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CALYPSO DEADLINE:

August 20 for the September 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.

JULY 15th MEETING -- ANNUAL GLOS PICNIC

Our Annual Picnic will be held in Granger Meadows Park again this year. We have rented the first pavilion, closest to the road and "rest stations." Based on feedback from last year's picnic, our new location was a big success (except for the heat that day!), and our members seemed to appreciate the new methods for selling plants and other items. So we will be doing much the same agenda as last year:

12:00 p.m. -- Arrival time, set-up & socialize

12:30 - 1:30 -- flat rate sales

1:15 eat

1:30 program plan meeting, live auction

4:15 Clean-up

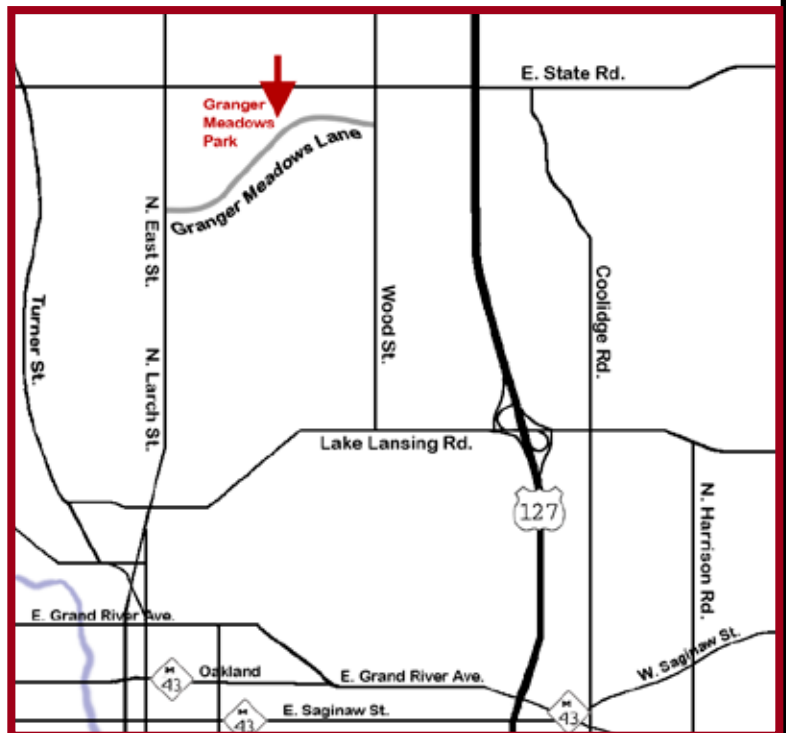
(see President's Message)

The society will provide:

- a variety of beverages & ice

You should bring:

- a dish to share and a serving utensil
- your own table service (plate, silver-ware, cup, etc.)
- lawn chairs and card table if desired
- bug spray (optional)
- orchid plants for the live auction, flat rate sales tables and plant show-off table
- perennial plants for the live auction
- other items for sale
- auction begins about 2 pm
- Guests are welcome.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -- Jerrie Nichols**IT IS PICNIC TIME!**

Just a reminder that the GLOS picnic is July 15, from 12-4:30pm, at Granger Meadows Park, in DeWitt. This is the same place we used last year. I hope the weather will be cooler than last year but since we have apparently moved to the tropics while none of us were paying attention, I would count on heat and humidity and plan accordingly.

We will have our usual plant sales and auction, and a program planning meeting to pick speaker topics for the upcoming year. This is a good time to come and talk about what activities can coax you to come to meetings. And a good time to talk about plant issues as well.

Let's talk time line. We meet at the park, rain or shine, heat or bugs at noon to set things up. Starting at 12:30, the flat-rate sales tables will be open for business and will continue till about 1:30. Please come before 12:30 if possible if you have items that you are donating for the various sales efforts so that we can get them separated into the proper group. Items to be put on flat-rate sales tables will be priced at \$2, \$5, and \$10. The person donating the items gets to determine the price. This is an excellent place to get rid of some of those dubious items you have been given over the years, or young seedlings, small plant divisions, weird pots, etc. And we will sell anything, even non-orchid items.

