80% for the plants without getting mildew on the walls. I first trialed a small plastic greenhouse: humidity was great, and the mounted plants and vanda family plants with lots of bare roots were MUCH happier.

So I built this one 12/01-12/03 out of 1/2 PVC - this would be much too weak for outdoor use but with judicious use of ties to the joists and with wire bracing some corners it seems to be solid enough. I have a system of ropes to keep the ceiling from sagging.

I still need to seal joints in the plastic, and will need to play around with potentially installing vents etc. but it looks like it will work! And I did make it bigger to be able to add more plants in the future (once I've repotted some of the existing ones!).

ORCHID SHOW

Presented by the Grand Valley Orchid Society

Escape winter's chill! Enjoy a stunning variety of beautiful, unusual, colorful orchids exhibited by enthusiasts from across the state. Visit the vendors to find an orchid that's easy to grow at home or add a more unusual species to your collection. Stock up on orchid growing supplies, such as premium orchid bark and fertilizer. Learn how to grow these beauties by attending a free talk—visit MeijerGardens.org for the complete list—or stop by the Grand Valley Orchid Society's information desk to pick up a culture sheet and receive growing tips.

Held at the beautiful Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park, 1000 East Beltline Avenue, N.E., Grand Rapids – about an hour's drive from Lansing.

Saturday, January 27 Displays 12-5 pm, Sales 10 am-5 pm

Sunday, January 28 Display and Sales 11 am – 4:30 pm

Cost: Complimentary

 GLOS will have a display at this show.

We will collect plants at Dot's on Wednesday, Jan.24, between 10 am and 6 pm. If those times don't work for you, please contact Dot to make other arrangements.

We hope the presentation we had at our October meeting will encourage members to offer to help with set-up and take-down of this exhibit and the other up-coming ones.

Remember, one of the benefits of helping with set-up is that we are there when the vendors are also setting up. That means we can have first pick of all their sale plants.



➔ **NOMINATIONS FOR MAY ELECTIONS:**

Nominations are now being accepted for the May elections. Mike Underwood (mike@avi-sci.com) is the chair of the Nominating Committee: Becky Thayer, and Christine Granger are members. If you would like to be nominated for a board position, please contact Mike and let him know of your interest before April 1. The Nominating Committee will present its slate of candidates at the April membership meeting.

PLEASE NOTE: the Nominating Committee needs to select a new Director for a two-year term since Bill Cadman has completed his two two-year terms as our Director and cannot run again. As Michele Bridges is in the middle of her first two-year term, she simply continues in her Director role.. All other positions are not term-limited at this election.

➔ **ANNUAL AWARDS:**

In May of each year we set aside time at our meeting to recognize individuals for their special service to GLOS over the past year. This may include special recognition at the highest level (Orchidist of the Year). If you feel someone deserves special recognition, please send your nomination to someone on the Awards Committee (Jerrie Nichols, Bill Cadman and Ioana Sonea). Please include a short write-up of why you feel this individual is worthy of such recognition. Candidacy for the Orchidist of the Year award may be based on, but not limited to, the following:

- Leadership
- Promotion of the Society or of orchids
- Committee activity
- Society organizational efforts
- Botanical development
- Research Authorship of orchidaceous articles
- Taxonomy of orchids



*Congratulations to Rob!
Two AOS Awards
at AOS*

Photos courtesy of Ionia Sonea



➔ **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

GLOS website has changed servers, and is now .info instead of .com/ .com will no longer work, but instead will take you to some foreign site. PLEASE remember to use .info from now on.

GLOS Web Site:

<https://greaterlansingorchidsociety.info>

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/Greater-Lansing-Orchid-Society-202834892618/>

GLOS MEMBERS SHOW THEIR GENEROSITY – 2024 SHOW TROPHY SPONSORS

Once again, Society members have come through, underwriting ALL of the trophies for our Show this February! The trophies will be prepared by Larry Galdes and Mei Ling Clemens.

Many of these wonderful sponsors have already paid the Society for their sponsorships. If you have not yet had the opportunity to do so, you can save yourself expensive postage by paying Doris Asher in person at our January 13th meeting. A check or cash is equally welcome – the cost is \$25.00. Checks payable to GLOS may also be mailed to Doris at 277 N. Hagadorn Road, East Lansing, MI 48823.

Thank you, donors, very much. This is a wonderful way to help our Show!

