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CALYPSO DEADLINE:

August 17 for the Sept 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.

JULY 12 : ANNUAL PICNIC & SALE *Saturday!*

We will have our usual potluck picnic PLUS our Grand Orchid Mart again this year. Please NOTE -We will be at our regular location: Granger Meadows Park, Pavilion #1 (See included map, p.3, for directions.) Mark your calendars: Saturday, July 12th between 10am and 2pm. Guests are welcome.

If you haven't yet renewed your membership in GLOS, this is your chance -- Doris will be there to take your renewal.

Please remember to wear your GLOS name tag. If you have lost yours, please let Doris or Dot know so Dot can make you a new one. Doris will have write-on name tags at her table.

Here Is Our Plan For The Picnic/Mart:

GRAND ORCHID MART:

The Orchid Mart is our largest fund-raising event of the year. Your presence and contributions are greatly appreciated.

We will be having a Show & Tell plant table like we do at our general meetings. If you have something to show others, please bring it so others can see what you are blooming.

Other than the Show & Tell table, all plants brought to the sale are considered donations to GLOS. Please make sure your plants are pest-free.

1. Each table, or section, will be allocated for specific prices as indicated by the color of the labels, i.e.:

\$2 YELLOW	\$15 BLUE
\$5 PINK	\$20 RED
\$10 GREEN	\$25 WHITE

Live Auction table: There will be a separate table for the live auction of a few selected plants.

2. Please predetermine the prices for the plants (etc.) you bring for sale, and let the volunteer who greets you know so he/she can give you the appropriate price labels for your plants. **If you have your plants all priced and sorted before you arrive, it will go more smoothly and quickly.** Also remember that if you bring something to sell, make sure you take it home if it is unsold (or make arrangements with someone else to do that). Otherwise, it will likely be thrown away.

3. Bring your plants (etc.) between 9 and 9:30 so **sales can begin promptly at 10:00.**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -- May 2025 -- ioana Sonea

Hello to all, hope you're enjoying the summer weather! Most orchids also enjoy this time of year, and often benefit from an outdoor vacation. The majority of mine are now outside: Phalaenopsis safely under an overhanging roof so they don't get rained on (trapping water in their crowns can lead to crown rot), and the others where they will get diffuse morning or late afternoon light. It's best if you can protect them from squirrels, raccoons and such: I just cross my fingers that the critters don't overturn too many pots.

Somehow spring zipped by really quickly - I haven't repotted most of the ones I meant to. But I will be able to divide some plants for the upcoming picnic and Orchid Mart on July 12th. This is GLOS' major fund-raiser and Dot has more information about this annual event elsewhere in this Calypso.

However, remember that plants disappear FAST at the Orchid Mart!! People start checking them out at 9:30 and are ready to grab them as soon as sales open..

Hope to see you all at the picnic and Orchid Mart in a few weeks!

Ioana

NEWLY LAUNCHED ORCHID-FOCUSED PLATFORMS**ORCHIDS IN CYBERSPACE****Orchids-shop.com Enhanced Platform**

While Orchids-shop.com isn't entirely new, they've recently undergone a significant transformation in 2025 with comprehensive care instruction integration. The platform now provides species-specific growing information rather than generic advice, offering detailed guidance on light requirements, temperature zones, watering schedules, substrate recommendations, and fertilization protocols for each orchid variety. They're adding new care information weekly, making it a continuously evolving resource for orchid enthusiasts.

**Dan's Orchid House Growing Guide Platform**

Dan's Orchid House launched a comprehensive YouTube channel guide in January 2025, creating a curated resource that identifies the "7 Best YouTube Channels for Orchid Growers in 2025". This platform serves as a gateway to quality orchid education, featuring channels like Norman's Orchids, Hello Plant Lovers!, and Nature Nel, which provide species-specific growing advice and regional perspectives on orchid cultivation.

Several mobile applications have emerged or been updated specifically for orchid tracking and care:

My Orchids App - Updated in March 2025, this paid application (\$3.49) offers comprehensive orchid care management with watering schedules, bloom tracking, photo documentation, and custom notes for individual plants. The app is designed for both beginners and experienced collectors, providing personalized care reminders and growth tracking capabilities.

