

“The Calypso”

Out with the old, in with the new:  
may you be happy the whole year through.  
**Happy New Year!**

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**CALYPSO DEADLINE:**

Feb. 27 for the March issue

*The purposes for which the Society is organized are to create an awareness of orchid culture; to foster the preservation of native species of orchids; to support research and development of orchid culture; and to hold meetings, lectures, and exhibitions.*

**JANUARY 20 MEETING:**

Presbyterian Church, Okemos

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for:

- Plant shopping
- Experienced Society members will be available to answer questions and help problem solve orchid growing issues
- Please have refreshments in place prior to start of meeting.

Meeting will start promptly at 7:00 pm

We will be having three of our own members presenting at our January meeting: Chris Steele, Jerrie Nichols & Carol Ann Stuht. Jerrie & Carol will discuss getting orchids ready for shows.

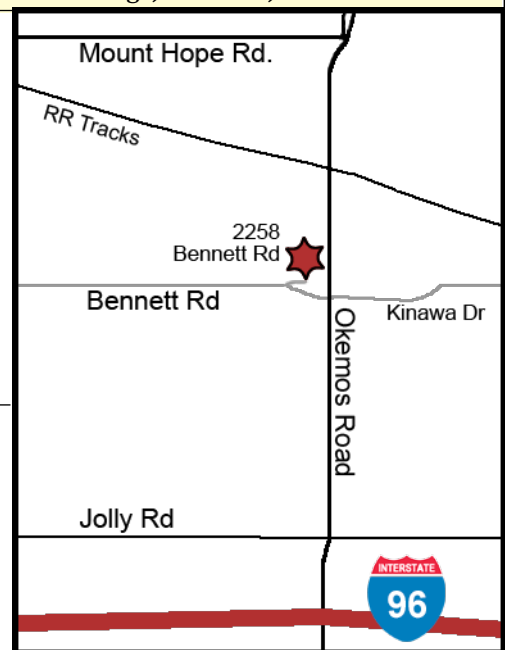
From Chris Steele:

“I began growing plants on synthetic fabric more than 10 years ago. Mostly staghorn ferns and using scrubby pads as the growing medium. When I moved to Richmond, Virginia in 2007 I started growing some orchids and began to explore various polyester fabrics. I got carried away and applied for a US patent for a planter based on what I had learned to that point. I was granted a patent which is now in the public domain. Feel free to use it. ( #7,703,239 )

The potential of what could be done with fabric really opened up for me after I moved to China in 2011. A quick Metro ride from my apartment brought me to a vast sprawl of fabric vendors. Much of the cloth that clothes the world get sold through this market in Guangzhou. I spent many hours in this insanely hectic place. I loved it.

I was seeing textiles, weaves and textures like nothing I had seen before. I was eager to try out these new finds on some orchids. Luckily another subway ride brought me to a large flower and plant wholesale market with a number of orchid vendors. Aided by the mild climate of southern China, I soon filled my balconies with strange planters concocted from scraps of felt and cattleyas growing on cable knits. Some of these plants even survived.

I plan to give a presentation on growing orchids on polyester mounts. I have been using synthetic fabric as a base for growing orchids and other plants for over 10 years. I will bring a few examples for people to look at. I will also demonstrate some of my methods for making these planters.”



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -- Dawn Kittle**

Dear fellow members,

I hope all of you have had wonderful holidays. It is hard to believe that the end of the year has arrived and a new one begun.

Our 2017 speakers and meetings have been outstanding, and we hope to continue that record. In January, we will be having two of our members presenting. Chris Steele will talk about mounting orchid on various fabrics. Carol Stuht and Jerrie Nichols will show us how to prepare orchids for shows. Both talks will be interesting, informative and timely.

We are busy preparing for our show which is rapidly approaching. Some things need to be finalized but I have faith that we will once again have a fabulous show. Special thanks to Doris for her great endeavors.

We also have to think about nominations for our Awards Committee and our Nomination Committee. If you have any suggestions for the Orchidist of the Year and/or the Silver Certificate, please hand in your nomination to Georgian, Mike Henderson or myself. Also, the Vice-President position will need to be filled as Doris' term is soon over. If anyone would like the position please give your name to Mike Underwood.

I'm looking forward to the New Year as I hope you are.

*Editor's Note: If you have plants you wish to enter into the Grand Valley Show on January 27th, one week from our meeting, please feel free to bring them to the meeting. You may want Carol and Jerrie to use them to show our members how to prepare them for the show. Please see page 6 for more information about the Grand Valley Show.*

**USED ORCHID BOOKS/PERIODICALS WANTED** - submitted by Doris Asher, Show Chair

Do you have some orchid books or orchid periodicals that you no longer want? For several years now at our Orchid Show, we have sold numerous used books donated by various Society members. Visitors to the Show snap them up very quickly and, because the books are donated, the Society makes 100% profit. We use the orchid magazines as free giveaways to our visitors to encourage their joining our Society.

