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CALYPSO DEADLINE:
 March 2 for the March. 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 10 MEETING: In-Person at 2:00 p.m.

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

Featured Speaker: Michael Weinertt: <https://www.cypripedium.de/English/english.html>

The Cypripedium nursery Frosch® Exclusive Perennials is run by Michael Weinert. 1994 the idea was born to propagate large numbers from promising lady's slipper hybrids for garden enthusiasts. In the meantime a selection of high-quality crosses has been created, which enables laymen to successfully grow lady's slippers in the garden. Sales are handled internationally by acknowledged nurseries.

The garden orchids are grown outside without any chemical pest control in the rough climate of upper Bavaria and are totally hardy. It is not before 3-4 years in soil that the plants are sold. That's why our clients can be sure of acquiring vigorous and healthy orchids, which continue to grow without problems in their gardens.

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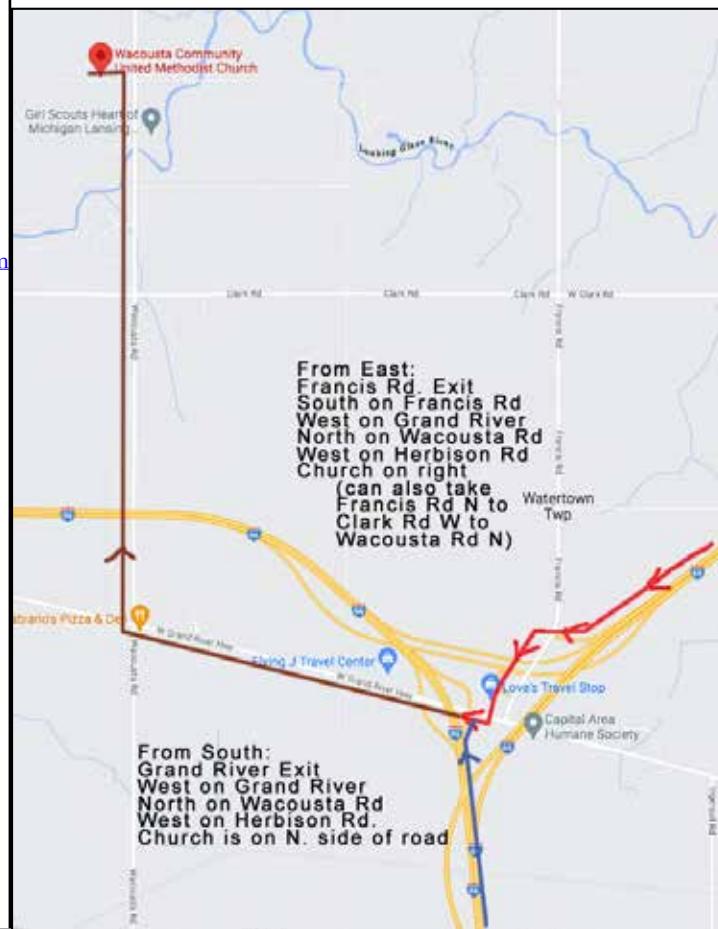
Doors open at 1:30 p.m.
 for:

- Plant shopping
- Experienced Society members will be available to answer questions and help problem solve orchid growing issues
- Please have refreshments in place prior to start of meeting.

Meeting will start promptly at 2:00 pm

There will be no vendor plants for sale.

Please bring plants for our Show and Tell Table, our Silent Raffle Table and our Auction Table.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -- Ioana Sonea

With the holidays and New Year rapidly approaching, don't forget that our annual show is just around the corner! February will be upon us faster than you'd think and we need your help to make the show a success in 2026! Can you spare a few hours?

We need help setting up the site (no heavy lifting!), transporting exhibitor and vendor plants from vehicles to the exhibits and sales areas on Friday, keeping an eye on the displays and vendor tables during the show, and finally helping take down the display area on Sunday.

Hospitality needs food and hosts, and the information table needs members to introduce people to the wonderful world of orchids.

