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CALYPSO DEADLINE:

August 16 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 11 : 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 11th 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.**

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.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -- Ioana Sonea

I don't know about you, but I've appreciated the short respite from summer's heat this past week, after those days in the 80's and 90's earlier this spring! Maybe I'm getting older (well, I KNOW I'm getting older, I don't have much choice!), but I had a harder time adapting to the heat, and I'm sure the plants felt the same.

When you get a chance to take a break from all the yard and house duties that summer brings, take some time to think about your current collection. Do you have some plants that need dividing? Some that seem healthy but just won't bloom for you? Why don't you plan on bringing extra divisions or otherwise healthy plants that just don't like your environment to the Annual Orchid Mart and Picnic, somebody is sure to snap them up and generate some income for GLOS at the same time! Bonus: that now empty space in your growing area can be quickly filled with something more suitable that you have picked up - one person's challenge is another's delight!

Hope to see you all on July 11!

A REMINDER FROM THE GREAT LAKES JUDGING CENTER:

Dave Sorokowsky from Paph Paradise will present an educational program for the GLJC on August 15. His topic will be "Judging Maudiae Hybrids."

As a bonus, Dave has offered to bring pre-ordered plants to the meeting. He must receive all orders no later than August 11 — no exceptions. He is also offering a 20% discount on orders over \$150, which makes this an excellent opportunity to acquire high-quality plants.

Please share this information with your contacts in local orchid societies. They may be interested in organizing a group order to take advantage of the discount. Any plants would need to be picked up on the judging day or arranged with a judge who will be at the center that day.

Here is Dave's website and contact information. When placing an order, please specify that it is for the GLJC August 15th date in your correspondence so he can organize everything correctly.

Email: paphparadise@gmail.com
<https://www.paphparadise.com>
 Happy shopping.

GLOS MEMBERSHIP

Our GLOS numbers stand now as follows: as of June 8th -- 112 members in 102 households. At this same time last year, we had 113 members in 110 households. We have received one new membership – Lynn Johnson from DeWitt and twelve renewals: Marge Barkman, Rick Chung (renewed with a Life Membership); Sharon DeBar, David LeMarble, Mary Mireles, Beth Muelder, Owen Neils, Pat and Don Stoecker, Carol Stuht, Kee Tsai, and Dottie Winter. Fifty-nine of our 112 members are Life Members. Eighty-nine percent of our membership receive their newsletters via email at no cost to the Society.

Doris Asher, Membership Committee

Thanks to the members who provided refreshments for our May meeting: Christine Granger, David LeMarble, Bill Overton, Nachamari Rivera-Rios, and Ioana Sonea. Volunteers to provide refreshments for our August 8th meeting include: Pete Ostlund, Raechel Portelli, Ioana Sonea, and Becky Thayer.

GLOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS.

- July 11 -- GLOS annual Picnic and Plant Sale in Granger Meadows Park
- August 8 -- 6:00 pm -- GLOS in-Person meeting. Roundtable discussion about different ways of growing orchids
- September begins our Darker Months meeting time at 2:00 pm
- September - 2:00 pm Kristen Uthus speaking on miniature orchids
- October - 2:00 pm TBD
- November - 2:00 pm TBD



PICNIC / PLANT SALE INFORMATION, continued from p.1

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.