Because this service is so popular, we would like to offer inexpensive, used orchid books again at this February's Show. Since GLOS is an IRS not-for-profit 501(c) 3 organization, you may deduct the value of the books and magazines you give us. The Treasurer will be happy to provide you a receipt for your gift.



Please consider giving such items at this January meeting to Doris Asher or to Christina Gregg Baker, the Chair of our Show's Information Table.

In addition, Christina will be "recruiting" at the January 20 meeting for volunteers to work the Information Table during the Show. Please look at your calendar for February 24 and 25 and see when you could devote two or three hours to staff that Table. No experience required! Christina will tell you everything that you need to know!

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→ Thank you to Jerrie Nichols, Dawn Kittle, Carol Ann Stuht (via Dot) and Dottie Winter for providing the delicious refreshments in November. Tammy, Dottie and Rob will provide snacks in January.

**GLOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- **January 27-28** - Grand Valley OS Show & Sale at Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park. Please see p. 6 for specifics.
- **February 24-25, 2018 - GLOS Orchid Show and Sale** - Please see p. 3 for more information
- **March 17** - GLOS General Meeting - To be determined
- **May 19** - GLOS General Meeting - Jim Heilig will be our speaker. His talk will be on Habenarias.
- **July 28** - GLOS Picnic (Tentative)



**GETTING THE WORD OUT** - submitted by Doris Asher, Vice President/Show Chair

The Society currently has 90 members. All 90 of us can help publicize our Orchid Show! Pete Ostlund has done a marvelous job lining up a large roster of orchid vendors, who provide the bulk of the funding of our Show with their fees for sales tables. It is essential that the Show get many visitors who may buy many orchids from our vendors. In addition to the excellent tv commercials that Pete Porciello obtains for us through the services of King Media, I urge all of you to do whatever you can to publicize our Show. So we do not duplicate each other's efforts, please let Ioana Sonea (ioanamsona@gmail.com) know what you have done or are doing. Ioana has taken on the job of publicizing the Show in the free community calendars in both The Lansing State Journal and also in The Towne Courier – the weekend before the Show and the weekend of the Show. If all 90 of us invite only eight of our friends, neighbors and relatives, imagine how many visitors our Show might garner!

Here is the publicity piece/postcard designed by Dot Potter Barnett for this February's Show. One suggestion: it is a simple matter to email folks with the postcard attached and invite them to the Show.

Thanks for helping.



This is the postcard design for our 2018 Orchid Show. Members can pick some up at our January meeting.

Dot will be sending out, via email, a JPEG or PDF flyer in a larger size for you to print and post wherever you can.

**GLOS FEBRUARY SHOW INFORMATION** - submitted by Bill Cadman, Display Chair

Our GLOS 2018 Show is quickly approaching! I will be coordinating the construction of our club display this year. We typically set up a 75 square foot display, which means we need lots of blooming orchids. If you're willing to loan your healthy and pest free orchids in flower we would love to use them – please send to me the names of the plants you'll be sharing by the evening of Wednesday, February 21, 2018. Plants will need to be brought to the conservatory where our show is held Friday before Noon (Feb. 23, 2018). If you have any questions, send an email to me:

billc377@yahoo.com, or call 517-484-3406.

**REMINDER: WEAR YOUR BADGE – GET EXTRA RAFFLE TICKET** - A message from the GLOS Membership Committee (Doris Asher, Chair; Dot Potter Barnett, Member)

Your Society's Membership Committee has changed the way we handle the GLOS name tags -- members are responsible for their own name badges.

As an incentive to wear the name tag, which is very nice for visitors and for those of us with failing memories (!), anyone who wears the badge AND purchases even one raffle ticket at \$1.00 per ticket will get a complimentary raffle ticket.

Wear your badge to the meeting. Let's help everyone greet everyone by name by wearing a name tag.

Wear your Society name tag. Get an extra raffle ticket!

If you cannot locate your badge, please let Doris or Dot know. Dot will make you a new one.

**GLOS MEMBERS SHOW THEIR GENEROSITY - 2018 SHOW TROPHY SPONSORS -**

Submitted by Doris Asher, Vice President/Show Chair

Once again, Society members have come through, underwriting ALL of the trophies for our Show in February! The trophies will be prepared by Larry Galdes and Joy Suphattra's Clay Flowers. Many of these wonderful sponsors have already paid the Society for their sponsorships. If you have not yet had the opportunity to do so, you can save yourself expensive postage by paying Treasurer Rob Halgren in person at our January meeting. A check or cash is equally welcome – the cost is \$25.00. Checks payable to GLOS may also be mailed to Rob Halgren, Treasurer, 2100 Grovenburg, Lansing, MI 48911.

Thank you, donors, very much.

