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### CALYPSO DEADLINE:

August 25 for the Sept. 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 23rd MEETING: ANNUAL PICNIC *Saturday!*

Our Annual Picnic will be held in Granger Meadows Park. This year, we are trying something new by having the picnic on Saturday instead of Sunday. We hope more members can attend. We have rented the first pavilion, the one closest to the road and "rest stations." *Although the official start time is 12:00 noon, please bring your donations to the pavilion before noon so they can be priced and ready for sale by 12:15.* That is also the time to socialize. Please wear your GLOS Name Tag.

*By 12:00 noon -- Arrival time, set-up & socialize*

*12-12:15 -- pricing of sale items -- help is appreciated*

*12:15 - 1:00 -- flat rate sales (Please come early for best selection)*

*1:00 eat*

*Live auction after we eat (Any unsold plants will be auctioned or should be taken home)*

*4:15 Clean-up*

Please remember that this is our major fund-raising event for the year. All donations are welcome: Orchids, house plants, garden plants, books, and any orchid or gardening-related items.

The society will provide:

- drinking water & 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
  - live auction after we eat
  - Guests are welcome.



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -- Rob Halgren**

Welcome to summer! I think I've finally moved everything outside that I'm planning to move, and I'm taking the time to rearrange and repot as many of the plants that I'm keeping inside as I can. My goal is to touch everything, and to take that time to inspect for diseases or pests. So far I've only found mealy bugs, which I was kind of expecting. Summer is a good time to take plants outside and spray with the stuff you don't want to spray inside. I've written about this before, but as long as you are taking the time to move around your plants, you may as well take an extra few seconds and evaluate whether you really want to keep the plant or not. I get a little more ruthless every time I do this exercise. Covered with mealy bugs and the plants around it are clean? Sounds like a plant for the compost pile, even if I do kill the bugs they will probably come back to it next time. Ugly plant covered in spots? Compost... I find that some paphiopedilums like to throw new growths an inch or two above the pot – not a feature I'm going to tolerate in anything but a heirloom plant – compost! Five divisions of the same clone? Some of those should go into the 'take to the picnic' pile. I'm not that ruthless, if the plants are good I will give them away, as much as I like compost.

If you want to get your hands on some of that last category of plants, come to the picnic! Bring some of your own to sell or auction off as well. It is also a great time to get some yummy food and socialize. It is a lot more fun if you come, so make a point of being there!



*Congratulations, Pete Ostlund,  
Orchidist of the Year!*

2016's Orchidist of the Year was awarded to long time member Pete Ostlund for his outstanding dedication and effort in support of our annual orchid show in February. Even though he had substantial work commitments, he still stepped up and organized the vendors and displays. We couldn't have made the show work without him. Congratulations, Pete, and thank you!

→ Thanks to Sharon Alden, Mary Henman, Tammy Scherer, Dottie Winter and Dot Potter Barnett for the treats at our May meeting. Don't forget to check the info on p.1 for what to bring to our July Picnic.

**GLOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- **July Picnic - Saturday, July 23** (Note -- *this year the picnic is on Saturday!*)
- **September 17 - GLOS General Meeting** - Speaker Rick Lockwood on "What do Orchids Eat?"
- **October 8, 2016** - All State Orchid Societies Meeting. Featured speaker is Carlos Fighetti.
- **November 5-6, 2016** - Michiana OS Show - Doris and Lynn will set-up and take down.
- **November 26-27, 2016** - Saginaw Valley OS Show - Ioana is in charge of the display
- **February 25-26, 2017 - GLOS Orchid Show and Sale**
- **February 24-25, 2018 - GLOS Orchid Show and Sale**



**MAY 21 MEETING MINUTES** - Submitted by Doris Asher, Acting Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by President Rob Halgren. The meeting was well attended, with approximately 34 participants including a visitor, Janice Kidd, who learned of us from this February's Show, and four new members (Jim Churn, Bridget Ludwig, Tammy Scherer, Zora Todd) plus returning member Mark Roberts. Each new member and guest received a complimentary raffle ticket. Every member wearing his or her GLOS name badge received an extra raffle ticket if the member bought any raffle tickets. Membership Chair Doris Asher prepared write-on name badges for everyone not having a GLOS name badge.

Providing an array of delicious food, refreshments volunteers for the meeting were Sharon Alden, who was filling in for Jan David, who was not feeling well, new member Tammy Scherer, Dot Potter Barnett, Mary Henman, and Dottie Winter.

