



ANN ARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Our October Speaker

is Betty Patterson! She will be speaking IN PERSON in the Matthaei Auditorium on Sunday, October 20 about orchids and bromeliads of Colombia. Please bring plants for the silent auction and raffle, and also for the show and tell. Our meeting is from ~2-4 pm.

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

<http://tiny.cc/AAOSMeeting>

Meeting ID: 875 9702 0445

Passcode: 199161

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(The speaker will start at ~2:15-2:30 pm.)

Here is some more information about the meeting:

For this month's meeting, the Southeast Michigan Bromeliad Society has welcomed us to join them for a presentation by Betty Patterson, who will be speaking of her recent trip to Colombia, where she documented numerous orchids and bromeliads in situ. We're expecting to hear about pleurothallids, pitcairnia, puyas, and whatever other surprises Betty has up her sleeve.

Betty Patterson is retired from the Dallas Symphony Orchestra where she played double-bass, and she has collaborated with author José Manzares on his multivolume series, *Jewels of the Jungle: Bromeliaceae of Ecuador*, which includes descriptions of species encountered on her 2001 trip to Ecuador, sponsored by the National Geographic Society.

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Orchid photos by Betty Patterson



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AAOS Meeting Schedule for 2024-2025

MEETING DATE	DAY OF WEEK	TIME	LOCATION	SPEAKER + TOPIC
September 22, 2024	Sunday	2pm	Matthaei Room 125	Norman Fang of Norman's Orchids - Highlights of the Penang International Orchid Show
October 20, 2024	Sunday	2pm	Matthaei Auditorium	Betty Patterson - Orchids and Bromeliads of Colombia
November 15-17, 2024	Fri-Sun	See flier	Matthaei Auditorium, Greenhouse, and Room 125	Ann Arbor Orchid Festival
December 8, 2024	Sunday	1-4pm	Deborah Heckler's home 5226 Pleasant Hill Dr Fenton, MI 48430	AAOS Holiday Party (please bring a dish to pass!)
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	12-4pm	Matthaei Room 125	Dennis Seffernick - 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	TBD	AAOS Summer Potluck (please bring a dish to pass!)
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 (please bring a dish to pass!)



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Ann Arbor Orchid Festival Signups Open!

VOLUNTEER



We need everyone's help to make our Festival show a success!

A critical function of our Festival 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.

We are also in need of more people to help with clerking during ribbon judging on Saturday from 8-10 am! Training is provided, you don't have to have any previous experience.

Please sign up for what you can--the signup spreadsheet is at this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/2024AAOSFestivalSignup>

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

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Options for helping with festival:

- Donate \$35 for a trophy sponsorship
- Donate food for festival workers and vendors
- Help with clerking during the ribbon judging part of the show on Saturday from ~7:45-10 am. Breakfast provided from 7-7:45 am! No experience necessary--training and materials provided. This is a great way to learn about what judges look for in different orchid flowers.
- Work as a host in the Auditorium. This means greeting visitors, talking about orchids, answering questions from visitors, talking about membership in AAOS.
- Work as a host in the Greenhouse. This means greeting visitors, assisting with raffle sales, giving visitors culture sheets, and answering questions.
- Lots of additional options! Please see the link.

Can't work an entire shift? No problem! **Any time you can donate to help make the Festival a success is appreciated!** ☺



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AAOS 2025 PROPOSED BUDGET

		Actual '22	Actual '23	Proposed '24	Actual '24 through Oct 6, 2024	Actual '24 and Projected '24	Proposed '25
Income							
	Donations & Miscellaneous	546.19	1,803.84	350	212.56	350	500
	Membership Dues	515.00	954.55	700	794.75	850	800
	Festival Income	2,261.94	5,262.39	2665	35	2855	2855
	Ways and Means	169.47	409.56	200.00	1,090.69	1,200.00	1,000.00
Total	Income	3,492.60	8,430.34	3915	2133	5255	5155
Expense							
	Administration	678.00	496.00	555	629	664	645
	Festival Expenses	489.26	4,898.36	1360	1010	2460	2030
	Member Services	0.00	53.08	0	21.72	100	280
	Programs	2,024.75	1,934.67	2000	1769.03	1769.03	2200
Total	Expense	3,192.01	7,382.11	3,915.00	3,429.75	4,993.03	5,155.00
Net	Income	300.59	1,048.23	0.00	-1296.75	375.25	0



Above is the draft budget for 2025 that we will vote on at the October meeting. This budget has been reviewed and approved for submission to the membership by the AAOS Board. The above also shows actuals from 2022 and 2023, as well as year to date and projected for 2024. 2023 was an unusual year in that we had 2 Festivals that year.

