



ANN ARBOR ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Our September Speaker

is Norman Fang of Norman's Orchids/orchids.com! He will be speaking **IN PERSON** in Matthaei Room 125 about the Penang International Orchid Show.

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

<http://tiny.cc/AAOSMeeting>

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(The AAOS meeting starts at 2 pm; Norman will start at 2:30 pm.)

Norman Fang was already immersed in orchids even before 1988, when he received his degree in Ornamental Horticulture from California State Polytechnic University in Pomona: while still a student, he managed the Raymond Burr Orchid Collection on campus. Two scholarships to study plant tissue culture also allowed him to study under Dr. Murashige at the University of California and Dr. Tanabe at the University of Hawaii.

In 1986, he started his nursery, Norman's Orchids, based in both California and Taiwan. His parents, brother and sister soon joined him in the company as it grew. Exhibiting at shows across the US, he has received more than 400 American Orchid Society flower quality awards and 20 AOS Show Trophies. In addition, he was honored in 2005 with the Distinguished Alumni Award from the School of Agriculture at Cal Poly in Pomona.

As a former Vice President of the American Orchid Society and chair of the AOS Development Committee, he is currently serving on the AOS Public Relations Committee. In addition to these AOS volunteer activities, he's a founding member and regional director of the International Phalaenopsis Alliance and PhalFanatic phalaenopsis groups.

As an active member of several affiliated societies, Norman frequently speaks at society meetings, shows and conferences. He helps to support Judging Centers, societies and the AOS with financial, scholarship and plant donations.

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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 2024	TBD	TBD	Deborah Heckler's home	AAOS Holiday Party
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 20, 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
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

AAOS usually meets September - May of each year.



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

Please go through each tab at the bottom 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:

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

Options for helping with festival:

- Donate \$35 for a trophy sponsorship (Note, this is an increase from previous years—costs for ribbons and trophies have increased—THANK YOU for your generosity!)
- 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, giving visitors culture sheets and answering questions.
- Lots of additional options! Please see the link.

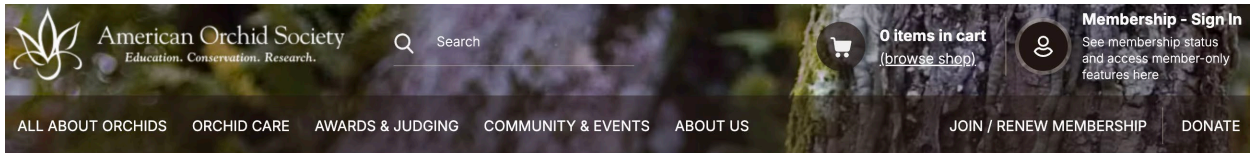
Can't work an entire shift? No problem! Any time you can donate to help make the Festival a success is appreciated! ☺



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AOS Gift a Youth Program



Gift a Youth Program: Can you help?

Gift a Youth Membership Program

In an effort to bring new generations of orchid lovers into the hobby, the AOS has started a program called Gift a Youth.

From their website:

The AOS needs more youth within our orchid family. They are energetic, passionate about conservation and will carry the torch long after we have all faded away. We need to invest in our youth and the future existence of the AOS by supporting youth programs, nurturing their eagerness to learn about orchids and ensuring the survival of the natural world of orchids. We can accomplish this by Gift a Youth, a new program designed to involve deserving youth.

AOS members or an Affiliated Society will have the opportunity to sponsor a young person (15-25 years old) by purchasing a membership of any type for your youth. I am sure that most of you know someone who has a keen interest in orchids and is deserving of a membership in the AOS. It can be a friend, relative, a student in a botanical or horticultural program, maybe someone in your local orchid society that is of high school to university age range.

As the Sponsor you will have the opportunity to encourage your gift recipient and have the gratification of witnessing their eagerness to learn and envision their potential in future AOS endeavors. The goal is to introduce these young people to our orchid community and the three pillars of the AOS, Education, Conservation and Research, with the hope that they will contribute to the AOS at some point in their future.

For more information on participating, visit their site here: <https://www.aos.org/adopt-a-youth>



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Catasetinae Plant Culture for Summer

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

Your Catasetinae should in full growth by now, with most growers already seeing plants bloom. Watering and fertilizing should be in full swing. This is when your plants really put on their best growth. Be sure you are fertilizing with each watering, use ½ tsp. fertilizer per gallon water.

Remember - no more re-potting at this time, as the roots are well-developed and will resent being disturbed. If you were negligent (how could that be?) and did not get to it in time, it is ok to 'slip-pot' into the next larger pot; just add more moss around the existing moss and roots then and slip the whole thing into the next pot size, being very careful not to damage those important new roots.

This is when your Catasetinae can really take advantage of lots of light and air movement to help push and develop large new growth. Ideal temperatures in summer are 85-95 degree days and 60-80 degree nights, with humidity between 40% and 80%.

Keep an eye out for the spider mites, which can get a foot-hold on your plants (and they have 8 feet!). Be diligent and check the undersides of the new leaves regularly. If mites are detected, spray immediately. They can quickly get out of control if early action is not taken!



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AAOS Officers and Volunteers for 2024-2025

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Webmaster	Lynn Krawczyk		
Festival	Michael Weber & Vivian Lin		
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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: _____

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?