We will have a second group of items that will be sold at live auction. Our auctioneers are ready with newest jokes (well, maybe I lie a little bit) and strong arm tactics to shamelessly get us to part with our cash.

We start eating around 1:15pm or so. We will have our program planning meeting while people are eating. Once everyone has mostly finished eating, we will start the live auction.

This is typically our biggest fund raiser for the year so we really need you to come. It is a great time to get lots of orchids and garden plants and visit with your plant friends. And an opportunity to voice all your ideas about what activities you are interested in participating in during the upcoming year.

See you soon

MEMBERSHIP YEAR DRAWS TO A CLOSE -- submitted by Doris Asher, Membership Committee Chair

Since the Society's fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30 of each year, members for the 2011-2012 year who have not yet renewed their membership for 2012-2013 are now in arrears, and this July newsletter is the last one they will receive. Annual dues are \$8.00 for an individual plus an additional \$4.00 for each additional household member. For members who want to save significant money over time, the Society offers a life membership for a one-time payment of \$80.00. Twenty-eight people have already taken advantage of the life membership.

Please make checks payable to GLOS and send them to Treasurer Doris Asher, 277 N. Hagadorn Road, East Lansing MI 48823. Or, save a stamp and pay Doris in person when you come to the Picnic on July 15th!

So far, 61 households (72 individuals) have already paid their dues for the coming year; we need to hear from 37 households (47 individuals) who have not yet renewed. (These numbers accurate as of Wednesday, June 20th.)

(Members who have not yet paid for the coming year have their names highlighted in yellow on the mailing label on this issue. Such members need to pay at this time so they will not miss any issues of The Calypso.)

GLOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **July 15, 2012 - GLOS Annual Picnic** - DeWitt Granger Meadows Park, Pavilion #1
- August 4 - Raker's Field Trip
- August 13 - GLOS Board Meeting at Jim Heilig's
- August 18 - Porter's Orchids Annual Summer Open House and Sale
- **September 15, 2012 - General Meeting** - Speaker: Harry Akagi, H&R Orchids
- **November 17, 2012 - General Meeting** - Speaker: Rich Schlote, Mystic Orchids -- "Weird and Wonderful"
- **September 21, 2013 - General Meeting** - Speaker: John Stubbings, Clown Alley Orchids



MINUTES OF THE GLOS BOARD MEETING Jun 11, 2012 Submitted by Ioana Sonea

The meeting (held at Ioana Sonea's home) was called to order by Jerrie Nichols at 7:12pm.

Present: Doris Asher, Jim Heilig, Jim Leaman, Dot Barnett, Jerrie Nichols, Georgia Marvin, Pete Ostlund, Ioana Sonea. Absent: Alec Albert, Peter Porciello

Jerrie thanked the new board members for accepting their positions, and the outgoing members for their services to GLOS. Jim Leaman provided an update on show information to Pete Ostlund, including the following:

- All vendors were very happy with the outcome of the 2012 show: great advertising coverage, great attendance, good sales.
- Roberts Flower Supply should be charged for the space he occupies (2 tables) instead of 1 table.
- Owlyn should be charged a vendor fee, since they were selling lighting supplies at the Show.
- Oak Hills' new management has indicated they will come to the GLOS show in 2013
- Obtain more tables for next year's show; offer a smaller table (6') to Suphattra's Clay Flowers.
- It would be ideal to obtain more space for the sales and display area: MOS would like a 100 sq foot display.
- Most vendors paid their table fees 30 days ahead of the Show, as asked; a few paid at the Show.

Committee reports

Treasurer's report: expenses, income and the budget for the year-to-date were presented; the budget is balanced. I can insert the information from Doris' report here if it is not published elsewhere in the Calypso.

