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The Newsletter of the Greater Lansing Orchid Society

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CALYPSO DEADLINE:

February 25 for the March issue.

JANUARY 19th MEETING

Presbyterian Church, Okemos

A Reminder:

Doors open at 6:30 pm for:

- Plant shopping from our speaker/vendor
- Experienced Society members will be available to answer questions and help problem solve orchid growing issues
- Enjoying the snacks/drinks brought by our members

Meeting will start promptly at 7:00 pm

Our January speaker will be "Joy" who makes clay flowers and will be giving a demonstration of her techniques. Her website is: <http://joyclay.com/index.php/> You will see examples of her beautiful work and learn a little about her, her materials and methods. *More on p. 5.*

→ *Note: The GLOS 25th Anniversary Orchid Show and Sale, February 23 - 24, 2008, is dedicated to the memory of the Society's Founder, Jack Brechtelsbauer. Please see p.11 for a tribute to Jack.*



FOOD HELP NEEDED FOR THE 2008 GLOS SHOW!

Please sign up to bring food for the workers at the 2008 Greater Lansing Orchid Society Show at MSU. Write what type of food you plan to bring. Please bring it to the MSU Horticulture Display Greenhouses on Friday evening, February 22nd before 5:30 pm to accompany our main course. Tell the parking attendant you are with the Orchid Show. We feed about 100 workers 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 _____ Desserts _____

Water _____ Fruit/Veggies _____ Snacks _____

Money for food and drink for Friday night or Saturday (breakfast, lunch) \$ _____
Please give this form to Leslie Behm or Kris Garling at the January meeting or mail to Kris at 3899 New Salem Ave, Okemos, MI 48864 or email Leslie at behm@mail.lib.msu.edu. Our phone numbers are: Leslie 655-2972 or Kris 349-5431. Helpers are needed to Friday evening set up and Saturday morning/noon for food service. Contact Leslie, Kris, or Jerrie Nichols.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Orchid show season is in full swing, and our GLOS show is just around the corner. Things are running smoothly for the last weekend in February, and I hope that you are all planning to attend our show and enjoy the great exhibits and orchid shopping that GLOS is famous for. There are articles in the Calypso this month with plenty of information related to the show, and how to get involved in helping out if you so desire. I would like to encourage you to get involved in some capacity no matter how much or how little experience you have growing orchids.

If you are a new member and haven't met our board members yet, the show weekend offers a great opportunity to meet any of us and tell us what GLOS could do to make your orchid growing a better experience. One of the major focal points for our new board is to help facilitate communication and suggestions from our members and our vendor members....so seek us out and let us know what you are thinking.

Our membership is the most valuable asset we have. I would like take this opportunity to invite anyone who has not had an opportunity to be involved in an orchid exhibit to try to do so this show season. If you are creative, have an interest in meeting new and exciting people, or just want a new adventure, helping set up an Orchid exhibit can be all of that.

I hope that all of our membership had a great Holiday Season!

Happy Growing!

Pete Porciello

GLOS 2008 ORCHID SHOW SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday Evening: GLOS Members Plant List due to Pete Ostlund

Thursday Evening, February 22, 2008

6:00 p.m. Begin Set-up at the MSU Conservatory

Friday, February 22, 2008

9:00 a.m. GLOS setup begins
Noon Deadline for bringing plants to MSU for GLOS exhibit
 1:00 p.m. Display and sales setup begins
 3:00 p.m. Plant registration opens
 6:00 p.m. Dinner
 8:00 p.m. Registration closes
 10:00 p.m. Exhibit setup ends and building is locked

Saturday, February 23, 2008

7:30 a.m. Judges' and clerks' light breakfast
 8:00 a.m. Show judging starts
 9:00 a.m. Judging of floral arrangements and art
 11:00 a.m. Sales open
 Noon (approx.) Show area opens after judging
 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Judges' and clerks' luncheon
 3:15 p.m. Orchid growing class
 5:00 p.m. Show closes
GLOS members pick up plants from GLOS display

Sunday, February 24, 2008

11:00 a.m. Show and sales open
 Noon Orchid growing class
 1:15 p.m. Orchid growing class
 2:30 p.m. Orchid growing class
 4:00 p.m. Show closes; takedown

GLOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS



→ **January 19 - GLOS General Meeting 7:00 pm at the Okemos Presbyterian Church; 6:30 - Social, Bring questions, buy plants**

January 23-27, 2008 - the 19th World Orchid Conference co-hosted by the South Florida Orchid Society (SFOS) and the Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society (FLOS) at the Exhibition Center of the Sheraton Miami Mart Hotel in Miami FL. <http://www.19woc.com/home.htm>

February 2-3 - Grand Rapids OS Show Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park

February 19 - GLOS Board & Show Committee Meeting at Doris Asher's, 7:00 pm

→ **February 22, 23, 24 - GLOS 2008 Orchid Show and Sale**

March 15-16 - Michigan OS Show New place: MSU Management Center, Troy, MI

March 15 - GLOS General Meeting

April 12-13 - Ann Arbor OS Show Matthai Botanical Gardens, Ann Arbor, MI

→ You are receiving the Calypso either as a .pdf file, a hard copy, or both, depending on what we have from you in our records. If you would like to change this, please let either Dot or Doris know.

