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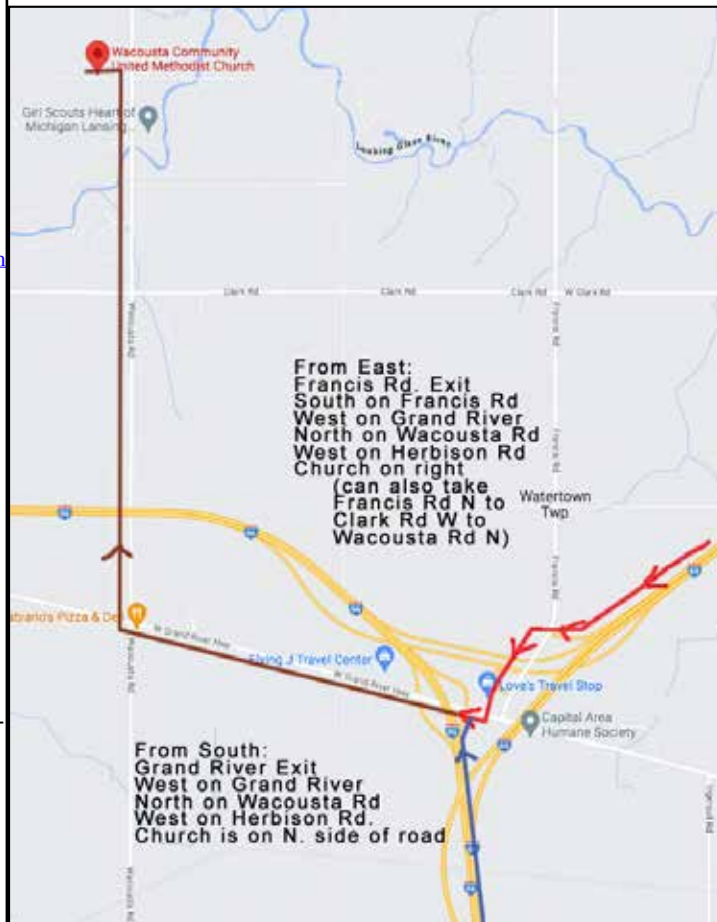
June 21 for the July issue

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.

MAY 9 MEETING: In-Person at 6:00 p.m.

Wacousta Community United Methodist Church, at 9180 Herbison Rd., Eagle Deb Boersma, a judge with the Great Lakes Judging Center will join us via ZOOM to talk about Tolumnia orchids.

GLOS is planning to obtain plants from Sunset Valley Orchids to sell at this meeting. We would sell these as a money-making venture, and to give our members high quality orchids when our speaker doesn't have any for sale. There will likely be Mini-Catts, Paphs, Zygos, Sarcophilus and Catasetinae offerings. So although our speaker will be on ZOOM, these plants will be "in-person."



Doors open at 5:30 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 6:00 pm

GLOS will (hopefully) have 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

I don't know about you, but my head is spinning... a couple of 80+F days followed by nights well below freezing in mid-April was quite the shock. I had to bring one hardy Cypripedium with 8" shoots into the garage to save it... the others haven't shown signs of life yet, and I left them outside. But these spring days have been glorious, and I'm looking forward to more blooms, both outdoors and inside.

I hope you've been enjoying our programs as much as I have! I'm looking forward to the next ones. In May, Deb Boersma will talk to us about Tolumnias, those appealing jewel-like orchids. We hope to browse a selection of plants from Sunset Valley Orchids. That is also our business meeting, when we vote for a new(ish) board.

At our August meeting, GLOS members will showcase how they grow orchids in mid-Michigan, providing ideas and tips from their experiences with greenhouses, garages, growrooms, lights and more! Rick Chung, one of our newer members, came up with this excellent idea, and I for one am really looking forward to learning how to improve my orchids' environment.

This brings up another thought: what would YOU like to hear about? If you have ideas or suggestions, please let one of our board members know. Similarly, if there is something that you think would improve our meetings or our society, or have ideas on how we can attract and keep new members to keep our society strong, please let us know: we're always happy to hear your suggestions!

