



ANN ARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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The speaker for the November meeting is Peter Lin of Diamond Orchids. He will be speaking about Epidendrum, Prosthechea, and Encyclia Orchids.

About Peter:

Peter started growing orchids over 40 years ago, but then stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about 18 years ago that the orchid "bug" came back and he is now heavily involved once again! He is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, and a hybridizer of mini-catts. He enjoys meeting with other orchid enthusiasts, and can often be found at various orchid shows and societies around the country.

Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS awards. His interests in orchids include Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and Neofinetias. He is also known as "Mr Sophronitis" as he has a passion for growing and collecting them. He maintains a collection of a several thousand orchids at his home in Southern California in 3 small greenhouses, outdoors, as well as an offsite greenhouse.



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This
month's
meeting is
in Room
139.

If you have anything you'd like to add to the newsletter, please email it to Lynn by the 1st of the month.
lynnkrawczyk@gmail.com



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Ann Arbor Orchid Festival Signups Open!

VOLUNTEER



We need all hands on deck to make the show a success—please help!

A critical function of the show is to help attract new members to grow our club. More members=a bigger budget for bringing in interesting speakers.

So, we especially need friendly, enthusiastic people to staff the AAOS host tables in the Auditorium and Greenhouse 3.

The signup spreadsheet is at this link:
<http://tiny.cc/AAOSFestival>

Please go through each tab of the signup spreadsheet and sign up for what you can! There are tabs for trophy sponsorships, food donations, and food workers, as well as a separate tab for timeslots to help with staffing the Auditorium and Greenhouse 3 AAOS Host tables, setup/cleanup, etc.

The signup spreadsheet is at this link:

<http://tiny.cc/AAOSFestival>

Options for helping with festival:

- Donate \$25 for a trophy sponsorship
- Donate food for festival workers and vendors
- Work as a host in the Auditorium. This means greeting visitors, talk about orchids, answer questions from visitors, talk about membership in AAOS.
- Work as a host in the Greenhouse. This means greeting visitors, assisting with raffle sales, give visitors culture sheets and answer questions.

Can't work an entire shift? No problem! Any time you can donate to making **the** Festival **a** success is welcome! 😊



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Show Off Your Plants!

**WE WANT
YOUR
ORCHIDS!**

- A spreadsheet is on Google Drive for you to enter the name of your plant you are loaning to the GLOS display. You can find it at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/AAOS-display-plant-lists>
- Enter as much information as you know about your plant. If you don't know the class, leave it blank.
- **Names must be on the spreadsheet by Wednesday November 15, 2023 so show labels can be made.**



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Plant Drop Off / Pick Up Instructions

HOW TO PREPARE YOUR PLANT FOR EXHIBIT:

- Please inspect your plant carefully. If you see any signs of pests or disease, leave them at home.
- Label your plant with your name and phone number on the outside of the pot.
- Potted plants should be able to stand up on their own. If not, place your pot inside a heavier pot to stabilize it. Label both pots.
- Flower spikes need to be minimally / inconspicuously staked. Please refrain from using large, bulky, or colorful clips. We want the flower to be the focus!
- If your plant is mounted or needs to be hung, let us know if there are any special requirements when you add the plant to the Plant Spreadsheet.

PLANT DROP OFF:

- **Festival set up is on Friday November 17th.**
Please bring your plants to the auditorium between 8am and 12pm. It's critical that plants arrive no later than 12pm so our display can be made. Please plan accordingly.
- If you can't make the set up date, there are two options to get your plants to the exhibit. Bring your plants to the November 12th meeting and Lynn will bring them to set up the following week. If you can't make the meeting, you can contact Lynn or Shane to make arrangements to drop off plants to them to take to set up.
- If you are bringing plants to the meeting or dropping off with Lynn or Shane, please have them packed securely in a box with a covering to protect them from the cold.

PLANT PICK UP:

- **Festival tear down is on Sunday November 19th.** Plant pick up is **in the auditorium between 4:30pm and 5pm.**
- If you can't make tear down on the 19th, please make arrangements with another member of the society to pick up your plants for you.



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Proposed Budget 2024

We will vote on the budget at our November meeting. Any questions please email the Treasurer, Vivian Lin, at vivlin1127@gmail.com

2024 Proposed Budget					
			Actual '22	Actual + Estimated '23 w Xtra Festival	Proposed '24
Income					
	Donations & Miscellaneous		546.19	350	350
	Membership Dues		515	975	700
	Festival Income				
	Donations for Trophy Sponsorships & Misc.		245	1500	1000
	Festival Raffle Fundraiser		566.94	800	400
	Table Fees		1450	2500	1200
	Total Festival Income		2261.94	4800	2600
	Ways and Means				
	Auction & Raffle		169.47	400	200
	Total Ways and Means		169.47	400	200
Total Income			3492.6	6525	3850
Expense					
	Administration				
	Association Dues/Subscriptions (AOS, MAOC)		0	183	15
	Corp. Filing Fee		20	20	20
	Liability Insurance		290	310	330
	Miscellaneous		212	35	15
	P.O. Box Rental		156	170	190
	Total Administration		678	718	570
	Festival Expenses				
	AOS Expense		190	260	130
	Festival Hospitality		139.26	500	500
	Printing/Posters		160	300	300
	Ribbons & Trophies		0	1950	350
	Total Festival Expenses		489.26	3010	1280
	Programs (Speakers)		2024.75	1800	2000
Total Expense			3192.01	5528	3850
Net Income			300.59	997.00	0.00

Cash assets as of 12SEP2023: \$6019.09 total

Checking: \$5151.08

Venmo: \$408.99

Petty Cash: \$459.02



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AAOS Meeting Schedule for 2023-2024

MEETING DATE	DAY OF WEEK	TIME	LOCATION	SPEAKER + TOPIC
December 10, 2023	Holiday Party at Shane's - details TBD			
January 21, 2024	Sunday	2pm	Matthaei Auditorium	Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids - Catasetums and Cycnoches
February 11, 2024	Sunday	2pm	Matthaei Room 139	Michael Kielb - Native Michigan Orchids
March 10, 2024	Sunday	2pm	Matthaei Head House	Basics of Growing Orchids/ Orchid Repotting Clinic
April 21, 2024	Sunday	2pm	Online	Eric Sauer of River Valley Orchids, Topic 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 have an extra meeting in June!**



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AAOS Board Meeting Schedule and Zoom Link

Meetings are usually 2pm the first Sunday of every month from August to May.

Upcoming meetings:

- December 3 at 2pm
- January 7, 2024 at 2pm
- **February 4, 2024 at 2 pm**
- Zoom link:
<https://tinyurl.com/aaosboard>

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

The President, Vice President, and Treasurer positions, and one of the Director positions, will be open in May 2024. If you are interested in joining the Board, please let a current Board member 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@emich.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
Past President	Michael Weber	meweber@bgsu.edu	(734) 429-2034
Historian	Dottie Winter		(734) 761-5859
Hospitality	Michael Weber		
Reception	Dottie Winter & Michael Weber		
Newsletter	Lynn Krawczyk		
Webmaster	Shane Ginnard & Lynn Krawczyk		
Festival	Michael Weber & Vivian Lin		
Librarian	Brooke Monette	sidney_shadespiders@yahoo.com	
Shows	Laura Zimmerman & Shane Ginnard		
Programs	Vivian Lin & Lynn Krawczyk		
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: _____

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 (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?