

Greater Akron Orchid Society

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the Mid-American Orchid Congress

March 2015

February 2015 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by incoming president Dave Miller. As the January meeting had been cancelled due to the threat of inclement weather, the first order of business was to introduce the incoming board. President Dave Miller, Vice President Brandon Spannbauer, Treasurer Frank Skalak, Secretary, Janet Neyrinck were introduced. Out-going president Barb Ford will serve as trustee.

General Business

It was unanimously decided by the incoming board to bestow Life Membership on Barbara Ford for her contribution of more than 25 years as a member of GAOS and her many years as president. Certificates of Life Membership were given to Barb and to Margaret Hartmann who has been a Life Member since 2011.

GAOS Spring Orchid Show

Since this was the last regular monthly meeting prior to our show on March 7, the focus was on getting members signed up for the various areas needed to make the show a success. Members have the opportunity to sponsor trophies and awards in the various categories. Donations will be collected by Frank Skalak. Lists were circulated for sign up for food donations by hospitality chair Jenny Ross and for times at the membership table by chair Brandon Spannbauer.

The Summa Wellness Center has donated a membership which will be raffled off at the show. Gladys Bujak reported that we have very nearly reached our goal for advertising in the booklet handed out at the show.

Volunteer workers will be needed for set-up on Friday morning, March 6. Plants are requested to be properly labeled and at the show venue by 10:00 am that morning. Two new categories of exhibit for the show are being added as a fun opportunity for amateur growers, They are "9a - 1 to 5 Plants" and "9b - 6 to 10 Plants". Dave Miller passed around examples from other shows to stimulate new ideas.

Dave Miller asked for the collection of local newspapers that include the GAOS show ad and also passed out additional flyers to be distributed in the community.

Paul Bujak discussed proper registration of plants slotted for judging. He asked that email with the names of plants that will be displayed in the shows be sent to him so that tags can be made ahead of time. Mary Bell called for plants to be dropped off at her house for the out-of-town shows.

Dave Miller and Brandon Spannbauer have teamed up to create a revised website and a presence on Facebook. Members are encouraged to visit the sites and contribute their own photos. Any articles for the newsletter and show booklet are welcome and should go to Paul Bujak.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the GAOS will be held Monday, March 9, 2015 at 6:30 pm, at the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Community Center in Akron, Ohio. At the March meeting we will be welcoming new members and talking about the success of the Spring Show at Donzell's. Dave Miller has a short presentation which demystifies the pronunciation of orchid names.

Dues Are Due

Membership dues for 2015 are now payable. For individual members, dues are \$20; for family memberships, \$30. Payment may be made to Frank Skalak, Treasurer, at the March meeting or by mail to him at 9258 Seneca St. NW, Massillon, OH 44646. Checks should be made payable to Greater Akron Orchid Society. Members who do not pay their dues by the March 9 meeting will be removed from the membership roster.

GAOS Spring Orchid Show

The 2015 Spring Show will be held on March 7 & 8 at Donzell's Flower and Garden Center, 937 E. Waterloo Rd. Akron, Oh 44306. Set-up will be on Friday March 6 and many volunteers are needed to help with food and hospitality, equipment set up, display setup and assistance to our vendors.

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Call for Plants

The GAOS is planning to enter an exhibit at the West Shore Orchid Society show at the Strongsville Recreation Center March 14-15, 2015. Members who wish to enter their plants should do the following:

- ✓ Take your plants to Mary Bell at 48 Flowerdale Drive in Akron, OH by March 12. The display team will take them to the show.

Please send or give a list of the names of your plants to Paul Bujak at pbujak@neo.rr.com by Wednesday, March 11. It is easier to make up the plant display labels in advance than to make them at set-up. If you are unsure that the plant will be ready to enter, put it on the list anyway. An unused label is not a problem. Make sure your plant name is correct and that you describe the flower color to ensure it is placed in the correct judging class. Leave your plastic plant label in the pot so the team can identify your plant or label the pot with the plant info. A Sharpie and blue painter's tape make good pot labels. Put a return address label or tape with your name on the pot. We do not want your plant going back to the wrong home.

On Monday, March 16, you may pick up your plants at Mary Bell's house or call her to make other arrangements.

Upcoming Shows and Other Orchid News

Greater Akron Orchid Society will host its annual Spring Orchid Show on March 7 & 8, 2015. Setup will be on Friday, March 6. It will be held at Donzell's Flower & Garden Center, 937 E. Waterloo Rd, Akron, OH 44306. www.thegaos.com. Jim and Mary Bell, Chairpersons. 330-644-6867

West Shore Orchid Society will hold its spring show on March 14-15, 2015 at the Strongsville Recreation Center, Strongsville, OH.



Phalaenopsis Hybrid in a Bowl – Jenny Ross



GAOS Display at Greater Cleveland Orchid Society Show

GAOS Takes Red at Greater Cleveland Show

The GAOS entered an orchid display at the Greater Cleveland Orchid Society show held on February 14-15, 2015 at the Cleveland Botanical Center. The display, which was set up by Mary and Jim Bell and Jackie Muster, earned a Red Ribbon for society displays.

Beth Molvin received the GCOS President's Award for her Cymbidium Summer Love.

Plants entered by Barb Ford, Dave Miller, Mary Bell, Bernadette Skalak, Jenny Ross, Beth Molvin and Paul Bujak garnered additional Blue, Red and White ribbons in their respective classes. Paul Bujak also received a Blue Ribbon award for Black and White Photography. All told, the society received sixteen ribbon awards from twenty-six entries. Well done, GAOS!

The Gallery

Some of the fine flowers displayed
at the February 2015 meeting.



Paphiopedilum (Paph.) Pinocchio
'Mount Diane' – Barbara Ford



Dendrobium (Den.) delicatum x J. Christie
– Brandon Spannbauer



Phalaenopsis (Phal.) Hybrid –
Bernadette Skalak



Brassavola (B.) Little Stars 'Yosuji
Takasuki' - Jenny Ross



Paphiopedilum (Paph.) Berenice – Dave Miller



Phragmipedium (Phrag.) besseae –
Frank Skalak



Paphiopedilum (Paph.) Memoria
Larry Heuer – Barbara Ford



Ceratostylis (Css.) rubra – Dave
Miller