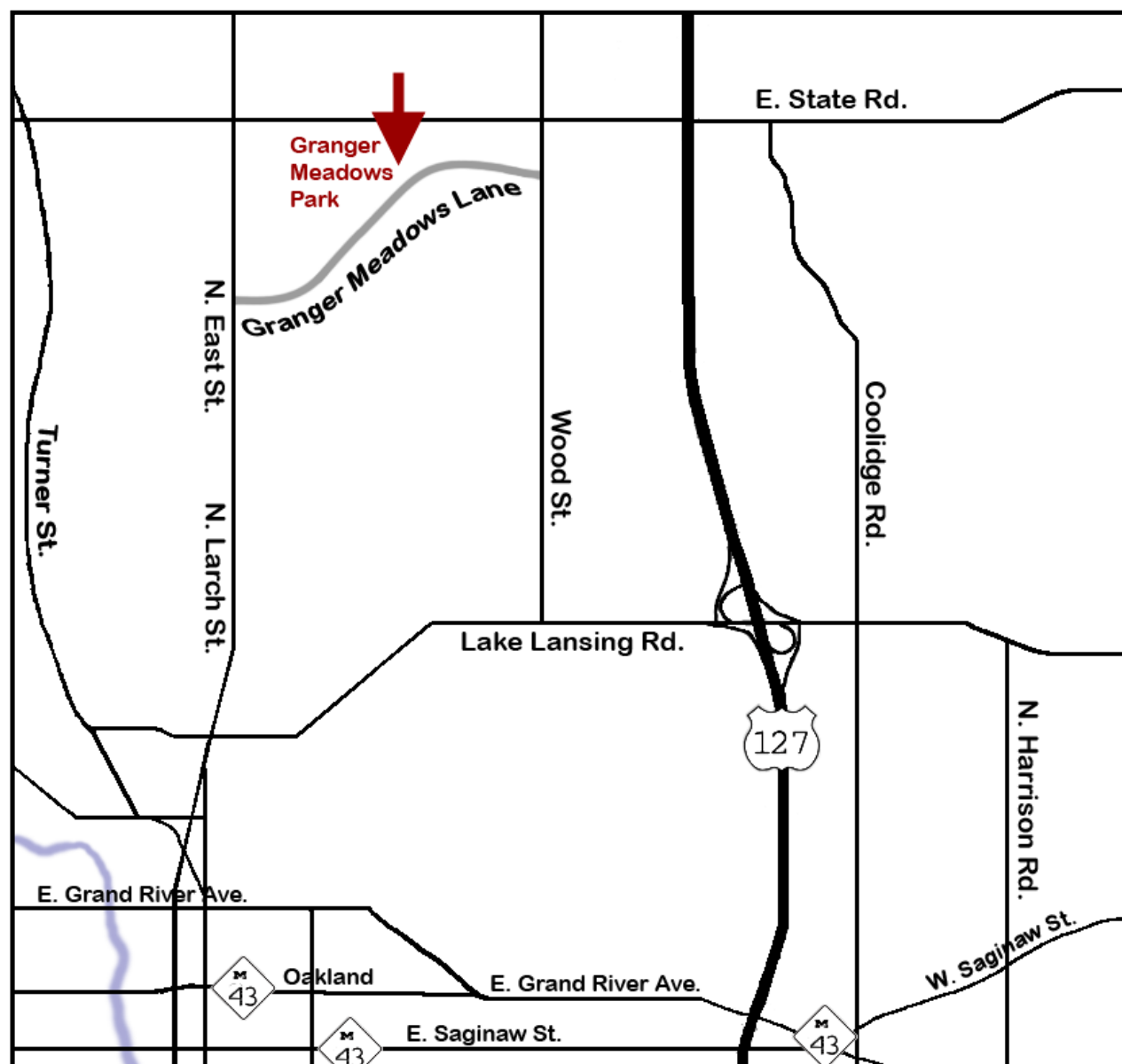
7. Before you leave, please settle up with Pete Ostlund for the purchases you made. Turn in your colored plant labels. Pete will track who makes purchases and the amounts paid during the live auction. Paper and pens will be provided if you wish to track your purchases.

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.

Please remember to take home with you any dishes, utensils or food leftover that you brought. Thanks!



GLOS MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES = May 9, 2026

President Ioana Sonea called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. with about twenty-nine people present and six more people attended via Zoom.

Doris welcomed a new member, Lynn Johnson.

Doris explained how our raffle and silent auction work and invited everyone to participate in both fundraising activities. Pete Ostlund talked about the plants the Society bought from Sun Valley Orchids and urged members to shop.

Ioana thanked the members who provided refreshments – Christine Granger, David LeMarble, Bill Overton, Nachamari Rivera-Rios, and Ioana Sonea. When she asked for volunteers to provide refreshments for our next meeting on August 8th: Pete Ostlund, Raechel Portelli, Ioana Sonea, and Becky Thayer volunteered.

Program: Ioana introduced our speaker, Deb Boersma, an AOS judge from the Great Lakes Judging Center, who spoke via Zoom on “Tolumnia: Small but Mighty”. She highlighted the key species of Tolumnia and outstanding hybrids. They are amazing in the diversity of their patterning and coloration. She also spoke about how to grow them. Her photography was excellent.

