



ANN ARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Our January speaker is **Fred Clarke from Sunset Valley Orchids (SVO)**! He will be speaking about growing catasetinae orchids and will be bringing plants to sell. See you in the **Matthaei Auditorium** on Sunday!

Fred has been growing orchids for 45 years and has been hybridizing orchids for 41 of those years. With over 37 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery, Sunset Valley Orchids, located in San Diego, California.

His interest in orchids is broad and varied. Although developing Cattleya hybrids has been his sustaining interest, he is also actively creating new Paph and Aussie Dendrobium hybrids, and his pioneering work in Catasetum intergenerics led to the development of several notable hybrids, notably including the grex Fredclarkeara After Dark, "the blackest flower ever witnessed"! This grex has received over 100 awards worldwide with multiple FCCs and AMs from AOS judges.

Fred is an Accredited Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region.

For those unable to join us in person, here is the Zoom link:

<http://tiny.cc/AAOSMeeting>

Meeting ID: 875 9702 0445

Passcode: 199161

One tap mobile

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PREORDERS: 10% off and free shipping!

<https://www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com/>

After the shopping cart is populated with your selections:

- Click [Go to Payments](#)
- In the Shipping Address section:
 - Full name: put **AAOS**
 - Address: put the MEETING DATE, **Jan 21, 2024**
- In the Billing Address section, fill out the fields marked with an *
- Then click [Continue](#)
- On the checkout page, indicate **CASH ON DELIVERY** to pay at meeting

DINNER w FRED at 5 PM January 21 at EVERGREEN on PLYMOUTH RD!

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Fdk. After Dark 'SVO Black Pearl'

If you have anything you'd like to add to the newsletter, please email it to Vivian by the 1st of the month:

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AAOS Meeting Schedule for 2023-2024

MEETING DATE	DAY OF WEEK	TIME	LOCATION	SPEAKER + TOPIC
August 13, 2023	Sunday	2pm	Matthaei Room 125	Thanh Nguyen of Springwater Orchids – Multifloral Paphiopedilums
September 17, 2023	Sunday	2pm	Matthaei Room 139	Kristen Uthus of New World Orchids – Miniature Orchids
October 15, 2023	Sunday	2pm	Matthaei Room TBD	Sarah Hurdell of Needmore Orchids - Bulbophyllums and the Layer Cake Potting Method
November 12, 2023	Sunday	2pm	Matthaei Room 125	Peter T. Lin of Diamond Orchids – Epidendrum, Prosthechea, and Encyclia Orchids
December 2023	Holiday Party – details TBD			
January 21, 2024	Sunday	2pm	Matthaei Auditorium	Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids – Growing Catasetinae Orchids
February 11, 2024	Sunday	2pm	Matthaei Room 139	Michael Kielb – Native Michigan Orchids
March 10, 2024	Sunday	2pm	Matthaei Head House (in the back...)	Basics of Growing Orchids/ Orchid Repotting Clinic
April 21, 2024	Sunday	2:30 pm	Online	Eric Sauer, TBD
May 19, 2024	Sunday	2pm	Matthaei Room 139	AAOS Elections; Bridget Uzar of Carter and Holmes Orchids – Topic TBD
June 16, 2024	Sunday	2pm	Matthaei Auditorium	Duane McDowell – Neofinetia Falcata and Its Hybrids
July 2024	Summer Potluck – details TBD			
September 22, 2024	Sunday	2pm	Matthaei Room 125	Norman Fang of Norman's Orchids – Topic TBD

AAOS usually meets September – May of each year. For 2024, we get an extra meeting in June!



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Plants Needed for AOS Judging Sat Jan 20th

The Great Lakes Judging Center (GLJC) is asking us to bring them plants for judging Saturday, January 20th if we have anything in bloom. Please help! GLJC meets monthly on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

<http://www.gljc.org/>

Location: Washtenaw Community College, Morris Lawrence Bldg, 4800 E Huron River Dr, Ann Arbor, MI 48105.

Time: Speaker at 11 am (Fred Clarke, Judging Catasetinae Orchids), Judging at 1 pm

Membership—TIME TO RENEW for 2024!

If you haven't renewed your AAOS membership yet for 2024, please do so now! The membership form is on the last page of this newsletter. Your membership dues help to support our ability to bring in interesting speakers. Thank you so much for supporting AAOS!