This year's sponsors are:

*Trophy*

Exhibits, Open  
Exhibits, Society  
Exhibits, Amateur  
Cattleya Alliance  
Cypripedium Alliance  
Phalaenopsis  
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Brassia and Miltonia  
Oncidium Alliance  
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Dendrobium Alliance  
Pleurothallid Alliance  
Alex Challis Memorial/Miscellaneous Genera  
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Art (Excluding Photography)  
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Marilyn Lee Memorial, Orchids in Use (Amateur)  
Orchids in Use (Professional)  
Don and Kris Garling Memorial, Best of Show  
AOS Show Trophy – Outstanding Exhibit

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Andrea Bishop  
Dot Potter Barnett  
Julie Bishop  
Diane Zoeller  
Gus Kienitz  
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Dawn Kittle (in memory of Sherwin Kittle;  
in memory of Betty Jane Harvey)  
Michael Henderson  
Lynn O'Shaughnessy  
Littlefrog Farm  
Jerrie Nichols  
Harry & Dottie Winter  
Carol Ann Stuht  
Jim Heilig  
Tammy Scherer & Jim Churn  
Jan Szyren  
Greater Lansing Orchid Society

**WILL YOU CLERK FOR US?**

We need clerks for ribbon judging at this year's February Show. Clerks assist the judging teams in finding the plants entered in the class, preparing the ribbons for the winning entries, placing the ribbons on the winners, and recording the winners in the Society's official record. Your time commitment is for Saturday morning, February 25th, beginning at 7:30 a.m. (we provide a light breakfast), lasting until ribbon judging is concluded, about 11:00 a.m. We need thirty clerks. Some of our more knowledgeable clerks may be asked to serve as lay judges in order to get the ribbon judging concluded in a timely fashion. All clerks are invited to be the Society's guests at the Judges' Luncheon held at the Show at noon.

You do not need experience as a clerk in order to volunteer. We have written instructions for you, and will place you on a team with more experienced people. We want you to enjoy your first experience! This is a terrific opportunity to learn what judges are looking for in a prize-winning orchid.

We also need one person to clerk for Carol Ann Stuht in the Art competition -- Carol Ann appreciates any volunteer, but especially a tall person!

Doris has commitments from the following twelve people to clerk: Leslie Behm, Michael Bukala, Jim Churn, Janis Erin, Yvonne France, Dawn Kittle, Pete Ostlund, Tammy Scherer, Ioana Sonea, Mike Underwood, Gus Wehrly, Henry Wehrly

Won't you consider joining them?

To volunteer or to ask questions, please contact Chair of Judging Activities Doris Asher at 517-332-0004 or e-mail asherdoris44@gmail.com. (Note: this is a new email address for Doris.)



**REPORT: GLOS AT THE MICHIANA OS SHOW** - a collaboration among Jerrie Nichols, Dot Potter Barnett, Bill Porter and Rob Halgren

Seven GLOS Members submitted 16 orchids for our display. The plants were collected at Dot's where Jerrie and Dot put them together in a basket display. Bill Porter took the baskets down to the show and set up the display. Bill also made notes about what ribbon each plant received. Rob Halgren took down the display and brought the plants back to Dot's where they were distributed to their owners.

As you can see, this display was the result of a group effort. We would very much like to have more members participate in putting together our displays. Please don't be afraid to join in -- it is fun and you will learn various tasks. You don't have to do the whole thing by yourself.

Our display won an second place ribbon. Everyone received at least one ribbon. Here are the participants, their plants and their ribbons:

Julia Bishop	Phal. Younghome Little Snow	1st
	Phal. Kenneth Schubert	3rd
Ioana Sonea	Phal. NoID	2nd
Tammy Scherer	Oncosteles Wildcat 'Green Valley D'	2nd
Pete Ostlund	Cattleya cernua	1st
	Brassocattleya Glorious May	2nd
Bill Bergman	Paph. Joannes Wine x Emerald	1st
Jerrie Nichols	Cattleya Seagulls Crawfish pie	3rd
Dot Potter Barnett	Phrag. caricinum	1st
	Dendrobium Lowana Nioka	1st
	Aganisia cyanea	2nd



Thanks to everyone who participated in this display. Unfortunately, no photos were taken of the display at the show, but we did take a photo "sketch" of the arrangement as we were putting it together. It served as a model of what the display should look like for the person who would set the display at the show. You'll have to use your imagination to visualize it setting on a black cloth with a black drape in the background.

**ORCHIDS AT THE MERIDIAN MALL FARMERS' MARKET** - submitted by Mike Underwood

For the last five years on the Saturday before our Show, we have been setting up an informational table at the Meridian Mall Farmers' Market. We have received great positive feedback from this event. Last year, we spoke to over a hundred people who told us that they wanted to attend the Show after meeting us, and hooked several new members, too.

