

Ann Arbor Orchid Society Newsletter

Next Meeting: J & L Orchids

President's Message October 2007

The speaker for our October 14 meeting will be Cordelia Head from J & L Orchids, located in Easton, Connecticut. The presentation will be "Little Wonders". J & L Orchids specializes in miniature orchids. Visit their website at www.jlorchids.com. You can preorder on the website, by phone or by email and receive a 15% discount. If you preorder on the website, be sure to fill in the "Special Instructions" with "to be picked up at the Ann Arbor meeting".

Boy, it still feels like summer. You know Michigan, though. That can change as fast as the construction zones. Anyway, I am very please that we have Cordelia Head from J&L Orchids to speak to us at our next meeting. I know she will relay much valuable information to us. I would also like you to keep in mind that we have an upcoming show the weekend after Thanksgiving, the Saginaw Valley Orchid Show.

We will need volunteers for set up and teardown, plants, etc. It is always a good time to get together with people we have not seen since before the summer. It will also be a great time to learn about growing orchids. Of course, you will have an opportunity to increase your orchid collection. Please also keep in mind that as the orchid season progresses, we will need you to help us with various activities. Don't worry. With hard work comes rewards.

See you Sunday and great growing.

Kevin

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**AAOS Treasurer's Report & Budget Form
Dated 8/30/07**

Category Description	Actual to 8/10/07	Budget 9/06 - 9/07	Proposed budget 9/07 - 9/08
INCOME			
Donations & Misc.	\$76.00	100.00	
Dues, for Membership	\$1,855.00	2,100.00	2,100.00
Festival Income			
Donations for Festival & Trop	375.00		
Festival Raffle Fundraiser	433.00		
Table Fees	1,225.00		
TOTAL Festival Income	\$2,033.00	2,100.00	2,100.00
Ways and Means			
Baubles & Trinkets	8.00		
Books & Calendars	294.00		
Raffle & Auction	669.50		
Shirts & Logo Items	259.50		
Supply sales (bark)	25.00		
TOTAL Ways and Means	1,256.00	2,200.00	1,700.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$5,220.00	6,500.00	\$5,900.00

Category Description	Actual to 8/10/07	Budget 9/06 - 9/07	Proposed Budget 9/07 -
EXPENSES			
Meeting room rental	\$0.00	0	
Administration			
Miscellaneous	160.00		
PO Box rental	40.00		
Corp. filing fee	20.00		
Association Dues and Subscrip	60.00		
Bank Charge	0.00		
Liability Insurance	167.00		
TOTAL Administration	\$447.00	360.00	360.00
Cost of Goods Sold			
Baubles & Trinkets	0.00		
Books & Calendars	0.00		
Raffle & Auction	0.00		

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AAOS Calendar

OCT. 14: J & L Orchids---"Small Wonders"

NOV. 11: John Curtin, "Building a Hobby Greenhouse"

DEC. Holiday Party

JAN. 13, 2008: TBA

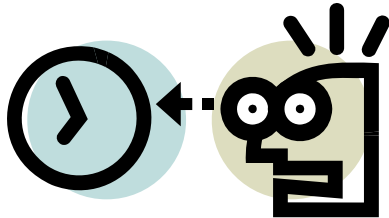
FEB. 10: TBA

MARCH 9: Hermann Pigors, Topic TBA

APRIL 11-13: AAOS Festival

APRIL 27: Special meeting: Beginner's Workshop

MAY 18-19: Great Lakes Judges Seminar



Newsletter Deadline

If you have an article or submission for the newsletter, please email them to Denise Nash: djnash@comcast.net.

The deadline for the next newsletter submission is: November 3, 2007

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Ann Arbor Orchid Society Newsletter - The AAOS meets monthly from September through May (excluding December) at the University of Michigan's Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 North Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor, MI. at 2:00 p.m., set up at 1:30. The AAOS Newsletter is published 8-9 times throughout the year, and is sent to all AAOS members. AAOS members and others are invited to submit articles or other information relating to orchids. The Ann Arbor Orchid Society is a 501(C)(3) educational and scientific organization, affiliated with the American Orchid Society, the Mid-America Orchid Congress, and with the Orchid Digest Corporation.

Membership Report

On time renewal drawing - The membership drawing for on time renewal will be in November. Anyone who has renewed by September 30th is eligible for the \$25 gift certificate from a local commercial orchid grower.

Membership renewal - The deadline for renewing your membership is November 30, 2007. If you receive your newsletter via postal mail, please check your mailing label for your expiration date. If you receive your newsletter via email, you will receive an email informing you that your membership has expired and you need to renew. If you do not renew by November 30th, you will no longer get a newsletter.

Membership roster - Since the membership roster is not a large file, we will be sending the roster via email for those who have an email address. If you do not have an email address, you will receive your copy via postal mail. Please contact Randy Long at: 810-599-0384, or boomerj2@aol.com, if you would like your copy sent to you via postal mail. Please notify the Randy Long by November 30th.

