

Ann Arbor Orchid Society Newsletter

The April Meeting

Leo Shordje

The Ann Arbor Orchid Society will meet Sunday, April 15th. Leo Schordje will give a slide-illustrated talk on growing Lycastes, exquisitely beautiful, often softly fragrant orchids whose colors include yellows, pinks, whites, browns and various shades of green. There are hundreds of species to choose from, from dwarfs to giants, and numerous hybrids.

Leo is past president of the Illinois Orchid Society, has grown orchids for 35 years, and has over 1000 plants under lights in his basement.

Welcome, Leo!

President's Message

Our show was a success! We had a over six hundred people through the show on Saturday. From what I have been told, we had a record number of people through on Sunday... one thousand people. Thank you to those who volunteered your time and efforts to making this year's Festival a success.

We have two more meetings until we take our summer break. We have one important item the will be addressed in May...our elections. The nominating committee has been busy developing a slate of nominees for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and both Directors. Later in this issue of the newsletter, you will see a current slate of nominees. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Randy Long at boomerj2@aol.com.

One more thing, would anyone like to volunteer to be on the nominating committee. We need two people. Please let me know if you would like to be on the committee. You will only have to help select any open nominations.

I hope to see you at the next meeting.

Kevin

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Results from AAOS display in the Ann Arbor Orchid Festival March 17-18, 2007

Nineteen members contributed plants for our 100 sq. ft. display, set up by Alex Challis with help from many members. (For Pictures, see Page 5). The display received a blue ribbon and the trophy in the Society Class. Three of the entered plants also received trophies for in their respective classes. Results of ribbon judging:

Trophies:

Cymbidium Jill 'Kalanica' HCC/AOS	Duane & Laura Duman
Dendrobium Oriental Smile AD/AOS	Denise Nash
Angth. Grandalena x <i>Angcm.</i> <i>scottianum</i>	Kevin Griffin

Blue:

<i>Dendrobium tuanahii</i> (syn: <i>trantuani</i>)	Paige Hartman
<i>Paphiopedilum philippinense v. album</i>	Paige Hartman
<i>Pleurothallis nipterophylla</i>	Paige Hartman
<i>Maxillaria tenuifolia</i>	Paige Hartman
Laeliocattleya Green Veil 'Dressy'	Paige Hartman
Phalaenopsis Brother Cassangold	Paige Hartman
Pescatoria Coronation	Paige Hartman
Cymbidium Jill 'Kalanica' HCC/AOS	Duane & Laura Duman
<i>Oeniella polystachys</i>	Duane & Laura Duman
Dendrobium Oriental Smile AD/AOS	Denise Nash
Ascocenda Yeo Geck Bee 'Lavender Lady'	Denise Nash
Ascofinetia Cherry Blossom	Riki Marquis
Phalaenopsis Golden Bells 'Delightful'	Anne Puvalowski
Angth. Grandalena x <i>Angcm.</i> <i>scottianum</i>	Kevin Griffin
Burrageara Living Fire 'Dark Fire'	Larry Nissan
Phalaenopsis Sogo Lit-Angel	Larry Nissan
<i>Encyclia cochleata</i>	Larry Nissan
<i>Oncidium triloban</i>	Glenn Lehr
<i>Ansellia africana</i>	Cynthia Yao
Phalaenopsis Brecko Dawnet	Marilyn Lee

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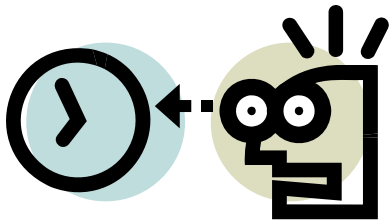
AAOS Calendar

April 15: AAOS mtg: Leo Schordje, Lycastes

May 20: AAOS mtg: Great Lakes Judging Program: Vandas

TBA: Summer Picnic

Sept. 9: AAOS mtg: Fred Clarke--- Catasetums and Mormodes



Newsletter Deadline

If you have an article or submission for the newsletter, please email them to Denise Nash: djnash@comcast.net.

The deadline for the next newsletter submission is: May 2, 2007

Watch this space for upcoming information about our annual picnic potluck! It is such a nice time, I hope everyone is able to attend this year. The high spot for me is the plant auction conducted by Marilyn Lee. I hope she consents to be auctioneer again this year!