I have made arrangements to do this again this year from 10 am to 4 pm Saturday, February 17th, and I need more volunteers to help us for part or all of the Market's hours. You would not be alone at any time, as we have some volunteers already. It is great fun and we get to speak to a lot of the public about orchids – no experience necessary.

Also, if you have an unusual orchid that can make a great conversation starter, we could use it, too. It does not need to be show quality, just something to attract the shopper's eye. Call or email me if you can help.

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**SPEAKING OF NEEDS: ORCHID FLOWERS NEEDED**

Marilyn Lee's colleagues in the Federated Garden Clubs will be in charge of the orchids-in-use competition in our Show – they volunteered to take on this role to honor Marilyn's memory. Since flower arrangements in that competition must include orchid blossoms, they need orchid flowers for those arrangers who do not have access to any. Many genera of orchids hold up well as cut flowers: cymbidiums, phalaenopsis, sprays of oncidiums, sprays of dendrobiums, to name just a few. If you will have orchid flowers that you are willing to cut, please contact Jenny Bond (jbond@msu.edu; 517-676-2676) to make arrangements to get the flowers to her. *She needs to hear from you by Saturday, February 10th, please.*

**REPORT ON OUR UPCOMING FEBRUARY SHOW FROM CHAIR DORIS ASHER**

The dates for our 35th orchid show are February 24-25, 2018, just about two months from now.

Here are the members of the Show Planning Committee:

Show Chair	Doris Asher
AOS Judging	Lynn O'Shaughnessy
Art Exhibits, Orchid-Related	Carol Ann Stuh
Classes for Public	Mike Underwood
Flyer/Handouts	Dot Potter Barnett
GLOS Exhibit	Bill Cadman
Hospitality	Doris Asher
Information Table/Membership	Christina Gregg Baker
Judging Activities/Registration	Doris Asher
Kids' Corner	Diane Zoellner & Michael Bukala
MSU Liaison	Ioana Sonea
Orchids-in-Use Competition	Jenny Bond
Parking Permits/Signage	Ioana Sonea
Publicity other than TV	Ioana Sonea
Television Publicity	Pete Porciello
Vendor and Exhibitor Liaison	Pete Ostlund

I hope that you will reserve Thursday night February 22nd through about 6:00 Sunday night February 25th to volunteer with us at the Show. If you would like information about any of the subcommittees comprising the Show Planning Committee, please contact me or the individual chairperson for that activity. All of us need help! We can talk in person about what is involved in each activity at our January meeting.

Also at that January meeting, be sure to pick up a supply of the beautiful postcard-size publicity pieces that Dot Potter Barnett designed for us. If all of us distribute even 50 of these announcements, many thousands of people will know of our Show!

We need your help to make our Show successful. We need new volunteers to augment those members already planning to help. Much work happens before the Show. Thursday night we start setting up by placing tables for vendors and displays, attaching skirting to the tables and covering them with tablecloths, getting ready for art, orchids-in-use and other displays, hanging backdrops. Friday we set up our GLOS display, help vendors and societies move their orchids and material into the building, and prepare for judging by registering all the orchids and exhibits in the Show. Friday night dinner is provided to all the workers, with much of the food provided by volunteers – we need help for our Hospitality Committee. On Saturday members help with judging by clerking for the judges, staff the information table, and relieve those vendors who are working alone. When the Show closes on Sunday at 4:00, we help everyone tear down and get on their way home (you will be amazed how quickly that happens with a little help). There are so many ways you can help make this Show a great show! Please contact me, the individual chairperson, or any of the Board members if you can help.

On Friday morning, Bill Cadman wants your orchids for our display. Even if your plant has chosen not to bloom at the proper time, we have a class for orchids with beautiful or unusual foliage but lacking flowers! You can start now training your developing flower spikes for the best display of the flowers, and by cleaning your plant leaves (use milk and cotton balls, scrub the leaf gently) before the Show. But we want your plant even if you cannot do this. Just make sure your plant is disease free and all the pests (scale, aphids, mealy bugs, etc.) are taken care of. Now is a good time to assess your plants and treat them for critters if necessary (you can spray them outside). Please do not be shy with providing orchids. Even if the orchid does not win a ribbon, you contribute to making our display beautiful. Every orchid helps. And you just may be surprised by getting a ribbon -- it happens often. If your orchid sits at home, it is sure it wins nothing!

**GVOS SHOW INFORMATION**

Dot will be collecting plants at her home on Wednesday, January 24, anytime between 10:00 am and 8:00 pm. If you want to bring them to our January meeting, Dot can take them home with her and save you a trip to Wacousta. If you need to make other arrangements, please contact her at 517-626-7295 or email at dotbarnett@mac.com/



**REPORT: GLOS AT THE SAGINAW VALLEY OS SHOW** - submitted by Ioana Sonea

SVOS was a great show, with some stunning exhibits and individual plants (a huge Renanthera in the AAOS exhibit was a show-stopper!). Volunteers helped exhibitors bring their plants and staging inside quickly and efficiently, the weather was mild for November, and a great potluck fed all volunteers and exhibitors on Friday evening. As usual, volunteers and exhibitors who were there on Friday could browse the great plants for sale, and pick the best of those on offer.. a great incentive to volunteer (or a reason not to, if you already have too many plants!).