Looking forward to seeing you at the May meeting! Please remember to check the rules for voting, published with the slate, below:

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR GLOS 2026 - 2027 YEAR:

President: Ioana Sonea
 Vice President: Becky Thayer
 Secretary: Dan Greiner
 Treasurer: Pete Ostlund
 Directors: Teresa Fowle
 . Michele Bridges
 Away Show Chair: Carol Stuht
 Newsletter Editor: Dot Potter Barnett



Please be sure to come to the May meeting so you can cast your vote for GLOS officers. If you cannot come to the meeting, you can vote via email: just send your vote to our secretary, Doris Asher, so that she gets it by the Friday evening before our May meeting. Doris' email: asherdoris44@gmail.com

MAY MEETING ZOOM LINK:

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

Topic: GLOS Annual Business Meeting
 Time: 06:00 Eastern Time (US and Canada)
 Every month on the Third Sat, 12 occurrence(s)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/701683513?pwd=REQzYnpxaTZjb3p6dDNZNVxkOS8xUT09>

Meeting ID: 701 683 513

Password: 20-Orchids

One tap mobile

+19292056099,,701683513# US (New York)

Meeting ID: 701 683 513

GLOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 9 - 6:00 pm -- GLOS meeting. Speaker via ZOOM: Deb Boersma on Tolumnia Orchids.
- 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, October, November:* yet to be determined
- September begins our Darker Months meeting time at 2:00 pm



GLOS MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES, April 11, 2026

President Ioana Sonea called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. with about thirty people present and two additional members attending via Zoom.

Fundraisers: Treasurer Pete Ostlund explained how our raffle and silent auction work and invited everyone to participate in both fundraising activities.

New Members Present: Doris Asher introduced three new members: Jeanette Noechel, Nachamari Rivera-Rios, and Skip Vandermolen. She invited each to tell us something about their orchid hobby. She gave each one a complimentary raffle ticket.

Refreshments: Ioana thanked the members who had provided refreshments: Marge Barkman, Michele Bridges, Christine Granger, Bill Overton, Marilyn Porter, Ioana Sonea, and Diane Zoellner. For our May 9th meeting, the following people volunteered to bring refreshments: Christine Granger, David LeMarble, Bill Overton, Marilyn Porter, Nachamari Rivera-Rios, and Ioana Sonea.

Awards Committee: The Awards Committee (Ioana, Chair; Teresa Fowle, and Jill Wood) is soliciting suggestions of members to be awarded at the May meeting.

Upcoming Programs: May 9th: Deb Boersma on Tolumnia via Zoom; also our annual business meeting including election of officers. Pete will order an array of orchids from Fred Clarke to sell at the meeting as a fundraiser. Dot will care for any not sold to be offered for sale at our July Picnic.

June: the Society does not meet in June

July 11th, 10 am – 2 pm: our annual Picnic and Plant Sale in Granger Meadows Park

August 8th: roundtable of various ways members grow their plants; Rob Halgren will sell orchids

September, October, November: yet to be determined

January 9, 2027: Nicholas Rust via Zoom; topic to be determined

Nominating Committee Presents Slate for May Election: David LeMarble presented the Committee's slate:

President: Ioana Sonea

Vice President: Becky Thayer

Secretary: Dan Greiner

Treasurer: Pete Ostlund

Directors: Teresa Fowle is running this year for the first year of her first two-year term. She has been filling the one-year term caused by Ioana's running for President last year; Teresa is now eligible for her additional four years. Michele Bridges is still in her 2-year term and so is not up for election this year

Away Show Chair: Carol Stuht

Newsletter Editor: Dot Potter Barnett

In addition, David invited interested members to run for office by contacting him or the other members of the Nomination Committee (Mike Underwood (Chair) and Lynn O'Shaughnessy)

Members who cannot attend the May meeting may vote via email by emailing their vote to Secretary Doris Asher. Details on voting procedure will appear in the May Calypso. It is vital we have a quorum so we can actually hold our election.

Show and Tell Table: Ioana invited members who had brought plants for our Show and Tell Table to tell us about them. Marge Barkman, Dot Barnett, Bill Cadman, Owen Neils, Pete Ostlund, and Bill Overton did so.

