

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 report on the spring show held March 7-8 and a workshop on orchid staking by Cathy Green. Minutes were taken by Dave Miller, Secretary.

General Business

25 members were in attendance, plus 5 guests.

Barb Ford reported the club will be presenting a display at the West Shore Orchid Club (Strongsville) on March 14-15. This year our club has been given 50 square feet of display area, double from last year. The extra space will allow the club to use the same set-up as our own show in March. Set-up will be on Friday beginning at 9.45 a.m. in Strongsville.

Paul Bujak, treasurer, reported that 2009 membership dues are to be in by the end of March. All unpaid members will be removed from the membership roster at that time. Dues are \$15 single and \$25 family. Each member will receive one plant and each family will receive two plants at the annual holiday dinner in November.

Spring Show Report

Cathy Green, show chairman, reported the Spring show to be a huge success based on the number of attendees and the satisfaction of Donzell's, the venue hosts, and the sales for each of the vendors. She thanked all of the volunteers who worked on the committee as well as everyone who worked during the show, setup and teardown, food, hosting, and general assistance.

Cathy stated she had received very favorable comments from each of the vendors indicating their sales were brisk and profitable for their journey and expenses. Many plants were sold and many orchid care sheets were passed out at the registration table. The judges expressed their approval for the high quality of the show. The club also welcomed several new members at the meeting as a result of their show attendance.

Cathy said she is proud of the quality of the show. Based on that as well as the number of new members participating in various aspects of the show she believes the show has grown to meet the expectations she set when taking over the show chairmanship three years ago. She expressed her gratitude to all.

Paul Bujak said he has not received all invoices from the show as yet but he believes based on current receipts this year's show looks as if it will break even financially. Break even is the goal of the show as the club is not trying to make a profit on shows.

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April Meeting

Monday April 13th at 6.45pm at Portage Lakes Kiwanis.

SHOW TABLE

Although we had a small show table this month we had some interesting plants: Rick Kays (*Psychopsis* unknown); Dave Miller (*Phragmipedium* Mont Fallu, *Stenosarcos* Vanguard 'Fireball', Iwanagaara Apple Blossom 'Mendenhall' – pictured below); Edgar Stehli (*Sarcoglottis* *sceptrodes*); Warren Stoutamire (*Pterostylis* *curta*).



March Program

Cathy Green gave a demonstration on the correct presentation of orchids for a show including the proper way to stake the spike.

The main aim should be to focus the attention on the bloom, not the stake.

The stake itself should be placed as inconspicuously as possible and below the level of the flower.

Anything used to attach the spike to the stake should blend in and be the same color as the stake. It should not be a contrasting color which would draw attention to the support instead of the plant.

Twist ties are good choices although they need to be checked frequently to make sure the spike does not become damaged as the spike grows and expands.

“Butterfly” clips are not the best choice as they are decorative in themselves and therefore attract attention away from the plant. They are fine for home use but should be removed for shows.

The stake should be placed when the spike is emerging so that the spike can be trained in the proper direction.

Cathy’s talk led to some interesting discussion and an opportunity to have a question and answer session.

Thank you Cathy for an interesting and useful presentation.