Election of Officers for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year:

As Nominating Committee Chair Mike Underwood was not able to attend the meeting, Ioana asked Bill to run the election, first announcing the slate prepared by Mike:

President: Ioana Sonea

Vice President: Becky Thayer

Secretary: Daniel Greiner

Treasurer: Pete Ostlund

Director: Michele Bridges (in the second year of her second two-year term); not up for election this year)

Director: Teresa Fowle (after filling one-year term caused by Ioana's running for President, Teresa is running to serve her first two-year term)

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. Two members voted via email, and we had 29 people present at the meeting so we had met our quorum. Bill called for additional nominations from the floor. There being none, Bill Porter moved that we accept the slate by acclamation; Chris Edwards seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The new officers take office immediately after the meeting.

Annual Awards:

This year's Awards Committee was chaired by Ioana, with Teresa Fowle and Jill Wood also serving on the Committee. Ioana reported that the Committee is awarding the Orchidist of the Year to Dan Greiner. Since Dan was not present for the meeting, Ioana will present him his award at our annual picnic. The Committee also gave Certificates of Appreciation to the three managers of Van Atta's Greenhouse and Flower Shop (Lisa, Jason and Tim) – for their wonderful support in hosting our orchid show. Pete Ostlund will deliver the managers their certificate in the upcoming week.

Upcoming Meetings:

1. June – GLOS does not meet in June.
2. July 11th – annual Picnic and Plant Sale
3. August 8th – round table on growing spaces
4. September 12th – Kristen Uthus speaking on miniature orchids
5. October 10th -- topic to be determined
6. November 14th – topic to be determined
7. January 9, 2027 – Nicholas Rust via Zoom; topic to be determined

Show and Tell Table: Our plant table was overflowing with beautiful orchids. Dot Barnett, Bill Cadman, David LeMarble, David Madison, Pete Ostlund, Raechel Portelli, Jack Shumaker, and Carol Ann Stuht each showed us his or her plants and gave us information on each.

At that point, Ioana invited everyone to enjoy refreshments, buy raffle tickets, bid on silent auction items, and shop among the Sun Valley orchids.

The meeting concluded with Pete settling up the silent auction purchases and Doris and Chris Edwards calling out the winning raffle numbers. The meeting adjourned at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris H. Asher, Secretary



**PHOTOS FROM OUR SHOW AND TELL TABLE,
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MAY 2026**

Photos by Dot

Bill Cadman

Carol Ann Stuht

David LeMarble

Raechel Portelli

Jack Shumaker

Pete Ostlund

David Madison



GLOS AWARDS, 2025-2026

There are always so many deserving GLOS members who work hard to maintain and improve our society, it's really difficult to pick one person for the Orchidist of the Year! But the committee agreed that Dan Greiner, who only joined the society last year, has done so much in a relatively short time that he definitely deserved this award.

Dan astounded GLOS members when he brought an extraordinary array of Phalaenopsis, from standards to multiflorals to novelty, to our April 2025 meeting at the Wacousta Community church. These plants were all extremely well grown and floriferous, worthy of a show display on their own. Dan generously shared cultural tips with members, and was persuaded to give an excellent talk on Phalaenopsis later that fall. He volunteered to talk to the Portland Gardening Club, and represented GLOS very capably on TV 10, Studio 10 episode. In early February 2026. Dan worked incessantly at the Annual GLOS Show and Sale, from setting up the GLOS display with Bill Cadman and other regular volunteers, clerking and volunteering for many other tasks.

The awards committee was very happy to present Dan with the Orchidist of the Year award in absentia at the May general meeting, as well as with a gift certificate to HC Orchids, a well-known importer of species and novelty Phalaenopsis.

A Certificate of Appreciation went to the managers of Van Atta's: Lisa, Jason and Tim. They and their staff worked incredibly hard to make the Annual GLOS Show and Sale the huge success it became. They increased their parking, rearranged a greenhouse for the show, set up and took down tables for everything from the displays, the vendors and the Friday night dinner, and were always available to troubleshoot and fix or prevent problems. GLOS has never had such enthusiastic and capable help at previous venues: the entire Society is very grateful to them for all they did. In addition to the certificate, each of the managers received a Cattleya hybrid from SVO.



