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### CALYPSO DEADLINE:

February 26 for the Mar. 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 19 MEETING:

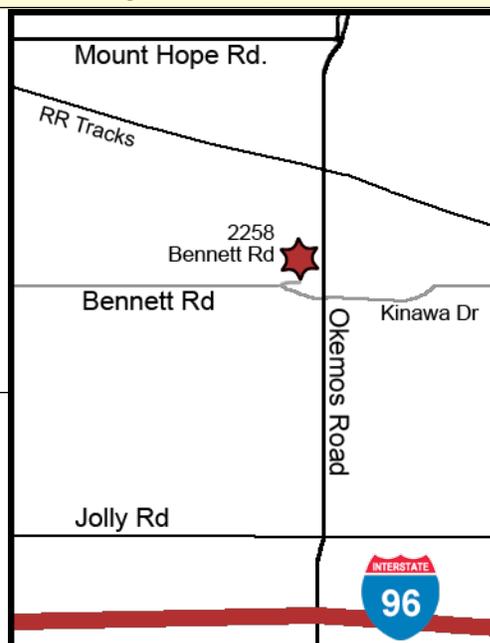
Presbyterian Church, Okemos

Doors open at 6:30 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 7:00 pm*

Our meeting this month will consist of a presentation about arranging orchids for our show, following the basics of flower arranging. The poster below invites GLOS members and anyone interested in flower arranging, to enter arrangements into our February orchid show.



## *A Symphony of Orchids*

Floral Designs with Orchids

February 23 - February 24, 2019

Entries may be placed on February 22  
 between 1:30-7:30 p.m.  
 Judging arrangements begins at 8:30 a.m. February 23  
 Show open noon-5:00 p.m. February 23  
 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. February 24

Plant and Soil Science Conservatory  
 Michigan State University



"A Symphony of Orchids" is a part of the  
 Greater Lansing Orchid Society  
 Show and Sale

### PLEASE NOTE:

The Grand Valley Orchid Society Show is at the end of this month, January 26th and 27th. Dot will collect orchids at her home on January 22nd and 23rd during the hours of 10:00 am - 6:00 pm. You may also bring your orchids to our meeting Saturday and Dot will care for them for that week. Please attach your name to the pot, and be sure the label is either in the pot or pasted to the outside of the pot. We have a 50 foot display, so we can include lots of orchids.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -- Dawn Kittle**

Wasn't that an interesting and engaging presentation from Allen Black in November? It never ceases to amaze me, the many varieties of orchids that exist. Our January 19th meeting will feature flowers in use (flower arranging). This is just in time for our Show in February.

The show is coming along swimmingly. But with Pete Ostlund in charge how can it be any other way? This year should be bigger with more vendors and exhibits. The Mid-America Orchid Congress and their main activities will be held at the Crowne Plaza Lansing West, 925 S. Creyts Rd., Lansing, MI 48917. Here's hoping that we will acquire more members as a result of our show.

Our meeting place will stay the same until a committee finds us another one and/or we decide to just stay at our present abode. If anyone is interested in being on the committee for looking for another meeting place, please let me know or tell me at the January meeting.

**ORCHID FLOWERS NEEDED**

Marilyn Lee's colleagues in the Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. will be in charge of the orchids-in-use competition in our Show for the second consecutive year – they volunteered to take on this role to honor Marilyn's memory. Since flower arrangements in that competition must include orchid blossoms, they need orchid flowers for those arrangers who do not have access to any. Many genera of orchids hold up well as cut flowers: cymbidiums, phalaenopsis, sprays of oncidiums, sprays of dendrobiums, to name just a few. If you will have orchid flowers that you are willing to cut, please contact Jenny Bond (jbond@msu.edu; 517-676-2676) to make arrangements to get the flowers to her. She needs to hear from you by Saturday, February 9th, please.

Note: in the orchids-in-use competition as in the competition for orchids and for orchid displays, the term "class" is equivalent to "category" so that similar flowers, displays, arrangements, etc. compete with one another. E.g. white cattleya blossoms compete with other white cattleya blossoms, but not with lavender cattleya blossoms.

**GETTING THE WORD OUT - submitted by Peter Ostlund, Vice President/Show Chair**

The Society has approximately 100 members. All of us can help publicize our Orchid Show! We have lined up a large roster of orchid vendors, who provide the bulk of the funding of our Show with their fees for sales tables. It is essential that the Show get many visitors who may buy many orchids from our vendors.

