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CALYPSO DEADLINE:

Feb 24 for the March '25 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.

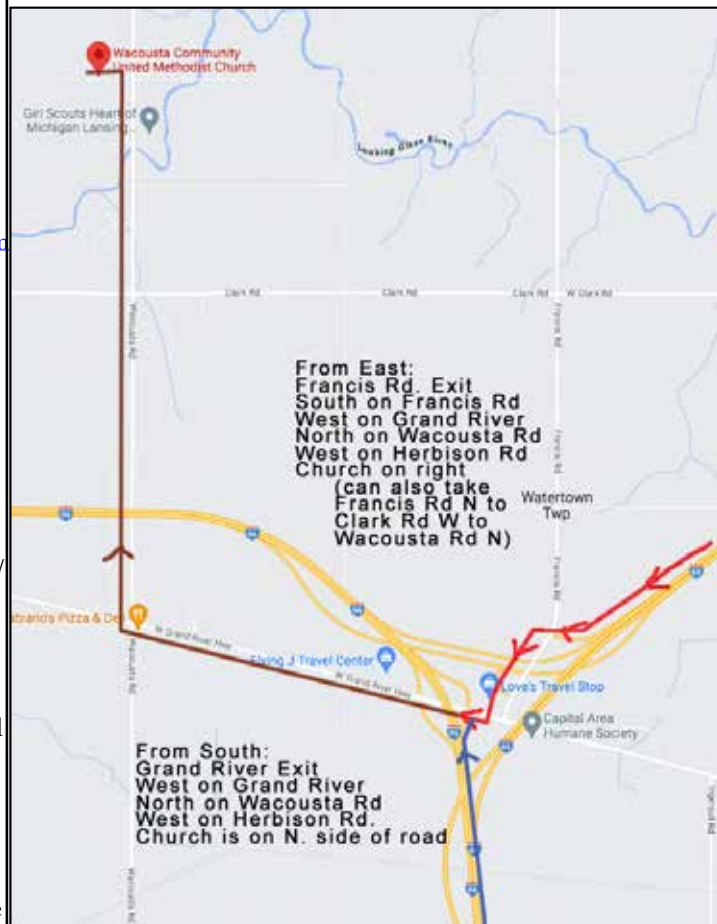
JANUARY 11 MEETING: In-Person at 2:00 p.m.

Wacousta Community United Methodist Church, at 9180 Herbison Rd., Eagle

Most of the orchids we see at shows and on show tables are sympodial where one growth finishes and a new one starts from the rhizome. This presentation will focus on those with a monopodial growth habit. Those where the plant grows upward from a single point. It adds leaves to the apex each year and the stem grows longer accordingly.

This talk will focus on the wonderful variety of monopodial genera of great interest to orchid growers. It includes miniatures as well as some rather large species, some well known and others not often seen. It will cover aspects of culture in general and individual species. You will see images of flowers up close as well as whole plants. There should be something of interest to growers from all levels of experience.

~ Marni Turkle ~
 Zoom Presentation



Doors open at 1:30 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 2:00 pm

No Vendor sales, so bring your unwanted plants for the raffle or silent auction.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -- November 2024 -- Jerrie Nichols

Wishing you a very happy

2025

USED ORCHID BOOKS/PERIODICALS WANTED

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 items are donated, the Society makes 100% profit. We use the orchid magazines as free giveaways to Show 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 for our Show's Information Table.

In addition, Show Chair Dawn Kittle will be "recruiting" at the January 11 meeting for volunteers to work the Information Table during the Show. Please look at your calendar for February 22 and 23 and see when you could devote two or three hours to staff that Table. No experience required! You do not need vast knowledge about orchids! Doris or Dawn or Jerrie, who chairs that activity, can tell you everything that you need to know!

