

Ann Arbor Orchid Society Newsletter

November Speaker

Please welcome John Curtin, who will speak to us on the topic, "Building a Hobby Greenhouse". John has been growing orchids for 30 years. He started growing orchids under lights in a bedroom. Soon, the first small lean-to greenhouse was built, then an addition to it, and then another addition! His new house afforded him an opportunity to build a new greenhouse, and this one is around 20 x 30. John is a member of the Michigan Orchid Society. Yearly, he arranges his flowering plants into a beautiful display at the Palm Sunday show. John expertly grows many types of orchids in his mixed collection, including phalaenopsis, lycastes, slipper orchids, vandas and cattleyas.

President's Message

Fall is finally here! Hooray! As much as I love the warm weather, I dislike having to run my air conditioning in October and November. My plants did get an extended stay out on the balcony until Mid-October. Hope your plants fared well through the summer. Extending on this, I hope that your blooming orchids will grace our plant table and our display at the Saginaw Valley Orchid Society show November 23 - 24. We will need your plants for the display.

Speaking of needs, for this show, we will not only need your plants, but a little help with set up and tear down of the display. Helping with shows is work, but it is also a lot of fun too. Please see the Show committee's report for more information.

If you have not renewed your membership or you have membership questions, I am happy to report that Randy Long, Membership Chair, will be able to take care of your membership needs. His contact information is listed in this newsletter.

This coming meeting we are honored with another great speaker, John Curtin. He is a longstanding

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member of the Michigan Orchid Society. He grows exceptional plants and sets up beautiful displays of these plants at the Michigan Orchid Society. He has a wealth of information to share with us about hobby greenhouses and growing orchids too.

I know that this is way too early to be thinking about election, but it is not for me. I need to find three people who would be willing to serve on a nominating committee. You will help to select our next slate of officers for the elections in May of 2008. If you are interested or have any questions regarding what is involved in serving on this committee, please let me know.

I hope to see all of you at this meeting! It will be another fun and informative meeting.

Happy Growing, Kevin



What's Flowering?

Or should I say this month it is what's NOT flowering? I have owned this mediocalcar decorum for several years and it doesn't flower well for me. It grows like gangbusters, and seems very happy, as you can see. I had it in a shadier spot because I understood it was a cooler grower, and I thought the hot summer sun would kill it.

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Tues-Sat, 10 am - 4 pm

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WHAT? Our annual **HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE**

WHEN? Saturday, December 1, 2007

HOURS? 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

REFRESHMENTS? Of course! And lots of orchids.



AAOS Calendar

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

DEC. Holiday Party

JAN. 13, 2008: Alex Challis
"Bulbophyllums"

Please note new date!! Saturday!!

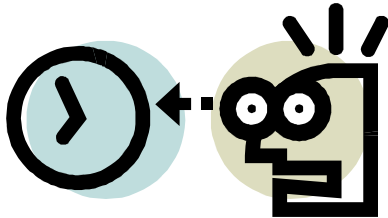
FEB. 16: Harold Koopowitz

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: January 5, 2008

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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.

What's flowering, continued from page 2.

Finally this year, when the hottest part of the summer was over, I moved it up high in the greenhouse so it could get some good strong sunlight. Now I have a few sparse flowers. I think I will have to raise the light level next year, while still somehow keeping it on the cooler side. Hmmm.

Mediocalcar decorum is a native of New Guinea and grows in higher elevations, from 2950 to 6550 feet. It is a challenge to flower it with our hot Michigan summers.



I'll do better NEXT year?!

Prosthechea prismatocarpa

This plant also grows at higher elevations (from 3950 to 4450 feet), this time in Costa Rica and Panama. I don't have a problem flowering this plant! I give it good light and allow it to dry out a bit between watering. It seems to flower on each new growth, whenever that growth is mature.

Prosthechea prismatocarpa



Membership Report

Please join the AAOS group Nov. 11, to welcome John Olszewski as our newest member and Georgian Franczyk on her return to the group.

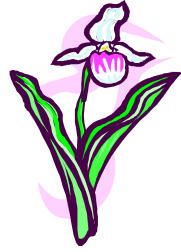
On time membership renewal drawing will be this Sunday November 11. Anyone who has renewed by September 30th is eligible for the \$25 gift certificate from a local commercial orchid grower.

Reminder: 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've already 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.

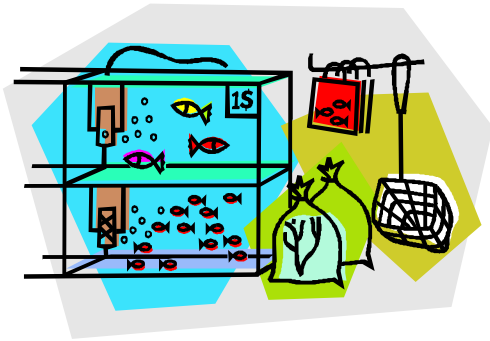
Please contact Randy Long at: Boomerj2@aol.com if you have any changes to your membership address or email address.



Fish?
Or Orchids?!



FOR SALE: Used, all-glass fish tanks (standard tank sizes, in gallons: 2.5, 5, 10, 15, 20, 29 high, 30 long: priced at \$0.50 per gallon, \$0.75 cents per gallon including glass or screen top to fit that tank, some reflectors (lights) available at \$2 to \$4; used 4-foot, 2-tube fluorescent shop lights at \$4 each, some new in box at \$6 each, unused 4-foot gro-lux or cool white fluorescent tubes at \$1 each. All proceeds to AAOS. Contact Neal Foster (734) 663-0756 or email at nealfost@umich.edu.



For plants that like very high humidity or moisture you can make an orchid terrarium with an old fish aquarium, a small bun fan and a fluores-

