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CALYPSO DEADLINE:

February 28 for the March issue

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

JANUARY 21st MEETING -- Presbyterian Church, Okemos

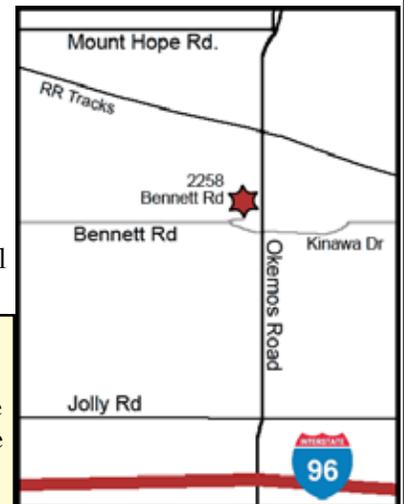
Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for:

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

Meeting will start promptly at 7:00 pm

Lynn O'Shaughnessy will guide us in preparing our orchids for shows. A very timely topic since our annual show and sale is only a month away.

Many thanks to Rob Halgren, who stepped in at the last minute to be our November speaker. His talk was also about growing under lights, and he certainly gave interesting and useful information, especially about the new LED lights. Thanks, Rob!



GLOS SPECIAL MEETING: FEBRUARY 18

Presbyterian Church, Okemos -- 7:00 PM

Speaker: Harold Koopowitz

We will not have plant sales at this meeting.

Biography - Harold Koopowitz

Professor, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology School of Biological Sciences

A professor of biology at the University of California at Irvine, Dr. Harold Koopowitz teaches ecology and conservation biology and conducts research. He has been at UCI since 1968. Currently his research concerns biodiversity losses in the tropics but he has also studied the ecology and reproductive biology of *Aerangis verdickii* in Zimbabwe and *Phragmipedium* species in Ecuador.

Dr. Koopowitz has been collecting, growing and studying orchids for over 30 years. His involvement has been at many levels as a hobbyist, scientist and commercial grower. He specializes in Paphiopedilums and was a partner in Paphanatics, unLtd. for approximately 20 years. A fully accredited orchid judge for the American Orchid Society, Harold was also the student training coordinator for judging in the Pacific Southwest region for many years.

In addition to writing many scientific papers on orchids, Harold is co-author with Norito Hasegawa, of the book *Novelty Slipper Orchids*. Koopowitz' book, *Orchids and Their Conservation* reflects his long-term interest and commitment to orchid conservation. His latest book, *Tropical Slipper Orchids*, is an overview of *Paphiopedilum* and *Phragmipedium* species and hybrids.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -- Jerrie Nichols

Happy New Year! 2012 already! As I look through the upcoming calendar I see the promise of spring and summer coming. (As I look back at prior messages, I do seem to get fixated on the weather a lot. What do you expect from a plant person? A note on the latest new phone?) While our winter weather has been mild in temperature, it has not failed to provide that dreary relentless gray gloom.

But the days are already getting longer. If you look close, the plants and trees in the garden are showing signs of growth (or at least those plants the twin scourges of deer and bunnies have left unscathed. How can anything so cute be so destructive?).

And late winter means just one thing, the GLOS SHOW IS COMING with all its promise of bright flowers in massive quantities! I can't wait! It also means that various show committee chairs, and our show manager Jim Leaman will be stalking around looking for help. Run....no wait, come join us in the flower frenzy. It will be great fun and a great relief from the winter blahs. We can use the help.

If nothing else, come and enjoy the spectacle. It is amazing how all those plants and art and delicate arrangements get into the show hall and sales area in such a short period of time, and how everything looks like it was assembled by magic. Spectacle indeed.

GLOS show (continued from p.3)**Advertising:**

- \$1,400 has been budgeted for advertising in newspapers and other print publications.
- Bookmarks have been printed and should be distributed by GLOS members as needed.
- Dot Barnett will create and distribute an electronic version of the bookmark suitable for printing by interested members. It will also be used as the cover for the show brochure.
- There will be a meeting of the full Show Planning Committee at 7pm on Monday, January 16th, at Alec Albert's home.