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**GLOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- January 11, 2025 – Marni Turkle – In-person meeting & Zoom presentation “Marvelous Monopodials”
- January 25-26, 2025 - GVOS Show
- February 1-2, 2025 - Three Rivers Orchid Society Show
- February 22-23, 2025 - GLOS Show at VanAttas
- March 8, 2025 – Dennis Steinbeck of Flask and Flora. He will be selling plants
- April 12, 2025 – Jeanne Rhinehart will speak on Great Lakes native orchids. No plant sales.
- May 10, 2025 – Deb Boersma, a judge with the Great Lakes Judging Center. A travelogue. No plant sales
- July 12, 2025 -- GLOS Picnic (unconfirmed)
- August 9, 2025 – Lynn O’Shaughnessy will speak on cell phone photography of orchids. No plant sales
- September 13, 2025 – Tim Culbertson will speak on Laelia purpurata. Will be selling plants



GLOS MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES, November 9, 2024

President Jerrie Nichols called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m. with about twenty-four people present and an additional two people participating via Zoom.

Ioana's husband Chris Brown joined us for the meeting, and Doris welcomed new members Nick and Raechel Portelli, also.

Doris told the membership how our raffle and silent auction work and invited attendees to take advantage of both.

Jerrie thanked the members who provided refreshments – Christine Granger, Ioana Sonea, and Barb Wilcox. When she called for people to provide refreshments for our January 11th meeting, Michelle Bridges, Christine Granger, David LeMarble, and Raechel Portelli volunteered. Because Teresa Fowle was not able to attend the meeting due to requirements of her job, Christine agreed to take the supplies refreshments home and bring them back in January.

Updates:

1. GLOS Show February 22-23, 2025 -- Dawn

- a. Because Van Atta's is a new location for us, everything will be different from what we are accustomed to. Van Atta's has told us we are welcome to set up Thursday afternoon – helpful for some of us; those who are still working will need to do their part in the evening.
- b. Jill reported on her plans for GLOS's information table at two events at Van Atta's in November: Thursday the 21st, 6 – 8 pm – Van Atta's Girls' Night at the Greenhouse; Saturday & Sunday, November 23rd and 24th 11 am – 4 pm – Van Atta's Holiday Open House. Jill is looking for additional volunteers to have two or three people at our table at all times.
- c. Van Atta's would like us to come for a “dry run” in January – Dawn will set that up with Lisa. An ideal opportunity to get our last-minute questions answered.
- d. Carol Stuht invited GLOS members to consider entering the art competition which she chairs.
- e. Jolanta Piecuch invited GLOS members to enter a floral design in the orchids-in-use competition which she chairs.
- f. Bill Cadman is chairing the Society exhibit and is looking for helpers. He announced that this will be his last year to do the exhibit so very much needs someone to take that over.
- g. Doris announced that she had brought the new postcards advertising the Show and urged members to take a supply. Doris will store the supply and invited members to contact her if they would like to pick some up. Doris will bring any remaining cards to our January meeting, too.

2. Ann Arbor Show on November 16-17 – Ann Arbor Orchid Society Orchid Festival will be at Matthaei Botanical Garden; GLOS will be exhibiting, and Carol solicited orchids for our display. Dot is collecting plants at her house on Wednesday the 13th from 10 am until 7 pm; Dot will prepare the registration slips. Carol, Michelle Bridges and Ioana are setting up the display on Friday, and Carol and Ioana are bringing it back to Lansing on Sunday evening.

3. Grand Valley Orchid Society Show on January 25-26 – GLOS will set up a display at the Meijer Garden in Grand Rapids. Pete and Carol will work on that exhibit.

4. Three Rivers Orchid Society Show on February 1-2 – Carol is thinking about participating in this Show – looking for helpers – Raechel Portelli indicated an interest. More details will be forthcoming.

5. Meeting on January 11th – Jerrie is looking for a speaker via Zoom in case we have inclement weather on that day. However, she is having difficulty finding a speaker. She asked the membership to send her names of possible Zoom speakers who could speak on media or orchid sex.

Carol's Award: Jerrie surprised Carol by presenting her with the award she won at our May meeting. Since Carol has been doing a lot of traveling, this was our first opportunity to give her much-deserved award to her.

Growing Advice: Michelle asked for help in growing *Rossioglossums* – she has a nice plant which so far has declined to flower. Various people with experience with this genus offered advice. They thought, probably, that her plant is just too young to bloom.

Show and Tell Table: Our plant table had orchids from Bill Cadman, Pete Ostlund, and Ioana Sonea. Each showed us his or her plants and gave us information on each.