I must say, GLOS really shone at SVOS on the Thanksgiving weekend! Nine members contributed 31 plants, and each member brought at least one ribbon home.. Pete Ostlund garnered the Oncidium Class Trophy for a beautiful *Rodriguezia lanceolata* and Dot Barnett the Slipper Class Trophy for a stupendous Paph. *Crouching Tiger 'Wacousta'* (AM/AOS). Mary Dee Sist's gorgeous blue Vanda earned a first place ribbon for this first time exhibitor - other first place ribbons went to Bill Porter, Bill Bergman, Pete Ostlund, Dot Barnett, Julie Bishop and Ioana Sonea (see below for details).

The display, set up by Ioana Sonea with help from Abby Skinner, earned second place in the 50 sq foot category. It was fun to set-up: one can be creative and inventive to display the many plants to their best advantage and keep the display balanced and pleasing to the eye. Many thanks to Dot and Lee Barnett who came to help take down on Sunday. (*Editor's note: The display was beautiful and garnered many positive remarks!*)

Display - 2nd

Dot Barnett

- Paph. *Crouching Tiger 'Wacousta'* AM/AOS -- 1st + Class Trophy
- Den. *Lowana Nioka* -- 1st
- *Maxillaria caespitiferii* -- 1st
- *Vanda lamellata* -- 1st
- Paph. *Avalon* -- 3rd

Bill Bergman

- Paph. *sanderianum* -- 1st

Julie Bishop

- Paph. *Doll's Kobold* -- 1st
- Phal. *Girl Talk* -- 2nd
- Onc. *Volcano Hula Halau 'Volcano Queen'* -- 3rd

Pete Ostlund

- *Rodriguezia lanceolata* -- 1st + Class Trophy
- *Rhyntonleya Raspberry Lemonade* -- 1st
- *Brassocattleya Glorious May* -- 1st
- Phal. *No ID* -- 3rd

Bill Porter

- Phal. *Maui Galaxy* -- 1st
- *Dendrochilum niveum 'Windy Hill'* AM/AOS -- 2nd

Tammy Scherer

- *Oncostele Wildcat 'Green Valley D'* -- 3rd

Mary Dee Sist

- *Vanda No ID* -- 1st

Ioana Sonea

- *Epidendrum porpax 'Dee's gift'* -- 1st
- Phal. *Wedding Bell* -- 2nd
- Phrag. *Jason Fischer* -- 3rd

Carol Stuht

- *Cahuzacara Hsinying Pink Doll 'Hsinying'* -- 2nd

*Congratulations,*

*Pete & Dot!*

**REPORT: GLOS BOARD MEETING, DECEMBER 4, 2017** - submitted by Diane Zoellner

This last Board meeting for 2017 was hosted by Ioana. The nine members present were Doris Asher, Dot Potter Barnett, Bill Cadman, Rob Halgren, Dawn Kittle, Jerrie Nichols, Ioana Sonea, Carol Ann Stuht, and Diane Zoellner. The group was treated to a delicious meal of homemade bread, chili, salad, and German cookies.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Rob and Ioana discussed what needed to be done to turn over the accounts to Rob as the new treasurer. Rob will file the federal tax return. Ioana sent out a draft for standard operating procedures for the Treasurer as was requested by the Audit Committee.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS****MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Since last reported on October 2nd, Doris has received renewals from Elizabeth Hepola Roth and David Roth. Our current membership is 92 members in 79 households. Last year at this time we had 100 members in 87 households.

**SHOW PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Judging: Doris received notification from AOS (10/3/2017) that our show is approved for judging. Nineteen judges are coming. Doris has emailed 2 more judges on 12/2/2017 from the Chicago and Cincinnati Judging Centers. Invitations to the clerks will be sent out January 1st.

Trophy Sponsorships: All of the trophies have been underwritten as of November 18, 2017.

Show Postcards: Dot ordered 3,000 postcards on October 12, 2017, for \$296. They are available for anyone who can use them for publicity.

Memorial Poster: This year's GLOS Show will be dedicated to the memory of Alex Challis and Marilyn Lee. Dot will create a poster honoring them, and a trophy will be given in each of their names.

Hospitality: There is still no chair for hospitality. Anyone interested, please contact Doris. A variety of members have volunteered to help – Doris will coordinate the hospitality function.

Information Table: Because Mary Henman will be recovering from surgery and cannot attend the Show, Christina Gregg graciously agreed to be the chair. Christina will pick up the sales books from Mary's house and will try to attend the January 20th meeting. The Information Table will be in the Vendor's Area in Suphatra's Clay Flowers usual location.