A nominating committee needs to be established to select potential officers of the board for 2012-13. The nominating committee must be composed of 3 members-at-large. Kris Garling and Lynn O'Shaughnessy were suggested as potential members; suggestions or volunteers are welcome!

Similarly, the awards committee must be established. According to our Bylaws, it must be composed of the Society President (Jerrie Nichols), the outgoing director (Alec), and a member-at-large (to be nominated). Society members are encouraged to nominate members to receive our various awards.

Doris Asher will see if a trip to Rakers' Gardens can be organized for August 2012, perhaps in conjunction with interested subscribers to Van Atta's newsletter.

The next board meeting has been moved to January 16th, just after the Show Planning Committee meeting, instead of in February.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm.

**GLOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- January 16 - GLOS Board Meeting at Alec's house. This will also be a meeting for GLOS Show Chairs. All GLOS members are welcome.
- **January 21, 2012 - General Meeting** - Lynn O'Shaughnessy, Topic: "Getting your orchid ready for showing"
- January 28-29 - Grand Rapids Show*
- **February 18, 2012 - Special Meeting** - Harold Koopowitz
- **February 25 - 26, 2012 - GLOS Orchid Show and Sale ****
- **March 17, 2012 - General Meeting** - Speaker: Jim Heilig -- Angraecoids
- **May 18, 2012 - General Meeting** - Speaker: Dave Miller -- "Vacationing Without Your Orchids"
- **September 15, 2012 - General Meeting** - Speaker: Harry Akagi, H&R Orchids

* Pete Ostlund is coordinating the GLOS display. Please bring plants to Dot's home Wednesday evening, Jan. 25th between 6 and 9 pm, or call or email Dot to make other arrangements.

** Bill Cadman is coordinating the GLOS display. Please see p. 10 for arrangements.

MINUTES OF THE GLOS BOARD MEETING December 12, 2011 -- Submitted by Ioana Sonea

Meeting held at Doris Asher's home. Present: Alec Albert, Doris Asher, Dot Barnett, Jim Leaman, Georgia Marvin, Jerrie Nichols, Ioana Sonea. Also present: Marilyn Lee. Absent: Peter Porciello

Meeting called to order by Jerrie Nichols at 7:20pm

Old business

Treasurer's report (Doris Asher):

- Main source of income for current period was show-related (table fees: \$1,680, trophy sponsorship: \$230), with the November meeting silent auction and raffle bringing in \$142.
- Expenses for current period were mostly administrative: publicity bookmarks and annual website fees (total \$306.83).
- Year to date income: \$3,514; year to date expenses: \$2,064.

Membership (Doris Asher): 3 new members have joined GLOS, bringing the membership total to 115 (93 addresses). Of these, 70% receive their Calypso via email.

- Jim Leaman reported that the audit committee found no irregularities in the 2010-2011 fiscal year finances.

Orchid conservation (Marilyn Lee):

- Links to the proceedings of the 2009 ... meeting attended by Marilyn Lee and Kris Garling will be provided in the upcoming Calypso.
- Marilyn reminded members that the Michigan Nature Association needs volunteers, and participation is an excellent way to see orchids in their native habitat. She brought several copies of the MNA annual report to the meeting: these will be passed around at the next general meeting by Jerrie Nichols.

