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Our Sept Program

September's speaker is Harold Koopowitz. His bio is on the next page.

**Disas:
Species,
Hybrids, and
their Culture.**

Harold Koopowitz



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; Harold's talk will start at approximately 2:15 pm.)

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Cattleya Cherry Bee 'Happy Field' grown by Ayako Kikuchi



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HAROLD KOOPOWITZ'S BIO

Harold Koopowitz grew up in South Africa where he attended university, majoring in both Botany and Zoology. He then completed a doctorate at UCLA in California in 1968. A professor at the University of California at Irvine since graduating, he was also the Director of the UCI Arboretum for twenty years. He is now Professor Emeritus of Biology in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at UCI, where he did research on conservation and ecology.

He was also Editor-in-Chief of the Orchid Digest for ten years and still works and writes for that Journal.

He gardens in Tustin, Orange County, California and is well known internationally for breeding both Orchids and Daffodils. For many years, he was a partner in Paphanatics, unLimited with Norito Hasegawa.

Harold has written over a hundred scientific papers and book chapters as well as many popular articles on orchids. He has also authored ten books. He is the author of Tropical Slipper Orchids and Orchid Conservation.

He also writes fiction, adventure novels and short stories that have orchid themes. Orchid Tales is a compendium of his short stories. His latest adventure novel is The Sarawak Dragon. He is currently working on a new novel. His books are available on Amazon.

Besides writing, Harold's hobbies include gardening and flower breeding. He is known for his work, breeding new kinds of slipper orchids as well as miniature daffodils. Currently he is obsessed with Disas and is breeding them.

Harold has been honored by being a recipient of the Herbert Medal from the International Bulb Society; the Orchid Digest Medal for meritorious service to orchids; the Ralph B. White Medal as well as the Peter Barr Cup from the Royal Horticultural Society for innovations in daffodil breeding; the Gold Medal from the American Daffodil Society and the Gold Medal from the American Orchid Society, medal from the World Orchid Trust, as well as the Westonbirt Medal from the Royal Horticultural Society for outstanding achievement with orchids.



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AAOS 2026 PROPOSED BUDGET

This is the proposed budget for 2026 that members will vote on at the October meeting. This budget has been reviewed and approved for submission to the membership by the AAOS Board. The proposal also shows actuals from 2022, 2023 and 2024, as well as year to date and projected for 2025. Note that 2023 was an unusual year in that we had 2 festivals that year.

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 their terrific support 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 meeting is limited, please email questions ahead of time.

AAOS 2026 Proposed Budget										
				Actual '22	Actual '23 (extra Festival)	Proposed '24	Actual '24	Proposed '25	Actual '25 (to July7) &projected	Proposed '26
Income										
	Donations & Miscellaneous			546.19	1,803.84	350.00	512.56	500	400	200
	Membership Dues			515.00	954.55	700.00	1,137.88	800	900	900
	Total Festival Income			2,261.94	5,262.38	2,665.00	3,401.05	2855	3590	4220
	Ways and Means			169.47	409.56	200.00	1,218.69	1000	1500	1500
TOTAL INCOME				3,492.60	8,430.33	3,915.00	6,270.18	5155	6390	6820
Expense										
	Administration			678.00	496.00	555.00	585.00	645	548	700
	Festival Expenses			489.26	4,898.36	1,360.00	1,790.13	2030	3449	3570
	Member Services			0.00	53.08	0.00	21.72	280	175	230
	Program Expenses			2,024.75	1,934.67	2,000.00	1,822.44	2200	2218	2320
TOTAL EXPENSE				3,192.01	7,382.11	3,915.00	4,219.29	5155	6390	6820
NET INCOME				300.59	1,048.22	0.00	2,050.89	0	0	0



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AAOS 2025 FESTIVAL

Our festival is fast approaching!

Volunteer sign ups will be available soon and more information on details for bringing your plants for the display will also come soon.

ANN ARBOR ORCHID FESTIVAL

NOVEMBER 15-16, 2025

SHOW & SALE HOURS:
Saturday & Sunday
10am-4:30pm

PHOTOGRAPHER'S HOUR:
Sunday 9am-10am

- **FREE ADMISSION**
- **ORCHID RAFFLES**
- **ORCHID DISPLAYS**
- **ORCHIDS FOR SALE**
- **FAMILY FRIENDLY!**

JOIN US FOR A MEETING! DETAILS ON BACK



FREE CLASSES

The following classes will be available on both Saturday & Sunday in Room 125. Please join us!

11am - Basics of Growing Orchids

1:30pm - How to Repot or Mount Your Orchid

FESTIVAL LOCATION:
University of Michigan
Matthaei Botanical Gardens
1800 N. Dixboro Rd, Ann Arbor

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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, Asian Cymbidiums
November 14-16, 2025	Fri-Sun	See flier	Matthaei Auditorium, Greenhouse, and Room 125	Ann Arbor Orchid Festival
December 2025	TBD	TBD	Shane Ginnard'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
Vice President	Michael Weber	meweber@bgsu.edu	(734) 707-5672
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Secretary	Dave Malmquist	dcalmquist@gmail.com	(734) 604-2149
Director	Kevin Griffin	kahless66@yahoo.com	(248) 761-1272
Director	Brooke Monette	brooke@brookemonette.com	(734) 263-8448
Past President	Shane Ginnard	sginnard@emich.edu	(734) 882-9999
Historian	Dottie Winter		(734) 761-5859
Hospitality	Dave Malmquist		(734) 604-2149
Reception	Dottie Winter & Michael Weber		
Newsletter	Lynn Krawczyk & Vivian Lin	lynnkrawczyk@gmail.com	(734) 673-4822
Webmaster	Lynn Krawczyk & Brooke Monette		
Festival	Michael Weber & Vivian Lin		
Librarian	Brooke Monette		
Shows	Laura Zimmerman & Shane Ginnard		
Programs/Membership	Vivian Lin	vivlin1127@gmail.com	(734) 834-4367
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?