Doris Asher, substituting for Treasurer Ioana Sonea, told everyone the rules for our silent auction and invited people to purchase raffle tickets as well.

Mike Underwood, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate of officers for the Society for 2016-2017, and asked for additional nominations from the floor:

President: Rob Halgren  
Vice-president: Doris Asher  
Secretary: Diane Zoellner  
Treasurer: Ioana Sonea  
Directors: Michael Henderson for two years  
Editor of the Calypso: Dot Barnett

There being no additional nominations, the slate was elected by unanimous acclamation.

Carol Ann Stuhrt presented a proposal to increase the number of meetings for a one-year trial period in order to provide greater service to GLOS members. Specifically, Carol Ann proposed additional meetings in April, June, and August. A motion and second were received for the proposal – there was extensive discussion with several amendments proposed. After a confusing round, the motion Carol Ann presented was tabled pending review of a survey of GLOS members requesting feedback/input on the motion – Dot to distribute the survey by email. The Society Board will discuss the proposal as well at its meeting on Monday, June 6th. However, it is important to note that an amendment to the motion to have the Society Board make the decision was defeated. Rob hoped to have the results of the survey to review with the members at our Picnic July 23rd.

Since Carol Ann's seconded motion was tabled, it will need to be voted on at some point by the membership (following review of the survey results). It could be that we will get some feedback for a different arrangement of additional meetings that would be a good alternative to the April/June/August group in the original motion.

Rob and Doris invited everyone to attend the June 18-19 educational seminar of the Great Lakes Judging Center to be held at Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor – Doris had flyers with details for distribution. This year's topic is Oncidiums.

Rob announced the Orchidist of the Year Award went to Pete Ostlund for his outstanding service to the Society in so many ways for so many years, especially his chairing the annual orchid show for three years and serving as vendor and exhibitor liaison for our most recent Show. For this February's Show, he also chaired the Society's exhibit and won the American Orchid Society Show Trophy awards for the beautiful exhibit. Rob presented Pete with a cypripedium plant.

Our guest speaker, Peter T. Lin, proprietor of Diamond Orchids in southern California, discussed the numerous orchids on the plant table. Members brought in quite an array of orchids for all to enjoy.

Rob introduced AOS judge Peter T. Lin, who gave an engaging, informative presentation on mini-catts beautifully illustrated. He discussed the foundation species and foundation hybrids in the background of mini-catts and showed the two parents and their resulting progeny. His presentation included a very nice segment on how to repot the small cattleyas in addition to several Show displays featuring the small plants. Members asked him questions for several minutes and then resumed shopping among the orchids he had brought to the meeting.

Mary Henman settled up the silent auction; Doris handled the raffle.

Numerous members helped return the meeting room to pristine condition after the meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.



**THE QUICK SURVEY, RESULTS and PLAN OF ACTION** -- Submitted by Dot Potter Barnett

At the request of the membership, I sent out the following email to all members who had email:

A motion to increase the number GLOS meetings for a year trial period was made and seconded at our May 21st meeting. After discussion the motion was tabled in order to request additional input from GLOS members. That is the reason for this email.

The intent of the motion is to better meet the needs of the membership by providing more opportunities for members to get to know each other, feel a part of the society, learn more about orchids, and get help with specific orchid culture questions.

More meetings would mean all our members will have more opportunity for participation plus the responsibility to assume some of the increased work-load to make these meetings a success.

The motion as made and seconded is as follows:

*Add special scheduled meetings in the months of April, June, and August for a period of one year from the start of the proposed schedule change. GLOS membership will evaluate the completed meeting schedule at the next regular meeting following the close of the one-year trial period. Motions to continue, amend or discontinue the trial schedule may be presented at that time.*

Please reply to this email by stating:

Yes, I would like more meetings and am willing to help with them.

-or-

No, I like things the way they are.

Please add comments.

Here are the results of that survey:

There were 33 responses (totaling the wishes of 36 members)

Yes – 27 members

No – 5 members

Uncommitted – 4 members

Of the “Yes” – 15 agreed to help

Of the “No” – one said he was indifferent (which really makes the “no’s” 4, and the uncommitted 5 members)

These results, along with members’ comments, were presented to the Board at our June meeting. After much discussion, the Board decided that the members’ wishes were clear, but that the motion (above) made and tabled at the general meeting needed to be voted on.