New business

Upcoming meetings

- Jan 21, 2012. Lynn O'Shaughnessy "Preparing orchids for show". Refreshments will be provided by Dottie Winter, Emily Tseng and Ioana Sonea.
- Feb 18, 2012. Special meeting. Harold Koopowitz will talk about "Paphs".
- Mar 17, 2012. Jim Heilig "Angraecoids".
- May 18, 2012. Please note this is a Friday. The original speaker was going to be Rob Halgren. However, since Rob jumped in to cover the November meeting, Dave Miller has been approached to talk about "Vacationing without your orchids". Dave has kindly waived the speaker's fee, but will need to be reimbursed for expenses.
- The annual Picnic will be either the 3rd or 4th Sunday in July 2012 (pending availability of the site).
- Sept 15, 2012. Harry Akagi from H&R Orchids.
- Nov 17, 2012. TBD

Van Atta's will offer 5 orchid related classes, all on Saturdays at 1pm. In exchange for GLOS leadership in these classes, Van Atta's will publicize the GLOS show for free in its newsletter (~5000 subscribers). Interested members are welcome to participate. Classes are:

- "Your first orchid", Feb 4, 2012 (Jerrie Nichols)
- "Growing moth orchids", Feb 11, 2012 (Bill Cadman)
- "Orchid repotting", Mar 3, 2012 (Jim Leaman)
- "Growing orchids under lights", Mar 10, 2012 (Pete Porciello)
- "Growing tropical lady slippers", Mar 24, 2012 (Jerrie Nichols)

GLOS show (Jim Leaman reporting).

- Three vendors (Natt's Orchids, Sam Tsui [Orchid Inn] and Little Frog Farms) have already confirmed their participation.
- The commercial display winning "Best Open Exhibit" will receive a \$30 gift certificate, in the hope of encouraging larger and better displays.
- Brent & Georgia Marvin will clean up after the show; more volunteers are needed: with help, it's a 2 hour job.
- Alec Albert will take care of parking signs and is recruiting people to set up on Thursday evening @\$10/hr., for ~ 2hrs work, and take down at the end of the show (~2 hrs).
- Bill Cadman will send a template for the MSU letter to Jim Leaman.
- Marilyn Lee proposed setting up a children's area in one of the small (currently empty) greenhouses adjacent to the exhibit hall. She knows somebody who would be interested in doing this. Jim Leaman will discuss this possibility with MSU.
- Tables and chairs will be ordered by Jim Leaman, and Ioana Sonea will accept their delivery to MSU the Thursday prior to the show.
- Doris Asher has sent out requests for volunteers to clerk at the show: to date, 17 members have responded.
- Doris Asher sent out invitations to judges: to date, 13 have indicated they will attend.
- The information table needs volunteers to man it during the show. Doris Asher is organizing this: she is available to do this on Sunday, but more volunteers are needed.
- Doris Asher will prepare the show schedule.
- Club invitations will be sent before Christmas.

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→ Thanks to Carol Stuht, Dottie, Phyllis and Ioana for the tasty treats at our November meeting. Dottie, Emily and Ioana have volunteered to bring refreshments to the January meeting.

MINUTES OF THE GLOS GENERAL MEETING November 19 2011 -- Submitted by Ioana Sonea

Meeting called to order by Jerrie Nichols at 7:02pm. Ernie from Enlightened Orchids, was not available, and Jerrie thanked Rob Halgren, who had graciously agreed to talk about growing orchids under lights instead.

About 2 dozen people were present, including 3 guests: Jessica and a friend from Owlyn, and Emmalee Adelman (Marilyn Lee's granddaughter)

Refreshments were provided by Carol Stuht, Dottie, Phyllis and Ioana. Refreshments for the January general meeting will be provided by Dottie, Emily and Ioana.

Vendors were Alex Challis and Rob Halgren from Littlefrog Farm.

The minutes for the previous General meeting were unanimously approved.

Show business:

- Jim Leaman: Show is progressing well, with sales people already committed (without negative feedback about the increase in table price); orchid clubs will be contacted in the next month, and a cleanup crew has been formed.
- Doris Asher asked for sponsors for show trophies: by the end of the meeting, only 4 trophies remained unsponsored (and those were sponsored within 2 days, see list provided by Doris).
- Dot Barnett distributed the new bookmarks (show and GLOS meeting information) to all present. Members were encouraged to post them wherever they can.