Membership report: GLOS has 119 members, representing 98 households; 71/119 have renewed for the 2012-2013 fiscal year (Dot will send a reminder to email recipients; Doris to the paper copy recipients). About ¾ of the members receive the Calypso electronically; the remainder generally send a donation to cover the cost (\$6/ year) of printing and mailing the hard copy.

Conservation: Marilyn Lee submitted a report, which will be presented in the Calypso.

New business

1. Goals for GLOS were discussed: members tend to be particularly interested in cultural information. We decided to introduce a new activity during general meetings, a brief discussion about the cultural requirements of selected orchids, in the context of showing the plants on the "show and tell" table. The type of orchid would reflect what was in bloom at the time, the presenters would vary.
2. Marilyn Lee will hold an open house on Sunday, June 24th, from 2:30-5pm. Ioana Sonea offered to hold an informal open house: the best date would be August 26th or any weekend in September.
3. Doris Asher is organizing a trip to Raker's Acres, in Litchfield, MI, on August 4th, rain or shine. Tentative departure time would be 8:15, arriving at Raker's Acres at 9:30am.
4. The annual picnic will be held at Granger Woods, on July 15th. Members should bring a dish to share. The format will be the same as last year:
 - Setup starting ~ 11:30am (park is rented noon-5pm).
 - Plant tag sales 12:30-1:30pm
 - Food (bring your own plate, glass and cutlery) starting at 1:30pm
 - Auction towards the end of lunch. Mike Underwood has confirmed he will serve as an auctioneer; either Rob Halgren or Lynn O'Shaughnessy will serve as the second auctioneer.
 - GLOS will provide ice and drinks as follows: Jerrie Nichols will bring diet coke and coke and large trash bags; Ioana Sonea will bring bottled water and ice; Georgia Marvin will bring 1 or 2L bottles of iced tea and lemonade; Jim Leaman will bring Mountain Dew or similar stuff; Dot Barnett will bring ice.
 - Doris Asher will bring some extra utensils and plates for those who forget to bring their own, as well as her card tables.
 - Dot will bring name tags, and Georgia will make sure people are aware of them.
5. Update on speakers for the upcoming months:
 - September 15th, 2012 - Harry Akagi from H&R
 - November 17th, 2012 - Dawn from Mystic Orchids (Cleveland/Akron area) will talk about "Weird and Wonderful Orchids" and bring some to sell.
 - January 19th, 2013 - TBA. Suggestions included David Bird from Birds Botanicals in Kansas City ("Growing orchids under lights"). Website: <http://www.birdsbotanicals.com/>
 - March 16th, 2013 - TBA. Suggestions included a meeting devoted to short workshops, with 3 different stations addressing re-potting, mounting and splitting orchids.
 - May 17th (a Friday) 2013: the topic for the Judging Center's Annual Judging Seminar that weekend is the Cattleya alliance. GLOS will seek to recruit a speaker from the Seminar to address the general meeting.
 - September 21st, 2013 John Stubbings from Clown Alley Orchids, Pasadena TX (speaker shared with Ann Arbor) will talk about "Oncidium Intergenerics"; sells Phalaenopsis and Oncidium intergenerics. Website: <http://www.clownalleyorchids.com/>
6. The next Board meeting will be held (tentatively) at Jim Heilig's home, on August 13th, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9pm.

→ Thanks to Doris Asher, Kris Garling, Sharon Johnson, and Marsha Trahey for the tasty treats at our May meeting. Jim Leaman, Julie Bishop, Pete Ostlund, Ioana Sonea have offered to bring refreshments to our September meeting.

MINUTES OF THE GLOS GENERAL MEETING -- May 18, 2012 -- Submitted by Ioana Sonea

May 18, 2012 general meeting called to order by Jerrie Nichols at 7pm.

31 members present (2 arrived after the vote); 5 guests present.