Program: At this point, Jerrie introduced our speaker -- GLOS member Jill Wood, who gave an excellent program on cool-growing orchids. In addition to photos of her growing space, Jill talked about the various genera which tend to grow cool and urged the importance of doing good research on their cultural needs. She talked about where one can buy the supplies that go into developing a growing area in the home. After her talk, she answered questions from the group.

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Thanks to Christine Granger, Ioana Sonea, and Barb Wilcox for November refreshments. Michelle Bridges, Christine Granger, David LeMarble, and Raechel Portelli volunteered for January.

GLOS NOVEMBER MEETING, CONTINUED

The evening concluded with Ioana settling up the silent auction purchases and Doris calling out the winning raffle numbers. Both fundraisers did well thanks to the generous participation of our members.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:55 after which several members took our speaker out to dinner.

Respectfully submitted,
Doris H. Asher, Secretary



Right:
Award recipient Carol Ann Stuht, finally receiving the Award. (see p. 5 of the July Calypso)



Bill Cadman and his soon-to-be awarded Clowesetum Joy Prout



Below:
Member and Speaker Jill Wood and her presentation of cool-growing orchids.



Pete Ostlund and his beautiful Brassavola



GREATER LANSING ORCHID SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES, December 2, 2024

President Jerrie Nichols called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with the following people present: Doris Asher, Dot Barnett, Michele Bridges, Bill Cadman, Teresa Fowle, Dawn Kittle, Pete Ostlund, Ioana Sonea, and Jill Wood.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Teresa Fowle reported on finances occurring since our Board meeting of October 7th. She reported that she has opened an IMMA account at the Credit Union so that our savings can earn interest. Teresa will be attending our January 11th meeting and is also available for the weekend of the Orchid Show.

Membership Committee Report: Doris presented the Committee's report – it has been a very quiet period for membership activities with only one renewal. GLOS currently has 106 members in 94 households. Fifty-four members (51%) are life members.

Two Standing Committees:

1. Awards Committee: Jerrie (Chair); Michele, and Jill will serve on this Committee for 2025.
2. Nominating Committee: Jerrie will ask Mike Underwood if he is willing to chair this Committee. She announced that she will not serve as our President next year. Dawn, Doris, Teresa, and Carol are all eligible to run again next year. Michele is finishing her first two-year term and is eligible to run for her second two-year term. Ioana is in the middle of her first two-year term so does not need to run at this time. Dot is eligible to run for another year.

GLOS 2025 Show:

1. Dawn will set up a date with Lisa from Van Atta's for our "run through". Doris urged that we try to schedule it in the first half of January so that she can complete the Show Schedule by mid-January for Dot to put it up on the Society's web site. Dawn will get several dates from Lisa and provide them to Ioana who will create a Doodle poll to select the optimal meeting time that will accommodate most/all Board members and Show Committee members.
2. Report on two events at Van Atta's – Girls' Night at the Greenhouse and the Holiday Open House on Saturday and Sunday. These events provided a fine opportunity to advertise the Show. Ioana will look into securing a table at the Meridian Farmers' Market held inside the Meridian Mall.
3. The Board continued its discussion of providing a credit option for sales at the Information Table, for Art, etc. Dawn has done some preliminary research on getting Square Credit. Bill had some information on the technology we might need to make this work. An alternative means would be to sell things via Venmo. We need to do more research on this question. Teresa will talk with the GLOS's credit union for their help with both of these two services and will discuss opening a separate account at the Credit Union in which money collected via Venmo, PayPal or Square can be deposited without compromising the main GLOS MSUFCU account.
4. Jerrie inquired about books for sale at the Information Table. Doris reported that Mary Henman indicates she has that under control and will provide Doris with a listing of the book inventory so that Doris can prepare the sales sheets for use at the Information Table for the sale of books.
5. Regarding pizza for our Friday night dinner, local pizza places include Saroki's, which has excellent pizza but does not deliver and Jet's, also good pizza and they do deliver. Jerrie will investigate both.

