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### CALYPSO DEADLINE:

April 29 for the May 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.*

## MARCH 17 MEETING:

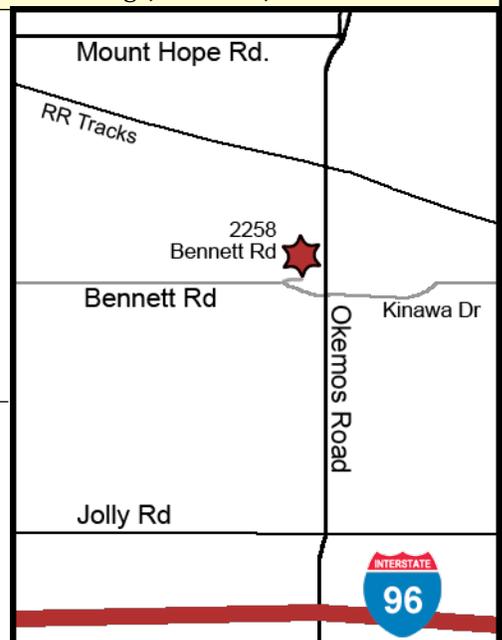
Presbyterian Church, Okemos

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*

Rob Halgren, orchid judge, orchid vendor and GLOS member will talk to us about where to place and how to grow those newly purchased orchids. Whether you grow on windowsills, under lights, or in a greenhouse, Rob will have insights on how to care for your orchids.



GLOS  
DISPLAY

AOS SHOW  
TROPHY  
+  
AOS  
SILVER  
CERTIFICATE

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

Wow! What a lot to write about. First, the January meeting was very informative: The presentation by Chris Steele was thought-provoking, and Jerrie, Carol and Dot gave an excellent presentation on how to get orchids ready for a show. This was very helpful for preparing orchids for our show and for the others coming soon.

What a great show we had! We had so much art and orchids in use that we took up the whole corridor leading to the exhibits and two tables inside.

Speaking of exhibits, all of them were outstanding. It was very interesting to watch how our exhibit was assembled. First they put all of the orchids on a table, sorted by color. Then they started arranging them in the display for color-flow. From there, much tweaking was done. Next came carefully covering each pot with black cloth. Mossing was the next step, followed by taping the labels of plant names to wires and placing them in the correct plant. Of course don't forget the registration slips, which have to be made out ahead of time, turned in to the registrar, and then also placed on the correct plant. I am sure I forgot a step or two but "hats off" to Bill Cadman, Dot Potter Barnett and Pete Ostlund for orchestrating this outstanding exhibit.

Moving on to the other exhibits: all were filled with a great many varieties and colors of orchids, too many wow factors to list. From the best in show (a lavender/mauve cattleya) to a magnificent red Renanthera with four stems that draped down almost to the floor, to the display with huge cymbidiums, plus many more. I hope you all enjoyed the show as much as I.

If you didn't attend you missed a great one but there is always next year. And don't forget to go see the upcoming AAOS show at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens and the MOS show in Madison Heights.

**GLOS MEMBERS TAKE ON LEADERSHIP ROLES IN THE AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY****Report of the AOS Nominating Committee for 2018**

The AOS Nominating Committee respectfully submits the following nominations for officers and trustees, to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting of Members of the American Orchid Society, Inc., on March 9, 2018.

**Officers**

President: Susan Wedegaertner  
Vice President: Robert Fuchs  
Vice President: Jean Hollebhone

Secretary: Cheryl Erins  
Treasurer: Graham Wood  
Assistant Treasurer: Doris Asher

**Trustees for Three-Year Terms Ending in 2021**

Judy Bailey  
Brandon Tam

James Heilig, PhD  
Linda Wilhelm

Respectfully submitted: Aileen Garrison, chair, Theresa Kennedy, Phyllis Prestia, Will Riley, Byron Rinke, Frank Smith and Robert Waddles

Brief biographies for the above slate may be found at [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org).

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When the American Orchid Society holds its semiannual Members Meeting in Santa Barbara, CA, March 7-11, 2018, two GLOS members are on the slate of prospective officers for 2018-2019. Jim Heilig is on the slate to become one of four trustees running for three-year terms ending in 2021. In addition, the AOS Nominating Committee has nominated Doris Asher for the office of Assistant Treasurer for a two-year term.

