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CALYPSO DEADLINE:

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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 16th MEETING:

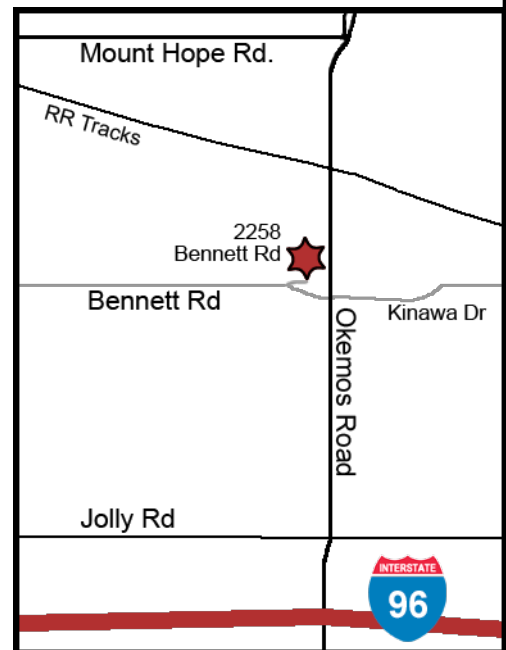
Presbyterian Church, Okemos

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

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

Meeting will start promptly at 7:00 pm

This will be our fourth year for a "hands on" Round Robin session. This year will be a little different, though. We will again divide into groups, but each group will stay together for the duration of the session. In it, we will demonstrate how to un-pot and divide a multi-growth plant, and then pot up the divisions. There will be no vendor sales at this meeting, but there will be silent auction and raffle plants.



VOLUNTEER REQUESTS FOR OUR SHOW:

From Jerrie Nichols:

We need volunteers to help with our GLOS show hospitality. Leslie Behm and I need your help in putting together food supplies for all the show workers and vendors at our show in February. As most of you know we have a pizza dinner for about 80 people on Friday night, plus provide a luncheon for the judges and clerks on Saturday, along with various snacks and refreshments during the weekend. We need salads, breads, desserts, and other munchies for Friday's dinner. There is a form for you to fill out on the *Back Page* in this newsletter, plus I will have sign up sheets at our January meeting. Or please just contact me if you wish to volunteer.

From Carol Ann Stuht:

As chairperson for the art section at our show I would really like to have entries from GLOS members. Please contact me for information about entering your artwork or photography.

From Doris Asher:

Please see pages 5, 6 and 10 for ways you can help with our show.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -- Rob Halgren

Happy holidays to all! I hope the new year brings only good things.

I'm not sure what to make of the weather we've had recently. Of course we canceled the November meeting due to snow (I'm told this is the first time we've ever canceled a meeting!), but since then it has felt more like September than December. I wonder if it would have been better to just throw a sheet of plastic up over the shade house rather than moving all my plants indoors. The cherry tree outside my office is blooming. On the plus side, think of all the money you are saving on heating your house and/or greenhouse! On the double plus side, you can spend some of that saved money on orchids as the spring show season is now upon us. Our first show of the year (Grand Rapids) and our January meeting are the same weekend. If the weather cooperates - so far it looks promising - you can do both! I certainly will be.

It is never too early to start thinking about our February show. We need all the volunteers we can muster to do a good job on this. Even if you have never helped with the show before, we can still use your help this year. It is a great chance to learn some new things, or even just hang out with other orchid people. If you like to cook, we can always use food for our Friday dinner or Saturday breakfast. If you want to learn about orchids, give some thought to clerking during ribbon judging Saturday morning. Our judges are really nice people who really want to help you learn. There are many other opportunities to volunteer, so contact our show chair, Doris Asher, before she has to contact you!

Some of you may know that I've taken on a whole new set of responsibilities at work (my 'Real Job'), so I may be leaning on many of you a bit harder to get orchid things done. One of those things is the annual awards that we give out in May, "Orchidist of the Year", for example. I'd really love some feedback on who you think is worthy of this honor. Send me an e-mail or talk to me at a meeting or show.

GRAND VALLEY OS SHOW

We are trying something a little different for this show: There will be two plant collection places: Marilyn Lee will collect plants at her home, and so will Dot Barnett. We are hoping this arrangement will make it easier for people on either side of Lansing to participate with their plants.

