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May Meeting

The May meeting was called to order by Barb Ford, President, at the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Community Center in Akron, Ohio on Monday, May 9, 2011 at 7:00 pm. Minutes were recorded by Sharon Harper, secretary.

General Business

Barb Ford opened the meeting by greeting the society members. There were 28 members in attendance, including three new members, two of whom were attending for the first time. Welcome new members!

New Business

There were no specific items of new business this month. President Barb Ford remarked that next month will be our semi-annual members' plant sale and that this event will coincide with our summer picnic.

May Program

Dave Miller, Program Director, presented a very interesting slide show from the American Orchid Society library entitled, "*Unusual Orchids Visible with the Naked Eye.*" This program focused on the unusual flowers of many different orchid genera that are not commonly seen.

Barb Ford adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be Monday, June 13th at 6:30 pm at the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Community Center.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of GAOS will be held on Monday, June 13, 2011 at 6:30 pm at the Portage Lakes Kiwanis. This will be our Summer Picnic and Members' Plant Sale. Please note the change in starting time. We don't want you to miss all the good eatin'.



**Cypripedium parviflorum v.
pubescens - Wayne Roberts**

Coming Up

July 11 - Wayne Roberts will be giving a talk on 'Gardening under Lights'.

August 8 – Frank Feysa, an AOS judge from Aurora, Ohio, will be our guest speaker.

Open Houses

Roberts Flower Supply, 12390 Root Rd, Columbia Station, OH 44028 held two open house sales on May 21, 2011 for *Cypripediums* only and on May 27-29, 2011 at the greenhouse with orchid plant specials, supplies and a large selection of species plants for sale. Host Wayne Roberts was available to answer any and all questions about his orchid growing. He gave away a free plant with every purchase, too.

Windswept in Time Orchids held their spring open house Memorial Day weekend, the 28th and 29th of May. Kim and Edgar Stehli displayed orchids of all types in their home, greenhouse, outside on the patio, in trees and even in a tent. Did you notice that beautiful *Cattleya tenebrosa* in the tree out back of the greenhouse?

Open houses are a great way of obtaining orchids at excellent prices. They are also a good way to see how commercial vendors grow their plants and often give one a few tips to apply to their own growing situation. We hope that all GAOS members were able to go to these open houses. If you missed these two, there is still another planned. Read on...

Porter's Orchids, one of our vendors at our Spring Show, has invited members of GAOS to attend an open house which will be held August 20, 2011. Porter's Orchids is located in Grand Ledge, Michigan. Bill Porter is offering each carload of 4 persons, \$50.00 for gas money, to help defray their cost of driving to his place of business. There will be more details on this event in a future newsletter.

GAOS Summer Picnic

Our next meeting on June 13, 2011, is also our Summer Picnic. The time of the meeting is moved up a bit, starting at 6:30 p.m. to make sure we have plenty of time to enjoy all the good dishes the members bring. The Society will provide fried chicken and beverages.

Members are asked to bring a salad, a side dish or a dessert to share with all. From past experience, it is well known that the GAOS has some pretty good cooks so expect this picnic to be a real feast. Of course, we hope that not everyone will bring a dessert but let that creativity loose and let's eat!

Each member may bring a guest to share in the picnic and perhaps find a desire to grow orchids and join our Society. Members should also bring their own plates and silverware. GAOS has some paper plates and plastic utensils for those who forget but yours are probably better.

Member Plant Sale

The June meeting is also the first of two Members' Plant Sales. If you have surplus plants, orchids which refuse to flower for you despite the great care you give them, you need more orchids or you just want to grow something different, this sale is for you. The sale is a silent auction format. The Society will have slips of paper where the owner lists the plant and the opening bid. All throughout the evening, you may place bids for the plants you want.

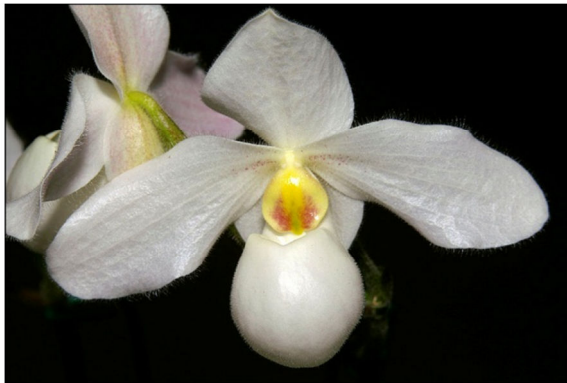
At the end of the evening, the winners will collect their new plants and pay the seller. The sellers contribute 25% of their sales to the society and keep the balance. This is an easy way for newer members to obtain more plants at very reasonable prices and for other members to make a little room or add to their collections.

The Gallery

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



Leptotes bicolor – Dave Miller



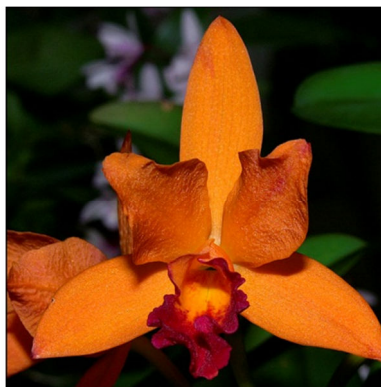
Paphiopedilum Deperle – Sharon Harper



**Masdevallia discoidea –
Jackie Land**



Cattleya skinneri v. semi-alba – Jackie Muster



**Rhyncattleanthe
Love Passion "Island
Romance" – Rick Kayes**



**Paphiopedilum Conco-Bellatulum &
Paphiopedilum bellatulum – Bret Winkler**