AAOS Raffle

Cynthia Yao has an unused 75 gallon rain barrel that she has been kind enough to donate to the AAOS. We are raffling it off to benefit the society. It is worth \$135. Raffle tickets

will be available at our October and November meetings for \$1 or 6 for \$5. The Raffle will be drawn at the November meeting.



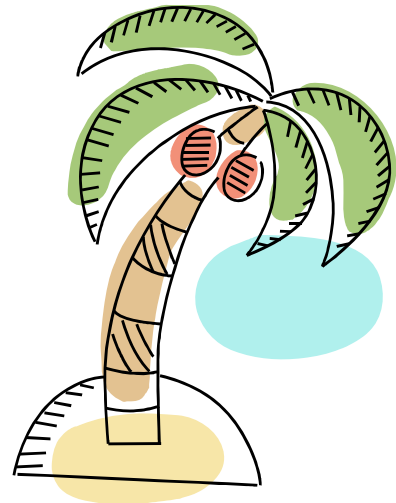
Good luck!

Volunteer(s) Needed

We have 3 palm tree (small size) type plants, 6 ivy and 2 grape plants that need a home. These plants are used as fillers in each display. They need a sunny place and occasional water-

ing. People in charge of displays would borrow them for the few days needed and then return them to you. They would look so lovely in

any AAOS home. They would compliment and talk to your orchids. They don't need to all go to one home. Please volunteer to give these orphans a home. Email Paige at GEHartman1@msn.com or call (734) 418-2758 if you can help.



WANT ADS



Greenhouse for Sale

Keeler-Glasgow Greenhouse
22'x40' double wall poly
Modine 125k natural gas heater
All exhaust piping and natural gas
intake piping
48" belt driven intake fan with motor
and rear louvers
New poly covering
4'x8' locking entry door
ground insulation with aluminum
shields
hanging racks
3 tanks, two 300 gallon tanks and
one 200 gallon tank
I think I have new shade cloth too
(will check on this item)
Price: \$3,000.00

Contact Robin either by email:
robinjo@umich.edu or home phone
734-482-6416.

Notes from the September AAOS Business Meeting

Kevin welcomed everyone to the
meeting at 2:08pm

Business Reports

President - As president of Ann Arbor
Orchid Society, Kevin's focus for this
year is increasing membership. The
board has several ideas for member-

ship but all ideas are welcome. We
will also be looking at some of ideas
from Mid-America conference.

Vice President - Ann will be purchas-
ing books for the society to have
available at the reception table. If you
are interested in a special order con-
tact her. We may also look at books
for the library.

Treasurer's Report - Change over is
going slow. The budget will appear in
the October newsletter to be ap-
proved at next month's meeting.

Directors - Alex announced that Cyn-
thia Yao will be moving and has do-
nated plants to the raffle table.

Kevin interjected that this year
the Directors will be working on de-
fining roles and up to date by laws
which will be posted on the web site
as living documents.

Shows - Saginaw Valley will be the
first show of the year in November.
Alex reminded everyone that he will
be needing orchids for the display. It
is to be determined what size display
there will be. This year it will be lo-
cated at the Holiday Inn.

Programs - Paige announced that
Cordelia Head, from J&L Orchids in
Connecticut will be speaking on
"Small Wonders". In November, John
Curtin from MOS will be our guest
speaker.

Library - Duane has a short list of ar-
ticles which are available if requested
by email. The list is at the library ta-
ble.

Reception - Dottie reminded everyone

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 Cost of goods sold, continued:

Shirts & Logo Items	243.00		
Bark mix (supplies)	0.00		
TOTAL Cost of Goods Sold	\$243.00	1,200.00	800.00
Festival Expenses			
Festival Hospitality	328.72		
Festival Promotion			
Newspaper, Radio	354.24		
Printing, Posters	492.98		
TOTAL Festival Promotion	847.22		
Ribbons & Trophies	422.18		
AOS Expense	150.00		
Miscellaneous	28.54		
TOTAL Festival Expenses	\$1,776.66	1,700.00	\$1,800.00
Member Services			
Hospitality	13.00		
Newsletter	216.96		
Supplies, Xeroxing for Meetin	45.00		
TOTAL Member Services	\$274.96	500.00	500.00
Programs			
Speakers Travel or Honorarium	839.47		
Speaker hospitality	129.00		
AOS directory			
TOTAL Programs	\$968.47	1,800.00	1800.00
Shows			
Staging	0.00		
Transportation	0.00		
Supplies	235.40		
Orchid database			
TOTAL Shows	\$235.40	500.00	700.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,945.49	7,190.00	\$5,960.00
NET INCOME	\$1,274.51	\$190.00	(\$60.00)
Beginning balance, 9/01/06,	\$5,982.87		
Bank Balance 8/10/07	\$6757.38		
Check Book Balance 8/10/07	6,757.38		
Cash on Hand	500.00		
TOTAL / Balance 8/10/07	\$7,257.38		

September Speaker Report

On September 9, Fred Clarke gave a wonderful presentation entitled "A Review of Trends". Fred Clarke is the proprietor of Sunset Valley Orchids in Vista, California. He specializes in hybridizing Cattleyas and Catasetinae orchids.