OHIO VALLEY ORCHID FEST
AUGUST 21-23 2026
REGISTER & INFO: www.ohiovalleyorchidfest.com

Miami Valley Orchid Society & Emmanuel Lutheran Church
 4865 WILMINGTON PIKE
 KETTERING, OHIO

INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN SPEAKERS
FRANK CERVERA
MONSTER ISLAND ORCHIDS

ROSS HELLA
DEERWOOD ORCHIDS

BARRY WOOLF
TEN SHIN ORCHIDS

GREAT FOOD

LEARNING LECTURES
REPOTTING DEMONSTRATIONS

PLANT SALES
ORCHIDS, CERAMICS & AROIDS
LOCAL, REGIONAL & INTERNATIONAL VENDORS

ORCHID SHOW
AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY JUDGING
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
MID AMERICA ORCHID CONGRESS



THE MID-AMERICA ORCHID CONGRESS

DAYTON MID-AMERICA ORCHIDFEST

August 21-23, 2026

Come to Dayton, Ohio for orchids and more speakers to help you grow!!!!

Vendors will be inside, no heat and humidity!!

Emanuel lutheran church
 4865 Wilmington pike
 Kettering ohio!!!

Lots of food coming with tons of different food for anyone's tastes and diets.... Loose term for come stuff yourselves with fabulous food! Beer and wine will be permitted!! Bring yours of choice. We will have coolers.

The hotel is the holiday inn express and suites, dayton/centerville. Price is their usual pricing.

Registration for program is \$80 until Aug. 1. Get your registration in early! \$100 After the 1st!!!

Here is a link to the MAOC website for more information and registration:

https://www.ohiovalleyorchidfest.com/index_files/Page267.htm

GREATER LANSING ORCHID SOCIETY**MINUTES****BOARD MEETING**

June 8, 2026

President Ioana Sonea called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. with 8 people attended via Zoom.

Peter Ostlund then gave the Treasurer's report covering the period from April 1st through May 31st. He noted the following key points:

On the income side, there were membership renewals, donations for the paper copy of the Calypso, and the purchase and sale of Sunset Valley orchids. The total income for the period was just over \$1,000.

On the expenses side, there were meeting expenses, costs for exhibiting at other shows, Carol expenses, and auto owner's insurance which came due. Peter mentioned he wanted to discuss the insurance further, as they were expecting it to be \$420 but came in at \$651. Peter called the insurance company, and they were able to reduce it by \$100 and are searching for a lower cost option. Doris Asher noted that the Great Lakes Judging Center uses the same insurance vendor and their premium is only \$290, suggesting the GLOS amount seems too high. It was speculated that (Van Atta's) may have played a role in the increased cost.

The net result for the period was about \$500 more in expenses than income, bringing the balance down from approximately \$19,000 to \$18,500.

Regarding the Sunset Valley orchids, GLOS spent \$461 for 30 orchids, sold about \$410 worth at the meeting, and provided 3 orchids to Van Atta's for awards at \$25 each, essentially breaking even.

Dorothy still has 8 to 10 orchids to sell at the upcoming picnic.

Membership Report (Doris Asher):

Since the April 6th board meeting, GLOS received one new member and 12 renewals. Current membership stands at 112 members and 102 households, which is comparable to last year's numbers. Life members make up 52.7% of total membership. Eleven households receive paper copies of the Calypso newsletter, which costs \$10.02 per household per year, exceeding what dues bring in. However, donations from members requesting paper copies have been helpful. Doris expressed optimism about membership renewals at the upcoming picnic.

Old Business:

The last general meeting included elections and a Zoom presentation by Deb Boersma, which went well. Dorothy needs a write-up about award recipients for the July Calypso newsletter, with a deadline of June 21st. Ioana reported that sharing speakers with Kalamazoo is on hold as they have limited funds. Ioana also uploaded Deb's video to the YouTube channel and plans to keep it up a little longer before making it private.

New Business

Picnic Planning: The picnic announcement was reviewed, and a line was added reminding attendees to take their utensils, dishes, and leftover food home. Members coordinated bringing water, ice, coolers, and extra tables. Non-orchid plants like daylilies and hostas are welcome for sale, but non-garden related items are not. It was confirmed that Mike is planning to preside over the auction, and Ioana will follow up with him to confirm.

The group also discussed whether an audit is needed for the treasurer, deciding it is not necessary at this time. They talked about forming a finance committee to set next year's budget, with Peter suggesting Bill Cadman as the third member. Finally, there was a discussion about life memberships and whether to create different membership categories such as active and inactive members, possibly requiring a bylaws update. The group agreed it is something to consider for the future but is not an urgent issue right now.

