

# Greater Akron Orchid Society

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## April 2011

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## **March Meeting**

The March meeting was called to order by Barb Ford, president, at the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Center in Akron, OH on Monday, March 14, 2011 at 6:45. The minutes were recorded by Sharon Harper, secretary.

## **General Business**

Barb Ford opened the meeting by greeting the members, both old and new. There were 34 people in attendance, of whom nine were new members signed up at our Spring Show. They were asked to stand and introduce themselves. Barb welcomed all of the new members to our society and then introduced the board members. Welcome to all!

Craig Miller, our treasurer, was then asked to speak about the financial results of our show. A small profit added to our treasury. Craig also indicated that 14 people signed up as new members at the show.

## **2011 Spring Show**

The Spring Show was held at Donzell's Flower and Garden Center on March 5-6, 2011. Cathy Green, our Show Chairperson, thanked the 'Show Team' for helping to make our show a resounding success. It was estimated that more than 800 visitors were in attendance over the two days.

On Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, there will be a final show committee meeting at 6 pm at the Portage Lakes restaurant, "Asian Gardens". The restaurant is located downtown Portage Lakes. This dinner meeting wraps up this year's show, and is open to anyone interested in working on the show committees for next year.

Barb announced that this was the first year that our Society had received a trophy for our display. Congratulations GAOS! Barb also said that the West Shore Orchid Society show was wonderful. Many of our members took home ribbons won for their plants and artwork. Our display received a Red ribbon this year.

## **March Program**

The program presented at this meeting by Dave Miller was entitled 'How We Grow Our Orchids'. Dave presented a timely program on everything from what types of fertilizers to use on our plants, to the pots we might use, the different media used to plant our plants into or onto. He also stressed sanitary practices, flaming to sterilize our trimming and cutting tools, soaking in bleach water any pots we might want to reuse.

Dave brought up the subject of whether to reuse small plastic pots or pitch them, as the cost to replace them is minor compared to the cost of replacing a diseased plant because thorough sanitation practices were not followed. Dave also discussed using chemicals versus household products to help fight any pests we may encounter in growing our plants. He followed the presentation with answering questions from the members.

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of GAOS will be held on Monday, April 11, 2011 at 6:45 pm at the Portage Lakes Kiwanis. "**Taking Care of Your Orchids**" –Program Director Dave Miller will host a presentation of short videos on a few tasks about which every orchid hobbyist needs to know once they have more than three orchids.

## **Coming Up**

**May 9** - "Unusual Orchids Visible With the Naked Eye". A slide presentation from the American Orchid Society.

**June 13** - GAOS Summer Picnic banquet and the first member plant sale of 2011.

**July 11** - Wayne Roberts will be giving a talk on 'Gardening under Lights'.

## Show News

**Greater Akron Orchid Society** held its 10<sup>th</sup> annual Spring Show on March 5-6, 2011 at Donzell's Flower and Garden Center in Akron, Ohio. By all measures, it was a resounding success. More than 800 guests attended the show to view the displays of blooming orchids. Many purchased orchid plants from the show vendors and from Donzell's. Society members helped many first-time orchid growers with advice on plant culture.

Greater Cleveland Orchid Society, Central Ohio Orchid Society, West Shore Orchid Society and GAOS all entered displays of orchids, arranged for effect, joined by vendors, New Vision Orchids, Roberts Flower Supply, Porters Orchids, Natts Orchids and Windswept in Time Orchids. Judges, certified by the American Orchid Society, evaluated the displays and the plants in them. They awarded numerous Blue, Red, and White ribbons to plants and orchid-related art in 108 classes.



2011 GAOS Spring Show Display

Bernadette and Frank Skalak received a Best in Class award for *Lc Drumbeat "Heritage"* HCC/AOS. Dave Miller was awarded the Best in Class for Art for his color photograph.

Planning for the 2012 Spring Show began as soon as this year's show was over. A follow-up meeting of the Show Committee is scheduled for April 4 to discuss the events of the show and what has been learned to better the next one.

Two plants received American Orchid Society awards. *Odontoglossum Pesky Nicky* "#1" AM/AOS, grown by Russ Vernon of New Vision Orchids, received an Award of Merit, 84 points. *Laeliocattleya Christian Starr "Aloha"* HCC/AOS, entered by Prayool Inboriboon of Natts Orchids, garnered a Highly Commended Certificate, 77 points.



Lc Christian Starr  
'Aloha' HCC/AOS



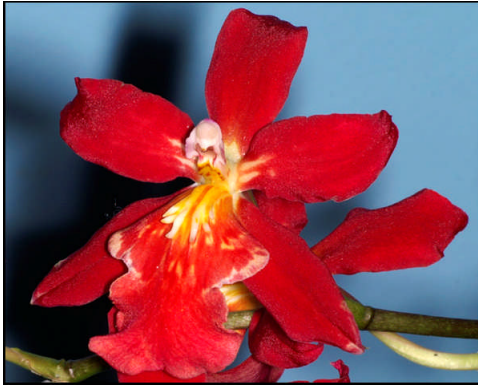
Odm. Pesky Nicky  
'#1' AM/AOS

**West Shore Orchid Society** held its orchid show in Strongsville, Ohio, the weekend following the GAOS show. Greater Akron Orchid Society entered a display and was awarded a Red ribbon for its efforts. Many Blue, Red and Yellow ribbons were received. Jackie Muster's *Oncidium peltiforme* captured a Best in Class trophy.



GAOS Display at WSOS Show

## ***The Gallery***

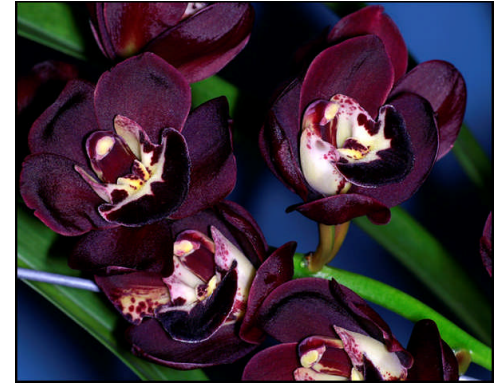


**Burrageara Living Fire 'Glowing Ember –  
Barbara Davis**

### **Best of Class –Oncidium Alliance 2011 West Shore Orchid Society Show**



**Oncidium peltiforme –  
Jackie Muster**



**Cymbidium Kiwi Midnight  
'Geyserland'- Sharon Harper**



**Paphiopedilum Shareba – Cathy Green**



**Maxillaria tenuifolia – Bernadette Skalak**