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## CALYPSO DEADLINE:

April 21 for the May 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.*

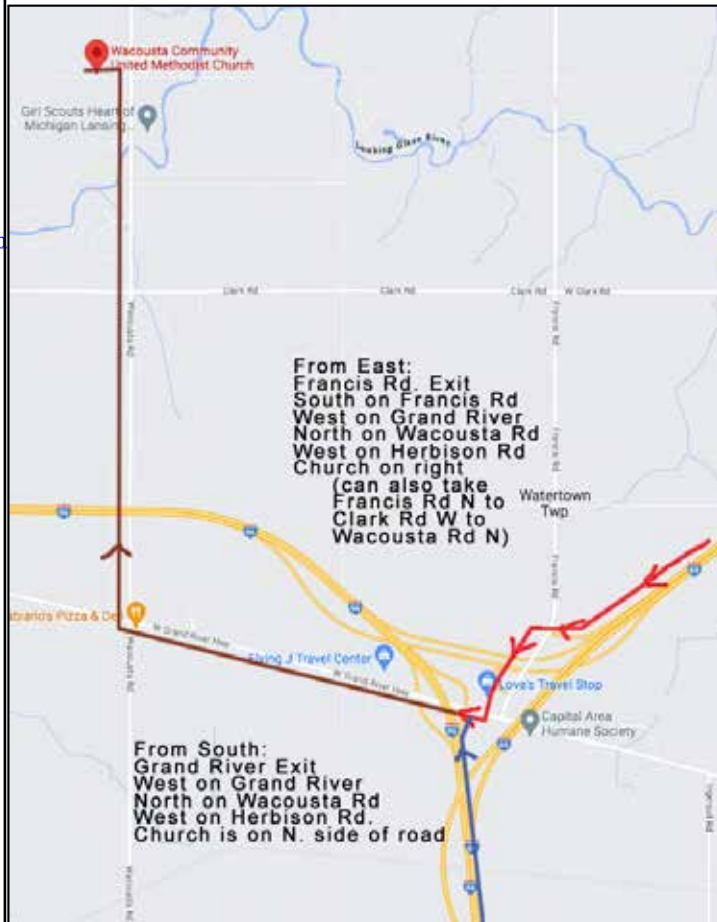
## MARCH 8 MEETING: In-Person at 2:00 p.m.

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

Our speaker today will be Dennis Steinbeck, from Flask and Flora. His talk will be about orchids from Colombia. If you look at his website: [www.flaskandflora.com](http://www.flaskandflora.com), you will see that he grows all kinds of orchids. He is also on facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/flaskandflora> where he posts frequently. He also sells from there. His site says he is also on Instagram.

If you attended our show, you also saw him there.

Dennis will be selling plants at our meeting, so be sure to come!



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

**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE -- March 2025 --** Jerrie Nichols

Our first orchid show at Van Atta’s Nursery was absolutely wonderful! The vendor area was far larger and more open than what we had at MSU. Our art and orchids-in-use displays had their own open viewing area and were not crammed into a dark narrow hallway. The orchid displays were beautiful as always. And our own Bill Cadman and his display team got the AOS Show Trophy and a Silver Certificate!

It took a lot of hard work to get our show seamlessly moved to Van Atta’s. I started to list all the people involved in the planning, and in the implementation, and hopefully I have not inadvertently forgotten someone. But I do want to highlight some of the many people who made this move successful: Dawn Kittle, Pete Ostlund, Doris Asher, Dot Barnett, Michele Bridges, Michael Bukala, Bill Cadman, Mary Henman, Dave LeMarble, Teresa Lewis, Dave Madison, Jolanta Piecuch, Carol Stuht, Mike Underwood, Becky Thayer, Raechel Portelli, Tammy Scherer, Jim Churn, Ioana Sonea, and Diane Zoellner.

I especially want to thank Jason and Lisa and the rest of the Van Atta’s team for all their help and support. They certainly made us feel very welcome.



Trophy: *Vanda lamellata*  
Dot Barnett



Trophy: *Paph. sukhakulii*  
Bill Cadman



Trophy: *Phrag. St. Peter*  
Bill Cadman

**CONGRATS**  
ALSO to GLOS member and vendor, Rob Halgren for his Paph. Hybrids Trophy for Paph. Rosslyn; and his AOS Award for Paph. Fanaticum (malipoense x micranthum) ‘Littlefrog Icy Wind’, AM/AOS

And to GLOS member Lynn O’shaughnessy who won the Photography Trophy for her “Sobennikoffia robusta”.