In addition to the excellent TV commercials that Pete Porciello obtains for us through the services of King Media, I urge all of you to do whatever you can to publicize our Show. So we do not duplicate each other's efforts, please let Ioana Sonea (ioanamsona@gmail.com) know what you have done or are doing. Ioana has taken on the job of publicizing the Show in the free community calendars in both The Lansing State Journal and also in The Towne Courier – the weekend before the Show and the weekend of the Show.

If all of us invite a few of our friends, neighbors and relatives, imagine how many visitors our Show might garner! Included in the December newsletter is a postcard designed by Dot Potter Barnett for this February's Show (you'll also find it on our website). It is a simple matter to email folks with the postcard attached and invite them to the Show. The actual postcard will be available at our meeting. Please take some and spread them around. Thanks for helping.

***Congratulations Jim Heilig!***

Jim received a total of 11 Habenaria awards this fall...you can see them here:

<https://www.pacentraljc.org/2018.htm>

You will need to scroll down, and click on the thumbnail to see a larger picture of each flower.

→ Thank you to Pete Ostlund, Dawn Kittle, Jerrie Nichols, Ioana Sonea and Dottie Winter for November meeting refreshments. Tammy Scherer, Jim Churn and Ioana Sonea will provide refreshments in January.

**GLOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- **January 19** - GLOS General Meeting - Presentation on flower arranging by Jenny Bond
- **January 26 - 27** - Grand Valley Orchid Society Show at the Frederik Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids
- **February 23 - 24** - **Greater Lansing Orchid Society Show and Sale**
- **February 22 - 24** - **Mid-America Orchid Congress, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Lansing**
- **March 16 - 17** - Ann Arbor Orchid Society Show at Matthaei Gardens in Ann Arbor

→ No orchid judging at Matthaei February 16th. The Great Lakes Judging Center has moved its February judging to the Greater Cleveland Orchid Society Show in Cleveland.



**GLOS BOARD MEETING MINUTES, December 6, 2018** - Submitted by Ioana Sonea, Secretary

Dec 6th GLOS board meeting, held at the Universalist Unitarian Church, 5509 S Pennsylvania Ave, Lansing, MI 48911. Please note that the Oct 4th meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum.

Present: Doris Asher, Dot Barnett, Dawn Kittle, Pete Ostlund, Ioana Sonea, Carol Ann Stuht, Becky Thayer, Jack Shumaker

Meeting called to order by President Dawn Kittle at 7pm.

Membership report (Doris Asher).

- Since the Oct 4th meeting, received two renewals: for Virginia Fila and one for Sharon Debar (for next year, not this membership year).
- We currently have 105 members in 91 households. At this same time last year, we had 92 members in 79 households
- Life Members: 40 (38.1%)
- Households getting Calypso electronically: 73 (79.1%)
- Households needing paper copies: 19 (20.9%), at a cost of \$125.40. This amount is partially offset by donations that some paper members contribute (requested on dues form). Costs are:
  - Copying: \$.60 each x 6 issues = \$3.60/household/year
  - Copying plus postage: + \$.50 stamp = \$1.10 each x 6 issues = \$6.60/household/year
- Dawn Kittle suggested reviewing the recent MAOC report on recruiting new members. Doris Asher stated the document will soon be available for review.

Treasurer's report. Rob Halgren could not attend, but submitted a report (attached, note correction).

- Income for the period between Sept 15 and Dec 1: \$378
- Expenses for the period between Sept 15 and Dec 1: \$1002.24
- Net expenses: \$624.24

GLOS 2019 Show report (Pete Ostlund).

- Vendors and exhibitors have all responded, except for Northwestern Michigan Orchid Society (Traverse City), which will be accommodated if they show up.
- Need 2 tables for the Information table (lots of books to sell); need to figure out where to place them since there are more displays than usual. After much discussion, the best option seems to be in the Conservatory, in a new location against the south wall between the AAOS and Windswept in Time displays. (Note: Dan Bulkowski, Greenhouse manager at MSU, confirmed that this would be ok on Dec 7th).
- Volunteers for show setup and take down: the usual people have volunteered. The following areas could use more help:
  - o Friday afternoon to help vendors and exhibitors bring their plants in
  - o Saturday, most vendors would really appreciate some help from knowledgeable orchidists, particularly during judging. Vendors are often judges and can't be in 2 places at once; they are also human and need a break from time to time.
- Judges have been invited by Doris Asher. Additional judges attending the MAOC will be added to the roster once MAOC registration has been completed.
- Clerks: Doris Asher will send out a call for volunteers towards the end of December; attendees at MAOC may also help clerk.