Finally, we need clerks to help with judging on Saturday morning: this is a fun way to learn what judges are looking for in orchids of various types.

You don't need any previous experience to help in any of these positions: more experienced members are always there to answer your questions. And by helping out for a few hours, you'll help us continue this yearly tradition. Our show is the largest and best one in Michigan, and we need everyone's help to make it work!

The SignUp Genius volunteer list will be forthcoming after the holideays, or you can contact directly the chair(s) of the subcommittee where you'd like to help. We are looking forward to seeing you at the show!

GLOS exhibit

Bill Cadman

Hospitality

Teresa Fowle & David LeMarble

Art exhibits

Carol Ann Stuht

Orchids-in-use

Jolanta Piecuch

Kid's corner

Michael Bukala

Flyers & handouts

Dot Barnett

Classes for public

Mike Underwood

Judging activities & registration

Doris Asher

Publicity coordination

Jill Wood

Information table

Jerrie Nichols

Vendor & exhibits liaison

Pete Oslund

JANUARY MEETING ZOOM LINK:

Our January meeting is In Person, but if you are unable to attend, our meeting will also be on Zoom. Here is the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/701683513?pwd=REQzYnpxaTZjb3p6dDNZNWxCOS8xUT09>

Meeting ID: 701 683 513
Passcode: 20-Orchids



GLOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- January 10, 2026 – Michael Weinert from Germany will speak via Zoom on garden-ready hardy Cypripediums
- January 24-25, 2026 - Grand Valley Show
- February 7- 8, 2026 - Three Rivers Orchid Society Show
- **FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 1, 2026 - GLOS SHOW**
- March 21 - 22 -- Michigan Orchid Society Show at Plumber's Union Hall



GLOS MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES November 8, 2025

President Ioana Sonea called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. with about eighteen people present and four additional members attending via Zoom.

Doris explained how our raffle and silent auction work and invited everyone to participate in both fundraising activities. Ioana let us know that several plants in the raffle were gifts from Cathleen McGreal, of Haslett.

Ioana thanked the members who provided refreshments – Marge Barkman, Michael Bukala, Bill Overton, and Becky Thayer. When she asked for volunteers to provide refreshments for our January 10th meeting, David Madison, Laurie Rubley, and Ioana volunteered.

Next Meeting, January 10th at 2 pm via Zoom– Michael Weinert from Germany will speak on garden-ready hardy Cypripediums

Upcoming Shows:

Ann Arbor Orchid Society, November 15 & 16; Matthaei Botanical Gardens, Ann Arbor. Dot will be collecting plants at her house for our exhibit in Ann Arbor. Carol Ann Stuht will be assisted by David Madison and Raechel Portelli for set up and by Ioana Sonea for take down of the display.

Grand Valley Orchid Society, January 24 & 25; Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, Grand Rapids

Three Rivers Orchid Society, February 7 & 8; Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, IN

Greater Lansing Orchid Society, February 28-March 1; Van Atta's Greenhouse & Flower Shop, Haslett. Doris had our publicity postcards at the meeting and invited people to take a supply.

Show and Tell Table: David Madison, Pete Ostlund, and Bill Overton showed off their plants and discussed how they grow them.

Program: At this point, Ioana introduced our speaker, Dr. Ron McHatton, AOS Chief Education and Science Officer, who spoke via Zoom on “Form & Function: the fascinating world of orchid pollination”. His program was superb – made us all aware just how amazing orchids are.

After the program, Ioana invited everyone to enjoy refreshments, buy raffle tickets, and bid on silent auction items.

The meeting concluded with Pete settling up the silent auction purchases and Doris calling out the winning raffle numbers.

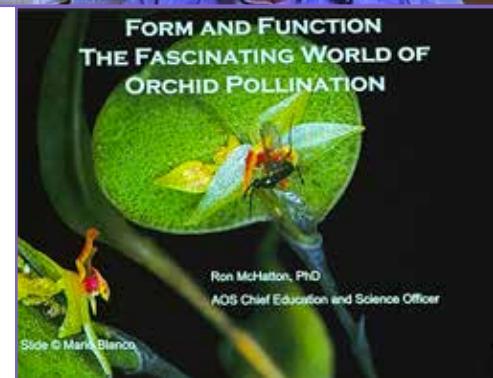
The meeting adjourned at 3:55.