Orchids-In-Use: Jenny Bond would like to display larger flower arrangements and needs display space in the main exhibit area in addition to her space in the corridor.

Publicity: Doris will take GLOS Show postcards and an orchid donated by Rob to the Master Gardeners holiday party on December 5th. Pete Ostlund put GLOS Show postcards at the dog show held at the MSU Pavilion on December 2nd and 3rd. Rob volunteered to see if it is affordable to advertise on Facebook.

Vendors/Exhibitors: Pete Ostlund has 22 tables filled. The vendors attending are Hilltop, Littlefrog, Natt's, New Vision, New World, Oakwood Orchids (a new vendor from Dayton, OH), Orchid Inn, Raising Rarities, Roberts Flower Supply, and Windswept in Time. Joy from Suphatra's Clay Flowers will not be in the country, so cannot attend. Pete will contact the vendors and the societies in early to mid December about participation in the show.

Art: Carol Ann will contact the art judges.

Facilities: Ioana may order new frames for the outdoor signage. Doris and Mary Henman have been in communication about getting the backdrop curtains to the Show -- Rob volunteered to go with Doris and bring the materials to the Lansing area in his large trailer. Rob and Ioana know how to put the curtains up. We need to provide our own ladders/stepstools for this project.

GLOS Show Exhibit: Bill Cadman asked if there was sufficient moss for the GLOS Exhibit. Jerrie made a motion to have \$100 available for moss and other items needed for the exhibit. Rob seconded it. The motion was passed.

Volunteers: Many volunteers are needed to make the GLOS Show successful.

**OLD BUSINESS****PROGRAMS**

November 18, 2017: Rob paid our speaker's fee. There was a question about whether the speaker had travel expenses. The cupcakes from the All State meeting were used for this meeting.

January 20, 2018: Chris Steele will present how to mount orchids on cloth. He will use slides in his presentation.



**GLOS BOARD MEETING MINUTES** - Continued from p.8

Jerrie and Carol Ann will present how to prepare orchids for an orchid show, including how to transport them. Grand Rapids is the next week, so orchids could be taken from the meeting to the show. Discussing the GLOS Show and getting volunteers will be a portion of this meeting.

March 17, 2018: This is the date of the Ann Arbor Orchid Society Show. Doris cannot attend the GLOS meeting because she is the Judging Chair for the Ann Arbor Show. Someone is needed to open and set up for the GLOS meeting. Mike Underwood will be asked if he could do the program. The topic suggested is Why Orchids Don't Bloom.

April 14, 2018: NOTE: THIS IS THE SECOND (NOT THIRD) SATURDAY OF THE MONTH.

The church meeting room is not available for our usual third Saturday of the month meeting. Suggested program: Miltonia given by Russ Vernon.

May 19, 2018: Jim Heilig on Habenarias. We will share the expenses with Ann Arbor Orchid Society.

June 16, 2018: This is in conflict with the Great Lakes Judging Center's annual Seminar, and GLOS' judges cannot attend the GLOS meeting. Someone is needed to open the church and set up the meeting room in Doris' absence. Some suggested programs: Problems with Orchids; The Orchid Doctor is In; Repotting. It was also suggested to having the meeting at someone's house.

August 18, 2018: Program yet to be determined

September 15, 2018: Program yet to be determined

Dawn will work with MOS and Ann Arbor to try to share speakers/programs..

**AWAY SHOWS**

November 11-12, 2017, Michiana Show: Jerrie and Dot put the baskets together for the exhibit. Bill Porter took the orchids to the show. Rob brought the exhibit back to Lansing.

November 25-26, 2017, Saginaw Valley: Ioana and Abby Skinner put the display together.

January 27-28, 2018, Grand Valley Orchid Show: Dot, Pete, and Carol will set the display up. Plants will be collected at Dot's on Wednesday. They will request a 50 square foot area for the display.

March 24-25, 2018, Ann Arbor Orchid Show: Dot and Jerrie will do the set up.

March 24-25, 2018, Michigan Orchid Show: Madison Heights

**NEW BUSINESS**

Nominating Committee for 2018: According to the bylaws, the committee must be approved by the membership at the January meeting. Last year the committee consisted of Mike Underwood as chair, Alex Challis, and Dawn Kittle. The slate for officers will be announced at the March meeting. The election is at the May meeting. Doris and Diane cannot serve in their positions again. Carol is in the middle of her second two-year term. Positions open are President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director, and Newsletter Editor.

Awards Committee for 2018: The composition of the committee is President (chair), Director whose term expires at year's end (Michael), and a third member at large who is not serving on the board. Last year it was Michele Bridges. Dawn will announce the composition of the Committee at the January meeting and begin soliciting suggestions for awardees. The presentations will be at the May meeting.

January Calypso deadline is Friday, December 29, 2017. Send materials to Dot.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There is an art workshop taught by Carol Woodin, offered in Ann Arbor on June 2-3, 2018. The cost is \$150. The deadline to enroll is May 19, 2018.