Discussion of possible sources of cut orchids for the Orchids in Use displays (Dennis Seffernick

- and Mikel Lienhart are possible sources of Cymbidiums)
- Jack Shumaker suggested having a flyer about GLOS handy: attendees at SVOS appreciated that rather than waiting in line to talk to people at the info table.

Upcoming general meetings

- January: Flower arrangements. Jenny Bond and Sue Wittick will present. Format not determined (presentation vs workshop?). Will they need cut flowers? Refreshments for that meeting will be provided by Tammy, Jim and Ioana
- March: coincides with AAOS show. TBD. Suggestions: Jerrie Nichols or Rob Halgren on repotting, or Orchid care 101 (in view of new members that often attend this meeting), or possibly several workstations with different topics?
- April: church not available on April 20, meeting must be 4/7 or 4/27. Mikel Lienhart on Cymbidiums.
- May: T.J. Hartung on Mexican Orchids
- June: Janet Lamborn on Orchid Viruses. She will also sell virus detection kits.
- July: GLOS annual picnic will be on July 27 to avoid conflict with GL judging on 7/20. Same location. Dot will reserve.

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**GLOS BOARD MEETING MINUTES**, continued

- August: possible speakers include Joe Peterson, Sandy Ohlund, Tom Kalina
- September: perhaps Gary Meyer on Dracula Orchids. Will share costs with AAOS: he may come in November rather than September (to be determined)
- October: All-State Annual meeting.

## Away shows

- Grand Valley Orchid Society, at Meijer Gardens. Setup and take down: Dot, Pete O and Carol Stuht. There has been a lot of construction, and access to the show site has changed.
- Ann Arbor Orchid Society

## New meeting site

The Dec 6th board meeting was held at the Universalist Unitarian church to explore its possible use as a meeting place, in view of the increased rent at the Bennett church (from \$50 to \$100 starting with the November 2018 meeting). The site is well set up for presentations, but the step arrangement would make it difficult and potentially unsafe for socializing or for members with mobility issues.

A motion to continue at the Bennett church for the time being and to form a committee that would actively seek other locations was made. Board members voted unanimously to accept the motion. Both churches will be contacted, and the additional payments for meetings at the Bennett church will be made ASAP.

Next board meeting will be held at Ioana's place on February 7th. Supper at 6:30pm, meeting starts at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** - submitted by Rob Halgren

Treasurer's report: Dec 1, 2018  
Period since 9/15/2018

## Income:

Dues: \$28  
8.00 – Fila  
20.00 – Debar  
Raffle income (two meetings)  
109.00  
Silent auction (two meetings)  
91

## Trophies (2019)

Pete Porciello -25  
Dot Barnett – 25  
Pete Ostlund -25  
Julie Bishop – 25  
Andrea Bishop – 25  
Rob Halgren -25

Total Income: \$378

## Expenses:

125.00 October Meeting (Jack Schumaker)  
542.24 Allan Black (November speaker)  
297.00 Dot Barnett – Show postcards  
18.00 Dot Barnett – website renewal  
20.00 SoM – NPC Filing fee

Total Expenses: \$1002.24

Net Expense for period: \$624.24

**REMINDER: WEAR YOUR BADGE –  
GET EXTRA RAFFLE TICKET**

A message from the GLOS Membership Committee  
(Doris Asher, Chair; Dot Potter Barnett, Member)

Your Society's Membership Committee has changed the way we handle the GLOS name tags -- members are responsible for their own name badges.

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.

Wear your badge to January'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!

If you cannot locate your badge, please let Doris or Dot know. Dot will make you a new one.

*When you are at our February Show, please wear your Society name badge so that our visitors know you are someone whom they can ask for help.*



**GLOS MEMBERS SHOW THEIR GENEROSITY - 2019 SHOW TROPHY SPONSORS** - submitted by Doris Asher

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. Our Show will also award five trophies underwritten and provided by the Mid-America Orchid Congress – MAOC will be holding their spring meeting at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on Creyts Road in Lansing the weekend of our Show. Those trophies:

The Mid-America Trophy — Most Outstanding Exhibit Staged by an Affiliated Society of The Mid-America Orchid Congress.

The Henry C. Holmes Award — Best Oncidium Alliance Plant in Show.

The Delbert Lowell Jacks Award — Best Specimen Plant in Show.

The F L Stevenson Award — Best Pleurothallid Alliance Plant in Show.

