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### CALYPSO DEADLINE:

October 24 for the Nov 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.*

## SEPTEMBER 17th 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 Dr. Clair Ossian:  
"Dendrobium culture: care and feeding of the most popular sections"

Biographical Items for Dr. Clair Ossian

Born: Red Oak, Iowa; January 4, 1941

Married: to Eleanor Lorraine (Smith) Ossian, with two children and two grandchildren

Education:

University of Nebraska at Lincoln (B.S. - 1966)

Michigan State University (M.S. - 1970)

University of Texas – Austin (Ph.D. - 1974)

Geology, plus multiple majors in Botany & Zoology

Currently: Emeritus Professor of Geology at Tarrant County College (Hurst, TX).

Teaching Physical Geology, Historical Geology, Environmental Geology.

President of the OSSIAN Wave, a consulting geology firm. Formerly employed for 20 years as Principal Research Scientist with ARCO-Atlantic Richfield Co., Geological Research Group in Dallas, Texas (left with early retirement)

Publications:

41 Orchid publications to date

42 Geological papers and three books to date

17 Egyptology papers to date

Memberships:

American Orchid Society (Life Member)

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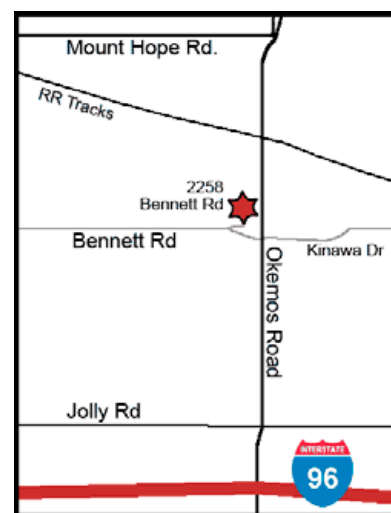
Fellow, Society of Sigma Xi (National Scientific Honors Society)

American Association for the Advancement of Science

American Research Center in Egypt

Egypt Exploration Society

- I have grown orchids since 1958 (53 years), Have been a member of the Greater North Texas Orchid Society (Dallas area) and have served as it's President during 1983 and 1984. Also was a member of the Fort Worth Orchid Society and have served as its Vice President in 1992 and 1993
- Life Member and accredited Senior Judge in the American Orchid Society, member of the A.O.S. Research Committee (31 years), have served as it's Vice-chairman. I was earlier Vice Chairman and Director of the A.O.S. Fund for Education and Research
- Current research is mainly focused on Ancient Egypt, working on the botany and iconography of the so-called 'Lotus' of ancient Egypt, plus I work as Staff Geologist on excavations in Egypt.



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

Fall is coming! Time to get the orchids ready for coming back inside. I have re-potted all the plants, sprayed everything within an inch of its life, washed water trays, dusted shelves. I am ready. But trust me, I never seem to get the migration started until the last minute, usually late in the evening before our first cold snap.

At least this is a nice change from some of the weather we have been having. I am not a hot weather fan. I was really impressed at how many of you came out to the picnic in spite of the brutal heat. We had about 46 people at the picnic. Thank you all for the food you brought and the items you donated to the sales. I especially want to thank our auctioneers, Mike Underwood and Rob Halgren for their exuberant efforts to sell every last plant and pot. Amazing how energetic they stayed throughout that heat. The new site was very easy to access and large enough for us all. Thank you Dot, for picking this spot and making all the arrangements. The program input was very helpful and you will see your recommendations in the upcoming speaker line-up. Thank you again for making the afternoon a special time.

**THE CHICAGOLAND ORCHID FESTIVAL -- Sept. 23-24-25, 2011**

*"The Chicagoland Orchid Growers Association invites you and all of the orchid lovers in your society to attend our 19th annual Orchid Festival, to be held concurrently at four orchid nurseries in the Chicagoland area! The event, which will also feature domestic and international guest growers and speakers, will be held this year on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday September 23, 24 & 25, 2011."*

Each year, several of the Chicago area orchid supply businesses join together to make a common destination for orchid lovers. There are several vendors who host vendors from beyond Chicago and beyond the USA. If you have never attended one of these events, this year is a good time to give it a try.

Marilyn Lee is organizing a trip to the Festival. If you are interested in joining her, please call her at: 517-351-0915 or email her at: lee@msu.edu

To find out more about the Festival, the vendors who will be there, and the speakers and topics, please visit: <http://www.chicagolandorchidfestival.com/>

One of the primary vendors of the Festival is Oak Hill Gardens. They send out a monthly email newsletter that you will want to sign up for. You can do that, plus read past issues here: <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs090/1101614972455/archive/1102467680002.html>

→ Pete O, Julie, Jim and Andrea have volunteered to bring refreshments to the September meeting.

**GLOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- **September 17th - General Meeting** - Dr. Clair Ossian: "Dendrobium culture: care and feeding of the most popular sections"
- September 17 & 18 - Mid\_America Orchid Congress in Milwaukee, WI
- September 23, 24, 25 - Chicagoland Orchid Festival. Want to go? Contact Marilyn Lee
- October 10 - GLOS Board Meeting at Ioana's house.
- 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"
- **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** - TBA
- **May 19, 2012 - General Meeting** - Speaker: Rob Halgren -- Paph topic
- **September 15, 2012 - General Meeting** - Speaker: Harry Akagi, H&R Orchids

**MINUTES OF THE GLOS BOARD MEETING August 8, 2011** -- Submitted by Ioana Sonea

Meeting held at Georgia and Brent Marvin's home in Brighton, MI. Members present: Alec Albert, Doris Asher, Dot Barnett, Jim Leaman, Georgia Marvin, Jerrie Nichols, Ioana Sonea. Absent: Pete Porciello.

Meeting called to order at 7pm by JN.

**Committee reports & board updates.**

**Treasurer's report:** DA presented the Treasurer's report (see full report appearing elsewhere in this issue of The Calypso for details).

**Native orchid conservation.** Bill Cadman and Marilyn Lee have been the driving forces behind the conservation efforts of GLOS, but have been fighting a losing battle with turkeys and deer at Fenner and Harris. Additional help would be greatly appreciated from any members with an interest in conservation.

**Membership:** DA will put together a list of members who have not yet renewed (29 members in 23 households). DA will send out one last reminder (by mail). Currently, GLOS has 95 active members, including 28 lifetime members. The electronic version of Calypso is received by 65% of the membership; the remainder still receive the hard copy by mail.

**Business**

1. Review of the picnic, which was a success, with at least 46 attendees despite the very hot weather. The new venue is excellent and will be reserved by DB for next year (\$43 fee). Contributing to the success were the fixed price sales tables and the items up for auction (auctioneers: Rob Halgren and Mike Underwood), particularly the daylilies donated by Kris Garling. Suggestions for next year were to auction off other perennials in addition to daylilies, to offer members an occasion to bring problem plants for advice, and to suggest people bring flowering plants for "show and tell".
2. Speakers and GLOS meeting dates were confirmed:
  - Sept 17, 2011. Dr. Clair Ossian "Dendrobium culture: care and feeding of the most popular sections". Refreshments provided by Pete Ostlund, Jim Leaman and Julie Bishop.
  - Nov 19, 2011. Ernie from Enlightened Orchids "Orchid growing under lights"
  - Jan 21, 2012. TBD: Lynn O'Shaughnessy to talk about preparing orchids for show or Jim Heilig on Angraecoids.
  - Feb 18, 2012. Special meeting. Harold Koopowitz. "Paphs"
  - Mar 17, 2012. TBD: Don Drife to talk about Michigan native orchids, or other speaker to talk about orchid care during vacations.
  - 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
3. 2012 GLOS show updates (JL).
  - JL will email vendors and will state that table fees are non-refundable.
  - DA will provide club addresses and IS will mail invitations to societies.
  - Trophies will be provided by Larry Galdes and Joy Suphattra.
  - JL is MSU liaison, IS and DA as backup. Venue and dates have been confirmed.
  - Show costs need to be reduced: attendees at the 2011 show found out about the show from newspapers, journals, TV and internet sources; billboards were not noticed. Advertising for 2012 (budget of \$1500) will reflect this. The cost of the Friday evening dinner will be held to a minimum.
4. Upcoming shows were discussed. GLOS will probably attend the Michiana and Midland shows in November, and the Ann Arbor show in spring 2012.
5. Finance committee. Bylaws require the committee be composed of the president (JN), the treasurer (DA) who chairs the committee, and a non-board member (Bill Cadman has been asked to serve). They will prepare a draft budget for the upcoming year.
6. Audit committee. Bylaws require that an audit be performed within 90 days of the start of the new fiscal year. Committee members are JL (chair), IS and Brent Marvin. Records have been requested from the outgoing treasurer, and a meeting is planned for the end of August.
7. Club flyers. DB showed 2 designs and is in the process of identifying a printer.
8. Other activities. Members were reminded of the annual open house at Porter's Orchids on August 20th. A visit to Rakers Gardens is still possible: contact Bill Cadman if interested.
9. Other items.