Respectfully submitted,
Doris H. Asher, Secretary

David Madison



Bill Overton



Our Speaker, Dr. Ron McHatton

Pete Ostlund

Submitted by Pete Ostlund, Treasurer

**GREATER LANSING ORCHID SOCIETY
FINANCIAL REPORT
for the period Oct 1 – December 1, 2025
report dated 12/2/2025**

Balance on hand October 1, 2025 \$18,971.02

Cash-on-Hand	\$200.00
Checking	\$566.08
Saving	\$5.01
IMMA	\$4,895.83
9 CD's	\$13,304.10
CD 4 (matures 10/03/2028) 3.78%	\$1,854.57
CD 5 (matures 08/30/2025) 0.90%	\$512.63
CD 6 (matures 11/30/2025) 0.80%	\$510.04
CD 7 (matures 5/27/2027) 1.98%	\$4,024.15
CD 8 (matures 06/25/2027) 2.47%	\$1,719.42
CD 9 (matures 7/31/2029) 3.445%	\$2,788.31
CD A (matures 7/31/2026) 0.99 %	\$512.61
CD F (matures 02/18/2026) 3.54%	\$1,382.37

INCOME

Donations (general)

Jerrie Nichols	\$200.00	to cover Sept Speaker Costs
Carol Stuht	\$100.00	to cover Sept Speaker Costs
Jill Wood	\$5.00	
subtotal	\$305.00	

Programs

October 2025 General meeting	
raffle	\$48.00
silent auction	\$167.00
November 2025 General Meeting	
raffle	\$37.00
silent auction	\$8.00
subtotal	\$260.00

ORCHIDS IN CYBERSPACE

'Mind-blowing' new orchid species found in Madagascar forest canopy



<https://news.mongabay.com/2024/03/mind-blowing-new-orchid-species-found-in-madagascar-forest-canopy/>

2026 GLOS Annual Show

Trophy Sponsors

Michael Henderson	\$25.00
Pete Porciello	\$25.00
Jerrie Nichols	\$25.00
Peter Ostlund	\$25.00
Bill Cadman	\$25.00
Dot Barnett	\$25.00
Lynn O'Shaughnessy	\$25.00
Dea Bishop	\$50.00
Sally Heinlein	\$25.00

Food donations

Bill Cadman	\$15.00
Dot Barnett	\$20.00

subtotal (2026 Show) \$285.00

Interest Income (2 months) \$69.55

TOTAL INCOME \$919.55

EXPENSES

Programs

October 2025 General meeting	
speaker fee	\$150.00

November 2025 General Meeting	
speaker fee	\$150.00
subtotal	\$300.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$300.00

NET INCOME (based on above transactions) \$619.55

Balance at close of reporting period

Balance on hand December 1, 2025 \$19,590.57

Cash-on-Hand \$200.00

Checking \$1,116.08

Saving \$5.01

IMMA \$4,904.09

9 CD's \$13,365.39

CD 4 (matures 10/03/2028) 3.78% \$1,866.32

CD 5 (matures 02/28/2026) 3.85% \$515.88

CD 6 (matures 2/28/2026) 2.96% \$510.75

CD 7 (matures 5/27/2027) 1.98% \$4,037.49

CD 8 (matures 06/25/2027) 2.47% \$1,726.53

CD 9 (matures 7/31/2029) 3.445% \$2,804.39

CD A (matures 7/31/2026) 0.99 % \$513.46

CD F (matures 02/18/2026) 3.54% 1,390.57

ORCHID FLOWERS NEEDED

Jolanta Piecuch chairs the Orchids-in-Use portion of the Show. If you would like to participate, please pre-register as soon as possible. All pre-registered participants will receive free orchid flower(s) to use in their designs. Contact Jolanta at 517-655-9869, cell 517-402-3223, or jolantapiecuch@yahoo.com. Please contact her if you need orchid flowers for your design or if you have any questions.

