

Ann Arbor Orchid Society Newsletter

May 16 Meeting

This month's meeting is a little different than usual. We will have a number of work stations on different aspects of orchid culture. While some of these are aimed at beginners, we would like all growers to share their knowledge.

Growing *Phragmipedium kovachii* & it's Hybrids: John Curtin from MOS will show how he grows this amazing orchid.

Dividing and Potting Orchids. Bring a couple orchids if you are unsure how to pot them up (but not your whole collection please!) and we'll show you how easy it is. In fact - we

expect YOU to do the actual repotting - we'll walk you through it! We'll also discuss pot types & media.

Orchids on Mounts & Baskets. There will be a station on how to grow orchids on mounts and in baskets.

Water & Fertilizing. We'll have information on the different types of fertilizers available, and different watering methods.

Pest & Disease Identification and Control. Bring your problem orchid (in a sealed plastic bag so we don't spread the problems) and there will be information on different remedies, from chemical insecticides to organic methods like insecticidal soap, pepper wax, neem, etc.

The business meeting and annual elections will begin at 2 pm. We will have our usual silent auction and members plant tables, but our raffle table may have a few more plants than usual!

John Curtin will have a number of orchids for sale - various types at quite reasonable prices.

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Proposed 2010-2011 Board Members

Voting will be held at the next AAOS meeting on May 16.

President:	Alex Challis
Vice President:	Vivian Lin
Secretary:	Denise Nash
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Director:	April Pedit
Director:	Bob Desoff

No Show Birthday Girl

Friday, April 16th was my birthday (Glen Lehr's too). It was a lousy day at work, so when I got home I told Duane we should go out to dinner (I hadn't planned on going to a restaurant). Little did I know that my friends at AAOS had put candles on the cake for dinner at the orchid festival.

As they say, it's the thought that counts. Three out of four of my brothers never remember my birthday, so knowing that my friends are thinking of me, warms the cockle's of my heart. Thank you Paige and everyone, I appreciate it.

To the person who thought the 96 candles on the cake represented my age- I turned 57 not 96!

~ Judy Labato

Upcoming Orchid Adventures!

Washtenaw County Native Orchid Field Trips:

Sunday, May 23 - 11 am

Sunday, May 30 - 11 am

We will have two field trips this year to see native Michigan Orchids - hopefully in flower!

We go rain or shine - be prepared to get a little wet either way! Both locations have some small, hilly areas, and probably mosquitoes.

May 23 - Nan Weston Nature Preserve at Sharon Hollow - Manchester MI

Sharon Hollow has several native orchids. Typically at this time of year we can find *Cypripedium calceolus* & *Galearis spectabilis* in bloom. There are several stands of *Aplectrum hymale* which may be in bloom, and possibly *Cypripedium reginae*, though these often bloom a little later. Thousands of *Trillium* may also still be in bloom. In the past you had to walk through some muddy spots to get to the orchids - but I understand there are more boardwalks now. Guess we'll find out.

As parking at the preserve entrance is tight, we'll meet at AAOS Member's house Glenn & Maria Lehr at 11 am and car pool. 19220 Sandborn, Manchester. From M-52 heading south turn right onto Main Street, left on Macomb just after the park, right on Sandborn. Park anywhere! And of

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AAOS Calendar



May 16: Orchid Workshops with guest vendor, John Curtin!

May 23: 11:00 a.m. Native Orchid trip-Nan Weston Nature Preserve at Sharon Hollow - Manchester MI

May 30: 11:00 a.m. Gerald E. Eddy Discovery Center in Waterloo Recreation Area west of Chelsea

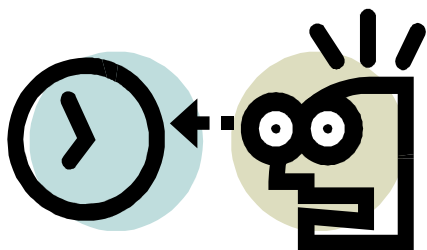
June 19, 20: Judging seminar: **Dendrobiums** - for schedule, see page 6.