Other Trophy pictures on p.8

Thanks to Christine Granger, Ioana Sonea, and Barb Wilcox for November refreshments and to Michele Bridges, Christine Granger, David LeMarble, and Raechel Portelli for January. For our March meeting, Marge Barkman, David Madison and Ioana Sonea have volunteered.

**GLOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS**



- ➔ March 8, 2025 – 2025 -- Our Speaker is Dennis Steinbeck, from 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
- ➔ 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**, January 11, 2025

President Jerrie Nichols called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. with about twenty members present and an additional four people participating via Zoom.

Program: Because our guest speaker was already with us via Zoom, Jerrie began the meeting with our program – Marni Turkel from Santa Rosa, CA, who gave an excellent program entitled “Marvelous Monopodials” in which she showed numerous examples of monopodial orchids in many genera, giving growing conditions needed for each as well as where they grow in the wild. After her presentation, she answered members’ questions.

After we said goodbye to Marni, Jerrie gave us a 10-minute break and then began the business meeting.

She thanked the members who provided refreshments – Michele Bridges, Christine Granger, David LeMarble, and Raechel Portelli. When she called for people to provide refreshments for our March 8th meeting, Marge Barkman, David Madison, and Ioana Sonea volunteered. David LeMarble volunteered to take the refreshments supplies home and deliver them to Teresa for use at our February Show.

**Updates:**

1. Grand Valley Orchid Society Show on January 25-26 – GLOS will set up a display at the Meijer Garden in Grand Rapids. Pete, Carol, Dot, David Madison, and Michele Bridges will work on that exhibit. Dot will collect orchids at her house on Wednesday, January 22nd.
2. Three Rivers Orchid Society Show on February 1-2 – Carol and Raechel Portelli will set up our exhibit for this show in Fort Wayne, IN. Again, Dot will collect the orchids at her house on the Wednesday prior to the Show.
3. GLOS Show February 22-23
  - a. GLOS display -- Bill Cadman, who is in charge of the GLOS exhibit for our Show, asked people to get their orchids ready and bring them to the Show site on Friday morning. It is a large display so he is hoping for a large number of plants.
  - b. “Walk Through” at Van Atta’s – On January 10th several GLOS members met with Lisa, Jason and Tim to plan and answer many questions.
  - c. Displays and Sales Area – Pete Ostlund is working with Van Atta’s on hanging our backdrops. We are able to do this preliminary work earlier at Van Atta’s than we could at MSU. He indicated we need many volunteers and that Ioana would be sending out “Sign Up Genius” for members to volunteer. At Van Atta’s suggestion, GLOS volunteers will wear badges saying “Orchid Show Worker”. There is a need to try to offset theft.
  - d. Art – Carol Stuht invited members to consider entering art, photographs, collectibles in the art competition. Contact Carol with questions.
  - e. Publicity postcards and forms for food at the Show – Doris Asher brought the Society’s supply of our publicity postcards and invited members to take as many as they liked. She also distributed forms for members to volunteer food items or monetary donations – the forms go to Teresa Fowle who chairs our Hospitality area at the Show.
  - f. Mike Underwood, who chairs our classes for the public at the Show, invited members with overgrown plants in need of repotting to bring them to the Show – on Saturday at 2:00, Dan Greiner is teaching the class entitled “How to Repot Your Orchid”, and he needs some plants on which to demonstrate.
  - g. Diane Zoellner, who chairs our Kids’ Corner, is thinking about the activities she will offer.
  - h. Information Table – Jerrie needs a volunteer willing to take the unsold books/journals home to store until the next Show. Mary Henman has been doing that for us and would like to be relieved of the responsibility.

**Two Important Committees:**

As President, Jerrie chairs our *Awards Committee*, who has the task of honoring key GLOS members for their outstanding service to the Society. Michele Bridges and Jill Wood serve with her on the Awards Committee. They invite members’ nominations of honorees. Awards are presented at our annual meeting on May 10th.

Jerrie announced that Mike Underwood is chairing our *Nominating Committee* for our election of officers for the 2025-2026 membership year. Although she is eligible to run again next year, Jerrie is stepping down. All the other members of the current Board may serve again if they are willing to do so. The election takes place at our May meeting.