Jolanta needs orchid flowers for arrangers who do not have access to any. We are asking all members for help—if you will have orchid flowers you are willing to cut, please contact Jolanta to arrange to get them to her. (Please don't cut flowers from plants intended for the GLOS exhibit! The GLOS exhibit takes priority.) Jolanta needs to hear from you about availability of orchid flowers by Thursday, February 19, please.

Many genera of orchids hold up well as cut flowers, including cymbidiums, phalaenopsis, sprays of oncidiums, and sprays of dendrobiums, among others.

The 2026 Orchids-in-Use portion of the Show will follow the theme “Escape to the Tropics.”

2026 Rules for the Orchids-in-Use Section

1. Each exhibitor must pre-register with Jolanta.
2. There are no specific classes or requirements for the types of designs entered.
 - o Garden club participants should follow the general design guidelines established by the National Garden Clubs, Inc.
 - o Ikebana participants should follow their chapter guidelines.
 - o All other participants may create any design within the size limits.
3. Entries should not exceed 20 inches in width. Exhibitors may enter a floral arrangement or an item of personal adornment such as corsages, hairpieces, or botanical jewelry.
4. Every design must include fresh orchid(s).
5. All design work must be the exhibitor's own. Plant material does not need to be grown by the exhibitor.
6. Each exhibitor's design will include a label with their name and club/society affiliation - supplied by the organizer.
7. No artificial flowers, fruit, or foliage are permitted. Lace leaves and ribbon buds are allowed only in personal-adornment designs.
8. Leaf shine, dye, paint, etc., may be used only on dried plant material.
9. An underlay is permitted for all designs.
10. Designs are staged on wooden tables 31" high.
11. No entry may be removed from the Show before 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 1, 2026. Additional details will be provided to all participants.

The Orchids-in-Use portion of the Show will not be judged.

**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 28th, 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 (12/7/2025) Doris has commitments from the following eighteen people to clerk: Linda Battison, Leslie Behm, Dea Bishop, Michele Bridges, Michael Bukala, Bill Cadman, Jim Churn, Teresa Fowle, Dan Greiner, Dawn Kittle, James Lunsford, David Madison, Pete Ostlund, Raechel Portelli, Ioana Sonea, Becky Thayer, Mike Underwood, and Julie Valerio.

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 517-290-6904 or email asher.doris44@gmail.com.

ANNUAL AWARDS

At our annual business meeting in May of each year, we set aside time to recognize members for their special service to the Society over the past year. This may include special recognition at the highest level (Orchidist of the Year). If you believe someone deserves special recognition, please send your recommendation to a member of the Awards Committee (Ioana Sonea (Chair), Teresa Fowle and Jill Wood). Include a short write-up as to why you think this person 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 GLOS or of orchids
- Committee activity
- Society organizational efforts
- Botanical development
- Research authorship of orchidaceous articles
- Taxonomy of orchids

USED ORCHID BOOKS/PERIODICALS WANTED

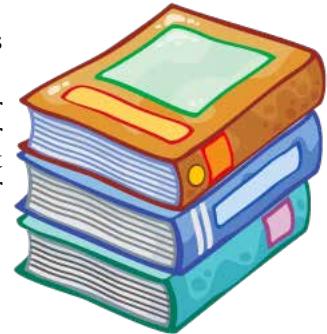
Do you have some orchid books or orchid periodicals that you no longer want? For several years now at our Orchid Show, we have sold numerous used books donated by various Society members. Visitors to the Show snap them up very quickly and, because the items are donated, the Society makes 100% profit.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

addition, Show Chair Becky Thayer will be "recruiting" at the January 10th meeting for volunteers to work the Information Table during the Show. Please look at your calendar for February 28 and March 1 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 Becky or Jerrie, who chairs that activity, can tell you everything that you need to know!