Marilyn will collect plants at her home on Wednesday, Jan. 13 from 3 pm until 8 pm.

You may bring plants to Dot's any time Tuesday, Jan 12, or on Wed. Jan. 13 between 6 and 8 pm.

Carol Ann Stuhrt is in charge of our exhibit. Please send her your list of plants by Tuesday evening, Jan 12. If the above arrangement for plant collection does not work for you, please contact Carol Ann to make other arrangements.

→ Bad weather cancelled our November meeting. Refreshment volunteers for the January meeting are Ioana Sonea, Mary Henman, and Doris Asher.

GLOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **January 16 - GLOS General Meeting** - Round Robin Session
- **January 16-17** - Grand Valley OS Show - See above note on the Grand Valley Show.
- **February 27-28 - GLOS Orchid Show and Sale**
- **March 19 - GLOS General Meeting** - Speaker Ed Cott on *Catasetum*
- **May 21 - GLOS General/Business Meeting** - Speaker Peter T. Lin of Diamond Orchids, CA, on mini Catts
- **July Picnic** - TBA
- **September 17 - GLOS General Meeting** - Speaker Rick Lockwood on "What do Orchids Eat?"
- **October 8, 2016** - All State Orchid Societies Meeting. Featured speaker is Carlos Fighetti.
- **February 25-26, 2017 - GLOS Orchid Show and Sale**
- **February 24-25, 2018 - GLOS Orchid Show and Sale**

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES - submitted by Doris Asher, GLOS Archivist

I think it is very important to preserve our history. Here are some items from the Society's Archives which you may enjoy as much as I did.

In our 1987 Show held at the Frandor Shopping Center in Lansing, Ken Lindsay won the trophy for best cattleya with his *Cattleya intermedia alba*. For many years, Ken set up the exhibit for the Northwest Michigan Orchid Society. Larry Galdes, who has made our trophies "forever", got the trophy for best cymbidium with his *Cymbidium Mimi 'Mary Bea' HCC/AOS*. Russ Jameson from the Saginaw Valley Orchid Society won the best cypripedium trophy with *Paphiopedilum Farmingdale 'Russ' AM/AOS (Farnmoore x Advancement)*.

Bill and Suzi Porter donated the trophy for best cattleya. Jim and Doris Asher donated the trophy for best cypripedium. Jack and Val Nelsen gave the trophy for best oncidium. Marilyn Lee underwrote the trophy for best of the vanda and phalaenopsis alliance – Jeff Emerson from the Inverness Greenery won that trophy with *Phalaenopsis Alice Gloria 'Aurite' (Ramona x Grace Palm)*. Jean Nicholas underwrote the trophy for best dendrobium. Bill and Suzi Porter earned an AOS award during that Show for their *Ascocentrum ampullaceum 'Suzi'*, which earned a JC (Judges' Commendation) for its brilliant fuchsia color.

Does anyone remember that we judged in Marshall's Music Store that February in 1987?!

To move to a related, but slightly different topic, I am still in search of documents, photos, memorabilia of all kinds from any year of the Greater Lansing Orchid Society for the Archives. You don't need to ask if I want it, I want it!

Let's continue to preserve our history.

SYMPATHY TO IOANA SONEA

Our heartfelt sympathy to Ioana Sonea and her family on the passing of Ioana's Mother on December 10, 2015.

IN MEMORIAM, BRENDA KAYE KENNEDY - September 28, 1945 - November 6, 2015. Submitted by Dot

Although Brenda was a GLOS member for a few years, most of our members will remember her as the smiling and helpful worker at Porter's Orchids.

Brenda was already volunteering at Porter's when I began volunteering there in 1999. She and I were both hired as employees about the same time. When Suzi Porter passed away, Bill was still heavily involved in his real estate business, so Brenda took over the day-to-day operation of the greenhouse. When the US economy "crashed", Bill had to let us both go.

I kept in touch with Brenda, who was an excellent orchid grower who had her own collection of mostly Paphs. When I built my greenhouse, and my husband and I needed to travel and be away for several days, Brenda could always be counted on to come take care of my plants. I have a varied collection, but with Brenda's knowledge and experience, I trusted her completely.