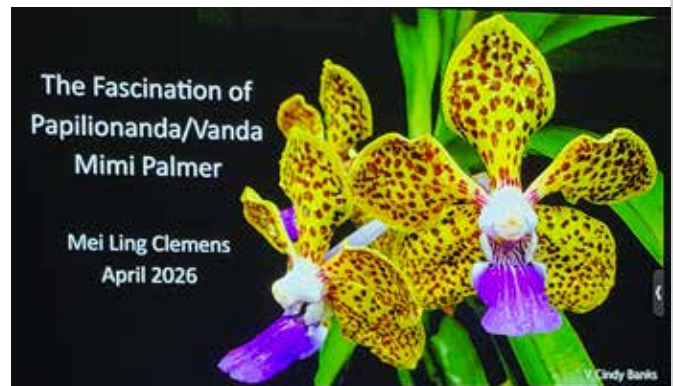
Program: Ioana introduced our speaker Mei Ling Clemens, an AOS Associate Judge in the Great Lakes Judging Center and an active member of the Grand Valley Orchid Society, who gave an interesting presentation entitled "The fascination of Papilionanda (Vanda) Mimi Palmer". Her talk discussed the complex history of this hybrid from Asia; she also spoke about the cultural requirements of Vandas.

At this point, 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 with the assistance of Chris Edwards.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Doris H. Asher, Secretary



2026 ORCHID SHOW ORCHIDS IN USE REPORT

If last year was a big success in our new location, this year was an even bigger success for our show. The Orchids in Use theme for this year was "Escape to the Tropics," and it was the perfect culmination of the cold winter.

Attendance was outstanding. The exhibit area remained busy throughout the event, with a continuous stream of visitors viewing the arrangements and taking photos until the final moments of the show.

I was happy that so many skilled designers showcased their talent. Participants included members from the Ikebana International Lansing Chapter 134, participants from Michigan Garden Clubs District 2B, professionals from Van Atta's, and one brave member of GLOS, Teresa Fowle, who exhibited her first-ever floral arrangement. I hope that next year we will have more GLOS members participating. Together, our 19 participants displayed 28 arrangements, each unique in its approach but all united by the common tropical theme.

Such floral displays spark appreciation for the beauty and usefulness of orchids. This year's most common question was, "Can I buy an arrangement?" (Answer: "Not for sale.")

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(Editor's note: Because the Calypso Deadline was so close after our show, some show reports were postponed until this issue of the Calypso)



GLOS MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES, March 14, 2026

President Ioana Sonea called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m. with about thirty people present and five additional members attending via Zoom.

Visitors and New Members Present: Doris Asher introduced four new members from the recent Show: Megan Parrott, David Pavlik, and Skip and Chris Vandermolen. We had a guest also – Chloe Sterrett.

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

Refreshments: Ioana thanked the members who had provided refreshments: Doris Asher, Christine Granger, David LeMarble, Pete Ostland, Marilyn Porter, Ioana Sonea and Becky Thayer. For our April 11th meeting, the following people volunteered to bring refreshments: Marge Barkman, Michele Bridges, Ioana Sonea, and Diane Zoellner. A reminder: the April 11th meeting returns to our 6 pm meeting time.

2026 Shows: Grand Valley Orchid Society, January 24 & 25; Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, Grand Rapids. Pete reported on our display in this Show. The display won the AOS Show Trophy.

Three Rivers Orchid Society, February 7 & 8; Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, IN. Doris reported on the AOS Show Trophy-winning exhibit put in by Carol Ann Stuht and Raechel Portelli.

Greater Lansing Orchid Society, February 28-March 1; Van Atta's Greenhouse & Flower Shop, Haslett. Bill Cadman reported on our display in our local Show – the unanimous choice of the judges for the AOS Show Trophy and, in addition, won an AOS Silver Certificate. The only two AOS awards given at this Show went to plants in our display. Pete invited everyone to sign a thank you card he brought to thank Van Atta's for their excellent help putting on our Show at their facility for the second year.

Michigan Orchid Society, March 21 & 22, Plumbers Union Hall, Madison Heights. Dot is collecting plants for the exhibit at her house during the coming week. Carol Stuht will be in charge of the setup of the display.

