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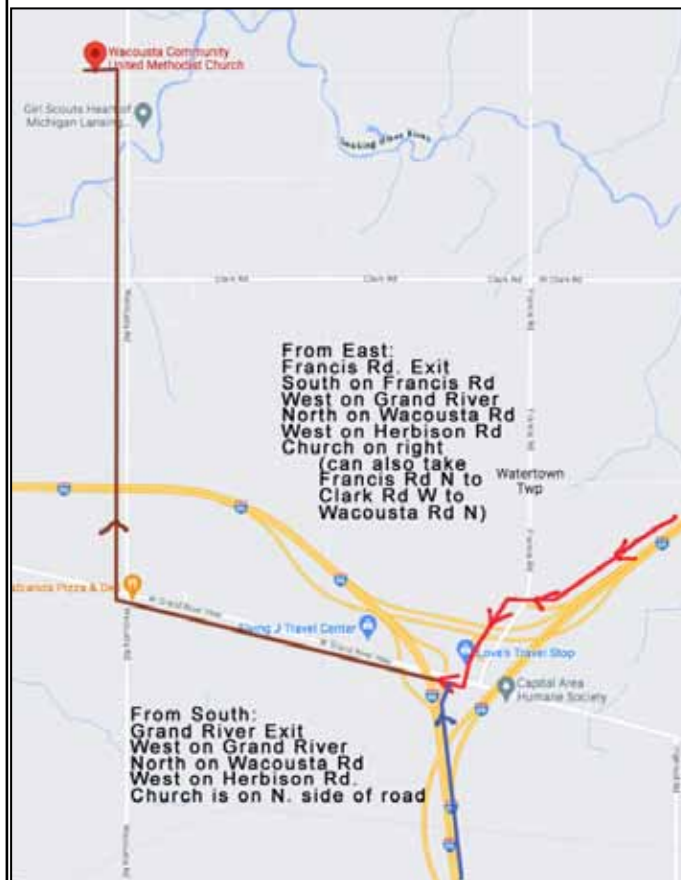
### CALYPSO DEADLINE:

Dec. 27 for the Jan. '24 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.*

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

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



If you would like a printable copy of this map, please contact Dot

Our speaker this month is Peter T. Lin of Diamond Orchids in southern California.

Peter started growing orchids over 40 years ago, but then stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about 18 years ago that the orchid "bug" came back and he is now heavily involved once again! He is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, and a hybridizer of minicatts. He enjoys meeting with other orchid enthusiasts, and can often be found at various orchid shows and societies around the country.

Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS awards. His

interests in orchids include Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and Neofinetias. He is also known as "Mr Sophronitis" as he has a passion for growing and collecting them. He maintains a collection of a several thousand orchids at his home in Southern California in 3 small greenhouses, outdoors, as well as an offsite greenhouse.

<https://www.diamondorchids.com>

### ZOOM LINK TO MEETING:

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/701683513?pwd=REQzYnpxaTZjb3p6dDNZNWxCOS8xUT09>

Meeting ID: 701 683 513  
 Password: 20-Orchids

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, September 2023 - Jerrie Nichols, President**

I am a firm believer that sun-loving orchids need a summer vacation outside. There are risks of course. You must gradually introduce them to the sun to prevent sunburn and initially shelter them from strong wind. The list of varmints is endless with chipmunks, deer, mice, rabbits, and squirrels just waiting. And let's not forget slugs and snails. Weather becomes a major part of your conversation because it can turn deadly on a dime. Be warned, Sunday (Oct. 22) is supposed to have a high of 54 degrees F, but a low of 33 degrees.

But the worst problem is everything grows and grows, and plants no longer fit easily back into their places in the plant room. I used to say the room shrank. I have done this often enough that I should not be surprised but it is always such a production to squeeze everything back in. Once again through much effort and application of baskets, curse words, ladders, ropes, small plants stands, and a couple of new lights, everyone is back in. Till next summer.

During the program at our October general meeting, Pete Ostlund and Dot Barnett did a wonderful job showing how to set up an orchid display. How display designers need to pay attention to color flow, varying heights and the exact orientation of the flowers. Doris mentioned that display rules vary a lot by show location and the peculiarities of the local judges. I looked up a couple of examples of how displays can vary across the world.

Take a look at the OSSEA show display at the Tanglin Mall in Singapore: almost every plant is hung from a rack. Of course, being South East Asia, vandas are dominant. These are not scenic displays like we try to do – no moss, black cloth, nothing. Just individual plants hanging on a rack regardless of color or size. Very impressive plants, and I think the presentation works quite well because you can see all sides of the plant. Too often in our displays, vandas are shoved into the back corner of the table and only the front of the plant is seen.