It was agreed to look into what other societies like Grand Valley, Ann Arbor, and Michigan Orchid Society do regarding membership categories.

The board decided to keep the current meeting start time unchanged.

Dorothy Barnett raised the topic of the future of the Calypso newsletter, noting the significant effort involved in editing it and questioning whether it needs to remain 12 pages or be published every other month. Daniel Greiner expressed interest in potentially taking over as editor in the future.

Next board meeting will be in August.

Meeting concluded at 8:34

Dan Greiner, Secretary

GREATER LANSING ORCHID SOCIETY FINANCIAL REPORT		
for the period April 1 - May 31, 2026 report dated June 5, 2026		
Balance on hand April 1,2026	\$18,977.13	
Cash-on-Hand	\$225.00	
Checking	\$2,780.49	
Saving	\$5.01	
IMMA	\$4,920.28	
9 CD's	\$11,046.35	
CD 4 (matures 10/03/2028) 3.78%	\$1,889.84	
CD 7 (matures 5/27/2027) 1.98%	\$4,064.09	
CD 8 (matures 06/25/2027) 2.47%	\$1,740.72	
CD 9 (matures 7/31/2029) 3.445%	\$2,836.56	
CD A (matures 7/31/2026) 0.99 %	\$515.14	
INCOME		
Programs		
April 2026 General meeting		
raffle	\$34.00	
silent auction	\$99.00	
May 2026 General meeting		
raffle	\$111.00	
silent auction	\$99.00	
Sunset Valley Orchids sales		
cash	\$385.00	
credit card	\$25.01	
subtotal programs	\$753.01	
Contributions/Interest/Dues		
Subtotal	\$252.98	
MSUFCU Interest Income - April	\$33.69	
MSUFCU Interest Income - May	\$38.45	
subtotal	\$325.12	
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,078.13	
EXPENSES		
Administrative		
Auto Owners Insurance	\$651.00	
Programs		
April General meeting		
speaker fee	\$200.00	
May General meeting		
speaker fee	\$150.00	
Sunset Valley Orchids purchase	\$461.00	
David LeMarble	\$7.98	donation - hospitality supplies
subtotal programs	\$818.98	
Exhibiting at Other Shows		
Carol Stuht	\$74.13	MOS show travel costs
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,544.11	
NET INCOME (based on above transactions)	\$465.98	
Balance at close of reporting period	<i>balance from below</i>	<i>balance from above</i>
Balance on hand May 31, 2026	\$18,511.15	\$18,511.15
Cash-on-Hand	\$200.00	

Submitted by Pete Ostlund, Treasurer

FROM RAY BARKELOW OF FIRST RAY'S ORCHIDS NEWSLETTER**THE INVISIBLE WORLD HELPING YOUR PLANTS**

Orchids don't just grow with the help of fertilizer and water — they also depend heavily on beneficial microbes living on and around their roots that can significantly improve orchid growth and health.

These microbes primarily help in six important ways:

1) Improved Nutrient Availability

Beneficial microbes break down and convert nutrients into forms orchids can absorb more easily. This is especially important in bark-based media, where nutrients are often limited or tied up. Some microbes release phosphorus, recycle nitrogen, and help deliver micronutrients like iron and zinc to the plant. The result is usually:

- Better root growth
- Stronger new growths
- Improved flowering
- More efficient fertilizer use

2) Enhanced Root Growth

Certain microbes naturally produce plant hormones that stimulate:

- Root tip growth
- Root branching
- Velamen development
- Faster recovery after repotting

Growers often notice more active root tips and quicker establishment after dividing or transplanting orchids. (Hint: couple microbes with Kelpak and see even faster reestablishment.)

3) Disease Suppression

Beneficial microbes compete with harmful organisms and can suppress pathogens like:

- Fusarium
- Pythium
- Rhizoctonia
- other root rot organisms

Some species, especially *Bacillus* (a key genus in Quantum-Total) and *Trichoderma*, form protective colonies around roots and produce natural antimicrobial compounds. This can reduce root loss and improve overall root health without relying entirely on chemical fungicides.

4) Better Moisture and Stress Management

Microbial communities help maintain thin moisture films around orchid roots and may improve tolerance to:

- Heat stress
- Dry conditions
- Fertilizer salts
- Repotting shock

This can be especially beneficial for mounted orchids or thin-rooted species that dry rapidly.