Voting on this motion will take place at the July picnic. If you cannot be there, please submit your vote (Yes or No) to me via email, or by postal mail. It needs to arrive to me by Friday, July 22 in order to be counted. We are using the same procedure for voting as we did for the slate of officers at our May meeting:

*If you cannot be at the picnic to vote, please vote by email.* From the GLOS Bylaws:

1.1.1 Absentee voting is permitted in cases where the item for vote has been published at least 2 weeks before the scheduled vote. In such cases, members must submit their vote, in writing and in a signed, sealed envelope or via an email account on file with the society, to the Secretary or the counter of the votes ahead of the slated vote. Absentee voting must be received in accordance with instructions provided for such voting at least 2 business days prior to the election.

Please send emails with your absentee votes to Dot: dotbarnett@mac.com

**BAKING TRAY LEFT AT SHOW**

Are you missing a brown Calphalon baking tray? A very nice tray, 9” x 13” x 1” deep was left in the food room at the GLOS Show. Please contact Doris Asher, who is holding it for you. asherdoris@juno.com or 517-332-0004

**MINUTES OF JUNE 6, 2016 GLOS BOARD MEETING** - submitted by Diane Zoellner, Secretary

It was a beautiful night at Dot's house for our GLOS Board Meeting. A visit to her greenhouse revealed many lovely orchids in bloom making us all very envious. We enjoyed a variety of delicious pizzas, drinks, and fruit and then topped it off with homemade rhubarb cake with whipped cream and ice cream. Members present were Rob Halgren, Doris Asher, Ioana Sonea, Carol Ann Stuht, Jerrie Nichols, Dot Potter Barnett, and Diane Zoellner.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Ioana reported a net loss of \$602.46 for our current period, April 4, 2016, to June 6, 2016. The expenses were \$1003 with income of \$400.54. However, there is a net gain of \$507.06 for the year to date, July 1, 2015, to June 5, 2016. Yearly income was \$8,102.80 while expenses were \$7595.74. Please see attached reports for details.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS****1. MEMBERSHIP**

Doris reported that 16 members renewed. One of our past members, Mark Roberts, rejoined. Also, we received one new member, Peggy Brown. Welcome to both Mark and Peggy. Sadly one of our lifetime members, Ellen Enjada, died Thursday, April 21. Our thoughts are with her family and friends. Currently we have 108 members in 93 households.

**2. SHOW PLANNING 2017**

- A. Doris and Ioana attended a meeting April 29 with Michaleh Reddan, the new MSU Event Coordinator, about issues with the 2016 Orchid Show.
1. MSU classes in the rooms used for our Hospitality meals- Room B106. There could be an issue next year again because MSU professors are allowed to use the food room and the registration room until 5:00 on Friday.
  2. Janitorial Services: The issue with trash cans not emptied was discussed.
  3. The entrance door being unlocked too early on Sunday: This is in the domain of MSU Department of Public Safety.
  4. The parking charges for the show are unknown at this time. It is also in the domain of the MSU Department of Public Safety.
- B. Providing food for show visitors: Because of the lack of space, keeping the building clean, and insurance issues, having a food truck is not a viable option at this time. Having a list available of nearby restaurants and perhaps having pre-packaged cookies for the class sessions was suggested.
- C. Congestion at the door of the Head House on Friday: In addition to the Head House door, the loading dock can be used for both set up and tear down next year.
- D. Hanging and dismantling backdrops: Because the ladder was locked away for tear down, it is suggested that a ladder be brought next year.
- E. Carol Ann researched and will purchase a new art display panel to replace the old awkward pegboard. The cost will be up to \$250. The Board approved this expenditure.
- F. Mary Henman has asked for \$300 to purchase books to sell at the 2017 show. This is in line with the money given for 2016 (\$200) and 2015 (\$300). Mary already has 11 new books for next year's show leftover from this year's show. The Board approved \$300 for the purchase of books.
- G. Doris will order the trophies needed for the 2017 show.
- H. Show Planning Committees
- Jerrie Nichols and Leslie Behm have asked to be relieved of co-chairing the Hospitality Committee. Jerrie has the data organized for the next year's chairmen. Thank you to both Jerrie and Leslie for doing an excellent job with the Hospitality Committee.
- Pete Ostlund has asked, because of his other numerous duties for the show, to be replaced as chair for the GLOS Exhibit. Thank you so much to Pete for chairing the society exhibit this year as well as all his other responsibilities. The publicity postcards were deemed a good size for posting, carrying, and sharing. Dot will design and order postcards for the 2017 show.
- Doris will send in the AOS judging application in late July.