The easiest way to see this show tour is to type in the following title and then click on the “guy with a plant” video.

OSSEA Orchid show 2023 by Orchid Society of South East Asia

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nrQ-Rfs60wM&ab\\_channel=GuyWithAPlant](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nrQ-Rfs60wM&ab_channel=GuyWithAPlant)

Of course, the grandest orchid show, at least in my opinion, is the Japan Grand Prix International Orchid show. There are 1000 exhibitors and 50 vendors. It lasts 8 days, and there are usually over one MILLION plants in the show! Many displays have dozens of specimens of one type of orchid. For example the massive display at the entrance to the show has 100,000 orchids in it with mostly three colors, yellow oncidiums, white phalaenopsis, and medium pink cattleyas. Forget color flow. This is just stun by mass.

I have provided a link to this year's 2023 show tour:

Title of the event is: Japan Grand Prix International Orchid and Flower Show 2023. Venue: Tokyo Dome City When: Feb. 8th - Feb. 14th 2023

The best link that works on my computer has been:

<https://youtu.be/m2mBP5M8pak>

I cannot even imagine the logistics it takes to put this show together.

See you at our next meeting in November

Habenaria Pegasus 'Syzygy' AM/CCM/AOS



## **GLOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- November 11th 2023 1:30 - 4:30 - Peter Lin of Diamond Orchids
- January 13th 2024 1:30- 4:30 - Jim Heilig: “Making Your Own Hybrids”
- February 24 - 25 2024 GLOS Show and Sale
- March 9th - 1:30 - 4:30 - Rob Kaufman - Orchid Conservation Alliance - “101 ways to kill your orchid”
- April 13th - 5:30 - 8:30 - Eric Sauer - River Valley Orchids (share with MOS and AAOS) Probably talk on Columbian orchids.
- May 11th - 5:30 - 8:30 - Carter & Holmes (share with MOS & AAOS)
- August 10th - 5:30 - 8:30 - in-house phalaenopsis culture talk
- September - Norman's Orchids. Topic to be determined \*Share with AAOS and MOS) Exact date to be determined. Topic to be determined.
- October - Rob Halgren - In person talk on artificial lighting



**GLOS MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Our GLOS numbers stand now as follows: as of October 4th -- 94 members in 85 households. At this same time last year, we had 96 members in 89 households. The membership year ended June 30, 2023. We need to receive renewals from nineteen members. Sadly, per our Bylaws, these members will not receive any more Society newsletters or other mailings. Members in arrears are welcome to renew at any time and will be reinstated immediately!

We have 51 people who are Life Members (54.3% of the membership.) These numbers are included in the current membership numbers detailed above. Life Memberships are still available – Life Membership dues are \$80 for individuals, \$120 for two living in the same household.

Total Households (including Life Members): 85

Households getting paper copies: 11 (12.9%).

Households getting Calypso electronically: 74 (87.1%)

**Calypso** costs us:

Copying: \$.60 each x 6 issues = \$3.60/year

Copying plus postage: + \$.66 stamp = \$1.26 each x 6 issues = \$7.56/household/year

Eleven households get paper copies: \$83.16 annually. This annual amount is often completely covered by donations that some “paper members” contribute (requested on dues form). For the fiscal year just completed, we received \$128.38 to help with the expenses of providing paper copies. Thank you very much to these donors.

Doris Asher, Membership Committee

**MICHIANA 2023 SHOW REPORT** – submitted by Carol Stuht

Michiana Orchid Society held its first show in several years September 30th - October 1st, in South Bend, Ind. This society was hit hard through the covid years. A small group of dedicated people pulled all the threads together and produced a very nice compact show with the vendors and exhibits all in one glass domed building entry.

Dot Barnett, Jerrie Nichols and I arranged 23 plants into 4 baskets, and Dot’s large Den. Hibiki in a central plant stand. A big thanks to Rob Halgren who brought everything back to Dot Barnett’s.

Our GLOS member entries did very well. The exhibit received the AOS Show Trophy with a score of 84. Special recognition goes to Dot Barnett. Her Hab. Pegasus earned the Best in Show Trophy, Best in Class 97-110 Trophy, and two AOS Awards: an AM of 85, and CCM of 87 points. Wow!