Ann Arbor Orchid Society 2006-7 Officers

President - Kevin Griffin 248-761-1272, kahless66@yahoo.com

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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. at 2:00 p.m., set up at 1:30. 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.

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Red:

<i>Rhynchostylis gigantea v. devarajunii</i>	Paige Hartman
<i>Pleurothallis excelsa</i>	Paige Hartman
<i>Epidendrum stamfordianum</i>	Paige Hartman
<i>Red, continued from page 2.</i>	
Vuylstekeara Fall In Love	Duane & Laura Duman
Cymbidium King Arthur	Jim Cather
Brassidium Everglades Hunter	Denise Nash
'Swamp Buggy'	
Dendrobium Spring Dream 'Kumiko'	Sue Gibney
Phalaenopsis Penang Girl	Riki Marquis
Phalaenopsis Sogo Grape	Riki Marquis
<i>Neofinetia falcata</i>	Glenn Lehr
Ascofinetia Cherry Blossom	Glenn Lehr

White:

Doritaenopsis Minho Diamond	Linda Battison
<i>Psychopsis papilio</i>	Susan Haddock
Psychopsis Butterfly	Susan Haddock
Rodrumnia Orchidom Red-Love	Denise Nash
<i>Paphiopedilum primulinum</i>	Ann Bommarito
Paphiopedilum Armeni White	Ann Bommarito
Paphiopedilum Temptation	Mercedes True
(First bloom class)	
<i>Paphiopedilum primulinum v. aureum</i>	Sue Gibney
Degarmoara Winter Wonderland	Sue Gibney
'White Fairy'	
Phalaenopsis (Sogo Romans x Tiny Berries)	Riki Marquis
<i>Phragmipedium lindleyanum</i>	Kevin Griffin
Zygopedium Granite Island	Kevin Griffin
Phalaenopsis Sogo Lit-Angel	Larry Nissan
(Specimen class)	
Phragmipedium Hannae Popow	Rob Halgren
<i>Stenorrhynchos speciosum</i>	Rob Halgren

Other members having plants in the display were Judy Lobato and Chuck Zill. Dottie Winter and Neal Foster also contributed some nice greenery to dress up the display. Thus, 46 of the approximately 65 plants entered received ribbons. It was one of, if not the best result we've ever had. Great job, everyone!

Results from AAOS display in the Michigan Orchid Society show, March 31-April 1, 2007

Our society entered a 50 sq. ft. display in the MOS Palm Sunday orchid show at Laurel Park mall in Livonia. Our exhibit coordinator was not able to take on the job for reasons beyond her control, so we adlibbed the exhibit plans, with some very respectable results. First, early on Friday, Alex Challis, Denise Nash & her son Jeff brought the staging materials and a batch of plants, and Denise did a preliminary setup with the plants on hand. She then was committed to working for Taylor Orchids for the rest of the day.

When Dottie & Harry Winter, and the rest of the plants arrived, Dottie did staking and other preparation of the plants, while Harry got the registrations ready, Then Dottie, assisted by Ann Bommarito, Randy Long, and Harry did the final layout and arrangement. Since Paige Hartman couldn't be there, Susan Haddock did a great job writing out all the plant labels. We were done just about at the 9 pm closing. Overall, 10 members contributed 41 plants to the display, which won a second place ribbon in the society display class. Results of ribbon judging:

Blue:

Laeliocattleya Tropical Pointer 'Cheetah'	Denise Nash
Paphiopedilum Hilo Ruby	Denise Nash
Dendrobium Oriental Smile AD/AOS	Denise Nash
Paphiopedilum Armeni White	Ann Bommarito
Cymbidium King Arthur	Jim Cather
Ascocentrum Mona Church	Rob Halgren

Red:

<i>Aerides rubescens</i>	Duane & Laura Duman
Darwinara (Charm x Vf. Virgil)	Duane & Laura Duman
Paphiopedilum Darling 'Christine' AM/AOS	Ann Bommarito

Yellow:

Hamiltonara Golden Harry 'The Odyssey'	Denise Nash
Ascocenda Princess Mikassa	Denise Nash
<i>Maxillaria ochracea</i>	Denise Nash
<i>Aerangis fastuosa</i>	Denise Nash
Phragmipedium Sorcerer's Apprentice	Duane & Laura Duman
Vanda Robert's Delight	Duane & Laura Duman
<i>Masdevallia emposa</i>	Paige Hartman
<i>Pleurothallis tarantula</i>	Paige Hartman

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Correction....