JL brought up the possibility of renting a van for orchid transport in winter (~\$300/weekend). GLOS has reimbursed rental fees of up to \$100 in the past, if the request was made in advance. The board determined that requests would be handled on a case-by-case basis.

The next board meeting will be held Oct 10th, at Ioana Sonea's house (3740 Chippendale Circle, Okemos, MI).

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm (motion by JL, seconded by DB).

**GREATER LANSING ORCHID SOCIETY END-OF-YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT**

Covering the Period July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011 prepared July 1, 2011 by Pete Ostlund


<b>BALANCE STARTING July 1, 2010</b>			<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Checking		\$1,161.93	<b>Meeting Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,485.40</b>
Saving		\$5.04	May meeting, speaker cost	\$100.00
Cash on hand for auctions, etc.		\$60.00	September meeting, dinner reimbursement for speaker	\$23.25
Checks received but not deposited		\$16.00	September meeting - speaker fee (Ray Barkalow)	\$250.00
<b>Certificates of Deposit</b>		<b>\$11,863.16</b>	November meeting, dinner/hotel reimbursement for speaker	\$93.23
CD0 (matures 7/31/2009) 3.35%	\$1,486.99		November meeting - speaker fee (Brenda Oviatt)	\$150.00
CD2 (matures 1/31/2010) 3.35%	\$1,503.55		January meeting - speaker fee (Harvey Divinagracia)	\$100.00
CD3 (matures 08/30/2009) 3.4%	\$1,319.54		meeting room rental all of 2011 - Presbyterian Church	\$250.00
CD4 (matures 02/28/2010) 3.4%	\$1,371.40		January 2011 speaker dinner reimbursement	\$22.01
CD5 (matures 10/03/2009) 3.4%	\$1,318.80		May 2011 speaker fee - Tom Nelson	\$400.00
CD6 (matures 03/30/2010) 2.75%	\$1,205.95		May 2011 speaker hotel reimbursement - Tom Nelson	\$65.66
CD7 (matures 04/28/2010) 2.65%	\$1,072.21		May 2011 speaker dinner reimbursement	\$31.25
CD8 (matures 06/25/2010) 2.10%	\$1,285.55		<b>Showing at other shows</b>	<b>\$352.82</b>
CD9 (matures 10/29/2011) 1.1%	\$1,299.17		Michiana show expenses (gas and tolls)	\$50.52
<b>Total balance</b>		<b>\$13,106.13</b>	Midland Show - moss for exhibit	\$116.60
			Midland Show - van rental	\$185.70
<b>INCOME</b>			<b>Donations (expenses)</b>	<b>\$350.00</b>
<b>Membership Dues (and donations for mailing costs, etc.)</b>		<b>\$735.12</b>	Nature Conservancy - donation	\$100.00
<b>Donations</b>		<b>\$1,447.00</b>	MICHigan Nature Association annaul membership	\$100.00
<b>Interest</b>		<b>\$170.89</b>	Great Lakes Judging Center - donation	\$150.00
Checking	\$0.00		<b>2011 Show Expenses</b>	<b>\$5,555.04</b>
Saving	\$0.00		judges certificates refund - Little Frog Farm	\$25.00
Certificates of Deposit	\$170.89		judges certificates refund - Porters Orchids	\$5.00
<b>General Meeting Income</b>		<b>\$1,825.30</b>	judges certificates refund - Hilltop Orchids	\$30.00
July Picnic Auction (plus donations)	\$1,128.30		judges certificates refund - Natt's Orchids	\$10.00
Sept 2010 Meeting - Raffle	\$65.00		judges certificates refund - Oak Hill Gardens	\$10.00
Sept 2010 Meeting - Silent Auction	\$45.00		judges certificates refund - Wind Swept in Time	\$10.00
November 2010 Meeting - Raffle	\$67.00		judges certificates refund - Orchid Inn	\$5.00
November 2010 Meeting - Silent Auction	\$116.00		judges certificates refund - Roberts Flower Supply	\$15.00
January 15, 2011 Meeting - Raffle	\$47.00		judges certificates refund - Michel Orchid Nursury	\$5.00
January 15, 201 Meeting - Silent Auction	\$46.00		judges certificates refund - New Vision Orchids	\$15.00
March 2011 meeting - raffle	\$51.00		corsages - Vivee's Floral Garden and Cafe'	\$95.00
March 2011 meeting - sale of donated items	\$69.00		catering - MSU	\$518.00
March 2011 meeting - silent auction	\$70.00		food expenses - Leslie Behm	\$161.37
May 2011 meeting - raffle	\$71.00		food expenses - Kris Garling	\$159.76
May 2011 meeting - silent auction	\$50.00		pizza - Georgios Pizza	\$245.00
<b>2011 Show Income</b>		<b>\$5,352.15</b>	miscellaneous expenses - Marilyn Lee	\$28.23
trophy sponsorships	\$400		posters - Bill Cadman	\$9.86
vendor tables	\$4200.00		space rent and cleaning - Michigan State University	\$850.00
2011 show - food donations	\$185			
book sales	\$265.00			
donations	\$172.15			
<b>Miscellaneous Income</b>				
sale: plant labels	\$6.00			
<b>Income Total YTD</b>		<b>\$9,536.46</b>		