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

September 24 - 26 Mid America Orchid show, Louisville KY

October 10 - Dawn Schlote - The Weird & The Wonderful

November 21 - Brenda Oviatt, Angraecoid Orchids



Newsletter Deadline

The next Newsletter deadline is in mid August. Please contribute any orchid related articles to Denise Nash at djnash@comcast.net

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Orchid Festival - *We **Need your help!!!!***

Orchid Shows - Alex Challis, Paige Hartman

Programs - Paige Hartman, Alex Challis

Publicity - Neal Foster

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 Ceramic Orchid Pot Class

Duane Duman makes the most fabulous orchid pots in the world, as you all know. He was kind enough to offer a class for a limited number of people so we could learn how it's done.



Duane shows two neophytes how to use the potter's wheel

Paige, Denise, Robin, Cynthia and Emma signed up for the class. At the first class, we took clay and made our pots. At the next class, we painted our creations (or if we broke our greenware, we painted Duane's greenware!).

At our last class, we got to admire how well all of them turned out! Thanks so much to Duane! It was great fun!



Unfired pottery, or greenware. Wow, be careful, it's fragile!



Thanks again Duane and Laura! We all had a great time!



The orchid pots are works of art!

Orchid adventures, cont.

course you can stay after and look at orchids in the greenhouse & shade-house.

May 30 - Waterloo Bog

We will meet at 11 am at the Gerald E. Eddy Discovery Center in Waterloo Recreation Area west of Chelsea. We will walk to the bog to see *Arethusa bulbosa*, the Dragon's Mouth and the *Cypripedium acaule*, the Pink Moccasin flower. Also in the bog are *Sarracenia* - Pitcher Plants and *Drosera* - Sundews. The walk is fairly easy, and there is a boardwalk over the bog.

Map and information: <http://www.reachoutmichigan.org/career/tourlisting/eddyinfo.html>

If there is time (and energy) we can also visit Park Lyndon North on North Territorial Road which may have *Cypripedium reginae* in flower.

Contact Alex at 971-6186 or AnnArborOrchids@aol.com for more info.



Interested in Orchid Pots?

You've seen his pots at our meetings. You may have bought one or more at the Festival. Now is your chance to make something yourself!

Duane Duman will show us how he makes pots, including firing and glazing them. This will take place at Duane's home this summer. We will have dates and more information soon.

THANK YOU FOOD VOLUNTEERS

Thank you so much to all who brought the food for our festival. As in all past years the AAOS members bring unique, exotic and very very tasty foods! I hope everyone who came and worked at the show had a chance to fill a plate. I wish you all could experience other shows so you'd realize what wonderful meals you all contribute. There were several who helped with set up, serving and clean up of each meal. Thank you all!!

~Paige

Shelly Vorrath's Phal



Shelly told me that she had a phalaenopsis flowering that she did not bring to the AAOS Festival. She told me she would send a picture, so here it is! I think it's a real prize winner, don't you?

Fall Mid America Congress Scheduled

Mark your calendars now for the **Fall 2010 Mid-America Orchid Congress**, September 24-26, 2010. The conference is hosted by the Mid-America Orchid Congress and will be held in conjunction with the **Kentucky Orchid Society's 2010 Fall Orchid Show**.

Both Mid-America and the orchid show will be at the Fern Valley Hotel and Conference Center, Louisville, KY. Watch for details in *The Mid-American*.

Dendrobiums

Annual Orchid Seminar

June 19 & 20, 2010

Sponsored by the
AOS and Great Lakes Judging Center

Holiday Inn

3600 Plymouth Road - US23 Exit 41
734-769-9800

<http://www.hiannarbor.com/>

Live & Silent Auction of Orchids, Orchid-related Paraphernalia & Other Items

Dessert Auction Saturday Evening
Donations Welcome!

There is no cost to attend the seminar.

So that we know how many people to expect, please contact the GLJC at GLJCSeminar@aol.com if you plan to attend.

