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## CALYPSO DEADLINE:

December 30 for the Jan issue

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

## NOVEMBER 19th 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

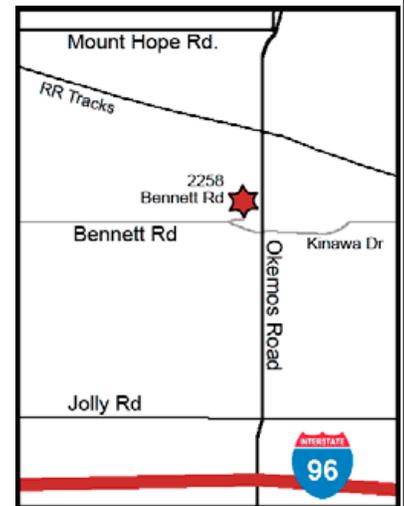
Our speaker this month is Ernie Gemeinhart from EnLightened Orchids: "Orchid Growing Under Lights"

### Biography:

Ernie, born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, has dual Bachelor of Science degrees in Marine Biology and Aquaculture from the Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, FL. He spent three years of graduate study at the George Washington University and National Museum of Natural History in Washington, DC investigating the physiology, evolutionary biology, and taxonomy of freshwater, South American catfishes in the genus *Corydoras*. After a nine year stint as a lab manager and technician at the University of Illinois at Chicago's Biomedical Polymer Science Laboratory, he now works as a laboratory manager and safety officer for the NanoScience Technology Center and Advanced Materials Processing and Analysis Center at the University of Central Florida. Ernie is an accredited AOS judge at the Florida North Central Judging Center, Orlando.

We have been growing orchids since 1997. Plants were grown under fluorescent lights until the summer of 2010 when we relocated to sunny Orlando, Florida. The orchids now grow on a protected porch and throughout the yard. We grow primarily *Paphiopedilums*, *Phragmipediums*, Moth orchids (*Phalaenopsis*/*Doritis*/*Doritaenopsis* etc), new world *Zygopetalinae* (*Cochleanthes* and relatives), and mini and compact Corsage orchids (*Cattleya* alliance). In his spare time, aside from maintaining orchids in a lush subtropical environment, Ernie likes to spend time with his wife, son, and cats; bodyboard; brew beer; keep tropical fish; play volleyball and roller hockey; and SCUBA dive.

**Growing Orchids The EnLightened Way:** Gardening Under Fluorescent Lights - A very thorough treatment of growing conditions and considerations is covered. Different types of lighting systems will be introduced with a discussion of advantages and disadvantages of each with particularly detailed coverage of fluorescent lighting. We will show the details of our hobby growing space and give several tips any grower can apply their growing area.



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE --** Jerrie Nichols

I regularly get newsletters from many other orchid societies. Doris kindly forwards them on to me. First, our newsletter is still above and beyond the best I have seen, thanks to Dot's tireless efforts. But it is always interesting to see the similarities in orchid activities around the country. All these newsletters have write-ups about plant shows, auctions to raise money, requests for ideas as to who to invite as speaker, asking for volunteers, thanking volunteers, and always pictures of beautiful or bizarre orchids the club members are growing.

I am amazed at the variety of orchids being grown in homes all over the country. You would think based on what you see at the box stores, that everyone only wants blue or purple Phals. The orchid world is still alive and well. Keep growing and sharing pictures of your plants. Hope to see some of your treasures on the display table at our upcoming meeting.

Speaking of sharing your orchid successes, now that fall is here, the orchid show season is getting underway. GLOS exhibits at 2 shows in November, Michiana Orchid Society in South Bend Indiana (November 12-13), and the Saginaw Valley Orchid Show at Midland (Thanksgiving weekend). I hope you can take the time to go to one of these shows. There are so many different species and hybrids in bloom this time of year as compared to what we see at our show, or the other spring shows. Orchids are endlessly fascinating and yes I am hopelessly addicted.