If you have not received the .pdf file by two weeks before the General Meeting, please let Dot know.

GLOS 2008 SHOW INFORMATION PAGE**SHOW COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

Show Chair	Jerrie Nichols
AOS Judging	Don Garling
Art Exhibits	Carol Ann Stuht
Classes for Public	Mike Underwood
Corsages	Renate de Zacks
Flyer	Dot Potter Barnett
Floor Brochure	Bill Cadman
GLOS exhibit	Pete Ostlund
Hospitality	Leslie Behm
	Kris Garling
Information Table/ Membership	??
Judging Activities/Registration	Doris Asher
Orchids in Use/ Floral Arrangements	Marilyn Lee
Parking/Signage	Bill Cadman
Publicity	Pete Porciello
Staging	Don Garling
	Pete Porciello
Vendor/Exhibitor Liaison	Jerrie Nichols
Volunteers	Leslie Behm
	Bill Cadman

GLOS MEMBERS UNDERWRITE ALL SHOW TROPHIES

GLOS members have volunteered to sponsor all of the trophies for our upcoming 25th consecutive (!) annual Show. The cost is \$25.00 to cover the Society's cost in providing these beautiful glass trophies, made by Larry Galdes from Calypso Art Glass. The trophies feature our Calypso logo plus the Society's name and the year. The following people are our generous sponsors for this aspect of our Show.

Best of Classes	Trophy	Sponsor
1-4	Exhibits, Open	Bill Cadman
5-7	Exhibits, Society	Pete Ostlund
8-9	Exhibits, Amateur	Dawn & Sherwin Kittle & Betty Harvey
10-28	Cattleya Alliance	Rob Halgren
29-45	Cypripedium Alliance	Dot Potter Barnett
46-59	Vanda, Ascocenda, and Related Genera	Renette Gatny Smith
60-76	Phalaenopsis/ Doritaenopsis	In Memory of Merrill Speeter (Dunes-Kalamazoo Orchid Society)
77-80, 86-89	Brassia, Miltonia, Odontoglossum, etc.	Pete Porciello
81-85	Oncidium Alliance	Grant Godden
90-93	Cymbidium Alliance	Julie Bishop
94-100	Dendrobium Alliance	Jean Nicholas
101-105	Miscellaneous Genera (Masdevallia, Dracula, Pleurothallis)	Lynn O'Shaughnessy
106-113	Miscellaneous Genera	Don & Kris Garling
114	Specimen Plant	Jerrie Nichols
115-118	Art	Gloria & Ron Goss
119-125	Orchids in Use	Harry & Dottie Winter
10-114	Best of Show	Angie & Ted Kremer
1-9	AOS Show Trophy – Outstanding Exhibit	Greater Lansing Orchid Society

ANOTHER WAY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SHOW

In addition to needing your presence at the GLOS Show this February to volunteer for the various jobs, another way you can contribute to this massive project is financially.

Your Society is an IRS 501c3 organization, which means you can deduct any cash donations you make to GLOS, if you itemize deductions on your income tax return.

Make checks payable to GLOS and send them to Treasurer Doris Asher, 277 N Hagadorn Road, E Lansing, MI 48823. If you want to designate your gift to a particular part of the Show, we will be happy to do so. Here are last year's expenses:

Advertising: \$1,900.00	Ribbons: \$195.00	Rental of Tables: \$403.00
Judges Luncheon: \$455.00	Rental of Show Site: \$700.00	Corsages to Sell: \$134.00
Friday Night Pizza: \$190.00		

WILL YOU CLERK FOR US?