Upcoming Programs:

April 11th, 6 pm: Mei Ling Clemens "The fascination of Papilionanda (Vanda) Mimi Palmer"

May 9th, 6 pm: Deb Boersma on Tolumnia; also our annual business meeting including election of officers

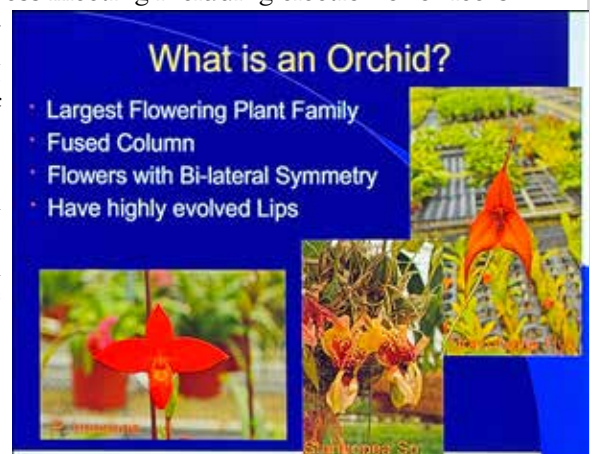
Program: Ioana introduced our speaker Eric Sauer of River Valley Orchids, Centerville, OH, who gave an excellent presentation entitled "Orchids – What You Need to Know". His talk was a wide-ranging survey of the culture and useful information about many kinds of orchids.

At this point, Ioana invited everyone to enjoy refreshments, shop among Eric Sauer's plants, 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 with the assistance of Chris Edwards.

The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,
Doris H. Asher, Secretary



MOS 2026 SHOW REPORT ~ submitted by Carol Ann Stuht

The Michigan Orchid Society (MOS) held its annual show in Madison Heights the 21st and 22nd of March 2026. Plants were collected at Dot Barnett's home. Dot also prepared all the paperwork for the 34 orchids entered in the show. Dot and I put together the display in baskets with a moss cushion and topping that held the orchids in place on the road trip to the show. We had a two-car transport. Lee Barnet drove Dot and a number of the larger individual plants, and I transported the remaining baskets. The set up was fast and easy with all the plants prearranged and name tags in place. Ioana Sonea and I returned the orchids to Lansing on Sunday. We were on our way home in less than 40 minutes. Thank you Ioana.

Thank you, everyone who contributed to the success of the MOS display. The display received the AOS show trophy with a score of 83 points. This was the last show of the current orchid show schedule. Your plants earned our society four AOS show trophies out of the five shows this season. Well done!!

The plant awards list follows, but several members deserve a special mention. Only one AOS award was given at the MOS show, and that award went to Jack Shumaker's orchid *Chiloschista densiflora*. It received a Certificate of Botanical Recognition (CBR). This is the first AOS award for this orchid on record. Jill Wood's Wardian case received the Trophy for class 9-10, and numerous plant ribbons. Bill Cadman's lovely Paph. Double Fair received an Honorable Mention Trophy. A well deserved honor. Pete Ostlund and Dot Barnett each received three trophies. Dea Bishop's cymbidium with multiple flower spikes received the Trophy for classes 87-89. Find the details of all trophies in the following plant ribbons and awards list.



GLOS Display		AOS Show Trophy, 83points	6	2nd.
Pete Ostlund	Den. polyanthum	Trophy class 90-96	93	1st.
	Prosthechea vitellina	Trophy 11-12	11	1st.
	Paph Rosy Egret		34	1st.
	Vanda miniata		65	2nd.
	Vanda ampullaceal	Trophy class 63-78	65	1st.
	Phal. Schilleriana		48	2nd.
Jack Shumaker	Chiloschista densiflora	AOS award, CBR	77	1st.
	Hintonella mexicana		89	2nd.
	Den. senile		93	2nd.
Dot Barnett	Phal. luddemanniana v. coerulea	Trophy cl. 48	48	1st.
	Habenaria Huron		110	1st.
	Lyc. Dainty	Trophy class 104-107	104, 113	1st., 2nd.
	C. tenebrosa		18	3rd.
	Vandachostylis Pinky		75	1st.
	Max. Maui Coconut		105	1st.
	Phrag. Kai Quintal		46	1st.
	Phrag. Geralda		46	3rd.
	Phrag. richteri 'Crooked Creek' AM/AOS	Trophy Class 43-47	43	1st
Dea Bishop	Cym. Fairy Wand 'Bewitched' HCC/Aos	Trophy Class 87-89	88, 113	1st., 2nd.
	Phrag. besseae flavum		43	3rd.
Bill Cadman	Paph. Payakka Kodkod		32	2nd.
	Paph. Fajen's Fiesta		35	1st.
	Paph. Double Fair	Trophy Honorable Mention - Class 37-42	39	1st.
	Rhyncattlianthe (C. Tokyo Magic x Rth. Circle of Love)		22	2nd.
Carol Ann Stuht	Paph. QF Akala Lelo		32, 112	1st., 2nd.
	Paph. barbatum		28	2nd.
	Paph. Shirley Amundson		35	2nd.
	Phal. King Car Dalmation		51	3rd.
	Phal. Surf Song 'Salmon Splendor'		60	1st.
	Phal. Charming Pink Fantasy 'April's Coming'		55	2nd.
	Phal. MS Little Cherry 'MBS41'		61	1st.