The Fox Valley Award — Best Cypripedium Alliance Plant in Show. To be awarded to the plant receiving the highest AOS award, or to the best of the Cypripedium classes if AOS no award.

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 Treasurer Rob Halgren in person at our January meeting. A check or cash is equally welcome – the cost is \$25.00. Checks payable to GLOS may also be mailed to Rob Halgren, Treasurer, 2100 Grovenburg, Lansing, MI 48911..

Thank you, donors, very much.

This year's sponsors are:

<b>Trophy</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
Exhibits, Open	Pete Ostlund
Exhibits, Society	Pete Porciello
Exhibits, Amateur	Anonymous GLOS Members
Cattleya Alliance	Andrea Bishop
Cypripedium Alliance	Dot Potter Barnett
Phalaenopsis	Julie Bishop
Vanda and Ascocenda	Diane Zoeller
Brassia and Miltonia	Mary Henman
Oncidium Alliance	Don and Jane Farrelly
Cymbidium Alliance	Dawn Kittle (in memory of Sherwin Kittle & 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)	Harry & Dottie Winter
Photography	Carol Ann Stuht
Marilyn Lee Memorial Orchids in Use (Amateur)	Jim Heilig
Orchids in Use (Professional)	Tammy Scherer & Jim Churn
Don and Kris Garling Memorial Best of Show	Jan Szyren
AOS Show Trophy – Outstanding Exhibit	Greater Lansing Orchid Society

**GLOS FEBRUARY SHOW INFORMATION** - submitted by Bill Cadman, Display Chair

Our GLOS 2019 Show is quickly approaching! I will be coordinating the construction of our club display this year. We typically set up a 75 square foot display, which means we need lots of blooming orchids. If you're willing to loan your healthy and pest free orchids in flower we would love to use them – please send to me the names of the plants you'll be sharing by the evening of Wednesday, February 20, 2019. Plants will need to be brought to the conservatory where our show is held Friday before Noon (Feb. 22, 2019). If you have any questions, send an email to me: billc377@yahoo.com, or call 517-484-3406.

### **ORCHIDS AT THE MERIDIAN MALL FARMERS' MARKET**

For the last six years on the Saturday before our Show, we have been setting up an information table at the Meridian Mall Farmers' Market. We have received great positive feedback from this event. Each year, we spoke to over a hundred people who tell us that they wanted to attend the Show after meeting us or that they attend the Show every year and are glad to learn this year's dates.

I have made arrangements to do this again this year from 10 am to 4 pm Saturday, February 16th, and I need more volunteers to help us for part or all of the Market's hours. You would not be alone at any time, as we have some volunteers already. It is great fun and we get to speak to a lot of the public about orchids – no experience necessary.

Also, if you have an unusual orchid that can make a great conversation starter, we could use it, too. It does not need to be show quality, just something to attract the shopper's eye. Call or email me if you can help.

Mike Underwood  
mike@avi-sci.com  
989-224-9227

### **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 books are donated, the Society makes 100% profit. We use the orchid magazines as free giveaways to our 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 or to Christina Gregg Baker or to Mary Henman, the Co-Chairs of our Show's Information Table.

In addition, Mary and Christina will be "recruiting" at the January 19 meeting for volunteers to work the Information Table during the Show. Please look at your calendar for February 23 and 24 and see when you could devote two or three hours to staff that Table. No experience required! Christina/Mary will tell you everything that you need to know!

Doris Asher (asherdoris44@gmail.com; 517-332-0004)  
Christina Gregg Baker (greggch25@gmail.com; 810-986-5413)  
Mary Henman (knights@yahoo.com; 810-882-9092)



### **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 23rd, 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 a terrific opportunity to learn what judges are looking for in a prize-winning orchid.

In addition to help with the orchid judging, the judges evaluating the flower arrangements are looking for a clerk. If you are interested in helping with the "orchids-in-use"/arrangements clerking, please let me know that. Learn something different!

To date Doris has commitments from the following fifteen people to clerk: Dea Bishop, Michele Bridges, Jim Churn, Janis Erins, Michael Henderson, Anna Jullie, Bobbi Kilty (Art), Dawn Kittle, Pete Ostlund, Tammy Scherer, Jack Shumaker, Ioana Sonea, Chris Steele, Becky Thayer, and Mike Underwood.

Won't you consider joining them?