**OLD BUSINESS****A. PROGRAMS**

1. Saturday, July 23, 2016 PICNIC 12:00-4:00 p.m.  
Members bringing plants for the sale or auction are asked to come a few minutes earlier than noon to organize the plants. Rob and Mike Underwood will be the auctioneers. Rob will bring water to drink and Ioana will supply the ice. Everything will remain the same as last year except lunch will begin at 1:00.
2. September 17, 2016, Rick Lockwood "What Do Orchids Eat?" Share with MOS
3. October 8, 2016, Special All State Meeting Saturday, Carlos Fighetti
4. November 19, 2016, Rob will contact Kristin Uthus to see if she can reschedule.
5. January 21, 2017, Yet to be determined
6. March 16, 2017, Yet to be determined

**B. AWAY SHOWS**

1. Michigan November 5-6, 2016, Doris and Lynn will set up and take down.
2. Saginaw Valley November 26-27, 2017, Ioana will set up and take down.

**C. GLOS SHIRTS** Issue tabled for now.

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**MINUTES OF JUNE 6, 2016 GLOS BOARD MEETING**, continued from p.5

## NEW BUSINESS

## PROPOSAL TO ADD 3 MEETINGS TO THE GLOS YEAR

At the May GLOS meeting, Carol Ann Stuht presented a proposal to increase the number of meetings for a one-year trial period in order to provide greater service to GLOS members. Specifically, Carol Ann proposed additional meetings in April, June, and August. A motion and second were received for the proposal.

A survey was sent to members. Dot shared the results of the survey. 27 out of the 36 replies were in favor of adding meetings. Concern was expressed about who would be responsible for the meetings and set up if the officers were unable to attend. In the past, participation has been low for events not at the church or not on Saturday. If the proposal passes, it will be for a one year trial period. The topics for the added meetings might be less structured and less costly. The members will be asked to share ideas for topics. Voting on the proposal will be as set up in the past. Please make it a priority to vote.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. THE GLJC Seminar is June 18-19. Mark W. Chase from KEW will speak about orchids.
2. The July CALYPSO deadline is Thursday, June 30, 2016.

THE AUGUST BOARD MEETING DATE WAS CHANGED TO MONDAY JULY 25TH AT ROB'S HOUSE: 2100 Grovenburg Rd., Lansing 48911-6443 All members are welcomed to the board meeting.

**MEMBERSHIP YEAR DRAWS TO A CLOSE** - Submitted by Doris Asher, Membership Chair

Since the Society's fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30 of each year, members for the 2015-2016 year who have not yet renewed their membership for 2016-2017 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. Thirty-six people have already taken advantage of the life membership.

Please make checks payable to GLOS and send them to Treasurer Ioana Sonea, 3740 Chippendale Drive, Okemos, MI 48864. Or, save a stamp and pay Ionea in person when you come to the Picnic on July 23rd!

So far, 71 households (85 individuals) have already paid their dues for the coming year; we need to hear from 22 households (23 individuals) who have not yet renewed. (These numbers accurate as of Monday, June 20, 2016.)

(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. The Editor will contact those members receiving their newsletters electronically to remind those who have not yet renewed to do so.)

*Note: Membership form is on the Back Page of this Calypso edition.*

**GLOS ROSTER****New Member -- Welcome!**

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**Welcome Back!**

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**TREASURER'S REPORT, June 6, 2016** - submitted by Ioana Sonea, Treasurer

Current period from 04/04/2016 to 06/06/2016

## Income:

1. Main sources of income were
  - a. various donations (\$83)
  - b. membership fees (\$116),
  - c. reimbursement for rental of church meeting room for All Society October meeting (\$100)
  - d. proceeds from the raffle (\$64) and silent auction (\$17)
  - e. donations to GLOS to cover cost of hard copies of Calypso (\$20.54)
2. Total income for period: \$400.54