Refreshments were provided by Doris Asher, Kris Garling, Sharon Johnson and Marsha Trahey; the vendor was Porter's Orchids. Jim Leaman, Julie Bishop, Pete Ostlund and Ioana will provide refreshments at the September meeting.

Old business

Doris Asher reminded members that 2012-13 membership dues are due.

Minutes of the previous general meeting were approved (C. Forrester and C. Stuht)

**New business**

The chair of the nominating committee being absent, outgoing Vice President Jim Leaman volunteered to run the election. There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was presented to accept the slate of nominees (D. Barnett moved, seconded by C. Stuht). The slate of board members for 2012-13 was voted in by acclamation (32 members voting, 3 via e-mail): President, Jerrie Nichols; Vice President, Pete Ostlund; Secretary, Ioana Sonea; Treasurer, Doris Asher; Directors Jim Heilig and; Newsletter Editor, Dot Barnett. Georgia Marvin remains a Director for another year.

Awards (committee: Mary Dee Sist, Jerrie Nichols, Alec Albert) presented by GLOS:

Certificate of appreciation to Doris Asher for her extensive and greatly appreciated support of GLOS in so many activities.

Certificate of appreciation to Channel 10 TV for the assistance with show advertising.

Orchidist of the year: Bill Cadman, nominated for several reasons including his excellent work setting up the GLOS display and classes taught at Van Atta's.

Jean Maday brought a copy of the Smithsonian magazine which highlighted the Singapore World Orchid Conference (November 2011), and an excellent chart providing cultural guidelines (copies of the cultural guidelines will be distributed at the picnic in July).

Marilyn Lee will have an open house June 24th: please RSVP if you plan to attend.

Upcoming meetings:

July 15th: annual picnic. Same location as last year. There will be plants for sale as well as a plant auction.

September: Harry Akagi from H&R Orchids

November: Dawn from Mystic Orchids, Ohio. She will also be selling plants.

Lynn O'Shaughnessy reminded members that the topic of the Judging Center's Annual Judging Seminar on Saturday and Sunday is the "miscellaneous" category. Judging starts at 1pm at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens, with lectures to follow on Saturday and Sunday. All activities open to all without cost.

Marilyn Lee is collecting plants for a small display which she will set up at the upcoming Traverse City show: please bring plants to her home on the Wednesday before Memorial Day.

Marilyn Lee provided an update of the status of the conservation efforts, both in the Upper Peninsula, and in the Lansing area. Protective fence is needed at Fenner, and volunteers are always welcome.

Doris Asher is organizing a trip to Rakars in Litchfield, MI (testing site for perennials and annuals) on the first or second Saturday of August: more details to follow.

Anne McConnelee reminded members that the MSU Horticultural Gardens were holding their annual plant sales this weekend, as was the Mason Public Library.

Dave Miller, a member of the Greater Akron Orchid Society, and the speaker for the evening, presented the plants at the "Show and Tell" table, focusing on cultural requirements of the plants.

Dave Miller's presentation "Going on vacation without your orchids" was excellent, offering many useful tips for ensuring that an orchid collection could survive an absence of days or weeks.

The silent auction and raffle tables were well supplied with plants, with generous contributions from Carol Stuht and others. The meeting concluded at 9pm approximately.



AOS CORNER



This month I thought I would give a sampling of some of the information one can obtain from the AOS website. More in depth information is available to AOS members by logging into the web page with your own name and password. Below, however, is an excerpt from the monthly checklist section – probably one of the more widely visited areas of the website.

Cattleya - Cattleyas this month require careful attention to their watering and fertilizing needs owing to characteristically high temperatures. Evaporative cooling is a must in areas of the country where it is effective. Where it is not (the more humid regions), care needs to be paid to proper venting to keep temperatures within reason. Bottom vents in conjunction with top vents provide enough rising airflow to help keep plants cool. Increased air flow lessens humidity and dries plants out more quickly, necessitating more frequent damping down and watering, in areas where high humidity is not a problem. Higher light and heat indicate more fertilizer. The growths your plants are making now are the source of this autumn, winter and spring's blooms, so applying adequate fertilizer this month is the best way to ensure future blooms. Higher temperatures and humidity may also lead to fungal or bacterial rot problems, so it is important to closely observe your plants for any early indication of problems. Pests are also at a high point this month for the same reason.