Brenda had to find other employment, but she always managed to show up at Bill's Open Houses to lend a helping hand at the sales counter.

When I learned of Brenda's death, it was a complete shock. She had told me that she had cancer, but her words were such that it seemed very mild and easily cured. She was making plans to spend a couple weeks with her sister in Tennessee later in the Fall. Instead, she took a very bad turn after a difficult chemotherapy session, and slipped away.



Brenda was a very active member of Jazzercise for 20 years. In her memory, the group she belonged to will call themselves the Brenda Stars for their memorial cancer run in the Spring.

GLOS MEMBERS SHOW THEIR GENEROSITY – 2016 SHOW TROPHY SPONSORS -

submitted by Doris Asher, Vice-President/Show Chair

Once again, Society members have come through, underwriting all of the trophies for our Show this February! The trophies will be prepared by Larry Galdes and Joy Suphattra's Clay Flowers.

You can save yourself a postage stamp by paying Treasurer Ioana Sonea in person at our January 16th meeting. A check or cash is equally welcome – the cost is \$25.00. Checks payable to GLOS may also be mailed to Ioana Sonea, Treasurer, 3740 Chippendale Dr., Okemos MI 48864.

Thank you, donors, very much.

This year's sponsors are:

Trophy	Sponsor
Exhibits, Open	Pete Ostlund
Exhibits, Society	Pete Porciello
Exhibits, Amateur	Anonymous GLOS Members
Cattleya Alliance	Littlefrog Farm
Cypripedium Alliance	Dot Potter Barnett
Phalaenopsis	Julie Bishop
Vanda and Ascocenda	Renie Gatny-Smith
Brassia and Miltonia	Christa Forrester
Oncidium Alliance	Don and Jane Farrelly
Cymbidium Alliance	Dawn Kittle (in memory of Sherwin Kittle; in memory of Betty Jane Harvey)
Dendrobium Alliance	Michael Henderson
Pleurothallid Alliance	Lynn O'Shaughnessy
Miscellaneous Genera	Larry Watson & Kherwin Cheng Chua
Specimen Plant	Jerrie Nichols
Art (Excluding Photography)	Harry and Dottie Winter
Photography	Carol Ann Stult
Orchids in Use (Amateur)	Andrea Bishop
Orchids in Use (Professional)	Diane Zoellner
Don and Kris Garling Memorial Best of Show	Jan Szyren
AOS Show Trophy – Outstanding Exhibit	Greater Lansing Orchid Society

NOTE FROM MIKE UNDERWOOD:

For the last 3 years on the Saturday before our show, we have been setting up an informational table at the Meridian Farmers Market at the mall. We have received great positive feedback from the public there. Last year, we spoke to over 100 people who told us that they wanted to attend the show after meeting us, and hooked several new members too.

I have made arrangements to do this again this year from 10 AM to 4 PM, Saturday, the weekend before the show, and can always use more volunteers to help us out for part or all of the day. You would not be alone at any time, as we have 4 people already. It is great fun and you get to speak to a lot of the public about orchids, no great experience necessary.

Also if you have an unusual orchid that can make great conversation starters, we could use it too. They do not need to be show quality, just something to attract the public's eye. Call or email me if you can help. Mike Underwood mike@avi-sci.com 989-224-9227

A MESSAGE FROM THE GLOS MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE (Doris Asher, Chair & Dot Barnett, member)

Reminder: wear your society name tag - Your Society's Membership Committee has changed the way we handle the GLOS name tags -- members are responsible for their own name badges.

As an incentive to wear the name tag, which is very nice for visitors and for those of us with failing memories (!), anyone who wears the badge AND purchases even one raffle ticket at \$1.00 per ticket will get a complimentary raffle ticket.

Wear your badge to the meeting. Let's help everyone greet everyone by name by wearing a name tag.

Wear your badge. Get an extra raffle ticket!

If you cannot locate your name tag, please let Doris or Dot know. Dot will make you a new one.

WILL YOU CLERK FOR US? - submitted by Doris Asher

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 27th, 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 one person to clerk for Marilyn Lee in the Orchids-in-Use competition and one person to clerk for Carol Ann Stuht in the Art competition -- Carol Ann appreciates any volunteer, but especially a tall person!