Doris Asher
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517-290-6904



NOMINATIONS FOR MAY ELECTIONS

Nominations are now being accepted for the May elections for our fiscal year 2026-2027. Mike Underwood (mike@avi-sci.com) is the chair of the Nominating Committee. If you are interested in serving on the Committee, please get in touch with Mike by March 1. In addition, 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 our April 11th membership meeting.

PLEASE NOTE: the Nominating Committee needs to select someone to serve as the GLOS Secretary as Doris Asher has served the maximum of three years. Teresa Fowle is running for her first two-year term (she served this past year for Ioana when we elected Ioana as our President). As Michele Bridges is entering her second year of her second two-year term as Director, she does not need to run at this time. Ioana Sonea can run for her second year as President; Pete Ostlund for his second year as Treasurer. Both Carol Stuht (Away Show Chair) and Dot Barnett (Newsletter Editor) are eligible to run again – neither office is term-limited.

PLEASE WEAR YOUR GLOS NAME TAG

Please remember to wear your GLOS name badge to our January 10th 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.

AAOS 2025 SHOW REPORT - submitted by Carol Ann Stuht

Ann Arbor Orchid Society (AAOS) held its annual orchid show at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, November 15-16, 2025. Thankfully, the cold weather held off just long enough for the Ann Arbor show. The displays were lovely, and the vendor area packed with orchid shoppers. AAOS members managed to get everyone through the show within the botanical garden's time restraints. AAOS members presented a large display that earned the AOS show trophy.

Dot Barnett collected 25 orchids for the GLOS display at her home and prepared the registration slips. David and Eileen Madison, Nick and Raechel Portelli and I ferried our 25 square foot floor display to Ann Arbor and set it up. The display was beautiful. We earned a first place in our class. A little bird told me the GLOS display received three votes for the AAOS show trophy. Good job set up crew! It would not have happened without the nine GLOS members that provided plants for the display.

Congratulations to the following trophy and AOS award winners. Owen Neil's Paph. sukhakulii received the Cyp. Alliance trophy. David Madison's Paph Pleasantry was awarded an HCC with 75 points. GLOS member Rob Halgren received an AM/AOS for Paph. Night Song "Littlefrog" exhibited in his Littlefrog Farm display. Congratulations!!

The display was dismantled and returned to Lansing by the Madisons, Ioana Sonea and I. Thank you, everyone who contributed to the success of the GLOS display. Plant award list follows:

GLOS Display

		Class 6	1st
Jerrie Nichols	Phal. I-Hsin Sesame 'MBLO 2'	51	3rd.
Bill Cadman	Paph. Polar Sky 'Poliar' AM/AOS	39	1st.
	Paph. Night song	42	2nd.
	Paph. Worthy Sky	41	3rd.
	Catasetum Wild Thing	107	2nd.
	Cynnodes Wild Sunsets	107	2nd.
Bill Overton	Cattleya bicolor var. brasiliensis	17	1st.
	Phrag. Lucky Girl	46	3rd.
Pete Ostlund	Paph. spicerianum	28	1st.
	Tol. Jairak Firm 'Dalmatian' HCC/CCE/AOS	84	1st.
	Cattleya percivaliana 'Summit'	18	1st.
	Cattleya labiata	18	2nd.
Becky Thayer	Rhyncholaeliocattleya Michael Tomihama	25	1st.
David Madison	Paph. Pleasantry	34	1st. HCC 75 points
	Oncidium sotoanum	82	1st.
	Cattleya Circle of life	24	1st.
Owen Neils	Barkeria lindleyana var. albescens	16	2nd.
	Paph. sukhakulii	28	Cyp Alliance Trophy
Jill Wood	Coelogyne incrassate	109	3rd.
	Vanda falcatta v Yubae x (Crownfox Sundancer x denisoniana)	67	2nd.



Display before and after judging. Photos thanks to Carol Ann Stuht and David Madison.