Plant Care | Orchid Gardener (Linnaeus) - Released in 2024, this app allows users to create individual plant profiles with photos, schedule both one-off and recurring care tasks, and maintain organized care routines specifically suited for uncommon orchid species. Users particularly appreciate its flexibility for rare orchid varieties not found in standard plant care databases.

Thanks to Michael Bukala, Christine Granger, Pete Ostlund, Bill Overton, and Ioana Sonea for meeting refreshments. Volunteers for August 7th meeting are Christine Granger, Bill Overton, Marilyn Porter, and Ioana Sonea..

GLOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 12, 2025 -- GLOS Picnic
- August 9, 2025, -- Lynn O'Shaughnessy will speak on cell phone photography of orchids. No plant sales
- September 13, 2025 -- Tim Culbertson will speak on *Laelia purpurata*. He will be selling plants
- October 11th: Dan Greiner will speak on Phalaenopsis culture. There will be no plant sales.
- November 8th: Ron McHatton, Chief Education and Science Officer at the AOS, will speak via Zoom on "Food, Sex & Alcohol: the Fascinating World of Orchid Pollination". There will be no plant sales
- January 24 -25 --Grand Valley Orchid Society Show
- February 7 - 8 --Three Rivers Orchid Society Show
- February 28 - March 1 -- GLOS Show



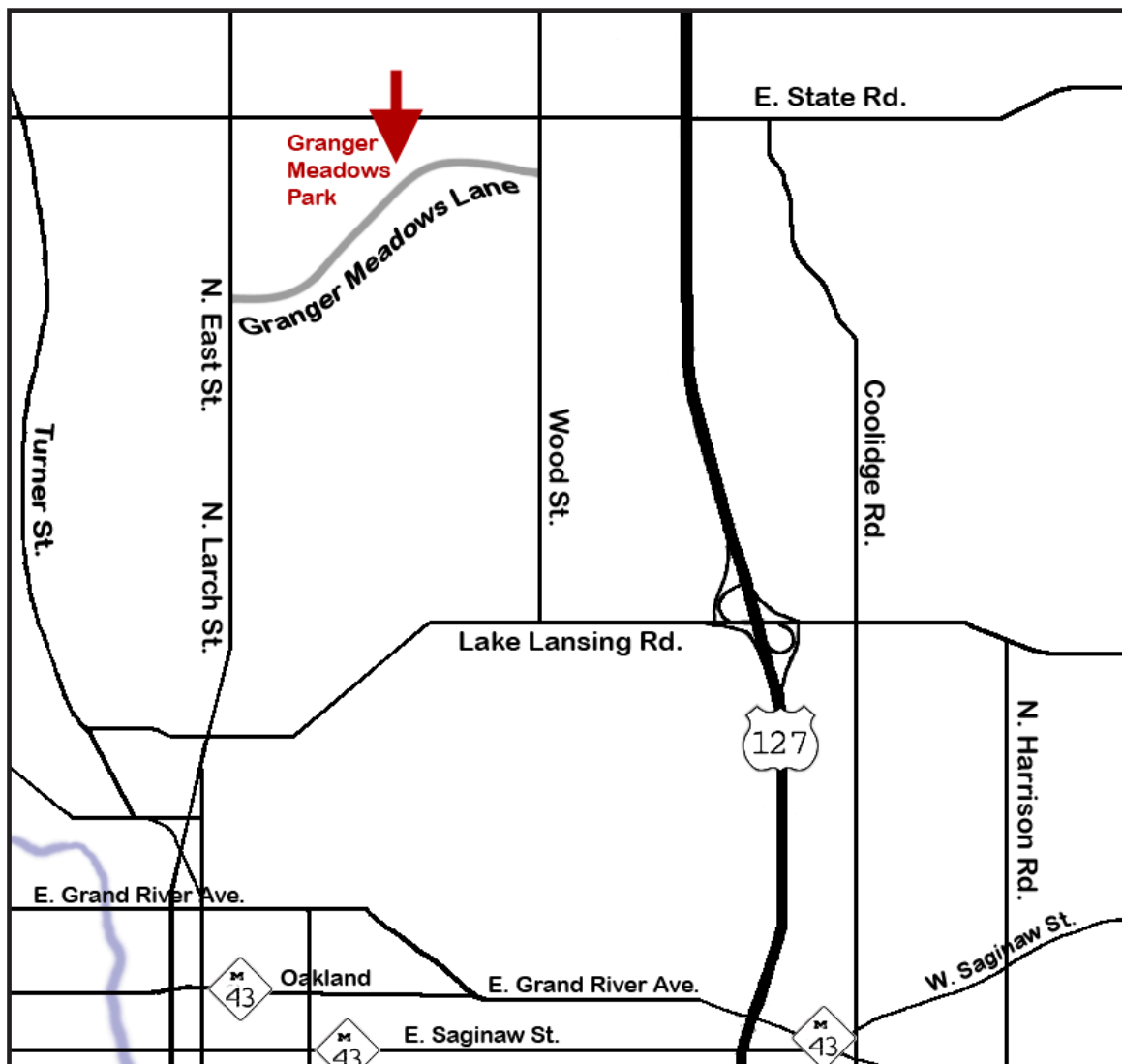
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4. Please do not pull the plants you want to buy until we announce that sales are open.
5. A short meeting will be held before we eat.
6. Lunch will begin at approximately 11am, with the live auction to begin after most of the eating is done. This year, we will NOT be including all the unsold plants in the live auction.
7. Before you leave, please settle up with Pete Ostlund for the purchases you made. Turn in your colored plant labels. Pete will track who makes purchases and the amounts paid during the live auction. Paper and pens will be provided if you wish to track your purchases.

