

# ANN ARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## *in loving memory*

It is with great sadness that we mark the passing of longtime AAOS volunteer Harry Clark Winter, who died peacefully on January 23, 2022 at the age of 80.

Harry was born in New Britain, CT in 1941. He received his B.S. degree in agricultural and biologic chemistry from Penn State 1962 and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Wisconsin. He ultimately joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1975, where among other things he made major contributions to the field of glycobiology. Harry retired in 2008 as a research assistant professor emeritus of biological chemistry.

Harry and Dottie were high school friends, and married in 1977. In 1992, they attended the Michigan Orchid Society show at Laurel Park. There, they picked up one of Neal and Meredith Foster's fliers about starting an Ann Arbor orchid society, and attended the organizational meetings.

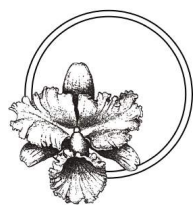
As we all know, over the next 25+ years they became indispensable volunteers for AAOS, taking care of everything from making the coffee before meetings, to organizing registration of orchids for shows.

Dottie shared that Harry loved all sorts of orchids, and would often bring home something different that had caught his interest.

Harry will be greatly missed. In his honor, the AAOS will have a Harry Winter memorial trophy for our 2022 Festival.

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## February 2022 Meeting Topic

- o MEETING TOPIC + SPEAKER: Dr. Kristen Uthus of New World Orchids will speak about *Australian Dendrobiums*
- o MEETING LOCATION: Matthaei Botanical Gardens  
1800 Dixboro Road  
Ann Arbor, MI 48105  
<https://mbgna.umich.edu/>
- o MEETING DATE & TIME: February 13, 2022 from 2pm-4pm
- o \*\* FOOD & DRINK IS NOT CURRENTLY ALLOWED \*\*
- o Please bring plants you wish to re-home for the raffle table.
- o Please bring plants for Show + Tell.

### About Dr. Kristen Uthus:

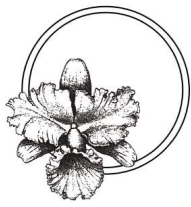
Dr. Kristen Uthus studied both plant and animal ecology and evolution at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) and the Ohio State University (OSU). She then taught biology and ecology at several colleges including VCU, OSU, University of Michigan, and Eastern Michigan University.

The daughter of a plant fanatic, Kristen has been growing orchids for over 20 years, and in 2014 she fulfilled her dream of making orchids a full-time commitment by purchasing NWO.

Although she enjoys growing many varieties of orchids and other plants, miniatures remain her passion—the weirder the better. New World Orchids specializes in Japanese species including *Neofinetia falcata*, *Dendrobium moniliforme*, and *Sederia japonica*, but her miniature selection includes many other small species including *Pleurothallids*, *Bulbophyllums*, and *Angraecums*.

Although never entirely up to date, you can check out some of NWO's offerings at [www.newworldorchids.com](http://www.newworldorchids.com).

Kristen lives in Manchester, MI, about an hour west of Detroit. She is supported in her orchid pursuits by her husband, Dr. Kevin Wehrly, and her two sons, Henry and Gus.



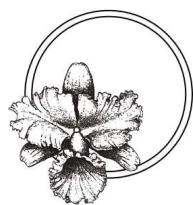
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## REMINDER OF IN PERSON MEETING PROTOCOLS FOR COVID

- ❖ Building access: The building door of the west wing is not usually open to the general public. Special arrangements have been made to have the door unlocked from 1:45pm-2:15pm. As an alternative, the east entrance (by the conservatory/auditorium) is open during all business hours.
- ❖ Meetings held in Room #125 have access to one restroom only. It is directly next to #125. The hall restrooms are designated for staff use only & will be marked accordingly.
- ❖ Face coverings are required for all indoor spaces regardless of vaccination status.
- ❖ No food or drink is allowed.
- ❖ Visitors will be asked a series of screening questions when coming into the building. If you would like to complete the screening questions prior to coming, you can do so by following the link below. When completed, take a screenshot of the green checkmark and show it when you enter the building. If you don't complete the screening questions prior to coming to the Gardens, please come a little bit early to avoid creating a long line.
- ❖ COVID screening questions:  
[https://umich.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3PminsH4aZnBWER](https://umich.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3PminsH4aZnBWER)



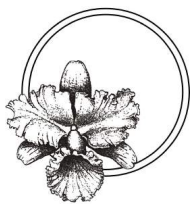
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## AAOS Meeting Schedule for 2022