Fred began with a discussion on how to pronounce *Cycnoches*, which is sik-NO-kees. This group of orchids has swan shaped flowers. They have male and female flowers. The three newest species identified are *cooperi*, *barthiorum*, and *herrenhusianum*.

Cyc. cooperi has 4 inch flowers. Fred showed a picture of his clone, Sunset Valley Orchids III that had an inflorescence 32 inches long! The flowers are beautiful chocolate brown. *Cyc. barthiorum* has a spotted flower, and *herrenhusianum* has brilliant green-yellow flowers.

The type species for *cycnoches* is *cyc. warscewiczii*. It is often confused with *cyc. chlorichilon*. These have similar male and female green flowers. *Cyc. warscewiczii* has flowers from 4 -5 inches wide, with up to 9 flowers on an inflorescence.

Cyc. haagii and *lehmannii* are also two others with male and female flowers similar. *Cyc. haagii* has green and white flowers, with some spotting. *Cyc. lehmannii* has green and white flowers also.

Fred has been doing some breeding with these *Cycnoches*. Fred said that when breeding *cycnoches*, the colors mix rather than lay on top of each other.

Mormodes are known as the goblin orchid. They do have "perfect flowers" in that male and female flower parts are contained on each flower. *Mormodes lawrenceana* and *maculatum* flower in January. *Morm. sinuata* has beautiful red color, and *Morm. horichii* is white and purple. *Morm. revolute* has nice dark color. *Morm. igneum* has spots!

When *Mormodes* are crossed with *cycnoches*, the result is awesome! The weak color and strong form of *cycnoches* combined with the strong color and weak form of *Mormodes* gives us *Cycnodes*, which is lucky to have the best attributes of both parents: High flower count and great color from *Mormodes*, and flower size and shape from the *Cycnoches* parent.

Fred has received an FCC on *Cycnodes Jem's Dragon* (*cyc. warscewiczii* x *Mormodes frymirei*) and an AM on *Cycnodes Chocolate and Cherries* (*Cyc. warscewiczii* x *Morm. sinuata*) and the dark, beautiful *Cycnodes Midnight Magic* (*Cyc. warscewiczii* x *Mormodes Midnight*). The famous cross of *Cycnodes Wine Delight* FCC is *Cyc. lehmannii* x *Morm. sinuata*.

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Fred talked about Catasetums, also. The pollen from the male flowers of catasetum can shoot to hit an attending insect. It has a gluelike substance that sticks the pollen to the back of the insect.

CTMDS. Painted Desert 'SVO' HCC/AOS

Culture for this group of orchids is as follows:

1. When the new growth is small, DO NOT WATER!
2. When there is new root growth and the new growth is leafing out, DO NOT WATER!
3. When the second flush of roots starts, and the new ones are 3-4 inches long, you can start watering.
4. In July, August, and September, water frequently!
5. Around Thanksgiving time, when the leaves are falling, reduce watering. Stop fertilizing when the leaves turn yellow.

Use open well draining media. Fred uses 50% dolomite and 50% coconut chips. Only repot and divide after new growth has started, making a division of 2 bulbs. This group of orchids enjoys Cattleya conditions.

The major pest for these orchids is spider mites, which are controlled using Safer Insecticidal soap. Early detection is best, so inspect the plants often.

Thank you for the terrific presentation, Fred!

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of the items for sale (t-shirts, tablets, books, raffle tickets) at the reception table, including the new book Ann just purchased. There will also be a raffle for a rain barrel that was donated to the orchid society.

Membership - Randy Long will be taking over the membership database of the Ann Arbor Orchid Society as of today, Sunday, September 9th.

In addition Doris Asher sill is our Mid-America Orchid Society representative.

New Business - Marilyn Lee addressed the group with news of Masdevalia genera has been divided into 2 new groups. Membership to the Pleurothallid Alliance (for \$18.00 for 1 year) will give you a publication outlining the split.

What's Flowering?



I have had this plant, Dendrobium

crepidiferum, for several years now. I love the flowers. It is easy to grow and does not require a drying out or cooling off period, although I do keep my entire greenhouse drier in winter.

I used to grow this plant near the south window, but moved it farther back last spring. It really likes it's new spot and has flowered twice since I moved it! I grow my plants on the warm side of intermediate temperatures.

This orchid is known by several different names. A synonym for this orchid is dendrobium saluwesiense, and another is dendrobium glomeratum.



My paphiopedilum charlesworthii is flowering too. I am very excited that it flowered for me! It seems to like more light than the mottled leaved varieties. I love this species, which is native to Myanmar. It grows at fairly high altitudes, but adapts well to warmer growing conditions.

~Denise