



ANN ARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Our September speaker is Dr. Kristen Uthus from New World Orchids (NWO)! She will be speaking about miniature orchids and will be bringing plants to sell. See you in Room 139 on Sunday!

Kristen studied both plant and animal ecology and evolution at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) and the Ohio State University (OSU). She then taught biology and ecology at several colleges including VCU, OSU, University of Michigan, and Eastern Michigan University. The daughter of a plant fanatic, Kristen has been growing orchids for over 20 years, and in 2014 she fulfilled her dream of making orchids a full-time commitment by purchasing NWO. Although she enjoys growing many varieties of orchids and other plants, miniatures remain her passion—the weirder the better. New World Orchids specializes in Japanese species including *Neofinetia falcata*, *Dendrobium moniliforme*, and *Sederia japonica*, but her miniature selection includes many other small species including Pleurothallids, Bulbophyllums, and Angraecums. Although never entirely up to date, you can check out some of NWO's offerings at www.newworldorchids.com. Kristen lives in Manchester, MI, about an hour west of Detroit. She is supported in her orchid pursuits by her husband, Dr. Kevin Wehrly, and her two sons, Henry and Gus.

For those unable to join us in person, here is the Zoom link:

<http://tiny.cc/AAOSMeeting>

Meeting ID: 875 9702 0445

Passcode: 199161

One tap mobile

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

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AAOS Meeting Schedule for 2023-2024

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 - 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 Room 139	TBD
April 14, 2024	Sunday	2pm	Matthaei Room 139 (we may move this to the Head House)	Basics of Growing Orchids/ Orchid Repotting Clinic
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 Room TBD	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 get an extra meeting in June!



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Ann Arbor Orchid Festival Signups Open!

Our annual Ann Arbor Orchid Festival is now in November! 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.

Below is a picture of AAOS's 100 sq ft display that won the Best Display trophy at our show in March 2023!





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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 Board Meeting Schedule and Zoom Link

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

Upcoming meetings:

- October 1 at 2pm
- November 5 at 2pm
- December 3 at 2pm
- Zoom link:
<https://tinyurl.com/aaosboard>

All members of the Ann Arbor Orchid Society can 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
Hospitality	Michael Weber		
Reception	Dottie Winter & Michael Weber		Dottie: (734) 761-5859
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?