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trophies - Suphattra's Clay Flowers	\$176.00	
trophies - Larry Gadles	\$171.00	
labor help	\$120.00	
book resales	\$162.66	
copying	\$88.58	
supplies	\$32.43	
AOS show fee and trophy fee	\$110.00	
rent tables - A-1 Lansing Rent All	\$421.55	
2011 show - copying flyers	\$25.60	
Advertising - King Media	\$2,050.00	
<b>Miscellaneous Expenses</b>		<b>\$1,579.53</b>
Annual Nonprofit Report - State of Michigan	\$20.00	
Copying Calypso (July and Sept)	\$51.95	
Postage mailing Calypso (July and Sept)	\$28.16	
miscellaneous postage membership committee	\$16.72	
American Orchid Society membership dues (2011 & 2012)	\$125.00	
GLOS Website fee (1/2 of cost)	\$50.00	
2 exhibit lamps	\$50.99	
Calypso copying (Nov and Jan)	\$43.80	
Calypso postage (Nov and Jan)	\$24.20	
copying membership rosters	\$8.35	
misc. postage	\$9.68	
PowerPoint Projector	\$574.99	
Mid America Orchid Congress annual dues	\$57.50	
2011 picnic reservations - DeWitt Charter Twp	\$43.00	
miscellaneous copying	\$9.05	
GLOS check order - MSUCU	\$21.00	
Liability Insurance	\$206.00	
Orchid Digest Diamond Award of Excellence	\$15.00	
Supplies (color copy paper, name badges)	\$59.64	
Copying (membership forms, culture sheets, etc.)	\$115.65	
Calypso copying (March and May, 2011)	\$48.85	
<b>Expenses Total YTD</b>		<b>\$9,322.79</b>
<b>BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 2011</b>		
<b>Checking</b>		<b>\$1,220.71</b>
<b>Saving</b>		<b>\$5.04</b>
<b>Cash on hand for auctions, etc.</b>		<b>\$60.00</b>
<b>Checks and cash received but not deposited</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Certificates of Deposit</b>		<b>\$12,034.05</b>
CD0 (matures 7/31/2011) 1.3%	\$1,507.29	
CD2 (matures 7/31/2011) 1.75%	\$1,529.86	
CD3 (matures 08/30/2011) 1.15%	\$1,336.77	
CD4 (matures 08/28/11) 1.75%	\$1,395.40	
CD5 (matures 10/3/2011) 1.15%	\$1,336.51	
CD6 (matures 07/30/2012) 1.05%	\$1,222.41	
CD7 (matures 08/28/11) 0.896%	\$1,087.18	
CD8 (matures 06/25/12) 0.896%	\$1,302.18	
CD9 (matures 10/29/2011) 1.1%	\$1,316.45	
<b>Total balance</b>		<b>\$13,319.80</b>

Note: As of July 1, 2011, conservation fund is \$146.82.

**AOS CORNER** - Susan Taylor



As I write this, summer is winding down. AOS has had a busy summer and this AOS Corner is devoting it's time to a few of the newer projects that were developed over the last few months. First, I hope you have had an opportunity to check out the new AOS website ([www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)). Some of the projects discussed below are featured prominently on the website. In addition, if you are an individual member be sure to register and log in for access to the members' only section which is growing daily. You may also edit your individual profile, manage your membership and any individual membership add-ons. If you are not an individual member in the AOS, check out the benefits of being a part of us and join.

**Myrtle Head Savanna Conservation Project**  
 The AOS is working with The Nature Conservancy (TNC) to assist them with a management project of property TNC owns 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, as well as numerous other plant and animal species. AOS has a goal to raise \$10,040.

I hope that you as individuals or your society as a group will be able to support this effort generously and be able to take pride in protecting orchids in the wild. To support this project, go to the AOS web page ([www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)) and there is a tab marked "Myrtle Head Savana" on the home page has more information and instructions on giving. You do not have to be a member of AOS to support this project. Even small amounts add up to large numbers when it comes to conservation!