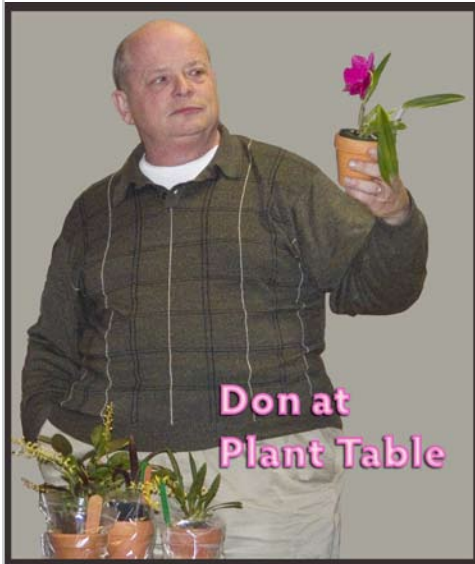
We need help with clerking during ribbon judging at this year's February Show. Clerks assist the judging teams in finding the plants entered in the class, preparing the ribbons for the winning entries, placing the ribbons on the winners, and recording the winners in the Society's official record. Your time commitment is for Saturday morning, February 23rd, beginning at 7:30 a.m. (we provide you a light breakfast) and lasting until ribbon judging is concluded, about 11:00 a.m. The exact ending time depends on how many entries we have in this year's Show and how many judging teams we have to do the work. We need about thirty clerks. If we do not get enough AOS judges coming to our Show, Judging Chair Don Garling will use some of our more knowledgeable clerks to serve as lay judges in order to get the ribbon judging concluded in a timely fashion so we can admit the public to see the exhibits. All clerks are invited to be the Society's guests at the Judges' Luncheon held at the Show at about 1:00.

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!

To volunteer or to ask questions, please contact Chair of Judging Activities Doris Asher at 332-0004 or e-mail asherdoris@juno.com.

GLOS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES: Submitted by Emily Tseng 11/17/07

This first regular meeting with networking, mentoring theme, and plant shopping (Andy's orchids) began at 6:40 pm and was well attended.



Bill Cadman (past President) called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

Announcements:

- Bill welcomed the lively group, called attention to the items on the tables, some donated by Calwest Tropical, Inc (Riverside, CA) for auction.
- Bill mentioned the new 6:30pm start-up time, and encouraged all to take advantage of the 'ask-the-expert' theme.
- Bill also mentioned GLOS's schedule of events (noted in "Calypso"), and called for volunteers to help set up tables.

Calendar:

- Saginaw Valley Orchid Show - next weekend
- Porter's Orchids Holiday Open House - December 1
- Trip to Taylor Orchids - December 8
- GLOS Board Meeting - December 11 (combined with GLOS Show meeting at Doris Asher's house)
- Great Lakes Judging Center's 'Bizarre Bazaar' - December 15 (starting at 11am; request that the Show Committee Chairs attend; lunch will be provided by the judges)
- GLOS General Meeting - January 19 (tentative speaker: Dave Schuen, botanist at MDOT; expect to be very interesting)
- World Orchid Congress - January 23 - 27
- Grand Valley Orchid Society - February 2 & 3

-Bill thanked all for helping to set up.

-Request volunteers to bring refreshment for the January GLOS meeting. (Marilyn Lee, Bill Cadman and Dot Potter Barnett volunteered)

Plant table: Don Garling presented the many special orchids brought by several members.

Introduction of Speaker -- Topic "Mounted Orchids: Facts & Fantasy"

Bill Cadman introduced Harry Phillips from 'Andy's Orchids' (CA). Harry and his brother Andy had been interested in plants and orchids from an early age. This blossomed into a lifelong passion and developed into a business, including sharing their expertise in growing epiphytic orchids (see "bio" in The Calypso, November issue). Harry highlighted the following:

-Firstly, he introduced two important areas: (a) the Orchid Digest, a quarterly publication; and, (b) the 'Orchid Conservation Alliance,' that donates to conservation (more money than A.O.S.); e.g. recent purchase of a prime orchid habitat, setting aside 100% of donations for conservancy.

-On mounted orchids, he talked on the advantages of growing "orchids on a stick"

-The critical need for air movement, the importance of water quality (very good in Lansing, poor in S. California), the duration of watering (not just frequency, and preferably in the evening), the need for light (usually inadequate), and, temperature range (some prefers 40F degree night-time temps).

-All these are simulations of the rain forest environment.

-Also, he showed the proper care of different types of orchids, and the medium and gadgets used, such as, hardwood, cork - not pine or bark - for mounts, mosses (sphagnum, green), baskets (plastic, wooden), and spray bottle & attachments, etc. He called for good hygiene (hand washing, gloves, etc.), with a keen eye for viruses and aphids.

-Handouts included: "Andy's Orchids Cultural Tips," "Resource guide," and "Calwest Tropical, Inc"

-Demonstration plant was donated by Harry for auction, which was conducted by Don Garling. Bill Cadman thanked Harry and Calwest for the generous donations, and made the winning bid at \$35.

Additional Business

-Motion made to approve previous meeting minutes. Approved.

-Peter Ostlund commented on the results of the "Survey"

-Note was made that GLOS donated \$150 to the Great Lakes Judging Center.

Raffle & Silent Auction

-Pete Ostlund took care of the Raffle; Lynn O'Shaughnessy, the Silent Auction.