This year's sponsors are:

Trophy	Sponsor
Exhibits, Open	Pete Ostlund
Exhibits, Society	Pete Porciello
Exhibits, Amateur	Anonymous GLOS Members
Julie Bishop Memorial (Cattleya Alliance)	Dea Bishop
Paphiopedilum Species	Don & Jane Farrelly
Paphiopedilum Hybrids	Bill Cadman
Phragmipedium, Cypripedium	Dot Potter Barnett
Phalaenopsis	Dea Bishop
Vanda	Diane Zoellner
Brassia and Miltonia	Mary Henman
Oncidium Alliance	Sally Heinlein
Cymbidium Alliance	Dawn Kittle (In Memory of Sherwin Kittle; in Memory of Betty Jane Harvey)
Dendrobium Alliance	Michael Henderson
Pleurothallid Alliance	Lynn O'Shaughnessy
Alex Challis Memorial (Miscellaneous Genera)	Littlefrog Farm
Specimen Plant	Jerrie Nichols
Art (Excluding Photography)	Dottie Winter
Photography	Carol Ann Stuht
Don and Kris Garling Memorial	New World Orchids
Best of Show	
AOS Show Trophy – Outstanding Exhibit	Greater Lansing Orchid Society

NEEDED, A CATCHY NAME

GLOS member Mary Henman is about to embark on an adventure with her local 4H. She wants to create a group that will be about orchid conservation, but she needs a name for this new group that is both inventive and descriptive.

She needs your help!

Please contact her with your suggestion before the end of January, 2024. Call or text her at 810-882-9092 or email her at knights@yahoo.com

GLOS TREASURER'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 11, 2023 MEETING - submitted by Teresa Fowle, Treasurer

Raffle Tickets Sold \$ 40

Silent Auction Sales \$ 69

Carol Stuht donation to silent auction \$ 5 (plant)

Dues paid for 23-24 \$ 8 (Mike Underwood)

Dues paid for 24-25 \$ 8 (Susan Williams)

Trophy Sponser \$ 25 (Michael Henderson)

Society Trophy Sponsor \$ 25 (Pete Porciello)

Orchid Show February 2024 Donations

Food expense \$ 1,000 (Doris Asher)

Show expense \$ 200 (Vivian Lee)

Total Deposit for November \$ 1,392.00

ORCHID FLOWERS NEEDED

Jolanta Piecuch is chairing our orchids-in-use portion of the February Show. This year's theme is "A Glimpse Into Spring". If you would like to participate in this part of the Show, please pre-register, preferably by January 20, 2024. All pre-registered participants will get free orchid flowers to use in their designs. Contact Jolanta Piecuch 517-655-9869, jolantapiecuch@yahoo.com. Please contact her if you need orchid flowers for your design or have questions.

Jolanta needs orchid flowers for arrangers to use, if they do not have access to any. We are asking all members for help – if you will have orchid flowers that you are willing to cut, please contact Jolanta to make arrangements to get the flowers to her. She needs to hear from you by Saturday, February 17, please. Many genera of orchids hold up well as cut flowers: cymbidiums, phalaenopsis, sprays of oncidiums, sprays of dendrobiums, to name just a few.

Here are this year's rules for the Orchids-in-Use section:

1. Each exhibitor needs to pre-register with Jolanta.
2. There are no specific rules or requirements for the type of designs entered in this Show, except the width cannot exceed 20 inches. The exhibitor may choose a floral arrangement or item of personal adornment to enter.
3. Fresh orchid(s) must be used in every design.
4. All design work must be the work of the exhibitor. Plant material need not be grown by the exhibitor.
5. Each exhibitor's design will have a label stating their name and club or society affiliation.
6. No artificial flowers, fruit, or foliage are permitted. Lace leaves and ribbon buds are permitted only in corsages, bridal bouquets, hair pieces, botanical jewelry, and other personal adornment designs.
7. Leaf shine, dye, paint, etc., may be used ONLY on dried plant material.
8. An underlay is permitted with all designs. Designs are staged on black skirted tables 28" above the floor with a black background.
9. No entry may be removed from the Show before 4:00 p.m. Sunday, February 25, 2024.

The "Orchids in Use" part of the Show will not be judged.

There will be space available for exhibitors to finish their designs at the show site on Friday from 3:00-4:30 p.m.