**Orchid Photo of the Week**  
 Do your friends and family tell you how beautiful your photos of your orchids are? Do you think they deserve recognition? Do you have what it takes to go up against the very best? Then maybe it's time for you to submit something to "Photo of the Week" it your best shot!

Each week one image from the Flickr® group, Orchid Photo of the Week, will be featured on the website homepage of the AOS. The very best will be selected for a feature in Orchids magazine. Be sure to read the complete instructions here. And remember, we are looking for the cream of the crop of orchid photography. So fire up your digital camera and get shooting!

**Orchid Fangdango**  
 The AOS Fall Members' and Trustees meeting will be held in San Antonio, Texas, October 26 – 30, 2011. It is being sponsored and organized by the Alamo Orchid Society. Speakers include Martin Motes, Bill Thoms, Tom Mirenda, Gene Crocker, Fred Clarke, Steve Frowine and Jeff Bradley. Lots of vendors will be available as well – 18 in all – including Brazil, Taiwan, Florida, Hawaii and many areas in between. For a complete listing of vendors and further information on the show, check out their website at [www.alamoorchidsociety.org](http://www.alamoorchidsociety.org).

Please support your local orchid shows.

**GREATER LANSING ORCHID SOCIETY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Covering Period from 07/01/2011 – 08/04/2011, submitted by Doris Asher

<b>BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 2011</b>		<b>\$13,319.80</b>
	Checking	\$1,220.71
	Savings	5.04
	Cash on hand for auctions, etc.	60.00
CD's		12,034.05
	CD0 (matures 07/31/2011) 1.3%	\$1,507.29
	CD2 (matures 07/31/2011) 1.75%	\$1,529.86
	CD 4 (matures 08/28/2011) 1.75%	\$1,395.40
	CD 7 (matures 08/28/2011) 0.896%	\$1,087.18
	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
<b>INCOME</b>		<b>\$996.34</b>
Picnic Fundraising		833.00
Auction		594.00
Sticker Sales		239.00
Donations		87.56
	Leslie Behm (for Kris Garling daylilies)	70.00
	Offset Cost of Paper Newsletters	15.56
	Miscellaneous	2.00
Dues -- Renewals		72.00
Interest		3.78
	CD 2 cashed 7/31/2011	2.18
	CD 0 cashed 7/31/2011	1.60
<b>EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$718.30</b>
Show – 2012		393.50
	Ribbons	223.50
	AOS Judging	110.00
	Registration Tags (Mid-America)	60.00
Administrative Expense:		
Rent -- Presbyterian Church of Okemos – Six (6) Meetings -- 2012		300.00
Calypso Copying July issue		24.80
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<b>\$278.04</b>
<b>BALANCE ON HAND AUGUST 4, 2011</b>		<b>\$13,597.84</b>
	Checking	\$2,595.94
	Saving	5.00
CD's		10,996.90
	CD 4 (matures 08/28/2011) 1.75%	\$1,395.40
	CD 7 (matures 08/28/2011) 0.896%	\$1,087.18
	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
	CD1 (matures 7/31/2015) 1.90%	\$1,000.00
	CDA (matures 7/31/2016) 2.30 %	\$1,000.00

Note: As of August 4, 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.

**INVITATION TO THE FALL 2011 MID-AMERICA ORCHID CONGRESS** Featuring Dr. Leonid Averyanov Komarov Botanical Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences -- From Doug Martin, President

Dear Fellow Orchid Growers,

On behalf of the Mid-America Orchid Congress I'd like to invite each of you to join us for the opportunity to meet and hear one of the world's leading orchid botanists. Dr. Leonid Averyanov will be the featured speaker at our Fall meeting held in conjunction with the Wisconsin Orchid Society's Fall Orchid Show, September 17-18, 2011. Please register and take part in the Mid-America activities. All Mid-America events will be at the Radisson Hotel Milwaukee West, while the orchid show will be held in the Show Dome at Mitchell Park Conservatory. Registration will include admission to the lectures and the orchid show and transportation between the hotel and the Show Dome. A copy of the registration form is attached. More information and a schedule of events can be found at the Mid-America website, <http://midamericanorchids.org>.

Dr. Averyanov's first presentation will be Saturday afternoon on New Orchid Discoveries in Vietnam. He will also speak at the Saturday evening banquet on New Discoveries about Vietnamese Paphiopedilums. Dr. Averyanov, an expert on the orchids of Vietnam and Southeast Asia, is Professor of the Herbarium of Komarov Botanical Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences in St. Petersburg, Russia. He also serves as Vice President of the All-Russian Botanical Society and co-authored Slipper Orchids of Vietnam.