Meeting Adjourned



Photos by Dot

➔ Thanks to Phyllis Markiewicz, Carol Stuht and Pete Ostlund for the great refreshments they brought to our May meeting. Marilyn Lee, Bill Cadman and Dot Potter Barnett have volunteered for the November meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS!

I know Bill Cadman is not one to blow his own horn, so I shall do so for him.

The GLOS exhibit he set up singlehandedly in Midland was awarded the AOS Show Trophy. Lest you think this Trophy is always given, 'tis not! I go to many shows every year where no exhibit measures up -- and the trophy is not awarded.

Thank you, Bill -- and congratulations!

Doris Asher

(Ditto from the rest of us!)

(No other show reports were submitted.)



From our January Speaker:

My name is Suphattra Joy Sloup. Right now I live in Haslett but originally I come from Thailand, where I learned to make clay flowers at the suggestion of my husband.



Photo from Joy's website

I learned to make clay flowers since 2002 from one of the original artists who brought the art to Thailand from Japan.

Later I moved to the United States with my husband so he could continue school at Michigan State University.

I am a stay at home mom of three kids. In my spare time I making beautiful clay flowers for family members and soon more and more people asked for them.

Eventually I began making, selling and teaching classes full time as a means of supporting my family.

My website <http://joyclay.com/>

STUDY GROUP NEWS

7 GLOS members car-pooled a trip to Taylor Orchids on Saturday, Dec. 8. A good time was had browsing the greenhouse and purchasing orchids. A stop was made at Caballas on the way back for lunch.

Next Meeting:

Yet to be determined

GLOS ROSTER (Please send changes and updates to Dot or Doris.)

Welcome New Member:

Shannen Bell
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Renewals since the roster was published:

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kiltyrob@msu.edu

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Doreen and Wendell Stowell: deestowell@charter.net
Rob Halgren: rob@littlefrogfarm.com

Bounced emails: cooleym800@aim.com
flisnik@voyager.net

GLOS FINANCIAL REPORT - 12/3/07

Covering Period from 10/11/2007 – November 30, 2007

submitted by Doris Asher

Balance on hand October 11, 2007				\$12,436.00
			Checking	\$1,866.29
			Savings	200.37
			Subtotal CD's	10,369.34
CD 110-0650482275	(matures 11/26/2007)	4.93%		\$1,161.31
CD 008-0614850990	(matures 01/27/2008)	5.35%		\$1,175.81
CD 008-0614931301	(matures 02/28/2008)	5.35%		\$1,126.43
CD 110-0651007329	(matures 04/02/2008)	4.83%		\$1,217.31
CD 112-0650794535	(matures 07/30/2008)	5.02%		\$1,163.91
CD 112-0650794594	(matures 08/30/2008)	5.02%		\$1,187.63
CD 003-0650092373	(matures 10/23/2009)	4.02%		\$1,137.87
CD 112-0650706806	(matures 06/09/2009)	5.02%		\$1,143.30

Balance on hand December 3, 2007				\$12,813.58
			Checking	\$2,149.66
			Savings	200.43
				10,463.49
CD 008-0614850990	(matures 01/27/2008)	5.35%		\$1,175.81
CD 008-0614931301	(matures 02/28/2008)	5.35%		\$1,126.43
CD 103-0651148332	(matures 03/26/2008)	4.88%		\$1,195.37
CD 110-0651007329	(matures 04/02/2008)	4.83%		\$1,217.31
CD 110-0651148439	(matures 05/26/2008)	4.78%		\$1,115.86
CD 112-0650794535	(matures 07/30/2008)	5.02%		\$1,163.91
CD 112-0650794594	(matures 08/30/2008)	5.02%		\$1,187.63
CD 112-0650706806	(matures 06/09/2009)	5.02%		\$1,143.30
CD 003-0650092373	(matures 10/23/2009)	4.02%		\$1,137.87

INCOME					\$1,264.21
	2008 Show			1,065.00	
	Table Fees		800.00		
	Donations		265.00		
	Trophy Sponsorship	225.00			
	Money for Food	40.00			
	Interest			94.21	
	CD 008-0613702013 cashed		60.09		
	CD 110-0650482275 cashed		34.06		
	Savings Account (September-November 2007)		0.06		
	*November 2007 Meeting			61.00	
	Special Auction		35.00		
	Silent Auction		26.00		
	Dues			44.00	
	Renewals (2)		32.00		
	New Members		12.00		

EXPENSES					\$886.63
	Meeting Expenses			640.40	
	September 2007 Meeting – Speaker's Motel		150.95		
	Hermann Pigors				
	November 2007 Meeting – Speaker's Expenses		489.45		
	Harry Phillips				
	Travel	293.50			
	Speaker Fee	175.00			
	Dinner	20.95			
	Donation – Great Lakes Judging Center			150.00	
	November Calypso			72.54	
	Copying		50.40		
	Postage		22.14		
	Administrative Expense			23.69	
	Membership Survey Copying		15.90		
	Membership Survey Postage		7.79		