Conservation: Marilyn Lee talked about conservation efforts in the Leelanau, where Chuck Dickerson has propagated terrestrial orchids and plans on planting ~500 in the area from which the original plants were collected. GLOS members were encouraged to help Chuck, Marilyn and other volunteers plant them. Planned conservation efforts include recruiting local groups to protect the plantings in the Leelanau, and submitting a grant proposal to the Mid American Orchid Congress (maximum \$400).

Judging center: Lynn O'Shaughnessy stated 2 plants were awarded today:

- Phrag Eumelia Arias (schlimii x kovachii) 'Little Frog Leap,' HCC 77 pts, owned by Rob Halgren.
- Paph Mele Moon 'Laura' (Mele Pops x Moving Lights), HCC 75 pts.

Upcoming shows:

- Michiana show previous weekend: GLOS had a 25 sq. foot display, with several plants receiving ribbons, and Dot Barnett's Phragmipedium Sara Beth 'Wacousta' receiving an HCC/AOS 77 pts. Thank you to Rob Halgren and Alex Challis for transporting and setting up the exhibit!
- Midland Show on Thanksgiving weekend: Bill Cadman and Jim Leaman will collect plants and set up. Plants can be dropped off at Bill Cadman's home on Wednesday, November 23rd, between 6-9pm.
- Meijer Gardens Grand Rapids show chairs are Carol Stuht and Peter Ostlund.
- MOS spring show will be on April 1st. Doris Asher graciously volunteered to chair the show (information added after the GLOS meeting).

Other business:

Doris Asher brought paper copies of the GLOS membership roster for those who might have slow or non-existent internet connections.

Doris Asher also reported briefly on the World Orchid Congress in Singapore, where she judged Phalaenopsis. The show was phenomenal, well worth travelling for. Future WOCs will be held in Johannesburg, South Africa (2014) and Guayaquil, Ecuador (2017).

Alex Challis presented the plants brought by members for display.

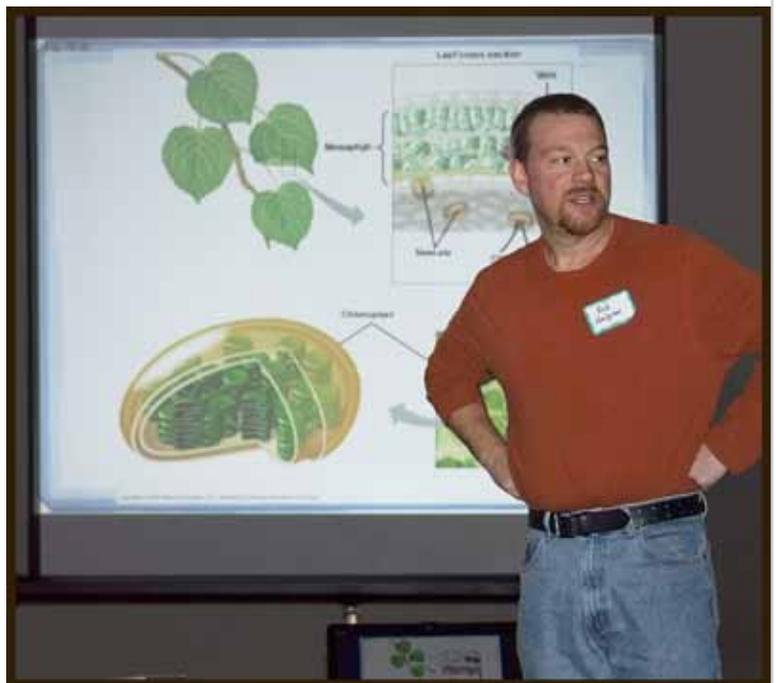
Rob Halgren gave a very interesting presentation on growing orchids under lights, focusing on fluorescent and LED illumination. Rob brought several lamps for demonstration and is selling LED lights: contact him for more information. His current set up can be seen at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ot5B_YOr6Wc&feature=youtu.be

Jessica from Owlyn Growing Solutions <https://www.owlyn.com/> also briefly discussed different lighting options, and demonstrated some of the different LED options they sell. They would like to carry orchid supplies, and would be happy to receive suggestions from GLOS members. Owlyn very generously donated a 125W high intensity fluorescent light with reflector to the Silent Auction.