Paphiopedilum - Cooling and air circulation are especially critical in these two months to prevent stress and avoid disease problems. Watering needs to be closely monitored to ensure that plants do not dry out. Warmer-growing hybrids will be at the peak of their blooming, with attention needing to be paid to staking of spikes. Look for water lodging in growths, which can rot emerging spikes and lead to the loss of the entire growth.

Cymbidium - Summer can be the most rewarding season for cymbidiums. Growths should be coming strong now. The leaves of the new growths are best when they are broad and fairly stiff. The color should be a light green to nearly yellow. Early flowering varieties should be showing flower spikes, so move the plants into a cooler area with lower light. For mid-season varieties, lower the dosage of nitrogen to assist in spike initiation.

-- Taken from the American Orchid Society Website – All About Orchids – Monthly Checklist – July and August

There are also a number of videos and articles that are available to the public and many more to the AOS Members.

Lynn Fuller, Chair

AOS Affiliated Societies Committee



ORCHIDS IN CYBERSPACE

In case you missed it on the news:

http://www.woodtv.com/dpp/your_money/business_news/German-orchid-company-to-open-Kalamazoo-facilities

http://www.mlive.com/business/west-michigan/index.ssf/2012/03/officials_say_orchid-breeding.html

http://www.mlive.com/business/west-michigan/index.ssf/2012/03/german_firm_to_build_facilitie.html

Lots of general orchid information here:

<http://www.orchids-plus-more.com/index.html>

From National Geographic:

<http://newswatch.nationalgeographic.com/2012/01/25/deceptive-beauties---the-world-of-wild-orchids/>

Video of Jerry Fischer (Orchids Limited) showing off and discussing his awarded Phrag. kovachii:

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2012/01/30/new-rare-orchid-brought-to-st-paul-winter-carnival/>

About potting mixes:

<http://www.abc.net.au/local/photos/2012/04/05/3471891.htm?site=gippsland>

Wild orchids in Ohio:

http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/home_and_garden/2012/06/17/1-exotic-orchids-can-be-found-in-wilds-of-ohio.html

Orchids are delightful (We knew that!)

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/southland-times/life-style/6973600/Indoor-orchids-delightful>

About the Calypso orchid:

<http://www.summitdaily.com/article/20120603/NEWS/120609963/1078&ParentProfile=1055>

An easy-to-grow orchid, and fragrant, too:

http://www.tulsaworld.com/scene/article.aspx?subjectid=41&articleid=20120317_41_D2_CUTLIN585945

Ball State has the largest collection of orchids of any US university, and they are building a new greenhouse for their collection:

<http://www.thestarpress.com/article/20120623/NEWS01/306230013/New-orchid-greenhouse-nears-construction>

Orchids are vital to the Forest Ecosystem:

<http://www.deccanherald.com/content/225017/orchids-vital-forest-ecosystem.html>

ORCHIDIST OF THE YEAR



The Greater Lansing Orchid Society is proud to announce the selection of Bill Cadman as "Orchidist of the Year" for 2012. Bill was chosen in recognition of his many hours of volunteer work for our Society. One of his primary jobs has been to set up Society orchid displays at our show, as well as represent us at other shows in the region. Putting together a Society orchid display takes a lot of time, as well as skill. Bill has won a number of first place ribbons for his orchid displays and also a number of AOS Show Trophies-- a testament to his design skill. While this is wonderful in itself, what is more important to the Society as a whole is that Bill works very hard to include everyone's plants, whether that plant is just an ordinary first bloom seedling belonging to a new club member or a spectacular specimen plant from one of our long-term members. This makes our Society displays truly a society effort. Bill does not prejudge plants just "to get an award". His record shows that you can win AOS show trophies by using plants of many different qualities. In addition to his display work, this past year Bill found the time to spend many hours helping at our February show, plus taught one of our educational classes at Van Atta's Nursery. Thank you Bill, for all that you have done for us.

