



ANN ARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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MARCH Meeting Topics

Our March meeting has been moved to Greenhouse 3!

This is the same room that the vendors are in for our Festival.

Different AAOS Board members will cover the following topics:

- Light / Temperature
- Water / Fertilizer / Humidity
- Pest control
- Potting media
- How to rebloom your Phalaenopsis
- How to repot your orchid
- How to mount your orchid

Mini-Catts in 3" pots will also be available for sale, \$15 each (these are generally \$18, not including shipping!)

Each member may bring 1 plant to be repotted, as time and supplies allow. Please also bring a pot approximately 1" larger in diameter than your existing pot, or an appropriate mount. Donations to help cover the cost of supplies are appreciated.

Please bring plants for show-and-tell, silent auction, and raffle!



Phalaenopsis MS Purple Fireworks, grown by L Zimmerman, photo by D Malmquist

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*Slc Sierra Doll mini-Catt from SVO
blooming in 3" pot.*

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 - NOTE that some rooms have changed!

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 at Shane's			
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 Auditorium	Basics of Growing Orchids/ Orchid Repotting/Mounting
April 21, 2024	Sunday	2:30 pm	Online, link TBD	Eric Sauer, TBD
May 19, 2024	Sunday	2pm	Matthaei Room 125	AAOS Elections; Bridget Uzar of Carter and Holmes Orchids - Journey of a Seedpod
June 16, 2024	Sunday	2pm	Matthaei Auditorium	Duane McDowell - Neofinetia Falcata and Its Hybrids
July 2024	Summer Potluck at Paige's - 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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AAOS Display at GLOS Show at MSU, East Lansing, February 24-25, 2024—
congrats to all who won ribbons!



Upcoming Orchid Shows

March 16-17: Michigan Orchid Society:
Local 98 Plumbers Union, 555 Horace
Brown Dr., Madison Heights

November 15-17: Ann Arbor Orchid
Society, Matthaei Botanical Gardens,
Ann Arbor

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!



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AAOS Board Meeting Schedule and Zoom Link

Meetings are usually 2pm the first Sunday of every month. All are welcome to attend!

Upcoming meetings: Zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/aaosboard>

- April 7 at 2 pm
- May 5 at 2 pm
- June 2 at 2 pm

Catasetinae Early Spring Culture Tips! (Edited from the Sunset Valley Orchids Newsletter)

It's time to repot your Catasetinae! Repotting with the onset of new growth ensures that the new roots, which initiate after the new growth by about 2-3 weeks, will grow directly into the new media. This eliminates the chance of damaging the new roots. This is important as Catasetinae produce just one flush of roots each season, and early damage to the new root system will severely limit the plant's ability to grow and flourish. Sunset Valley Orchids uses AAA sphagnum moss from New Zealand. First, we slightly moisten the new moss. When it's just right, it feels moist, but when you squeeze it tightly, water does not drip out. When using sphagnum moss for potting, we like to leave an air space beneath the moss and the bottom of the pot. This assures excellent drainage. It takes a little trial and error to get the air space right, but you will master it with a little practice. Styrofoam peanuts can also be used under the moss to provide this extra air space and drainage.

Repotting:

In the early spring, with the first signs of new growth, Catasetinae plants are still dormant and dry. Repotting should occur with the old media still dry. We use sterile clippers to cut away the old, unneeded moss. With larger plants, we usually trim away the moss farthest away from the newest growth. This trimming process cuts through the old moss and roots. We like to form a 2-3" long tapered (carrot-shaped) stump from the old moss and roots. This provides a form around which the new moss can be wrapped. It helps to hold the plant steady in its pot until new roots are produced and re-established. We orient the plant, so the new growth has room for 2 years of space for the growth. As with all orchids Catasetums don't like to be over potted either. It's better to under pot than over pot. For plants purchased from SVO last year that are still in 3" pots, I recommend the "slip-potting" method of repotting. Just wrap new moss around the existing moss and slip into a slightly larger pot.

Dividing:

The best time to divide Catasetinae is also with the onset of new growth. They do well when divided into pieces no smaller than two or three pseudobulbs. Divisions are made by cutting with a sterile tool or by carefully pulling the pseudobulbs apart.

Watering:

Watering should begin when the new roots are 3-6" long. It will take the plants 4-6 weeks after the onset of new vegetative growth for the new roots to grow to the desired length. Waiting for the beginning of watering is not easy, but we have learned through trial and error that it is much better to wait to water than it is to start watering too soon.



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AAOS Officers and Volunteers for 2023 - 2024

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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: ☐ 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?