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August Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Barb Ford at the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Center in Akron, Ohio on Monday August 8, 2011 at 6:45 pm. The minutes were recorded by Sharon Harper, Secretary.

General Business

Barb opened the meeting by greeting all of the members. There were 33 people in attendance for the August meeting.

New Business

Barb announced that there will be a board meeting in the next couple weeks to discuss the selection of new officers. She will get in touch with the current officers to schedule this meeting.

Paul Bujak, our newsletter editor, suggested that if you have an orchid that blooms between our meeting dates, take a photo of your blooming plant and e-mail that photo to Paul for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Program

Frank Feysa, AIFD and owner of Garden Gate Florist of Aurora, Ohio, gave a very detailed and informative presentation on the culture and care of Dendrobiums. Frank, who is also an AOS judge and specializes in Central and South American orchid species, grows cool growing species in a 24'x24' greenhouse.

He brought along several of his mounted dendrobiums to use as examples of how to grow the different species.

His main points for growing dendrobiums successfully were as follows:

Dendrobiums: The second-largest orchid genus

- The majority require high light.
- They occur in variable temperature situations.
- They need high humidity.
- One should water when medium is dry to touch.
- They prefer small pots or mounts and excellent drainage.
- They often need a rest period.
- They need 'good' air circulation.



**Dendrobium
victoria-reginae –
Edgar Stehli**

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the GAOS will be held on Monday, September 12, 2011 at 6:45 PM, at the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Center, Akron Ohio. Our speaker will be Program Chairman Dave Miller. Dave will talk about mounting orchids and will use volunteering members as his assistants.

Coming Up

September 10 – Hilltop Orchids Annual Open House in Cloverdale, IN.

From the Mid-American Orchid Congress

Fall 2011 Mid-America Orchid Congress

Featuring Dr. Leonid Averyanov

Komarov Botanical Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences

The Mid-America Orchid Congress presents an opportunity to meet and hear one of the world's leading orchid botanists. Dr. Leonid Averyanov will be the featured speaker at the Fall meeting held in conjunction with the Wisconsin Orchid Society's Fall Orchid Show, September 17-18, 2011. All Mid-America events will be at the Radisson Hotel Milwaukee West, while the orchid show will be held in the Show Dome at Mitchell Park Conservatory. Registration will include admission to the lectures and the orchid show and transportation between the hotel and the Show Dome. More information and a schedule of events can be found at the Mid-America website, <http://midamericanorchids.org>.

Dr. Averyanov's first presentation will be Saturday afternoon on New Orchid Discoveries in Vietnam. He will also speak at the Saturday evening banquet on New Discoveries about Vietnamese Paphiopedilums. Dr. Averyanov, an expert on the orchids of Vietnam and Southeast Asia, is Professor of the Herbarium of Komarov Botanical Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences in St. Petersburg, Russia. He also serves as Vice President of the All-Russian Botanical Society and co-authored Slipper Orchids of Vietnam.

On Saturday afternoon, there will be a lecture on Orchid Conservation in Ecuador – Habitat Protection, Education & Ecotourism by Dr. Joe Meisel, vice-president and founder of the Ceiba Foundation for Tropical Conservation. The foundation is dedicated to the conservation of tropical plants and animals through public education and establishment of locally owned and operated nature reserves. Dr. Meisel will speak about one of the foundation's projects, the El Pahuma Orchid Reserve in Ecuador, which protects over 1000 acres of cloud forest and was established through South America's first conservation easement involving a local landowner.

Saturday evening festivities will begin with the Mid-America auction, the main FUN-raising event. It always features many great orchids and orchid related items to bid on, and lots of laughs. Dinner and Dr. Averyanov's second program will follow.

At the Affiliated Societies Breakfast on Sunday morning, the discussion topic will be *Exhibits in Other Societies' Shows*. People always leave this breakfast full of information and ideas to take home to their orchid societies.

Open House at Hilltop Orchids

Hilltop Orchids is holding their Annual Open House on Saturday, September 10, 2011. Hilltop Orchids is located in Cloverdale, Indiana at 1151 E. County Road 800 South. Hours are 11:00 a.m. to whenever. Lunch will be provided by Marvin's Restaurant of Greencastle, IN.

Eric Sauer will be the featured speaker, discussing culture and breeding of Maxillarias, as well as Phragmipedium culture. There will also be hands-on workshops and a Q&A.



**Stanhopea graveolens 'Jumpin' Jaguar'
– Edgar Stehli**

After breakfast, one may join the delegates from Mid-America affiliated societies who convene for the Mid-America business meeting. The business meeting is open to the public, and anyone wanting more information about Mid-America is welcome to attend.

This is sure to be an outstanding orchid weekend.

Plant Sale

Jackie Muster and **Mary Bell** are having an orchid sale at 48 Flowerdale Drive, Akron, Ohio 44319 on Saturday, October 1, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be divisions of Cattleya, some red Phalaenopsis seedlings, a few Paphiopedilums and some intergenerics, Miltassias and Encyclias. Come early for best selection.

The Gallery

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



**Bulbophyllum echinolabium –
Wayne Roberts**



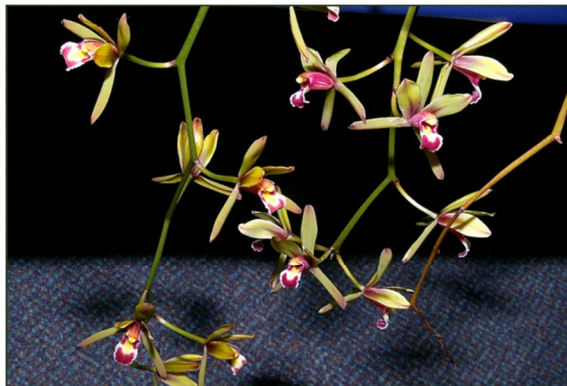
Lycaste suaveolens – Dave Miller



**Lc Mini Song 'Petite'
AM/AOS – Jackie Land**



**Dendrobium Snow White –
Barb Sponseller**



Cymbidium finlaysonianum – Wayne Roberts



**Phalaenopsis speciosa 'C#1' –
Sharon Harper**