GLOS DISPLAY IN ANN ARBOR

This photo didn't make it into the last issue with the Ann Arbor report.



Photos courtesy of Carol Ann Stuht

2012 CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

The Greater Lansing Orchid Society would like to honor Doris Asher with this Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of all of her time and support she gives to our society. The list of things that Doris does for us is endless. She stores all our show supplies, all our hospitality supplies, sets up the general meeting room, works on the membership committee, helps distribute the newsletter, is our treasurer, our archivist, opens her house to Board meetings as well as places to gather plants before various shows, donates money for various society events, is a critical component responsible for the success of our show. We can never thank Doris enough for all the help she so freely gives. In this time when so many societies have declined or failed, it is the dedication of people like Doris that keeps GLOS an active and vibrant group.



REPORT: GLOS DISPLAY AT THE TRAVERSE CITY SHOW - submitted by Marilyn Lee

GLOS was represented at the last orchid show of the season, May 26, 2012 in Traverse City, MI. Thanks to Dot Barnett, Ioana Sonea, Peter Ostlund, Bill Cadman and yours truly for contributing twelve bright, quality plants for an exhibit, designed and taken down by M. Lee.

The 25 sq. foot display won the trophy for its size and the AOS Show Trophy. The focal point was Ioana's many flowered orange Epidendrum (Epi. Secret Valley x Orange Sugar) (Honorable Mention) which led your eye to Dot's beautifully grown Psychopsis Kalihi (Blue Ribbon, Trophy for its class, Best in Show and AOS award.) Dot also contributed a many flowered Rodrumnia Orchidon Valentine (Blue).

The Cattleya alliance was represented by four plants, C. intermedia f. orlata (Peter Ostlund, Blue), C. intermedia f. alba (Bill Cadman, Red,) a Hawkinsara (M. Lee, Blue) and fragrant Brassocattleya Beautiful Morning (M. Lee, Blue & Trophy). A Paph., Masdevallia, and Doritaenopsis added variety to the display. A picture of the exhibit was sent to each of the contributing members.

Congratulations, Marilyn!



Photo courtesy of Marilyn Lee



Psychopsis Kalihi 'Wacousta' AM/AOS 81 (krameriana x papilio)
Exhibitor: Dot Potter Barnett
Date: May 26, 2012
Location: Northwestern Michigan Orchid Society Traverse City, Michigan



Photographer: Katie Payeur

Trichopilia marginata 'Royston on the Edge' CCM/AOS 84
Exhibitor: Porter's Orchids
Date: April 21, 2012
Location: Ann Arbor Orchid Society Orchid Festival Ann Arbor, Michigan

Congratulations!

Photographer: Katie Payeur



Paphiopedilum Lebaudianum '???' HCC/AOS 76 (haynaldianum x philippinense)
Exhibitor: Jim Heilig
Date: June 16, 2012
Location: Great Lakes Judging Center Ann Arbor, Michigan