Upcoming Shows:

1. Grand Valley Orchid Society Show, Grand Rapids, January 25, 26, 2025 – Dot will collect plants; Carol will pick up staging materials from Doris and will buy moss for the exhibit; Carol, Dot, and Pete will set up.
2. Three Rivers Orchid Society Show, Ft Wayne, IN, February 1, 2, 2025. Carol will set up this exhibit maybe with the help of Raechel Portelli.
3. Michigan Orchid Society, Madison Heights, March 15,16, 2025.

Upcoming Meetings:

1. January 11, 2025 – Marni Turkel from Marni Turkel Orchids in Santa Rosa, CA will speak via Zoom on "Marvelous Monopodials". Weather permitting, the meeting will be in person at the Wacousta Church, but Marni will speak to us via Zoom.
2. March 8, 2025 – Dennis Steinbeck of Flask and Flora. He will be selling plants.
3. April 12, 2025 – Jeanne Rhinehart will speak on Great Lakes native orchids. No plant sales.
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7. October 11, 2025 – to be determined
8. November 8, 2025 – to be determined

Next Board Meeting: The Board's next meeting will be on Monday, February 3rd, at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Doris Asher, Secretary

GLOS MEMBERS SHOW THEIR GENEROSITY – 2025 SHOW TROPHY SPONSORS

Once again, Society members have come through, underwriting ALL of the trophies for our Show this February! The trophies will be prepared by Larry Galdes and Mei Ling Clemens.

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 Doris Asher in person at our January 11th meeting. A check or cash is equally welcome – the cost is \$25.00. Checks payable to GLOS may also be mailed to Doris at 277 N. Hagadorn Road, East Lansing, MI 48823.

Thank you, donors, very much. This is a wonderful way to help our Show!

This year's sponsors are:

Trophy	Sponsor
<i>Exhibits, Open</i>	<i>Pete Ostlund</i>
<i>Exhibits, Society</i>	<i>Pete Porciello</i>
<i>Exhibits, Amateur</i>	<i>Anonymous GLOS Members</i>
<i>Julie Bishop Memorial (Cattleya Alliance)</i>	<i>Dea Bishop</i>
<i>Paphiopedilum Species</i>	<i>Don & Jane Farrelly</i>
<i>Paphiopedilum Hybrids</i>	<i>Bill Cadman</i>
<i>Phragmipedium, Cypripedium</i>	<i>Dot Potter Barnett</i>
<i>Phalaenopsis</i>	<i>Dea Bishop</i>
<i>Vanda</i>	<i>Diane Zoellner</i>
<i>Brassia and Miltonia</i>	<i>Mary Henman</i>
<i>Oncidium Alliance</i>	<i>Sally Heinlein</i>
<i>Cymbidium Alliance</i>	<i>Dawn Kittle (In Memory of Sherwin Kittle; in Memory of Betty Jane Harvey)</i>
<i>Dendrobium Alliance</i>	<i>Michael Henderson</i>
<i>Pleurothallid Alliance</i>	<i>Lynn O'Shaughnessy</i>
<i>Alex Challis Memorial (Miscellaneous Genera)</i>	<i>Littlefrog Farm</i>
<i>Specimen Plant</i>	<i>Jerrie Nichols</i>
<i>Art (Excluding Photography)</i>	<i>Dottie Winter</i>
<i>Photography</i>	<i>Carol Ann Stucht</i>
<i>Don and Kris Garling Memorial - Best of Show</i>	<i>New World Orchids</i>
<i>AOS Show Trophy – Outstanding Exhibit</i>	<i>Greater Lansing Orchid Society</i>

ANNUAL AWARDS

At our annual business meeting in May of each year, we set aside time to recognize members for their special service to the Society over the past year. This may include special recognition at the highest level (Orchidist of the Year). If you believe someone deserves special recognition, please send your recommendation to a member of the Awards Committee (Jerrie Nichols (Chair), Michele Bridges and Jill Wood). Include a short write-up as to why you think this person is worthy of such recognition. Candidacy for the Orchidist of the Year award may be based on, but not limited to, the following:

- Leadership
- Promotion of GLOS or of orchids
- Committee activity
- Society organizational efforts
- Botanical development
- Research authorship of orchidaceous articles
- Taxonomy of orchids

AAOS 2024 SHOW REPORT - submitted by Carol Ann Stuht

Ann Arbor Orchid Society (AAOS) held its annual orchid show at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, November 16-17, 2024. I have come to expect an organized show, and I was not disappointed. AAOS members carried out a well planned and executed show. Their members presented a large display that earned the AOS show trophy.