5) Organic Matter Breakdown

In natural settings, microbes slowly decompose bark, moss, dead roots, and organic debris into usable nutrients. In orchid pots, this biological activity helps create a more natural root environment and provides a steady low-level nutrient supply.

6) Root Zone Stability

Healthy microbial populations help stabilize the root environment by moderating pH swings, improving nutrient buffering, and precluding the growth of pathogens.

Why Orchids Benefit So Much

Orchid roots are exposed and highly specialized. Their velamen acts like a sponge and microbial habitat combined. In nature, orchid roots are covered with living microbial communities that continuously process nutrients and protect the root surface. Because orchids naturally grow in nutrient-poor environments, these microbial partnerships can have an outsized effect on plant performance.

Practical Takeaway for Growers

Growers can encourage beneficial microbes by:

- Avoiding excessive sterilization
- Maintaining good root aeration
- Using moderate fertilizer levels
- Incorporating organic components in the growing system
- Using biological inoculants

Seaweed extracts like Kelpak, humic substances, compost extracts, and biological products often work partly because they stimulate beneficial microbial activity around orchid roots.

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NEWS from the Great Lakes Judging Center

AOS plant judging takes place the 3rd Saturday each month. Judging is always open to the public and anyone is invited to bring plants for the AOS judges to look at them. AOS awards given are the responsibility of the exhibitor. Please note we are asking plants brought in for judging to arrive by 12:30.

For 2026, our meetings begin at 10:30 AM Eastern Time with any judging center business and then an educational talk by judges or other featured speakers. AOS judging begins no later than 12:30 PM Eastern Time. The Great Lakes Judging Center is responsible for AOS judging in the region spanning Michigan, Northern Indiana, and Northern Ohio.

Judging sessions are held at Washtenaw Community College located at 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105. Activities take place in the Morris Lawrence building. Parking is ample and free. Dress is casual and all are welcome to bring lunch or snacks for themselves as no food is provided.

Find more information dates and locations for other Judging Centers at www.aos.org under Awards and Judging.

Upcoming Schedule:

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

June 20 Steve Gonzalez-Costa from Minnesota will be our speaker. His topic will be "Keeping Your Center Active and Growing". AOS Judging will begin no later than 12:30 PM EDT.

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

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

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



FROM RAY BARKELOW OF FIRST RAY'S ORCHIDS NEWSLETTER, continued from p9

THE INVISIBLE WORLD HELPING YOUR PLANTS

Microbial enhancement is usually strongest when:

- Media are biologically active
- Fertilizer EC is moderate
- Harsh sterilants are minimized
- Roots experience good oxygenation
- Beneficial inoculants are periodically replenished

In practice, healthy microbial populations often lead to:

- More vigorous root systems
- Faster recovery after stress
- Improved nutrient efficiency
- Reduced root rot problems
- Better blooming and plant vigor

Until next time... Good Growing!

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ORCHIDS IN CYBERSPACE

http://www.phals.net/index_e.html

Lists with photos of Phal. species and varieties, plus other information



Littlefrog Farm

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PO Box 26

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<http://littlefrogfarm.com>
rob@littlefrogfarm.com

Jump into Orchids !

GLOS Advertising Policy

Commercial members may advertise their orchid businesses in the Calypso at no extra charge. Ads will appear as space is available and in the order they are received. Advertisers are responsible for preparing their ads. Standing Ads size should normally be 2" x 3" but exceptions may be made for special events. Submissions will be considered a one-time-only unless designated as standing ads. Please check the stated deadline for submission to any Calypso issue. Submissions may be made via email or regular mail.

Non-commercial members may also advertise orchid related items in the Calypso under the above conditions.

WEAR YOUR SOCIETY NAME TAG TO 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 Barnet

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 2025-2026 year who have not yet renewed their membership for 2026-2027 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-nine 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 11th!

So far, 85 individuals have already paid their dues for the coming year; we need to hear from 27 people who have not yet renewed. (These numbers accurate as of Tuesday, June 9, 2026)

(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.)

Doris Asher, Membership Committee
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 517-290-6904



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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: _____

☐ Beginner ☐ Intermediate ☐ Experienced ☐ Greenhouse ☐ Windowsill ☐ Under Lights ☐ Outdoors in Summer

Would you prefer to receive the newsletter via ☐ email - or - ☐ hard copy?

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

\$1.61/issue = \$9.66/year)

Thank you.

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