*Congratulations,  
Doris and Jim!*

→ Thank you to Tammy, Dottie and Rob for providing the great refreshments in January. Ioana Sonea, Sharon Alden and Diane Zoellner will provide snacks in March.

**GLOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- **March 17** - GLOS General Meeting - Rob Halgren will shed some light on how to care for those new orchid purchases from our February Show.
- **March 17-18** - AAOS Show -- see  p.3
- **March 24-25** - MOS Show -- see  p.3
- **April 14** - GLOS Special Meeting - Our speaker, Russ Vernon, will talk about Phalaenopsis.
- **May 19** - GLOS General Meeting - Jim Heilig will be our speaker. His talk will be on Habenarias.
- **June** - GLOS Special Meeting - Open Houses: details to be determined.
- **July 28** - GLOS Picnic - Mark your calendar.



**GLOS January 20, 2018 GENERAL MEETING** - Submitted by Diane Zoellner, Secretary

President Dawn Kittle called the meeting to order at 7:00. She thanked those who brought refreshments for this meeting. Ioana Sonea, Sharon Alden, and Diane Zoellner will bring in food for the March meeting. The Awards Committee (Dawn, Mike Henderson, and Georgian Franczyk) will be taking recommendations for this year's awardees. The Nominating Committee ( Mike Underwood, Bill Porter, and Teresa Fowle) will have the roster of new officers for 2018-2019 at the March meeting.

Mike Underwood presented the wonderful plants on the Show and Tell Table.

**GLOS Orchid Show-**

- Doris asked if anyone was interested in clerking Saturday to please contact her.
- Carol Ann Stucht reported that sign up for the ART category was slow. She encouraged GLOS members to send items in.
- Mike Underwood said all of the classes for the public were arranged for the show. Doris will make a copy of the classes for the information table.
- Publicity postcards for the show were available for anyone who needed them.
- Bill Cadman asked that plant names be sent to him by Wednesday. He requested that your name be on the bottom of the plant.
- Jerrrie has a form for food or money you will be donating to the Friday evening dinner. There is still need for help in the hospitality room.
- Christina Gregg Baker could use help covering times at the information table.
- If you park in the Children's Garden Parking lot, you must pay before 6:00 on Friday. After 6 and the week-end are free.
- Volunteers are needed on Friday all day and Sunday after 4 to help vendors move their orchids.
- Pete Ostlund informed us that there is a new vendor, Oakwood Orchids. He said volunteers were needed to watch the vendors' orchids when they were giving talks or were judging.
- There is a board meeting February 5th if you have any questions or concerns.



Chris Showing Mounts Photo by Dot

The evening's program was begun by Chris Steele who presented how to mount orchids on polyester fabric. He demonstrated with examples and slides how the procedure is done. He also had mounts available to purchase.

After a short break, Dot, Carol Ann, and Jerrrie shared their expertise on how to prepare plants for an orchid show. It was interesting hearing how each one prepared a plant. An informative handout was also provided.



Mike at Show &amp; Tell Table Photo by Dot

The evening ended with members paying for their silent auction purchases and perhaps winning some raffle plants. Several people stayed to put the room back into order.

- 🎵 **AAOS Show:** Jerrrie and Dot will set up and take down. Dot will collect plants at her home on Wednesday, March 14 from 10 am to 7 pm. If you need to make other arrangements, contact Dot or Jerrrie.
- 🎵 **MOS Show:** Ioana will collect plants at her home and set up the display. Collection time is Thursday, March 22 between 5:30 pm and 8 pm. Please send Ioana a list of your plants by Wednesday evening, March 21st. Dot and Rob will tear down and will take plants back to Ioana's. Please contact Ioana with any questions.

**IN MEMORIAM – TWO FORMER GLOS MEMBERS**

The Society is sad to announce the deaths of two former GLOS members: John Quiring and Bob Guilford. John and his wife Janet, longtime residents of Okemos, were members of the Society in 1990. John passed away on Sunday, February 4, 2018. Bob was a member from 2013 to 2015, clerked at our Shows, and served on the Board as a Director in 2014-2015. A resident of Holt when he belonged to GLOS, Bob died on Monday, January 8, 2018.