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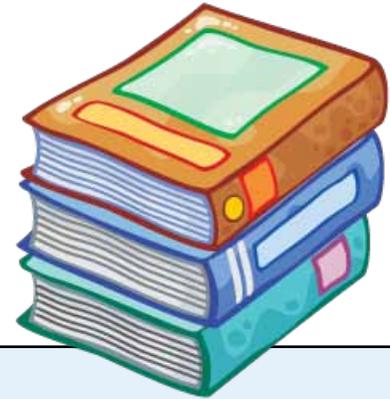
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Jump into Orchids !



USED ORCHID BOOKS/PERIODICALS WANTED

Do you have some orchid books or orchid periodicals that you no longer want? For several years now at our Orchid Show, we have sold numerous used books donated by various Society members. Visitors to the Show snap them up very quickly and, because the items are donated, the Society makes 100% profit. We use the orchid magazines as free giveaways to Show visitors to encourage their joining our Society.

Because this service is so popular, we would like to offer inexpensive, used orchid books again at this February's Show. Since GLOS is an IRS not-for-profit 501(c) 3 organization, you may deduct the value of the books and magazines you give us. The Treasurer will be happy to provide you a receipt for your gift.

Please consider giving such items at this January meeting to Doris Asher for our Show's Information Table.

In addition, Show Chair Dawn Kittle will be "recruiting" at the January 13 meeting for volunteers to work the Information Table during the Show. Please look at your calendar for February 24 and 25 and see when you could devote two or three hours to staff that Table. No experience required! You do not need vast knowledge about orchids! Doris or Dawn or Jerrie, who chairs that activity, can tell you everything that you need to know!

Doris Asher
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PLEASE WEAR YOUR GLOS NAME TAG

Please remember to wear your GLOS name badge to our January 13th meeting. Anyone who buys a raffle ticket and is wearing his or her name badge, gets a complimentary raffle ticket in addition to however many he or she has purchased at \$1.00 apiece. In addition, it is a courtesy to others who may not know you or who may have forgotten your name! If your name tag is lost, please let either Doris or Dot know. Dot will make you a new one. Doris will have write-on name badges at the meeting for those lacking their GLOS name tag.

SELLING ORCHIDS AT GLOS MEETINGS:

Perhaps a plant has outgrown its home, maybe you have a division to share, occasionally you may find a plant doesn't bloom for you or like your conditions, possibly you need to make room for something new, or you just no longer want a certain plant.

Whatever the reason, the raffle and the silent auction tables are great places to share your no-longer wanted orchids with fellow society members.

Please keep in mind, however, that shared plants should be healthy, free of diseases and insects, and be generally well-cared for. Just as you wouldn't want to take home a sick plant, neither should you expect others to accept one. Such plants are better off becoming a part of a compost pile than potentially passing on its ailment(s) to another's collection.

The Society does have a responsibility to not allow diseased or insect-infested plants to be distributed at our meetings. However, we all take great pleasure in finding, growing and blooming treasures from the raffle and silent auction tables.



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FOOD HELP NEEDED FOR THE SHOW!

Just like last year, we may not bring any food to the Show that we have prepared at home – all food items must be prepared by a commercial firm or a caterer. This is mandated by MSU.

This is obviously a much more expensive way to provide the food and refreshments that we offer all weekend for the Show! Consequently, we humbly request cash gifts again. We are not asking anyone to bring any food this year – food will be purchased with your monetary donations.

Name _____ -- Phone no. _____

Donation for food and drink for the entire Show weekend \$ _____

You may email this form to our Treasurer Teresa Fowle (fowle.teresa@yahoo.com), or mail it to her at 206 Meyers Avenue, Jackson, MI 49203

Our Hospitality group chaired by Teresa, needs helpers for food service for Friday afternoon/evening setup, Saturday morning/noon/ afternoon, and Sunday all day/cleanup. Contact Teresa if you can volunteer a couple hours providing food services. Email is great (fowle.teresa@yahoo.com); or phone her at 517-879-1930.

You may also give Teresa your cash gifts and let her know of your availability to volunteer in the food room when we meet on January 13th. Cash or checks are equally welcome – please make your check payable simply to “GLOS”.

Thank you in advance. As much as we all love orchids, we also really love to eat!

Thanks to everyone for contributing!

Doris Asher, Secretary