

ANN ARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Festival is almost here! Lots of information in this newsletter about the event. Please be sure to read all the details.

Two important deadlines:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16 - Names of the plants you will put in our display must be in the spreadsheet set up by Shane. Link for this is on page 7.

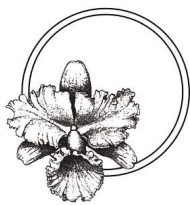
FRIDAY MARCH 18 - Plants for our display must be delivered to the Matthaei Auditorium by NOON! No late plants can be accepted!

You can drop your plants off to Vivian or Paige ahead of time if you are unable to drop them off on March 18. Please contact them to make arrangements.

Also - please volunteer for a job if you are able. Even an hour or two of your time is greatly appreciated! Details for that are on page 8.

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March 2022 Meeting Topic

- MEETING TOPIC + SPEAKER: Eric Sauer, River Valley Orchids, *Maxillaria*—more than just *tenuifolia*
- MEETING LOCATION: Matthaei Botanical Gardens
1800 Dixboro Road
Ann Arbor, MI 48105
<https://mbgna.umich.edu/>
- MEETING DATE & TIME: March 13, 2022 from 2pm-4pm
- ** Food and drink is now allowed! There will be refreshments at the meeting
- Please bring plants you wish to re-home for the raffle table.
- Please bring plants for Show + Tell.
- Eric will be bringing plants for sale.

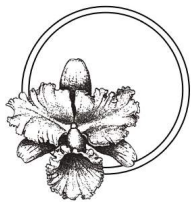
About Eric Sauer:

Eric has been growing orchids for over 30 years under the greenhouse name of River Valley Orchids and specializes in South American Species with a focus on *Maxillaria* and *Phragmipedium*. He has spoken internationally and across the United States.

Eric recently had culture chapters published by Guido Braem in his book on *Paphiopedilum* and in his book on *Phragmipedium*. He also has a feature article on *Maxillaria* in *Orchid Digest* and several of his *Maxillaria* photos published in Eric Christenson's book on *Maxillaria*.

Eric has received over 90 awards from the American Orchid Society and has three orchids named after him including two species from Ecuador. He regularly works with other *Maxillaria* and *Phragmipedium* aficionados around the world to better understand the genus.

Eric's real job is as a registered landscape architect and is the planning manager for Five Rivers MetroParks in Dayton, Ohio.

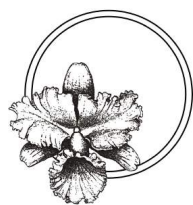


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REMINDER OF IN PERSON MEETING PROTOCOLS FOR COVID

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Food and drink are now allowed – there will be refreshments at the meeting!
- ❖ 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



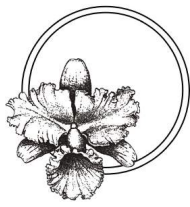
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AAOS Meeting Schedule for 2022

MEETING DATE	DAY OF WEEK	TIME	LOCATION	SPEAKER + TOPIC
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 in Time Orchids will speak
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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Greater Lansing Orchid Society Show Report



AAOS's display with registration tags at the GLOS show

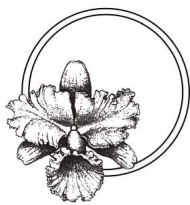


Our display at the GLOS show is shown to the left and we did good!

Our display won a ribbon and several plants received awards as well.

Well done everyone! ☺





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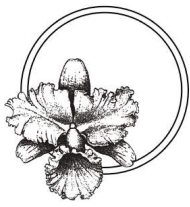
AAOS Facebook Page!

In addition to our private Facebook group where we chat amongst ourselves between meetings, Lynn set up a public Facebook page for our society. You can see it here:

<https://www.facebook.com/annarbororchidsociety>

This will allow us to advertise meetings and the festival with the goal to reach potential new members. If you are on Facebook, give the page a "like" and share any information posted there to people/groups you think would be interested.





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Show your plants off in the AAOS display!!!



Do you have an orchid that will be in bloom for our Festival? We would love to add it to our display!

Things to remember:

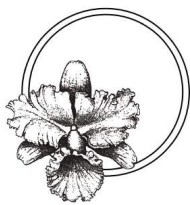
- A single bloom is enough to put your plant on display
- Don't be shy! All orchids are welcome!

Shane is collecting the names of the plants that will be in the display to create labels for them. He has set up a Google Doc spreadsheet where you can add your plant name. Here is the link:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/19MHJholtkWl_1dJVAqwuQgFKTyD5T1Y9pdvRFTxM3E8/edit?fbclid=IwAR20jgKyX_6PWNmJJx6VEP_7KY7UI7ILYQRyJlzwopNpTVM-P-DfOFiW6juw#gid=0

If you can't figure out how to add the information, you can email your plant name to Lynn at lynnkrawczyk@gmail.com and she will add it for you.

All plants for the display must be dropped off to Matthaei Auditorium by NOON on Friday March 18. We only have until 5pm to complete the display so late plants cannot be accepted!



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Show your plants off in the AAOS display!!!



to volunteer! 😊

Many hands make light work – if you are able to help with any task for Festival, it would be very much appreciated! Below are links to sign up for volunteering – every little bit helps! 😊

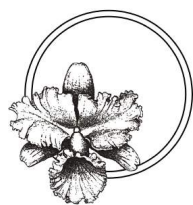
- Signups for trophy sponsorships, setup, clerking, clean up, etc. are at this link, please take a look at each tab. The tabs are listed along the bottom of the document.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Xb_CBzJjhlKfjz-8yXC-fFJgGKBap6-GSbMwOCBz5HE/edit?usp=sharing

- PLEASE consider signing up to clerk (Saturday 7:40 AM to 10 AM). No prior experience needed! It is really interesting to listen to the judges consider which qualities make each flower/entry a winner or not.
- It would be good to get 12-15 clerks to make the judging go faster. (I talked with a few of you at the February meeting and those who said they might be interested I put on the list--if I was mistaken just let me know and I'll take you off.)

- Signups for food donations are at this link, please donate if you can, food can be brought to Vivian in the auditorium on Friday of the Festival or to Room 139 on Saturday or Sunday. Alternatively we are also taking donations of cash (Venmo @AnnArborOrchidSociety) so that we can purchase what is needed. Thank you for your generosity!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4CAEAB2AABFAC07-aaos>



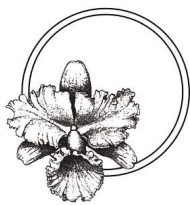
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Upcoming Orchid Shows & Sales

ORCHID SOCIETY	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
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

* AAOS will not have a display at the MOS show. Unfortunately, multiple people on the Shows Committee are unable to be available for the MOS show so AAOS will not be doing a display.



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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. ☺

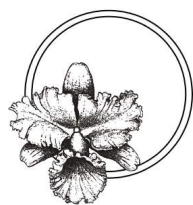
Send your information to me by the 1st of each month and I will include it in the newsletter! You can email me directly at lynnkrawczyk@gmail.com

AAOS ONLINE

Find the Ann Arbor Orchid Society online! Links below:

Website	http://www.aaosonline.org/
Facebook Group	https://www.facebook.com/groups/annarbororchids/
Facebook Page	https://www.facebook.com/annarbororchidsociety

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
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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
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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

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?