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

USED ORCHID BOOKS/PERIODICALS WANTED - submitted by Doris Asher

Do you have some orchid books or orchid periodicals that you no longer want? At last year's Orchid Show, in addition to brand new orchid books, we sold numerous used books donated by various Society members. Visitors to the Show snapped them up very quickly and, because the books were donated, the Society made 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 to Doris Asher at this January's meeting; Doris will hand them on to Emily Tseng or Mary Henman, Co-Chairs of the Show's Information Table.

GREATER LANSING ORCHID SOCIETY ORCHID SHOW & SALE

February 27-28, 2016
Michigan State University
Plant & Soil Science Conservatory

orchid sales
orchid displays
orchid growing classes





Hours:
Sat. Noon-5
Sun. 11-4

Free admission/parking
Donations accepted
Handicapper accessible

IMPORTANT NOTE FROM OUR FEBRUARY SHOW CHAIR, DORIS ASHER:

The dates for our 33rd orchid show are February 27-28, 2016, just about two months from now.

The Show Planning Committee is complete:

Show Chair	Doris Asher
AOS Judging	Lynn O'Shaughnessy
Art Exhibits, Orchid-Related	Carol Ann Stuht
Classes for Public	Mike Underwood
Flyer/Handouts	Dot Potter Barnett
GLOS Exhibit	Pete Ostlund
Hospitality	Leslie Behm and Jerrie Nichols
Information Table/Membership	Emily Tseng and Mary Henman
Judging Activities/Registration	Doris Asher
Kids' Corner	Diane Zoellner and Michael Bukala
MSU Liaison	Ioana Sonea
Orchids-in-Use Competition	Marilyn Lee
Parking Permits/Signage	Ioana Sonea
Television Publicity	Pete Porciello
Vendor and Exhibitor Liaison	Pete Ostlund

I hope that you will reserve Thursday night February 25th through about 6:00 Sunday night February 28th to volunteer with us at the Show. If you would like information about any of the subcommittees comprising the Show Planning Committee, please contact me or the individual chairperson for that activity. All of us need help! We can talk in person about what is involved in each activity at our January meeting.

Also at that January meeting, be sure to pick up a supply of the beautiful postcard-size publicity pieces that Dot Potter Barnett designed for us. If all of us distribute even 50 of these announcements, many thousands of people will know of our Show!

We need your help to make our Show successful. We need new volunteers to augment those members already planning to help. Much work happens before the Show. Thursday night we start setting up by placing tables for vendors and displays, attaching skirting to the tables and covering them with tablecloths, getting ready for art, orchids-in-use and other displays, hanging backdrops. Friday we set up our GLOS display, help vendors and societies move their orchids and material into the building, and prepare for judging by registering all the orchids and exhibits in the Show. Friday night dinner is provided to all the workers, with much of the food provided by volunteers – we need help for our Hospitality Committee. On Saturday members help with judging by clerking for the judges, staff the information table, and relieve those vendors who are working alone. When the Show closes on Sunday at 4:00, we help everyone tear down and get on their way home (you will be amazed how quickly that happens with a little help). There are so many ways you can help make the Show a great show! Please contact me, the individual chairperson, or any of the Board members if you can help out.

We can also use your help by providing orchids in flower for our display. You can start now training your coming flower spikes for the best display of the flowers, and by cleaning your plant leaves (use milk and cotton balls, scrub the leaf gently) before the Show. But we want your plant even if you cannot do this. Just make sure your plant is disease free and all the pests (scale, aphids, mealy bugs, etc.) are taken care of. Now is a good time to assess your plants and treat them for critters if necessary (you can spray them outside). Please do not be shy with providing orchids. Even if the orchid does not win a ribbon, you contribute to making our display beautiful. Every orchid helps. And you just may be surprised by getting a ribbon -- it happens often. If your orchid sits at home, it is sure it wins nothing! We are trying a new class this year for orchids with beautiful or unusual foliage but lacking flowers!

**GLOS ROSTER**

Notice to all GLOS members: The latest update to the GLOS Roster is now complete, and you should have received your copy by now. If you have not, please contact Dot Barnett for your PDF copy, or Doris Asher for a paper copy if you do not have email.