POTLUCK PICNIC

As in the past, a section of tables will be available for food and drink. GLOS will provide water, ice and hand sanitizer. Please provide your own tableware as well as a dish to share with all of us.

We don't know what the weather holds for that day, but we have reserved the pavilion for the 10am to 2:00pm hours in order to escape the heat of the day as much as possible.



GLOS MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES, May 10, 2025

President Jerrie Nichols called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. with about twenty-five people present; although the meeting was offered on Zoom, no one attended via Zoom.

Doris welcomed two visitors, both of whom joined during the meeting: Chris Brown, Ioana's husband, and Jack Shumaker, who thrilled many of the long-time members who welcomed him back after a long absence. She also welcomed Abby Skinner who had not attended a meeting in person in quite a long time.

Doris explained how our raffle and silent auction work and invited everyone to participate in both fundraising activities.

Jerrie thanked the members who provided refreshments – Michael Bukala, Christine Granger, Pete Ostlund, Bill Overton, and Ioana Sonea. When she asked for volunteers to provide refreshments for our next meeting on August 7th, Christine Granger, Bill Overton, Marilyn Porter, and Ioana Sonea volunteered.

Election of Officers for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year:

As Nominating Committee Chair Mike Underwood was not able to attend the meeting, Jerrie ran the election, first announcing the slate prepared by Mike:

President: Ioana Sonea

Vice President: Becky Thayer

Secretary: Doris Asher

Treasurer: Pete Ostlund

Director: Michele Bridges (running for her second two-year term)

Director: Teresa Fowle (filling one-year term caused by Ioana's running for President; Teresa is eligible to serve for an additional four years after this first year)

Away Show Chair: Carol Ann Stuht

Newsletter Editor: Dot Potter Barnett

Jerrie Nichols continues to serve on the GLOS Board as the Past President

Per our Bylaws, we need to meet a quorum of 15% in order to hold our election. The quorum was 17. Four members voted via email, and we had 25 people present at the meeting so we had met our quorum. Jerrie called for additional nominations from the floor. There being none, Bill Porter moved that we accept the slate by acclamation; Abby Skinner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The new officers take office immediately after the meeting. As to the Treasurer position, both Pete and Ioana will have access to the Society's accounts at the MSUFCU; Teresa and Jerrie will be removed from the accounts.

