

# Ann Arbor Orchid Society Newsletter

## The May Meeting

The Ann Arbor Orchid Society is extremely lucky to have Dr. Eric Christensen as speaker this month. Eric is a renowned expert on vanda-ceous and Peruvian orchids, orchid taxonomy and culture, and the au-  
thor of many articles and reviews. He has also authored a book on Pha-  
laenopsis. Eric will talk on "Phragmipedium and Their Habitats".  
**Welcome Eric!**

## Nominating Committee

2007-08 Board Nominees

- President: Kevin Griffin
- Vice President: Ann Bommarito
- Treasurer: Linda Battison
- Secretary: Robin Johnson
- 1yr Director: Alex Challis
- 2 yr Director: Vivian Lin

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## President's Message

This will be our last official meeting until September. I'm ready to put my orchids out on the balcony for the summer. I can now turn off of the grow lights and save money for the summer. As for society events for the summer, be on the lookout for our annual picnic which will be in July or August. There will be plants for auction, food, and fun. Look for the picnic information and the member-ship renewal notices within the next month.

It is also election time. The nominat-ing committee has been working hard to get you a slate of officers for the coming years. Thanks Randy Long, Jim Cather, Alex Challis, and Neal Foster for all the work you put into getting this slate.

I hope to see you all at the next meeting.

Kevin

## April Plant Table

<b>Plant</b>	<b>How Grown</b>	<b>Grower</b>
Aeranthes arachnite	W	Susan Haddock
Cattleya luteola	L,O	Riki Marquis
Cattleya schilleriana	G	Denise Nash
Cattleya schroederae	G,O	Alex Challis
Cattleya skinneri alba	G,O	Alex Challis
Dactylorhiza maculata	L,O	Vivian Lin
Dendrobium hemimelanoglossum	W	Susan Haddock
Dendrobium pierardii	G	Denise Nash
Dendrobium rigidum	G	Rob Halgren
Dracula lotax	G	Denise Nash
Gongora truncata	G	Paige Hartman
Masdevallia imposter	G	Alex Challis
Panisea uniflora	L	Dottie and Harry Winter
Pleurothallis tarantula	G	Paige Hartman
Schoenorchis juncifolia	G	Paige Hartman
Sigmatostalix cuculligera	G	Alex Challis
Trichoglottis breviracema	G	Paige Hartman
<b>HYBRIDS</b>		
Ascocenda Kasemsri	G	Duane and Laura Duman
Beallara Marfitch 'Howard's Dream'	G	Duane and Laura Duman
Brassolaeliacattleya Solar Flare 'Paradise'	G	Duane and Laura Duman
Darwinara (Darwinara Charm x Vandofinetia Virgil)	G, O	Duane and Laura Duman
Lc. Green Veil	L, O	Riki Marquis
Lc. Tropical Pointer 'Cheetah'	W,O	Riki Marquis
Masdevallia Angel Glow	L	Dottie and Harry Winter
Masdevallia Ken Dole	L	Dottie and Harry Winter
Masdevallia Prince Charming	L	Dottie and Harry Winter
Oncidium Jihbad Gold	G	Denise Nash
W—Windowsill, O-Outdoors in Summer, G-Greenhouse		Continued on page 4.

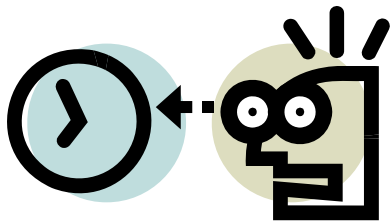


## AAOS Calendar

**May 20:** AAOS mtg: Eric Christensen  
"Phragmipedium and Their Habitats"

**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](mailto:djnash@comcast.net). The deadline for the next newsletter submission is: August 31, 2007

Denise's *Cattleya mossiae* semi alba



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**Orchid Shows** - Alex Challis

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**Publicity** - Neal Foster

### 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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April Plant table, **Hybrids** cont.

Paphiopedilum Primechild x rothschildianum	G	Denise Nash
Paphiopedilum Stardust Flight x mastersianum	L, O	Riki Marquis
Paphiopedilum (Via Quatal x Oriental Mystique) x Macabre	G	Rob Halgren
Phal. Nobby's Purple x Golden Peoker	G	Alex Challis
Slc. Cosmo Beau 'Summerfield Angel' HCC	G	Alex Challis
Vanda Robert's Delight	G	Duane and Laura Duman

### AAOS Display at Laurel Park

Thanks to Randy Long for this picture of our display at Laurel Park. Dottie Winter did a great job of arranging the plants. Thanks everyone for the use of your plants, and for all your help.