Meeting on March 8th – Our speaker in March will be Dennis Steinbeck, from Flask and Flora, in Columbus, OH.

Show and Tell Table: Our plant table had orchids from Owen Neils, Carol Stuht, David Madison, and Pete Ostlund. Each showed us his or her plants and gave us information on each.

The evening concluded with Teresa settling up the silent auction purchases and calling out the winning raffle numbers.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:10.

Respectfully submitted, Doris H. Asher, Secretary

**GLOS BOARD MEETING MINUTES, February 5, 2025**

President Jerrie Nichols called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following people present: Doris Asher, Bill Cadman, Teresa Fowle, Dawn Kittle, Pete Ostlund, Jolanta Picuch, Ioana Sonea, Carol Stuht and Jill Wood.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Teresa Fowle reported on finances occurring since our Board meeting on December 2nd. She reported the Society currently has assets of \$7,748 in addition to our several certificates of deposit. At our January 11th meeting, we raised \$96 from our silent auction and \$36 from our raffle. She has also received the following money for our Show: \$295 toward food expenses, \$780 from vendors' sales tables; and \$125 in donations for trophy sponsorships.

**Membership Committee Report:** Doris presented the Committee's report – there has been no membership activity since our December Board meeting. GLOS currently has 106 members in 94 households.

**Grand Valley Orchid Society Show, Grand Rapids, January 25,26, 2025:**

Carol reported on the very successful display GLOS had for Grand Rapids. The exhibit won the Show Trophy and also a Silver Certificate of 85 points.

**Three Rivers Orchid Society Show, Fort Wayne, IN, February 1,2, 2025:**

Carol and Raechel Portelli transported our display to the Three Rivers Show. The beautiful exhibit won the Show Trophy. Both Carol and Raechel stayed and clerked at the ribbon judging Saturday morning.

**GLOS 2025 Show:** Show Chair Dawn called on the following people for their reports:

1. Pete reported that Mary Henman will be delivering her backdrop materials to Van Atta's on the Sunday before the Show, and Pete will be setting up those backdrops during the week before the Show. He urged that we post a sign at our old Show site at MSU in case some of our regular attendees go there by mistake – Ioana will look into that. Pete is currently running our Facebook ads; Jolanta will post the ad on her Instagram account.
2. Jolanta reported that everything is under control for her orchids in use display. She, Bill and Doris will work on an announcement to go out to the membership asking for orchid blooms for flower arrangers to use and to invite members to enter arrangements.
3. Jill reported on our various publicity initiatives. Ioana has posted notices of the Show on the calendars of various media outlets, such as the local tv stations and newspapers. Raechel and Michelle Bridges will be staffing an information table at the Meridian Farmers Market inside the Meridian Mall on Saturday, February 15th. Raechel will pick up a card table and black cloth to cover it from Doris. They will have orchids in flower and our publicity postcards.
4. Ioana will post our directional signs on the roads leading to Van Atta's. In addition Van Atta is displaying the large orchid show sign that the Saginaw Valley Orchid Society donated to us.
5. Carol reported that all is under control for the art competition.
6. Doris reported that she has now received all of the money for our trophy sponsorships except the one from Kristen Uthus who customarily pays Doris at the Show. Doris has a good roster of people who will clerk; although the number of judges coming to our Show is small, Doris and Lynn can supplement with knowledgeable clerks to serve as "lay judges". Her plans for registration are in place, and she is looking for more volunteers to help prepare the registration folders on Friday night.
7. Jerrie has investigated pizza for our Friday night dinner from Jet's in Haslett and will be placing our order with them.
8. Bill reported on his plans for the Society's exhibit at the Show and will be coordinating with Doris to designate the staging at her house that needs to be transported to Van Atta's.
9. Doris proposed that we ask Dot to send out an email to the Society membership announcing SignUpGenius to obtain more volunteers. Many of the needed volunteer slots remain unfilled. Doris will contact Dot about that.

**Nominating Committee:** Dawn announced that she has decided not to run for her third year as our Vice President. Therefore, our Nominating Committee needs to find two new members for the Board beginning in July of this year, our President and Vice President. 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.

**Next Board Meeting:** The Board's next meeting will be on Monday, April 7th, at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Doris Asher, Secretary

**GVOS 2025 SHOW REPORT**, submitted by Carol Ann Stuht

The Grand Valley Orchid Society (GVOS) held its annual show at Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapid, January 25-26, 2025. We hold our breath at this time of year, fearing lake effect snow. We were in luck. The weather cooperated.