TBH, since the pandemic our budget only works because Matthaei donates our meeting space and Festival space (Matthaei does get the \$ from parking); and various members have kindly donated flier printing, advertising, Zoom meeting links, website hosting, and so on, that aren't reflected under our expenses above. As our membership (and terrific support from our members of the raffles and silent auctions!) has grown, we are gradually becoming somewhat less reliant on such donations.

Please send any questions about the budget to the AAOS Treasurer, Linda Battison, at lindbatt35@gmail.com. As time to discuss the budget during the October meeting is limited, please email questions ahead of time.



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Catasetinae Plant Culture for Fall

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

As we can tell, the weather is changing and your Catasetinae should now be in their final stages of growth. This was an excellent year for Catasetinae; many growers from around the country reported a fantastic flowering season.

The first signs of dormancy will soon be evident, with some areas of the country already seeing the start of the dormancy. Soon, it will be time to stop fertilizing and begin to decrease irrigation frequency allowing for increasing longer dry intervals. In nature three important changes are occurring: 1) the rainy season is nearing its end with less frequent rain, 2) nights and days are cooler and 3) day length is shortening. These are the environmental factors that start the dormancy process.

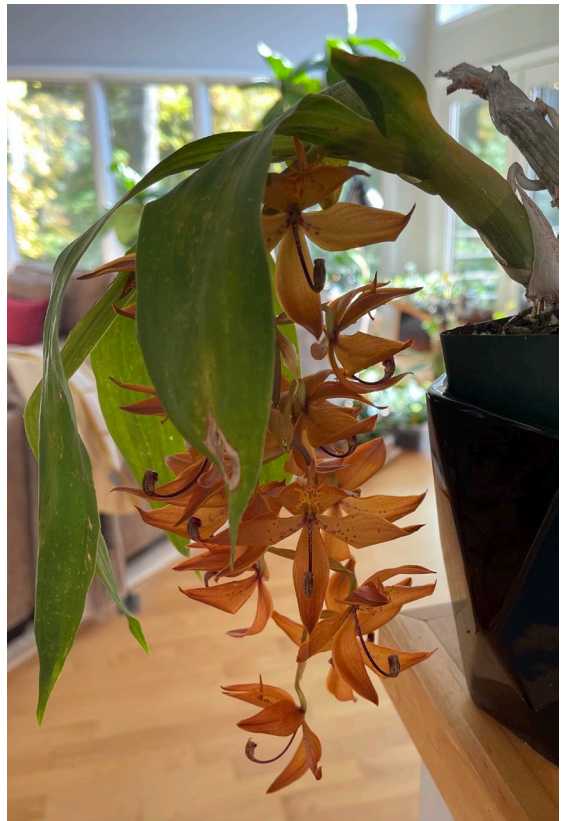
With less rainfall, fewer nutrients are moved to the root system (thus stop fertilizing) and the roots stay dryer longer (thus reduce irrigation frequency). This increasing dryness between irrigations is an indicator to the plant to harden off their pseudobulbs in preparation for the 2-4 month winter dry period. Hardened off bulbs are better at storing water through dormancy.

Humidity should be maintained at 40-60% however brief periods outside this range is not a problem. Maintain light levels and keep night temperatures at or above 55 degrees.

No re-potting at this time, the roots are well-developed and will resent being disturbed. If you were negligent, it is better to wait until next spring.

One of the great attributes of the Catasetinae is their deciduous nature. If you experienced some leaf damage this summer don't worry those leaves are going to drop off soon and next spring your plant will grow a new set. How many orchids are that forgiving when the leaves are damaged?

This is my favorite time of year, as walking through the greenhouses it looks like almost everything is blooming! There are Catasetums in flower, the Cynoches are blooming, and the first of the Mormodes are in spike! But there is still more to look forward to as the blooming season for Clowesia rosea hybrids begins in December and January.





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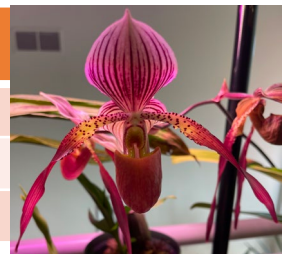
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AAOS Officers and Volunteers for 2024-2025

POSITION	NAME	EMAIL	PHONE
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Newsletter	Lynn Krawczyk & Vivian Lin		
Webmaster	Lynn Krawczyk & Brooke Monette		
Festival	Michael Weber & Vivian Lin		
Librarian	Brooke Monette		
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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.

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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?