Paph. helenae ‘Wacousta’ AM/AOS

All other plant awards/ribbons follow:

Person	Orchid	Parent 1	Parent 2	class	Ribbons
GLOS	Display			6	1 <sup>st</sup> ,
Pete Ostlund	Clowesetum Diane Drisch	Clowesia Grace Dunn 'Live Oak'	Ctsm. Tigrinum 'SVO'	107	1 <sup>st</sup> .
	Hab. Pink Robin	Pink Butterfly	Regeneri	110	3 <sup>rd</sup> .
	Hab. rhodocheila			109	2 <sup>nd</sup> ..
	Hab. rhodocheila	(yellow form)		109, 113	1 <sup>st</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> .
	Paph.	Mem. Jacob Jake Piloto	Magical Venus	40	3 <sup>rd</sup> .
	Paph. Fajen's Bold Helen	helenae	Doll's Kobold	39	2 <sup>nd</sup> .
	Phal. Hsinying Blueberry	Jiaho Blueberry	violacea f. indigo	59	1 <sup>st</sup> .
	Phal. lindenii	'Candy Stripes'	'Dots and Dashes'	48	2 <sup>nd</sup> .
Dot Barnett	Hab. Pegasus	carnea	medusa	110, 113	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> .
	Phal. speciosa 'PurpleMountain'			48	1 <sup>st</sup> .
	Paph. dianthum			29	1 <sup>st</sup> .
	Paph.	dianthum	wilhelminae	34	1 <sup>st</sup> .
	Paph. helenae			28	2 <sup>nd</sup> AM80
	Den. victoria-reginae			94	1 <sup>st</sup> .
	Den. Hibiki	bracteosum	laevifolium	95	1 <sup>st</sup> .
	Den. Baby Hibiki	Hibiki	laevifolium	95	3 <sup>rd</sup> .
	Tolu. Jairak firm 'Dalmation'	Rainbow	Plush	84	3 <sup>rd</sup> .
	Prosthechea cochleata			11	2 <sup>nd</sup> .
	Lycaste Sunray	Shoalhaven	virginalis	104	1 <sup>st</sup> .
Bill Bergman	Ornithophora radicans			86	1 <sup>st</sup> .



**GLOS MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES - September 9, 2023**

President Jerrie Nichols called the meeting to order at the Wacousta Community United Methodist Church in Wacousta at 6:11 p.m. with twenty-one people (plus three more on Zoom) present.

Doris introduced and welcomed two visitors: Stuart Henry and Beth Kromis.

Then Doris explained how the fundraising raffle and silent auction work.

Jerrie thanked the people who provided refreshments for the meeting (Michele Bridges, Teresa Fowle, Christne Granger, Pete Ostlund, Marilyn Porter and Ioana Sonea), and the following people volunteered to bring refreshments to our October 14th meeting – Michele Bridges, Christine Granger, Marilyn Porter, and Ioana Sonea.

Show and Tell Table: Jerrie invited our guest speaker Kristen Uthus to discuss the numerous beautiful plants that members had brought in.

Last year's Show post cards: Becky Thayer did a beautiful job of removing the 2023 date from the leftover Show cards to prepare them for use at the Michiana Show. Since Dot and Carol Stult are working together to prepare our exhibit for Michiana, Dot took the cards with her to give out both for the Michiana and also for the Ann Arbor Show.

**Fall Shows**

1. Michiana Orchid Society – September 30 – October 1, 2023, Notre Dame, IN. Carol Stult will set up a small display with orchids in baskets; Dot will collect plants at her house. Dot invited members to bring orchids to her on Wednesday, September 27th, from 10 am to 7 pm or to contact her to make alternative arrangements. Rob Halgren will bring the display back to Lansing, and plants should be available to pickup on Monday, October 2d.
2. Ann Arbor Orchid Society – November 18-19, 2023, at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor. Details about our display to follow.

**Needed for our February Show:** Although she could not attend the meeting, Show Chair Dawn Kittle asked Jerrie to call for a volunteer to be Publicity Chair for the Show.

**Upcoming GLOS Meetings:**

- a. October 14th; 6 p.m.: workshop on setting up an orchid display presented by Pete Ostlund and Dot Barnett
- b. November 11th, 2 p.m.: Peter T. Lin of Diamond Orchids in southern California will speak on miniature cattleyas and is bringing orchids to sell. GLOS is sharing him with the Ann Arbor Society.

**Program:** Our guest speaker was Kristen Uthus, owner of New World Orchids in Manchester, MI. She had brought a large number of orchids for sale, which members enjoyed shopping. Kristen's topic was "Miniatures: Honey I Shrunk the Orchids". She discussed the numerous kinds of miniature orchids illustrated with beautiful photography. Her hour's presentation elicited numerous questions from the membership.

Break for refreshments, shopping and bidding on silent auction plants

Raffle/Silent Auction: The evening concluded with Ioana settling up the silent auction plants and Teresa calling out the winning raffle ticket numbers.

There being no further business, Jerrie adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,  
Doris H. Asher, Secretary

Photo by Dot



**GLOS BOARD MEETING, October 4, 2023**

President Jerrie Nichols called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following people attended: Doris Asher, Dot Barnett, Dawn Kittle, Pete Ostlund, and Carol Stuht.