*Upcoming Michiana Show*

*GLOS is setting up a small exhibit at Michiana November 12th. We will be gathering plants at Bill Cadman's house on November 9. Dot, Georgia, Bill, and I will be working on the display and Rob Halgren has graciously volunteered to take the baskets down to Michiana. If you are interested in sending a small treasure please bring it to Bill's house between 6 and 8pm on Wednesday, or contact me if you need to make other arrangements.*

Thanks!  
Jerrie

**GLOS ROSTER:**

Treasurer Doris Asher will bring copies of the current GLOS Membership Roster to the November 19th Society meeting. If you cannot deal with the email version of the Roster, ask Doris for a paper copy when you come to our November meeting.

**GLOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- November 12-13 - Michiana Orchid Society Show, Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, IN\*
- November 26-27 - Saginaw Valley OS Show, Midland, MI \*\*
- **November 19 - General Meeting** - Ernie from Enlightened Orchids is our speaker. Topic: "Orchid Growing Under Lights"
- December 12 - GLOS Board Meeting at Ioana's house.
- **January 21, 2012 - General Meeting** - Lynn O'Shaughnessy, Topic: "Getting your orchid ready for showing"
- **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 19, 2012 - General Meeting** - Speaker: Rob Halgren -- Paph topic
- **September 15, 2012 - General Meeting** - Speaker: Harry Akagi, H&R Orchids

\* Jerrie, Dot & Georgia are doing a basket display for Michiana. Please bring plants to Bill Cadman's home Wednesday evening, Nov. 10th between 6 and 9 pm, or call Bill to make other arrangements.

\*\* Bill Cadman and Jim Leaman are coordinating the Midland show display. Please bring plants to Bill's home Wednesday evening, Nov. 23d between 6 - 9 pm, or call Bill to make other arrangements.

**MINUTES OF THE GLOS BOARD MEETING October 10, 2011** -- Submitted by Ioana Sonea

Meeting held at Ioana Sonea & Chris Brown's home. Present: Alec Albert, Doris Asher, Dot Barnett, Jim Leaman, Georgia Marvin, Jerrie Nichols, Peter Porciello, Ioana Sonea. Also present: Brent Marvin (member of audit committee).

Meeting called to order by Jerrie Nichols at 7:34pm

**Old business**

- Minutes of September meeting approved as moved by Jim Leaman, seconded by Dot Barnett. Board unanimously in favor.
- Treasurer's report (Doris Asher):
  - Main source of income for current period was dues (\$104), with the September meeting silent auction and raffle bringing in \$78.
  - The 2 major expenses for current period were GLOS' share of airfare for Dr. Clair Ossian's visit (\$448.30) and the annual donations to the Great Lakes Judging Center, Michigan Nature Association and Nature Conservancy (\$350).
  - Two CDs were cashed and new ones bought. Due to low interest rates, the duration of new CDs will be extended to improve the rate obtained.
  - Current reserves are: 9 CDs (\$11,003.33) and \$1967.64 in checking account.
  - Year to date income: \$1413; year to date expenses: \$1757.
- Finance committee report: Doris Asher presented the proposed budget, based on previous year, which is still tentative due to the unknown cost of Harry Koopowitz's visit. The cost of the visit will be shared by 3 societies and the Great Lakes Judging Center. Pete Porciello seconded Doris Asher's proposal, Board voted unanimously in favor.
- Orchid conservation.
  - AOS orchid conservation group would be interested in working with GLOS: ideas sought.
  - GLOS conservation efforts long driven by Marilyn Lee & Bill Cadman, who would greatly appreciate any help from interested members.
  - Mid-America Orchid Congress is soliciting orchid conservation grant proposals for up to \$400.
  - Pete Porciello reported that Tom Nelson was not issued a permit to photograph the prairie fringed orchid in MI this year due to decline in flowering spikes: it is hoped that the decline is temporary.
  - Pete Porciello reported that a proposal to build a wetland park near the industrial park in Williamston is underway. If this goes through, this will provide an occasion to reintroduce native orchids to the site. Pete will keep GLOS posted.
- Membership: Doris Asher welcomed Ellen Enjata back to GLOS after a long absence. A concerted effort by Doris and Dot Barnett to reach lapsed members by post and internet led to 13 more people renewing their membership (10 total memberships). Jerrie Nichols thanked Doris and Dot for their successful effort.
 