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 2015 GLOS BOARD MEETING - submitted by Diane Zoellner, Secretary

Our meeting began at 7:00 after a wonderful selection of sandwiches and pies at Doris Asher's lovely home. The eight members present were Jerrie Nichols, Carol Ann Stuht, Michael Henderson, Rob Halgren, Doris Asher, Dot Barnett, Diane Zoellner, and Marilyn Lee.

Jerrie Nichols was welcomed as our "new" past president. News of Jim Heilig's new location was shared. He is in temporary housing on the Pacific Ocean coast where he hears the waves at night. We wish him the best at his new endeavour.

Our treasurer's report was not given since Ioana was absent due to her mother's illness. We were saddened to learn that her mom died. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Ioana and her family.

Doris gave the membership report. There were 2 renewals, Tom Remington and Chris Bushell. We currently have 98 members in 85 households. Thank you for donations that partially offset the cost of the paper copies provided to the 24 households.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

January 16, 2016-- Doris will update the membership on the upcoming GLOS Orchid Show. Rescheduling Kristin Uthus for January 16, 2016, was discussed. The Grand Valley Orchid Show is the same weekend. Rob would bring her from the GVOS to the GLOS meeting for her presentation. If this doesn't work out, we would still have the round robin workshops on how to divide an overgrown orchid and then re-pot the resulting pieces. At least 3 members to lead these demonstrations will be needed. Dot, Jerrie, and perhaps Pete will be able to do the demonstrations. Rob and Marilyn have tarps to put on the floor under the tables. Rob has repotting supplies. Jerrie will pick them up, if needed. Plastic tablecloths will be purchased for the tables. Doris will contact the members who volunteered to bring refreshments to our cancelled November meeting: Mary Henman, Ioana, and Dottie Winter -- to see if they are able to bring refreshments to our January meeting.

March 19, 2016-- Ed Cott- catasetums--Doris cannot attend this meeting, and we need someone to open the church and transport the refreshment supplies.

May 21, 2016-- Election of officers for 2016-2017 Program: Peter T. Lin, Diamond Orchids, Southern CA-miniature cattleyas

July 23, 2016--picnic (Tentative)

September 17, 2016--Rick Lockwood- "What Do Orchids Eat" - Share with MOS

October 8, 2016--Special All-State meeting--Carlos Fighetti

November 19, 2016 --to be determined

AWAY SHOWS

The GLOS exhibits at the Michiana Show, October 24-25, and the Saginaw Valley Show, November 28-29, were both very successful. Thank you to those who helped donate the orchids, set up, and tear down for each show. These projects would not be possible without everyone's help.

The Grand Valley Show is January 16-17, 2016. Please be aware that January 16th is the same day as the GLOS meeting.

BUSINESS ITEMS

The annual donations to The Nature Conservancy (\$100) and the Michigan Nature Association (\$100) were approved.

Dot has been researching prospects for GLOS T-shirts and or polo shirts.

GLOS ORCHID SHOW

Doris Asher updated the board on the plans for the show.

Pete Ostlund has graciously accepted the task of organizing the GLOS exhibit. Thank you so much, Pete.

Doris has used books for sale at the show.

Publicity for the show--Dot created a beautiful postcard to advertise the show. The Capital Area Women's event calendar will have the show included. Doris requested that Lifestye Magazine list the show in the January and February issues. Mike Underwood will attend the Meridian Mall Farmers' Market on February 20 to publicize the show.

Doris has contacted the judges for the show; in early January she will invite people to clerk. Pete Ostlund has contacted the vendors and societies that have participated in the past. Rob and Doris will present at the Master Gardeners Club on February 2, 2016, to find more volunteers to help at the show. All the trophies have been sponsored for the show. Thank you to those who have sponsored a trophy. Marilyn Lee described an award she prepared for the winners of the orchids-in-use competition. Doris will present more information about the GLOS Show at the January meeting. Thank you so much to Doris for all of her dedicated work.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominating Committee- A Nominating Committee will be announced at the January meeting to choose members to fill board offices that will be open. The slate will be announced at the March meeting, and the election will be at the May meeting.