NET INCOME					\$377.58
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MSU ORCHID EXTENSION PROGRAM AND THE GREATER LANSING ORCHID SOCIETY

Present: Learn More About Orchids

A series of three classes (1.5 hours each) on various aspects of orchid cultivation will be offered on three successive Wednesday evenings in March 2008. The classes are designed to help newcomers as well as more advanced growers understand orchid classification, biology, propagation and improve skills in caring for orchid plants to make them thrive, flower and stay free of pests and diseases. One of the classes will deal with quality identification, orchid shows, judging, and award systems.

Successful orchid cultivation is not only a rewarding hobby but also serves the purpose of protection and conservation of valuable, rare and endangered species and hybrids.

Wednesdays, March 12, 19, 26, 2008, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Room 1 (basement classroom), MSU Department of Natural Resources,
SW corner Farm Lane/Wilson Road, MSU Campus.
Entrance and parking in rear (south side) of building.



3 sessions, \$20.00 per participant for the series of three classes

Instructors:

Renate L. de Zacks, Plant Biologist
Don Garling, MSU Orchid Extension Specialist,
past GLOS President and AOS judge
Doris Asher, past GLOS President and AOS judge
Marilyn Lee, past GLOS President and AOS judge

More information: Renate de Zacks (351-7380)

REGISTRATION (please print) – deadline: March 10, 2008

Participant Name _____ Ph.(h) _____ Ph.(w) _____

Address _____ E-mail: _____

Please make check payable to GLOS in the amount of \$20 (please do not send cash). Mail to Renate de Zacks, 1542 Linden St., E Lansing, MI 48823

This is a reprint from an article written by Pete Porciello for the Jan. 07 Calypso, regarding what GLOS members can do to help with our February Orchid Show and Sale.

For those of you that have no idea how you can help out, here is a list of what we do:

- If you find yourself at the show with time to help out, please ask the Volunteer Coordinator (Jerrie Nichols) or the show chair (Pete Porciello) if there is anything you can do to help out. Don't be afraid to state your limits and time constraints.
- Thursday Evening at about 6:00 PM we meet at the Head House to set up tables, skirt the vendor areas, and mark off the staging areas for the exhibits, as well as set up the areas for flower arrangements and art. People involved in the GLOS exhibit often transport the staging to the Conservatory and conduct a partial setup.
- The remainder of the exhibit setup takes place on Friday and can start as early as 8:00 AM depending on how complicated the exhibit is, and how many plants need placed. The volunteers start showing up later in the morning to help vendors and exhibitors bring in their plants and equipment and they also get a first look at plants for sale too!
- Many vendors appreciate help unloading their trucks and vans, and others welcome assistance unpacking plants that were shipped to them for the show, or are packed to avoid damage and cold stress. Societies also greatly appreciate the help in getting their plants and staging to the show hall. Societies usually have more complex exhibits, that can have more to move in, and whatever we can do to help them is always appreciated.
- If you are entering Orchids and have not dropped them off at the designated place on Wednesday evening, please be sure to bring them show-ready by 11:00 AM. There is a registration entry process for orchid plants in the show, and you can get assistance from the exhibit chairperson (Peter Ostlund) in filling out any entry tags that were not made ahead of time. IF you are new, and are not familiar with entering an orchid, please ask someone for help. Of course if you bring the plants on Wednesday to the designated location, the entry work will be done for you.
- If you know that you can volunteer to help ahead of time, please sign up by contacting Jerrie Nichols so that we can be sure to get sufficient help for major activities. There are quite a few things that you can do on Friday:
- Help with the GLOS Exhibit
- Help with Hospitality
- Help register Orchids
- Help vendors and Societies that are short handed
- Run errands between the vendor area and the exhibit area.
- At about 6:00 PM GLOS provides a Pizza Supper for the volunteers, exhibitors and vendors. This is a great opportunity to meet people from other Orchid Societies, and out of town vendors, many of whom are orchid judges and have a great deal of information that they are willing to share with you.
- Doing a little shopping of Friday is always fun, as there is NO CROWD! Most vendors are happy to sell plants to you and to each other on Friday, but some may not be available in the show hall when you are shopping. If you find a plant you like, leave a note on it, set it where the vendor will see it with the note, and contact the vendor on Saturday morning if you wish to buy it.
- On Saturday morning: The judging starts about 8:00. IF you are clerking, or are willing to assist with clerking, please contact Doris Asher. Judging lasts until late morning, and about 12:00 noon, the show hall opens to the public. We will again have AOS judging of individual plants for awards which will continue past the opening of the show hall.
- If you are at the show when it opens you will find that there is a huge crowd on Saturday. IF you wear your name badge, you will find that many people will come up to you and ask for help or have questions about Orchids or want to find a particular vendor or type of plant to buy or just to look at. Hopefully you will surprise yourself and be able to answer their questions without help, or you can point out somebody that is nearby that would have the answer. Many people shopping for orchids at our shows have never grown an orchid plant before.
- If you planned to attend the show on a given day and find that you have time to help, please consider helping out with the information table by talking to newcomers, helping people find their way around the show hall, or perhaps help a newcomer shop for a particular kind of orchid that they have heard about. We always invite some of the finest vendors in the business, and they always bring plants of high quality to our show. The more contact people attending the show have with GLOS members, the better impression the guests will have of our show and society. You can make this difference with your own personal touch!
- On Sunday afternoon about 4:00, we must take everything down, help people load up to go home, take out trash, and tidy up the show hall a bit. This usually takes about 1 or 2 hours, and is very quick compared to setting up. The show exhibit committee returns plants and staging to safekeeping at this time.
- Many people go out to dinner in groups on Saturday and Sunday nights, and you may want to keep an ear open for an opportunity to join a group for dinner. The social times are a great way to pick up information, make new orchid friends, and learn what other societies are doing.