We're also looking forward to the Saturday afternoon lecture on Orchid Conservation in Ecuador – Habitat Protection, Education & Ecotourism by Dr. Joe Meisel, vice-president and founder of the Ceiba Foundation for Tropical Conservation. The foundation is dedicated to the conservation of tropical plants and animals through public education and establishment of locally owned and operated nature reserves. Dr. Meisel will tell us about one of the foundation's projects, the El Pahuma Orchid Reserve in Ecuador, which protects over 1000 acres of cloud forest and was established through South America's first conservation easement involving a local landowner.

Please join us for the Saturday evening festivities which will begin with the Mid-America auction, our main FUN-raising event. It always features many great orchids and orchid related items to bid on, and lots of laughs. Afterwards we hope you'll join us for dinner and Dr. Averyanov's second program.

At the Affiliated Societies Breakfast on Sunday morning, the discussion topic will be Exhibits in Other Societies' Shows. People always leave this Breakfast full of information and ideas to take home to their orchid societies. After breakfast, please join the delegates from Mid-America affiliated societies who convene for the Mid-America business meeting. The business meeting is open to the public, and anyone wanting more information about Mid-America is welcome to attend.

I hope many of you will register and join us for what I'm sure will be an outstanding orchid weekend.

**FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN AUSTRALIAN NATIVE ORCHIDS:**

This is a great resource, full of information and photographs of these fascinating orchids "down under."

<http://www.retiredaussies.com/ColinsHome%20Page/Orchids/Z-data/OrchidsNameList.htm>

## Orchid Directory:

### Victoria

Version 4.1.12

In this ever changing world, we have tried to put together a list of current accepted orchid names along with their synonyms and common names.

To do this we have used the book titled "The Orchids of Victoria" and CD titled "The Wild Orchids of Victoria" by Gary Backhouse and Jeffrey Jeanes to determine the base list of orchids and their common names. This list was expanded by information gained

by web searches and other information available to us. Then currently accepted names and synonyms were extracted from the web site of the Australian National Botanical Gardens <http://www.cpbr.gov.au/win/index.html>.

Nb: The Australian Plant Name Index is often updated as new orchid species are identified or are reclassified. We will endeavour to keep abreast of these changes and update this page ASAP.

Please [contact us](#) if you have any comments, amendments or even additions to this page.

Orchids noted on our site are linked to the appropriate web page, click the [link](#) to jump to that page. To return to this page click the browsers "Back" button.

**PICNIC 2011**



Picnic 2011

Photos by Dot

**MINUTES OF THE JULY 17TH, 2011 GLOS MEETING** - submitted by Ioana Sonia

Meeting called to order at 1:30pm by JN. At least 46 GLOS members present, including all members of the board. The following items were discussed:

Suitability of new site (Granger Meadows Park) for future summer meetings. Members present agreed that this site is an excellent choice for future meetings, due to proximity of parking and restrooms, good size of shelter, large number of tables, and lack of obligation to remove garbage. The site is also closer to some GLOS members' homes.

The memorial for Marvin Cooley, who had been a long-standing GLOS member, was discussed. GLOS will be represented by DA and Christa Forrester; anybody seeking more information should contact them. The memorial will be held Saturday July 23rd, at 9:30am, in Bath.

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## Picnic Minutes, continued

The benefits of attending the Chicagoland Orchid festival were discussed, as were options for travelling to and from Chicago. Marilyn Lee offered to transport up to 5 (?) members to Chicago, leaving Saturday, returning Sunday. The Grand Valley orchid society is also offering transportation via bus (leaving Grand Rapids at 4:30am on Saturday, returning the same day) if enough travellers can be found (40 are required for the bus rental). Members should contact Marilyn Lee or the Grand Valley orchid society (gvos@grandvalleyos.org) for more information.

Bill Cadman is organizing a visit to Rakers Gardens in August, and is seeking input from members (and any other interested persons) as to the best dates. The gardens will open the gift shop for groups of 15+ on Saturdays; the gift shops are open on weekdays. Please let Bill know what date(s) would work for you if you are interested in attending.

Speakers and topics for fall 2011-fall 2012 were discussed.