**GLOS MEMBERS ASSIST ANN ARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY**

Four GLOS members traveled to Ann Arbor on Saturday morning, November 15th, to help with the ribbon judging at the Ann Arbor Orchid Society Orchid Festival. Kudos to Bill Cadman, Ioana Sonea, Carol Ann Stuht, and Mike Underwood. Although not a member of GLOS, Dan Greiner also participated. Some of our people served as lay judges and some worked as clerks. Thank you to all of you!

Doris Asher chaired the judging for the Show, and she, Lynn O'Shaughnessy, and Jill Wood worked registration on Friday afternoon and evening

GLOS BOARD MEETING MINUTES. December 15, 2025

President Ioana Sonea called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with the following people present: Dot Barnett, Michele Bridges, Bill Cadman, Jerrie Nichols, Pete Ostlund, Jolanta Piecuch, Carol Ann Stuht, Becky Thayer, and Jill Wood. As we wanted reports from the Show Committee, Ioana turned the meeting over to Show Chair Becky Thayer, who invited all of the Show chairs to report on their areas of responsibility.

GLOS Exhibit – Bill Cadman moved that the Board approve an additional \$150 for the exhibit; Doris seconded the motion; passed unanimously. Bill plans to develop a document detailing procedures for doing the display.

Exhibits/Vendors – Pete Ostlund showed his proposed layouts both for the vendor area and also for the exhibit area. He asked Doris to provide him with a list of society contacts as he plans to invite societies to exhibit soon.

Flyers/Handouts – Dot asked if anything in addition to our postcards is needed. The consensus was we would see how our supply of the postcards is when we meet on January 10th.

Judging Activities/Registration – Doris reported that she has commitments from 15 judges who plan to come to our Show; in addition, 18 people have volunteered to serve as clerks. She and Lynn O'Shaughnessy will work registration on Friday.

Kids' Corner – Although neither Michael Bukala nor Diane Zoellner could attend the meeting, Michael had indicated to Pete that they were all set for the Kids' Corner at the Show.

Classes for the Public – Although Mike Underwood was not at the meeting, Doris reported that she and he have talked several times about his plans for this year, and he has his speakers and their topics all set. Again he will be using "Tour the Show with an Orchid Judge" – one on Saturday and one on Sunday – in addition to two other classes.

Hospitality – Unfortunately, neither Teresa nor David LeMarble was able to make it to the meeting. The group discussed various items they would like to provide in the hospitality area. Doris has written an article for the January Calypso requesting food items, donations for food, and volunteers to work in the Hospitality area. She will bring copies of the form to the January 10th meeting as well. Jerrie would see if she can locate the shopping list of food items that the Hospitality Committee has used in prior years. Jerrie plans to provide the pizza for our Friday night dinner.

Orchids in Use Designs – Jolanta Piecuch reported that her topic this year is "Escape to the Tropics". She and Doris collaborated on an article for the January newsletter and they will ask Dot to send out an email to the membership in early February requesting orchid flowers for designers to use in their arrangements. She needs the flowers by Thursday, February 19th.

Art – Carol Ann Stuht will use pre-registration this year to try to make registration on setup Friday go more smoothly. Bill and Pete both volunteered to help Carol develop a preregistration form. The Board agreed to allow people who have bought art at the Show to take their purchases with them at 3 pm on Sunday.

Information Table – Jerrie needs access to Square for sales at the Information Table. Pete will look into the various devices Square has that we can use at the Show. Mary Henman is buying additional books to sell at the Show – Doris will prepare the sales forms that workers at the Information Table can record their sales on for Saturday and for Sunday. Pete needs records as to what items are sold using Square. Mary has our donations jar for use at the Information Table.

Publicity – Jill Wood will be tracking our various publicity efforts. Pete plans to run Facebook ads again this year, although fewer than last year due to price increases at Facebook. Ioana will be putting notices in various lists of public events such as City Pulse.

Volunteers – Ioana will set up SignUp Genius to solicit volunteers at the Show. Both she and Becky will contact the membership to invite members to volunteer.