The Silent Auction and raffle table were popular, with many items available.

The general meeting was adjourned at 9pm.

Photo by Dot



AOS CORNER - Lynn Fuller, Chair AOS Affiliated Societies Committee



At the Trustees' Meeting in San Antonio, it was announced that the sale of headquarters of the American Orchid Society was approved and closing on the sale will be the end of November 2011. The Sandra C. Slomin Foundation and Family Center for Autism and Related Disabilities is purchasing the site to use as a day care facility and eventually a private elementary school to serve children with autism and related disabilities. The Board of Trustees also approved the process to enter into negotiations for a strategic partnership with Fairchild Tropical Botanical Gardens in Coral Gables, Florida. The move, if an acceptable partnership is approved, should be completed by the end of the first quarter 2012.

The Trustees also approved the Library Committee's report which gave the Committee the direction to thoroughly inventory the extensive art collection, rare books and manuscripts and archives of the American Orchid Society in anticipation of its headquarter change. The Library Committee has the authority to determine which items will remain property of AOS and the disposition of those items that will not be retained. If any member wishes to inquire about a specific item's disposition, they may contact the Library Committee through their email library_committee@aos.org.

What's new at www.aos.org?

- The 2012 Calendars are available for sale – a 14 month calendar loaded with beautiful orchid photographs, free shipping for AOS members. You may purchase it on line.
- Do you enjoy writing? The Dillon-Peterson Essay Contest has been announced. The topic is: The Greatest Influence On My Orchid Passion. It's your opportunity to tell the world what person, place, event, book, magazine article, orchid or thing changed your orchid growing hobby forever. The deadline is November 30. The website has the rules and regulations as well as past winners.



Alex Challis describing the plants on the Plant Table at our November meeting.

Photo by Dot

Congratulations!

to Bill Porter



Ornithophora radicans
'Royston's MVP' CCM 80

Photo courtesy of Lynn O'Shaughnessy

Rob Halgren



Phragmipedium Eumelia Arias
'Little Frog Leap' HCC 77

Photo by Dot

Dot Potter Barnett



Phragmipedium Sara Beth
'Wacousta' HCC 77

Photo by Dot

GREATER LANSING ORCHID SOCIETY FINANCIAL REPORT

Covering Period from 10/01/2011 – 12/04/2011, submitted by Doris Asher

Balance on hand October 1, 2011				\$12,975.97
	Checking			\$1,967.64
	Saving			5.00
	Subtotal CD's			11,003.33
CD 5 (matures 10/03/2011) 1.15%		\$1,336.51		
CD 9 (matures 10/29/2011) 1.1%		\$1,316.45		
CD 8 (matures 06/25/2012) 0.896%		\$1,302.18		
CD 6 (matures 7/30/2012) 1.05%		\$1,222.41		
CD 7 (matures 08/28/2012) 0.896%		\$1,087.18		
CD B (matures 08/30/2014) 1.40%		\$1,339.29		
CD C (matures 09/30/2014) 1.40%		\$1,399.31		
CD 1 (matures 7/31/2015) 1.90%		\$1,000.00		
CD A (matures 7/31/2016) 2.30 %		\$1,000.00		
Subtotal CD's				\$11,003.33
INCOME				\$2,100.68
Show – 2012			1,910.00	
Table Fees		1,680.00		
Donation – Trophy Sponsorships		230.00		
November 2011 Meeting			142.00	
Silent Auction		79.00		
Raffle		63.00		
Dues		40.00		
Interest			8.68	
CD 9 cashed 10/29/2011		4.74		
CD 5 cashed 8/30/2011		3.94		
EXPENSES				\$306.83
Show – 2012 – Publicity -- Bookmarks			95.00	
Administrative			139.29	
Membership		100.29		
Bookmarks	95.00			
Name Tags	5.29			
Web Site		39.00		
November 2011 Meeting – Speaker's Dinner – Alex Challis			39.50	
Calypso November 2011 issue		33.04		
Copying		21.60		
Postage		11.44		
NET INCOME				\$1,793.85
Balance on hand December 4, 2011				\$14,769.82
	Checking			\$3,752.81
	Saving			5.00
	Subtotal CD's			11,012.01
CD 8 (matures 06/25/2012) 0.896%		\$1,302.18		
CD 6 (matures 7/30/2012) 1.05%		\$1,222.41		
CD 7 (matures 08/28/2012) 0.896%		\$1,087.18		
CD D (matures 10/03/2013) 1.10%		\$1,340.45		
CD B (matures 08/30/2014) 1.40%		\$1,339.29		
CD C (matures 09/30/2014) 1.40%		\$1,399.31		
CD 1 (matures 7/31/2015) 1.90%		\$1,000.00		
CD E (matures 10/29/2015) 1.7%		\$1,321.19		
CD A (matures 7/31/2016) 2.30 %		\$1,000.00		
Subtotal CD's				\$11,012.01
Note: As of December 4, 2011, conservation fund is \$146.82				