To volunteer or to ask questions, please contact Chair of Judging Activities Doris Asher at 517-332-0004 or e-mail asherdoris44@gmail.com. --Doris Asher

**MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2018 GLOS GENERAL MEETING** - submitted by Ioana Sonea, Secretary

Attendees: 28 members and one guest, Ed Corey.

Meeting called to order by President Dawn Kittle at 7:06pm.

- Announcement of a possible change of venue, due to an increase in the cost of reserving the hall at the current location (to \$100/meeting from \$50/meeting). The GLOS board will hold its December 6th meeting at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 5509 S Pennsylvania, Lansing at 7pm, to evaluate its suitability for future GLOS meetings. All are welcome to attend and provide an opinion.
- Postcards are available for distribution: please contact Doris Asher if you would like some.
- Saginaw Valley Orchid Society show on November 24-25: Ioana Sonea is collecting plants at her house. Set up will be done by Carol Ann Stuht, Pete Ostlund, Abby Skinner and Ioana Sonea, take down by Chris Steele, Pete Ostlund and Ioana Sonea (Rob Halgren offered to help as well).
- Pete Ostlund reported that GLOS show preparations are well under way. Please contact him if you'd like to volunteer: help is needed from Thursday at 5pm through to Sunday. Volunteers on Friday who help bring in plants for vendors and exhibitors often have the best choice of plants to buy!
- Mike Underwood is looking for volunteers to man a booth at Meridian Mall the Saturday before the show, to provide the public with some information about the upcoming event. This is a relaxed, low stress opportunity to meet the public and increase the visibility of the show and society.
- Mike Underwood is also looking for possible speakers during the Show: please let him know if you have an interest.
- Doris Asher announced that all trophies for the GLOS show have sponsors. Sponsors who have not yet done so should send their contributions (\$25/trophy) to Rob Halgren or to Doris Asher.
- Doris Asher invited all to attend the next Great Lakes Judging event December 15th at Matthei Garden in Ann Arbor. This is the annual holiday supper and auction: good food, good plants!
- Jerrie Nichols confirmed that the Grand Valley Orchid Society show is January 26 & 27 at the Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids. Pete Ostlund, Carol Ann Stuht and Dot Barnett will set up and take down.
- Doris Asher then discussed the plants on the Display table, which included Rob Halgren's splendid Phragmipedium that had been awarded that same day.
- Dawn thanked the providers of tonight's refreshments (Pete Ostlund, Dawn Kittle, Jerrie Nichols, Ioana Sonea and Dottie Winter). Tammy Scherer, Jim Churn and Ioana Sonea will provide refreshments at the January 2019 meeting.

Starting at 7:30, Allen Black gave an excellent talk on *Brassavola nodosa* and its hybrids. His presentation included numerous gorgeous photographs of some of his own hybrids (some of which were available for purchase), and he provided many tips on culture and repotting.

After the talk, as members chatted or purchased plants from Allen Black, the Silent Auction and raffle were held. The meeting was adjourned at about 9pm.

**MID-AMERICA ORCHID CONGRESS IN LANSING**

THE MID-AMERICA  
ORCHID CONGRESS

The Mid-America Orchid Congress is a unique orchid organization in that it is a consortium of orchid societies, rather than a club of people. Formed 59 years ago in 1959 in St Louis, MO, the MAOC is comprised of about 55 societies from 17 states and the province of Ontario, Canada. The Congress meets twice a year, and this year they have decided to come to Lansing to take advantage of the GLOS Show.

Congress activities will take place in the Crowne Plaza Hotel (formerly, the Sheraton) on Creyts Road Friday evening, Saturday afternoon and evening, and Sunday morning, February 22-24, 2019. Registrants who are also American Orchid Society judges may sign up to help us judge our Show – hopefully, some MAOC registrants will shop at our vendors' tables!

If you can find time away from your responsibilities volunteering at our Show, you might enjoy Saturday's orchid lectures, the lively auction, and the evening banquet. Sunday's Affiliated Societies Breakfast is very worthwhile – we shall be discussing how to cope with the difficult member -- !

This meeting of the Congress requires no plane reservation – just a 15-minute drive from the Show site.

I can provide you with the registration form allowing a 25% discount to GLOS members and the complete schedule of Mid-America activities. Email or phone is fine: asherdoris44@gmail.com; 517-332-0004.