Twenty-seven households still receive the paper version of Calypso at a cost of ~\$6/year/household. To reduce paper use and keep costs low, members are encouraged to request the electronic version if possible.
- Audit committee. Jim Leaman stated the audit is ongoing, and a report will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

**New business**

- Meeting calendar is now been set until November 2012 according to Jerrie Nichols. Thanks to the participation of GLOS presenting members, costs to GLOS will be reduced, which will compensate for the high cost of outside speakers.
  - Nov 19, 2011. Ernie from Enlightened Orchids "Orchid growing under lights"
  - Jan 21, 2012. Lynn O'Shaughnessy "Preparing orchids for show".
  - Feb 18, 2012. Special meeting. Harold Koopowitz. "Paphs"
  - Mar 17, 2012. Jim Heilig "Angraecoids".
  - May 18, 2012. Please note this is a Friday. Rob Halgren. Paphs
  - Sept 15, 2012. Harry Akagi from H&R Orchids.
  - Nov 17, 2012. TBD

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→ Thanks to Pete O, Julie, Jim and Andrea for the tasty treats at our September meeting. Carol Stuht, Dottie Winter, Ioana Sonea and Phyllis Markiewicz have volunteered to bring refreshments to the November meeting.

**MINUTES OF GENERAL GLOS MEETING** Sept 19, 2011 -- submitted by Ioana Sonea

Meeting called to order by Jerrie Nichols at 7:00pm. At least 37 attendees were present, including 2 guests. The vendors were Rob Halgren and Alex Challis.

## 1. Member announcements:

- Rob Halgren stated that due to the closure of his greenhouse, he was offering many tropical plants including orchids, very inexpensively/free. Interested members should contact him.
- Refreshments at the next general meeting will be provided by Carol Stuhlt, Dottie Winter, Ioana Sonea and Phyllis Markiewicz.
- Lynn O'Shaughnessy stated that 3 excellent plants were presented for judging today; no awards were granted.
- Marilyn Lee offered members earlier issues of Orchids (official journal of the AOS). She will be representing GLOS at the Annual AOS meeting in October.



## 2. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved (moved by Doris Asher, seconded by Jim Leaman)

## 3. GLOS show update.

- Jim Leaman stated letters would be sent to merchants and societies in the next 60 days. The only significant change from last year is that a statement to the effect that the table fee is non-refundable would be added.
- Dot Barnett showed the 2 bookmark designs to be used this year. The best local price Dot could find was at Kinko's, but Alex Challis suggested a printer in Detroit who could provide them at a much better price, and will send her the contact details.

## 4. Other shows:

- Carpooling to Chicagoland was offered by Marilyn Lee
- Three Rivers Orchid society show Nov 6<sup>th</sup>: Marilyn Lee will drive up on Friday 5<sup>th</sup>, return on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>, and offers a ride to any interested members.
- Dot Barnett and Jerrie Nichols will put together a basket display for Michiana (Nov 12-13): bring plants for showing to them.
- Bill Cadman and Jim Leaman will be representing GLOS at the Midland show on Thanksgiving weekend.
- Dea Bishop announced the Dunes-Kalamazoo society will hold an orchid sale October 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the Kalamazoo Valley Community College, with plants from the Orchid Zone, Natt's, and Henry Nast. All are invited.

