

# Greater Akron Orchid Society

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## March 2011

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## **February 2011 Meeting**

The meeting at the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Center in Akron, Ohio on Valentines Day, February 14, 2011 at 7:00pm was called to order by Dave Miller, vice president.

### **General Business**

There were 23 members in attendance at the meeting. The Greater Cleveland Orchid Show was discussed. Many of our members had entered plants into the GAOS exhibit, and received ribbons for those entries.

Dave reminded all of us that the West Shore Orchid Society show in Strongsville will be held the weekend of March 12-13, 2011. Plants for our display will be needed for set-up on March 11.

### **Annual Dues**

Dues for 2011 are now payable. For individual members, dues are \$20; for family memberships, \$30. They can be paid to Craig Miller, Treasurer, at the March meeting or by mail to him at 8636 Morningview Av NW, Clinton, OH 44216. Checks should be made payable to Greater Akron Orchid Society. March 14 is the deadline for 2011 dues payments.

### **February's Program**

Dave Miller presented a very interesting and educational program from the AOS-American Orchid Society on Paphiopedilum species. His program consisted of slides of all known Paph. species, their country of origin and the conditions in which they grow as terrestrials, epiphytes, or as lithophytes. This program was quite interesting for those of us that enjoy growing specie orchids, and also those who are growing paphiopedilums in our collections.

## **2011 Spring Show**

Spring Show Chairperson, Cathy Green, discussed the larger ad being used to advertise our show in March at Donzell's Flower and Garden Center. Cathy told us that five vendors will be at our show this year, and that in the future there could be the possibility of a sixth vendor. She also mentioned that three vendors had purchased extra tables for set-up at this year's show.

If you are planning to enter plants for the display, you will need to contact Paul Bujak with the exact plant name prior to the Friday set-up. Paul suggested no later than Thursday, March 3, by 8:00 AM, would give him enough time to make nametags. Send Paul an e-mail at [pbujak@neo.rr.com](mailto:pbujak@neo.rr.com) with your exact plant names.

Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> will be set-up day. All plants must have your name clearly labeled on them, either with a piece of tape, or an address label in an inconspicuous area on the pot. All plants must be brought into Donzell's between 10:00 and 11:30 AM, on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> to be registered for the show. Registration will take place in the Seminar Room at the back of the display area.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of GAOS will be held on Monday, March 14, 2011 at 6:45 pm at the Portage Lakes Kiwanis. The program will be a presentation by Dave Miller entitled "How to Take Care of Your Orchids after You Get Them Home".



**Cattlianthe Best  
Friend – Frank  
Skalak**

## Show Table

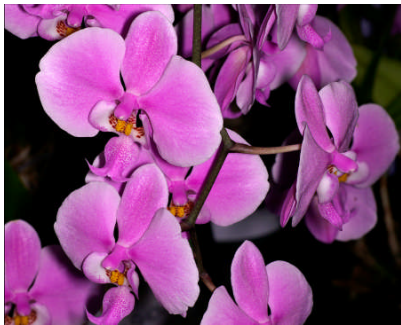
Bret Winkler, Jackie Muster, Bill Cruce, Frank Skalak and Carol Crook were encouraged to show and tell about the plants that they brought to the meeting.

## Plant of the Month

There was no "official" Plant of the Month at the last meeting but if there had been, Bill Cruce would have been the awarded grower for his beautiful *Phal. amabilis* and *Phal schilleriana purpurea 4N*.

## GAOS at the GCOS Show

Our Society entered a display at the Greater Cleveland Orchid Society show on February 12-13, 2011 in South Euclid, Ohio. GAOS took a White ribbon for its display. Plants of Mary Bell, Jackie Muster, Barb Ford, Bernadette and Frank Skalak, Carol and James Crook and Dave Miller were entered and won a total of 11 Blue, Red and White ribbons. Color photos by Dave Miller also earned ribbons while Paul Bujak took Blue ribbons and a Best of Class in Art for his photos.



*Phalaenopsis schilleriana*  
var. *purpurea 4N* – Bill  
Cruce



*Paphiopedilum sukhakulli*  
'Windsong's Buzz' HCC/AOS –  
Bret Winkler

## Upcoming Shows and other Society News

**Greater Akron Orchid Society** will host its annual Spring Orchid Show on March 5 & 6, 2011. Setup will be on Fri. March 4. It will be held at Donzell's Flower & Garden Center, 937 E. Waterloo Rd, Akron, OH 44306. [www.thegaos.com](http://www.thegaos.com). Cathy Green, Chairperson. 330-492-4534

**West Shore Orchid Society** will hold its spring show on March 12-13, 2011 at the Strongsville Recreation Center, Strongsville, OH. Setup will be on March 11.



GAOS Display at the GCOS Show

## Call for Plants

GAOS needs flowering plants for our display at the West Shore Orchid Society Show set-up on March 11. If you have plants in bloom or even one that you think will be in bloom by that day, please consider them for entry in the show. All you have to do is take your plants to Mary Bell or Jackie Muster by Thursday, March 10. They will transport your plants to the show and put them in our display.

Send an email or call Paul Bujak with the names of your plants, even those which may not be in bloom in time for the show, so he can make labels for the display. If a plant is not ready for showing, all that is lost is a label. It will be impossible to make display labels at the set-up.