**PREPARING PLANTS FOR ORCHID SHOWS** - compiled by Dot Potter Barnett

1. Make sure that the plant is clean, and that you have removed unsightly dead leaves and bracts. Clean dusty leaves with soft cloth or paper towels, dipped in soapy water. Squeeze until just moist. Clean calcium deposits with: lemon juice, milk, or horticultural oil.
2. Be sure the pot is clean and the plant is stable in it.
3. Check plant for any sign of disease or insects. If you find insects, clean them out. Any sign of rot should also be removed and the area treated. If you think the plant is virused, don't submit it.
4. Staking is one of those tasks that should commence (but rarely does) early in the development of the flower spike. If staking is left too late the results can look rather peculiar, as flowers can be twisted out of position. To a large extent staking is now at the individual's discretion. The judges have the right to remove the stake if they so wish. As a general aesthetic comment, be sensible with your staking, and try to keep the stake shorter than the raceme of flowers it supports: this avoids the unsightly phenomenon of the 'tomato stake syndrome', a rich and varied forest of stakes, with the occasional flower.  
By all means, use additional stakes and ties to help support your flowers and racemes while you transport them to the Show but remove the 'transport stakes' once you have the plant safely benched.
5. Plant labels should be clean and easy to read. If the plant is a hybrid and you know the parents, have the names on the tags. Be sure the tag is small enough to be hidden in the plant at set-up time.
6. Water your plants well the day before you bring them in because it will not be possible to thoroughly water them for the duration of the Show.
7. Label your box (es) with your name, and include a list of the plants you are sending to the show.

Note: I like to place the plant's name & my initials on a piece of tape placed on the pot. I've seen situations where people who put up a display can't remember which plant is whose, especially if there are duplicates. And it is easier to return them to the correct owner at the end of the show. Julie Bishop has a good way of identifying her plants: She uses her own address labels on her pots.

**PLEASE SHARE THIS INVITATION WITH GLOS MEMBERS:**

No new information, but we really are looking forward to our visit to Lansing and I hope GLOS members will be able to come to at least some of the Mid-America activities!

The Mid-America Orchid Congress cordially invites all members of the Greater Lansing Orchid Society to come to our Spring 2019 meeting in conjunction with the Greater Lansing Orchid Society show and sale, February 22-24. Mid-America hasn't met in western Michigan in several years, and we're looking forward to it! To show our appreciation to GLOS and other orchid societies in the region, we're offering a special discounted registration (25% off!) to members of all orchid societies exhibiting in the GLOS show.

A registration form is attached, and online registration will be available soon on the Mid-America website, [www.midamericanorchids.com](http://www.midamericanorchids.com). Our schedule of events is also attached.

We encourage all Mid-America affiliated societies to send their representatives to the Lansing meeting, especially to the Affiliated Societies Breakfast and Mid-America Business Meeting on Sunday morning. Each affiliated society is entitled to send up to four voting delegates to the business meeting, but non-voting attendees are also welcome! This is a great way to learn more about Mid-America and the work it does on behalf of its affiliated societies.

Mid-America will offer two orchid talks on Saturday afternoon, starting at 2:00 PM. Our first speaker will be Dennis Whigham, a Senior Botanist at the Smithsonian Institution's Environmental Research Center and founding director of the North American Orchid Conservation Center (NAOCC). Dennis will update us on NAOCC's various projects and research as the group seeks to conserve the 200+ orchid species native to the US and Canada.

Our second Saturday afternoon speaker is Leon Glicenstein. Many of us have read Leon's articles in Orchids magazine or have heard his programs before, and know what a wealth of information he has to share! Leon will give a program on *Habenarias*, an increasingly popular orchid genus.

After the GLOS orchid show closes at 5:00 PM Saturday, Mid-America offers an evening of orchid fun beginning with the Mid-America auction. This entertaining event is Mid-America's primary fundraiser. Everyone is welcome, and we encourage you to bid generously! Following the auction we'll enjoy a Mexican buffet dinner (advance payment required) and Leon Glicenstein's orchid program on his travels in the cloud forests of Costa Rica.

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**SAGINAW VALLEY ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW REPORT** - submitted by Ioana Sonea

Nine members contributed 27 orchids for the display, representing a wide variety of beautiful blooming plants. Pete Ostlund brought his and Dot's plants directly to Saginaw, as did Chris Steele; the other plants were collected at Ioana Sonea's home.

Mary Dee Sist very generously loaned GLOS her new Transit van, which made transporting all the supplies and many of the plants very easy. The well-wrapped plants traveled easily in the spacious van, safely braced so they would not move about.