## Expenses:

1. Main expenses for the period were
  - a. reimbursement for moss purchased by Rob Halgren for shows (\$161)
  - b. rental of church meeting room for All Society October meeting (\$100)
  - c. MAOC yearly dues (\$54)
  - d. Auto-Owners insurance annual fee (\$268)
  - e. Peter Lin speaker fee (\$175) and half of travel expenses (\$245) for a total of \$420
2. Total expense for period: \$1,003

Net for April 5, 2016 to June 5, 2016: - \$602.46

Year to date (July 1, 2015 to June 5, 2016)

Income year to date: \$8102.80

1. Main sources of income were
  - a. show table rental fees (\$4530)
  - b. proceeds from the raffle (\$426) and silent auction (\$291)
  - c. donations for show food (\$425)
  - d. donations for show trophies (\$450)
  - e. show book sales (\$448)
  - f. membership fees (\$512),
  - g. miscellaneous donations (\$449.11)
  - h. donations at show (\$277.10)
  - i. refund of church rental fee for All Society October 2016 meeting (\$100)
  - j. MSUFCU Certificate with a balance of \$1413.43 renewed on 10/29/15 as a 4-Year Certificate (total income over 4 year period: \$96.98, starting balance 4 years ago was \$1316.45)
  - k. CD1 matured on 7/31/2015, rolled over into 4 yr CD maturing on 7/31/2019 (\$78.31)
  - l. donations to GLOS to cover cost of hard copies of Calypso (\$74.70)
  - m. refund of deposit for picnic site (\$40)
  - n. fee for artwork sold at show (\$30)

Expenses year-to-date: \$7595.74

1. Main expenses for the period were
  - a. show advertisement (\$1600)
  - b. show site and table rental (\$1294.08)
  - c. show food (\$852.97)
  - d. show supplies: postcards, ribbons, copying etc (\$992.95)
  - e. speaker's fees (\$920)
  - f. insurance (\$268)
  - g. donations (\$350, \$150 to Great Lakes Judging Center \$100 each to Nature Conservancy and Michigan Nature Association)
  - h. miscellaneous costs (\$327.85) such as copying, base price of plants at silent auction, refunds, etc.
  - i. show judging (\$276)
  - j. church room rental for 2015-16 (\$250)
  - k. fabric for backdrops (\$159.84)
  - l. church rental for All Society October 2016 meeting (\$100)
  - m. MAOC yearly dues (\$54)
  - n. web hosting and domain fees (\$42.65)
  - o. reimbursement of picnic deposit to Dot (\$40)
  - p. reimbursement of travel expenses (gasoline) to Carol Stucht, incurred with Grand Rapids show (\$31.20)
  - q. State of Michigan Nonprofit corporation 2015 information update (\$20)

Year-to-date net: +\$507.06

**THE JUNE 2016 AOS CORNER** – From the desk of Denise Lucero, Vice-Chair, American Orchid Society Membership and Affiliated Societies Committee.(dluceroaosmembership@gmail.com)

Check out the AOS newly designed website!

We're excited to share that the American Orchid Society website has been completely revamped. It's user friendly and looks great. It's easy to find the answer to all questions orchid, including helpful, reliable information on how to grow your orchids.

We will continue to add resources to support our Affiliated Societies such as the brand new and free, graphically rich, "Guide to a Successful Orchid Show" which can aid even the most experienced to stay organized and on-track while planning a show and the updated List of Speakers to help you plan society meeting programs. You will now find the Affiliated Societies link on the home page under the "About Us" heading.

The new site is still being tweaked, so content may move around a bit, but we'd love you to check it out. Here's the link: AOS.org

#### **UPCOMING WEBINARS**

Food, Sex & Alcohol: The Fascinating World of Orchid Pollination

Tues, May 31, 2016 @ 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM EDT Members only are invited

Join us for a fascinating talk on orchid pollination strategies by Dr. Ron McHatton, Director of Education of the American Orchid Society.

Register now using this link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3176334435104154883>.



AOS Archive Photo

American Orchid Society: Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton

Tues., June 14, 2016 @ 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM EDT Everyone is invited

Please join Ron McHatton, American Orchid Society Director of Education, for a Q&A session on how to grow and care for your orchids. If you have a question, please submit your questions by June 12th to [stillisch@cox.net](mailto:stillisch@cox.net).

Register now using this link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6688975018868678915>.

North American Orchid Conservation

Tues., June 21, 2016 @ 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM EDT Members only are invited

Join Past AOS President and Education Chair Sandra Svoboda as she talks about the endemic orchids of North American and the conservation efforts and organizations that exist to ensure that our North American native orchids survive.