Annual Awards:

This year's Awards Committee was chaired by Jerrie, with Michele Bridges and Jill Wood also serving on the Committee. Jerrie reported that the Committee is awarding two Orchidists of the Year, the first being Pete Ostlund for his outstanding work moving our Show from MSU to Van Atta's. She presented Pete with a plaque and a gift certificate. The second awardee is Dawn Kittle, who was out of town, for her guidance chairing the Show in its new location in February. Because Dawn was on vacation, Jerrie will give her her award at our annual Picnic. The Committee also gave two AOS Certificates of Appreciation – the first to David and Eileen Madison for their work upgrading the Society's black cloth used as pot wraps and table covers and to Raechel Portelli for her help with our display at the Three Rivers Show, with the art display in our own Show, and for taking over as the Society's webmaster. Raechel logged into the glossy new GLOS website and demonstrated its features to the audience. Please check out this easily navigated site yourself! The website URL remains the same (<http://greaterlansingorchidsociety.info/>).

Upcoming Meetings:

1. June – GLOS does not meet in June. However, on June 21st the Great Lakes Judging Center, which meets at Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor, has Rick Rempel from the Toronto Judging Center speaking on red Lycaste breeding, and GLOS members are welcome to attend. The program begins at 11 am. Contact Doris for directions to the meeting site.
2. July 12th – annual Picnic
3. August 9th – long-time GLOS member Lynn O'Shaughnessy will present orchid photography using your smart phone

Show and Tell Table:

For the second month in a row, the two plant tables were overflowing with beautiful orchids. Dot Barnett, Bill Cadman, Teresa Fowle, David LeMarble, David Madison, Pete Ostlund, Raechel Portelli, Bill Porter, Carol Ann Stuht, Barb Wilcox, and Jill Wood each showed us his or her plants and gave us information on each.

Program:

At this point, Jerrie introduced our speaker, Deb Boersma, an AOS judge from the Great Lakes Judging Center, who spoke on her boat cruise on the Rio Negro in the Amazon valley of Brazil. This was an expedition put on by the Orchid Conservation Alliance. She showed us numerous orchids in bloom often with the same species with an AOS award. Her photography was excellent.

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After the program, Jerrie invited everyone to enjoy refreshments, buy raffle tickets, and bid on silent auction items. The meeting concluded with Teresa settling up the silent auction purchases and Doris calling out the winning raffle numbers. The meeting adjourned at 8:22

Respectfully submitted,
Doris H. Asher, Secretary

PHOTOS FROM OUR SHOW AND TELL TABLE, MEMBERSHIP MEETING MAY 2025

Teresa Fowle



Raechel Portelli



Bill Cadman



Bill Porter



Carol Ann Stuht



Dot Barnett



David Madison



Jill Wood



David LeMarble



Barb Wilcox



Pete Ostlund

Photo by Dot

GLOS AWARDS, 2024-2025

Our May business meeting is when we highlight people who have made exceptional contributions to GLOS activities during the past year. This year, the Awards Committee, Michelle Bridges, Jill Wood, and myself had a really difficult time selecting just a few candidates. As you know, moving our show was a tremendous effort involving the work of many many people. We simply could not give awards to everyone, though a lot of people were critical for the success of this move. Nor did we want to solely focus on the show because GLOS did have other activities and needs that were not quite related to moving the show.

That said, it is with great pleasure to announce our winners.

We awarded two American Orchid Society Certificates of Appreciation. The first goes to David and Eileen Madison for their help with the GLOS show cloth. Unless you have helped set up a display as David has done many times, you have no appreciation of our less than thrilling cloth supplies. Yes it is all black. But it has been purchased over decades from various suppliers and does not look the same. Much of it requires ironing after each single use. Eileen is knowledgeable about cloth types and has identified what needs to be replaced and with what (no ironing). She and Dave have also started making pot covers. Each plant in the display must have its pot or basket hidden from view. Right now we use small pieces of cut cloth which usually has visible fraying along the edge. Pre-made black pot covers will make this job so much faster and easier on the display set-up crew.



