



ANN ARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Our January Program

The January program is members of AAOS offering growing and blooming tips.

For the first hour, different Board members will cover general aspects of orchid care (lighting, potting materials, fertilizer, pest control.)

In the second hour we will discuss how to grow and bloom six different orchid genera:

Laura – Neofinetias and Oncidiums
Linda – Cattleyas
Lynn – Bulbophyllums
Michael – Phragmipediums
Vivian – Phalaenopsis

A repotting clinic will be held at the summer picnic. Date TBD.

Shane will bring pots and cedar baskets for sale.

PLEASE BRING YOUR PLANTS FOR SHOW AND TELL. ☺ It's always exciting to see all the different plants everyone is growing so bring them to the meeting so we can appreciate the blooms with you!

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

<http://tiny.cc/AAOSMeeting>

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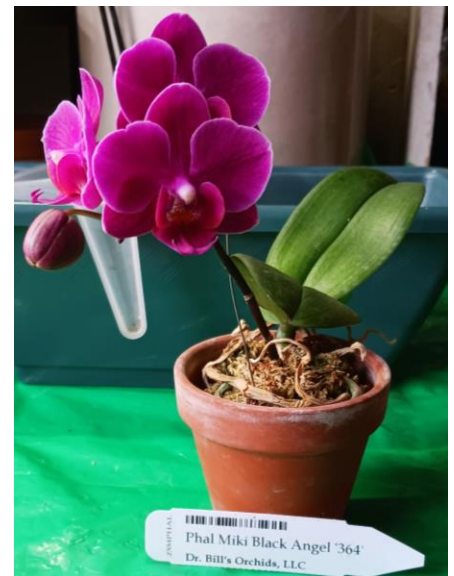
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(The AAOS meeting starts at 2 pm; discussion will start at 2:30 pm.)

The Grand Valley Orchid Show is January 24-25, 2025 at Fredrerik Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids. AAOS will have a display. More details to come on transporting plants to the show.

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Phal Miki Black Angel grown by James Lunsford



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AAOS Meeting Schedule for 2025-2026

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	2pm	Matthaei Room 125	Dennis Steinbeck - Flask and Flora - TBD
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	AAOS Summer Picnic
September 21, 2025	Sunday	2pm	Matthaei Room 125	Harold Koopowitz - Disas
October 19, 2025	Sunday	2pm	Matthaei Room 125	Carol Klonowski, TBD
November 14-16, 2025	Fri-Sun	See flier	Matthaei Auditorium, Greenhouse, and Room 125	Ann Arbor Orchid Festival
December 2025	TBD	TBD	TBD	AAOS Holiday Party

AAOS usually meets September - May of each year.



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Catasetinae Plant Culture for Winter

Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids offers culture tips for catasetinae in his newsletter. Here is what he is saying for the winter phase of caring for these unique orchids:



These 4 plants illustrate the progression of late season Catasetinae dormancy, from left to right: 1) leaf yellowing & abscission, 2) near leafless plant with one yellow leaf, 3) and 4) leafless plants.

Light level management Indoors

Growing under lights for optimal results:

April – October: day length should be set at 15 hrs.

November: reduce light schedule hour to = 14 hrs.

December: reduce one more hour = 13 hrs.

January: and reduce one more hour = 12 hrs.

February: add one hour = 13 hrs.

March: add one more hour = 14 hrs.

April – October: back to a day length schedule of 15 hrs.

The onset of dormancy generally occurs naturally; however, when plants are cultivated in consistently warm growing areas, such as in the home or under lights, dormancy sometimes needs to be encouraged. I have found that managing irrigation is one of the best tools to trigger dormancy. If you still have plants in January with a full complement of green leaves, it's time to take a more aggressive approach. Allow the media to become dry, regardless of the number of green leaves. Let the media stay dry for 5-6 days, then water sparingly, about one or two ounces of water. The water may flow right through the media, and that's okay. Allow the media to dry and wait 7-8 days before following the same stingy irrigation procedure. Repeat this process, increasing the dry interval between watering. This process will trigger dormancy in plants that are resisting the transition. Not all plants lose all of their green leaves when dormant, and it's not uncommon for some to hold a few leaves well past the point when irrigation has stopped.

By late January, it's important to get your Catasetinae into the dormant stage and provide them with an adequate rest period so that they will "wake up" early in the spring to a long growing season that will help them to develop big bulbs and lots of flowers!

It is best to keep your Catasetinae plants in nearly the same light levels as in the growing season: target 2500-3000 foot candles. It is easy to download a Foot Candle Reader app for your phone to do the light level checking. Also do your best to give a 10-15 degree day/night temperature differential. If you're growing under lights, you do need to adjust the day length throughout the year, as all Catasetinae have evolved to experience seasonal changes in the number of daylight hours per day.



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AAOS Officers and Volunteers for 2025-2026

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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?