

Ann Arbor Orchid Society Newsletter

President's Message

Yep, it's that time of year again - the annual Orchid Festival. We still need lots of helpers throughout the weekend. If you're going to do a little orchid shopping (and you know you are), why not stay an extra hour? Many jobs are super easy - like greeting visitors and handing out tickets. Some jobs may require you to share some of your orchid knowledge. We do hand out orchid culture sheets for the major orchid groups, so unless you are asked how to grow a *Holcoglossum quasipinifolium*, you should be OK. If you do get asked about a plant you don't know - point them in the direction of the vendors.

Clerking for Ribbon Judging

We still need a lot of clerks - and it's a fairly simple job. The head

AAOS Festival Display

Help! We need your blooming plants and hands-on help with our 100-square-foot AAOS Festival display. Please email a list of your plants by 9 PM Wednesday, April 15th, to Neal Foster <nealfost@umich.edu> and Harry Winter <harwin@umich.edu> or call Neal at 734-663-0756 if you have questions.

Big specimen plants with multiple blossom spikes are especially desirable, but most of the plants we'll have in the display will be smaller.

We would like to get all--or at least most--of the plants on Thursday. We'll get together in the Matthaei auditorium between 5 and 8 PM on April 16th to collect plants, fill out registration tags, stake, label, and otherwise prepare the plants for putting in the display, and maybe put black cloth bags over the pots. Thus, as many plants as possible will be ready to be positioned in our display on Friday.

If you can't bring your plants to MBG on Thursday, please bring them no later than Friday at 2 PM] or they may end up in an overflow display.

Please put a hard copy of your plant list with your name and phone

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clerk guides the judges around the show area, while the ribbon clerk fills out the info on the back of the ribbons once the judges have made their decisions, then hangs them on the plants. (The ribbons, not the judges...) It's a good way to look closely at a variety of orchids, and learn about what makes a "better orchid". We start at 8 am Saturday, and end about 11 am.

If you see any snow, please keep it

AAOS Festival Display, cont.

number on it in the box with your plants, and put your name (those self-stick mailing labels work well) on the side of each pot. Topsy (top heavy) plants can be wedged snugly in slightly larger clay pots to keep them from falling over. We will be using sheet moss in our display (something we often did years ago) and various other natural materials such as lava rocks and driftwood to make the display look as natural, tropical and "jungly" as possible.

Tear down and cleanup will be start on the 19th at 4:30 p.m. If you can help with either setup or tear-down, your help will be much appreciated! We hope that you can come and enjoy the show. A potluck dinner and pleasant company will be provided for all volunteers on Friday. No experience necessary. The art and craft of setting up orchid displays is fun and easy to learn.

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MOS Show, April 4-5, 2009

The show season continued with the Michigan Orchid Society Palm Sunday show at the MSU Management Education Center in Troy. We again had a 50 sq. ft. display. Our crew for set-up: Paige Hartman was in charge of the arrangement, with help from Dottie & Harry Winter, Denise Nash, Riki Marquis, Randy Long, April Pedit, and Duane & Laura Duman. The display had a new look, with a nice matte green base, set off by a tan floor mat and the black backdrops. As usual, Harry did the registration. We got started about 12:30, and were finished early in the evening. In all, eight members exhibited 50 plants, most of which were registered for judging.

The display got the first place ribbon in its class, our first in quite a while. And two plants won trophies, a miniature Pleurothallis of Alex's, and another hand-picked plant by Denise.

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AAOS Michigan Orchid Society
Display

April 2009

AAOS Calendar



April 17-19: AAOS FESTIVAL!