Our second American Orchid Society Certificate of Appreciation goes to Raechel Portilli. Raechel is a relatively new member who volunteered to help out during the Van Attas Greenhouse fall 2024 Open House where GLOS was advertising our show. Next we find Raechel helping Carol Stuht set up our society display at the Three Rivers Orchid Society show in Indiana. This led her to helping Carol Stuht register and organize the art exhibit at our show. There were so many art entries that it took Carol and Raechel all Friday afternoon to finish registration and placement. And to add to all that, Raechel then volunteered to be our webmaster.



CHANGES TO THE GLOS WEBSITE

In May we launched a brand-new design that we hope will make your browsing experience much more enjoyable and accessible.

The biggest improvement you'll notice is how much better the site works on your phone or tablet. We know many of you like to check our updates while you're out and about, and the old site could be frustrating to navigate on smaller screens. The new design automatically adjusts to fit whatever device you're using, making text easier to read and buttons easier to tap. We've also reorganized the information to make it simpler to find what you're looking for.

We Need Your Help

As you explore the updated website over the coming weeks, we'd greatly appreciate your feedback on three key areas:

Grammar and spelling – If you spot any typos, awkward wording, or sentences that don't quite make sense, please let us know.

Broken links – If you click on something and it takes you to an error page or the wrong place entirely, that's valuable information for us.

Missing information – Is there something you expected to find but couldn't locate? We want to make sure we haven't accidentally left anything important behind.

Please contact **Raechel Portelli**, at raechelportelli@gmail.com to report issues. Simply tell us what you were trying to do and what happened instead.

Thank you for your patience as we work out any remaining kinks, and thank you in advance for taking the time to help us improve. Your input is invaluable in making sure our website serves our community as well as possible.

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The Awards Committee did break tradition in that we gave out two Orchidists -of- the- Year awards to our show managers Peter Ostlund and Dawn Kittle. Moving our show from Michigan State University to Van Attas Greenhouse and Nursery required a tremendous amount of work and attention to detail. Their combined efforts paid off resulting in an extremely successful show and a very happy host, Van Attas, who have welcomed us back next year.

Thank you everyone for all your help.
 Jerrie Nichols



GLOS BOARD MEETING MINUTES, June 11, 2025

President Ioana Sonea called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with the following people present: Doris Asher, Dot Barnett, Dawn Kittle, Jerrie Nichols, Pete Ostlund, Carol Stuht, and Becky Thayer.

Treasurer's Report: Although Treasurer Teresa Fowle was not able to attend the meeting, she did send her report via email. Currently, there is \$674 in the checking account and \$3,483 in the IMMA account; the Society's eight CD's have a total value of \$15,260.

Pete, our incoming Treasurer, will contact Teresa to get the Society's checkbook and Square. Then he and Ioana will go to the Credit Union to switch the Society's accounts from Teresa's and Jerrie's names to his and Ioana's. Pete will be serving as Treasurer at our July Picnic and Plant Sale. As we will be using Ioana's Zoom account for future meetings, Jerrie will cancel the Zoom account that the Board used during her presidency.

Membership Committee Report: Doris presented the Committee's report – there have been three new memberships since our April 7th meeting: Chris Brown from East Lansing, Rick Chung from Lansing, and Jack Shumaker from Flint. Chris and Jack are returning members. There have also been fifteen renewals for our 2025-2026 membership year. One of these renewals (Raechel Portelli) was for a life membership. GLOS currently has 113 members in 101 households, of which only 13 households need the newsletter in paper.

Old Business – review of May general meeting: Dawn was not able to attend our May meeting where the Awards Committee honored her as one of our two Orchidists of the Year (Pete being the other Orchidist of the Year). We will present that award to Dawn at our July 12th Picnic. Raechel Portelli has taken on the role as our webmaster. Dot will ask her to write an article for our July Calypso about the new website – deadline for the July newsletter is June 23rd.

New Business

a. Future meetings topics/speakers:

August 9th: GLOS member Lynn O'Shaughnessy will speak on taking orchid photographs using your smart phone. There will be no plant sales.