ORCHIDS IN CYBERSPACE

World's First Night-Blooming Orchid Discovered

<http://news.yahoo.com/worlds-first-night-blooming-orchid-discovered-142805658.html>

Orchid Plant Facts

<http://www.orchids.co.in/plant-facts.shtm>

Presidential orchid collection donated to U.S. Botanic Garden

<http://www2.timesdispatch.com/lifestyles/home-garden/2011/nov/08/tdbiz01-presidential-orchid-collection-donated-to--ar-1442439/>

MICHIANA SHOW REPORT --

Submitted by Jerrie Nichols

Thanks to everyone who helped make our Michiana display a success. The display was designed by Dot Barnett, Georgia Marvin, Bill Cadman, and Jerrie Nichols. I would especially like to thank Rob Halgren and Alex Challis of transporting the display down to Michiana and finishing the registration process. This is not a small gesture of support since they had to take down sale plants as well as their own display, plus transport everything back to Lansing. Thank you both very much.

We had 15 plants in the display and earned 13 ribbons plus 1 HCC award. Thank you to those who contributed plants-- Dot Barnett, Julie Bishop, Jerrie Nichols, Ioana Sonea. And a special congratulations to Dot Barnett for the HCC award on her Phrag Sara Beth.

GLOS exhibit- 1st place

Dot Barnett

Darwinara Rainbow Stars	1st place
Stelis pilosa	1st place
Phalaenopsis Silbergrube	2nd place
Phragmipedium Sara Beth	2nd place plus HCC Award

Neostylis Leo Sneary	3rd place
Paphiopedilum In-Charm Topaz	3rd place
Phalaenopsis violacea	3rd place

Ioana Sonea

Collierara Snow Ballet	1st place
Epicatanthe Don Herman	2nd place

Jerrie Nichols

Cattleya Crystelle Smith	1st place
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Julie Bishop

Paphiopedilum In-Charm Topaz	2nd place
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Thanks again! -- Jerrie Nichols

SAGINAW VALLEY SHOW --

Submitted by Bill Cadman

The Saginaw Valley Orchid Society hosted a beautiful show over the weekend following Thanksgiving at the Midland Resort and Conference Center. Greater Lansing Orchid Society members Jim Leaman and Bill Cadman created a 25 square foot display with the 22 beautiful plants provided by GLOS members Doris Asher, Julie Bishop, Dot Potter Barnett, Bill Cadman, Jim Leaman, and Marilyn Lee. The display featured many slipper orchids along with other genera, stones, moss, and drift wood

for a natural effect. It was full of color and was recognized with a second place ribbon for society exhibits, maximum 25 square feet.