- September 2011. Dr. Clair Ossian. Topic: Dendrobium culture: care and feeding of the most popular sections. Shared speaker with MOS. Marilyn Lee will host.
- November 2011. Ernie from Enlightened Orchids. Topic: growing under lights. Shared speaker with Ann Arbor and MOS. Rob Halgren will host.
- January 2012: GLOS members will discuss getting orchids ready for show, preparing show labels correctly, etc.
- February 2012. Harold Koopowitz. Topic TBA. Shared speaker with MOS and Ann Arbor. Host?
- March 2012. Meeting will be geared towards new members: JN to discuss orchids and local orchid history, or Rob Halgren will talk about slipper orchid care.
- May 2012. Jim Heilig will talk about angraecoids
- Sept 2012. Harry Akagi from H&R, Hawaii). Shared speaker with MOS and Ann Arbor. Host?
- November 2012 or January 2013: Dave Miller was suggested: he gave an excellent talk on how to keep an orchid collection alive when the owner is away on vacation.

Changing the date of the May meeting was discussed, because the Judging center is holding its mandatory seminar on the same date as the regularly scheduled May GLOS general meeting. Various options were discussed, and members tentatively agreed to meet on the 3rd Friday of the month. Doris will enquire as to availability, and report back to the membership.

The budget was discussed at length, with much of the discussion centering around dues (most members present were in favor of raising the dues to cover the costs of external speakers), and on the necessity of ensuring that income matched expenses. Some members suggested that the current method of paying for extra speaker costs (fund-raising efforts of a few GLOS members) was not equitable, and placed an undue burden on these members. The potential loss of table rental revenue at the annual GLOS show in case of inclement weather was also discussed. The understanding of the board had been that vendors who could not attend the show due to bad weather would have had to be reimbursed for the cost of table rental. However, several GLOS members who are vendors at numerous shows affirmed that table rental costs were not refundable at most shows, and the membership decided to ensure that the contracts with vendors would include this disclaimer in the future. No conclusion was reached on dues or the budget in general, and the discussion was tabled at 2:10pm by JN.

Marilyn Lee invited all interested parties to a flower arrangement session on Wednesday, July 20, 2011 at her home.

Donations were very capably auctioned off by Rob Halgren and Mike Underwood.

The meeting was adjourned at 3pm by JN, seconded by Mike Underwood.



### ORCHID AILMENTS -- THE AOS'S PESTS-AND-DISEASE SERIES

Taken from the AOS website: <http://aos.org/Default.aspx?id=117>

Orchids magazine's popular Orchid Ailments series provided readers with information and images to help them identify orchid ailments and grow healthier plants. From Aphids to Virus, the series explored the finer points of insect pests, rots, disease and cultural challenges, to name a few, and offered advice on prevention and treatment for the problems. Use the list of articles at left to learn about specific orchid problems.

Note: The opinions and recommendations that may appear in this publication regarding the selection and use of specific plant-care products, including but not limited to pesticides, fungicides and herbicides, are those of the individual authors, and not those of the American Orchid Society, which neither adopts nor endorses such opinions and recommendations and disclaims all responsibility for them. When selecting and using such products, readers should seek and obtain the advice of the manufacturer and of responsible government agencies.



## ORCHIDS IN CYBERSPACE

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/nature/12774613>

Invasion of the orchid snatchers - By Ella Davies, Reporter, BBC Nature

Ruthless hunters track their prey around the globe, snatching stunning individuals from their homes before they can even be named....

[http://www.wptv.com/dpp/news/local\\_news/investigations/blue-colored-orchid-raises-suspicion](http://www.wptv.com/dpp/news/local_news/investigations/blue-colored-orchid-raises-suspicion)

Blue-colored orchid raises suspicion

A natural wonder or pricey man-made creation? By: Katie LaGrone

<http://www.todaysgardencenter.com/news/varietycentral/?storyid=4487>

Indigo Mystique Orchid Joins Blue Mystique

Silver Vase is back in the news with the Indigo Mystique orchid, sibling to the Blue Mystique orchid. This latest introduction features rich, deep fuchsia blooms that become indigo with different electric shades

[http://host.madison.com/sports/recreation/outdoors/article\\_9f2417ee-8ef7-11e0-97f0-001cc4c03286.html](http://host.madison.com/sports/recreation/outdoors/article_9f2417ee-8ef7-11e0-97f0-001cc4c03286.html)

Davis: Wisconsin's orchids best in show – by Jerry Davis

<http://www.civilbeat.com/articles/2011/07/01/11915-hawaiiis-three-native-orchids/>

Hawaii's Three Native Orchids - By Jon Letman

Hawaii is often associated with brightly colored orchids. But most are commonly cultivated commercial varieties strung into lei, sold in nurseries and used for decoration and landscaping....

