

Ann Arbor Orchid Society Newsletter

FESTIVAL!

President's Message

The Vendors at this weekend's festival are:

- Oak Hill Gardens
- Hoosier Orchids
- Orchid Inn
- Natt's Orchids
- Porter's Orchids
- Taylor Orchids
- Green Acres Orchids
- Littlefrog Farm
- Raising Rarities
- Suphattra's Clay Flowers
- Home Recreations-
information table

The Speaker schedule for the festival is:

Saturday

1:00 pm Neal Foster- Orchid Growing, Not Difficult, Just Different

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Festival: Since I am festival co-chair this year, I will combine my President's Message with the Festival report. Our show is fast approaching. We are still in need of volunteers for a variety of tasks from clerking at judging to hospitality. Please if you have the time and would like to volunteer, contact Hal Tessmann at aaos-festival@comcast.net. You can work with him on scheduling.

Our display for our festival will be coordinated by Dottie Winter. She has requested the following regarding the display:

Please clean your plants. There should be no pests such as mealy bugs, scale of the like on any of your plants.

Please put any top-heavy or unstable plants in a larger clay pot to make the plant more stable.

Please put your name on the bottom of the pots of your plants and on at least two sides of the container in which your plants will be transported.

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President's message, cont.

Make a list of all of your plants. This will help us to return your plants after the show.

Please email the list of plants to Harry Winter at harwin@umich.edu

Finally, bring your plants to the Matthaei Botanical Gardens on Thursday, April 10th, between 6 and 8 pm.

If you have any questions, please contact Dottie at harwin@umich.edu.

We have are still looking for one more trophy donation for the best of miniature and first bloom seedling trophy. We are asking for \$25. Contact Ann Bommarito, at anniebomm@comcast.net, if you are interested in donating.

Elections:

We will be holding elections for officers next month. If you are willing to run for one of the open positions or you have any questions, please contact:

Alex Challis, icepengwyn@aol.com
April Pedit, apedit@mac.com or Harry Winter, harwin@umich.edu

I'm crossing my fingers that we will have great weather for our festival weekend.

See you soon.

Kevin

Festival!, cont.

2:00 pm--Suphattra Joy Sloup- Tutorial on Making Clay Orchids

3:00 pm--Don Garling- Insect and Disease Control

Sunday

12:00 noon--Rob Halgren- "Orchids 101"

1:00 pm--Alex Challis- Miniature Orchids

2:00 pm--Erich Michael- Orchids of Madagascar

2008 Elections

Nominating Committee Report

The election of officers for the 2008-2009 term will be held at the May 18 meeting. The nominating committee of Harry Winter, Alex Challis, and April Pedit have agreed on the following slate of candidates:

President: Alex Challis

Vice-president: Vivian Lin

Secretary: Robin Johnson (incumbent)

Treasurer: Linda Battison (incumbent)

Director (one-year term): Ann Bommarito

Director (two-year term): April Pedit

The one-year director is necessary because Vivian, who has served one year as director, has become the candidate for Vice-president. Alex is finishing a 2-year director term, which is normally up for election this year.

Other nominations can be made from the floor at the May meeting, or in writing to the Society's post office box, (PO Box 3006, Ann Arbor, MI 48106), subject to seconding at the meeting.

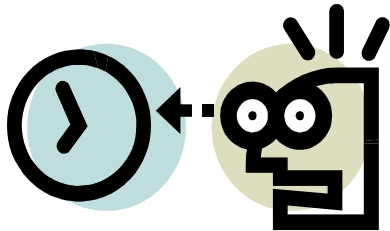


AAOS Calendar

APRIL 11-13: AAOS Festival

APRIL 27: Special meeting: Beginner's Workshop

MAY 17-18: Great Lakes Judges Seminar



Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the May newsletter is May 9.

FESTIVAL FOOD ITEMS STILL NEEDED

We still need a few food items for the festival this weekend. If you can bring any items, please contact Paige at GEHartman1@msn.com. An easy item to bring is bottles of water or pop. We use several bottles of each throughout the weekend, and any extra can be used at future meetings. For Friday's dinner we need a main dish or two and 3-4 salads. Saturday's breakfast needs fruit. That could be brought on Friday if you don't want to get up too early. Saturday's lunch needs more cold cuts and salads. Several people have already volunteered and the food planning is going very well. Thank you so much for all your help!

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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.

April 2008

Plant Table, March 9, 2008

We had another small plant table at the March meeting -maybe this time it was not risking plants in the cold so they'd be in good shape for the MOS show. One interesting note as members talked about their plants was the number of wonderful blooming specimens that came as little pieces from the raffle table - maybe we should start keeping track of those to convince members that anything on the raffle table is potentially a great plant.

<i>Rhynchoaelia glauca</i>	G	Laura & Duane Duman
Paphiopedilum (Red Maude x Dragon's Vine)	W	Judy Lobato
Phalaenopsis Bedford Innocence (Timothy Christopher x Ho's Amglad)	W	
Sopholaeliocattleya (Guarisophleya) Jewel Box 'Scheherazade'	W	Riki Marquis
Brassavola (Rhynchovola) Jimminey Cricket	W	
Paphiopedilum Taida Glaucothum	W-O	
<i>Psychopsis papilo</i>	W	
<i>Dendrobium kingianum</i>	W	Anne Puvalowski
Phalaenopsis unknown	W	

Conditions: G, greenhouse; L, Lights; W, Windowsill; O, outdoors in summer. All plants from a member are under the same conditions, unless shown for each plant.