MEETING DATE	DAY OF WEEK	TIME	LOCATION	SPEAKER + TOPIC
February 13, 2022	Sunday	2pm	Matthaei Botanical Gardens, Room #125	Kristen Uthus of New World Orchids will speak about "Australian Dendrobiums"
March 13, 2022	Sunday	2pm	Matthaei Botanical Gardens, Room #125	Eric Sauer, River Valley Orchids, "Maxillaria—more than just tenuifolia"
March 18-20, 2022	Friday - Sunday	AAOS ORCHID FESTIVAL at MATTHAEI BOTANICAL GARDENS		
April 10, 2022	Sunday	2pm	Matthaei Botanical Gardens, Room #125	Orchids 101 - Hands on demonstrations on repotting and other aspects of orchid care  * Orchids may be available for sale from Rob Halgren of Littlefrog Farms
May 15, 2022	Sunday	2pm	Matthaei Botanical Gardens, Room #125	Brenda Oviatt of Botanica Ltd. will speak about Angraecoids
September 18, 2022	Sunday	2pm		Edgar Stehli from Windswept Orchids will speak, topic TBD
October 2022	All State orchid societies meeting. Date, time, speaker and topic TBD.			
November 13, 2022	Sunday	2pm		Kim Feddersen of Fair Orchids will speak about Cymbidiums
December 2022	AAOS Holiday Party! Details TBD.			

AAOS meets September – May of each year, excluding December.



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## Grand Valley Orchid Society Show Report



*AAOS's display with registration tags at the GVOS show*

Our display at the GVOS show in January won a Blue Ribbon! Many thanks to all those who contributed plants and who set up/took down the display!

In addition to the display winning a ribbon, several AAOS members received ribbons for their plants. Grower/plants/ribbons are listed below. Congratulations to everyone!



Grower: Linda Battison  
Plant: C. Perfect Vision  
Award: 2<sup>nd</sup> place ribbon

Grower: Linda Battison  
Plant: Den. Razzle Dazzle  
Award: 2<sup>nd</sup> place ribbon

Grower: Vivian Lin  
Plant: Paph. Winston Churchill  
Award: 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon

Grower: Vivian Lin  
Plant: Phal. Yang Yang Blue Dragonfly  
Award: 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon

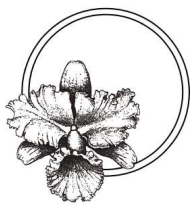
Grower: Deb Heckler  
Plant: Paph. spicerianum  
Award: 1<sup>st</sup> place ribbon

Grower: Deb Heckler  
Plant: Phrag. besseae  
Award: 2<sup>nd</sup> place ribbon

Grower: Deb Heckler  
Plant: Onc. Volcano Hula Halua  
Award: 2<sup>nd</sup> place ribbon

Grower: Deb Heckler  
Plant: Psh. vitellina  
Award: 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon

Grower: Deb Heckler  
Plant: Paph. philippinense x Johanna Burkhardt  
Award: 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon



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## AAOS ORCHID SHOW DISPLAY GUIDELINES

Since the pandemic has put us out of practice with showing our beautiful plants, below is a good reminder of what is needed from each member when giving a plant for our displays at shows.

A note from Deb:

Because it is impossible to create a quality display with registered plants in a matter of minutes, the following procedures have been formulated.

All lists of plants to be entered in the Show must be emailed to: [debschatzle@gmail.com](mailto:debschatzle@gmail.com) by noon on the Wednesday prior to the show. No late plant lists will be accepted. Deb will forward the verified names to Paige, who will then prepare the labels to be used in the Show.

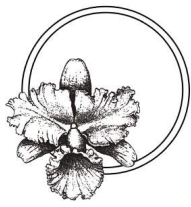
This needs to be done to allow time to look up each and every plant, find the correct current name, determine the appropriate class the plant will be entered, create a registration tag for the plant (so it can be judged), and print a label for each plant for the Show display. Our labels are hand-printed by Paige. All of this takes time.

Plants for each show must arrive at the show site no later than noon on Friday for set-up. This schedule applies to our own show, as well. No late plants can be added into the Show display. It is imperative to have plants on-site timely for set-up (staking with registration tags, bagging, labeling), so the display design can be determined/executed at a reasonable hour.

We can do better than, "shows by the seat of our pants." Let's!

### CHECKLIST FOR PLANTS TO SHOW IN AAOS DISPLAYS

- ☐ Email all lists of plants to be entered in the show must be emailed to [debschatzle@gmail.com](mailto:debschatzle@gmail.com) by noon on the Wednesday prior to the show. *No late plant lists can be accepted.*
- ☐ Plants for each show must arrive **no later than noon on Friday for set-up. No late plants will be added to the show display.**
- ☐ Thank Deb and Paige for all of their hard work!