Awards Committee- Please think of suggestions for awardees. Names will be taken at the January meeting and presentations will be at the May meeting.

Announcements- Rob has taken on an additional position as University Outreach Liaison at MSU. He will be coordinating the State Science Olympiad for sixth to twelfth graders, a total of 2,000 children, volunteers, and coaches. Congratulations, Rob!

Our February 9, 2016, board meeting is scheduled at Ioana's house at 7 p.m.

The Grand Valley Orchid Society's 18th Annual Orchid Show held at Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park

orchid show

January 16-17, 2016

Photo by Mei Ling Clemens



Orchid Displays: Saturday 12-5 pm, Sunday 11am-5 pm / Orchid Sales: Saturday 9 am-5 pm, Sunday 11 am-5 pm

FREE EVENT



FREDERIK MEIJER
Gardens & Sculpture Park



Grand Valley Orchid Society
For more information visit us on
[Facebook.com/GrandValleyOrchidSociety](https://www.facebook.com/GrandValleyOrchidSociety)

MeijerGardens.org   
1-96 and East Beltline, Grand Rapids, MI

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE GLJC:

The Grand Valley Orchid Society Show will be January 16-17 this year -- the third Saturday of January. The Great Lakes Judging Center is moving its regular monthly judging from Matthaei Botanical Gardens to the Show site. Please do not bring orchids to be judged to Matthaei on January 16th. Instead, include them in your Society's display, where they will be seen and considered for AOS judging.

REPORT: GLOS AT SAGINAW VALLEY OS SHOW - submitted by Carol Ann Stuht

GLOS was present with 23 terrific plants at the new venue for the SVOS show, the Kochville VFW Hall in Saginaw. It is a nice location close to I-75 and access is easy. We set up a 25 square foot floor exhibit with a wide variety of orchids in many colors. The exhibit earned a first in its class and the trophy for best society exhibit. Dot Barnett's *Renanthera matutina* was awarded Best of Class, and Best of Show.

Thank you everyone that brought plants to Doris Asher's house for the exhibit (thanks Doris). Dot Barnett and Diane Zoellner dismantled the display down and returned the plants and staging to Lansing. Thank you ladies.

The awards are as follows:

GLOS		1st. /Best of Class (society exhibits)
Dot Barnett	Den. laevifolium	1st. /Best of Class
	Paph. lowii f. album	1st. /2nd first bloom seedling
	Paph. Wilhelmina's Stone	1st.
	Renanthera matutina	1st. /Best of Class/ Best of Show
	Sophronitus cernua	1st.
	Tuberolabium quisumbingii	1st.
Julie Bishop	Cym. Chen's Ruby 'Gold Tiger'	1st.
	Mas. Angel Tang (orange)	2nd.
	Paph. Memoria Joe Ozella	1st.
Marilyn Lee	Aliceara Tropic Lily 'Hilo Spaceship'	2nd.
	Bc. Mari's Glory 'H&R'	1st.
	Cattlianthe Chocolate Drop 'Kodama' AM/AOS	2nd.
	Cyrtocidium Midnight 'Ebony & Ivory'	1st.
	Den. Burana Strip	2nd.
	Den. Genting Royal	1st.
	(Phal. Sunshine Princess x New Cinderella)	1st.

Marilyn Lee also entered a humorous floral and arts and crafts exhibit (not for judging) with a Santa peeking from behind a screen. Thank you Marilyn.

Thanks again to everyone that helped with this show. It was a lot of fun to set up.



Congratulations to Bill Porter!

Paph. Magic Lantern 'O Theophilus' AM/AOS
Awarded at the SVOS Show with a natural spread of 9.5 cm x 9.5 cm, and 81 points.



Photos by Dot

DO YOU WANT A NEW T OR GOLF SHIRT WITH A GLOS LOGO?

The GLOS Board would like to know if our members would be interested in purchasing a T-shirt or a Golf shirt with the GLOS logo on it. A single T-shirt sells for \$19.99; a single Golf shirt is \$24.99. However, the vendor offers discounts for bulk purchases, and the price changes according to the number purchased.

