

# Ann Arbor Orchid Society Newsletter

## Membership Report

If you have not renewed your membership, this will be your last issue of the newsletter. Please renew on or before the next meeting, November 19<sup>th</sup>. After this date, you will not be on the list to receive a copy of the membership roster.

As a reminder, earlier this year, the membership voted to send out the roster in electronic form to those who receive the newsletter in this manner. If you would like to receive a hard copy of the roster, please let me know via email at kahless66@yahoo.com or phone, (734) 418-2055.

Kevin

## President's Message

There are quite a few events that we need to mention at this time of the year. These events can be a lot of fun. Show season starts or ends for the year, depending how you look at it. Paige is hosting our annual Holiday party. Finally, it is time to think about the upcoming board elections in May. The first event is the Saginaw Valley Orchid Show, November 25 - 26.

The Saginaw Valley Orchid Show is the weekend after Thanksgiving. The AAOS will have a display at this show. If you would like to volunteer for display set up, teardown, or lend you blooming plants for the display, contact Paige Hartman or Denise Nash.

The Holiday Party will be December 10 at Paige Hartman house. It is going to be a pot luck. So, please bring a dish to pass. There will be more information sent out to members later in the month.

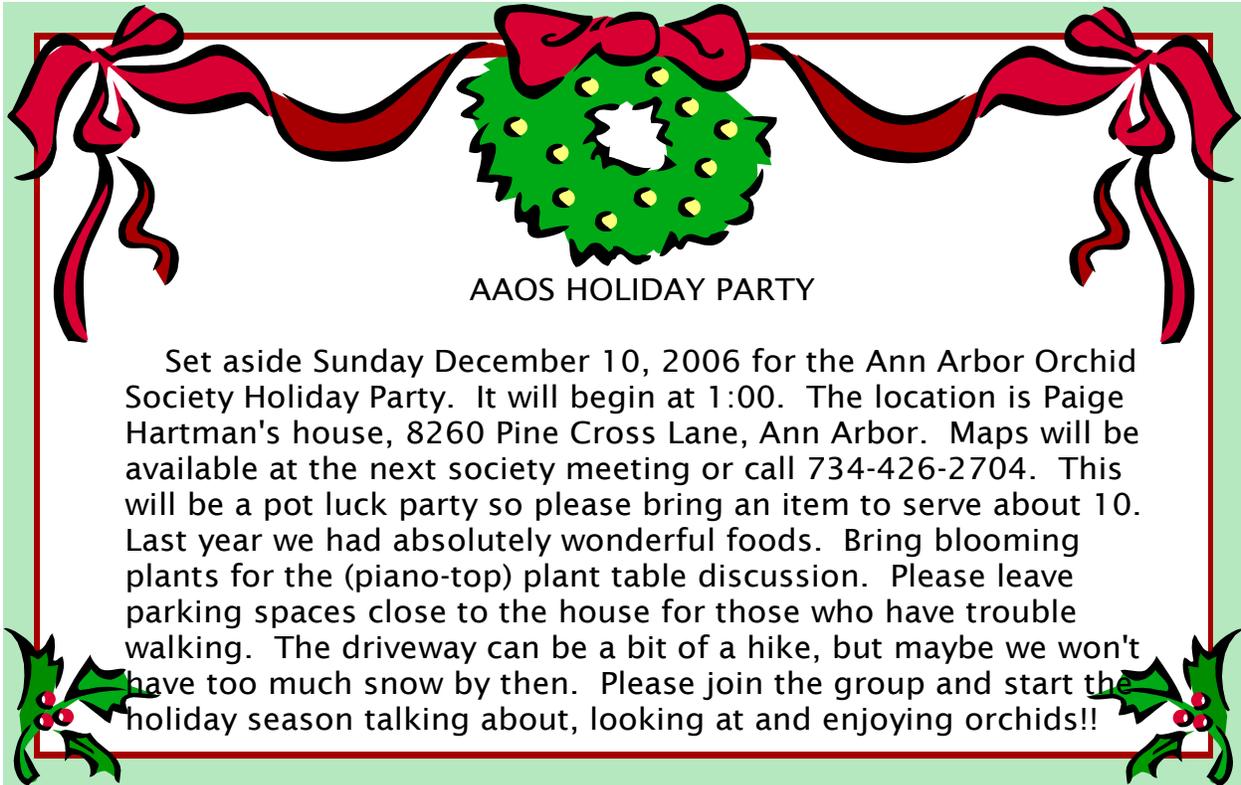
It is my duty as President to designate a nominating committee. The nominating committee will select the candidates for the elections coming up in May. If you are interested in being on this committee, please let me know. I need three people. This is an opportunity to learn more about the members of the society.

See you at the next meeting.

Kevin

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## AAOS HOLIDAY PARTY

Set aside Sunday December 10, 2006 for the Ann Arbor Orchid Society Holiday Party. It will begin at 1:00. The location is Paige Hartman's house, 8260 Pine Cross Lane, Ann Arbor. Maps will be available at the next society meeting or call 734-426-2704. This will be a pot luck party so please bring an item to serve about 10. Last year we had absolutely wonderful foods. Bring blooming plants for the (piano-top) plant table discussion. Please leave parking spaces close to the house for those who have trouble walking. The driveway can be a bit of a hike, but maybe we won't have too much snow by then. Please join the group and start the holiday season talking about, looking at and enjoying orchids!!

