



ANN ARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Our March Program

Dennis Steinbeck of Flask and Flora will be talking about "Colombian Orchid Species & How to Grow Them."

About Dennis: Dennis is a lifelong gardener, but it wasn't until a friend gave him a struggling Cattleya that he went all in for orchids. After blooming that plant, it kicked off a hobby turned obsession. This led him to open Flask and Flora, one of Ohio's few dedicated orchid nurseries.

Dennis focuses mostly on breeding Cattleyas, Paphs and Oncidiums but grows a wide range of odd and interesting genera as well. He regularly travels around the world to meet with growers and learn more about the specific orchids they grow in order to best culture plants here in the Midwest.

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

<http://tiny.cc/AAOSMeeting>

Meeting ID: 875 9702 0445

Passcode: 199161

One tap mobile

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(The AAOS meeting starts at 2 pm; Dennis's talk will start at approximately 2:15 pm.)

REMINDER

The Michigan Orchid Society show is on March 15-16. The show takes place here:

Local 98, Plumber's Union Hall
555 Horace Brown Drive
Madison Heights, MI

More info to come on transporting plants for the display.

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Pot. Rubescent Magic 'SVO Splash' x Pot. Martha Clarke 'Amazing' from Sunset Valley Orchids grown by Natasha Nguyen



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OUR DISPLAY AT THE GREATER LANSING ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW

From Vivian's Facebook post:

At the Greater Lansing Orchid Society's show this weekend, the Ann Arbor Orchid Society's display won first place in its class, and 3 plants got best in class (Deb Hecker's *Chysis limminghei*, Ayako Kikuchi's *Brassanthe Maikai*, and Carolyn Munro's *Phalaenopsis NOID*), with the *Chysis limminghei* also winning best in show! Congrats to everyone who contributed plants and everyone who worked on our lovely display!



Deb Hecker's *Chysis limminghei*,
Best in Show Winner



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ANNOUNCEMENTS / REMINDERS

UPCOMING AAOS BOARD ELECTIONS

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

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

One more spring orchid show!



2025 Michigan Orchid Society Orchid Show And Sale

Saturday, March 15th

- ♦ 11 a.m. To 5 p.m.

Sunday, March 16th

- ♦ 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ♦ Photographer's hour 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Local 98, Plumber's Union Hall
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Orchid Growing Classes 🌿 Free Admission 🌿 Free Parking
Displays of Orchids 🌿 Orchid Plant Sales



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AAOS Meeting Schedule for 2025-2026

AAOS usually meets September - May of each year.

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 - Colombian Orchid Species & How to Grow Them
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	Paige and George Hartman's home	AAOS Holiday Party
January 18, 2026	Sunday	2pm	Matthaei Room 125	Basics of Growing Orchids
February 15, 2026	Sunday	2pm	Matthaei Room 125	Deb Boersma - Sobralias



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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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Webmaster	Lynn Krawczyk & Brooke Monette		
Festival	Michael Weber & Vivian Lin		
Librarian	Brooke Monette		
Shows	Laura Zimmerman & Shane Ginnard		
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Publicity/Recruitment	Keerthi (Ky) Sreenivasan	ksreeniv@med.umich.edu	(248) 242-0527

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?