September 13th: We are sharing this program with the Kalamazoo/Dunes Society. Arrangements are still being planned. Speaker is to be Tim Culbertson, who is associated with Sunset Valley Orchids in California. He will be bringing plants to sell. (*Editor's note: Tim Culbertson is the Membership Chair for the Slipper Orchid Alliance.*)

October 11th: Dan Greiner will speak on Phalaenopsis culture. There will be no plant sales.

November 8th: Ron McHatton, Chief Education and Science Officer at the AOS, will speak via Zoom on "Food, Sex & Alcohol: the Fascinating World of Orchid Pollination". There will be no plant sales.

Possible future speakers: Ioana will contact Werner Frosch from Germany who specializes in Cypripediums and Eric Sauer from Dayton, OH, who could speak on Maxillarias and would have plants to sell. Another possibility is Dennis Steinbeck from Flask and Flora – he would have plants to sell.

b. Annual Financial Report: We will forego this Report this year as we transition from Teresa to Pete as our Treasurer.

c. Audit and Finance Committees: We will forego an audit of the financial books this year. The Finance Committee will prepare the annual budget for the coming year by the deadline of August 10th. Membership on this year's Finance Committee: Pete (Chair), Ioana, and Becky. Doris will assist as needed.

d. Future Board Meetings: Ioana will email Board members to try to line up future Board meetings. We will then publish the schedule of Board meetings in the Calypso and invite members to attend.

e. Picnic & Sale (July 12th): The outline of activities as published in last summer's July newsletter will remain unchanged. Ioana will bring ice and water. Doris will bring her six card tables. Ioana will line up our auctioneer or auctioneers. She will also contact David LeMarble to see if he can bring refreshments supplies and try to organize the arrangement of the food on the picnic table. Doris will inventory her supply of the sheets detailing the prices of the colored plant labels as well as the supply of the colored plant labels to be sure we have adequate numbers of each color.

To-Do List:

1. Jerrie will cancel Zoom account used for the last two years.
2. Pete will get Square items and Society's checkbook from Teresa.
3. Pete and Ioana will go to the MSU Credit Union to switch Society's accounts from Teresa and Jerrie to Pete and Ioana
4. We will present Orchidist of the Year award to Dawn at the Picnic.
5. Dot will ask Raechel to write an article for the July newsletter about the new Society website
6. Ioana will work with Dea Bishop from the Kalamazoo-Dunes Society about our September speaker – possible substitutes for Tim Culbertson are Werner Frosch from Germany; Eric Sauer from Dayton, OH, and Dennis Steinbeck from Flask and Flora
7. Doris will bring the card tables and colored plant labels to the Picnic
8. Ioana will approach David LeMarble about taking on responsibility for refreshments both for the Picnic and also for our meetings.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Doris Asher, Secretary

CULTURAL NOTES - FROM FIRST RAY'S NEWSLETTER**THE IMPORTANCE OF REPOTTING**

OK, so you've finally found the right potting medium that works great to keep your plants growing and blooming, and you know you really should repot, but every time you do, the plants are set back and skip a year of blooming, or maybe just die. This article will explain a bit about the importance of repotting, and why and how you should do so.

WHY SHOULD WE REPOT OUR PLANTS?

As most of our cultivated orchids are epiphytes, the potting medium provides little-to-no inherent nutritional value, but is intended for mechanical stability and to hold the water and nutrients we apply. All potting media change over time, and that's the reason we must repot periodically. There are many different ways media can change that may be detrimental to the plants, but the most significant two are becoming too compact and the accumulation of minerals and biofilm.

LET'S TALK ROOTS.

Unlike terrestrial plants that do much of their gas exchange processes through their leaves (losing 95% or more of their absorbed water in the process), orchids have evolved a water-retention strategy by doing much of their gas exchange through their roots. Additionally, as plants' roots grow, they "tailor" the cell structure so that they will function optimally in that environment. Once they have grown, they cannot change.