We express our sincere sympathy to their families. May they rest in peace.

**REPORT: GLOS AT THE GRAND VALLEY OS SHOW** - submitted by Carol Ann Stuht

Believe it, the Grand Valley Orchid Society show, January 27-28, was not held during a blizzard this year. The weather was sunny and warm (for Michigan). Meijer Gardens is a beautiful venue and the GVOS members are great hosts.

Plants were collected and prepared for transport at Dot Barnett's home. Our display was a group effort by Dot Barnett, Pete Ostlund, and Carol Ann Stuht. We had a 50 square foot space to fill and 41 beautiful plants to use. Julia Bishop, Pete Ostlund, Dot Potter Barnett, Dawn Kittle, Tammy Scherer, Bill Cadman, Ioana Sonea, Bill Porter, Jim Churn, and Carol Ann Stuht contributed the plants.

The display was beautiful and received the blue ribbon in class 6, the Trophy for Best Society Exhibit, and the AOS Show Trophy with a score of 84. Hooray!

The awards do not stop there! Pete Ostlund received his first Best of Show Trophy for his bright and beautiful (Rlc. Hsinying Gold x Rth. Izumi Charm). This plant also received an AM of 84 award and Cattleya Alliance Trophy. Pete was not finished. His C. Mini Fantasy was also awarded an AM of 84.



Dot Barnett also added to the glitter of our display by collecting two trophies. Ren. matutina received the Trophy for Best Vanda Alliance, and Lycaste Jason 'Leakey' received the Trophy for Best Miscellaneous Genera.

Congratulations Pete and Dot. Well done.

Pete, Michael Bukala, Dot and Carol Ann took the display down and returned the plants. Thank you!

The plant awards are as follows:

Julia Bishop	Paph. Druid Spring	3rd Class 31
	Rhynchosia Pacific Paranoia	3rd Class 72
	Phal. Grazia	3rd Class 56
	Phal. No ID	3rd Class 47
	Phal. NoID	2nd Class 50
Dawn Kittle	Phal. No ID	1st Class 54
Tammy Scherer	Phal. heiroglyphica	2nd Class 43
	Miltonidium Goliath's Spire 'Mauna Loa'	2nd Class 72
	Brassia Spider World	3rd Class 70
	Phal. Grazia	2nd Class 56
Bill Cadman	Paph. Little Trouble	2nd Class 32
	Paph. In CharmTopaz	1st Class 36
Pete Ostlund	Rlc. George King x Rth. Love Sound	1st Class 21
	Rlc. Hsinying Gold x Rth. Izumi Charm	1st Class 22
	Trophy Best Cattleya Alliance -- Trophy Best of Show, AM 84	
	C. Mini Fantasy -- AM 84	2nd Class 21
	C. Seagulls Beaulu Queen	3rd Class 21
	Den. Angel Kisses	1st Class 85
	Paph. Presidential Pops	1st Class 39
	Phrag. Andean Fire	3rd Class 41
	Phrag. Kelly Nash	2nd Class 41
	Vanda Fuchs Ruby	1st Class 61a
Jim Churn	Den. kingianum	3rd Class 83
Carol Stuht	Paph. Sierra Skyline	3rd Class 35
Dot Potter Barnett	Renanthera matutina -- Trophy Best Vanda Alliance	1st Class 66
	Den. Aussie Parade x fleckerii	Special Class 87
	Den. Ruth Reingold	Special Class 87
	Lycaste Jason 'Leakey' AM/RHS Trophy Best Misc. Genera	1st Class 93
	Ianclarkara Cheyenne Maria 'Lemoncello'	2nd Class 95
	Zygotia Midnight Blue	1st Class 95
	Vanda Blaupunkt	2nd Class 63
Carol Ann Stuht	Cym. Red Beauty 'Evening Star'	1st Class 79
Ioana Sonea	C. walkeriana, semi-alba	1st Class 15

**REPORT: GLOS DISPLAY AT THE 2018 GLOS SHOW** - submitted by Bill Cadman

The diversity of orchids was well represented in the GLOS display at our 2018 show. Eleven club members loaned 63 of their gorgeous orchids to the arrangement. Forty-two of the orchids were recognized at least once, from 1st in specific class all the way through an AOS quality award - and every person that contributed plants had at least one orchid represented in the accolades!