Having concluded reporting on the Show, Ioana resumed chairing the meeting and invited the various Show chairs to leave the meeting if they wished.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Pete Ostlund gave a report covering October 1 – December 1st. There was income of \$919 including \$305 in donations, \$285 in income for our Show, and \$260 at our meetings. There were expenses of \$300 for programs. Net income for the period: \$619. Balance on hand as of December 1: \$19,590.

Membership Committee Report: Doris presented the Committee's report – there has been no membership activity since our last Board meeting – GLOS currently has 99 members in 90 households, of which only 12 need the newsletter in paper.

Old Business: Review of November Membership Meeting – the consensus was that our speaker Ron McHatton was excellent.

New Business

- a. Program Offered by Mid-America Orchid Congress on "Madagascar: a Land of Many Contrasts" on January 25th at 7:30 p.m. Becky moved and Carol seconded that GLOS pay Mid-America the \$30 to enable all GLOS members to attend this program via Zoom. Motion passed unanimously. Pete will make that payment.
- b. Upcoming meeting -- January 20th, 2 pm: Michael Frosch from Germany will speak on Cypripediums via Zoom. His speaker's fee: 290 Euros (about \$350). continued on p9

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- b. Upcoming meeting -- January 20th, 2 pm: Michael Frosch from Germany will speak on Cypripediums via Zoom. His speaker's fee: 290 Euros (about \$350).
- c. 2026 Picnic: Dot asked if we would prefer July 11th or July 25th for our 2026 Picnic. She agreed to ask Mike Underwood if he would serve as our auctioneer and, if so, which date would he prefer. She will place our order with the Township Office on January 2nd.
- d. Nominating Committee: Ioana will ask Mike Underwood if he will chair the Nominating Committee for 2026. The Committee needs a candidate for Secretary as Doris has completed the maximum of three years in that role.
- e. Awards Committee: The Bylaws says the President chairs this Committee and the Director whose term is ending also serves. This is Teresa Fowle. Jill Wood agreed to serve as the at-large member .
- f. Future Shows:

Grand Valley Orchid Society, January 24-25: Pete, Dot and Carol will work on this exhibit. Dot will collect orchids at her house on Wednesday, January 21st.

Three Rivers Orchid Society, February 7-8: Carol and Raechel will set up our display at this Show.

Greater Lansing Orchid Society, February 28-March 1.

Michigan Orchid Society, March 21-22.

g. Next Board Meeting: The Board's next meeting will be at 7 pm on Monday, February 2nd via Zoom.

"To Do" List for Next Board Meeting:

1. Doris will send Pete a list of contact people for various societies so Pete can invite societies to exhibit at the Show.
2. Pete will check to see what equipment Square has that we might use at the Show for credit card purchases.
3. Pete will pay the Mid-America Orchid Congress the \$30 for their upcoming January 25th program on Madagascar.
4. Dot will ask Mike Underwood if he will serve as auctioneer for our Picnic and, if so, does he prefer July 11th or July 25th as the date for the Picnic. Dot will place our order for the pavilion early on January 2nd.
5. Ioana will ask Mike Underwood if he will chair the Nominating Committee for 2026.
6. Bill Cadman will develop a document detailing procedures for setting up the annual display at our Show.
7. Bill Cadman and Pete both volunteered to help Carol develop a preregistration form for entries in art/photography.
8. Becky will talk with Teresa and David about needs for hospitality at the Show on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
9. Jerrie will try to locate the shopping list of food items that the Hospitality Committee has used in prior years.
10. Becky will talk to Mary Henman about the orchid books that Becky's sister could obtain at a good price to sell at the Show.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Doris H. Asher, Secretary

**Michael Weinert biography:**

Born 1964 in Germany, as school boy special plants as a hobby (tropical orchids, bromeliads, carnivores, cacti), apprenticeship as gardener for ornamental plants, study of horticulture 1985-1991, at that time first contact with Werner Frosch (the famous German Cypripedium breeder), start of growing terrestrial orchids as a hobby in 1988, encouraged by Werner Frosch start of a professional wholesale nursery for the production of Cypripedium hybrids in 1994. Sales are handled internationally by acknowledged nurseries.