Pete Ostlund, Carol Ann Stucht, Abby Skinner and Ioana Sonea set up the 50 sq ft display (we were a good team!!), and I guess the AOS judges liked it as much as we did: it received an AOS Show Trophy award with 83 points. Some of us were able to browse the vendors' offerings while waiting for the registration office to give us the registration tags.



Photo courtesy of Gyorgy

Dot Barnett's beautiful pink *Maxillaria scalariformis* received 2 trophies, Best in Show and Miscellaneous Alliance classes 89-100. Her spectacular *Paph Shin-Yi Hawk* received an AM/AOS award with 83 points as well as the Mem Edith Giesler Best *Paphiopedium* trophy. Carol Ann Stucht's lovely and fragrant *Cat. Featherrae 'Paradise'* was awarded an AOS HCC with 78 points.

Plant awards as follows:

**GLOS Display**

**AOS Show Trophy**

**Dot Barnett**

- *Maxillaria scalariformis* 1st class 94 + 2 trophies + Best in show + 2nd Class 101
- *Paph Shin-Yi Hawk* 1st Class 34a + trophy + 1st Class 101
- *Paph lowii* var. *album* 1st class 28, pulled for AOS Judging
- *Den Regal Vista* 2nd class 87
- *Bc Jenosa* 2nd class 19
- *Onc Sweet Sixteen 'Prepossessed'* 2nd class 74

**Carol Ann Stucht**

- *Cat Featherrae 'Paradise'* 1st class 24
- *Bcd Gilded Tower 'Magic Maze'* 3rd class 70
- *Watercolor 'Paph Orpheus 'Pink Show'* 1st and Special Award class 103

**Pete Ostlund**

- *Encyclia vitellina* 1st class 10
- *Cat cernua* 2nd class 14
- *Bct Punakea 'Lee'* 2nd class 17
- *Rth (C Florence Lin x Rth Star Fire)* 3rd class 23
- *Ctn Hunabu Sunset* 3rd class 23
- *Phrag Cardinale 'Birchwood'* 3rd class 42
- *Paph (Snowbird x fairieanum)* 3rd class 36

**Julie Bishop**

- *Bc Marg Putnam* 2nd class 20, pulled for AOS judging

**Ioana Sonea**

- *Cym munroanum* 1st class 81

**Ewen Todd**

- *Paph Fairly Sauced* 2nd class 36

**Mary Dee Sist**

- *Phal no ID* 2nd class 52
- *Vanda no ID* 3rd class 63a

**Chris Steele**

- *Rth (Ctt Spring Fires x Rth Al Thanhauser)* 2nd class 21

**Tammy Scherer**

- *Ons Wildcat 'Bobcat'* 2nd class 76
- *Aliceara Ysabella* 3rd class 76



Photo courtesy of Lynn O'Shaughnessy



Photo courtesy of Carol Ann Stucht

**FEBRUARY 23-24, 2019 GLOS ORCHID SHOW UPDATE** - submitted by Pete Ostlund, Show Chair

The dates for our 36th orchid show are February 23 -24, 2019. Although planning for the show is in good shape, we could use your help during the show. In this newsletter you'll read how you can help with the information table, hospitality, the Meridian Mall Farmers Market outreach effort, or by providing your blooming orchids for the GLOS display. But there are other ways you can help make our show a success. The individuals on the Show Planning Committee (see below) may seek your help, or if you have a particular interest in their activity, feel free to contact them.

For general show support, the following activities need your help:

- Thursday night set up (starts at 5:30 PM, ends in an hour or 2 for most activities). We have tables delivered and set up according to the layout we supply. But we could use help putting the final touches on the table arrangement, attaching skirting to the tables and covering them with tablecloths, getting ready for art, orchids-in-use and other displays, and hanging backdrops.
- Friday 9 AM to 8 PM –we set up our GLOS display, help vendors and societies move their orchids and material into the building, and prepare for judging by registering all the orchids and exhibits in the Show. Friday night dinner is provided to all the workers at 6 PM, with much of the food provided by volunteers.
- Sunday at 4:00 PM the show closes – we disassemble everything in a matter of a couple hours, help vendors and societies move their material into their vehicles and get on their way home, and do some cleanup of the display area and the vendor's area. We're usually done by 6:00 PM.

Please contact me (p.ostlund@yahoo.com / 517-449-5248) if you're able to help on Thursday night with set up, Friday afternoon moving vendors and societies into the building, or with Sunday tear down.