May 17: Tentative: Judging Seminar--Oncidiums with speaker Eduardo Sanchez, from Cuenca,

Ecuador

July AAOS Picnic: Date TBA

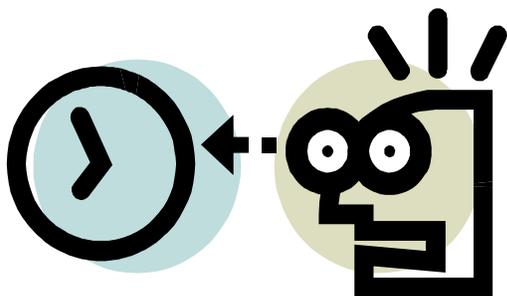
September 13: Ernie Gemeinhart: Cochlopetalum Paphs (sequential bloomers)

October: TBA

November: Harry Phillips of Andy's Orchids - Subject to be announced

December: Holiday Party TBA

January 10, 2010: Russ Vernon, Lycastes



Newsletter Deadline

The next newsletter deadline is May 9, 2009. Please contribute any orchid related articles to Denise Nash at djnash@comcast.net

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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.

Plant Table, March 8, 2009

The March meeting had a fairly small plant table, 24 plant from 6 members, still some very nice ones – hopefully a sign of things to come for our displays at MOS and our own Festival.

Doritaenopsis Sogo Gotris		Laura & Duane Duman
Lycaste [Tropic Fire 'Burgandwi' x Auburn 'Deep Passion']		
<i>Coryanthes macrantha</i>		Neal & Meredith Foster
Guarisophleya (Lc) Gold Digger 'Fuchs Mandarin' G-O		
<i>Lycaste aromatica</i>		
<i>Oncidium ampliatum</i>		
Phalaenopsis Renaud Lip		
Rhynchosoprocattleya (Blc) George King 'Serendipity' AM/AOS		
Sophranthe (Lc) Rojo		
Soprocattleya (Lc) Orglade's Grand (Photo of Trophy Plant at GLOS show)		
Zygonisia Cynosure	RP	
Soprocattleya (Slc) Fire Lighter	W	Judy Lobato
<i>Angraecum elephantinum</i>	G	Denise Nash
Caulaelia (Dialaelia) Mizoguchi	G-O	
<i>Cirrhopetalum collettii</i> (<i>Bulbo. wendlandianum</i>)	G	
Paphiopedilum Mem. Magarite Ringler HCC/AOS	G	
Phragmipedium Jason Fischer	G	
<i>Schoenorchis gemmata</i>	G	
<i>Maxillaria sanguinea</i> 'Mercedes Maria Rabago'	L	John Olszewski
Paphiopedilum [Hampshire Raven x Hsinying Maru]		
<i>Stenorrhynchos speciosum</i>	W	
<i>Acronia bivalvis</i>	L	Harry & Dottie Winter
<i>Bulbophyllum gibbosum</i> (in bud)	L-O	
<i>Pleurothallis dilemma</i>	L	

Conditions: G, greenhouse; L, Lights; W, Windowsill; O, outdoors in summer; RP, recent purchase (in spike or flower). Harry Winter

A Raffle Table Success Story by Neal Foster

Three or four years ago, I picked up a forlorn-looking plant on the raffle table. It was what we'd call an orphan, since it had no tag, but I assumed it was some sort of *Cattleya* hybrid. It eventually bloomed with one flower which was quite disappointing. "That's certainly not an award-quality hybrid," I thought to myself.

Last year it bloomed with two flowers (see below left), then this year it bloomed with three (see below right), and it finally dawned on me that it might be a species of *Cattleya* and not a hybrid at all. I compared the flowers to all the pictures I could find on the web of various *Cattleya* species and finally concluded it is *Cattleya warneri*. It's always gratifying when orphan plants turn out to be something you can actually write a label for! Unfortunately, I don't think these blooms will last long enough to be entered in the MOS show.

2008 Flowers



2009 Flowers



**TENNESSEE CAPITAL ORCHID SHOW
AND
50TH ANNIVERSARY
MID-AMERICA ORCHID CONGRESS**

Dear Orchid Friends,

The Orchid Society of Middle Tennessee would like to invite you to participate in our fall 2009 50th Anniversary Mid-America Orchid Congress show and sale. The show will be held at the Franklin Marriott Cool Springs in Franklin, TN on October 30 - November 1, 2009. This will be an AOS sanctioned show.

