

# Greater Akron Orchid Society

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the Mid-American Orchid Congress

## **August 2015**

### ***July 2015 Meeting***

The July 13, 2015 meeting of the Greater Akron Orchid Society, held at the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Center, Akron, Ohio, was called to order at 7:00 PM. by Dave Miller, President. Guests from West Shore Orchid Society, Katherine Binder and Allen Lund, were welcomed. Claudia Englert also joined the GAOS at this meeting.

### ***General Business***

A very brief business meeting was held, with reports from the treasurer, secretary and newsletter editor. This was followed by members showing their blooming orchids at the Show Table. Photos of many of these are in the Gallery section of this newsletter.

The program for July was presented by Rob Halgren of Littlefrog Farm, in Lansing , Michigan.. The subject was the use of LED lights for indoor growing, Rob moved from an expensive-to-heat greenhouse to a totally enclosed former stable and used only LED lighting. He did experiment with several configurations before finalizing his set-up. With the cost of LED lights coming down, replacement of HID and HPS lights with LEDs is worth consideration.

### ***Next Meeting***

On Monday August 10, 2015, the GAOS will feature Wayne Roberts, of Roberts Flower Supply in Columbia Station, Ohio, who will present "*What is Wrong With My Orchid?*" Wayne will be explaining the many things that can be happening with your orchid that may not be fatal but will need your attention in order to correct the problem. There are certainly a number of orchid problems that will kill your plant but there are also plenty of cultural and environmental things that can be corrected. Wayne will also have orchids for sale during the meeting. Orchid supplies can be pre-ordered by emailing [rfs@orchidmix.com](mailto:rfs@orchidmix.com) or calling 440-236-5571 by Friday August 7.

#### President

**David Miller**

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*Paphiopedilum (Paph.) Pinocchio* – Barbara Ford

### ***Upcoming Board Meeting***

There will be a GAOS board meeting on Monday, August 3, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the Waterloo Restaurant on Waterloo Rd in Akron. All members are invited to attend. An RSVP to Dave Miller by Friday August 7 is required to ensure we have enough space. Members will have an opportunity to share their opinions but the main purpose is for the Executive Committee to conduct any necessary society business.



*Phalaenopsis (Phal.) Hybrid* – Janet Neyrinck

## ***JUDGES CORNER – Finding Your Orchid Name***

By Dave Miller

A new orchid for your collection always raises the excitement level but also raises questions about whether the label is correct. For some time now, the AOS has designated the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) as the official registrar for orchid names, species and hybrids. You will find that many orchid labels have spelling and name errors.

In the past, orchidists had to use published references like “*Sander’s List of Orchid Hybrids*” to find the names of orchids but in more recent times had only find someone who has a computer program like *OrchidWiz* or *AQPlus* (now *Orchids Plus*) to look up and verify names. It is the first thing I do when I get a new orchid that I am not familiar. Now you are able to investigate your own plants using a computer. And, the cost is free. The RHS websites provide a myriad of information about your orchids and the good part is, the AOS agrees with the names.

*Need to find out if your orchid hybrid has an official hybrid name?*

*Need to find out if the orchid you just bought is a registered name?*

*Need to find out what the parent orchids are of your hybrid orchid?*

*Need to find out if your plant is a species or hybrid orchid?*

*Need to find out if your species orchid is known by another name?*

Type the following link to the “*International Orchid Register*” into your browser line, then begin asking your questions by using one of the two sections on the page.

<http://apps.rhs.org.uk/horticulturaldatabase/orchidregister/orchidregister.asp>

The two sections are opposites. The first section is “Parental Search”. Use this to find out if your orchid has a registered hybrid name. Fill in one or both parents to get a list (or no list) of registered hybrid names. There is a help button for refining your search.

The second section is “*Grex name search*” (*grex* means hybrid) and it works equally well for species too. The resultant screen will display a list, which you can click on, and you will know whether your orchid is a hybrid or species. “No answer” means you spelled something wrong, did not fill in the search boxes correctly or your orchid does not have a registered orchid name; it may be patented but not registered.

***HAPPY BROWSING***



***Dendrobium (Den.) Hybrid – Larry Ball***

## ***GAOS 2015 Program Calendar***

- Aug 10** Wayne Roberts, Roberts Flower Supply , “*What are Your Plants Telling You?*”
- Sep 14** John Dunkelberger, “*Miniature Cymbidiums*”, (plant sales)
- Oct 12** 2<sup>nd</sup> Member Plant Auction
- Nov 9** Holiday banquet / Elections
- Dec 14** no meeting



***Dendrochilum (Ddc.) filiforme – Edgar Stehli***

## ***The Gallery***

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



***Lycaste (Lyc.) Mahogany* –  
Darlene Thompson**



***Paphiopedilum (Paph.) Ang-Thong  
'Alea'* – Barbara Ford**



***Paphiopedilum leucochilum* –  
Darlene Thompson**



***Phragmipedium (Phrag.) Mayling*  
Neilson – Darlene Thompson**



***Phalaenopsis (Phal.) Hybrid* –  
Paul Bujak**



***Miltoniopsis (Mps.) Hybrid* –  
Janet Neyrinck**



***Paphiopedilum (Paph.) Susan*  
Wedegaertner – Darlene Thompson**



***Paphiopedilum (Paph.) Via Ojai* –  
Dave Miller**