GLOS YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL REPORT

Covering Period from 7-01/2011 – 06/03/2012, submitted by Doris Asher

Balance on hand June 3, 2012			\$13,347.01
		Checking	\$2,330.00
		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 I	(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
INCOME			\$8,429.72
Show – 2012			5,874.36
	Table Fees	4,515.00	
	Donations – Trophy Sponsorships	425.00	
	Sale of Books	406.00	
	Donations – Food	295.00	
	Donations from the Public	133.36	
	Donation -- Judges' Thank You Certificates	100.00	
Meetings			900.05
	September 2011 (C Ossian)	299.05	
	November 2011 (R Halgren)	147.00	
	January 2012 (L O'Shaughnessy)	109.00	
	February 2012 (H Koopowitz)	140.00	
	March 2012 (J Heilig)	76.00	
	May 2012 (D Miller)	129.00	
Picnic Fundraising			833.00
	Auction	594.00	
	Sticker Sales	239.00	
Dues*			512.00
	New (8)	56.00	
	Renewals (59)	456.00	
Donations			291.42
Interest			18.89
	CD 9 cashed 10/29/2011	4.74	
	CD 5 cashed 8/30/2011	3.94	
	CD 4 cashed 8/30/2011	3.91	
	CD 3 cashed 8/30/2011	2.52	
	CD 2 cashed 7/31/2011	2.18	
	CD 0 cashed 7/31/2011	1.60	
*Membership: as of June 3, 2012, 119 members (98 addresses) (90 members (75.6%) receive their newsletter via email)			
EXPENSES			\$8,402.51
Show – 2012			5,125.07
	Publicity – TV, etc	1,500.00	
	Food	882.37	
	Rent MSU Facility	850.00	
	Trophies	455.95	
	Rent Tables	421.55	
	Ribbons	223.50	
	Copying, Signs, Supplies, etc.	117.16	
	Student Workers	115.00	
	AOS Judging	110.00	
	Judges' Thank You Certificates	100.00	
	Society Exhibit	98.00	
	Books to Sell	96.54	
	Publicity – Bookmarks	95.00	
	Registration Tags (Mid-America)	60.00	

GLOS MEMBERS SERVE THE GREAT LAKES JUDGING CENTER



The Great Lakes Judging Center held its semiannual business meeting Saturday, June 16th, at its usual meeting site at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Garden in Ann Arbor.

Lynn O'Shaughnessy was elected to continue serving as the Center's Vice Chair for 2013 – Joe Peterson from the Michigan Orchid Society will continue as Center Chair.

Although the other officers are not elected but appointed, it is likely that Doris Asher will continue as Treasurer; Lynn does double duty serving, too, as the Training Coordinator for the Center. Other GLOS members who are judges include: Alex Challis, Greg Filter, Rob Halgren, Jim Heilig, Marilyn Lee, and Bill Porter.

One interesting decision during the meeting was to move the site of the February 16, 2013, judging from Matthaei to the Cleveland Botanical Gardens, which is hosting "Orchidmania" that weekend. The members of the Greater Cleveland Orchid Society are anxious to participate – with AOS judging – in this important orchid weekend. Persons wanting to have an orchid evaluated and not wanting to take it to Cleveland can have it judged at the GLOS Show taking place the following weekend in East Lansing.

NEWS FROM THE MID-AMERICA ORCHID CONGRESS -- Submitted by Doris Asher

ENTER TO WIN

Write an essay on "Why _____ Is My Favorite Orchid Genus" – you fill in the blank -- and win up to \$100.00! If you prefer to write about your favorite orchid or species within a genus, that will be fine, too. The essay should be no more than 500 words in length and submitted no later than October 1st to Doris Asher, Chair, Mid-America Communications Committee (asherdoris@juno.com) – winners will be announced at the Congress' Sunday Business Meeting in Independence, MO, October 28, 2012. You do not need to be present to win. First prize wins \$100.00; second, \$50; third, \$25. All three prize-winning essays will appear in future issues of The Mid-American.