The shirts would look something like this, although the color of the shirt may be changed:



GLOS 2016 ORCHID SHOW and SALE:

GETTING THE WORD OUT - submitted by Doris Asher, Vice President/Show Chair

The Society currently has 98 members. All 98 of us can help with publicizing our Orchid Show! Pete Ostlund has done a marvelous job lining up a large roster of orchid vendors, who provide the bulk of the funding of our Show with their fees for sales tables. It is essential that the Show get many visitors who may buy many orchids from our vendors. In addition to the excellent tv commercials that Pete Porciello obtains for us through the services of King Media, I urge all of you to do whatever you can to publicize our Show. So we do not duplicate each other's efforts, please let me know what you have done or are doing. I plan to announce the Show in the free community calendars in both The Lansing State Journal and also in The Towne Courier – the weekend before the Show and the weekend of the Show. If all 98 of us invite only five of our friends, neighbors and relatives, imagine how many visitors our Show might garner!

Thanks for helping.

PREPARING PLANTS FOR ORCHID SHOWS

1. Make sure that the plant is clean, and that you have removed unsightly dead leaves and bracts.
Clean dusty leaves with soft cloth or paper towels, dipped in soapy water. Squeeze until just moist.
Clean calcium deposits with: lemon juice, milk, or horticultural oil.
2. Be sure the pot is clean and the plant is stable in it.
3. Check plant for any sign of disease or insects. If you find insects, clean them out. Any sign of rot should also be removed and the area treated. If you think the plant is virused, don't submit it.
4. Staking is one of those tasks that should commence (but rarely does) early in the development of the flower spike. If staking is left too late the results can look rather peculiar, as flowers can be twisted out of position. To a large extent staking is now at the individual's discretion. The judges have the right to remove the stake if they so wish. As a general aesthetic comment, be sensible with your staking, and try to keep the stake shorter than the raceme of flowers it supports: this avoids the unsightly phenomenon of the 'tomato stake syndrome', a rich and varied forest of stakes, with the occasional flower.
By all means, use additional stakes and ties to help support your flowers and racemes while you transport them to the Show but remove the 'transport stakes' once you have the plant safely benched.
5. Plant labels should be clean and easy to read. If the plant is a hybrid and you know the parents, have the names on the tags. Be sure the tag is small enough to be hidden in the plant at set-up time.
6. Water your plants well the day before you bring them in because it will not be possible to thoroughly water them for the duration of the Show.
7. Label your box (es) with your name, and include a list of the plants you are sending to the show.



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SELLING ORCHIDS AT GLOS MEETINGS:

Perhaps a plant has outgrown its home, maybe you have a division to share, occasionally you may find a plant doesn't bloom for you or like your conditions, possibly you need to make room for something new, or you just no longer want a certain plant.

Whatever the reason, the Raffle and the Silent Auction Tables are great places to share your no-longer wanted orchids with fellow society members.

Please keep in mind, however, that shared plants should be healthy, free of diseases and insects, and be generally well-cared for. Just as you wouldn't want to take home a sick plant, neither should you expect others to accept one. Such plants are better off becoming a part of a compost pile than potentially passing on its ailment(s) to another's collection.

The Society does have a responsibility to not allow diseased or insect-infested plants to be distributed at our meetings.

However, we all take great pleasure in finding, growing and blooming treasures from the Raffle and Silent Auction Tables.

GLOS Advertising Policy

Commercial members may advertise their orchid businesses in the Calypso at no extra charge. Ads will appear as space is available and in the order they are received. Advertisers are responsible for preparing their ads. Standing Ads size should normally be 2" x 3" but exceptions may be made for special events. Submissions will be considered a one-time-only unless designated as standing ads. Please check the stated deadline for submission to any Calypso issue. Submissions may be made via email or regular mail.

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 2016 GLOS SHOW!

Please sign up to bring food for the workers at the 2016 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 26th 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 Jerrie Nichols or Leslie Behm at the January meeting, or send an email to, or call Jerrie (nicholsjerrie@gmail.com, 517-223-8965) or Leslie (behm@msu.edu, 517-668-1331). We will also have a sign-up sheet at the January meeting.

CALLING ALL GLOS MEMBERS:

When you are at the Show, please wear your Society name badge so that our visitors know you are someone whom they can ask for help.

