

Greater Akron Orchid Society

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January Meeting

Unfortunately, the January meeting was cancelled due to an ice and snow storm.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of GAOS is scheduled for February 9, 2015, at the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Center in Akron, Ohio. Preparation for the Spring Show will be the topic at that time. Dave Miller and Barb Ford will discuss how to prepare plants for the show season.

Dues Are Due

Membership dues for 2015 are now due. Individual dues are \$20 and for a family, \$30. Payment should be given to Frank Skalak, Treasurer. Please consider paying at the February meeting to stay current and help Treasurer Frank keep the Society accounts updated as our show time approaches. Checks should be made out to Greater Akron Orchid Society.

Trophy Sponsorship

Each year at our Spring Orchid Show, Greater Akron Orchid Society holds judging of orchid flowers and orchid-related items in 108 classes. Several classes are grouped together and trophies are awarded to the Best of Class in each of 20 groups. Members are asked to sponsor these awards which are typically restaurant or gasoline gift cards. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the February meeting. If you have not already pledged to sponsor a trophy, please do so at this time. GAOS needs your support.

GAOS Spring Orchid Show

The 2015 Spring Show will be held on March 7th and 8th at Donzell's Flower and Garden Center, 937 E. Waterloo Rd. Akron, Oh 44306. Set-up will be on Friday March 6th and many volunteers are needed to include food and hospitality, equipment set up, display setup and assistance to our vendors. Volunteers will be needed throughout the weekend for various functions. Clerks are needed for Saturday morning judging. Members are encouraged to volunteer for time at the Greeting and Membership table. Show Chairs, Mary and Jim Bell, 330-644-6867, have the latest information about volunteer opportunities.

New Show Classes Announced

President Dave Miller and Show Co-chair Jim Bell have announced the addition of two new classes to the GAOS show schedule. In the group for Amateur Competition, only two classes formerly were offered, both for displays arranged for effect. This meant that a person, perhaps not a member of a society, needed to enter a display of at least 25 square feet area, typically requiring one plant per square foot. Anyone with fewer plants, perhaps only one or two, and not entering them in a society display, could not have their plants judged.

The two new classes, "Orchid plants in flower, 1-5 plants" or likewise, "... 6-10 plants", will now permit anyone, a society member or someone from the general public, to participate in our show. Space will be provided for one or more plants or for a mini-display. Please remember to register your plants as well as the display.

Call for Plants

The GAOS is planning to enter an exhibit at the Greater Cleveland Orchid Society show at the Cleveland Botanical Garden on February 13, 2015. Members who wish to enter their plants should do one of the following:

- ✓ Bring your plants to the February 9, 2015 GAOS meeting. The display team will take them to the show.
- ✓ Take your plants to Mary Bell at 48 Flowerdale Drive in Akron, OH by February 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, February 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. 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, February 16, you may pick up your plants at Mary Bell's house or call her to make other arrangements.

Spring Show Season is Just Ahead

Greater Cleveland Orchid Society Cleveland Botanical Gardens will host the upcoming GCOS show, February 14th & 15th, 2015.

Greater Akron Orchid Society will host its annual Spring Orchid Show on March 7th & 8th, 2015 at Donzell's Flower and Garden Center, Akron, OH. Setup will be on Friday, March 6th. Jim and Mary Bell, Chairpersons.

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

More on February's Program

February's GAOS program will be "Preparing Plants for the Show". Barb Ford and Dave Miller will have an open discussion on tasks that need to be done over the next four weeks to get your orchids ready for display in the show. Also, there will be a impromptu question and answer panel for anything orchid so bring those questions or plants.

The Gallery

As there was no meeting in January, here are some of the fine flowers from previous years.



Bulbophyllum (Bulb.) medusae
'Mellow Yellow'



Phragmipedium (Phrag.) Robin Redbreast var. flavum



Vanda (V.) Vivian Stewart x sanderiana



Rhyncholaeliocattleya (Rlc.) Nancy Gilmore