Jerrie had purchased a copy of Zoom for use at our Board meetings – it operated perfectly.

**Treasurer's Report:** Although she could not attend the meeting, Treasurer Teresa Fowle emailed her report to us. Some of the items in her report: we have paid the Wacousta Church \$400 for our meetings through June 2024; we have paid the State of Michigan for our 2023 nonprofit corporation annual report; we have filed the required 2023 tax return for tax-exempt organizations with the federal government; we have made our annual donations to both the Nature Conservancy and also the Michigan Nature Association at \$100 each.

**Membership Committee Report:** Doris presented the Committee's report – GLOS currently has 94 members in 85 households. This is the time of year when Dot and Doris try to get non-renewing members to send in their dues, which are now in arrears. Currently, that is 19 people. Most GLOS members (87%) receive their newsletters via email – Doris copies and mails only 11 paper copies – those members have given more than \$128, completely covering the total expense of providing this service.

**Upcoming October 14th Society Meeting:** The group agreed to move the starting time of the meeting to 4 pm. Pete and Dot will work together to demonstrate how to set up an exhibit at shows. Pete will get staging from Doris' house on October 10th. Because there are no vendor sales, we will invite members to bring plants to sell with a percentage to go to the Society Treasury.

**Report on Michiana Show:** Carol reported on GLOS' participation in the Michiana Show held on September 30 and October 1 at Holy Cross College in Notre Dame, IN. Carol set up a basket exhibit, which won the AOS Show Trophy and was filled with numerous plants which got trophies and AOS awards. It was a small show with only 137 entries from three participating societies and four vendors. Rob Halgren returned the exhibit to Dot's house on Sunday. Carol will write up a report for the November Calypso.

**Another Show:** Doris reported that, after many years, the Three Rivers Orchid Society plans to host a show again at the Fort Wayne Botanical Garden. Their potential dates: February 3-4, 2024.

**Potential Moving of our Show to Van Atta's:** Van Atta's hosts an open house November 18 and 19th to which other vendors are invited. Board members are urged to go to the open house to get an idea of how the facility can host our Show in 2025. This topic will be on the agenda for our December Board meeting.

**November 11th Society Meeting:** Although Jerrie does not yet have the flight information from our guest speaker Peter T. Lin, she reported that he may fly into Detroit Metro – if he does, Vivian Lin has said she will pick him up and bring him to the GLOS meeting; he may also fly into the Grand Rapids Airport – Pete volunteered to pick him up in that case. He is to send Jerrie information about pre-orders for which he is offering us a discount. Peter's firm is Diamond Orchids in southern California; GLOS will share him with the Ann Arbor Society. Although Jerrie does not yet have the exact title of his talk, it will be on some aspect of Cattleya.

**Ann Arbor Orchid Society Show:** On November 18-19. Ioana, Carol and Jerrie will set up; Dot will prepare the registration tags. Jerrie will ask Ioana if she can collect the plants; if not, Dot will do that.

**Future Speakers:** Jerrie presented her roster of speakers through November 2024 several of whom will be shared with either the Ann Arbor or the Michigan Society or sometimes with both. There may be occasions when it will be necessary for GLOS to alter our meeting time and/or day. Two of the programs will have the speaker presenting via Zoom. The first speaker in 2024 is the January 14th meeting with Jim Heilig speaking on working with seedlings from pod to pot – Jim will speak via Zoom.

**GLOS Show in February:** Jerrie has MSU's contract for our Show and will be signing that and sending in the required deposit. Pete reported he is still looking for one additional vendor preferably someone with phalaenopsis – he has several leads. Doris reported that she has received approval from the AOS for our Show and that it will soon be appearing in Orchids magazine. In addition, she has been soliciting sponsors for our nineteen trophies. It is going well; she will write a report for the November Calypso,

**Change of Board Meeting Day:** The Board chose the first Tuesday of every other month at 7 pm as the day and time of future Board meetings. Therefore, our next Board meeting will be on Tuesday, December 5th, at 7 pm, via Zoom.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Doris Asher, Secretary



**Welcome! New/Returning Member**

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## GLOS MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES - October 14, 2023

President Jerrie Nichols called the meeting to order at the Wacousta Community United Methodist Church in Wacousta at 4:11 p.m. with sixteen people (plus two more on Zoom) present.

Doris explained how the fundraising raffle and silent auction work.

Jerrie thanked the people who provided refreshments for the meeting (Michele Bridges, Teresa Fowle, Pete Ostlund, Dot Barnett, and Jerrie Nichols), and the following people volunteered to bring refreshments to our November 11th meeting – Marilyn Porter, Becky Thayer and Teresa Fowle.