Weekend Schedule:

Saturday, June 19 at M.B.Gardens

GLJC Business Meeting

10 am Room 125

AOS Judging

1 pm Rooms 125, 131

Holiday Inn

Sales room open until 3:30 pm

3:30 pm Joe Peterson - Pedilonum

4:00 pm Katie Payeur - Dockrillia

4:30-6:30 pm: Dinner on your own, sales room open

6:30 pm Marian Morton - Nobile Dendrobiums

7:15 pm John Stubbings - Phalaenopsis Hybrids

8 pm Dessert Auction, sales room open

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Dendrobium Judging Seminar, cont.

Sunday, June 20

Holiday Inn

9 am Barry Jones - Miniature Latouria Species & Hybrids
9:45 am Diane Burton - Section Formosana
10:30 am Auctions & Snack break, sales room open
11:30 am Gail Schwartz - Dendrobium Speciosum & Its Hybrids
12:15 pm Nile Dusdieker - Dendrobiums Down Under: Australian Dendrocoryne Dendrobiums

1 pm Sales room open, complete auctions, adjourn

Our Festival Display, April 17-18, 2010

The show season ended at our own AAOS Orchid Festival at MBG. As always, we put our grand 100 sq. ft. "presqueisle" display, open on three sides. Alex Challis was in charge of the display, with Denise Nash, Paige Hartman (labels) Dottie Winter (staking and labeling) Harry Winter (names & registration) as well as the many members who were around to help, and who brought plants. The display used our old "tree", with black background & covers, accents of lava rocks and foliage plants, and cypress mulch "pathway". In all, 15 members exhibited 67 plants, most of which were registered for judging. We got the second place ribbon in its class. No trophies among the plants this year, but Dottie Winter entered a cut flower arrangement and won the trophy!

Trophy - Orchids in Use

Cut flower arrangement

First

Stenosarcos hyb.

Encyclia oncidioides

Odontonia Susan Bogdanow 'Deep Purple' AM/AOS

Oncidium Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'

Maxillaria tenuifolia

Sophranthe (Lc) Rojo 'Barbara'

Phalaenopsis Fortune Saltzman

Cattleya Green Veil

Phalaenopsis Fantasy Musick

Ascocenda John Debiase 'Angela' AM/AOS

Paphiopedilum Hilo Ruby

Phalaenopsis Hyb.

Aliceara Sunday Best 'Muffin'

Dottie Winter

Duane & Laura Duman

Neal Foster

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Neal Foster

Paige Hartman

Paige Hartman

Deb Heckler

Riki Marquis

Riki Marquis

Denise Nash

Denise Nash

Abby Skinner

Larry Walton

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Festival report, cont.

Second

Cymbidium California
Cymbidium Mary Pinchess
Sophranthe (Lc) Lady Bug
Phalaenopsis hybrid 'Golden Potential'
Chamaeanges harioiana
Phalaenopsis North Lit Orange
Brassolaeliocattleya George King 'Serendipity'
Paphiopedilum lowii 'Susan'
Paphiopedilum Tony Semple 'Pololei'
Paphiopedilum Hyb.

Duane & Laura Duman
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Jack Edge
Paige Hartman
Deb Heckler
Denise Nash
Denise Nash
Denise Nash
Larry Walton

Third

Dendrobium Judith Nakayama
Phalaenopsis Hyb.
Cattleytonia Why Not 'Roundabout'
Phragmipedium Albopurpleum 'Sir Arthur'
Odontocidium (Colm) Wildcat 'Rainbow'
Phalaenopsis Sunrise Goldamour 'F.D.'
Phalaenopsis Irene's Fire
Cattleya skinneri
Dendrobium moniliforme
Paphiopedilum delenatii
Epidendrum Anellie Wans 'Hoedown'
Phalaenopsis Sogo Gotris 'Flora Ark'
Cattleya Final Touch 'Golden Fleece'
Jackfowlieara (Iwanagaara) Appleblossom

Linda Battison
Jim Cather
Duane & Laura Duman
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Neal Foster
Paige Hartman
Deb Heckler
Glenn Lehr
Glenn Lehr
Riki Marquis
Denise Nash
Denise Nash
Abby Skinner
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Janet Hinshaw, Vivian Lin and Cynthia Yao also contributed plants to the display. Another show season is over – 'til next Fall. Thanks to all who contributed plant as well as their time and effort to putting up all of the wonderful displays we did this season! – Harry Winter



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

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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