



ANN ARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Our May Speaker

is John Curtin! He will be speaking IN PERSON in Matthaei Room 125 on Sunday, May 4th about lycastes. He will have plants for sale. Please bring plants for the silent auction and raffle, and also for the show and tell. Our meeting is from ~2-4 pm.

If you can't make it in person, please join us via Zoom:

<http://tiny.cc/AAOSMeeting>

Meeting ID: 875 9702 0445

Passcode: 199161

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(The speaker will start at ~2:15 pm.)

John has been growing and hybridizing orchids for over 40 years. He is a member of the Michigan Orchid Society and The American Orchid Society. He is a frequent speaker at various orchid society meetings as well as special community events. His current collection totals over 1000 orchids. His plants have won numerous local and national awards.

John has an MBA from the Michigan State University Advanced Management Program as well as Bachelor of Science and Master of Science Degrees in Biology from the University of Detroit.

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Lycaste Spring Performer



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AAOS Meeting Schedule for 2025

MEETING DATE	DAY OF WEEK	TIME	LOCATION	SPEAKER + TOPIC
January 19, 2025	Sunday	2pm	Matthaei Room 125	Basics of Growing Orchids
February 16, 2025	Sunday	2pm	Matthaei Room 125	Rob Halgren - Littlefrog Farm - Latouria Section Dendrobiums and How to Grow Them
March 9, 2025	Sunday	12-4pm	Matthaei Room 125	Dennis Seffernick - Flask and Flora - Colombian Orchid Species
April 6, 2025	Sunday	2pm	Matthaei Room 125	Eric Sauer - River Valley Orchids - Phragmipediums
May 4, 2025	Sunday	2pm	Matthaei Room 125	John Curtin - Lycastes
Summer 2025	TBD	TBD	Vivian Lin's home 710 Watershed Dr Ann Arbor, 48105	AAOS Summer Potluck (please bring a dish to pass!)
September 21, 2025	Sunday	2pm	Matthaei Room 125	Harold Koopowitz - Disas
October 19, 2025	Sunday	2pm	Matthaei Room 125	Carol Klonowski - Asian Cymbidiums
November 14-16, 2025	Fri-Sun	See flier	Matthaei Auditorium, Greenhouse, and Room 125	Ann Arbor Orchid Festival
December 2025	TBD	TBD	Paige and George Hartman's home	AAOS Holiday Party (please bring a dish to pass!)
January 18, 2026	Sunday	2pm	Matthaei Room 125	Basics of Growing Orchids
February 15, 2026	Sunday	2pm	Matthaei Room 125	Deb Boersma - Sobralias
March 15, 2026	Sunday	2pm	Matthaei Room 125	TBD
April 19, 2026	Sunday	2pm	Matthaei Room 125	TBD
May 17, 2026	Sunday	2pm	Matthaei Room 125	Lynn O'Shaughnessy - Pleurothallids, Weeds of the Orchid World



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Upcoming AAOS Board Elections!

At the May meeting, there will be elections for the Board of AAOS.

The current Board is willing to serve for 2025-2026, but if anyone is interested in running, please let the Nominating Committee know.

Phalaenopsis



Paphiopedilum John Fields



Cypripedium kentuckiense



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AAOS Officers and Volunteers for 2024-2025

POSITION	NAME	EMAIL	PHONE
President	Laura Zimmerman	lhzimmerman@gmail.com	(267) 709-1424
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Director	Brooke Monette	brooke@brookemonette.com	(734) 263-8448
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Hospitality/ Photographer	Dave Malmquist		
Reception	Dottie Winter & Michael Weber		
Newsletter	Lynn Krawczyk & Vivian Lin	lynnkrawczyk@gmail.com	(734) 673-4822
Webmaster	Lynn Krawczyk & Brooke Monette		
Festival	Michael Weber & Vivian Lin		
Librarian	Brooke Monette		
Shows	Laura Zimmerman & Shane Ginnard		
Programs/Membership	Vivian Lin	vivlin1127@gmail.com	(734) 834-4367
Publicity/Recruitment	Keerthi (Ky) Burgi	k99rthi@gmail.com	(248) 242-0527

Pot. Shinfong Beauty x
C. Chocolate Drop

Find AAOS online - links below!

Website	https://annarbororchidsociety.org/
Facebook Group	https://www.facebook.com/groups/annarbororchids/
Facebook Page	https://www.facebook.com/annarbororchidsociety



ANN ARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: _____ Date: _____

Check the box for each line that you do NOT want published in the Membership Directory.

Address: _____ ☐

City/State/Zip: _____ ☐

Phone (home): _____ ☐

Phone (mobile): _____ ☐

Email: _____ ☐

Please check membership type: ☐ Full-time Student (FREE! electronic newsletter only)
☐ Individual (\$20)
☐ Household (\$25)

☐ Senior* Individual (\$15)
☐ Senior* Household (\$20)
* Senior rates apply to individuals 70 and over

The Newsletter is provided via email to all members at no additional cost. If you would like a printed paper copy (greyscale printed only) mailed to your home, please donate \$20 to help cover costs. Save trees--please only select this option if absolutely necessary.

☐ I would like a printed paper copy of the newsletter mailed to me. (\$20)

Membership form and payment can be brought to any in person meeting or mailed to Vivian Lin at 710 Watershed Drive / Ann Arbor, MI 48105. Payment can be made by check or by Venmo.

- Make checks payable to Ann Arbor Orchid Society. Please include (or email to Vivian) a membership form.
- Venmo payment option: @AnnArborOrchidSociety. Please email your membership information to Vivian at vivlin1127@gmail.com

AAOS MEMBER SURVEY – To help us provide meetings that are of interest to you, please take a moment to let us know your thoughts on the questions below. You can write your responses on the back of this form or email them to Vivian at vivlin1127@gmail.com. Thank you!

- 1) Would you characterize yourself as a beginner grower, an advanced grower or something in between?
- 2) How long have you been growing orchids? What kinds of orchids do you grow?
- 3) Where do you grow most of your orchids? (For example, windowsill, outdoors in summer, greenhouse, under artificial lighting, etc.)
- 4) What types of orchids would you like to hear more about?
- 5) What other orchid-related topics would you like to learn about?