**Show and Tell Table:** Teresa Fowle volunteered to discuss the plants that members had brought in. She did a very nice job highlighting each orchid and assuring that everyone in the room got to see each one.

**Show Post Cards:** Dot announced that the new advertising cards for our February Show were available and urged everyone to take a supply to distribute. Doris will have the inventory of the cards at her house.

### Fall Shows

1. Jerrie reported that Rob Halgren had earned three AOS awards since our September meeting – two paphs and a habenaria. Congratulations to him.
2. Michiana Orchid Society – September 30 – October 1, 2023, Notre Dame, IN. Carol Stuh set up a small display with orchids in baskets, which was so well done that it won the AOS Show Trophy. In addition, the display was filled with numerous trophy-winning plants including Dot's fabulous Habenaria Pegasus, which was named best-of-show. And two AOS awards – an AM and a CCM. Thanks to Rob Halgren who brought the display back to Dot's house on Sunday evening.
3. Ann Arbor Show – weekend of November 18th at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor. Ioana, Jerrie, Carol and Dot will work on the display. More details about our display will be distributed closer to Show time.

### Upcoming GLOS Meetings:

1. November 11th, 2 p.m.: Peter T. Lin of Diamond Orchids in southern California will speak on miniature cattleyas and is bringing orchids to sell. GLOS is sharing him with the Ann Arbor Society.
2. January 13th, 2 p.m.: via ZOOM – Former GLOS President Jim Heilig will speak on growing orchids from seed

**Program:** Dot Barnett and Pete Ostlund presented an excellent demonstration of how to create a display of orchids for an orchid show. Using the Society's wooden staging and black cloth and members' flowering orchids, they created a very nice exhibit. They urged the membership to volunteer to help with upcoming Show exhibits. The Society is in need of more members to help with this activity.

**Break** for refreshments, shopping and bidding on silent auction plants

Pete brought some of his orchids to sell with 10% of the sales going to the Society Treasury.

**Raffle/Silent Auction:** The day concluded with Doris settling up the silent auction plants and Becky Thayer calling out the winning raffle ticket numbers.

**A Late Surprise:** Former member Al Jacobus from St Johns arrived late in the day with two boxes of phalaenopsis to give away. In addition, he paid his dues – Al was a GLOS member for many years; we welcome him back.

There being no further business, Jerrie adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m..

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Doris H. Asher, Secretary



Photo by Dot

## FOR THE LOVE OF PLANTS (A Moving Tale, by GLOS Member Rachel Toczydlowski)

When I told people in Lansing that I had accepted a permanent job and was moving away, one of the first questions I consistently got was, "What are you going to do with all of your plants!?" My response was always, "Move them with me of course". As for where to move them to - when my realtor asked me, "What are the things you want in your new/first home?", my top priority was, "Lots of windows!". The following is the adventure of how all of my plants, more than half of them orchids, made it from Lansing to their new home in northern Wisconsin. In other words, the lengths that a fellow plant addict went to, for the love of plants. (continued on p.7)





**FOR THE LOVE OF PLANTS (continued from p.6)**

You may remember that in the second week of November 2022, in a whirlwind of weather whiplash, the temperatures skyrocketed into the high 70's for a few days, and then plummeted into the teens with snow flurries. Of course, this is the weekend that I made the move. My wonderful Lansing friends - all plant lovers at various levels themselves - and my parents helped me for multiple hot, sunny days to load all of my (non-living) belongings into a huge semi. On my final day in Lansing, I packed all of my plants carefully into big plastic bins. But I should back up and mention that for weeks leading up to this, I bought large plastic bins, measured the height of plants and flower spikes, got nervous I didn't have enough bins and bought more, multiple times, researched and budgeted heated moving vans, studied weather reports, teleconferenced with my parents about them driving vehicles in a mini moving caravan with me, talked to local greenhouses about where they get their floral bags (which turned out to be glorified large garbage bags), bought rolls of hundreds of clear garbage bags, cut plants and flower spikes back, teleconferenced with my dad to get the report from his reconnaissance trip to the U-Haul parking lot to inspect and measure their vans, brainstormed with my dad about building temporary shelves inside the back of the U-Haul van to increase usable space, calculated how many bins I could fit inside the van, counted how many plants were shorter than and taller than my plastic bins, and I am sure other logistics, planning, and worrying that I have since forgotten.