Rob encouraged members to be aware of cyber security. Check the html when receiving email because scams are being perpetrated using fake addresses for people you know.

The next Board meeting will be Monday, February 5, 2018, at Doris Asher's house: 277 N. Hagadorn Road, East Lansing, MI 48823. Phone: 517-332-0004. All members are welcome to attend.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

**GLOS GENERAL MEETING, NOVEMBER 18**

Notes compiled by Dawn Kittle, for Diane Zoellner.

Dawn Kittle called the meeting to order.

Tammy, Dottie and Rob will bring the refreshments to the January meeting. Trophy sponsor volunteers are complete now with Gus Kienetz (Brassia & Miltonia) and Tammy Scherer & Jim Churn (Orchids in Use). Volunteers are still needed for Hospitality and the Information Table.

Postcards will be available at the January meeting.

Grand Valley OS Show is in January. Carol, Pete and Dot are in charge.

Doris presented the orchids on the Show and Tell table. This was followed by our speaker. A break, silent auction and raffle followed.

Meeting was dismissed.



Photos by Dot

**Brassia**

- About 29 Species
- Grow from Sea Level to about 3000 Meters
- Generally Epiphytic
  - Pot or Basket Culture
  - Open Mix (Sphagnum Moss)
- Culture
  - Generally Intermediate to Warm Temperatures
  - Generally Medium to Bright Light
  - Even Moisture Year Round
  - Even Fertilizer (1/2 Strength)
  - Good Air Movement

- About 53 Species
- Grow at Lower Elevations
- Generally Epiphytic
  - Slab, Pot or Basket Culture
  - Open Mix Bark or Cork
- Culture
  - Generally Warm to Intermediate Temperatures
  - Generally Medium to Bright Light
  - Dry out Between Waterings
  - Even Fertilizer (1/2 Strength)
  - Good Air Movement

**Restrepia**

- About 40 Species
- Mexico to Argentina
- Epiphytic
  - Slab, Pot or Basket Culture
  - Moss Media
- Culture
  - Generally Intermediate Temperatures (55 to 85 degrees)
  - Generally intermediate to low Light
  - Even Moisture Year Round
  - Even Fertilizer (1/2 Strength)
  - Good Air Movement

**Phragmipedium**

- About 25 Species
- Grow from Sea Level to about 3000 Meters
- Generally Terrestrial sometimes Epiphytic
  - Pot Culture
  - Variety of Potting Media
- Culture
  - Generally Intermediate Temperatures (55 to 85 degrees)
  - Generally Medium to Bright Light
  - Even to excessive Moisture Year Round
  - Even Fertilizer (1/2 Strength)
  - Good Air Movement

Eric Sauer talked about South American orchids, presenting many genera and examples within each.

It is always amazing to see the diversity and singularity among this family of plants! These are a few of the genera Eric discussed.

**Maxillaria**

- About 650 Species
- Grow from Sea Level to about 3000 Meters
- Generally Epiphytic
  - Slab, Pot or Basket Culture
  - Open Mix (Sphagnum Moss)
- Culture
  - Generally Intermediate Temperatures (55 to 85 degrees)
  - Generally Medium to Bright Light
  - Even Moisture Year Round
  - Even Fertilizer (1/2 Strength)
  - Good Air Movement

**Laelia**

- About 67 Species
- Grow from Sea Level to about 3000 Meters
- 8 Pollinia versus 4 of Cattleya
- Generally Epiphytic or Lithophytic
  - Slab, Pot or Basket Culture
  - Open Mix (Sphagnum Moss)
- Culture
  - Range of Cool to Intermediate Temperatures
  - Generally Medium to Bright Light
  - Even Moisture Year Round
  - Even Fertilizer (1/2 Strength)
  - Good Air Movement

Eric also had lots of plants to sell, and a good many of them have found new homes among GLOS members.



**Pleurothallis**

- Over 1000 Species
- All Parts of subtropical and tropical America
- Huge range of sizes, colors and forms
- Typically Epiphytic
  - Slab, Pot or Basket Culture
  - Moss Media
- Culture
  - Generally Cool to Intermediate Temperatures (55 to 85 degrees)
  - Generally Low Light
  - Even Moisture Year Round
  - Even Fertilizer (1/2 Strength)
  - Good Air Movement

**Stelis**

- About 500 Species
- Tropical America
- Epiphytic
  - Slab, Pot or Basket Culture
  - Moss Media
- Identification issues
- Culture
  - Similar to Pleurothallis Culture
  - Grow intermediate
  - Require sunlight to open
  - Some Species close at night



**Littlefrog Farm**  
**Rob Halgren, PhD.**

**JUMP IN!**

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**Ann Arbor Orchid Society  
 Presenting  
 Art Workshop by:  
 Carol Woodin**