It is that last couple of sentences that are most important. If the plant has grown roots in a really good potting medium, it will perform well. If that potting medium changes however, all those "optimized" roots will not function as well, and may begin to fail.

CHANGES IN POTTING MEDIA.

As potting media age, they decompose and become more and more compact. A compact medium has smaller void spaces which can hold more water, cutting off the air flow and suffocating the roots. With age, all media accumulate minerals and biofilm, also referred-to as "bacterial sludge", and both can be toxic in extreme cases.

Moreover, if the potting medium has changed, the newest roots – those grown recently in that "less than ideal mix" will have grown optimized for those conditions, so will do poorly once repotted into fresh mix. (Those are the new, white root growth on the ends of "sad" roots on this plant that wasn't repotted often enough...)

So how do we deal with such an apparent dilemma?

THE "IDEAL" POTTING AND REPOTTING STRATEGY.

Repot more often. It's really as simple as that. Think about it. If you repot before the medium has had a chance to significantly change, there will be no chance for compacting and suffocation, no significant biofilm growth or mineral accumulation will take place, but best of all – the "old" and "new" root environments will be nearly identical, so with care not to damage them in the process, repotting maintains the "optimal" status of the roots and there will be no setback.

Steve Male, who operates Fishing Creek Orchids in Harrisburg PA, is one of the best growers I've ever met. He has a strict regimen that involves repotting everything annually, leading to spectacular growth that has led to a stack of awards.

Some may feel it is an excessive expense to do that, but if you think about the cost of some plants, it seems that a small, additional maintenance cost is preferred to dealing with setbacks, diseases, and the cost of replacement plants.

Until next time... Good Growing!



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If you signed up for the email Calypso and have not received the PDF file by at least one week before the General Meeting, please let Dot know.

THE MAOC WILL HOLD OUR MEETING IN DAYTON IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MIAMI VALLEY ORCHID SOCIETY AND THE GREATER CINCINNATI ORCHID SOCIETY, AND THE AOS MEMBER MEETING, COMPLETE WITH SPEAKERS, A SHOW, AND A TON OF VENDORS. The 2024 SHOW WAS A WONDERFUL SUCCESS.. JUST A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE YOUR ORCHID TALES, TALK TO OTHERS WITH SAME INTERESTS. ORCHIDS WILL BE JUDGED!!! MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THIS YEAR 2025 EVEN BETTER. WE WILL BE HOSTING WITH THE AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY MEETING OF THE MEMBERS!!!

Cheryl is in the process of updating the MAOC website but all the current info is on the Orchid Fest Website:
<https://ohiovalleyorchidfest.com/index.htm>

Here is some additional info as well (Mid-America Orchid Congress):
<https://midamericanorchids.org>

Pretty much all the current details are on the website- It is live and taking registrations. We are using online registrations through Square this year- Seems to be working well so far

We are still making some minor adjustments to the schedule, but a couple of notable items:

We are doing speakers both Friday August 22nd and Saturday August 23rd- This is a change from last year. Ron Kaufman and Ron McHatton are the two speakers- bios and topics are on the website.

We are doing the ticketed preview party on Friday evening with dinner.

We will be doing a series of fund-raising activities throughout the weekend instead of the auction- more details to follow

copy of the poster is attached- feel free to send for folks to use-

We will be doing a bulk Orchid order again this year- Orders are due by July 18th- more info is at the bottom of the Vendors page on the website. People can order bags on the Square registration site: <https://ohiovalleyorchidfest.square.site/> (also links on the website) – the Bags will be available for pick up at the event.

There will also be a virus workshop on Sunday that is open to all and sponsored by Agdia.

Full registration includes all meals, speakers, goodie bag including \$25 gift certificate to spend at the event and access to snacks and drinks.

We are doing an optional tour and dinner at the Carillon Historic Park and Brewing Company on Thursday afternoon and evening August 21st- This is a separate ticketed item and not included in the full registration- Tickets are \$45 and includes admission to the park and dinner. Here is a link to the park website- <https://www.daytonhistory.org/visit/dayton-history-sites/carillon-historical-park/>

I am working on the link for the hotel- I hope to have that added to the website no later than Tuesday- We will have a block of rooms at a discounted price of \$149 per night that includes breakfast.