GLOS YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL REPORT - continued

Meetings			1,549.20	
	September 2011 (C Ossian)	669.35		
	November 2011 (A Challis)	39.50		
	February 2012 (H Koopowitz)	473.96		
	March 2012 (J Heilig)	36.39		
	May 2012 (D Miller)	330.00		
Administrative			969.12	
	Rent – Presbyterian Church of Okemos	300.00		
	Insurance	217.00		
	Copying – Culture Sheets, Miscellaneous	104.15		
	Membership	100.29		
	Dues – Mid-America Orchid Congress	58.00		
	Rent – Picnic Pavilion	43.00		
	Web Site	39.00		
	Postage	30.56		
	Orchidist of the Year Award	30.00		
	Supplies – Culture Sheets	27.12		
	File Michigan Nonprofit Report	20.00		
Contributions			350.00	
	Great Lakes Judging Center	150.00		
	Michigan Nature Association	100.00		
	The Nature Conservancy	100.00		
Calypso			181.53	
Exhibiting in Other Shows (Van Rental and Travel Expenses)			200.00	
Fundraising – Silent Auction			16.00	
Show – 2013 (Card Stock – Registration)			11.59	
NET INCOME				\$27.21

GLOS TAKES A ROAD TRIP -- submitted by Doris Asher

On Saturday, August 4th, come with us to tour the trial gardens at C. Raker & Sons, Inc. in Litchfield, MI.

We will carpool to our self-guided tour arriving at the Trial Gardens at 9:30 a.m. For vehicles leaving the East Lansing area, estimated driving time is one hour fifteen minutes. Please contact me if you would like to go and would like a ride and also to offer to drive: how many passengers can you take? I will coordinate vehicles and passengers.

Rakers will supply water and snacks; they have a large covered pavilion where we can enjoy our own picnic lunch should that be our wish.

According to their website (<http://trialgardens.raker.com/home>), the Raker Trial Gardens are the Midwest destination for a complete floricultural exhibit and comparison trial experience. The Gardens were created to serve as an industry information resource. With a focus on education, they create and maintain over five acres of colorful floral displays that offer visitors a unique learning opportunity. We can expect to see color options for shade, annual row comparison trials, breeder beds, 14" hanging basket trial, new variety hanging baskets, new variety steppes (265 patio pots), and the All-America Selections (AAS) Trial Ground and Display Gardens.

Rakers is located at 10371 Rainey Road, Litchfield, MI 49252. Normally open Monday through Friday, they are opening on Saturday, August 4th, specifically to accommodate us.

Join us!

**GLOS CONSERVATION REPORT** -- 5-18-12 -- submitted by Marilyn Lee, Chair, Conservation Committee

Brief follow-up of the *Cypripediums* that were moved from "harm's way" along a stretch of I-75 above the Bridge in Chippewa County in the U. P. Spring 2007.

The recipient of the largest numbers moved was the Michigan Conservancy, who preferred to place the rescued plants on their property which had similar characteristics to where the plants were growing. The area is not open to the public.

The plants in the Harbor Springs area have flowered every year; this year *Cypripedium parviflorum* is still in bloom. I will hear in a few weeks about *Cypripedium reginae*. A few Cyps. were placed in three public gardens close to Lansing where I have monitored them. *Cypripedium parviflorum* is in bloom in Fenner Arboretum currently. *Cypripedium reginae* is just showing growth at Harris Nature Center and also in Scott Sunken Garden in Lansing. *Cypripedium reginae* blooms much later than *Cypripedium parviflorum* in the U. P. as well as in the Lower Peninsula.

New signage is being developed at Harris Nature Center for all of the wildflowers.

I would like to use any monies GLOS has for conservation to build proper "fencing", i.e., some type of protective barrier for the Cyps. at Fenner.



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More detailed information (maps, guest grower/speaker list, etc.) can be found on the festival website at

<http://www.chicagolandorchidfest.com/>

As an extra incentive for you to join us, the Chicagoland Orchid Growers have agreed once again to partially subsidize a society bus trip (minimum 30 people traveling in one vehicle!) to the festival. We will compensate the society (with dollars, plants or both) in the amount of \$300.00 per bus.

Call Prayool Inboriboon at Natt's Orchids (630) 904-0947 or Gene Hausermann at Orchids by Hausermann (630) 543-6855 to work out the details before you make your bus/van trip arrangements. We hope that you and a few of your friends can join us!

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