The vendors were very busy, and had many empty boxes to take home.

Dot Barnett collected orchids for the GLOS display at her home and prepared the registration slips and plant information. Ioana Sonea, Michelle Bridges and I ferried plants and staging to Ann Arbor, and set up a 25 square foot, floor display. The display had good color flow and height variation. It won first place in class six. Two orchids in our display each received a trophy, and two plants received AOS awards. Congratulations are in order for the trophy and award winners. Dot Barnett's Phal. Speciosa Purple Mountain received an FCC of 90 points. Bill Cadman's Clowesetum Joy Prout, received an AM of 84 points. Congratulations! Ioana's large pink Phalaenopsis won the trophy for Best Phalaenopsis. Pete Ostlund's impressive Phrag. Noirmont won the Best of Cyripedium Alliance Trophy. These two plants anchored our display beautifully.



The display was dismantled and returned to Lansing by Ioana and her husband Chris, and me. Thank you, everyone

who contributed to the success of the GLOS display. Every member that contributed plants for the show received a ribbon. Plant award list at left:

GLOS Display		Class 6	1st
Bill Cadman	Paph. <i>barbigerum</i>	28	
	Paph. (Baby Boo Boo x <i>charlesworthii</i>)	39	
	Paph. Night song	42	2 nd .
	Clowesetum Joy Prout	107	3 rd ., AM/AOS 84pts.
	Mormodia Regine Viard	107	
Diane Zoellner	Paph. Judge Philip	37	1 st .
Pete Ostlund	Phrag. Noirmont	44	1 st ., Trophy
	Phrag. Kelly Nash	44	2 nd .
	Habenaria <i>roebelenii</i>	109	
	Cattleytonia Hunabu Sunset	24	2 nd .
	Phal. NOID	51	1 st .
David Madison	Phrag. Cape Sunset	44	3 rd .
Dot Barnett	Phal. <i>speciosa</i> 'Purple Mountain'	48	2 nd ., AOS FCC 90pts.
	Vanda Vernon Kebodeaux	74	1 st .
	Cattleya <i>cernua</i>	17	1 st .
	Dendrobium <i>faciferum</i>	94	1 st .
	Pleurothallis	99	1 st .
	Phal. <i>heiroglyphica</i>	48	
	Phal. <i>Tetraspis</i> 'Prince'	48	
	Phal. <i>Violacea</i> f. <i>indigo</i>	48	
Ioana Sonea	Phal. NOID (large pink)	53	1 st ., Trophy
	Phal. Star's Sweetie LM279 unregistered	55	3 rd .
	Phal. 222264 unregistered	50	3 rd .
	Leptotes <i>pauloensis</i>	16	1 st .



Clowesetum Joy Prout AM/AOS



Phal. *speciosa* 'Blue Mountain' FCC/AOS

GREETINGS!

The 2025 GLOS orchid show is coming up quickly, and we'll be at our new location of VanAtta's in a few short weeks. I'll be coordinating the club display again this year. As I tend to say, the key to a successful club display is having a ton of orchid plants in flower. All blooming orchids you are willing to loan for the display will be welcome!

Please remember that your contributions should be pest free and tidied up. There are guidelines for what to do on the GLOS website (http://greaterlansingorchidsociety.info/LinksandDownloads/Preparing_Plants_for_Orchid_Shows.pdf) I encourage you to take a look at them, and if you have any questions, please ask - the January meeting would be a great time to get answers.

Volunteers are needed to help build the display, especially people interested in taking the lead sometime in the future. It usually takes about eight hours to complete, but any amount of time you're able to volunteer will be greatly appreciated. It's not particularly difficult so no need to feel intimidated. Most of all it's fun!

We'll collect plants for our display at the show site on Friday, February 21st, between 9:00 AM and Noon. Plants loaned will need to be collected from the same location at show close. If you need to make arrangements for other drop-off/pick-up days/times, please call me at 517-484-3406 or email billc377@yahoo.com.