In the article I wrote for last month's newsletter about the Greater Lansing Orchid Show, I failed to include a very important thank you. Those who were at the set up know that I forgot a rather crucial part of the display. In the center of the display we were using the garden cart which has glass shelves. I forgot the shelves and got all the way to East Lansing before realizing it.

In a flurry of phone calls, I found my husband before he left for the airport and he put the suitcase of shelves on the front porch, but then I needed someone to get the suitcase. Susan Haddock was on her way to Lansing, but already as far as Stockbridge. And then there was a thought of wonderful people who maybe could help. Denise Nash was in one van with plants for Taylor Orchids and Ron Ciesinski was driving the second van of plants for his display and sales. Yea technology that got me Denise on her cell phone and she could walkie-talkie to Ron in his van. Ron said "yes" they could go out of their way and travel a different route to swing by my house for the shelves. They saved the day!!! They (along with Lorraine and Mark Ciesinski) really did drive several miles out of their way and spent many more minutes getting to the show and to their work there. Thank you so much to Ron Ciesinski and Denise Nash for helping me so much!! They were the

saviours of the AAOS display!! I am so indebted to you both for all your help.

Thank you, Paige



Sale of Orchids and Stuff

2 large redwood shelf systems
Outdoor shelving units
Halogen/sodium type lamps (large hanging) (I left)
Orchids, rain barrel, bark, pots, other stuff
tropical plants

After sale, donation given to Orchid Society.

Call Cynthia Yao 971-4742

Help Wanted:

Bellanina Spa is looking for someone to take care of their orchids in the store. In exchange for caring for the plants, spa services would be provided. They are also hoping that the orchid caretaker would bring new blooming orchids in when the old plants go out of bloom. If interested, please contact Debra Berman at (734) 327-1000.

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Yellow, continued:

Phragmipedium Mem. Dick Clements	Ann Bommarito
<i>Masdevallia caudata</i>	Alex Challis
<i>Bifrenaria harrisoniae</i>	Alex Challis
Ascofinetia Cherry Blossom	Glenn Lehr

Other members having plants in the display were Susan Haddock, Dottie & Harry Winter, and Sue Gibney. Dottie Winter and Paige Hartman also contributed some nice greenery to dress up the display.

At 5 pm Sunday, the take-down was accomplished in record time, about 30 minutes, thanks to many helpers: Denise, Ann, Randy, Duane, Dottie & Harry, Jim & Jane Cather, and special thanks to Linda and Mark Battison who, even though they had no plants in the display, came from Brighton with their van to pick up all the plant stands and other staging, and take it to Paige's before returning home.

Spring Mid America Show

The Illinois Orchid Society, Mid America spring show, April 28-29 at Chicago Botanic Garden now has 27 vendors confirmed to attend, with a few more possibly on the way.

The conference speakers are outstanding: Patricia Harding, Hadley Cash, Alfredo Manrique, and Dr. Eric Christensen, with lectures on Saturday and Sunday, plus there is the Celebration Banquet and Affiliated Societies Breakfast. Details are on the web page, www.iosoc.com.

Please contact: maoc2007chi@earthlink.net if you have any questions. There are a few rooms still available at the Renaissance Hotel (847-498-6500) at the conference rate.

Nominating Committee

The following is the current slate of nominees for the following positions:

President	Kevin Griffin
Vice President	Ann Bommarito
Treasurer	Linda Battison
Secretary	Open
1 st Director	Harry Winter
2 nd Director	Open

Please contact Randy Long at boomerj2@aol.com if you are interested in one of the two open positions.

Thanks,
Nominating Committee



Didn't the display turn out nicely? Thanks a lot to all contributors! And look at all those ribbons!!!



Harry Winter busy with registration



Riki Marquis is preparing a plant for the display



Susan Haddock's Fish Tank Display is lovely!



Plant preparation is very important



Another shot of our Festival display! Congratulations everyone!