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January 2011 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Barbara Ford, president at the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Center in Akron, Ohio on Monday January 10, 2011 at 6:45 pm. The minutes were recorded by Sharon Harper, secretary.

General Business

Barbara Ford opened the meeting by greeting the members. There were 26 members in attendance. We had one new member. Bill Cruce. Bill was an original founding GAOS member. Welcome back, Bill!

The meeting agenda highlighted the necessity of preparing for the upcoming Greater Cleveland Orchid Show, which will take place February 12th and 13th 2011, at the South Euclid Community Center. The address is 1070 Victory Dr., South Euclid.

Barb also announced that there were two plants left over from the November plant give-away. It was decided that they should be raffled off, so Craig Miller volunteered to make the raffle tickets, and collect the money for the raffle. Two lucky individuals went home happy with newly-won plants.

Annual Dues

Dues for 2011 are now payable. For individual members, dues are \$20; for family memberships, \$30. They can be paid to Craig Miller, Treasurer, at the February meeting or by mail to him at 8636 Morningview Av NW, Clinton, OH 44216. Checks should be made payable to Greater Akron Orchid Society.

2011 Spring Show

Our annual Orchid Show is fast approaching. It will be held at Donzell's Flower and Garden Center in Akron, OH, March 5th and 6th, 2011. Cathy Green could not be with us this evening, so she has sent out an e-mail with the schedule for the rest of show committee meetings. Anyone interested is welcome to join the committee. The schedule is as follows:

Monday 2/7
Monday 2/21
Monday 2/28

As always the meeting will be at 6 PM at Panera Bread located at the intersection of I-77 and Arlington Rd.

Barb Ford also indicated a need for volunteers to help with various duties for the show. Some of the duties will include clerks, ribbon clerks, and head clerks to help the judges. Mary Bell also has a list of food items needed for the show meals. Cash donations will also be accepted. Contact Mary at 330-644-6867 (home), or at the next GAOS meeting if you would like to sign the sheet or donate cash.

A sheet was also sent around for trophy sponsorship. Paul Bujak is in charge of this list and also collection of the contributions. It costs only \$20 to sponsor a trophy or one could co-sponsor with someone else. Eight trophies still need sponsors. Please help.

Paul has also sent e-mails about the 2011 show ads. Ad contracts were sent with these e-mails to print out and use when we contact businesses about sponsoring our upcoming show. As Paul has indicated, business card ads are very popular, and are only \$20. Half-page and full-page ads are \$50 and \$100, respectively.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of GAOS will be held on Monday, February 14, 2011 at 6:45 pm at the Portage Lakes Kiwanis. The program will be an AOS slide presentation on Paphiopedilum species.

January's Program

Dave Miller, our Program Director, presented an excellent PowerPoint presentation entitled '**Vacationing without Your Orchids**'. Dave's presentation gave us all ideas on how to prepare our plants and ourselves for those times we may be away from home on business or vacation for up to 20 days and still have healthy, live, thriving plants to come home to.

Dave experimented on many thought-provoking ways and means to keep our orchids happy and well cared for in the event one needs to be away from home for an extended period and you won't even need to hire a baby-sitter or plant-sitter to do the job for you.

Upcoming Shows and other Society News

Greater Cleveland Orchid Society The GCOS will host its Orchid Show on February 12-13, 2011 at the South Euclid Community Center, 1070 Victory Drive, South Euclid, OH..

Greater Akron Orchid Society will host its annual Spring Orchid Show on March 5 & 6, 2011. Setup will be on Fri. March 4. It will be held at Donzell's Flower & Garden Center, 937 E. Waterloo Rd, Akron, OH 44306. www.thegaos.com. Cathy Green, Chairperson. 330-492-4534

West Shore Orchid Society will hold its spring show on March 12-13, 2011 at the Strongsville Recreation Center, Strongsville, OH.

Call for Plants

GAOS needs flowering plants for our display at the Greater Cleveland Orchid Society Show set-up on February 11. If you have plants in bloom or even one that you think will be in bloom by that day, please consider them for entry in the show. All you have to do is take your plants to Mary Bell or Jackie Muster by Thursday, February 10. They will transport your plants to the show and put them in our display.

Send an email or call Paul Bujak with the names of your plants, even those which may not be in bloom in time for the show, so he can make labels for the display. If a plant is not ready for showing, all that is lost is a label. It will be impossible to make display labels at the set-up.

Show Table

At the January meeting, plants for the Show Table were presented by Mary Bell, Jackie Muster, Frank Skalak, Edgar Stehli, Bill Cruce, Barb Ford and Dave Miller. Please see photos of some of these fine flowers in the Gallery on Page 3.

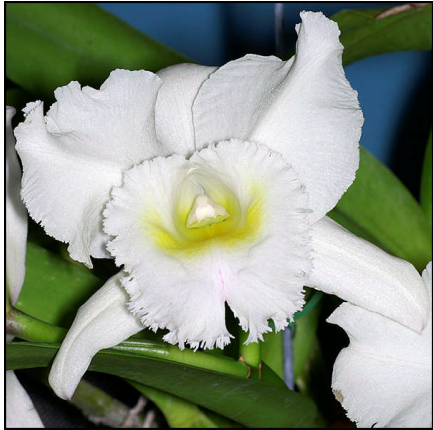
Plant of the Month

Bill Cruce received the Plant of the Month award for his fine *Paphiopedilum* Saint Swithin. Bill, an original member of the Society, had previously specialized in Cattleya alliance plants, winning an AOS Award of Merit in 1992 for *Laelia perrinii* "Stan Hywet" AM/AOS. We think he has done well with other genera, too.



Paphiopedilum Saint Swithin AM/AOS – Bill Cruce

The Gallery



**Rlc Pastoral 'Innocence' AM/AOS –
Barb Ford**



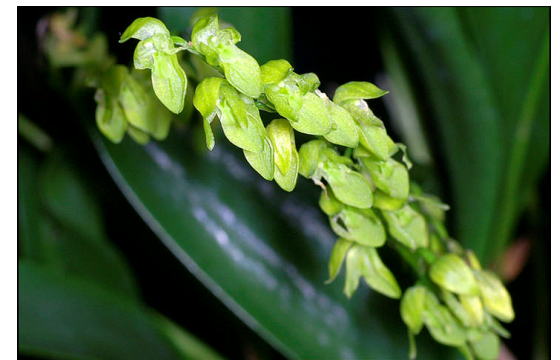
**Stenosarcos Vanguard –
Dave Miller**



Trichocentrum Maureen – Jackie Muster



Lc Drumbeat 'Heritage' AM/AOS – Frank Skalak



Pleurothallis racimiflora – Edgar Sehli