Thanks!
 Eric Sauer

THE MID-AMERICA ORCHID CONGRESS

OHIO VALLEY ORCHID FEST

AUGUST 21-24 2025

REGISTER & INFO: www.ohiovalleyorchidfest.com

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DEMONSTRATIONS

ORCHID SHOW

AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY JUDGING
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
**AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY AND
MID AMERICA ORCHID CONGRESS**



Phalaenopsis Summer Girl 'Plum Crazy' HCC/AOS



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Jump into Orchids !



MEMBERSHIP YEAR DRAWS TO A CLOSE

Since the Society's fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30 of each year, members for the 2024-2025 year who have not yet renewed their membership for 2025-2026 are now in arrears, and this July newsletter is the last one they will receive. Annual dues are \$8.00 for an individual plus an additional \$4.00 for each additional household member. For members who want to save significant money over time, the Society offers a life membership for a one-time payment of \$80.00. Fifty-five people have already taken advantage of the life membership.

Please make checks payable to GLOS and send them to Treasurer Peter Ostlund, 7675 W Eaton Hwy, Grand Ledge MI 48837-9311. Or, save a stamp and pay Doris in person when you come to the Picnic on July 12th!

So far, 83 individuals have already paid their dues for the coming year; we need to hear from 30 individuals who have not yet renewed. (These numbers accurate as of Monday, June 2, 2025)

(Members who have not yet paid for the coming year have their names highlighted in yellow on the mailing label on this issue. Such members need to pay at this time so they will not miss any issues of The Calypso. The Editor will contact those members receiving their newsletters electronically to remind those who have not yet renewed to do so.)

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WEAR YOUR SOCIETY NAME TAG TO THE PICNIC

Your Society relies on each member to hold unto his or her GLOS name badge. Please wear your badge to the Picnic. Let's help everyone greet everyone by name by wearing a name tag.

Doris will have the name badges at the Picnic that have not yet been picked up by members. She will have write-on name tags for visitors and for anyone who forgot his or her official badge.

(If you have lost your name tag, kindly let either Dot or Doris know. Dot will prepare a replacement for you.)

Doris Asher, Chair
 Dot Barnett

JUDGING CENTER AWARDS TO GLOS MEMBERS IN 2025:

Paph Fajan's Fiesta 'Littlefrog Icy Wind'-AM/AOS-80-Rob Halgren
 Phrag Silver Eagle 'Wacousta'-HCC/AOS-79-Dot Barnett
 Dracula Gerado Guachisca 'Little Wierdos'-HCC/AOS-78-Jill Wood
 Masd abbreviata 'Little Wierdos' -CBR/AOS--Jill Wood
 Paph Memoria Heinz Rengers 'Wacousta'-AM/AOS-81-Dot Barnett
 Dracula Rio Machangara 'Little Wierdos'-HCC/AOS-77-Jill Wood
 Phrag QF New Year 'Wacousta'- HCC/AOS -77- Dot Barnett
 Phrag QF Rohen 'Wacousta'- HCC/AOS- 78 -Dot Barnett
 Paph Julius 'Owens Nudge'- AM/AOS -87 -Bill Cadman
 Paph Doctor Jack 'Littlefrog'- AM/AOS -82 -Rob Halgren



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GREATER LANSING ORCHID SOCIETY - MEMBERSHIP FORM

Date _____

Membership Categories: Individual (8.00) Joint (\$8.00 plus \$4.00 for each additional member) Life (\$80.00)

☐ Renewal ☐ New Membership ☐ Check # _____ ☐ Cash (DUES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE)

Dues are payable in May for the membership year which begins July 1st.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone (_____) _____ E-mail: _____

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Please help the Society keep dues low – choose email delivery of newsletter – or make a donation to offset the cost?
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Thank you.



Please submit this form with your check (payable to GLOS) to: Peter Ostlund, 7675 W Eaton Hwy, Grand Ledge MI 48837-9311