Doris Asher Dendrobium glomeratum 1st
Doris Asher Paphiopedilum Wiertzianum 'Suzy' AM/AOS
1st

Dot Potter Barnett Epigenium nakaharuae 2nd as species,
3rd as miniature

Dot Potter Barnett Gastrochilus calceolaris 1st

Dot Potter Barnett Maxillaria variabilis 1st

Dot Potter Barnett Paphiopedilum James Bacon 3rd

Dot Potter Barnett Paphiopedilum Pine Glow x vietnamense
1st

Dot Potter Barnett Phragmipedium Olaf Gruss 2nd

Bill Cadman Paphiopedilum barbigerum 2nd

Julie Bishop Paphiopedilum Candy Apple x Winston
Churchill 3rd

Julie Bishop Paphiopedilum philippinense x fowliei 2nd

Julie Bishop Rhyncholaeliocattleya Ann Morning 'Paradise'
2nd

Jim Leaman Phalaenopsis Brother Sally Taylor x Bedford
Rosejewel 1st

Marilyn Lee Masdevallia Fuchsia Dawn 3rd

Marilyn Lee Paphiopedilum Double Deception x Via
Gloriosum 1st

Photo courtesy of Bill Cadman



IN MEMORIAM -- by Doris Asher

PHYLLIS MARKIEWICZ

GLOS lost a longtime member on December 9, 2011, when Phyllis Markiewicz passed away.

In the March 2001 issue of The Calypso, Membership Chair Gus Kienitz reported the new membership of Phyllis Markiewicz. From early 2001 until the present, Phyllis was an active member – just last February at our Show, she worked Friday night helping prepare the judging folders and then much of the weekend in the hospitality room. Kris Garling reports that Phyllis always brought two delicious, homemade cakes to the GLOS orchid show to feed our set-up crew and often brought refreshments to our meetings, including the one on November 19th.

Carol Stuht reminisces about Phyllis: “She was always willing to help with the art and photography at our show. She judged, clerked or helped with the registration of the artwork for at least the past seven years. About three years ago, I drove Marilyn Lee and Phyllis to the Chicagoland Orchid Festival, and we had a great time even with our extended return trip. There is nothing like being stuck more than four hours on the Indiana toll road with neither a bathroom nor a bush in sight to get to know a person! I will miss Phyllis -- and her wry sense of humor.”

Marilyn Lee remembers Phyllis as a very private, creative and giving friend. Marilyn writes: “Quietly she left us as quietly as she conducted her daily life. She often reflected on the beauty she found in plants and flowers. One could always talk about plants with Phyllis, and we shared ideas when I taught Orchids in the Home. She applied her considerable gardening skills to violets, orchids, and other plants for the home. A child of the Depression, Phyllis was mindful of the human needs in the community. She volunteered at Sparrow Hospital as well as for the orchid society.”

Emily Tseng wrote this about Phyllis: “Phyllis had befriended me at a GLOS meeting, sought me out each time... sat with me... She gave me much good advice when I became depressed about growing old, and reaching a particular decade in age when one is/can be treated differently. Her advice: do not think about it - not in numerical order, but at the dawning of each day, special and unique.

“She had such a solid, down-to-earth, and wise way about her, when she chatted about family, friendship, and life. I shall always remember her last words to me at the last GLOS meeting, which got me out of my moroseness. Phyllis had planned to help with the food service at our upcoming GLOS Show. I shall really miss her. May she walk in Light and Love.”

Phyllis’ obituary, which ran in the Lansing State Journal, says "She loved gardening and plants, especially orchids."

Memorial donations may be made to the Capital Area Humane Society, 7095 W. Grand River, Lansing, MI 48906. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family -- 3 children, 2 grandchildren, a brother, and a sister -- at www.grlansing.com.

VIRGINIA “GINNY” JONES

Former GLOS member, Ginny Jones, died on December 17th. We remember Ginny for her help clerking at our annual shows from 1993-1997. She joined the Society in 1992, as reported in our July 1992 issue of our newsletter, and maintained her membership until 2007. Ginny’s other love – besides orchids – was teaching piano, and she had many students. A full obituary with photograph appears on the Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes DeWitt website (www.grdewitt.com).

