

# Greater Akron Orchid Society

An Affiliate of the American Orchid Society

## February 2010

### ***January 2010 Meeting***

The meeting was called to order by Barb Ford, president. The meeting was held at the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Center in Akron, Ohio on Monday January 11, 2010 at 7:00 pm. The minutes were recorded by Dave Miller, secretary.

#### *General Business*

Barb Ford opened the meeting by greeting the members. There were 18 members in attendance. The day presented really bad weather conditions, snowy and cold, which kept many people away from the first meeting of 2010. There were no announced guests. Today's meeting agenda included a slide presentation by Dave Miller on "Where We Grow Our Orchids".

Barb stated that Heather Crowther has resigned her position as Newsletter Editor. She will be moving to Maryland with her husband due to his work obligations. The Society thanks Heather for her great efforts in publishing the newsletter every month and wishes her well in her new location.

New officers have taken their posts:

Barb Ford – President  
Sharon Harper – Vice-President and Program Director  
Craig Miller – Treasurer  
Dave Miller – Secretary  
Barb Davis – Trustee

#### President

**Barb Ford**  
330 644 3168

#### Vice President

**Sharon Harper**  
330 264 3534

#### Treasurer

**Craig Miller**  
330 671 2681

#### Secretary

**Dave Miller**  
330 307 7189

#### Editor

**Paul Bujak**  
330 928 4631

#### Elected Trustee

**Barb Davis**  
330 644 0438

In addition, Paul Bujak will assume Newsletter Editor responsibilities and Cathy Green will retain Website duties. Thanks to each for their willingness to help the Society.

Barb gave a brief update on the health condition of George Karadin who has been seriously ill. Also, she noted that a framed piece of orchid art was donated by the family of Jeanne Blandford, one of our long-standing members who had passed at the end of last year.

Barb then announced that there were a few orchids left over from the November orchid giveaway and she had decided to award them to several members who had provided the Society with a great amount of effort and personal service. Those members were Cathy Green for her efforts as Vice-President, Website, and Show Chairperson, Paul Bujak for his contributions as Treasurer and Show plant registration, and Heather Crowther for her efforts on the monthly newsletter.

Finally Barb said the one extra plant and the artwork would be part of the meeting raffle. The artwork was won by Dave Miller and the plant by Barb Davis.

Craig Miller gave the Treasurer's report. He stated that dues had not increased for at least seven years and the Society should consider raising them to generate a better operating budget. Paul Bujak, long-standing former treasurer, indicated that we have consistently been at a break-even point in past years with annual memberships at \$15 individual and \$25 family. Cathy Green, former program director, said the club is also missing out on better programs by not being able to pay expenses for quality speakers who are farther away. The Society unanimously supported Craig's request to increase annual dues to \$20 individual and \$30 family, effective immediately. Annual dues are payable by March 1 in person or by mail to:

Craig Miller  
8636 Morningview Av NW  
Clinton, OH 44216

## ***2010 Spring Show***

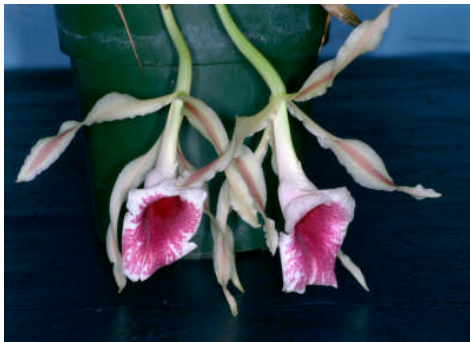
The Spring Show will again be at Donzell's Flower and Garden Center on March 6-7, 2010. Cathy Green said the show committee will begin meeting on a bi-weekly basis starting next week and likely have a few meetings in February every week. Anyone wanting to help out is more than willing to show up. Cathy said she had intended to bring show flyers to the meeting but forgot them. She asked Paul Bujak to have the file added as a website link so anyone could pull down their own copies for distribution.

The next Show Meetings will be Wednesday February 3, at Panera Bread, Arlington Rd and I-77 at 6:15pm.