The Franklin Marriott has provided us with a special room rate of \$119.00 per night. Hotel reservations can be made by calling 1-888-403-6772. Be sure to mention the MAOC when calling to insure you receive our discounted room rate. Reservations can be made online by visiting the OSMT website at www.tnorchid.com and following the link provided.

Friday, October 30: Show set-up will start at 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Plant registration will be open until 7:00 p.m. The vending area will be open for sales from 12:00 - 6:00 p.m. MAOC committee meetings will be held from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. The Preview Party will be held from 9:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 31: Judges and clerks breakfast will be held from 7:00 - 8:00 a.m., with ribbon judging to follow. Upon completion of the ribbon judging (approximately 12:00 p.m.) the exhibits will be opened to the public. Judges and clerks luncheon will be from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Vending area will be open from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. The banquet will be from 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. The Saturday lecture schedule and program topics will be posted at a later date, please visit our website often for updated information.

Sunday, November 1: MAOC Affiliated Societies breakfast will be from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Exhibit and sale areas will be open to the public from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Show co-chairs for this event are Tom Harper and Steve Burger.

We are very excited to be hosting this 50th Anniversary event, and look forward sharing the experience with all our fellow orchid enthusiasts.

Sincerely,
Steve Burger

AAOS MOS Display, cont.

Trophy

***Pleurothallis grobyi* (miniature class)
*Epidendrum stamfordianum var rosea***

**Alex Challis
Denise Nash**

**First
Display**

Paige Hartman et al.

Odontocidium Yellow Parade
Pleurothallis grobyi
Pleurothallis grobyi (minitaure class)
Oncidium Gower Ramsey
Cymbidium Memoria Amelia Erhart
Epidendrum stamfordianum var. rosea
Phragmipedium caudatum
Schoenorchis gemmata

Alex Challis
Alex Challis
Alex Challis
Neal Foster
Paige Hartman
Denise Nash
Denise Nash
Denise Nash

Second

Phalaenopsis Bedford Timmy Berries
Epidendrum Princess Valley 'Innocence'
Brassia Rex 'Saharta'
Masdavallia yungasensis
Paphiopedilum victoria-regina
Paphiopedilum Delophyllum
Maxillaria variabilis

Emma Edge
Neal Foster
Paige Hartman
Paige Hartman
Paige Hartman
Riki Marquis
Denise Nash

Third

Sarcochilus hybrid
Dendrobium tuananhii (trantuanii)
Odontocidium Cherry Fudge
Paphiopedilum Hilo Ruby
Paphiopedilum Prince Edward of York
Paphiopedilum sukhakulii

Neal Foster
Denise Nash
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Duane & Laura Duman, and Dottie & Harry Winter also contributed plants to the display. As always, there was lots of help for takedown; in fact, almost the same crew that was at set-up. Takedown went smoothly, and we were all packed up and on our way shortly after 6 pm. One more show is left this season: our own Ann Arbor Orchid Festival. Neal Foster will be planning a 100 sq. ft. display, so start grooming your plants now for the big one.

Festival Food Needed!!!

The Ann Arbor Orchid Society is known for its exceptional food service to our volunteers and vendors. We still need many items for each day's meals, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Main dish, vegetables or salad and drinks are needed for Friday. All breakfast items for Saturday morning, and cold cuts and cheese, breads, salads and drinks for Saturday lunch are needed. Snacks are always wonderful. We usually serve leftovers, lasagna and garlic bread on Sunday. We feed many many people throughout the weekend, and all help is gratefully accepted. Please volunteer for at least one item. Call Paige: 734-418-2758 or email: GEHartman1@msn.com with your choices. Thank you!!

Festival Volunteers Needed!

We need YOU to make the Festival a success!!! Volunteers are still needed for some of the shifts on each of the days the weekend of the Festival. If you haven't already been contacted, Vivian Lin will be calling you in the next week to ask when you can help.

Alex also is looking for volunteers for Clerking on Saturday morning. He needs to hear from people that have already given him a verbal agreement, too. If you have never done this before, try it. It's a great way to learn more about the judging system.

Important AOS Festival Information

The 14th annual Orchid Festival will be held at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens April 18 & 19.