MARJORIE “MARJ” COURTNAGE

On December 21st GLOS lost Marj Courtnage, a member from 1989 to 1997. She clerked at our shows from 1992 to 1997. There is a very nice obituary with photo on the website for Skinner Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids, which is handling her services (www.skinnerfuneralhome.com). There will be a memorial service for her at 1 p.m. on Saturday, January 21st at the First United Methodist Church in Eaton Rapids. Marj’s family will receive friends at the church beginning one hour prior to the service. For those wishing to do so, memorial contributions may be made to the Bay Area Pet Adoption, 3000 Avenue R, San Leon, TX 77539 or www.bayareapetadoptions.org.

Farewell, our friends. Phyllis, Ginny, Marj – may you rest in peace!

→ ***Suggestions for the next Calypso? Please give them to Dot.***

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 25th, 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 Lynn O'Shaughnessy 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 noon.

You do not need experience as a clerk in order to volunteer. We have written instructions for you, and will place you on a team with more experienced people. We want you to enjoy your first experience!

In addition to conventional clerking in the orchid portion of the Show, we need two people to clerk for Carol Stuht in the Art competition, and two to clerk for Marilyn Lee in the Orchids in Use competition.

At the time of this writing, the following people have agreed to clerk: Leslie Behm, Andrea Bishop, Jim Espie, Christa Forrester, Kris Garling, Sharon Johnson, Dawn Kittle, Carrie Monosmith, Pete Ostlund, Pete Porciello, Linda Rigas, Sue Schweizer, Ioana Sonea, Becky Thayer, Emily Tseng, Michael Underwood, Joan Witter, and Jill Wood. Won't you join them?

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

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**GLOS ROSTER****Welcome New Member:**

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GLOS SHOW ARRANGEMENTS - submitted by Bill Cadman

If you're not already, now is the time to think about loaning blooming orchids for the GLOS display at our home show the February. One of the keys to a spectacular display is masses of blooming orchids. All contributions will be welcome additions.

Plants should be pest free, of course, and groomed to look their best by staking inflorescences, removing dead leaves, and cleaning dust and water stains from the foliage. Please don't hesitate to ask me or any other GLOS member for advice. I'm glad to help and can be reached by email at billc377@yahoo.com or by phone at 517-484-3406.

I'll be collecting plants at my home (1807 Harding Ave, Lansing, 48910-1817) Wednesday evening February 22, 2012 before the show. An email with the names of the plants you'll be loaning will be very helpful, even before that date. Having the plants and names in advance really makes setup run smoothly. If you need to make other arrangements, please contact me ahead of time. Plants should be picked up at the show site at 4:00 PM Sunday February 26.

Please help make this year a 'knock your socks off' event!



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What does GLOS get in return? The Orchid Digest Diamond Award of Excellence Trophy and the accompanying write-up in the magazine, plus a listing on the Affiliate Members page with it's accompanying link to our website.

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Non-commercial members may also advertise orchid related items in the Calypso under the above conditions.



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FOOD HELP NEEDED FOR THE 2012 GLOS SHOW!

Please sign up to bring food for the workers at the 2012 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 24th before 5:30 pm to accompany our main course, pizza. Tell the parking attendant you are with the Orchid Show. We feed about 80 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 _____

Donation 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 or Kris at krisgarling@gmail.com.

Helpers for food service are needed for Friday evening setup and Saturday morning/noon. Contact Leslie or Kris. Our phone numbers are: Leslie 655-2972 or Kris 349-5431

FLORAL ARRANGING FOR OUR SHOW

Marilyn Lee is conducting two Free classes at the Okemos Library, Sunday February 19. Part I, 1 to 2 p.m. "Using Orchids when Designing with Houseplants and Basic Plant care. Part II, 2 to 3 p.m. Orchids in Floral Arrangements, Simple Effective Designs."