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## AAOS ORCHID SHOW JOBS - CAN YOU VOLUNTEER? 😊

So much love and care goes into each show - whether we are participating or hosting. Many hands make light work so if you are able to contribute some of your time, it is very much appreciated.

Listed below are some of the various jobs that go into showing in other societies shows or setting up our own.

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Registration  
EMAIL PLANT LISTS BY NOON WEDNESDAY BEFORE  
SHOW  
to Deb Heckler at: [debschatzle@gmail.com](mailto:debschatzle@gmail.com)

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Labels  
Need to be prepared in advance of Show set-up.

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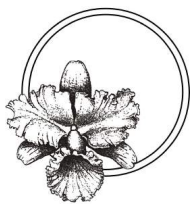
Plant Prep  
Staking, Labeling & Bagging  
PLANTS MUST ARRIVE AT SHOW SET-UP  
BY NOON FRIDAY

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Show Chair  
Determine, bring and set-up staging;  
place plants in display.

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Takedown  
Remove black bags, stakes, plants, ribbons;  
disassemble display and return to storage

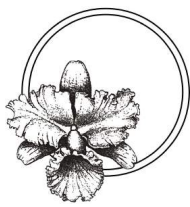


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## Upcoming Orchid Shows & Sales

ORCHID SOCIETY	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Greater Lansing Orchid Society	February 26-27, 2022	Saturday 11am-5pm Sunday 11am-4pm	The MSU Plant and Soil Science Conservatory 1066 Bouge Street East Lansing, MI 48824
Ann Arbor Orchid Society Show	March 18-20, 2022		Matthaei Botanical Gardens
Michigan Orchid Society Show	March 26-27, 2022	Saturday 11am-5pm Sunday 11am-4pm	United Plumbers Union Building 555 Horace Brown Drive Madison Heights, MI 48071



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## CALL FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES AND SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Have something interesting to tell the group? It can be anything orchid related!

- Learn something new?
- Have a tip or trick that has improved your orchid growing?
- Have a favorite orchid you are proud of and want to share?
- Know of an orchid event that the group would like to know about?
- Have you finally bloomed an orchid that has been taking up space for years without doing anything?
- Need advice about an orchid?

All of these are great items to include in our newsletter. ☺

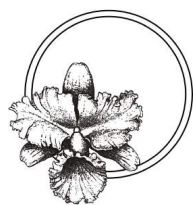
Send your information to me by the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month and I will include it in the newsletter! You can email me directly at [lynnkrawczyk@gmail.com](mailto:lynnkrawczyk@gmail.com)

## AAOS ONLINE

Find the Ann Arbor Orchid Society online! Links below:

Website	<a href="http://www.aaosonline.org/">http://www.aaosonline.org/</a>
Facebook Group	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/annarbororchids/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/annarbororchids/</a>

Please note: The Facebook Group is private. This means that you will have to request to join it.



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## AAOS Officers and Volunteers for 2021 - 2022

POSITION	NAME	EMAIL	PHONE
President	Shane Ginnard	sginnard@emich.edu	(734) 882-9999
Vice President	Laura Zimmerman	<a href="mailto:lhzimmerman@gmail.com">lhzimmerman@gmail.com</a>	(267) 709-1424
Treasurer / Membership	Vivian Lin	vivlin1127@gmail.com	(734) 834-4367
Secretary	Paige Hartman	GEHartman1@msn.com	(734) 846-7864
Director	Michael Weber	meweber@bgsu.edu	(734) 429-2034
Director	Cynthia Yao	cyao4742@gmail.com	(734) 436-8141
Past President	Abby Skinner	skinne11@msu.edu	
Hospitality	Michael Weber		
Reception	Dottie Winter & Michael Weber		Dottie: (734) 761-5859
Newsletter	Lynn Krawczyk	lynnkrawczyk@gmail.com	(734) 673 - 4822
Webmaster	Shane Ginnard		
Festival	Abby Skinner		
Shows	Shane Ginnard		
Programs	Vivian Lin		
Publicity/Recruitment			

# ANN ARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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: ☐ 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 mailed to your home, please donate \$10 to help cover costs.

☐ I would like a printed paper copy of the newsletter mailed to me. (\$10)

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 a printed membership form.
- Venmo payment option: @AnnArborOrchidSociety. Please email your membership information to Vivian at [vivlin1127@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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?