Register now using this link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/700915946744837891>

#### **DON'T MISS THE NEW ORCHID AWARDS PICTURES ON THE AOS WEBSITE:**

See fabulous pictures of the most breathtakingly beautiful orchids receiving awards from the AOS! Visit the new "Latest Orchid Awards" page on the AOS website to enjoy these stunning photographs! Click on the thumbnails to see them in larger format. Free to members and nonmembers. <http://secure.aos.org/orchid-awards.aspx>

#### **WEAR YOUR SOCIETY NAME TAG TO PICNIC** - Submitted by Membership Committee (Doris & Dot)

Your Society's Membership Committee no longer collects and holds members' name tags. Each member keeps his or her own GLOS name badge.

Please remember to wear your badge to the Picnic. Let's help everyone greet everyone by name by wearing a name tag. Doris will have the inventory of name badges which have not yet been picked up at the Picnic as well as name badges for our new members. In addition, she will have write-on name tags for visitors and for anyone who forgets his or her official badge.

(If you have lost your nametag, kindly let either Dot or Doris know. Dot will prepare a replacement for you.)



**GREAT LAKES JUDGING CENTER EDUCATION SEMINAR 2016**

Submitted by Doris Asher, Registrar

In order to maintain his or her status as an accredited judge for the American Orchid Society, each judge must get twelve hours of continuing education each year. To assist their personnel in doing so, each judging center, such as our local one, the Great Lakes Judging Center, provides an educational session during each of its monthly judging sessions. However, it is difficult to offer twelve hours in this manner. Therefore, once a year, on the third weekend of June, we hold an educational seminar, which runs Saturday afternoon and evening and Sunday morning at excellent conference facilities provided by Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor.



We rotate through the Mid-America Orchid Congress show schedule for our topics. This year we concentrated on the Oncidiinae. Next June the topic will be the Cymbidiums and the Dendrobiums.

In addition to the 19 judges headquartered in the Ann Arbor judging center, about forty other people attended this year's Seminar. These forty included judges from the Toronto and the Cincinnati Judging Centers and interested orchid people from Cleveland, Dayton, Cincinnati, and New Carlisle, IN, as well as from several of our Michigan-based orchid societies. The combination of people to ask questions of the presenters and to interact throughout the weekend provides vibrancy to the event that might be lacking if the seminar were limited to just the GLJC personnel.

Activities on Saturday open with official AOS award judging in which everyone is invited to participate. Once the judging is concluded, the talks begin. Because we gave so many awards this year (ten!!), we had to forego two talks. We heard Joyce Medcalf on "Miniature Oncidiums", Jean Ikeson on "Oncidium fuscatum and its hybrids", Sandra Marcos on "Psychopsis", and our own Rob Halgren on "Trichocentrum". The main topic of the weekend was the ongoing turmoil in genus names throughout the Oncidiinae brought on in large part by the groundbreaking taxonomic work of Mark W. Chase from Kew in London. Mark was our headline speaker: "The 5-Year Old Child Test: How Well Does It Work to Distinguish *Odontoglossum* from *Oncidium*?". Russ Vernon countered the "new" taxonomy in his two presentations: "Odontoglossums: Judging and Growing Killer Odonts Without Getting Frostbite" and "Miltoniopsis".

We had a delicious buffet dinner served in our seminar room; we bid on silent auction items; we had live auctions, with the facility of Alex Challis and Rob Halgren serving as auctioneers. We ate snacks provided by the GLJC judges.

Then, suddenly, it was 1:00, and the Seminar weekend was over, to be renewed next year!

Maybe you will plan to join us June 17-18, 2017!

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*Editor's Note: I have gone to these seminars, or parts of them, for the last several years. If you have never been to an AOS judging, you really should try to attend one. It is interesting to see how much attention is given to each plant submitted. The judges examine it and compare it to other plants that have received awards. Whether it is awarded or "passed," it is given intense scrutiny and fair regard. The talks in the seminar are worth the attention, as well. Although I was only able to attend two of them this year, I did hear Russ Vernon's talk on *Odontoglossums*, and it was really interesting and informative, even though my growing conditions are mostly not favorable.*

**MID-AMERICA ORCHID CONGRESS' 2016 ESSAY CONTEST**

The essay topic opener for this year is: "Why I would like to know more about . . ." (fill in the blank with an orchid person, place or thing).