Note - We think we've listed all, but we didn't get all of the tags, so we may have missed a few; if you had a plant on the table, but it's not listed, let me know and we'll make a correction in the next newsletter. Harry Winter

MOS Palm Sunday Orchid Show MSU Management Education Center, March 14-16, 2008

The MOS Palm Sunday show had a new venue in Troy, so most of the usual suspects: Randy Long, Ann Bommarito, Dottie & Harry Winter, Denise Nash, as well as April Pedit, Emma Edge, Duane & Laura Duman, and Neal & Meredith Foster, went the extra mile (extra 25 miles, actually) to set up another 50 sq. ft. display, with 54 orchids from 11 members.

Dottie was again prevailed upon to coordinate the design, and she set up a wonderful display with help from the others. The great collection of plants helped. The display won a second place ribbon, and nearly half of the plants won ribbons. Ribbon winners were:

First:

Epidendrum Pretty Lady	Neal Foster
Odontonia Mem. Martin Orenstein 'Lulu'	Duane & Laura Duman
<i>Rhynchostylis gigantea</i> 'Spots'	Duane & Laura Duman
Doritaenopsis Chain Xen Pearl 'Ming-Ho' AM/AOS	Randy Long
<i>Maxillaria tenuifolia</i>	Randy Long
Clowesia Rebecca Northen 'Grapefruit Pink'	Denise Nash
Brassolaeliocattleya Burgundy Delight 'Mem. Hamet March'	Alex Challis

Second:

<i>Ascocentrum ampullaceum</i>	Neal Foster
Cymbidium Mary Pinchess	Duane & Laura Duman
Phalaenopsis Little Steve	Emma Edge
Paphiopedilum Natasha Von Fox	Ann Bommarito
Phalaenopsis (Golden Peoker x Brother Oxford)	Randy Long
Ascofinetia Cherry Blossom	Denise Nash
Paphiopedilum Hilo Ruby	Denise Nash
Epicattleya Rene Marques 'Flame Thrower' HCC/AOS	Paige Hartman
<i>Aerangis citrata</i>	Paige Hartman
<i>Paphiopedilum urbanianum</i>	Alex Challis
<i>Cattleya intermedia</i>	Alex Challis

Third:

Phalaenopsis Margarithe	Emma Edge
<i>Epidendrum stamfordianum</i>	Denise Nash
<i>Angraecum elephantinum</i>	Denise Nash
<i>Aerangis luteo-alba</i> var. <i>rhodosticta</i> (miniature class)	Denise Nash
<i>Bulbophyllum wendlandianum</i>	Paige Hartman
<i>Sarcoglottis metallica</i>	Paige Hartman

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MOS Show, cont.

Also contributing plants were Linda Battison, Harry & Dottie, and Abby Skinner. The new venue for this show turned out to be very nice, and although the quarters were a bit tight, it was nice having the vendors in the adjacent room.

At 5pm on a very chilly Sunday, the takedown crew of Dottie & Harry, Randy, Denise, Paige, Abby & her friend, David Skinner, and Duane & Laura Du-man had everything down and packed up in about an hour. Thanks to all who contributed and helped, and apologies if we missed naming anybody. Next is our own festival, where we'll no doubt be planning a 100-ft display. We'll need lots of plants! Get them groomed and staked now, it's only a short time away.

Harry Winter

Growing Tips from March Speaker Hermann Pigors, Founder of Oak Hill Gardens

Hermann began his March presentation with a discussion of indoor orchid growing. He has been growing on his windowsill and shared a wealth of knowledge on the subject.

Hermann suggests lowering the thermostat to 60 at night. He said that a balanced fertilizer (such as 20-20-20 or 8-8-8) is best when growing indoors, and use 2 or 3 different fertilizers so your plants pick up a wide variety of nutrients. Move your plants to a south window in winter. Paphs like the Calcium and Magnesium in MSU formula fertilizer.

Running fans is often suggested for indoor growing, but Hermann thinks they are over rated. Plants are often dehydrated from growing in an indoor environment to begin with, and this will dry them further.

Hermann uses a bark mix for growing his orchids indoors. Sphagnum moss and coconut are mostly a disaster, he says, although some plants will grow well in sphagnum. You should repot your plants in the correct season. Paphs sometimes need repotting every 6 months. Wait until you see the new growth start, then repot. Start repotting in February. Hermann suggests that phals should be repotted in August, September and October.

This time of the year is a good time to cut the Mormodes, Cycnoches, and Catasetum and Cyrtopodium bulbs apart to get more growth.

on't change your conditions unless you are trying to improve something! This is good advice we should all follow.

Tricks of the Trade – *Egg Crate – My Friend!*

By Dave Tribble, Contributing Editor of Illinois Orchid Society, reprinted with permission

My friend - Egg Crate

Egg crates (light diffusers) are a favorite of orchidists. Most simply use in pebble trays [fig.1] to keep pots out of the water. How about other uses?

Fig. 2 shows how the egg crate can be cut to fit any shape (use wire cutters or heavy shears to snip to any desired shape). Another use is as added shelving [fig. 3]. Many shelf supports aren't designed for small pots. This keeps even the smallest ones from tipping over. How about your weekly watering task?

Bringing all your pots to the sink for watering requires a means for temporary drainage [fig 4]. Use your baking trays with, of course, egg crate (My friend!).