## 5. Topics for the next general meetings were reviewed by Jerrie Nichols:

- November 19: Ernie from Enlightened Orchids will present "Orchid growing under lights"
- January 21, 2012: Lynn O'Shaughnessy will present "Getting your orchid ready for showing"
- February 18, 2012. Special meeting. Lecturer: Harold Koopowitz
- March 17, 2012: Jim Heilig will talk about Angraecoids

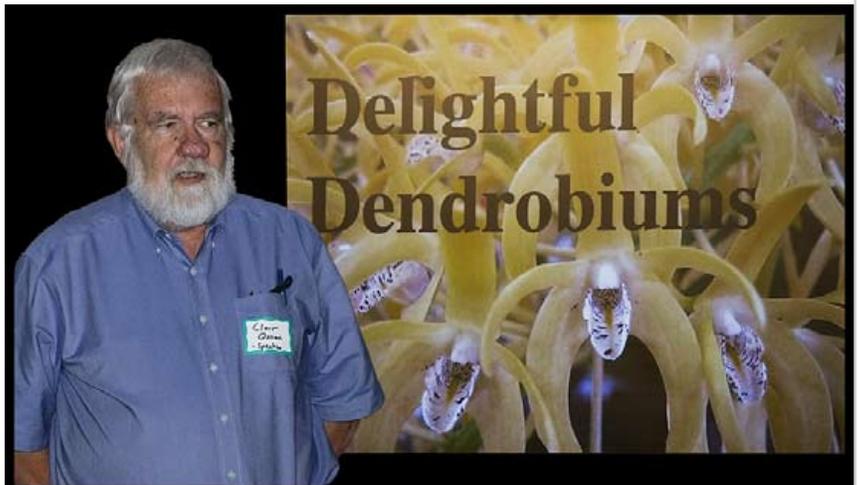
## 6. Plants brought in for viewing were presented by Lynn O'Shaughnessy.

7. The speaker for the evening, Dr. Clair Ossian was introduced by Jerrie Nichols at 7:38pm. He presented an outstanding talk on "Delightful Dendrobiums" which was much appreciated by those present. Dr. Ossian invited anybody with questions about specific dendrobiums and their culture to contact him via e-mail:

Dr. Clair Ossian <clastic@verizon.net>

8. A brief break at 8:36pm was followed by the Silent Auction and the raffle.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11pm.



**NEW BUSINESS** -- continued from p. 3

- GLOS show (Jim Leaman reporting).
  - 3 vendors (Natt's Orchids, Sam Tsui [Orchid Inn] and Little Frog Farms) have already confirmed their participation. As discussed in prior meetings, judges will receive \$5 certificates (compliments of Lynn O'Shaughnessy), and the winning commercial displays will receive a gift certificate, in the hope of encouraging larger and better displays.
  - Brent & Georgia Marvin volunteered to clean up after the show; more volunteers are needed: with help, it's a 2 hour job.
  - Alec Albert will try to recruit some people to set up on Thursday evening @\$10/hr., for ~ 2hrs work. The same people could help at the end of the show with heavy items.
  - Club invitations will be sent in November
  - The room is reserved
  - Suggestions for increasing the amount donated by the public included
    - Posting a "A donation of \$... is suggested" sign
    - Relocating or increasing the visibility of the donation jars
    - Ensuring that people at the information table point out the donation jars or request donations
    - The possibility of charging an admission fee will be discussed with MSU
  - Advertising:
    - No billboard this year: most effective advertising is through community calendars and newspapers, as well as the web.
    - Bookmarks will be printed by Red Door Digital (5000 ordered, delivered to Dot Barnett), the cost to be split between the show and regular budgets, since the bookmarks also advertise GLOS meetings. Bookmarks should be distributed by GLOS members as needed.
    - No flyers will be posted.
- GLOS needs to find a new web host: Dot Barnett is currently researching possibilities.
- Other shows:
  - Midwest Orchid show: Dot Barnett and Jerrie Nichols will prepare basket displays on Thursday, Nov 10th, assisted by Georgia Marvin. Rob Halgren will transport to and from show. Plants will be gathered by Wednesday Nov 9<sup>th</sup> at a central location, to be determined (Dot Barnett's or Bill Cadman's homes suggested).
  - Saginaw Valley Orchid society show (Midland) on Thanksgiving weekend: Bill Cadman will transport plants for GLOS exhibit. A van rental has been approved, to allow for a larger display.
- Orchid Digest: the Board decided against purchasing a membership, thus losing affiliation with the society. If a GLOS member was interested in sponsoring a GLOS membership, that person would receive the 4 issues/year of the Orchid Digest, while entitling GLOS to purchase the Diamond Award of Excellence. Pete Porciello proposed announcing this in the Calypso, Jim Leaman seconding: Board voted unanimously in favor.
- Doris Asher will host the next Board meeting (Dec. 12th).