The names of the plants you will be loaning need to be sent in advance. If the orchid is a hybrid, including the parents will be very helpful. Please email (preferred) or call me with them by the evening of Tuesday, February 18 (email billc377@yahoo.com or phone 517.484.3406).

I'm grateful for your help making a spectacular display!

Best regards, and I'll see you at the show.

Bill

SOME OF RAY BARKELOW'S CULTURAL NOTES — Ray Barkalow is an engineer and scientist, and has been a hobby orchid grower for over 40 years. He has owned and operated First Rays Orchids since 1994, He can be reached at raybark@firstrays.com.

COMPARING SIMILAR PRODUCTS

This may seem to be elementary to some, but many folks are intimidated by the use of "chemicals" on their plants, so this will be an example of how to evaluate similar ones, based upon pertinent factors, to get the best deal.



I am a big believer in azadirachtin-based pesticides because they are safe to use, effective on both insects and mites, and – unlike most pesticides – also affect eggs and juveniles. Azadirachtin is the active ingredient in neem oil, but I recommend against using oils on orchids as the oil can clog the velamen on the roots, limiting water and nutrient uptake, and if applied when the plants are warm or in direct sunlight, can lead to severe burning. But there are more reasons to avoid it. The table below lists four

Looking at the cost-per-ounce, one might be tempted to use neem oil, but it has a low concentration of active ingredient. (It typically ranges from 0.04% to 0.1% azadirachtin, but I have selects the highest to give it the most potential benefit.) I am most experienced with Azamax, so used that as my “standard” for comparison, with 1.2% azadiractin. In order to match that concentration with neem oil, you'd literally have to use 120 times the amount per gallon, making it the least cost-effective of all the products.

By contrast, the Azatin-O product is the most cost effective, because, despite it's price per ounce being higher than some of the others, it has nearly 4 times the azadirachtin content, so requires less per gallon.

This same sort of analysis can be done on fertilizers and other products, as well. For example, it may be convenient to purchase a liquid version of the MSU fertilizer, but at approximately \$24 for 8 ounces of the 3% nitrogen product, in order to make a 100 ppm N solution, you would need to use 2.52 teaspoons per gallon, costing \$1.26. If you bought the 13.2% N powder at \$21 for one pound, you would need 0.57 teaspoons per gallon at a cost of less than \$0.04.

Product	Azadirachtin Content	Cost/Ounce	Azamax Normalized Cost/Ounce
Azaguard	3%	\$6.88	\$2.75
Azamax	1.2%	\$12.50	\$12.50
Azapro	1.2%	\$4.05	\$4.05
Azatin-O	4.5%	\$8.28	\$2.21
Neem Oil	0.1% (max)	\$1.38	\$16.57

Until next time... Good Growing!

SOME OF RAY BARKELOW'S CULTURAL NOTES: NOT YOUR GRANDFATHER'S ROOTING HORMONE

I need not bother telling you about my enthusiasm for Kelpak Superior Biostimulant. I originally tried it as a potential replacement for synthetic rooting hormone products, such as Dyna-Gro KLN or SuperThrive, and it has certainly succeeded in that regard, but there are other properties that you might want to use, if the need arises.

Kelpak contains a highly complex array of natural phytochemicals, and while the actions of many of the chemical classes are well documented, very little is known about how they work together, yielding unexpected, beneficial synergies.

Take the root stimulant aspect, for example. Kelpak contains natural auxins, but when diluted, they constitute only about 0.04 ppm concentration, yet is still as good as-, if not better than Dyna-Gro KLN which, when diluted for application, contains 55x that much hormone!

Another "tool" in the Kelpak "shed" that is closely related is branching. Regular Kelpak use certainly causes roots to branch, becoming a more substantial network for the uptake of water and nutrients, but it also has a similar effect on the rhizome of sympodial plants, leading to accelerated branching to create multiple growth fronts. I have seen single-growth paphiopedilums become a 4-, or 5-growth plant within a year. In fact, my most spectacular example was a complex paph I acquired from Theresa Hill at Hillview Gardens several years ago. It arrived as a single, in-bud growth, but in about 14 months had eight growths. I have seen similar effects with cattleya hybrids, whose one-growth-at-a-time activity jumped to 3 or 4 at a time.

