

# Ann Arbor Orchid Society Newsletter

## January 9 Speaker Russ Vernon

Russ Vernon was born in Cleveland, Ohio. He had an early interest in plants, and was introduced to orchids at age 12 when an uncle arrived with 6, saying "If you can grow those darned cacti, you ought to be able to grow these!" Soon after, he joined the AOS and is now a judge. He started growing orchids under lights and built his own greenhouse when he was 18.

Russ is a 1972 graduate of Ohio State University where he majored in horticulture/floriculture. He has worked for Orchids by Hausermann, A&P Orchids, and Jim Davis, the creator of Garfield the cat.

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## President's Message

So here we are having another cold winter - and probably cloudy too. Global warming - not quite this week. What to do? You can hope the sun comes out - maybe more than the 5 days a month we seem to get - or get a good orchid fix.

In addition to the several local establishments with a handful of orchids, there's a few nice orchid growers within an hour drive with plenty of plants in flower to suit every taste. We have an updated listing of the growers at the reception table. Why not spend a couple extra hours in a nice, warm greenhouse? If you don't mind a drive - there's also the Grand Valley Show coming up the end of the month at the Frederick Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids. Maybe check with other AAOS members and car-pool - but leave room for plants.

At our meeting this week we'll have the ever-fun Russ Vernon speaking on Lycastes. He'll have more than just Lycastes to sell - Phals, Catts, and what-not.

On another note - many of you may not know that AAOS members can take books from our extensive

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January Meeting, cont.

Russ and his wife Anita and daughters Zina and Liza started New Vision Orchids in 2004. They specialize/hybridize Phalaenopsis, Odonoglossums and their intergeneric hybrids, and Lycastes. Russ will be bringing plants to sell. Welcome Russ!

President's Message, cont.

library home with them. The library is always by the windows - stop over at the meeting and take a look. The less Duane has to tote around the happier he is.

Alex

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The Christmas party was lovely as always. Thank you so much for hosting, Vivian Lin!



## AAOS Calendar



**January 10:** Russ Vernon, Lycastes

**February 14:** TBA

**March 14:** Alex Challis, Dendrobiums

**April 16-18, AAOS FESTIVAL**

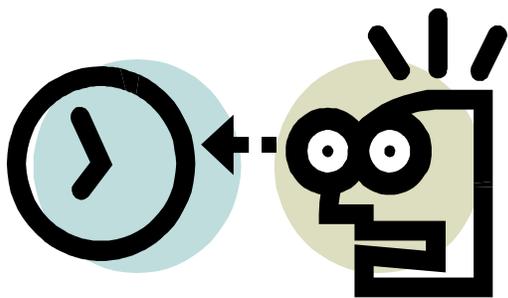
**May, 2010:** Orchid Workshops

**June:** Judging Seminar

**September 19** - tentative - Ray Barkalow, First Ray's Orchids on Semi-hydroponic Orchid Culture

**October 10** - TBA

**November 21** - TBA



### Newsletter Deadline

The next Newsletter deadline is February 6, 2010.

Please contribute any orchid related articles to Denise Nash at [djnash@comcast.net](mailto:djnash@comcast.net)

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**Orchid Festival** - ? *We **Need 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.



**THE ORIGINAL, LARGEST, MOST PRESTIGIOUS ORCHID  
SHOW IN THE  
COUNTRY RETURNS TO MIAMI  
*February 26 - February 28, 2010***

The South Florida Orchid Society presents the 64<sup>th</sup> Miami Intl. Orchid Show from February 26 to February 28. The Miami Intl. Orchid Show is the original, and largest orchid show/sale in the country. Each year, orchid professionals and hobbyists from across the globe exhibit an exquisite array of more than 500,000 orchids and orchid-related items for show and for sale. Show organizers anticipate more than 15,000 attendees this year.

“Passport to Paradise” sets the theme for the 2010 show. In addition to extraordinary orchid displays, the Show features a juried awards competition and thousands of orchids and related items for sale. New to the Show for 2010 will be an art exhibit contest spotlighting orchid imagery in three creative categories: art, sculpture and photography. Ribbons and cash prizes will be awarded.

