

Greater Akron Orchid Society

An Affiliate of the American Orchid Society

Minutes of the Meeting:

The meeting was called to order by Barb Ford, president. Today's agenda was a member plant sale and a slide presentation by member Craig Miller on the light set-up he uses to grow his orchids. Minutes were taken by Dave Miller, secretary.

General Business

There were 2 guests and 4 new members in attendance.

Barb Ford reported that the club will be presenting a display at the Greater Cleveland Orchid Society show (Euclid Heights) on April 25. Barb requested volunteers to help and to contact her or Jackie Muster.

Barb Ford reported that our trustee, Barb Davis, has gone through an extensive period of illness since our show in March. It turned out to be a rather serious infection but she is recovering well now. Members are encouraged to send get well cards to Barb for her recovery.

Barb said she will be placing a team in the charity walk for Stewart's Place on May 23. The walk will be approximately 2-3 miles. Anyone interested in participating should contact Barb directly.

Edgar Stehli announced that J&L Orchids will be attending the West Shore Orchid Society meeting on Wed. April 15.

Show Table

We had a beautiful show table in April.

Jackie Land - Psychopsis Mendenhall 'Hildos', Slc. Hsin Buj Lady 'Y.T.'

Paul Bujak - C.Sunrise Chalet x Lc. Frank Lind

Warren Stoutamire - Malaxis Metallica, Ophrys lutea

Cathy Green - (Phal. Vivian, Slc. Dark Waters 'Jewel Box', Den. Aberrans, Den. Kingianum var. album

Edgar Stehli - C.Landale(achandiae x guttata

Jackie Muster - Miltoniopsis In the Pink 'Voluptuous' (pictured below)

Dave Miller - Leptodes bicolor ('Child of Rue AM/AOS' x Harbinger), Schomburgkia Weberbaueriana, Onc. Sharry Baby Tricolor



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May Meeting

Mon. May 11, 2009 at 6.45pm

The meeting will be at the Portage Lake Kiwanis.

This month we will learn about the Orchid Society of Romania, called the Orchidee of Romania, founded by Andrei Lenard. We will look at some of their activities through the years, native orchids of Romania, and other topics.

Margaret Hartman

Margaret Hartman, a longtime member of the GAOS, will be celebrating her 90th birthday. Her family is hosting a birthday party at the Foltz Community Center, 224 Wood St., "Route 44", East Canton, 44730. It will be on Sunday May 3 from 2-4pm. All GAOS members who would like to help Margaret celebrate this special day are invited to attend. For further directions please go to www.foltzcc.com.

Also, anyone who would like to send Margaret a birthday card should mail it to the following address: c/o Robert Clapper, 4369 Ravenna Ave. S.E, East Canton, 44730.

Akron Men's Garden Club

The garden club will be having their annual Geranium sale at Faith Lutheran Church, West Market St. in Fairlawn (across from Fairlawn Town Center). Geraniums will be \$22 a flat of 18. There will also be other annuals, some hanging baskets and orchids. It will be on May 8th from 11.00am – 6.00pm and May 9th from 9.00am to 6.00pm.

April Program

Our April program was a member plant sale which followed the usual club rules. It was a silent auction which takes place throughout the meeting. Anyone wanting to enter a plant in the sale fills out an auction sheet with the plant name, their name, and a starting bid. Attendees participate by increasing the current high bid during the meeting until the auction is closed. At the end winning bidders pay the winning auction price to the owner who then gives 25% of that price to the GAOS.

Several raffles also took place during the meeting. Tickets were \$2 each or 2 for \$3. There was a gift card, a book on orchids, and two bundles of "Orchids" magazines available for the raffle.

Presentation

Member Craig Miller gave a slide presentation on his grow area in his basement. His slides showed the stands he built from scrap wood and his electrical connections. He also discussed how he uses a simple reverse osmosis (RO) watering system supplemented by a tap water sprayer for cleaning plants and equipment. Craig said he decided to use simple 4 foot shop lights for his stands using whatever bulb types were available at inexpensive prices at the hardware stores. Under his plants he is using the drip tray bottoms of plastic planters as moisture trays. They also serve as slide out trays for servicing his plants. Craig is also using inexpensive mini fans from discount stores to keep the air moving over his plants. Copies of his slides can be obtained from Craig at justcraig@sssnet.com.

New Website

Just a reminder that the GAOS has a new website. Please go and look at the new site and remember that if you are willing to view the newsletter online you can e-mail me and ask me to remove you from our snail mail list. Find it at www.thegaos.org