Upcoming Orchid Shows

January 27-28: Grand Valley Orchid Society:
Frederik Meijer Gardens, Grand Rapids

February 24-25: Greater Lansing Orchid Society:
MSU Plant and Soil Sciences Bldg, 1066 Bogue
St., East Lansing

March 30-31 (to be confirmed): Michigan Orchid
Society: Local 98 Plumbers Union, 555 Horace
Brown Dr., Madison Heights

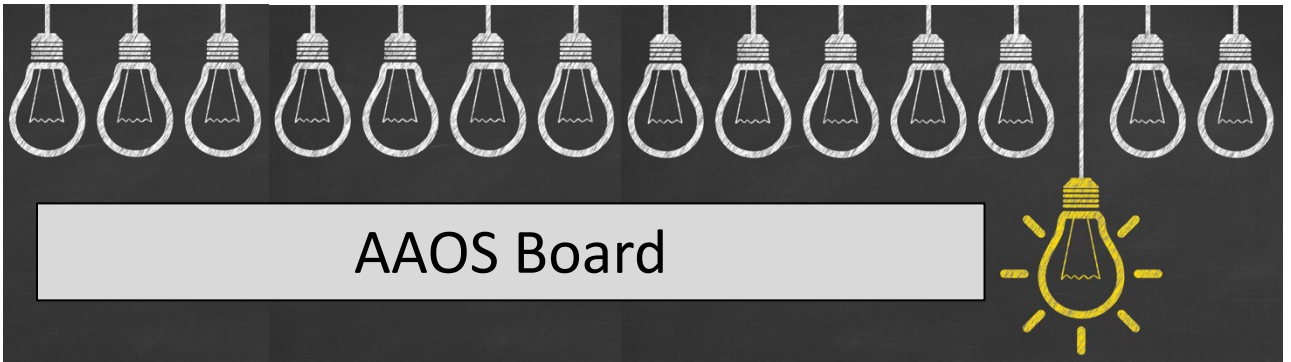


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AAOS Board Meeting Schedule and Zoom Link

Meetings are usually 2pm the first Sunday of every month.

Upcoming meetings:

- February 4 at 2 pm
- March 3 at 2 pm
- April 7 at 2 pm
- Zoom link:
<https://tinyurl.com/aaosboard>

All members of the Ann Arbor Orchid Society can attend the club's Board Meetings. The schedule and the link to the zoom meeting are shown to the left.

The President, Vice President, Treasurer, and one of the Director positions, will be open in May 2024. If you are interested in joining the Board, please let the Nominating Committee (Shane Ginnard and Dave Malmquist) know!

Elections for the AAOS Board will be during our regular meeting in May 2024. Only Members in good standing as of the day of the election may vote.

The Board conducts routine business of the Society. The voting members of the Board consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Past President and two Directors.

Chairpersons of committees are appointed (rather than elected) and are nonvoting members of the Board.

A brief description of the responsibilities of each voting Board member is as follows:

- President: Sets the schedule and agenda for Board meetings, runs the general meetings.
- Vice President: Fills in for the President when the President isn't available.
- Secretary: Takes minutes of Board meetings. Conducts an election of a temporary meeting chairperson if both the President and Vice President aren't available.
- Treasurer: Handles the finances of the Society. Files all the taxes and other required documents with the State of Michigan and with the IRS.
- Past President & Directors: Assist the other members of the Board with decision making and conducting the routine business of the Society.



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AAOS Officers and Volunteers for 2023 - 2024

POSITION	NAME	EMAIL	PHONE
President	Shane Ginnard	sginnard@umich.edu	(734) 882-9999
Vice President	Laura Zimmerman	lhzimmerman@gmail.com	(267) 709-1424
Treasurer / Membership	Vivian Lin	vivlin1127@gmail.com	(734) 834-4367
Secretary	Lynn Krawczyk	lynnkrawczyk@gmail.com	(734) 673-4822
Director	Kevin Griffin	kahless66@yahoo.com	(248) 761-1272
Director	David Malmquist	dcmalmquist@gmail.com	(734) 604-2149
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Hospitality	Dave Malmquist		
Reception	Dottie Winter & Michael Weber		Dottie: (734) 761-5859
Newsletter	Lynn Krawczyk & Vivian Lin		
Webmaster	Shane Ginnard & Lynn Krawczyk		
Festival	Michael Weber & Vivian Lin		
Librarian	Brooke Monette	brooke@brookemonette.com	
Shows	Laura Zimmerman & Shane Ginnard		
Programs	Vivian Lin		
Publicity/Recruitment	Keerthi (Ky) Sreenivasan	ksreeniv@med.umich.edu	

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: ☐ Individual (\$20)
☐ Household (\$25)

☐ Senior* Individual (\$15)
☐ Senior* Household (\$20)
* Senior rates apply to individuals 70 years of age 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) (Save trees! Please don't ask for a paper copy unless you really really need one.)

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 or otherwise get a form to her.

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?