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm, as moved by Jerrie Nichols, seconded by Dot Barnett.

*Note added from Jerrie via email to Board:*

"We talked about how GLOS is holding 5 orchid classes at Van Attas next spring. These 5 classes will be on Sunday. In addition, Marilyn Lee will be teaching a basic orchid class on March 4th, as part of Van Attas' Saturday general education series."

*Note added from Doris via email to Board:*

"A follow up from Monday night's Board meeting: the Great Lakes Judging Center is willing to pay an equal amount of Harold Koopowitz's travel expenses."

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

**GREATER LANSING ORCHID SOCIETY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Covering Period from 08/05/2011 – 10/06/2011, submitted by Doris Asher

Balance on hand August 4, 2011			\$13,597.84
	Checking	\$2,595.94	
	Saving	5.00	
	Subtotal CD's	10,996.90	
CD 4 (matures 08/28/2011) 1.75%			\$1,395.40
CD3 (matures 08/30/2011) 1.15%			\$1,336.77
CD5 (matures 10/03/2011) 1.15%			\$1,336.51
CD9 (matures 10/29/2011) 1.1%			\$1,316.45
CD 8 (matures 06/25/2012) 0.896%			\$1,302.18
CD6 (matures 7/30/2012) 1.05%			\$1,222.41
CD 7 (matures 08/28/2012) 0.896%			\$1,087.18
CD1 (matures 7/31/2015) 1.90%			\$1,000.00
CDA (matures 7/31/2016) 2.30%			\$1,000.00
Subtotal CD's			\$10,996.900
<b>INCOME</b>			\$417.48
September 2011 Meeting (C Ossian)	299.05		
Airfare (Michigan Orchid Society share)		221.05	
Raffle		54.00	
Silent Auction		24.00	
Dues	104.00		
New (1) Ellen Enjada		8.00	
Renewals (14)		96.00	
Donation – Offset Cost of Paper Newsletter --JN	8.00		
Interest	6.43		
CD 4 cashed 8/30/2011		3.91	
CD 3 cashed 8/30/2011		2.52	
<b>EXPENSES</b>			\$1,039.35
September 2011 Meeting (C Ossian)	669.35		
Airfare		442.10	
Speaker Fee		200.00	
Dinner		25.25	
Airport Parking		2.00	
Contributions	350.00		
Great Lakes Judging Center		150.00	
Michigan Nature Association		100.00	
The Nature Conservancy		100.00	
Administrative Expense – File Michigan Nonprofit Report	20.00		
		<b>NET EXPENSE</b>	\$621.87
Balance on hand September 30, 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