Back to my final full day in Lansing: I carefully packed up the first big plastic bin of plants and triumphantly sent a picture of it to the group text thread that some of my Lansing plant friends and I have - "The Plant Hive Mind". They sent encouraging and excited texts back - "It's started!", "Today is the day!", "First bin done!" - and then started a betting game amongst themselves on the text thread to see who could guess closest to the total number of bins I would end up filling, what my true official plant count was, if the plant would all fit in the van, etc. I continued packing plants up for the next six hours, sending a picture of each completed bin to my moral support group (in part so they could update their rankings on the bets they had placed). At the end of the day, Cedar (my pup), my parents, and I were left sitting on the floor on the one remaining rug, surrounded by plants and not much else. With some last minute texts to my brother - also a plant lover, which I am mainly to "blame" for - I figured out how to have the temperature stations that he had gifted me send text alerts to my Dad's phone if it dropped below 50F. Both being professional scientists, we of course ran some tests, including putting the temperature sensors in my freezer.

I am not a morning person by a long shot. I usually start my work day around 10AM. But the next morning - moving day - I woke up on a mission at 4:30AM. As predicted, the temperature had plunged to 18F and there were snow flurries in the air. My dad started up the van and turned the heat on full blast. I helped run an extension cord out to the van with a small space heater, which we also cranked. We moved some of the temperature sensors into the van and went back in the house to wait. By about 5:30AM the temperature in the van was close to 50F, so we put our hats and coats on and headed back out. Per the great idea of one of my Lansing plant friends, we rigged up a furniture blanket over the sliding side van door. I shuttled each bin out to the van - handing it through the blanket to my dad who was crouched inside playing a very intense game of plant Tetris. In total I ended up with 16 big bins. Then we moved on to all of the plants that were too large for a bin. My mom helped me seal each one inside a gigantic clear garbage bag and we continued to shuttle them out to my dad in the van. At least it was light at this point. One of the most challenging was my 10ft tall bird of paradise. We wrapped it up like a mummy with the big plastic wrap that they sell for wrapping/moving furniture and then a team of three of us carried it out to the van like a roll of carpet. I hope the neighbors looked out their window at that moment. A few hours later, we closed up the van - heat still cranked - with all 100+ of my plants miraculously packed inside. To my great relief, none needed to be left behind.

My mom had been speed cleaning the house while my dad and I loaded the plants. I put my very confused pup into my car with some valuables and suitcases (my moving semi would be in transit for a week). My mom had my canoe and everything else that couldn't freeze jammed into her car. And my dad was in charge of the plant-mobile, complete with our temperature monitoring system and custom shelves. We were quite the little caravan. My dad made the whole 500+ mile drive with the heat on full blast - chugging water in shorts and a T-shirt hahaha - and only making a few short stops for gas and food - for fear the temperature would drop too low if he stopped for longer.

It snowed on and off for the whole drive, and by the time we got to Rhinelander that night, about 6in of snow had accumulated with more falling. Since it wasn't feasible to make the full drive and close on my house in the same day, we had scheduled my closing for the following morning. I had booked us an AirBnB in town for the night. Already dead tired, and in the dark and snow again, we unloaded the entire van of plants into the AirBnB. The next morning after I closed on my house, we then moved *ALL* the plants back into the van and shuttled them from the AirBnB to my new house - also in snow and temperatures in the teens. Somehow, every single plant made it! I accidentally snapped one flower spike off a Phalaenopsis when packing it - but that was the only issue. None broke or froze, amazingly. What an adventure!

Both before and after the move, many people asked me why I went to so much effort and expense to move all of my plants. In pursuit of my education and career, I have moved every 1-3 years from the age of 18 to 34. College in Duluth, MN, a PhD in the Botany Department at UW-Madison, a postdoctoral position at Michigan State, and now a career as a Research Scientist for the U.S. Forest Service. This has amounted to 9 major moves, many of them to places where I initially had no social network or community. My plants have been one of the few points of constancy through all of these moves - a gentle piece of familiarity. My first two orchids - both Phalaenopsis - have been with me every place that I have lived, minus a few years when I was in college housing. And each move the number of plants I have has grown, which helped to counteract the growing weariness imparted by the numerous transitory stepping stones required to achieve a professional scientific career.