Getting ads for the Show Program is extremely important. If every member could get one or two, we could be assured that Show expenses would be covered. Advertising forms were available on the table for anyone wanting to take some.

Cathy stated the show judges have requested for us to combine amateur and professional judging classes this year. GAOS is one of the few societies who had maintained separation. So there will be half as many class awards as last year.

Mary Bell announced she had a list of food items needed for the show meals. Anyone interested in contributing should stop and put their name on her list. A donation in place of a food item would be appreciated.



Tricopilia Evaline –  
Edgar Stehli

## ***Program***

The program was presented by Dave Miller. Dave's slide presentation, "Where We Grow Our Orchids", was a compilation of pictures from several members. The featured members were Dave, growing with natural and artificial light; Craig Miller, growing with artificial light; Sharon Harper, growing with artificial light; and Barb Ford, growing in a greenhouse attached to her house.

It was nice to see the many different ways that members are able to grow beautiful orchids using similar techniques but in different environments. Several common themes despite the different light situations were air circulation, humidity and temperature control and the use of different microclimates to handle diverse genera of orchids.

## ***Adjourned***

Barb Ford adjourned the meeting.

## ***February Meeting***

The next meeting will be Monday, February 8 at 6:45pm at the Portage Lakes Kiwanis. Sharon Harper will present "Preparing Our Orchids for Show", ideas on proper staking, cleaning and grooming our plants so they can look their best for the judges.

## ***and Finally...***

Help GAOS by sponsoring a class trophy for our show. Each trophy is \$20 and you can even co-sponsor one with someone else. These trophies reward the grower of the winning plant in each class. Jackie Muster will have the sign-up sheet at the February meeting.

## **Show Table**

Paul Bujak requested each member who brought in a show plant to turn in the description of each to him before the end of the meeting. There were 15 plants shown.

### **EDGAR STEHLI**

- Oerstedella centradenia (aka Oe.centropetalum)
- Tricopilia Evaline

### **DAVE MILLER**

- Angraecum sesquipedale
- Blc Goldenzelle 'Lemon Chiffon' AM/AOS
- Stenosarcos Vanguard 'Fireball' JC/AOS

### **MARY BELL**

- Lycaste (Leo 'Riopelle' AM/AOS x maggle(?)) x Diana Burritt
- Robiquetia cerina
- Vanda tricolor
- Dialaeliocattley Multiplicity 'AA' HCC/AOS (aka Laeliocatarrhon)
- Mokara Chao Praya xxx

### **DEBBIE WRIGHT**

- Phalaenopsis hybrid

### **PAUL BUJAK**

- Epidendrum coriifolium

### **CRAIG MILLER**

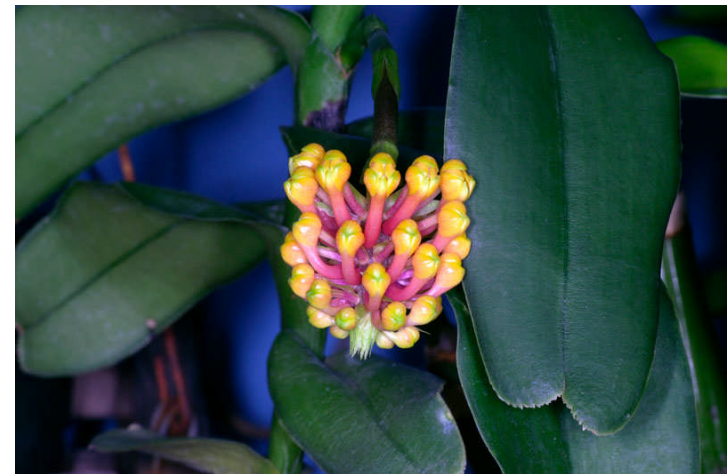
- Cymbidium Strathbraan 'Lewes Pinkie'

### **FRANK SKALAK**

- Cattleya trianaei
- Rhyncattleanthe Jeanette Marie (aka Blc Oconee 'Mendenhall' AM/AOS x Pot Free Spirit)



Cymbidium Strathbraan 'Lewes Pinkie' - Craig Miller



Robiquetia cerina – Mary Bell