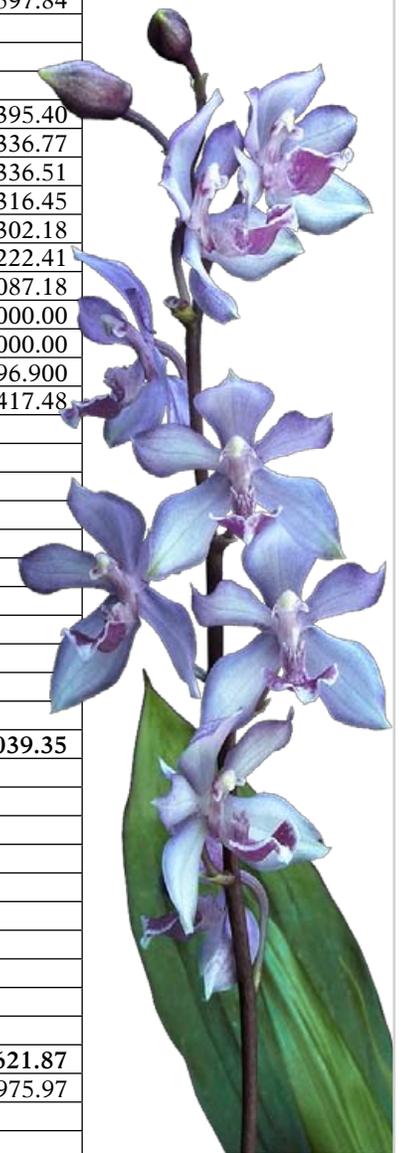
**Zygonisia Roquebrune**

Photo by Dot

Note: As of September 30, 2011, conservation fund is \$146.82

You are receiving the Calypso either as a PDF file, a hard copy, or both, depending on what we have from you in our records. If you would like to change this, please tell either Dot or Doris Asher. *If you are not receiving emails from us, please let Dot or Doris know -- we will need to know if we have your correct email address!*

If you have not received the PDF file by at least one week before the General Meeting, please let Dot know.

**AOS CORNER** - Lynn Fuller, Chair AOS Affiliated Societies Committee



Now that Summer is behind us, let's hope the weather calms down so we can all enjoy the upcoming orchid show season. Some of you are starting to hold their meetings again after a summer hiatus. The AOS has had a busy summer as well. There are new novice culture sheets for most of the more popular orchids. If you are a member of AOS and have not already registered for access to the new website Members' Only, I hope you do it soon. One major difference in the new website is that it may be translated into a multitude of foreign languages. The translation is done with a drop down menu on the left hand top portion of the site. Also, the site is continually being populated with up-to-date orchid information. In addition, there is a new member's profile where you can renew your membership, change your mailing address or email information and manage your AQ+ subscription. Plus, each month, Ron McHatton produces a fabulous electronic newsletter filled with all kinds of orchid culture information. If you are already an AOS member and not receiving notifications of these monthly newsletters, AOS does not have your email address. To be added to the distribution list, send your email address along with your full name to Terri Rivera at trivera@aos.org. Please note: if you are having difficulties signing into the 'Members Only' section, it may be that your prior registration is no longer valid. With the new website, each member must renew their registration. Instructions for doing so are on the home page of AOS.

You will also find a tab on the home page about the Myrtle Head Savanna Conservation Committee project. It is up and running and donations are being made. You can read more about this joint project with Nature Conservancy in the August Orchids as well as the website. If you or your society has funds for conservation, please consider this worthwhile project. It certainly deserves all our support and it would be great if AOS could reach its monetary goal soon. If you are unable to make an online donation on the AOS webpage, you may send a contribution by check to AOS. Just make sure to note on the check that it is for the Myrtle Head Savanna Project so you receive proper recognition.

All my arrangements for attending the AOS Fall Members' meeting in San Antonio are made. The Alamo Orchid Society has put together a wonderful meeting and I look forward to being there. It runs from October 25 - 30 and has a great line up of speakers and vendors. In addition to Trustee and Committee meetings, the traditional Affiliated Societies breakfast will be held and I hope to see some of you there. Check out the Alamo Orchid Society website at www.alamoorchidsociety.com for registration or more information.

**The 2012 Calendars Are Here!** From Ron McHatton, Education Committee

Don't miss this year's riot of color, featuring 15 amazing miniature specimen plants from such popular genera as Dendrobium, Cattleya, Oncidium, Masdevallia and Pleurothallis. Join master grower Phil Jesup - who has been growing orchids for nearly 60 years - on a journey into the kingdom of wee orchids and discover the magic of these tiny treasures.

This year's calendar has been expanded to 14 months, members \$11.25, nonmembers \$12.50 - shipped postpaid in the United States. To order online click here. Note: Calendars are shipped by media mail in the United States postage paid. During checkout, select any of the postage options offered (they all say \$0.00), they will allow take you to the next step in the checkout process. For more information or larger orders call the AOS at 561-404-2025 or email Shop@aos.org



**Please Join With Us to Save Our Native Orchids**

We are working with The Nature Conservancy (TNC) to assist them with a management project of property they own in North Carolina known as the Myrtle Head Savanna, a part of the ecologically rich Green Swamp. This is a remarkable and ecologically important area in which our collective support can help to resuscitate and sustain a critical habitat for native orchids. We hope that you as individuals or your local society will support this effort. Even small amounts add up to large numbers when it comes to conservation!