We are offering a two day  
 Art workshop (water color)  
 June 2-3, 2018

At **Matthaei Botanical Gardens**  
 1800 N Dixboro Ann Arbor  
**Classes from 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM**  
**Cost per person \$150**  
 Lunch included (both days)  
**Reservations must be received by  
 May 19, 2018 with payment**

Specializing in rare plants, Carol Woodin has been painting in watercolor for about 20 years. In 1995, she was awarded a Gold Medal by the Royal Horticultural Society of England for her watercolors of Paphiopedilums, and in 1998, she received the "Bouchier Award for Excellence in Botanical Art" from the ASBA. She was commissioned to paint the publicity image for the World Orchid Conference in Dijon, France in 2005 and received a gold medal for her paintings exhibited there. Her artwork has been widely exhibited and collected; among recent venues are the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., the Shirley Sherwood Gallery, England, Newhouse Galleries in New York, and the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, England. Her work has been shown in the Americas, Australia, Europe, Japan, and South Africa. She is represented by Susan Frei Nathan Fine Works on Paper.

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 Make checks payable to Jack Shumaker  
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 Flint, MI 48506

This workshop, suitable for beginners to advanced, is devoted to quickly capturing a fascinating slipper Orchid on paper. We'll investigate orchids anatomy first, properly sizing and placing its unique parts., including details such as veins, and warts, in A graphite under-drawing. Then we'll move on to detail, light, and three-dimensional form. By the end of the workshop each student will have a substantially advanced or completed color drawing of an orchid



The Grand Valley Orchid Society's 20th Annual Orchid Show held at Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park

**orchid show**  
 January 27-28, 2018

Orchid Displays: Saturday 12-5 pm, Sunday 11am-5 pm / Orchid Sales: Saturday 10 am-5 pm, Sunday 11 am-5 pm

**FREE EVENT**

**FREDERIK MEIJER**  
 Gardens & Sculpture Park

Grand Valley Orchid Society  
 For more information, visit us at  
[Facebook.com/GrandValleyOrchidSociety](http://www.facebook.com/GrandValleyOrchidSociety)

[MeijerGardens.org](http://MeijerGardens.org)   
 100 and East Palouse, Grand Rapids, MI

**SELLING ORCHIDS AT GLOS MEETINGS:**

Perhaps a plant has outgrown its home, maybe you have a division to share, occasionally you may find a plant doesn't bloom for you or like your conditions, possibly you need to make room for something new, or you just no longer want a certain plant.

Whatever the reason, the Raffle and the Silent Auction Tables are great places to share your no-longer wanted orchids with fellow society members.

Please keep in mind, however, that shared plants should be healthy, free of diseases and insects, and be generally well-cared for. Just as you wouldn't want to take home a sick plant, neither should you expect others to accept one. Such plants are better off becoming a part of a compost pile than potentially passing on its ailment(s) to another's collection.

The Society does have a responsibility to not allow diseased or insect-infested plants to be distributed at our meetings.

However, we all take great pleasure in finding, growing and blooming treasures from the Raffle and Silent Auction Tables.



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### **FOOD HELP NEEDED FOR THE SHOW!**

Please sign up to bring food for the workers at our Show at MSU. Write what type of food you plan to bring. Please bring your food to the MSU Horticulture Display Greenhouses on Friday evening, February 23rd before 5:30 pm. If you will be staying any length of time, you will need to pay the parking meters until 6:00 – parking is free after that time.

We feed 80-100 workers between 6 – 7 pm. If you can't donate food, please consider a gift of money for the purchase of food and drink.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone no. \_\_\_\_\_

Salad \_\_\_\_\_ Soda \_\_\_\_\_ Water \_\_\_\_\_

Desserts \_\_\_\_\_ Fruit/Veggies \_\_\_\_\_ Snacks \_\_\_\_\_

Donation for food and drink for Friday night or Saturday (breakfast, lunch) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please give this form to Jerrie Nichols or Doris Asher at the January meeting or mail to Doris at 277 N Hagadorn Road, East Lansing MI 48823. You may also email either Jerrie ([nicholsjerrie@gmail.com](mailto:nicholsjerrie@gmail.com)) or Doris ([asherdoris44@gmail.com](mailto:asherdoris44@gmail.com)).

Show Chair Doris still lacks a Hospitality Chair. Doris needs helpers for food service for Friday afternoon/evening setup, Saturday morning/noon/afternoon, and Sunday all day/cleanup. Contact Jerrie or Doris if you can volunteer a couple hours providing food services. Jerrie's phone numbers are: home: 517-223-8965; cell: 517-404-4959. Doris's phone: 517-332-0004.

Thank you in advance. As much as we all love orchids, we also really love to eat!!

### **CALLING ALL GLOS MEMBERS:**

When you are at our February Show, please wear your Society name badge so that our visitors know you are someone whom they can ask for help.