The usual show area was closed for renovation. The large open area for the displays this year allowed our 50 square feet, multitiered display to be assembled without backdrops and viewed from all sides. The area required artificial lighting for the plants to show at their best. Our orchid display was collected, transported and assembled by Dot Barnett, Pete Ostlund, David Madison and myself. Additional manpower was supplied by Lee Barnett and Michael Bukala.

The result of the team effort was a striking display with the view of several excellent Phragmipedium greeting visitors as they entered. The entire display of 37 orchids was lovely and earned the display Trophy for Orchid Societies Affiliated with the AOS, and the AOS display trophy, also an AOS silver award with 85 points. Congratulations to Ioana Sonea's Phal. Tzu Chiang Sapphire that received the Vanda/Phalaenopsis Alliance Trophy, and to Pete Ostlund's Tolumnia Jairak Firm 'Syzygy' that received the Oncidium Alliance trophy.

Thank you, everyone who contributed to the success of the GLOS display. Without your plants, there would be no display.

Every GLOS member that sent plants for the show received ribbons. Plant awards list follows:



| GLOS Display    | Trophy classes 6-8, AOS Trophy, AOS Silver Award, 85 points  | Class 7 | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
|-----------------|--|---------|-----------------|
| Pete Ostlund    | <del>Barkeria oerveya</del>                                  | 16      | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
|                 | Brassicorhiza Punaisea 'Lee'                                 | 20      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
|                 | <del>Coelogyne Janine Banks 'Snow Whitey'</del>              | 110     | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
|                 | <del>Tol. Jairak Firm 'Syzygy' Onc. Alliance Trophy.</del>   | 84      | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
|                 | Tol. Jairak Flyer 'Red Butterfly'                            | 84      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
|                 | Paph. Rosy Egret   | 35      | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
|                 | <del>Phrag. Normant</del>                                    | 44      | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
|                 | Vandoglossum   | 78      | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
| Dot Barnett     | <del>Pleurothallis suzeri</del>                              | 99      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
|                 | Pleurothallis Eougenera Perfection                           | 99      | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
|                 | Dendrochillum convallariiforme                               | 109     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
|                 | V. Aroonsri Beauty   | 67      | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
|                 | Phrag. Fritz Schomberg                                       | 45      | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
|                 | Phrag. Roesli 'Whippoorwill'                                 | 43      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
|                 | Phrag. Belle Hogue Point                                     | 44      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
| Becky Thayer    | Barkeria palmeri   | 16      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
| David Madison   | Paph. Chiara   | 33      | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
| Molly Bacon     | Stelis viridipurpurea  | 100     | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
|                 | Rhynchosyris alpestris 'Pink Spots'                          | 75      | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
|                 | Phrag. Leslie Garay  | 46      | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
| Carol Ann Stuht | Paph. haynaldianum   | 20      | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
|                 | Paph. fairiesonum  | 28      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
|                 | C. Jairak Dolly  | 19      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
|                 | painting   | 114     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
| Ioana Sonea     | Phrag. Nicholle Tower  | 44      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
|                 | Phrag. Cardinale 'Wacoosta'                                  | 46      | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
|                 | Encyclia tampensis   | 11      | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
|                 | Phal. Tzu Chiang Sapphire Vanda/Phalaenopsis Alliance Trophy | 53      | 1 <sup>st</sup> |

**THREE RIVERS ORCHID SHOW REPORT –**

by Carol Ann Stuht

The Three Rivers Orchid Society show was held February 2 – 3, 2025, at the Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Raechel Portelli accompanied the plants, staging and me to Fort Wayne where we set up a 25 square foot floor display with 22 orchids. We stayed the entire weekend and were happy to clerk for the show judges on Saturday. Raechel is a quick study and is hereby drafted for future show setup duty. The Three Rivers society is a delightful group and made our visit enjoyable, and fattening. One member is a cookie baking wiz. I look forward to their show next year.

Dot Barnett collected the orchid plants, completed all the registration slips and name tags, and carefully packed the orchids for their road trip. Special thanks to the six GLOS members whose plants traveled to Indiana. The GLOS display was first in its class, Best in Show, and received the AOS Show Trophy with an award of 84 points. Congratulations go to Pete for his Tolu. Jairak Firm ‘Cider’, which received the Oncidium Alliance Trophy.

