

Greater Akron Orchid Society

An Affiliate of the American Orchid Society

July Meeting/Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Barb Ford, President. The meeting was held at the Kiwanis Center in Akron, Ohio. We had several new members present. Apparently two new members said they have not received the newsletter. This problem will be addressed. As editor I do add new members to the mailing list immediately I receive their addresses. However, if someone does not get the newsletter they should contact me directly so that I can determine what the problem is. Sometimes there can be an error in an address I have received. More likely, is that the e-mail with the newsletter attachment is being dumped into a "junk mail" folder. Whatever the problem, please call!

July Program

The program this month was a help session on problem plants. Sick, stressed, and overgrown plants were brought to the meeting so that advice could be given. Unfortunately some of the plants could not be saved. Some plants had severe root and crown rot. Under watering also seemed to be a common problem. The appropriate growing conditions for the plants were discussed and hopefully most of the plants will respond with better results. One plant brought by Jackie Martin had a deformed black sticky leaf. Insect activity was the first thought but no evidence of insects were found. The main suggestion with this plant was to treat with Physan-20 and hope for the best. Another commune treatment for fungal or bacterial disease is to dust with cinnamon powder, as it is a decent fungicide and also has bactericidal effects.

This was a very popular program which was helpful to all present, especially newer growers.

Show Table

WARREN STOUTAMIRE

- Various Disa cut flowers due to an infestation of trips in his greenhouse

BARB FORD

- Degarmoara 'Winter Wonderland'
- Paph. 'Susan Booth'
- Meiracyllium trinisutam

FRANK SKALAK

- Slc. 'Love Castle'

JACKIE MUSTER

- Phalaenopsis Bubblegum 'Swartz', a peloric variety with three sepals and three petals

EDGAR STEHLI

- Pleurothallis grobii
- Encyclia 'Green Hornet'
- Brassia Rex

KATHY GALLUCH

- Phrag. Eric Young



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August Meeting

Mon. August 10 6.30pm

Portage Lakes Kiwanis

The next meeting will be basically the same as the last meeting plus a member plant sale. Since the July meeting was such a success we are going to give everyone another opportunity to bring in their ailing plants for discussion. Please remember to keep your plant isolated at your own table as we do not want to cross contaminate plants while they are at the meeting. Make sure you are prepared with as much information about the growing conditions of your plant.

Plant sale – Please bring any plants you may want to sell to the meeting. This is an opportunity to divide your large plants or find a new home for plants which are failing to thrive in your growing conditions. It is also an opportunity to purchase plants at a very reasonable cost to add to your own collection.

The plants will be displayed with everyone having an opportunity to bid on the plants throughout the course of the evening.. 25% of your plant sale is to be donated to the GAOS.

Also, please keep these plants separated from any of the plants which are coming for discussion as no-one wants to be buying contaminated plants. Make sure they are disease and insect free before you bring them for sale.