Using the orchids, foliage plants, and various accessories provided, Dot Potter Barnett, Pete Ostlund, and Bill Cadman constructed a 75 sq. ft. island display, which was recognized for quality by receiving the AOS Show Trophy as well as an 85 point AOS Silver Certificate.

All in all, it was great fun and a very rewarding time. Not only was it good to work with orchid friends putting the display together, I enjoyed answering questions and hopefully inspiring others to set up their own displays. With much sincerity, thank you to everyone involved!

Dot Barnett	Lys.	Red Jewel 'Sweet Baby'	1st / Best in Class Trophy / Considered for AOS
	Phrag.	Cardinale 'Wacousta'	2nd
	Pths.	scurrula	2nd / 2nd
	Clo. Rebecca Northern	Morm. lawrenciana	3rd
	Paph.	hainensis	3rd
	Sppm.	breve	3rd / 1st
	Phrag.	Acker's Autumn	HCC/AOS
	Den.	Australian Artist	Special Recognition
Julie Bishop	Paph.	Fairly Sauced	1st
	Den.	Pixie Princess x Livingstone	1st
	L.	NOID	1st
	Ons.	Hilo Firecracker 'New Year'	2nd
	Cym.	NOID	3rd
	Cym.	Double Eagle	3rd
	Paph.	Norito Hasegawa	3rd
	Lip.	grossa	3rd
	Den.	x delicatum	3rd
Dawn Kittle	Phal.	NOID	3rd
Jerrie Nichols	Phal.	Younghome Princess 'YO185'	1st
Peter Ostlund	Rlc.	ChyongGuu Linnet 'Smile' AM/AOS	1st
	Phrag.	Robert Palm	1st
	Den.	Yasuko Sugiyama 'Parade' AM/AOS'	3rd
Jolanta Piecuch	Phal.	Sogo Vivien	1st
	Paph.	appletonianum	2nd
	Paph.	delenatii	3rd
Bill Porter	Catt.	Rojo 'Barbara' HCC/AOS	2nd
Tammy Scherer	Den.	Rainbow Dance	2nd
	Bcd.	Gilded Tower 'Yellow Star'	2nd
MaryDee Sist	Phal.	Sogo Vivien	2nd
Ioana Sonea	Phal.	Bronze Buddha	1st
	Phal.	Surf Song	2nd
	Phrag.	Jason Fisher	2nd
	C.	NOID	3rd
	Phal.	NOID	3rd
	Phal.	Leopard Prince	3rd
	Phal.	NOID	3rd
	Phal.	Pylo's Little Katie	3rd
Carol Stuh	Paph.	St. Swithin 'Knob'	1st
	Phal.	Safe Haven	2nd
	Cym.	Floricultura ' Mighty Sunset'	2nd
	Paph.	Kaylight x Skip Bartlett	3rd
	Paph.	Delightfully Wood	3rd

Photos by Dot



**GLOS BOARD MEETING MINUTES, FEB. 5** - Submitted by Diane Zollner

The last board meeting before the GLOS Orchid Show was held at Doris Asher's house. Those present were Dawn Kittle, Jerrie Nichols, Rob Halgren, Doris Asher, Dot Potter Barnett, Bill Cadman, Diane Zoellner, Ioana Sonea, Pete Porciello, and Jenny Bond. After dinner of sandwiches, fresh fruit salad, and a variety of delicious pies, the meeting began at 7:00.

*Treasurer's Report*

Rob reported for the current period from 01/01/2018 to 02/05/2018, the income was \$2,022.18 the expenses \$875.00, and the net \$1,147.18.

Rob is having difficulty filing the tax return by computer to maintain tax exempt status.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS***Membership Committee*

Doris reported we currently have 93 members in 79 households. At this time last year, we had 100 members in 87 households. We have 37 Life Members. Doris purchased 180 stamps before the cost of the stamps increased to \$0.50 each. Nineteen households receive paper copies of the CALYPSO which costs \$125.40 annually. This amount is partially offset by some of these members who contribute when sending in their dues.