### Holiday Open House

When: Saturday, December 2, 2006

Time: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Where: Porter's Orchids Greenhouse

10868 Royston Road

Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Printable map is available on our website: <http://portersorchids.com>

Contact us at:

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(517) 622-4188

Join us for this opportunity to purchase quality orchids for yourself and as gifts for your family and friends. We will have some special prices as well as great refreshments.

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### Ann Arbor Orchid Society November 19 Meeting

Welcome Jim Helig!

"Phalaenopsis Species, from Amabilis to Zebrina". Jim Heilig tells how the highly popular orchid genus Phalaenopsis offers more than just big white flowers, explores the diversity within the genus, and how to grow the various kinds. Phalaenopsis are one of the easiest orchids to grow on a windowsill or under fluorescent lamps. There will be plants and seedlings for sale, attendees also can acquire orchid plants via silent auction or plant raffle. Growers can bring in problem plants for expert help. 2 PM, auditorium at Matthaei Botanical Gardens.

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## AAOS Calendar

- Nov 19:** AAOS mtg: Jim Heilig—Phal Species
- Nov 24-26:** Saginaw Valley Orchid Society show
- Dec. 10:** Holiday Party—Paige's house 1:00-5:00
- Jan. 14:** AAOS mtg: Member's talks and Slides about growing areas
- Jan. 26-28:** Grand Valley Orchid Society show
- Feb 11:** AAOS mtg: Lynn O'Shaughnessy—Growing Pleurothallids
- Feb 23-25:** Greater Lansing Orchid Society show
- March 16-18:** AAOS FESTIVAL
- Mar 30-April 1:** Michigan Orchid Society show
- April 15:** AAOS mtg: Ray Barkelow of First Rays Orchids: Semi-Hydroponic Growing
- May 20:** AAOS mtg: Great Lakes Judging Program: Vandas
- TBA: Summer Picnic
- Sept. 9:** AAOS mtg: Fred Clarke---Catasetums & Mormodes

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### Ann Arbor Orchid Society Newsletter

The AAOS meets monthly from September through May (excluding December) at the University of Michigan's Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 North Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor, MI. The AAOS Newsletter is published 8-9 times throughout the year, and is sent to all AAOS members.

AAOS members and others are invited to submit articles or other information relating to orchids. The Ann Arbor Orchid Society is a 501(C)(3) educational and scientific organization, affiliated with the American Orchid Society, the Mid-America Orchid Congress, and with the Orchid Digest Corporation.

## AAOS Study Group

The AAOS Study Group met for the first time October 8th at Susan Haddock's home. Eight members attended. We began our discussion with the Bulbophyllums, Draculas and other orchids Susan had hanging on her front porch. Susan has built a very interesting circular stand that holds all the mounted plants. She has plenty of tree shade to protect the plants, and they are easy to water with the garden hose.

Inside, Susan uses each window and windowsill available. Her dining area faces southeast which gives her great light for all sorts of orchids. She has great variety of species. Growing and blooming in this window are Vandas, Phragmipediums and Phalaenopsis. A bedroom with less heat and south west windows is the home of Pleurothallids and Masdevallias. A sewing room has Paphiopedilums and a family room has Phalaenopsis.



Our discussion time centered on Bulbophyllums. Susan has a beautiful Cirr. Elizabeth Ann 'Buckelberry' in bloom. She also prepared an information sheet on the species and we discussed a book about Bulbophyllums.

Vivian Lin brought us wonderful snacks. Thank you.

The second Study Group meeting will be Nov. 10, 3:00 at Riki Marquis's home. Discussion will be "The best advice you ever heard about growing orchids."



## What's Flowering?



Blc. Meditation 'Kings Ransom' x Slc. Red Princess

This is a nice cross that blooms every November. Purchased from Summerfield Orchids a few years ago and it just keeps on growing and I keep dividing it and it rewards me with these pretty blooms every year.

Hope you enjoy,

Dee Stowell

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### **November 24 – 26: Saginaw Valley Orchid Show – Your Help Is Needed!!**

We are in great need of a truck for transporting display items to the Saginaw show. We need to borrow the truck or if you could help with driving the items, that would be excellent. Set up day is Friday, Nov. 24 and take down is Sunday, Nov. 26. We also would like to borrow your flowering plants for the display. Please let Paige Hartman or Denise Nash know if you can help.

## WHAT'S BLOOMING AT SUMMERFIELD ORCHIDS



Donna and Bob Harig have two greenhouses full of spectacular orchids. In bloom right now are several Vandas, Phalaenopsis, Paphiopedilums and some members of the Cattleya family. The *Laelia anceps* have multiple spikes. *Paphiopedilum Norito Hasegawa* are in spike. Many *Phalaenopsis* are beginning to spike and there will be hundreds in bloom soon. There are several *Cirr. Elizabeth Ann Buckleberry*s and *Encyclia cochleata* in spike and bloom. Donna's *Oncidium lanceanum* is spectacular! Its time to take a trip down US 23 and visit Summerfield Orchids. They are open Wed, Fri and Saturdays 11:00 to 5:00



## What's Blooming at Taylor Orchids?



If you haven't been to Monroe and Taylor Orchids, its time to go for a visit before the snow starts to fall. Ron has just gotten several new *Oncidiums*. Hundreds of *Phalaenopsis* are spiking, including some Harlequin type. He has also been dividing many of his collection of *Paphiopedilums*. This is a great opportunity if you'd like some divisions of spectacular plants. Ron has a spectacular cross of *Angraecum sesquipedale* and *eichleri-anum* in bloom.



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