There is much more to do at the Show than stroll among the displays and purchase plants. There will also be a series of talks by world-renowned growers, walking tours by Orchid Society members pointing out the highlights of the show, and sales of orchid-related art and collectibles.

Kicking off this year's Show will be a special Premier Party to be held on Thursday, February 25, at 7:30 p.m. The highly anticipated Premier Party provides orchid lovers with a first glimpse at the show's exhibits, the first chance to buy the Show's best orchid plants, and it will also unveil the winners of the sought-after orchid trophies - including the Grand Champion trophy for best orchid in the Show

Regular hours for the 64<sup>th</sup> Miami International Orchid Show are:

Friday, February 26- 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday, February 27 - 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sunday, February 28 - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The 64<sup>th</sup> Miami International Orchid Show will take place at the Doubletree Miami Mart/Airport Hotel and Convention Center, centrally located at 711 N.W. 72nd Avenue in Miami, immediately south of Miami International Airport. Daily show admission is \$15.00 for adults, which includes a \$5.00 merchandise discount coupon. South Florida Orchid Society members and children 12 and under are free. Tickets for the special Premier Party are \$50.00 per person and must be ordered in advance through the South Florida Orchid Society office at (305) 255-3656. [www.sforchid.com](http://www.sforchid.com).

**Ann Arbor Orchid Society, Inc**  
**Treasury Report**  
**December 31, 2009**

| Category Description: | Budget<br><u>8/20/09 - 8/21/10</u> | Actual<br><u>8/20/09 - 12/31/09</u> |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>         |                                    |                                     |
| Donations & Misc.     | .00                                | 37.00                               |
| Dues                  | 1,500.00                           | 980.00                              |
| Festival Income       | 2,100.00                           | .00                                 |
| Ways & Means          | <u>1,900.00</u>                    | <u>206.00</u>                       |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>   | 5,500.00                           | 1,223.00                            |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>       |                                    |                                     |
| Administration        | 500.00                             | 319.30                              |
| Cost of Goods Sold    | 500.00                             | .00                                 |
| Festival Expense      | 1,500.00                           | 290.00*                             |
| Member services       | 700.00                             | 331.82                              |
| Programs              | 1,800.00                           | 1,265.80                            |
| Shows                 | <u>500.00</u>                      | <u>.00</u>                          |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b> | 5,500.00                           | 2,206.92                            |
| <b>NET CHANGE</b>     |                                    | (\$ 983.92)                         |

\* Item belongs in last fiscal budget year; April 2009 Festival Expense (trophies)

- Invoice Just Received from Calypso Art Glass

***Account Balances:***

|  | <u>Aug. 31, 2009</u>     | <u>December 31, 2009</u> |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b><i>TCF Checking</i></b>               | <b><i>\$8,070.02</i></b> | <b><i>\$7,086.40</i></b> |
| <b><i>TCF Certificate of Deposit</i></b> | <b><i>1,017.06</i></b>   | <b><i>1,019.19</i></b>   |
| <b><i>Cash</i></b>                       | <b><i>___ 79.00</i></b>  | <b><i>___ 79.00</i></b>  |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>                            | <b>\$9,166.08</b>        | <b>\$8,184.59</b>        |

## SVOS Show, November 28-29, 2009

The show season started off (or the year's shows ended) as usual with the SVOS show in Midland. Paige Hartman and Denise Nash designed a neat display in 50 sq. ft. using our adjustable tables, some ornamental plant stands, and nice forest-green cloth to create an interesting and distinctive set-up. It was thanks to April Pedit, who volunteered to help with takedown, that we were able to put up the display and get all of the plants and staging back. We had a good crew for set-up - Paige, Denise, Robin Johnson, and Dottie & Harry Winter. We got started at 1, and were essentially done by suppertime, although Alex and Dottie continued to fine-tune the arrangement of the plants later. In all, seven members exhibited 35 plants.