For more information or to donate click [here](#). **Goal: \$10,040**  
**Amount Raised: \$1062**  
**Supporters: 26**

Photo from AOS website





## ORCHID JUDGES INVITE YOU

The Great Lakes Judging Center judges invite you to join us for our annual holiday party on Saturday, December 17, 2011, 11:00 am, at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens, Ann Arbor, MI. A potluck lunch is provided for everyone by the judges. Plan to have a fun time with orchids, books, holiday items (and who knows what else) for auction! The proceeds support the Judging Center.

Enjoy a guest speaker from the Judging Center – Dennis Seffernick, Student Judge from Toledo, will speak on miniature orchids. Another student judge, Richard Bennett from Grand Rapids, will present slides of recently-awarded orchids. Regular orchid judging will take place immediately following the auction, some awards slides and lunch. All visitors are welcome to sit in on the judging – and to bring an orchid to be judged.

For additional information, contact Doris Asher at 517-332-0004 or [asherdoris@juno.com](mailto:asherdoris@juno.com)

## TROPHY SPONSORS NEEDED

We are looking for Society members to underwrite trophies for our Show this February. The cost of sponsorship is \$25.00 and can be split between or among multiple people. The trophies will be prepared by Larry Galdes and Joy Suphattra's Clay Flowers.

Contact Doris Asher (517-332-0004 or [asherdoris@juno.com](mailto:asherdoris@juno.com)) if you would like to help out in this way.

Checks payable to GLOS go to Doris Asher, Treasurer, 277 N Hagadorn Road, E Lansing MI 48823. You may also pay her in person at an upcoming Society meeting.

Thank you, donors, very much.

This year's sponsors as well as those trophies still needing sponsors are:

Trophy	Sponsor
Exhibits, Open	Sponsor Needed
Exhibits, Society	Sponsor Needed
Exhibits, Amateur	Anonymous GLOS Members
Cattleya Alliance	Sponsor Needed
Cypripedium Alliance	Dot Potter Barnett
Phalaenopsis/Doritaenopsis	Lynda Walker
Vanda and Ascocenda	Sponsor Needed
Brassia and Miltonia	Jerrie Nichols
Oncidium Alliance	Sponsor Needed
Cymbidium Alliance	Sponsor Needed
Dendrobium Alliance	Jean Nicholas
Pleurothallid Alliance	Lynn O'Shaughnessy
Miscellaneous Genera	The Garling Family
Specimen Plant	Jim Leaman
Art (Excluding Photography)	Harry & Dottie Winter
Photography	Carol Stuht
Orchids in Use	Sponsor Needed
Don Garling Memorial Best of Show	Jan Szyren
AOS Show Trophy – Outstanding Exhibit	Greater Lansing Orchid Society

## ORCHID TIP:

When you don't have OrchidWiz and want to know the current name of a genus/species, Kew has a webpage that will help: <http://apps.kew.org/wcsp/prepareChecklist.do;jsessionid=4AF6B8DF3D4440DD2C8C09D4793F8408?checklist=monocots%40%40287141020111825425%C2%A0%C2%A0>  
For instance, type in *Maxillaria tenuifolia* into the search box, and you will learn that this is now called *Maxillariella tenuifolia*.



## ORCHIDS IN CYBERSPACE

A Beer Belly In blossom -- by dokmaidogma

<http://dokmaidogma.wordpress.com/2011/09/23/a-beer-belly-in-blossom/>

The epiphytic orchid genus *Gastrochilus* means 'belly lip'. This name was coined by the Scottish botanist David Don in 1825 due to the fact the lip looks blown up like a beer belly. The genus has been merged with *Aerides* or *Saccolabium* in the past but recent authors keep the beer bellies separate. ...

Orchid Evolution -- by dokmaidogma

<http://dokmaidogma.wordpress.com/2011/09/18/orchid-evolution/>

I was recently asked an intelligent question about the orchids' closest relative, and from what plant it evolved. If one person asks this, I am sure other orchid lovers wonder too.