Show hours for exhibits: Saturday—Noon to 4:30 pm and Sunday—10 am to 4:30 pm

Plant sales are open from 10 am to 4:30 pm both days.

Orchid plants for sale will be in room 125 (west end of the building) and in the west lobby. Orchid displays, educational displays, artwork and arrangements with orchid flowers will be in the auditorium.

Set up is Friday from 9 am to 9 pm. We will have a potluck diner around 6 pm for exhibitors and festival volunteers.

Demonstrations and talks on popular orchid genera and topics will be held in room 139, which is near the middle of the hallway at MBG.

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Important AAOS Festival Information, cont.

Saturday

1:00 pm	Neal Foster	Growing Orchids: Not Difficult, Just Different
2:00 pm	Don Garling	Natural Pest Control
3:00 pm	Joy Sloup	Making Clay Orchids

Sunday

Noon	Rob Halgren	Orchids 101
1:00 pm	Erich Michel	Orchids of Madagascar
2:00 pm	Alex Challis	Orchid Shows of Japan

Clerking

We need a few more clerks to help with ribbon judging. Saturday morning at 8 am until about 11:30 am. Please contact Alex at 734-971-6186, or email at icepengwyn@aol.com

Volunteering at the Festival

The Orchid Festival takes many volunteers to make it run smoothly from start to finish. We will need many people to participate this year to make the show a success. You don't have to be a long-time member in order to volunteer, everyone can do something. If you have one or two hours to spare over the course of the weekend of our show, we need your help! People will be needed from mid-morning on Friday, April 17th, all the way through Sunday, April 19th's tear-down of the displays and clean-up.

Volunteers direct foot traffic through the lobby of MBG, tell people where the displays and vendors are, sit at the hospitality and membership tables to answer questions, serve as orchid experts in the display area, and help the vendors unload and set-up, to mention a few things. If you help the vendors get their stuff into the building, you also are first in line to buy plants!

If you have questions, or want to volunteer email Vivian at vhl@umich.edu, or (734) 741-1984.

This is a very fun event, and gives all of us a chance to hang with our orchid peeps and buy some really cool plants from our favorite vendors.

Food

We will have 3 main meals - Friday night set-up, Saturday morning judges & clerks breakfast, Saturday noon judges & clerks lunch, plus just having food around the whole weekend for vendors and volunteers. Please contact Paige at GEHartman1@msn.co or 734-418-2758 if you can help.

Trophies

We have trophies from Calypso Art Glass. If you would like to sponsor or even co-sponsor a trophy for our show (\$25), please contact Alex.

AAOS Festival Vendor List

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8247
E-mail:
nattsorchids@nattsorchids.com

Porter's Orchids
10868 Royston Road
Grand Ledge MI 48837
517-622-4188
888-622-7643 (for orders)

Erich Michel should be listed as
Michel Orchid Nursery (since 9/08)
250 E. Greencastle Road
Mooresville, IN 46158

Littlefrog Farm (Dr. Rob Halgren)
PO Box 261
Stockbridge, MI 49285

Taylor Orchids
Tuesday - Saturday 10 am - 3:00 pm
Closed most holidays
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Monroe, MI 48162

Windswept in Time Orchids
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8066 Skyline Dr
Cleveland, OH 44147

Mystic Orchids
Dawn & Rich Schlote
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North East Ohio



Ann Arbor Orchid Society Membership Form

Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phone (Home):

Phone (Work):

E-mail:

_____ Individual (\$20)

_____ Senior Individual (\$15)

_____ Household (\$25)

_____ Senior Household (\$20) Senior rates apply for those 70 and over.

New Membership

Renewal

New Address

Beginner

Advanced Grower

Commercial Grower

What is your growing environment?

Greenhouse

Artificial lights

Windowsill

Other _____

Would you like to receive you newsletter via email only? Yes No

Member of the American Orchid Society? Yes No

Member of the Orchid Digest Corporation? Yes No

Please make checks payable to the Ann Arbor Orchid Society. You may bring this application to any meeting, or mail it to: AAOS Membership, P.O. Box 3006, Ann Arbor, MI 48106-3006