The Show Planning Committee consists of the following members:

- AOS Judging - Lynn O'Shaughnessy
- Art Exhibits, Orchid-Related - Carol Ann Stuht
- Classes for Public - Mike Underwood
- Flyer/Handouts - Dot Potter Barnett
- GLOS Exhibit - Bill Cadman
- Hospitality – Teresa Fowle
- Information Table/Membership - Christina Gregg/ Mary Henman
- Judging Activities/Registration - Doris Asher
- Kids' Corner - Diane Zoellner/Michael Bukala
- MSU Liaison - Ioana Sonea
- Orchids-in-Use Competition - Jenny Bond and Sue Wittick
- Parking Permits/Signage - Ioana Sonea
- Publicity (not TV) - Ioana Sonea
- Television Publicity - Pete Porciello
- Vendor and Exhibitor Liaison - Pete Ostlund

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Mid-America activities will conclude Sunday morning with the Affiliated Societies Breakfast (advance payment required) and Mid-America business meeting. The discussion topic for the breakfast will be "How Do You Handle Difficult or Inappropriate People in Your Society?" These breakfast discussions always offer helpful ideas for every orchid society!

Mid-America meetings and speakers will be at the Crowne Plaza Lansing West, 925 S. Creyts Rd., Lansing, MI 48917. The orchid show is a 15 minute drive away at the Michigan State University Plant and Soil Sciences Building, 1066 Bogue Street, East Lansing, MI 48824. Mid-America has reserved a block of rooms at the Crowne Plaza at a group rate of \$129 plus tax (Available until February 1st. Call the hotel at 877-322-5544 or reserve online. Use Group Code MAO to make your reservation).

Thanks,  
Beth Martin



**Littlefrog Farm**  
**Rob Halgren, PhD.**

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#### From Chris Steele:

The website store is now open: <https://phalaropa.com/> I offer three different polyester mount designs with a variety of faux fur selections. GLOS members have been so helpful and supportive of me, I would like to offer a discount to all members. At phalaropa.com you will be given a 20% discount at checkout when you enter the coupon code "GLOS".

Members might also be interested in looking at my other website, <https://wallplants.com/> where I give more information about growing on polyester and show pictures of orchids growing in poly planters I have made.

The Grand Valley Orchid Society's 21th Annual Orchid Show held at Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park

# orchid show January 26–27, 2019



**FREE EVENT**

*Photo by Mei Ling Clemens*

**Orchid Displays**  
 Saturday 12–5 pm, Sunday 11 am–4:30 pm

**Orchid Sales**  
 Saturday 10 am–5 pm, Sunday 11 am–4:30 pm

 Grand Valley Orchid Society  
 For more information, visit us on  
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 **FREDERIK MEIJER**  
 Gardens & Sculpture Park

[MeijerGardens.org](http://MeijerGardens.org)     
 1-96 and East Beltline, Grand Rapids, MI

#### → ATTENTION GLOS MEMBERS:

Now is the time to plan and create an art/photography entry for our February show. Don't be shy. This is your show! Contact me, Carol Ann Stuht, for specific information:

517-651-6494

[castuht@gmail.com](mailto:castuht@gmail.com)



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**GREATER LANSING ORCHID SOCIETY - FOOD HELP NEEDED FOR THE SHOW!**

Please sign up to bring food for the workers at our Show at MSU. Write what type of food you plan to bring. Please bring your food to the MSU Horticulture Display Greenhouses on Friday evening, February 22nd before 5:30 pm. If you will be staying any length of time, you will need to pay to park until 6:00 – parking is free after that time.

We feed 80-100 workers between 6 – 7 pm. If you can't donate food, please consider a gift of money for the purchase of food and drink.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone no. \_\_\_\_\_

Salad \_\_\_\_\_ Soda \_\_\_\_\_

Desserts \_\_\_\_\_ Water \_\_\_\_\_

Fruit/Veggies \_\_\_\_\_ Snacks \_\_\_\_\_

Donation for food and drink for Friday night or Saturday (breakfast, lunch) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please give this form to Teresa Fowle or Doris Asher at the January meeting or mail to Doris at 277 N Hagadorn Road, East Lansing MI 48823. You may also email either Teresa (tdlewis9@yahoo.com) or Doris (asherdoris44@gmail.com).

Hospitality Chair Teresa Fowle needs helpers for food service for Friday afternoon/evening setup, Saturday morning/noon/afternoon, and Sunday all day/cleanup. Contact Teresa or Doris if you can volunteer a couple hours providing food services. Teresa's phone number is: 517-879-1930. Doris's phone: 517-332-0004.

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