<http://www.insidehalton.com/news/article/1057861--orchid-art-pieces-expected-this-fall>

Orchid art pieces expected this fall – Sculptures delayed

Giant art sculptures originally slated for installation last spring near the Upper Middle Road underpass are now set for completion this fall, according to a spokesperson from the city....

<http://blog.seattlepi.com/scottarend/2011/06/20/its-national-vanilla-milkshake-day/>

It's National Vanilla Milkshake Day!

That's right, there's a whole day devoted to the vanilla milkshake, and who doesn't mind celebrating something so delicious?...

<http://www.philstar.com/Article.aspx?articleId=713674&publicationSubCategoryId=85>

Living green with orchids – By Kelvin Neil B. Manubay

MANILA, Philippines - Orchid growers and plant lovers think that they are one step ahead of everyone when it comes to green living just because they grow a lot of beautiful plants which contribute to improving the air quality in our environment. Contrary to their belief...

<http://colombiareports.com/colombia-news-lite/news/16937-new-bee-discovered-with-largest-tongue-in-world.html>

New bee discovered with largest tongue in world

Euglossa natesi n. sp., also known as the "orchid bee" or "jewel bee," is a species recognized by scientists for its luminescent mix of blue, green, bronze and gold, as well as its abnormally large tongue....

<http://news.asiaone.com/News/AsiaOne%2BNews/Singapore/Story/A1Story20110714-289050.html>

Sands Expo to host largest orchid event -- By Shaun Tan

Besides having a rare chance to view about 50,000 breeds of orchids, visitors to the largest event in the international orchid calendar can also be the first to check out Singapore's latest tourist attraction in November before it opens officially next year.

<http://www.omaha.com/article/20110604/NEWS02/706049939>

Saving plants from extinction is her passion – By Carol Bicak

Margaret From has two grown children, but on the job she is surrounded by hundreds of babies.

Baby plants, that is....

<http://www.poconorecord.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20110605/OUTDOORS/106050320/-1/NEWSMAP>

Where a green frog grows free

"Nothing ventured, nothing gained," ho-hummed my friend Frank DiStefano as we headed back to the car. Our spirits were not dampened by the all-day search along creeks, across streams, through swamps and up and down forested slopes; it was another failed attempt to find a very rare orchid....



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***GLOS needs healthy, disease-free plants for our raffle and silent auction. Please share your divisions and no-longer-wanted orchids with your fellow orchidists.***

### SELLING ORCHIDS AT GLOS MEETINGS:

Perhaps a plant has outgrown it's 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 it's 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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### **GLOS MEMBERSHIP** -- Doris Asher, Membership Committee Chair

Our GLOS numbers stand now as follows:

As of August 25th -- 85 households comprising 103 individuals. Since all were members during the last membership year, these numbers represent an 82.4% renewal rate.

2010-2011 (last year): 103 households representing 125 individuals

We have 24 households comprising 28 individuals who are Life Members. These numbers are included in the current membership numbers detailed above.

(Note: Members in arrears are welcome to renew at any time and will be reinstated immediately!)

### **OBITUARY: JAMES FRANK FORDYCE** - by Jeff Bradley Houston, Texas, posted on the AOS Website

James Frank Fordyce, passed away on August 17, 2011, after a brief illness, at the age of 87. Frank was one of the orchid world's most revered and iconic figures. He is survived by his wife of sixty-six years, Virginia "Madge", his daughter, Lila Susan "Sue", and his son James Stephen "Steve". Frank and Madge were childhood sweethearts, having known each other for eighty years. During his military service in WWII, Frank was captured by the enemy and was a POW from 1943-1945. In 1946, he began his career in orchids that spanned the remainder of his life when he was hired by Mr. Fred Stewart of Stewart Orchids. Frank worked at Stewart's from 1946 until 1960, when he opened his own orchid business in Oceanside, California. In 1970, he closed his business and began a ten year career with the Rod McLellan Company. In 1980, Frank and his able partner, Madge maintained their "Orchid Ranch" business in Livermore, California, until it was closed in 2006. Frank Fordyce was one of the most gifted hybridizers of cattleyas and his legacy continues to glean countless awards to the present day. A private interment will be held in Livermore. However, a "Celebration of the Life of Frank Fordyce and his Passion for Orchids," will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2011, at the Trinity Baptist Church, 557 Olivevina Avenue, Livermore, California, at 1:00PM, with a reception and buffet dinner following. All are invited to attend this public tribute to the life of a legend in the world of orchids.

Jeff Bradley Houston, Texas