Several of our members helped with the judging - Prez. Alex Challis, Rob Halgren, Marilyn Lee, and Doris Asher were regular AOS judges, Harry Winter filled in as a ribbon judge, Don Garling was the chief judge, and Dottie Winter assisted Don at the judging table. Our display took the third place ribbon of the three society exhibits in its class, again finishing behind the traditional black, moss & logs displays. Nevertheless, many people complimented us and liked the green background and decorative plant stand arrangement. More than half of the plants (20) garnered ribbons (which was also more than any other society display), and three of them won best of class trophies! The winners were:

### Trophy (best of Class)

Phragmipedium After-Glo  
*Aerangis flabellifolia*  
*Maxillaria sanguinea*

Denise Nash  
Paige Hartman  
Robin Johnson

### First

*Eria coronaria*  
Paphiopedilum Angela  
Paphiopedilum Jewel Song  
*Paphiopedilum spicerianum*  
Phragmipedium After-Glo  
*Aerangis flabellifolia*  
Brassidium Fly Away 'Miami' AM/AOS  
*Maxillaria sanguinea*

Denise Nash  
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Paige Hartman  
Neal Foster  
Robin Johnson

### Second

*Dendrobium lawesii*  
*Maxillaria schunkeana*  
Oncidium Kyoshi Akatsuka 'Volcano Queen'

Denise Nash  
Denise Nash  
Denise Nash

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| Paphiopedilum Pinocchio                           | Denise Nash   |
| Paphiopedilum victoria-reginae                    | Paige Hartman |
| Ascocenda [V. Jose Coronado x Ascda Truman Motes] | Neal Foster   |

**Third**

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Paphiopedilum Betty Bracey 'Springtime' AM/AOS    | Denise Nash  |
| Paphiopedilum [Hsinying Ruby Cherry '#2' x Tryon] | Denise Nash  |
| <i>Paphiopedilum wardii</i>                       | Denise Nash  |
| Paphiopedilum Whitemoor 'Ashland' AM/AOS          | Denise Nash  |
| Ascocentrum Mona Church                           | April Pedit  |
| Cattleya Fire Lighter                             | Abby Skinner |

Linda Battison also contributed a plant for the display. And again this year, Dottie Winter entered several arrangements of cut flowers in the "Orchids in Use" competition, which is judged by regular flower show judges. She won a first place ribbon, and two third place for arrangements entered in various categories.

April Pedit again came with her big SUV to help Dottie & Harry, who stayed in Midland for the weekend, get the display down and every thing packed up in our two vehicles, and we were on our way by about 5 pm. Many thanks to those who came to help, and to all those who contributed plants for the display. We hope to have even more of you participate, by contributing your blooming plants, and/or coming to help set up or take down, at our next show, the Grand Valley OS show at the Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids on the fourth week-end in January, always a great venue for an orchid show.

Harry Winter

I would like to add a note here. Harry is exactly right. Without April's generous volunteering in Midland, we would not been able to have a display there Thanksgiving weekend. SVOS always volunteers to put a display up at our show - but if we don't put one up at theirs, chances are they would not return the favor. Yes, it takes time from one's holiday weekend, but there are those of us who enjoy our festival, and wish to keep it going, which is WHY WE DO THIS! I hope that you will all try to volunteer plants and/or time in the future at one of our 5 shows. In January we have the wonderful GVOS show in Grand Rapids. If you have never been to this show, I suggest you check it out, it is most excellent! Please donate plants and/or time! We need you so the rest of us don't get burned out!

~D. Nash, Editor

**AAOS Display  
Saginaw Valley Orchid Society Show  
November 27, 2009**



**Grand Valley Orchid Society Show  
Noon-5:00 p.m. January 23, 24**

**Set up:** January 22, 11:00 a.m.

**Tear down:** January 24, 5:00 p.m.

We are always looking for nice blooming plants for the orchid shows. This one will be no different. If your plant is flowering and bug-free, please consider lending it to us for the Grand Rapids orchid show. We promise we will be careful with it, and you might have it returned with a ribbon! If you have any plants to lend, please call Paige Hartman at 734-864-3718 or email Denise Nash at [djnash@comcast.net](mailto:djnash@comcast.net).

We are also always looking for volunteers to help us put up or take down the display! The Grand Rapids show is one of the very nicest shows we do. Meijer Gardens is a beautiful venue for this show. Please let Paige or Denise know if you would like to help!

## 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

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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