AOS CORNER - By Melba and Jim Butler

Orchid Trivia (from Norman's Orchids Web site Orchid Tips): Use Yellow Cups to Catch Insects- smear plastic yellow cup with regular Vaseline and place in your greenhouse. The yellow color will attract all kinds of insects and they will be caught in the Vaseline. This works for aphids and mites.

While browsing the AOS Web site <http://www.aos.org/aos/>, the Quick Reference Menu at the bottom right side again caught our eyes and may be an easier or faster way to find information. This is a copy of that menu:

Quick Reference Menu

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| • Directions | • Taxonomic Authorities |
| • Hours and Admission | • Find an Orchid Society Near You |
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| • Culture Sheets | • CITES Regulations |
| • 2006 Orchids Magazine Author, Subject and Illustration Indices | • Hybrid Registration Form |
| • Show Schedule | • USDA Import Permits |
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| • Speakers List | • Pay Award Fees Online |
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The other spots to "click" on the AOS front page will get you to some of the same locations, of course. Probably taken too much for granted, the AOS Web site provides a great wealth of information for the orchid hobbyist.

MINUTES OF THE GLOS BOARD MEETING – 10/16/07

Submitted by Emily Tseng

Held at Dot Barnett's home in Grand Ledge.

Present: Pete Porciello (President), Jerrie Nichols (V.P.), Bill Cadman, Doris Asher, Dot Barnett, Pete Ostlund, Marilyn Lee, Renate de Zacks, and Emily Tseng.

President Pete Porciello called the meeting to order, and minutes from the previous Board meeting was approved.

Organizational Business and Committee Meeting Reports:

- Member relations, discussed ways to develop better vendor relations with vendors for mutual benefit.
- Doris and Dot reported that 13 new members came to Porter's Orchids for the combined New Member Meeting and study. Dot conducted a hands-on demonstration of repotting.
- Marilyn mentioned that AOS Affiliated Society has a new member packet, and will forward it to Dot and Doris for review; and a new idea arose – giving talks about orchids, to attract new members.
- Pete Ostlund offered to do a cost-benefit analysis on Life Membership dues and hand the results over to the President and the Membership Committee (Dot and Doris) for review.

Old Business

- Conservation Committee: Bill Cadman said that there were no additional activities; all sites were successfully established. Marilyn added that there are adequate pamphlets.
- Pete Porciello said that the letter to the MDoT on conservation will be directed to the governor, over Bill Cadman's signature.
- The application for the grant (\$1,000) from the Wildflower Association is due on 12/10/07. It is to enhance or develop a native area with an educational focus. Previous grants have been awarded primarily to schools. Pete highlighted the structural areas and believed that the criteria will increase our chances of getting the grant. Motion to allow the Conservation Committee to apply. Approved.
- The November speaker will be Harry Phillips from Andy's Orchids. He will have plants for sale: pre-orders need to be done through one person and for at least \$300 to receive discounts. Suggestions for future speakers were mentioned: Bill Cadman asked for a March speaker, preferably for a local person.

Membership Satisfaction Survey

- Pete Ostlund reviewed results received to date, highlighting comments on meeting location, organization of meetings, board meeting, show, volunteering, study group, etc. There were many requests for 'hands-on' activities, and some ideas were shared. Additionally, it was suggested that we organize a 'social hour' prior to the meeting, opportunities for members to ask experts, buy plants, and to have treats and socialize.

