

Greater Akron Orchid Society

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the Mid-American Orchid Congress

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November 2011 Meeting

The November meeting was called to order by Barb Ford, President, at the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Center in Akron, OH on Monday November 14, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. The minutes were recorded by Sharon Harper, secretary.

General Business

Barb Ford opened the meeting by greeting all of the members and their families. There were 48 attendees at this month's meeting. The agenda included our annual holiday dinner, election of officers for 2012 and the annual distribution of orchid plants to members in attendance.

New Business

Election of officers for 2012 was held. The new officers are:

President: Barb Ford
Vice-president: Dave Miller
Treasurer: Craig Miller
Secretary: Sharon Harper
Trustee: Cathy Green

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the GAOS will be held on Monday, January 9, 2012 at 6:45 p.m., at the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Center, Akron Ohio. Dave Miller will present a program on *Where We Grow Our Orchids 2012*.

Holiday Dinner and Plant Distribution

A traditional feature of the November meeting was the holiday dinner and plant distribution. GAOS provided the baked ham and members brought side dishes and desserts to share. All attending members and guests certainly did not go home hungry as there were vast quantities of delicious things to eat. This last meeting of the year always proved that GAOS members not only are good orchid growers but also great cooks.

All members attending the dinner also looked forward to the society's orchid plant distribution. As a benefit of belonging to GAOS, members are entitled to an orchid plant, or two if a family membership, as long as they attend the November meeting. This year the plants came from Carmela Orchids in Hawaii. Many of the plants were in full bloom and the rest in spike, soon to bloom.

2012 Spring Show

In two short months, it will be Show Time! The 2012 GAOS Spring Orchid Show will be held on March 3 and 4, 2012 at Donzell's Flower and Garden Center. Our show chairperson, Cathy Green, has already begun preparations for the show. The show committee meets regularly to work out the details of presenting an orchid show. Volunteers are always needed. If you would like to participate, please give Cathy a call.



Cymbidium hybrid
– Jackie Martin

Orchid Corner

By Dave Miller

Did I? What? When? These are all questions we ask on a regular basis to keep our orchids in great condition. If you have more than three orchids, you probably have asked yourself these same questions.

An easy solution is to use a few commonly available items to create a visual record of what has been done to any of your plants. Make a plant flag from coffee stirrers (red preferred), painters tape, and a marker and insert into the afflicted plant. You can record repotting, date for restricted water schedule, special fertilizer, rest period, or the pest/disease being addressed and what product and dates applied. Dispose of it when done.

Simple solution ... very effective.

Upcoming Shows and Other Orchid News

Greater Cleveland Orchid Society will hold its Orchid Show on February 11-12, 2012 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 3-4, 2012. Setup will be on Fri. March 2. 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 10-11, 2012 at the Strongsville Recreation Center, Strongsville, OH.

The Spring 2012 Mid-American Orchid Congress meeting will be held April 13-15 in conjunction with the Central Indiana Orchid Society's orchid show at the Garfield Park Conservatory. All Mid-America lectures and meetings will be located at the Embassy Suites Indianapolis Downtown, 110 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN.

2012 Monthly Program Schedule

Dave Miller, Vice-president, is also the Program Chairman and he has organized some fine programs for 2012. Speakers, orchid-growing topics, plant sales and picnics – there is something for everyone. The schedule is as follows:

January 9	<i>Where We Grow Our Orchids 2012</i> Dave Miller
February 13	<i>Hybridizing Orchids for the Floral Trade</i> Carter Zane, Carter's Greenhouse
March 12	<i>Singapore & Thailand Photo Tour</i> Dave Miller
April 9	TBA
May 14	<i>1st Members Plant Auction</i>
June 11	<i>Orchids in Peru</i> Leon Glicenstein, formerly of Hoosier Orchids
July 9	<i>Summer Picnic</i>
August 13	<i>Ask The Experts</i> Wayne Roberts, Roberts Flower Supply Edgar Stehli, Windswept In Time Orchids
September 10	<i>Understanding Cattleyas</i> Richard Sipko, Hillhaven Orchids
October 8	<i>2nd Members Plant Auction</i>
November 12	<i>Annual Holiday Banquet, Elections & Member Plant Giveaway</i>
December 10	<i>Happy Holidays – No Meeting</i>

The Gallery

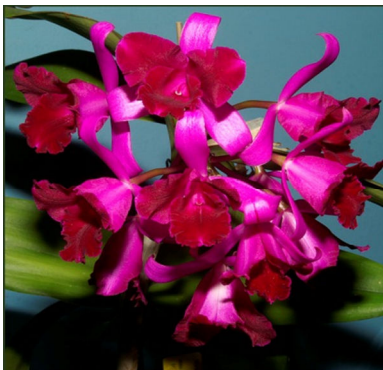
Some of the fine flowers
displayed at the November
2011 meeting.



**Lc Marcello Miranda –
Jackie Muster**



**Paphiopedilum spicerianum –
Frank Skalak**



**Cattlianthe Tristar Bouquet –
Kathy Pendleton**



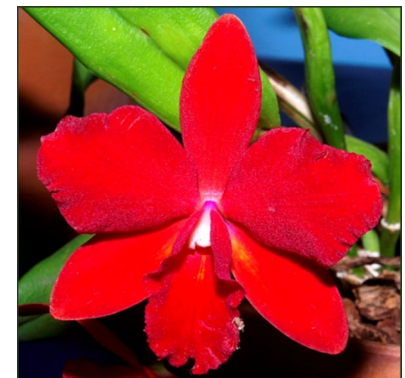
**Boweringara hybrid –
Georgia Knowles**



**Angraecum longiscott '00' –
Sharon Harper**



**Lc Mariner 'Far Horizon' –
Jackie Muster**



**Slc Hazel Boyd 'Debi' –
Frank Skalak**