Essays are to be no more than 500 words in length. Deadline for submission is Oct. 1, 2016. Prizes are \$100 for first place, \$50 for second, and \$25 for third prize.

Send submissions to the Essay Committee at [Lois.Holmes68@gmail.com](mailto:Lois.Holmes68@gmail.com) or you can mail to 6813 Dupont Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55430.

THE MID-AMERICA  
ORCHID CONGRESS

**24th Annual**

# Chicagoland Orchid Fest

**September 23-24-25, 2016**

**8:00am – 5:00pm Friday & Saturday**  
**10:00am – 3:00pm Sunday**

**Special sale items and refreshments available at both locations!**

**Chicagoland** is highly regarded as one of the top orchid growing regions in the United States. Come walk the greenhouses and find out why!

**Guest Growers** at each location will be offering plants for sale from all over the world!

**Visit** two different, interesting and unique orchid nurseries located within a 40 minute drive. (See map on reverse side)

**Grand Prize Drawing** Nursery Gift Certificates valued at \$600.00 will be awarded at festival conclusion! A total of five (5) winners will be drawn from those participants who have visited both locations during the festival weekend. Winners will be able to choose from which nursery they wish to have their certificate issued. See the festival website or contact a participating grower for an application form!

**Look for festival special offers at both locations by visiting the festival website at [www.chicagolandorchidfest.com](http://www.chicagolandorchidfest.com)**

Hosted By:  




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Dear Orchid Society Officer/Member (Past or Present!),

The Chicagoland Orchid Growers Association invites you and all of the orchid lovers in your society to attend our 24th annual Orchid Festival, to be held concurrently at two (2) 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, 2016.

Please feel free to print out and photocopy the attached flyer for distribution at your next society meeting. We would also be grateful if you would help us to publicize the event in your society newsletter. More detailed information (maps, guest grower/speaker list, etc.) can be found on the festival website at

[www.chicagolandorchidfest.com](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!

Sincerely,  
The Chicagoland Orchid Growers Association  
Members:

Orchids by Hausermann  
Natt's Orchids

## *Congratulations, GLOS Member Emily Tseng*

Emily and a co-volunteer had their photo in the STATE NEWS for their volunteer work at Beal Gardens:

<https://issuu.com/statenews/docs/sndaily.061616>

Emily said she has been volunteering as a "garden ambassador at Beals for the past 13 years. She enjoys the scenery as well as the variety of visitors.

## Two of the Awards given at the GLJC Seminar:

Vanda christensoniana  
'Wacousta' AM/AOS 80 points



Paphiopedilum  
Susan Booth  
'Wacousta'  
AM/AOS  
84 points





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

**2016 All State Orchid Societies Meeting**

*Hosted by the following Orchid Societies:*

*Ann Arbor, Dunes/Kamalazoo, Grand Valley,  
Greater Lansing, Michigan, Northwestern Michigan,  
Saginaw Valley*

**Oct 8th, 2016 at 2 PM**

**Carlos Fighetti**

**Guaynabo, Puerto Rico  
Past President AOS,  
Present President of the  
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Will give a overview on  
"Phalaenopsis Species"**



**Presbyterian Church of Okemos  
2258 Bennett Road, Okemos, MI**

For more info call or e-mail Jack Shumaker  
810-265-8117 or [jcobble58@aol.com](mailto:jcobble58@aol.com)

Every one Welcome

**JULY PICNIC:**

Please bring plants and other related items: orchids, perennials, gardening & potting-related materials, books, etc. This is GLOS' biggest fund-raising event of the year, and all donations are important and welcome!

When you bring your items, you might have in mind if they should go on the \$2, \$5, \$10 or \$20 table, or if you want the item(s) to be in the Live Auction.

Your participation is not only important to GLOS, it is vital!

See you at the picnic!



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### Greater Lansing Orchid Society - Membership Form

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Categories:  Individual (8.00)  Joint (\$8.00 plus \$4.00 for each additional member)  Life (\$80.00)  
 Renewal  New Membership  Check # \_\_\_\_\_  Cash (DUES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE)

*Dues are payable in May for the membership which begins July 1<sup>st</sup>.*

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Please submit this form with your check (payable to GLOS) to: Ioana Sonea, 3740 Chippendale Drive, Okemos MI 48864