*Show Planning Committee*

Judging: Doris reported that 21 judges were coming from our Great Lakes Judging Center, the Chicago Judging Center, and the Cincinnati Judging Center. There are 26 clerk volunteers: 24 for orchids; 1 for ART; and one to assist Lynn at the ribbon table.

Trophies: All of the trophies have been sponsored and paid.

Show postcards: Postcards have been distributed; Doris offered more cards to those present.

Memorial poster honoring Alex and Marilyn: Dot created the poster and Lynn O'Shaughnessy will print it and take it to the show.

Hospitality: The caterer for the Judges' Luncheon was booked 1/5/2018. The price was the same as last year.

Hospitality Volunteers: Cindy Ryan and Marilyn Porter will help on Friday. Jerrie Nichols will help midday Saturday. Teresa Lewis Fowle will work all day Sunday. Other volunteers will be needed. Ioana will bring a cooler for ice.

Information Table: Christina Gregg Baker will be there, and Mary Henman may be there, also. The information table will be located in the vendor area this year.

Kids' Corner: Michael Bukala will have an activity on Saturday, and Diane Zoellner will do an activity on Sunday. The Scavenger Hunt through the Exhibits will be at the Information Table with a prize for those children who complete the hunt.

MSU Liaison: Ioana met with Dan Bulkowski. The tables and coat racks are rented from MSU. If parking in the Children's Garden Parking Lot, you must pay with a credit card or quarters until 6:00 on Friday.

Orchids-in-Use: Jenny Bond and Sue Wittick are asking for orchid blossoms to use in arrangements.

Publicity: Someone may be needed for Meridian Mall Farmer's Market on February 17th. Mike cannot be there. Jerrie and Pete Porciello will be giving a class about repotting orchids at Van Atta's also on the 17th. Pete Porciello has arranged for television advertisements to start during the week of the orchid show.

Vendors/Exhibitors: Pete Ostlund reported that there will be 19 exhibits: 10 vendors; 8 societies; and 1 individual.

GLOS Display: Bill is ready to organize the exhibit. He will send out reminders to members to bring in plants for the display.

Volunteers: Ann McConnelee will help set up and take down. Ioana purchased new table clips. Michael Henderson will pick up and deliver the back drops. We will bring our own step stools to put up the back drops and take them down.

**OLD BUSINESS***Programs*

January 20, 2018: There was a good turn out for the meeting. Chris had an interesting presentation and sold some of his mounts. The discussion and handout for Preparing Plants for Orchid Shows was also well received.

March 17, 2018: The program is "Where Do I Grow My New Orchid?" by Rob Halgren. This is the same date as the Ann Arbor Orchid Society Show. Doris cannot be at the GLOS meeting since she is the Judging Chair for the show, so Dawn and Jerrie will set the room up. Doris will also ask Pete Ostlund to help. The Nominating Committee (Mike Underwood, chair, Bill Porter, and Teresa Fowle) will present the slate of officers for 2018-2019. Continued on p. 7

**FROM YOUR SHOW CHAIR**

I want to thank all of you who contributed to our recent Orchid Show! What a big job! And what a nice event we put on for the public! Whether you clerked or brought in food or judged or chaired a portion of the Show or helped with Thursday night setup or Sunday night takedown or helped exhibitors unload or gave money toward the expenses or taught a class or helped staff our Information Table or provided orchids for our exhibit – however you helped, every piece was important, and I thank you for what you did on behalf of the Show! The Society's Bylaws limits the number of years that a Vice President/Show Chair can serve to three – therefore, the Show just completed is my third and final one as its Chair. I know that you will all support the new Show Chair as well as you have supported me. I am in debt to you!

A project as massive as this does not happen without a lot of helping hands. Thank you for lending the Society your helping hands!

Doris Asher

*Thank you!*

**GLOS BOARD MEETING MINUTES** - Continued from p.6

April 14, 2018: NOTE THE DATE - This is not the normal date because the church meeting room is not available on April 21. Russ Vernon will present on phalaenopsis orchids. Doris will be one of the refreshment volunteers.