The list of plants and their awards follows:



|                 |  |         |                 |
|-----------------|--|---------|-----------------|
| GLOS            | Best of Show trophy, AOS Trophy 84 points                  | Class 6 | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
| Molly Bacon     | Rhyncostylis gigantea 'Pink Spots                          | 75      | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
| Pete Ostlund    | Barkeria naevosa   | 16      | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
|                 | Den. Angel Kisses  | 90a     | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
|                 | Paph. Rosy Egret   | 34      | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
|                 | Zns. Murasakikomachi 'Blue Hawaii'                         | 106     | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
|                 | Tolu. Jairak Firm 'Cider' Oncidium Alliance trophy         | 84      | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
|                 | Rodrumnia  | 86      | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
| Bill Cadman     | Paph. sukhakulii   | 28      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
|                 | Paph. (White Knight x Topaz Magic)                         | 38      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
|                 | Paph. Oregon Pinot   | 41      | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
| Ioana Sonea     | Phrag. Nicholle Tower                                      | 44      | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
|                 | Phrag. Cardinale 'Wacoasta'                                | 46      | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
|                 | Encyclia tampensis   | 11      | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
| Dot Barnett     | Encyelia Jairak Treasure                                   | 12      | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
|                 | Barkeria whortoniae  | 16      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
|                 | Pleurothallis picta  | 99      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
| Carol Ann Stuht | Paph. fairieorum   | 28      | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
|                 | Rhynchobrassoleya (Brassocattleya Tetradia x Rl. digbyana) | 20      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
|                 | Cattlianthe Little Hazel                                   | 24      | 1 <sup>st</sup> |

**NOMINATIONS FOR MAY ELECTIONS**

Nominations are now being accepted for the May election for our fiscal year 2025-2026. Mike Underwood (mike@avi-sci.com) is the chair of the Nominating Committee. 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 people to serve as the GLOS President and also as its Vice President (Show Chair) as both Jerrie Nichols and Dawn Kittle have 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, Doris Asher (Secretary) is eligible to run for her third term, as is Teresa Fowle (Treasurer), and Carol Stuht (Away Show Chair). Both Newsletter Editor Dot Barnett and Away Show Chair Carol Stuht are eligible to serve another term – neither office is term-limited.

## 2025 ORCHIDS IN USE REPORT submitted by Jolants Piecuch

The new location for the show was a perfect fit, providing a larger and more dynamic space that allowed the “Orchids in Use” segment to shine in a new setting. We embraced a rustic theme, “Whispers of the Woods,” which not only resonated with the venue but also gave our participants the freedom to explore a natural, earthy aesthetic. They certainly did not disappoint. Each arrangement beautifully incorporated wood, and the combination of wood and orchids is always a stunning pairing.

The turnout was extraordinary. The crowd was large and steady, with waves of enthusiastic admirers coming through to view the arrangements and capture photos. Our two hostesses were kept busy fielding numerous questions, but one stood out above the rest: “Can flowers be kept underwater?”

We were happy to showcase the talent of so many skilled designers, including members from the Ikebana International Lansing Chapter, participants from Michigan Garden Clubs District 2B, and professionals from Van Atta’s. Together, our 17 participants displayed 24 arrangements, each unique in its approach but all united by their common theme of using wood. The diverse range of techniques, styles, and design philosophies made the event not only a visual delight but an educational one as well.

By the end, it was clear that this show had sparked a deeper appreciation for the beauty of orchids and the endless possibilities they present when combined with the natural beauty of wood - or anything else - in the arrangements.



Photos Courtesy of  
Jolanta Piecuch

## 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

**GLOS ORCHID SHOW 2025, ART SECTION REPORT** by Carol Ann Stuht

Wow! If you did not visit the art display you missed a treat. Our first event at VanAtta’s attracted 47 artists and photographers. Eighty-five entries filled the space with color. I believe that is the most entries we have received at a show.

There were four participants from GVOS, and four GLOS members entered their art. The show drew several artists from beyond the Lansing area. Seven works of art and photography were sold at the show. The society received \$90.00 in commissions from the sales.

Van Atta’s staff were gracious and helpful the entire weekend. A special thanks to Raechel Portelli for assisting the artists in the registration process, and in organizing the display.