Another good use is in the slowing of senescence. Here's a scenario many have experienced:

Your plant is putting on a spectacular flowering display this year, and you're anxious to take it to judging or to a show to put in a display. Unfortunately, that's not scheduled to occur for a while yet, and you're afraid the blossoms will have faded by then. Fear not! If you spray the flowers, buds and inflorescence once or twice a day with the standard one-tablespoon-per-gallon solution, the phlorotannins will slow the fading process, potentially long enough to get to judging.

I don't enter plants into judging, but became frustrated when beautifully formed, seemingly pristine phragmipedium blossoms would drop off after a couple of weeks, just as a new blossom opened. By spraying them with Kelpak solution, I was able to stretch that to almost a month, with multiple blossoms held per spike.

Of interest to you breeders out there, Kelpak has been shown to enhance pollen tube growth, leading to greater seed yield, and possibly increasing the chances of pollen from a small species being able to penetrate deeper into the ovary of a larger one.

I imagine that, with time, we'll identify other unforeseen benefits that we just haven't "discovered" yet.

Until next time... Good Growing!

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NOMINATIONS FOR MAY ELECTIONS

Nominations are now being accepted for the May elections for our fiscal year 2025-2026. Mike Underwood (mike@avi-sci.com) is the chair of the Nominating Committee. If you are interested in serving on the Committee, please get in touch with Mike by March 1. In addition, if you would like to be nominated for a board position, please contact Mike and let him know of your interest before April 1. The Nominating Committee will present its slate of candidates at our April 12th membership meeting.

PLEASE NOTE: the Nominating Committee needs to select someone to serve as the GLOS President as Jerrie Nichols has chosen not to run for a third term. As Michele Bridges is completing her first two-year term as Director, she is eligible to run for her second two-year term. Ioana Sonea is in the middle of her first two-year term as Director so does not need to run at this time. In addition, Vice President Dawn Kittle is eligible to run for her third term, as is Doris Asher (Secretary), and Teresa Fowle (Treasurer). Both Newsletter Editor Dot Barnett and Away Show Chair Carol Stuht are eligible to serve another term – both of these offices are not term-limited.

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 22nd, 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 an excellent opportunity to learn what American Orchid Society judges are looking for in a prize-winning orchid.

To date (12/13/2024) Doris has commitments from the following sixteen people to clerk: Leslie Behm, Dea Bishop, Michele Bridges, Michael Bukala, Bill Cadman, Jim Churn, Lynn Cook, Teresa Fowle, Dan Greiner, Dawn Kittle, Vivian Lin, David Madison, Pete Ostlund, Ioana Sonea, Becky Thayer, and Mike Underwood.

Won't you join them?

To volunteer or to ask questions about what is involved in clerking, please contact Chair of Judging Activities Doris Asher at 517-332-0004 or email asherdoris44@gmail.com.

IT IS TIME TO PREP YOUR PLANTS FOR THE GRAND VALLEY ORCHID SHOW: 1/25 AND 1/26, and the THREE RIVERS ORCHID SHOW 2/1 and 2/2.

Clean and stake as needed. Check name and parentage if possible. Dot will collect the plants the Wednesday before each show between 9am and 7pm at her home. Let her know if other arrangements are needed.

The Grand Rapids display will be large and free-standing (no backdrops), so lots of plants are needed. The Three Rivers show will be a smaller, probably table-top. So smaller plants are a good bet.

For questions or to volunteer, please contact:

Carol Stuht, Away Show Chair

castuht@gmail.com.

517-896-4070



ORCHID SHOW

Join us for the Orchard Great Gardens Parade will be held with beautiful exhibits, supporting the exhibits and the covered American Orchid Society Booth. Purchase as needed or take home as well as hand-outed orchid growing supplies.

Saturday, January 25:

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Displays 12-6 pm

Sunday, January 26:

9:00 am and Displays from 11:00 am - 6:00 pm

Fee:

Complimentary and Open to the Public



Littlefrog Farm

Rob Halgren, PhD

PO Box 26

Holt, MI 48842

<http://littlefrogfarm.com>

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Jump into Orchids !