GLOS BOARD MEETING MINUTES, April 6, 2026

President Ioana Sonea called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with the following people present: Dot Barnett, Michele Bridges, Bill Cadman, Teresa Fowle, David LeMarble, Pete Ostlund, Carol Ann Stuht, Becky Thayer, and Jill Wood.

As the meeting opened with a discussion of our recent Show, 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 discussed issues associated with getting the large number of orchids ready for use in the GLOS display. For our 2027 Show, Doris will modify the Show Schedule to ask people entering NOID (no id) Phalaenopsis plants with some kind of a designation such as NOID Pink Petunia or NOID Sweetie, but not the owner's name or a distinctive clonal name. That will help the judging team assigned Phalaenopsis to evaluate the NOID plants more easily. Doris will contact the Chair of Mid-America's Show Schedule Committee to ask about the term "multifloral Phal". We discussed/agreed having all NOIDs, not just Phals, have a unique name.

Hospitality – The group thought that the Hospitality function went better this year than in 2025. The new location that Van Atta provided was far superior. One recommendation for next year's Show would be more beverages and snacks on Friday afternoon for all of the people setting up displays and sales tables. Teresa and David had many donations of both food items and donations.

Information Table – The people staffing the Information Table used Square successfully to handle credit card purchases. They took in more donations this year than usual and gained many more new members than is typical at our Show. Pete is hopeful that they will be able to use two 6-foot tables in 2027 rather than the two longer tables they used in 2026.

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

Treasurer's Report --Treasurer Pete Ostlund reported that our Show had net expense of \$1,135, which was much better than the \$2,580 expense we had budgeted. The period covering from February 1st through March 31st had net expense of \$1,471. Balance of Society Treasury as of April 1, 2026: \$18,977.

Membership Committee Report -- Doris presented the Committee's report – there was much membership activity since our last Board meeting, much of it coming from the Show: two life members and ten additional members and four renewals, one of whom took out a lifetime membership. GLOS currently has 111 members in 101 households.

Old Business:

- a. Review of March Membership Meeting – our speaker Eric Sauer did an excellent job on his presentation entitled "Orchids – What You Need to Know".
- b. Review of Shows since our last Board meeting: Carol Ann Stuht reported on our display at the Three Rivers Orchid Society Show in Fort Wayne, IN, February 7-8. She and Raechel Portelli set up our display which won the AOS Show Trophy. She also reported on the AOS Show Trophy-winning exhibit she and Dot Barnett put up at the Michigan Orchid Society Show in Madison Heights, MI, March 21-22. The Board complimented Carol on her outstanding work. We have no more shows now until the Ann Arbor Orchid Society Show on November 21-22.
- c. Review of last Board meeting's "to-do" list:
 - a. Additional display lights – Pete has found two lights like the ones we have been using, although they are not available in black. He will monitor the availability of lights in black, and order them if they become available.
 - b. Ioana will continue to try to get the correct clips to attach table skirting for the 2027 Show.
 - c. Our new table skirting worked well and was repacked showing little wear. We had enough skirting – even had a package left over.
 - d. The Nominating Committee is to announce its slate of officers at our April meeting. Mike Underwood chairs; the other two members of the Committee are Lynn O'Shaughnessy and David LeMarble. David is prepared to announce the slate if Mike does not attend the April meeting.

New Business -- Upcoming Meetings:

April 11: Mei Ling Clemens: "The Fascination of Papilionanda Mimi Palmer".

May 9: Deb Boersma "Tolumnias" – meeting at 6 pm. Pete will arrange with Sunset Valley Orchids to bring in orchids to sell at the meeting. Dot will care for any left over to be sold at our annual Picnic in July.

August 8: yet to be determined

September 12: Kristen Uthus; topic to be determined; maybe on miniatures

October 10: possibly a round table on growing spaces

November 14: yet to be determined

January 9, 2027: Nicholas Rust via Zoom; topic to be determined

March 13: yet to be determined

April 10: yet to be determined

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May 8: may share with the Ann Arbor Orchid Society to have Clark Riley “Cypripediums & Selenipediums; will have to change our meeting date to May 15th.. We discussed that we just had a cyp talk and did not need to repeat it here. So, perhaps someone/something else.