The Photography trophy was awarded to Lynn O’Shaughnessy’s lovely color photo of Sobennikeffia robusta. GVOS member Erin Habib received the Art Trophy for her meticulous ink drawing of Brassocattleya Binosa.

Thank you everyone that participated in, helped with, or visited the art display.

See you next year.

**THANK YOU, CLERKS**

The Society issues a hearty “thank you” to members and other friends who volunteered to clerk at the 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. They began on Saturday morning, February 22nd, at 7:30 a.m. with a light breakfast and worked until ribbon judging was concluded, about 11 a.m.

Judging Chair Lynn O’Shaughnessy assigned the 14 judges into six teams. She tapped Bill Cadman, Ioana Sonea, and Mike Underwood to serve as “lay judges” to enable us to have the six teams. We were very pleased to have judges from the Cincinnati Judging Center and the Toronto Judging Centre working with us this year. All judges and clerks were invited to be the Society’s guests at the Judges’ Luncheon held at the Show.

The following individuals clerked at our 41st orchid show:

- Michele Bridges
- Michael Bukala
- Bill Cadman
- Jim Churn
- Evelyne Cudel
- Teresa Fowle
- Kevin Griffin
- Dawn Kittle
- Vivian Lin
- David Madison
- Pete Ostlund
- Raechel Portelli
- Ioana Sonea
- Becky Thayer
- Mike Underwood
- Nick Villarreal



**Trophy  
Den. speciosum  
Pete Ostlund**



**Trophy  
Cym. NoID  
Becky Thayer**



**SOCIETY DISPLAY AT 2025 GLOS SHOW** – submitted by Bill Cadman with assistance from Dot Potter Barnett  
The Society's display at our show this year was constructed by Dot Barnett, Michele Bridges, Bill Cadman, and David Madison, with assistance from many others on Friday, February 21, 2025. The seventy-five square foot island featured sixty-five gorgeous blooming orchids loaned by eight GLOS members. I was quite pleased that this was the first time exhibiting in the GLOS Show for at least two of our members!

The orchids were arranged in a somewhat non-traditional design using negative space and vertical variety. The naturalistic display had visual interest all the way around, reaching nearly seven feet high at the tallest point. It was recognized as the Best Society Display over fifty square feet in area, received the trophy for Best Society Display, and was awarded the American Orchid Society (AOS) Show Trophy for best display overall along with an AOS Silver Certificate.

The orchids were of exceptional quality - several trophies were awarded to orchids of GLOS members, and some plants were pulled from our display for evaluation by judges from the AOS.

I'm grateful for the high level of participation again this year, from hauling staging, to loaning orchids, to setting up and taking down. Our display was certainly a team effort – many hands brought it all together.

Competition was quite stiff. The list of recognitions from judging is below (my apologies if any got inadvertently left out). It's worth noting that very member that entered an orchid received at least one ribbon – well deserved congratulations to all!