## Paige's Orchid Loving Visitor



The first week of May we were very honored to have a Pileated Woodpecker visit us for a few days. He showed up on the railing of our back deck and spent many hours pacing back and forth, looking over the house. (That made George very nervous.) He then decided to perch on the window sills. He is a huge bird and it was very startling to turn around near a window and he would be looking in, just a couple feet away. I'm sure that beak could break my windows. Occasionally he'd fly a few feet to the nearest oak tree. Most of the time he didn't do any pecking for bugs, but when he decided to do that, I had to shoo him off the house. On the third day he was spending with us, he found the greenhouse. He would spend most of his day looking in the windows and the sliding glass door. He was a true orchid lover, but preferred those growing on the north and northwest sides; the Scaphosepalums and Masdevalias on the lower shelf. The Bulbophyllums and Cattleyas on the south side didn't interest him. He was a beautiful bird! He would fluff his mohawk and look very stunning. I'm sorry he left after 6 days, but hopefully he's out in the woods with a girlfriend and making orchid-loving babies.

**GREAT LAKES JUDGING CENTER  
TRAINING SEMINAR – 2007  
MAY 19-20  
MATTHEI BOTANICAL GARDENS  
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**

**The Vandaceous Alliance**

Featured Speakers:

Eric Christensen, PhD and Brenda G. Oviatt (Botanica Ltd)

Eric Christensen is an icon of the Orchid World, horticulturist, lecturer, taxonomist and author.

Brenda Oviatt is a graphic designer and new to the "eastern lecture circuit"---she began her orchid adventure in 1983 in the northwest. She is co-owner, with her husband, of Botanica Ltd. of Missoula, Montana. Her special interests are botanicals, especially Angraecoids. Brenda will be bringing plants for sale. You may pre-order at: [http://www. botanicaltd.com](http://www.botanicaltd.com) .

**SCHEDULE**

Saturday:

11:00 am ---Sales Open – Coffee, Social hour

12:00 pm --- AOS Judging begins \*Presentations to follow Judging\*

- Eric Christensen "Aerides-Vanda" and "Why Be Round?"
- Sandy Ohlund "Paraphalaenopsis, Renanthera and Arachnis"
- M. Lee/M. Morton "Select Vandas and Their Influence on Modern Hybrids"
- Alex Challis "The Many Colors of Neofinetia"

5:00 – 5:30 – Dinner buffet set-up – sales open

5:30 – 6:30 – Dinner

6:30 – 6:45 – buffet tear-down

6:45 – 7:30 – Brenda Oviatt presentation "Aerangis, Orchids That Will Grow On You (if you stand still long enough)

7:30 - Dessert Auction; Silent & Live Auction

Bring in those Special Desserts!

Prize for the most decadent orchidaceous delight!!!

10:00 Adjournment

Sunday:

8:00-8:30 – Continental breakfast

-Ron Payeur presents "Ascocentrum---Species Review and Their Contribution to Ascocendas"

-Eric Christensen "Minor Vandaceous Genera A to Z"  
-Jim Heilig "Spiders of the Orchid World- Aeranthes"

11:30 Q & A -Don Garling

12:00 Silent Auction Ends - Lynn O'Shaughnessy

12:30 Final remarks and adjournment

VENDORS:

1. New World Orchids ..-will bring selections of the various color forms of Neofinetia
2. Porter's Orchids - blooming size plants
3. Bedford Orchids - flasks at <http://www.bedfordorchids.com>
4. Botanica Ltd. - botanicals, emphasis on Aerangis. You may pre-order via web sites. For Botanica Ltd. go to <http://www.botanicaltd.com/> order at [billn@bresnan.net](mailto:billn@bresnan.net) .

TRADE YAH!!! --New feature - Bring divisions of your finest clones; set them on the trading table; check back to see if there is a goodie just waiting to be part of your collection; then make the swap. Good way to increase your collection quality!

Other Information: Plan to bring items for the silent/live auction, - books, plants, glassware, pictures, jewelry, etc. Contributions to the judging center qualify for a tax deduction.

Cost: The dinner buffet is \$14.00/person. Make checks payable to GLJC.

Reservations need to be in by May 14.

Questions? Contact me at: [marcoisle@aol.com](mailto:marcoisle@aol.com)  
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Looking forward to your visit. Dick Wagner - GLJC