<https://www.cypripedium.de>



GLOS MEMBERS SHOW THEIR GENEROSITY – 2025 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 10th 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	
Best of Show	New World Orchids
AOS Show Trophy – Outstanding Exhibit	Greater Lansing Orchid Society

GREETINGS, GLOS MEMBERS!

We're in the middle of the 2025-26 orchid show season, with our own show coming up in two months. While it may seem a ways out, time goes quickly and it's not too early to begin thinking of plants you may want to contribute for the club display and getting them prepped. Here are few things to consider now to show off your flowers at their best:

- 1) Check for developing inflorescences and make sure they have enough space to grow to their best potential
- 2) Do some preliminary staking as necessary once the spikes are developed enough so they don't get damaged by handling
- 3) Begin grooming the plant by removing old inflorescences and dead foliage
- 4) Keep an eye out early for pests and treat as necessary
- 5) Once buds appear, try to avoid changing the orientation towards your light source as much as is feasible

More information will be coming as we get closer to the show. Meanwhile, this article on the GLOS website is worth reviewing: https://greaterlansingorchidsociety.github.io/documents/Preparing_Plants_for_Orchid_Shows.pdf

Happy growing,



ORCHID SHOW PRESENTED BY THE GRAND VALLEY ORCHID SOCIETY

Free admission. Open to the public.

One of the beautiful, beloved qualities of Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park? We're in bloom every season! This January, winter gets a radiant glow-up at our annual Orchid Show. Presented by the Grand Valley Orchid Society, this perennially popular showcase turns the Welcome Center, Garden Pavilion, and Gordon Food Service Corridor near the DeVos-Keeler Gift Shop into a stunning sight as orchid clubs from across Michigan exhibit their enchanting displays.

January 24, 2026

Sales 9 am-5 pm

Display 12-5 pm

January 25, 2026

Display & Sales

11 am-5 pm



Littlefrog Farm

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Jump into Orchids !

ATTENTION ORCHIDISTS!

GLOS has a fifty square foot display planned for the GVOS show at Meijer Gardens, January 24-25, 2026. Start now to prepare potential blooming orchids for the display. Dot Barnett will collect plants at her home Wednesday, January 21, 2026. This is always a beautiful show. Put it on Your calendar and plan to attend.

The Three Rivers Orchid Society show in Fort Wayne, Ind., February 7-8, 2026, is two weeks after the GVOS show. If you find yourself with a plant that was not quite ready for prime time in January, this is its moment. Dot Barnett will collect plants at her home Wednesday, February 4, 2026. Raechel Portelli and I plan a 25 square foot GLOS display. Come to the show and support our society friends to the south. They would love to greet you.

GLOS Show ART section

Ok, so you can't grow orchids. Can you take pictures, carve soap, use a watercolor brush, etc., etc.? If so, enter your orchid art creation in our show. NOTE: Art class registration is completely separate from the orchid plant registration. Send me an email, or a text. I will add you to my artist list and send you all the information you need to register. It will be easy and pain free.

(Carol Ann Stuht Txt: 517-896-4070 Email: castuht@gmail.com)



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FOOD HELP NEEDED FOR THE SHOW!

Please sign up to bring food for the workers at the 2026 Greater Lansing Orchid Society Show at Van Atta's. Write what type of food you plan to bring. Please bring it to Van Atta's on Friday evening, February 27th before 5:30 p.m. to accompany our main course, pizza. We feed about 80 people between 6 – 7 pm. If you can't donate food, please consider a donation of money for the purchase of food and drink.

Name _____ Phone no. _____

Salad _____ Soda _____

Dessert _____ Water _____

Fruit/Veggies _____ Snacks _____

Breakfast _(please specify) _____

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

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

Our Hospitality group chaired by Teresa and Co-Chaired by David LeMarble 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 517-262-0507.

You may also give Teresa or David your cash gifts and let them know of your availability to volunteer in the food room when we meet on January 10th. 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