October 9: may share with the Ann Arbor Orchid Society to have Bridget from Carter and Holmes; will have to change our meeting date to October 16th

March 11, 2028: may share with the Ann Arbor Orchid Society to have Carlos Pasiche speaking on Paphs or another topic; will have to change our meeting date to March 18th

Next Board Meeting: The Board’s next meeting will be at 7 pm on Monday, June 8th via Zoom.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Doris H. Asher, Secretary

REMINDER: WEAR YOUR BADGE – GET EXTRA RAFFLE TICKET

GLOS members are responsible for holding onto their own name badges. If you cannot locate your nametag, kindly let either Dot or Doris know. Dot will make you a new one.

As an incentive to wear the name tag, which is very nice for visitors and for those of us with failing memories (!), anyone who wears the badge AND purchases even one raffle ticket at \$1.00 per ticket will get a complimentary raffle ticket.

Please wear your badge to May’s meeting. Let’s help everyone greet everyone by name by wearing a name tag.

Wear your Society name tag. Get an extra raffle ticket!

Doris Asher, Chair, Membership Committee
Dot Barnett

APRIL MEETING PLANT TABLE

Bill Overton



Pete Ostlund

Bill Cadman



Owen Neils



Marge Barkman



GREATER LANSING ORCHID SOCIETY FINANCIAL REPORT

for the period Feb 1 - March 31, 2026 report dated 4/2/26

Balance on hand February 1,2026	\$20,447.38	
Cash-on-Hand	\$200.00	
Checking	\$1,900.15	
Saving	\$5.01	
IMMA	\$4,912.38	
9 CD's	13429.84	
INCOME		
2026 GLOS Annual Show		
Show Tables (Vendor Fees)	\$2,320.00	
Show Food Donations (cash or purchases)		
William Bergman	\$100.00	cash
David Madison	\$50.00	cash
Jerrie Nichols	\$297.00	pizza
Becky Thayer	\$68.52	food items
Peter Ostlund	\$58.22	food items
Sharon Debar	\$50.00	cash
Dorothy Winter	\$25.00	cash
Teresa Fowle	\$91.01	food items
subtotal	\$739.75	
Orchids in Use/Art		
Net Art Sales	\$109.50	(10% of 7 pieces that sold)
Other show items (moss, ribbons, copying, trophies,etc)		
Dottie Winter	\$25.00	2026 show trophy donation
Dawn Kittle	\$25.00	2026 show trophy donation
Kristen Uthus	\$25.00	2026 show trophy donation
others	\$181.36	various items
subtotal	\$256.36	
Information table (Book sales @ show and donations).		
cash and credit card book sales	\$259.00	
donations by public over show weekend	\$147.00	
subtotal	\$406.00	
Programs		
March 2026 General meeting		
raffle	\$50.00	
silent auction	\$70.00	
Dot Barnett	\$115.00	Donation to cover costs for July Picnic reservation
subtotal	\$235.00	
Exhibity at other shows		
Carol Stuh	\$126.00	Donation to cover cost of moss for AAOS and GVOS
Carol Stuh	\$132.85	donation of hotel costs for Three Rivers
subtotal	\$258.85	
Contributions/Interest/Dues		
Bobbi Kilty	\$8.00	membership
Jeanette Noechel	\$8.00	membership
David Pavlik	\$8.00	membership
Megan Parrott	\$80.00	lifetime membership
Caitlin Ballard	\$8.00	membership
Chad Bush	\$8.00	membership
Sarah Massarani	\$8.00	membership
Megan Pokropowicz	\$8.00	membership
Skip and Chris Vandermolen	\$12.00	joint membership
Michele Bridges	\$80.00	lifetime membership
Nachamari Rivera Rios	\$80.00	lifetime membership
Thomas Remington	\$8.00	membership
subtotal	\$316.00	
GLOS	\$101.00	Books sold by Mary Henman over the last year
Interest Income	\$60.76	60.76
TOTAL INCOME	\$4,803.22	