| <b>EXHIBITOR</b> | <b>ENTRY</b>  | <b>RECOGNITION</b>   |
|------------------|---|--|
| GLOS             | Display   | 1st in class, trophy Best Society Exhibit, AOS Show Trophy, AOS Silver Certificate |
| Marge Barkmann   | Phalaenopsis NoID                                     | 1st in class   |
| Dot Barnett      | Barkeria whortoniana                                  | 2nd in class   |
| Dot Barnett      | Phragmipedium La Aldea Tersura                        | 3rd in class   |
| Dot Barnett      | Phalaenopsis mannii var. Black                        | 2nd in class   |
| Dot Barnett      | Vanda lamellata                                       | 1st in class, trophy Best Vandaceous Alliance                                      |
| Dot Barnett      | Vanda Jairak Pink                                     | 2nd in class   |
| Dot Barnett      | Vanda Penny Goh Mei Ping                              | 1st in class   |
| Dot Barnett      | Lycaste Rakuloku 'Lady in Pink'                       | 3rd in class   |
| Dot Barnett      | Maxillaria Maui Coconut                               | 1st in class   |
| Bill Cadman      | Cahuzacara Hsinying Pink Doll 'Hsinying'              | 3rd in class   |
| Bill Cadman      | Paphiopedilum fairrieatum                             | 2nd in class   |
| Bill Cadman      | Paphiopedilum sukhakulii                              | 1st in class, trophy Best Paphiopedilum species                                    |
| Bill Cadman      | Paphiopedilum henryanum x exul                        | 1st in class   |
| Bill Cadman      | Paphiopedilum Blood Moon                              | 1st in class   |
| Bill Cadman      | Phragmipedium Saint Peter                             | 1st in class, trophy Best Phragmipedium  |
| Pete Ostlund     | Barkeria naevosa                                      | 1st in class   |
| Pete Ostlund     | Paphiopedilum hirsutissimum var. esquirolei           | 3rd in class   |
| Pete Ostlund     | Schoenorchis gemmata                                  | 1st in class   |
| Pete Ostlund     | Oncidium cheiroporum                                  | 1st in class   |
| Pete Ostlund     | Tolumnia Jairak Firm 'Cider'                          | 1st in class   |
| Pete Ostlund     | Rodrumnia Flying Spice                                | 3rd in class   |
| Pete Ostlund     | Dendrobium speciosum                                  | 1st in class, trophy Best Dendrobium Alliance, 2nd Specimen Plant                  |
| Pete Ostlund     | Zygonisia Murasakikomachi 'Blue Hawaii'               | 3rd in class   |
| Pete Ostlund     | Coelogyne Jannine Banks 'Snow White' HCC/OSNSN        | 1st in class   |
| Pete Ostlund     | Cattleya Lucky Chance                                 | 1st in class   |
| Pete Ostlund     | Paphiopedilum Rosy Egret                              | 2nd in class   |
| Pete Ostlund     | Phalaenopsis Norman's Elusive Butterfly 'Leopard Lip' | 1st in class   |
| Raechel Portelli | Paphiopedilum QF Fairest                              | 2nd in class   |
| Raechel Portelli | Phalaenopsis GW Green World 'Yaphon'                  | 2nd in class   |
| Ioana Sonea      | Cattleya hoehnei                                      | 1st in class, 1st in First Seedling Blooming for the First Time                    |
| Ioana Sonea      | Phragmipedium Cardinale 'Wacousta'                    | 2nd in class   |
| Ioana Sonea      | Phragmipedium Nicholle Tower                          | 1st in class   |
| Ioana Sonea      | Phalaenopsis Sogo Moimi 'Sweet Fragrance'             | 3rd in class   |
| Ioana Sonea      | Phalaenopsis Meen Estrella                            | 1st in class   |
| Ioana Sonea      | Phalaenopsis Montclair Valentine                      | 2nd in class   |
| Ioana Sonea      | Phalaenopsis '22224'                                  | 3rd in class   |
| Carol Ann Stuhrt | Paphiopedilum delenatii                               | 3rd in class   |
| Carol Ann Stuhrt | Paphiopedilum Macabre Grace x Hilo Rainbow            | 3rd in class   |
| Becky Thayer     | Cymbidium NoID  | 1st in class, trophy Best Cymbidium Alliance                                       |
| Becky Thayer     | Cymbidium NoID  | 2nd in class   |
| Becky Thayer     | Cymbidium NoID  | 3rd in class   |

**REPORT ON JUDGING GLOS 41st ANNUAL SHOW - Doris Asher**

Visitors to our Show enjoyed 19 exhibits. Approximately 100 exhibitors entered about 425 orchids, exhibits, flower arrangements, and pieces of art. (Last year's Show had 18 exhibits, 110 exhibitors and 487 entries. The 2023 Show had 16 exhibits, 90 exhibitors and 419 entries.)

**Our trophy winners this year:**

Open exhibit: Natt's Orchids, Naperville, IL

Society exhibit: Greater Lansing Orchid Society

Amateur exhibit: Jill Wood, Grand Valley Orchid Society

Julie Bishop Memorial Cattleya Alliance: Brassanthe Maikai (Brassavola nodosa x Guarianthe bowringiana) – Ayako Kikuchi, Ann Arbor Orchid Society

Paphiopedilum Species: Paphiopedilum sukhakulii – Bill Cadman, GLOS

Paphiopedilum Hybrids: Paphiopedilum Rosslyn 'Pitt,S' FCC-AOS (godefroyae x Rolfei) – Littlefrog Farm, Holt

Phragmipedium, Cypripedium: Phragmipedium Saint Peter (Eric Young x longifolium) – Bill Cadman, GLOS