The number of plants that I have moved with me each time has grown not just because I am an addict, but because they reflect meaningful friendships that I have built along the way. Of special note - I have a Phalaenopsis speciosa that a close friend of mine in Lansing gifted me when my grandpa, one of my favorite people, died. Two of my cymbidiums (Cymbidium Evening Star "Pinkie" and Cymbidium Pipeta "Magenta") are gifts from a professor in the UW-Madison Botany Department. One is a division from an award winning plant - and she was sure to mention that she "only gives plants to people that she thinks can keep them alive" (talk about putting on the pressure! hahaha). I have a division from the Clowesia Rebecca Northen that brightened the lab windowsill for decades in the research lab where one of my close friends conducted all of her PhD experiments (and many grad students before her). I bought a Pholidota pallida and a Neofinetia falcata 'Shutennou' with the gift card to Orchids Limited that my lab mates surprised me with when

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**GLOS BUDGET FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR, 2023-2024**

ITEM/ACTIVITY	APPROVED BUDGET	
	INCOME	EXPENSE
Show Related		
Show tables (21 total)	\$2,045	
Show site (\$500) + table rental (50@\$11.30)		\$2,792
Advertising, postcards		\$420
Show food	\$1,530	\$1,324
Other show items (moss, ribbons, copying, trophies, etc)	\$822	\$1,582
Information table (Book sales @ show and donations)	\$532	\$69
Expenses for future shows (beyond 2023), such as ribbons, tags, supplies	\$50	\$469
Subtotal Show	\$4,979	\$6,656
Administrative		
Building rental (@\$100 for 5 in-person meetings), picnic rental @\$50	\$40	\$1,039
Liability insurance		\$289
Misc. (website rental @50, tax-exempt registration @\$20, dues to AOS and MAOC @\$115)		\$155
Copying (Calypso, culture sheets, flyers etc)		\$100
Postage		\$69
Donations to cover Calypso	\$128	
Subtotal Administrative	\$168	\$1,652
Programs		
Speaker's fees, dinner/hotel (assumes 4 in-person speakers) at \$300 each if unknown		\$528
Speaker fees for 4 zoom meetings at \$175 each if unknown (could be an in-person meeting with zoom speaker)		\$1,180
picnic, silent auctions, raffles	\$2,801	
Subtotal Programs	\$2,801	\$1,708
Exhibiting at Other Shows		
Van rentals for away shows (this is not entire amount, driver often covers part of the cost)		
supplies (moss, stakes, etc.)		\$126
Subtotal Exhibiting at Other Shows	\$0	\$126
Contributions/Interest/Dues		
Miscellaneous income donations, commissions on art, etc., Expenses include donations to GLJC @\$150, Nature Conservancy @\$100 and Michigan Nature Association @\$100	\$720	\$458
memberships	\$836	
interest income	\$358	
Subtotal Contributions/Interest/Dues	\$1,914	\$458
TOTALS	\$9,862	\$10,590

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GLOS Web Site:

<https://greaterlansingorchidsociety.com>



## GLOS MEMBERS SHOW THEIR GENEROSITY – 2024 SHOW TROPHY SPONSORS

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

Sponsors can save themselves expensive postage by paying me in person at our November or January meetings. A check or cash is equally welcome – the cost is \$25.00. Checks payable to GLOS may also be mailed to me at 277 N. Hagadorn Road, East Lansing, MI 48823.

Thank you, donors, very much.

This year's sponsors are:

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

## SOME GLOS BEAUTIES IN SEPTEMBER 2023 ISSUE OF ORCHIDS MAGAZINE

The September issue of Orchids magazine features some marvelous photos of two marvelous orchids grown by two GLOS members:

Dot Barnett's Paphiopedilum philippinense 'Wacousta' CCE/AOS gets a two-page spread (pages 670-671).

Pete Ostlund's Clowesia Rebecca Northern 'Mikabi' AM-CCM/AOS gets both a closeup and a shot of the entire plant on page 658-659.



**AOS CORNER**

*Congratulations to Dot and Pete!*

**TREASURER'S REPORT: SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER** - Submitted by Teresa Fowle, Treasurer

We gave two donations in August, one was for Nature Conservancy for \$100 and Michigan Nature Association for \$100.

**SEPTEMBER'S MEETING**

Deposited \$129 to Checking  
Silent Auction Sales \$74  
Raffle Tickets \$49  
Dues collected One Lifetime membership \$80  
Dues collected One yearly \$8  
Dues collected threu mail \$16  
Speaker Fee \$200 paid  
Church Rental 1 year \$ 400 paid

**STATE & FEDERAL FILLING REPORTS**

The required report with the State of Michigan was filed on 9-16-23 and fee paid of \$ 20 which cleared the bank.  
The IRS Tax Statement for 2022-2023 has been filed on 10-3-23 with a copy made for our records of confirmation and receipt.