EXPENSES			
2026 GLOS Annual Show			
Show site rental		\$2,000.00	
Advertising			
Peter Ostlund		\$54.95	video ad editing
Peter Ostlund		\$99.63	Meta/Facebook ads
subtotal		\$154.58	
Show Food Donations (cash or purchases)			
Teresa Fowle		\$1,055.00	Caterer fee
William Bergman		\$100.00	money for food
David Madison		\$50.00	money for food
Peter Ostlund		\$20.00	pizza money
Jerrie Nichols		\$297.00	pizza money, Jerrie donated cost
Becky Thayer		\$68.52	pop, cups: donated
Peter Ostlund		\$58.22	Pop, water, salad: donated
Teresa Fowle		\$91.01	show food,donation
subtotal		\$1,739.75	
Orchids-in-use/Art			
Jolanta Piecuch		\$268.96	orchids in use Orchid Purchases
GLOS		\$8.77	square fees for credit card use
subtotal		\$277.73	
Other show items (moss, ribbons, copying, trophies,etc)			
Doris Asher		\$55.98	2 rolls of tablecovers for vendor tables
Doris Asher		\$130.00	AOS judging
Doris Asher		\$150.00	cash payment for 10 awarded trophies
Peter Ostlund		\$16.97	clips for the drapes, donated
Ioana Sonea		\$70.34	clips for the vendor table skirting: donated
Bill Cadman		\$126.00	moss for GLOS show
Peter Ostlund		\$22.99	one package of skirting, donated
Doris Asher		\$39.89	Poster for 2026 show, laminating trophy cards
Ioana Sonea		\$71.06	Stickers for GLOS show workers, donated
Doris Asher		\$450.00	trophys for show (BOS trophy, 20 etched glass trophies)
subtotal		\$1,133.23	
Information table (Book sales @ show and donations).			
GLOS		\$4.13	credit card book sales square fees
Administrative			
Doris Asher		\$100.00	2000 tax-free copies
Doris Asher		\$49.50	2026 MAOC membership dues
Doris Asher		\$22.35	lamineate 11 sheets for Picnic/Plant sale
Doris Asher		\$65.56	Newsletter postage (July - March)
subtotal		\$237.41	
Programs			
March General meeting			
speaker fee		\$150.00	
speaker travel expenses		\$50.00	
speaker dinner		\$18.50	
annual picnic reservation		\$115.00	donated by Dot
subtotal		\$333.50	
Exhibiting at Other Shows			
Raechel Portelli		\$132.85	1/2 of hotel room for Three Rivers show
Carol Stuh		\$132.85	donation of hotel costs
Carol Stuh		\$126.00	Donation to cover cost of moss for AAOS and GVOS
subtotal		\$391.70	
Contributions/Interest/Dues			
memberships		\$1.44	square fees for credit card charges
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$6,273.47	
NET INCOME (based on above transations)		\$1,470.25	
Balance at close of reporting period		balance from below	
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	
5 CD's		\$11,046.35	

Submitted by Pete Ostlund, Treasurer

SUNSET VALLEY ORCHIDS CATASETINAE NEWSLETTER APRIL AND MAY*Your Catasetinae: April-May*

It's spring! Now is the time to repot your Catasetums. This is an important step in making sure your plants are happy and healthy, and it's the best way to ensure lots of beautiful flowers.

Catasetinae have seasonal growth habits and flowering patterns. Catasetinae grow in areas with a warm, wet summer followed by a dry, cooler winter, thus these plants have evolved a very specific seasonal growth habit. Catasetinae begin growing and developing a root system in the spring, with the days lengthening and before the onset of the summer rains. The plants have evolved this way to be ready with a new root system and developing new growth when moisture and nutrients are abundant for the plants.

Repotting with the onset of new growth ensures that the new roots, which initiate after the new growth by about 2-3 weeks, will grow directly into the new media. This eliminates the chance of damaging the new roots. This is important as Catasetinae produces just one flush of roots each season, and early damage to the new root system will limit the plant's ability to grow and flourish. I can't overemphasize the importance of the timing for repotting. It's like the emphasis I place on waiting to water until after the new roots are 3-6" long.

Here at Sunset Valley Orchids we use AAA sphagnum moss from New Zealand (we have 3 kg. bales available). However, many potting medias work very well. We slightly moisten the moss before use, when it's just right, water does not drip out when squeezing it tightly. When we like to leave an air space beneath the moss and the bottom of the pot. This ensures excellent drainage. It takes a little trial and error to get the air space right, but you will master it with a little practice. Styrofoam peanuts or similar inert material can also be used under the moss to provide this extra air space and drainage.