Phalaenopsis: Phalaenopsis no ID – Carolyn Munro, Ann Arbor Orchid Society

Vanda: Vanda lamellata – Dot Barnett, GLOS

Brassia and Miltonia: Brascidosteale Gilded Tower (Brassosteale Summit x Brassidium Gilded Urchin) – Brian Snyder, Kalamazoo-Dunes Orchid Society

Oncidium Alliance: Cyrtocidium Intermezzo (Ctd. Incurviana x Oncidium sotoanum) 'Jianna Mai' CCE/AOS – Bob Hengehold, MOS

Cymbidium no ID – Becky Thayer, GLOS

Dendrobium Alliance: Dendrobium speciosum – Pete Ostlund, GLOS

Pleurothallid Alliance: Pleurothallis alveolata, Debra Allwine, Kalamazoo-Dunes Orchid Society

Alex Challis Memorial Miscellaneous Genera: Fredclarkeara Kelly Longley 'Black' (Mormodes Painted Desert x Catasetum Jose Abalo) -- MyaardMade

Specimen Plant: Chysis limminghei HCC/AOS 79 points, Deborah Heckler, Ann Arbor Orchid Society

Art (Excluding Photography): "Brassocattleya Bihasa" – Erin Habib

Photography: "Sobennikoffia robusta" – Lynn O'Shaughnessy, GLOS

Don and Kris Garling Memorial Best of Show: Chysis limminghei 'Nikki Sass' HCC/AOS 79 points, Deborah Heckler, Ann Arbor Orchid Society

**AOS Show Trophy – Outstanding Exhibit: GLOS (85 points)**

In addition to the above trophies, the 15 judges who judged our Show this year selected 11 orchids from the Show to study further and gave American Orchid Society awards to five of them:

Chysis limminghei 'Nikki Sass', HCC/AOS 79 points, Deborah Heckler, Ann Arbor Orchid Society

Paphiopedilum California Sky (California Girl x Night Sky) 'Windswept Sky', AM/AOS 80 points – Windswept in Time, Broadview Heights, OH

Paphiopedilum Fanaticum (malipoense x micranthum) 'Littlefrog Icy Wind', AM/AOS 80 points – Littlefrog Farm, Holt

Phalaenopsis Mituo Gigan Dragon (LD Sun Dragon x gigantea) 'Red Ice', HCC/AOS 78 points, Brian Snyder, Kalamazoo-Dunes Orchid Society

Rhyncholaeliocattleya Apricot Sands 'Firebrand' x Rhyncholaeliocattleya Loud Nine, not yet registered 'Great Spirit', AM/AOS 84 points, Brian Snyder, Kalamazoo-Dunes Orchid Society

In addition, the GLOS exhibit received an AOS Silver Certificate of 85 points.

Lynn O'Shaughnessy, who chaired judging on Saturday morning, and I want to thank the people who helped us register all of the entries and prepare the judging folders on Friday night: Jim Churn, Vivian Lin, David Madison, Tammy Scherer and Jill Wood. In addition, we'd like to thank all of our judges and all of our clerks who came early Saturday morning to help us with the ribbon judging as well as with the AOS judging which followed. Kudos, too, to Ed Cott, who was our AOS photographer.

Thank you so very much!



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Since the Society's fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30 of each year, it is getting to be time to renew your membership by sending in your annual dues -- \$8.00 for an individual plus an additional \$4.00 for each additional household member. For members who want to save significant dues over time, the Society offers a life membership for a one-time payment of \$80.00. Fifty-four people have already taken advantage of the life membership.

Please make checks payable to GLOS and send them to Treasurer Teresa Fowle, 206 Meyers Avenue, Jackson MI 49203. Alternatively, save yourself a stamp and pay Teresa in person at our March 8th meeting. Cash or check is fine.

Thank you for sending in your dues prior to the deadline. We do not want you to miss even one issue of The Calypso. Please consider receiving your newsletter electronically at no cost to the Society. Or, perhaps you could make a special donation to help offset the expense of photocopying and mailing. Each issue costs GLOS \$1.33 to provide in hard copy for a total cost per year of \$7.98. Help the Society keep its dues low!

The dues form is on the last page of this issue.

### 2025 Michigan Orchid Society Orchid Show And Sale



Saturday, March 15th

◆ 11 a.m. To 5 p.m.

Sunday, March 16th

◆ 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

◆ Photographer's hour 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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### PLEASE WEAR YOUR GLOS NAME TAG

Please remember to wear your GLOS name badge to our March 8th 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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