Evolution involves studies of the DNA which is arranged into chromosomes in the cell nuclei. The DNA is like the blue print for making an organism. ...

"Renziana" a new Journal by the Swiss Orchid Foundation at the Herbarium Jany Renz

[http://orchid.unibas.ch/contents/newsletter/newsletter.php?Username=viateur&archive\\_id=85](http://orchid.unibas.ch/contents/newsletter/newsletter.php?Username=viateur&archive_id=85)

Which Family Has The Most CAM Species?

<http://www.xericworld.com/forums/other-xeric-plants/2148-family-has-most-cam-species.html>

More than 1000 new species found in New Guinea

[http://wwf.panda.org/wwf\\_news/?200766/More-than-1000-new-species-found-in-New-Guinea](http://wwf.panda.org/wwf_news/?200766/More-than-1000-new-species-found-in-New-Guinea)

... WWF scientists added to the known orchid diversity found on the island, collecting hundreds of orchids in PNG's Kikori region. Eight of these were new to science, including the ornate and exquisite firework-like display of the *Dendrobium spectabile* orchid. ...

Wild Orchid, *Nervilia Plicata* Blooms in Lanka too -- by Malaka Rodrigo

[http://www.sundaytimes.lk/110814/Plus/plus\\_07.html](http://www.sundaytimes.lk/110814/Plus/plus_07.html)

In the midst of a study, researcher Ajantha Paliyawadana was puzzled by a strange looking plant in a home garden in Koswatte. It had only one leaf. Recognizing it as a ground orchid, though different from others he had seen, he placed it in a pot in his garden waiting for it to bloom. ...

Wild Sisters Of The North Woods -- By Karen Wils , Daily Press

<http://www.dailypress.net/page/content.detail/id/531018/Wild-sisters-of-the-north-woods.html?nav=5001>

ESCANABA - Three wild sisters danced in the north woods. Soft and supple, perfume and pretty, they each march to the tune of a different drummer. The three girls never could quite agree on anything! As their Mother well knew, if the oldest one wanted to sleep, the middle one wanted to play and the youngest wanted to eat. As they grew, it was hard to determine which one was the fairest. All three were beauties and good, true, tough, ladies of the north. ...

*Taken from the Sun Sentinel:*

### **School for autistic children slated to replace American Orchid Society near Delray Beach Gardens and green house will be closed to the public**

The American Orchid Society's gardens and greenhouse will close to the public, and a school for autistic children will replace the popular botanical attraction west of Delray Beach.

After coming close to closing in 2009, the American Orchid Society now plans to sell its property beside Morikami Park to the Sandra C. Slomin Foundation and Family Center for Autism and Related Disabilities.



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### **GLOS NOW HAS IT'S OWN DOMAIN NAME.**

#### *Note from Dot:*

We had to move the GLOS website to a new server, and in the process, were able to purchase our own domain name. The website should look and function the same as the "old" one, but to get to it, you need to type into your browser:

<http://greaterlansingorchidsociety.com>

Happy surfing!



### **SOME ORCHID FACTS**

The Orchidaceae family has been collected and studied for more than 200 years with taxonomists describing over 800 genera and 24,000 species

Orchids are monocotyledons which places them in the same group of plants as the grasses and palms. Such plants have the leaf veins running longwise as opposed to the cotyledonous plants which have radially formed veins.

Orchids are differentiated not only by their flowers but also from the leaves and roots

Though orchids sometimes grow on trees/other plants, they are not parasites. They only use the trees for support. They do not take nutrients from them.

The seeds produced by orchids are the smallest among all the flowering plants.

Orchids are found on every continent except Antarctica

Orchids represent the biggest variety of flowering plants comprising from 20,000 to 30,000 naturally growing species.

In 1848, flower buyers in the UK paid huge sums of money to get their hands on the Phalenoposis or moth orchid, as it was extremely rare at the time.

In the year 1856, the first man- made Orchid cultivar was developed.