May 19, 2018: The program will be on habenarias by Jim Heilig. We will share the expenses with Ann Arbor Orchid Society. The election of officers will be this meeting. The Award Committee (Dawn Kittle, chair, Michael Henderson, and Georgian Franczyk) will announce the award recipients.

June 16, 2018: Open Houses on Saturday from 1-5 at Pete Ostlund's and Dot's greenhouses. Dot will show her photography set up.

July 28, 2018: Picnic in Pavilion 2 at Granger Meadows Park in DeWitt Charter Township.

August 18, 2018: Program yet to be determined. One possibility is Allen Black, Richmond, VA.

September 15, 2018: yet to be determined.

October 13, 2018: All-State Meeting, hosted by GLOS, an afternoon meeting.

November 17, 2018: program yet to be determined.

**Away Shows**

January 27-28, 2018 Grand Valley: Our exhibit won first place, trophy for best society exhibit, and the AOS Show Trophy! Pete Ostlund's yellow-with-red-lip cattleya won Best-of-Show plant; two of Pete's orchids received AOS awards; Carol Ann Stuht will submit a report.

March 17-18 Ann Arbor: Jerrie will set up. Dot will collect the plants.

March 24-25 Michigan: (The last away show until Fall.) Ioana will collect the plants and set up the display. Dot and Rob will tear down on Sunday.

Draft for Standard Operating Procedure for Treasurer

The draft was sent to all of the board members. It was discussed. Doris moved to accept the Standard Operating Procedure for the Treasurer. Dot seconded it. It was approved unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Please have any article to Dot for the March CALYPSO by Tuesday, February 27th.

**Announcements**

April 27-28: Mid-America Orchid Congress, Strongsville, OH. Fifty-five orchid societies meet to discuss issues in common.

June 23-24 (Date change): Art workshop taught by Carol Woodin, Ann Arbor. Deadline to enroll is May 19, 2018; cost \$150.00.

March 26, 2018: Because Easter is that week-end, the April board meeting has been changed to March 26th at Dawn Kittle's house, 2014 Gannon, Howell, MI 48855. Phone: 517-546-8016. All members are welcomed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22.

The Great Lakes Judging Center  
**Annual Educational Seminar**  
**June 16-17, 2018**

Saturday: Judging 1:00, Speakers 3:30  
 Sunday: 9:00 AM Speakers

**The Miscellaneous General!**  
 That's everything else....

**Speakers:**

Leon Glicenstein:  
 "Orchids of the Cloud Forests of Costa Rica"  
 Other talks on coelogynes, coryanthes,  
 bulbophyllums, catasetums,  
 paphinias, masdevallias and draculas...

\*Free\* Admission, please RSVP: [asherdoris44@gmail.com](mailto:asherdoris44@gmail.com)  
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Silent and Live Auctions  
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Pete Ostlund's "Best of Show"  
 from the Grand Valley OS  
 Show in January.

*Congratulations, Pete!*

**GLOS ROSTER**



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**THANK YOU, CLERKS**

The Society issues a hearty “thank you” to members and other friends who volunteered to clerk at the 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. They began on Saturday morning, February 24th, at 7:30 a.m. with a light breakfast and worked until ribbon judging was concluded, about 11:00 a.m.

Judging Chair Lynn O’Shaughnessy assigned the 19 judges into seven teams. She tapped Dea Bishop, Bill Cadman, Ioana Sonea, and Mike Underwood to serve as “lay judges” to enable us to have the seven teams. We were very pleased to have judges from the Mid-America (St Louis), the Chicago, and the Cincinnati Judging Centers working with us this year. All judges and clerks were invited to be the Society’s guests at the Judges’ Luncheon held at the Show.