Additional Business

- Dot circulated a draft of the GLOS information flier and suggestions for distribution were given. Motion to use the flier. Approved.
- Issue about the web page fees was tabled pending Grant's return.
- Marilyn shared a new form from AOS, suggesting that we have a poster board at the GLOS meeting.
- Doris requested a donation of \$150 to the Judging Centre in Ann Arbor. Approved.
- Jerrie shared planning activities on the GLOS 2008 Show. She requested a list of vendors, 'who's-to-do-what,' and the basic structure of the show.
- Doris had ideas on savings on printing costs, supplies, copying, and postage, she will be sending out judges's invitations soon. Pete Porciello said that advertising cost is capped at \$1,800. Marilyn will make arrangements for a violinist to provide music at the show.
- Dot shared poster for the 'Orchid Show' for review.

The next board Meeting will be a specifically for the Show planning: meeting date changed to the second Tuesday in December (7pm, 12/11/07), at Doris Asher's house. The Show Committee may need an additional meeting in January.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55pm.

ORCHID CONSERVATION NEWS

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

"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...." GLOS bylaws

In 2006 – 2007 we saw a renewed interest in orchid conservation. (1) GLOS members placed a Conservation poster board at the Annual Orchid Show, (2) updated the educational pamphlet "Conservation of our Great Lakes Native Orchids," (3) attended conferences (the chairperson) with several other conservation groups, public and private whose mission includes protecting and restoring natural areas, (4) developed orchids rescue and salvage guidelines, (5) participated in a coordinated orchid salvage operation with the Michigan Department of Transportation, (6) planted rescued orchids in suitable habitats, (7) provided leadership and time to members interested in growing terrestrial orchids in their garden (Terrestrial Orchid Study Group), (8) monitored demonstration gardens at Harris Nature Center and Fenner Nature Center, (9) developed and placed signage at orchid beds at HNC, (10) published names, websites, purpose of national and international orchid conservation organizations (see Sept and Nov 2007 issue of the Calypso,) (10) completed first year follow-up on the condition of all sites where rescued *Cypripedium reginae* and *C. paviflorum* were transplanted and, (12) GLOS made a donation to the Nature Conservancy in Michigan and to the Michigan Nature Association. (MNA added a 10 acre preserve in Williamston in 2007.)

At the October 2007 AOS Members Meeting in Florida, well known orchid author, Alex Pridgeon, talked about how our attitude about the earth has changed. In his concluding remarks he said that if orchid growers wanted to conserve orchids we should among other actions partner with an organization such as the Nature Conservancy. In April 2007 Mid-America Orchid Congress reported to affiliated societies (GLOS is a member) "MAOC will support The Native Orchid Conservation Committee of the Northeastern Wisconsin Orchid Society (\$400.) for conservation efforts at Carney Fen, Carney, Michigan." It took Wisconsin native, Kip Knutson, to recognize that Carney Fen in Michigan is a unique ecosystem with many different orchids including *Calypso bulbosa*, *Calopogon*, *Cypripedium arietinum*, and other rare and threatened plants. The \$400 went for attorney fees to protect the habitat.

The demonstration gardens GLOS established at Fenner Nature Center and Harris Nature Center for growing the large slipper orchids are doing well with a few exceptions. Protection from deer has been necessary at both Centers. The availability of seed grown nursery propagated slipper orchids hopefully has eliminated the pressure to collect orchids from the wild but our educational efforts must continue. For those who wish to grow nursery propagated terrestrial orchids in their garden, several orchid society members are available to help them.

GLOS may be interested in pursuing wildflower grants in 2008. In 2007 the Conservation Committee looked into applying for a grant from the Wildflower Association. The purpose would have been to extend the nature study areas at HNC to increase the number and type of wildflowers which includes inconspicuous woodland orchids that are disappearing from Southern Michigan. More time was needed to research local native wildflowers and amend current nature study curriculums at the center.

An outcome of our orchid rescue efforts is that one of the sites where salvaged orchids were planted, Bay View Woods, Emmet county, is being considered for certification as a "natural habitat" area with plaques to be placed at each trail entrance.

Respectively submitted by Marilyn J. Lee



THE GREATER LANSING ORCHID SOCIETY LOSES ITS FOUNDER submitted by Doris Asher

Jack Brechtelsbauer called together a group of orchid-growing friends at the Capitol Federal Savings Bank, 2119 Hamilton Road, Okemos, in May of 1977. They decided to form the Greater Lansing Orchid Society. Jack served as the fledgling organization's first president in 1977 and 1978 and then returned to the Board as a Director in 1980. He loved orchid shows and helped with our first (ribbon- judging only) show in February, 1981, when MSU student Rob Griesbach was the Society President. In addition to working at the GLOS Shows through the years, Jack was very much in evidence working at the Thanksgiving Shows of the Saginaw Valley Orchid Society in Midland, MI. Between 1991 and 1998, Jack received seven AOS awards at various orchid shows in which he displayed his plants: Northwestern Michigan Orchid Society, Michiana Orchid Society, Michigan Orchid Society as well as the GLOS Shows. The awards included four CCM's, two AM's, and an HCC on a diverse group of orchids: cymbidium, cattleya, epidendrum, paphiopedilum, arachnis and capanemia.