**OCTOBER TREASURE'S REPORT**

Donation to GLOS for \$100 from Vivian Lin  
Ann Arbor half of Speaker fee \$170.70 paid by Vivian Lin for August 23, 2023 speaker Thanh Nguyen

**TROPHY SPONSORS FOR GLOS**

Pete Ostlund \$25  
Diane Zoellner \$25  
Susan Nichols \$25  
Dues mailed yearly \$8 renewal (Rachel Toczydlowski)  
Dues mailed yearly \$8 renewal (Tammy Scherer)  
Dues collected at meeting \$8 cash (Al Jacobus)  
Dues renewed \$8 (Grant Fritch)  
Dues renewed \$8 (Greg Filter)

**SILENT AUCTION**

Teresa Fowle paid \$10 for Blc. Copper Queen from seller Bill Porter

**PETE'S PLANT SALES** 10% of sales was \$ 6

**RAFFLE TABLE** collected \$12

**REIMBURSEMENT** in October to:

Doris Asher \$189.90: Judging for 2024 Show-American Orchid Society, Miscellaneous copying--1,000 tax free copies, Postage to mail September Calypso  
Susan Nichols \$1193.30: MSU Horticulture Gardens, Hotel Room for August speaker Thanh Nguyen, Zoom 1 year (9-3--23 to 9-29-24)  
Dorothy Barnett \$318.75: 2024 show postcards

**FOR THE LOVE OF PLANTS (concluded from p.7)**

I successfully defended my PhD. Every fall when the Pholidota blooms, it spurs me to reconnect with my former lab mates and catch up on life updates. An entire moving bin of orchids came from my first GLOS picnic and all of the winning raffle tickets that seasoned members generously welcomed me with at a subsequent meeting. Those orchids remind me of the warm welcome that I received to GLOS - and the excitement of finally meeting people with more plants than me.

One of the most cherished plants that I have (and like many of you, there is no shortage to choose from haha) is a Cattleya. My grandparents always worked incredibly hard for little pay. They splurged for their 25th wedding anniversary and took a trip to Hawaii, where my grandma - always a plant lover and the reason that I am as well - treated herself to an orchid. She can no longer take care of the orchid, and while many in my extended family are also plant lovers, everyone decided this orchid should go to me (I think partly because no one else wanted the pressure of keeping it alive ha!). My grandparents were married for 72 years, making this orchid at least 50 years old now - by far the oldest plant I have. The fragrance is to die for, and when I am successful in getting it to bloom, it reminds me even more poignantly of everything good about my grandparents.

So why do I continue to move my ever growing plant collection - including hundreds of miles in the snow? Because my plants are beautiful, dynamic, living reminders of the places and people that I care deeply about. My plants let me carry those relationships with me wherever I go, and remind me of them whenever I check in with that plant - to water, prune, re-pot. So yes, I do crazy things for the love of plants. But at least for me, for the love of plants is a reflection of for the love of friends and family.

A heartfelt thank you to all of those who have supported my plant addition in various ways,  
Rachel



## Littlefrog Farm

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**Jump into Orchids !**



### **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 November meeting to Doris Asher, who will hand them on to the volunteers at our Show's Information Table.

Doris Asher  
 asherdoris44@gmail.com  
 517-332-0004

### **REIMBURSEMENT EXPLANATION**

In accordance with the Society's Bylaws, here are the guidelines for reimbursement for Society activities for this fiscal year – 2023-2024.

Quoting our Bylaws, "For approved activities, expenditures exceeding \$100 require approval of the Board. Note: the Board is under no obligation to reimburse members for expenditures from unauthorized activities."

With respect to reimbursement for things like meals, mileage, accommodations, etc., the Bylaws suggest we go by the current federal reimbursement rates for nonprofit organizations. In checking the IRS website on August 8, 2022, for charitable volunteers, the mileage rate remains at 14 cents per mile. The IRS standard business mileage rate for 2022 is 58.5 cents per mile, but that rate does not apply to GLOS activities. GLOS members working on behalf of the Society can request reasonable reimbursement for hotel/motel expenses, meals, etc. if they can provide receipts to the Treasurer

### **GIVE A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE GIFT**

The Greater Lansing Orchid Society is an IRS not-for-profit 501(c) 3 organization. According to state and federal tax laws, this means that, if you itemize your deductions on your tax returns, you can deduct any contribution you make to the Society. As required by law, please note that you will not receive any gift or services in exchange for your contribution. Teresa Fowle, our Treasurer, will happily prepare a receipt for you. You may bring your monetary gift to her at our November meeting or mail your check made out to GLOS to her at 206 Meyers Ave., Jackson, MI 49203.

Thanks to everyone for contributing!  
 Doris Asher, Secretary



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Habenaria Sunrise Plumes 'Littlefrog'  
HCC/AOS 78 points  
Great Lakes Judging Center



Paph. charlesworthii, album  
'Perfection' AM/AOS 86 points  
Michiana OS Orchid Show



Paph. St. Swithin  
'Littlefrog Prince' AM/AOS 84 points  
Great Lakes Judging Center

*Congratulations, Rob Halgren!*