ORCHID FLOWERS NEEDED

Jolanta Piecuch chairs our orchids-in-use portion of the Show. If you would like to participate in this part of the Show, please pre-register as soon as possible. All pre-registered participants will get free orchid flowers to use in their designs. Contact Jolanta Piecuch 517-655-9869, cell 517-402-3223; jolantapiecuch@yahoo.com. Please contact her if you need orchid flowers for your design or if you have questions.

Jolanta needs orchid flowers for arrangers to use, if they do not have access to any. We are asking all members for help – if you will have orchid flowers that you are willing to cut, please contact Jolanta to make arrangements to get the flowers to her. (Please don't cut flowers off plants that should go into the GLOS exhibit! Obviously, the GLOS exhibit takes priority.) Jolanta needs to hear from you by Saturday, February 15, please. Many genera of orchids hold up well as cut flowers: cymbidiums, phalaenopsis, sprays of oncidiums, sprays of dendrobiums, to name just a few.

Here are this year's rules for the Orchids-in-Use section:

1. Each exhibitor needs to pre-register with Jolanta.
2. There are no specific classes or requirements for the type of designs entered in this Show. Please follow the general design guidelines established by the National Garden Clubs, Inc. or your Ikebana chapter. Entries should not exceed 20 inches in width. The exhibitor may choose a floral arrangement or item of personal adornment such as corsages hairpieces, botanical jewelry, etc. to enter.
3. Fresh orchid(s) must be used in every design.
4. All design work must be the work of the exhibitor. Plant material need not be grown by the exhibitor.
5. Each exhibitor's design will include a label with their name and club/society affiliation.
6. No artificial flowers, fruit, or foliage are permitted. Lace leaves and ribbon buds are permitted only in personal adornment item designs.
7. Leaf shine, dye, paint, etc., may be used **ONLY** on dried plant material.
8. An underlay is permitted with all designs.
9. Designs are staged on wooden tables 31" from the floor.
10. No entry may be removed from the Show before 4:00 p.m. Sunday, February 23, 2025.

The "Orchids in Use" part of the Show will not be judged.

PLEASE WEAR YOUR GLOS NAME TAG

Please remember to wear your GLOS name badge to our January 11th meeting. Anyone who buys a raffle ticket and is wearing his or her name badge, gets a complimentary raffle ticket in addition to however many he or she has purchased at \$1.00 apiece. In addition, it is a courtesy to others who may not know you or who may have forgotten your name! If your name tag is lost, please let either Doris or Dot know. Dot will make you a new one. Doris will have write-on name badges at the meeting for those lacking their GLOS name tag.



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FOOD HELP NEEDED FOR THE SHOW!

Please sign up to bring food for the workers at the 2025 Greater Lansing Orchid Society Show at Van Atta's. Write what type of food you plan to bring. Please bring it to Van Atta's on Friday evening, February 21st before 5:30 p.m. to accompany our main course, pizza. We feed about 80 people between 6 – 7 pm. If you can't donate food, please consider a donation of money for the purchase of food and drink.

Name _____ - Phone no. _____

Salad _____ Soda _____

Dessert _____ Water _____

Fruit/Veggies _____ Snacks _____

Donation for food and drink for the entire Show weekend \$ _____

You may email this form to our Treasurer Teresa Fowle (fowle.teresa@yahoo.com), or mail it to her at 206 Meyers Avenue, Jackson, MI 49203

Our Hospitality group chaired by Teresa, needs helpers for food service for Friday afternoon/evening setup, Saturday morning/noon/afternoon, and Sunday all day/cleanup. Contact Teresa if you can volunteer a couple hours providing food services. Email is great (fowle.teresa@yahoo.com); or phone her at 517-879-1930; cell 517-262-0507.

You may also give Teresa your cash gifts and let her know of your availability to volunteer in the food room when we meet on January 11th. Cash or checks are equally welcome – please make your check payable simply to "GLOS".

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

Thanks to everyone for contributing!

Doris Asher, Secretary