Repotting:

In the early spring, with the first signs of new growth, Catasetinae plants are still dormant and dry. Repotting should occur with the old media still dry. We use sterile clippers to cut away the old, unneeded moss. With larger plants, we usually trim away the moss farthest away from the newest growth. This trimming process cuts through the old moss and roots. We like to form a 3"-4" long tapered, carrot-shaped anchor of the old root and moss. This provides a form around which the new moss can be wrapped. It helps to hold the plant steady in its pot until new roots are produced and re-established.

We orient the plant, so the new growth has room for 2 years of space for the growth. As with all orchids Catasetums don't like to be over potted either. It's better to under pot than over pot.

For plants purchased from SVO last year that are still in 3" pots, I recommend the "slip-potting" method of repotting. Just wrap new moss around the existing moss and slip into a slightly larger pot.

Dividing:

The best time to divide Catasetinae is also with the onset of new growth. They do well when divided into pieces no smaller than two or three pseudobulbs. Divisions are made by cutting with a sterile tool or by carefully pulling the pseudobulbs apart.

Watering:

Watering should begin when the new roots are 3-6" long. It will take the plants 4-6 weeks after the onset of new vegetative growth for the new roots to grow to the desired length. Waiting for the beginning of watering is not easy, but we have learned through trial and error that it is much better to wait to water than it is to start watering too soon. When watering starts we begin with a little water then slowly increasing quantity and frequency, just like the plants experience with the weather / rainy season in nature.

Note about dry moss, it is hydrophobic, that is, it is slow to re-wet once dry. We use this method: water once, the water will run right through the media, wait overnight and check moisture if still dry (usually it's not) water again and check the following. The moss will be rehydrated.

Seasonal day length:

If you are growing under lights be sure to follow the suggested day length intervals in the table:

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Humidity:

Humidity is important year-round, with winter and spring being the most challenging times. This idea really works well for growers with low humidity. Set the pot in a jar with water, making a snug-fitting seal with the rim of the jar. The water should not touch the bottom of the pot. The reservoir will maintain high humidity around the roots. This innovative technique produces great results! We

have had lots of positive feedback from growers who are using this method.

Light level management Indoors

Growing under lights for optimal results:

April – October: day length should be set at 15 hrs.

November: reduce light schedule hour = 14 hrs.

December: reduce one more hour = 13 hrs.

January: and reduce one more hour = 12 hrs.

February: add one hour = 13 hrs.

March: add one more hour = 14 hrs.

April – October: back to a day length schedule of 15 hrs.



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Our GLOS numbers stand now as follows: as of April 7th -- 111 members in 101 households. At this same time last year, we had 110 members in 98 households. We have received renewals for 2026-2027 from Bill and Marilyn Porter, Tom Remington and a renewal as a life member from Michele Bridges. We gained eight new members from our Show February 28-March 1: Caitlin Ballard from Lansing, Chad Bush from Alma, Bobbi Kilty (actually a returning member from long ago) from Williamston, Sarah Massarani from Okemos, Jeanette Noechel from East Lansing, David Pavlik from Haslett and Megan Pokropowicz from East Lansing. In addition, Megan Parrott from East Lansing took out a life membership at the Show. We added a lifetime member: Nachamari Rivera-Rios, who lives in East Lansing. At the March 14th membership meeting father and son Skip and Chris Vandermolen from Laingsburg joined. Fifty-eight of our 111 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

IT IS MEMBERSHIP DUES TIME

Since the Society's fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30 of each year, it is getting to be time to renew your membership by sending in your annual dues -- \$8.00 for an individual plus an additional \$4.00 for each additional household member. For members who want to save significant dues over time, the Society offers a life membership for a one-time payment of \$80.00. Fifty-eight 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. Alternatively, save yourself a stamp and pay Pete in person at our May 9th meeting. Cash or check is fine.

Thank you for sending in your dues prior to the deadline. We do not want you to miss even one issue of The Calypso. Please consider receiving your newsletter electronically at no cost to the Society. Or, perhaps you could make a special donation to help offset the expense of photocopying and mailing. Each issue costs GLOS \$1.67 to provide in hard copy for a total cost per year of \$10.02. Help the Society keep its dues low!

The dues form is on the last page of this issue.



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