The following individuals clerked at our 35th consecutive orchid show:

Leslie Behm  
Dea Bishop (lay judge)  
Michele Bridges  
Michael Bukala  
Bill Cadman (lay judge)  
Jim Churn  
Janis Erins  
Teresa Fowle  
Yvonne France  
Anna Jullie  
Bobbi Kilty (Photography)  
Dawn Kittle  
Deb Longworth  
Ann McConnelee  
Pete Ostlund  
Jolanta Piecuch  
Tammy Scherer  
Ioana Sonea (lay judge)  
Chris Steele  
Carol Ann Stuht (Art)  
Becky Thayer  
Mike Underwood (lay judge)  
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Thank you.

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**2018 GLOS ART SECTION REPORT** –submitted by Carol Ann Stuht, Art Section Chairperson

The hallway was wonderful again this year. The number of exhibitors was down but the variety and quality of the entries was exceptional. Fifty pieces of art and photography from 40 exhibitors filled the display area.

Our guests certainly appreciated the entries. Six paintings were sold. GLOS received a total 10% commission of \$92.00

The trophy for Photography, Class 104A and Class 104B went to Tammy Vandermolen for her fine piece entitled Feathers in Green.

The trophy for Art, Class 103 and Class 105 went to Craig Mitchell Smith. He entered a large stainless steel, granite and glass sculpture entitled White Phalaenopsis. Very Elegant.

If you did not see these trophy winners and all the other terrific entries, you really missed a treat.

Thank you to everyone that gave me a helping hand, especially Bobbi Kilty who clerked, and helped set up and take down the display. As always, a grateful thanks to Lynn O’Shaughnessy for the loan of her sturdy back drop stands.

**MARCH: THE MONTH OF WORK** - By Thomas Mirenda

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**AOS CORNER**

**MOST OF US** spend a lot more time working at our jobs than at any other activity. While life balance may seem somewhat out of whack for the workaholics among us, fulfilling work and accomplishment makes us feel proud, productive and engaged. For many of us, work gives meaning to our lives. Yet I fear so many of us doubt what we do has any impact at all. While I am lucky enough to have a job I'm passionate about, many among us only work to generate money, and the satisfaction these people get from the work itself is pretty negligible, if it exists at all. Sometimes when working for a large company we tend to get lost in the corporate machinery and, like cogs in a wheel, lose cognizance of the relevance of our daily tasks. If we don't believe what we are doing is important or worthwhile, why should we bother to get good at it?

I think all us humans fall into this syndrome from time to time and March is a month where inspiration may be scarce indeed. Everyone reading this has a unique life-history and perspective, much like the orchids we cultivate. We all have purpose and direction as well as lovely and nurturing personalities. I've never met an orchid grower who didn't. Whatever your role in this workaday world may be, you are part of the fascinating, vibrant and passionate world of orchid growing. What better thing could we aspire to than to spread that joy and passion we know so well to others? I hope I see you out there at the next orchid show doing exactly that!

**BACK TO THE GRINDSTONE** March, with its lengthening of days and warming of temperatures, marks the beginning of the growing season for many of us. Many of our orchids, such as phalaenopsis and cymbidiums, have been blooming the last few months, but haven't done much vegetatively since last fall and therefore haven't needed much in terms of water and fertilizer for quite a while. Now you should be seeing the beginnings of new growths, and most importantly, new green root tips. This is your signal that growth has resumed; repotting season has come and you need to be ready!

**SUPPLY CHAIN** It may seem a bit premature, but now is the time to stock up on the supplies you'll need for the onslaught of repotting necessary in the coming months. Your friends at the garden center will be so happy to see you and are likely to give you first-rate customer service because their business is still pretty slow until spring is in earnest next month. Get the jump on your orchid needs by purchasing fresh potting mix and a wide variety of containers in an array of useful sizes, both clay and plastic, as well as mounts and baskets, rhizome clips and stability stakes. Get enough so that you won't have to interrupt your rhythm and momentum during potting season to head back to the store for just a bit more.

**PRIDE IN YOUR WORK** If you haven't worked with your plants in a while, get out the books and review your potting techniques, and maybe invite a friend (or that curious teenager across the street) to help you. Sometimes showing someone else how to do something is the best reminder for protocols, such as how to strategize against spreading virus, potting securely and effectively and keeping an eye out for problems such as pests and pathogens that might have gone unnoticed in a crowded winter greenhouse. Reward your helpers with a nice healthy division of something pretty and vigorous that grows easily. This is to ensure they get the orchid bug too!