He was the volunteer par excellence for the MSU orchid collection in its early years with Professor Steve Bromley; Jack put in countless hours working in the greenhouses located in those years on north campus between the Natural Science Building and Grand River Avenue.

Jack passed away on December 17th at the age of 83, leaving behind his wife of 56 years, Dolores. His friends in the Orchid Society extend our condolences to Mrs. Brechtelsbauer. His death marks the end of an era in our Society's history.

Here are thoughts from some of the people who knew him well:

From Bill Porter:

Jack always liked to sit upstairs Saturday night with Herman & Ron and have a few libations at the Orchid Show at Midland at the Northwood Institute. One year they gathered long sticks & branches from along the side of the road and brought them upstairs to start a fire in the freestanding fireplace. Because the sticks were so long they stuck them in upright partly up the chimney. Well, of course, the fire started smoking, and set off the fire alarm. We all came out of our rooms in our jammies to see that it was only Jack, Hermann, & Ron.

Jack always liked to stop at Mt. Pleasant to gamble on the way to the Midland Show. Once I called Jack to see if he had room for a few plants of ours on his way up, as our van was full. He swore at me for ruining his gambling, but took the plants. Orchids were more important than his gambling habit.

He was very kind to us when we started our business and gave us some plants which we still have today.

In fond remembrance of Jack Brechtelsbauer.

From Hermann Pigors:

He was truly dedicated, not only to the orchids under his care at MSU and later at the Lansing Greenhouses, but to the orchid people there and Midland as well. The show in Midland is not the same without Jack's presence, interest and physical support in the details. Jack liked people, a good beer, smoked fish, smoked sausage and late night get-togethers after the show hours. On one of those late night, world-problem-solving sessions we enjoyed the freestanding fireplace a bit too much. The excessive heat set off the smoke alarms waking up many of the hotel guests well after midnight. I think most of them forgave us after they came out in their pajamas and saw who the culprits were. Jack will be remembered not just as a customer, but as a very special person and friend.

From Ron Ciesinski:

Jack was a guy who was always willing to help, and a fun guy to be with. He is the man that brought a monkey to the orchid show and won best of show with it. [Capanemia uliginosa was mounted on a tree fern monkey – GLOS refused it because of the monkey; Ron put it in his exhibit – won best of show and a CCM of 88 pts!] P.s.: Jack, I still got a bottle to share with you one day.





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19th World Orchid Conference – Miami, Florida

If you love orchids you need to make plans to attend the 19th World Orchid Conference (WOC) coming to Miami, Florida, January 23-27, 2008. The conference is held every three years in different parts of the world and it will be approximately 25 years before it returns to the United States. It is a unique opportunity for us to see the best in orchids as well as visit one of the most prolific growing areas for orchids in the country. The show is co-hosted by the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society and the South Florida Orchid Society, both of which are well known for the spectacular shows they host each year – so we should indeed expect the best from this one!

The basic premise of a WOC is that it is established to be of interest to the average grower as opposed to many other international conferences which are more focused toward either the scientific community or the commercial grower. Although many of the speakers will be offering advanced or scientific topics, most presentations will be geared to be understandable to the everyday grower. And of course, anyone can enjoy the exhibits and especially the sales booths.

These international conferences are known for their extravagant and showy exhibits. Vendors and exhibitors vie for prestigious trophies and put together heart-stopping exhibits in order to impress the judges. This will be an event to remember!

The centerpiece of the conference is the slate of speakers who will provide information on three main areas of interest: scientific, conservation, and horticulture. Keynote speakers Phillip J. Cribb and Roger Hammer are internationally known in the orchid community. Cribb will speak on "Orchids in a Changing Climate" and Hammer will present "Introduction to the Orchids of Florida." Then one-hour breakout sessions will be held throughout the conference.

The show itself will have exhibits from hundreds of exhibitors from around the world. It will be held in the Exhibition Center of the Sheraton Miami Mart Hotel which has been recently renovated. There will be both displays as well as sales booths for attendees. In conjunction with the show there will be a number of bus tours to some of the biggest orchid vendors in the immediate area for those of us who just have to buy orchids while there.

In addition to the orchids themselves, there will be competitions in orchid art, painting, photography, cake decorating, quilting, and flower arranging. These competitions will all be open to registrants.

For further information see the WOC website at <http://www.19woc.com/>.