**FRUITS OF YOUR LABOR** The work you put into your collection this month as well as in April and May will invariably influence your success for the rest of the year. Plants that are neglected in the spring rarely perform well in the long term. While some plants will bloom a little better when slightly root-bound, waiting too long to repot will eventually lead to declining health and even death. Search your collection for plants that have grown past their pot rims (with obstreperous aerial roots) or don't dry out (due to rotting roots or broken-down mixes) or have weeds and ferns taking over, crowding out your precious orchids. There is nothing quite like a fresh potting job to fix a multitude of potential orchid problems. A little hard work now will repay you in boatloads of floral productivity this coming year!

—Thomas Mirenda has been working professionally with orchids for over three decades and is an AOS accredited judge. He recently co-authored *The Book of Orchids: a life-size guide to 600 species of orchids from around the world*. Tom recently assumed the directorship of horticulture, education and outreach at the Hawaii Tropical Botanical Garden. (E-mail: [biophiliak@gmail.com](mailto:biophiliak@gmail.com); [www.htbg.com](http://www.htbg.com))

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Please note the date change for this workshop →

**Ann Arbor Orchid Society**  
**Presenting**  
**Art Workshop by:**  
**Carol Woodin**

We are offering a two day  
 Art workshop (water color)  
 June 23-24, 2018  
**At Matthaei Botanical Gardens**  
 1800 N Dixboro Ann Arbor  
 Classes from 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM  
 Cost per person \$150  
 Lunch included (both days)  
**Reservations must be received by**  
**May 19, 2018 with payment**

Specializing in rare plants, Carol Woodin has been painting in watercolor for about 20 years. In 1995, she was awarded a Gold Medal by the Royal Horticultural Society of England for her watercolors of Paphiopedilums, and in 1998, she received the "Bouchier Award for Excellence in Botanical Art" from the ASBA. She was commissioned to paint the publicity image for the World Orchid Conference in Dijon, France in 2005 and received a gold medal for her paintings exhibited there. Her artwork has been widely exhibited and collected; among recent venues are the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC, the Shirley Sherwood Gallery, England, Newhouse Galleries in New York, and the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, England. Her work has been shown in the Americas, Australia, Europe, Japan, and South Africa. She is represented by Susan Frei Nathan Fine Works on Paper.

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**This workshop, suitable for beginners to advanced, is devoted to quickly capturing a fascinating slipper Orchid on paper. We'll investigate orchids anatomy first, properly sizing and placing its unique parts., including details such as veins, and warts, in A graphite under-drawing. Then we'll move on to detail, light, and three-dimensional form. By the end of the workshop each student will have a substantially advanced or completed color drawing of an orchid**

*Examples of work by Carol woodin*

**MEMBERSHIP YEAR DRAWS TO A CLOSE**

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. Thirty-seven people have already taken advantage of the life membership.

Please make checks payable to GLOS and send them to Treasurer Rob Halgren, 2100 Grovenburg, Lansing, MI 48911.

Thank you for sending in your dues prior to the deadline. We do not want you to miss even one issue of The Calypso. So far, 37 households (40 individuals) have already paid their dues for the coming year; we need to hear from 44 households (55 individuals) who have not yet renewed. 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 \$1.10 to provide in hard copy for a total cost per year of \$6.60. Help the Society keep its dues low!

(Members who have already paid for the coming year have their names highlighted in yellow on the mailing label on this issue. Such members do not need to pay at this time. If you get your Calypso electronically, Dot Potter will let you know if you have already paid or if you still need to do so when she sends the newsletter to you.)

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### JERRIE NICHOLS REPORTS ON THE VAN ATTA'S CLASS, FEB. 17:

We had 29 people at the repotting class at Van Attas today. 29! And most all knew about the show. Most had been to our show before and were planning to come again. One lady said she is planning to join the society.

Pete (Porciello) and I had a good time at the class.

### Greater Lansing Orchid Society - Membership Form

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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 Renewal  New Membership  Check # \_\_\_\_\_  Cash (DUES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE)

*Dues are payable in May for the membership which begins July 1<sup>st</sup>.*

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