



*Grand Valley Orchid Society serves the greater West Michigan area with informational programs and fellowship. Meetings are usually held the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. September through May at the Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park, 1000 East Beltline, Grand Rapids, MI*

### **2011-2012 GVOS Monthly Meetings Schedule**

Thursday, January 26	GVOS Show Preparations
February 16, 2012	Exciting Speaker TBD
March 15, 2012	Exciting Speaker TBD
April 19, 2012	Exciting Speaker TBD
May 2012	Exciting Speaker TBD
June 2012	Summer Picnic and Plant Sale

Be sure to join us for the January meeting on Thursday, 1/26 at 7 p.m. and if possible, bring your Plants for the Show! We will be preparing for the [GVOS Annual Orchid Show on January 28-29, 2012](#)

## **GVOS ANNUAL ORCHID SHOW Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park - January 28-29, 2012**

### **Orchid show set up:**

#### **Noon-3pm**

- This will entail helping the vendors/societies at the dock loading and unloading, and general set-up.
  - **Tara Rietberg**
  - **Sarah Cimek**
  - **Lorna VanTil**
  - **Gordon Griffin**
  - **Bert Smith**

#### **3pm - Whenever we finish**

- This is when finishing up our own display is gonna get crazy. We also will need people helping the stragglers who come in late, and with setting up the dinner for 6pm and making sure everybody gets fed and things get cleaned up. If the weather is bad, some vendors can get really delayed and things might run late.
  - **Tara Rietberg**
  - **Gordon Griffin**

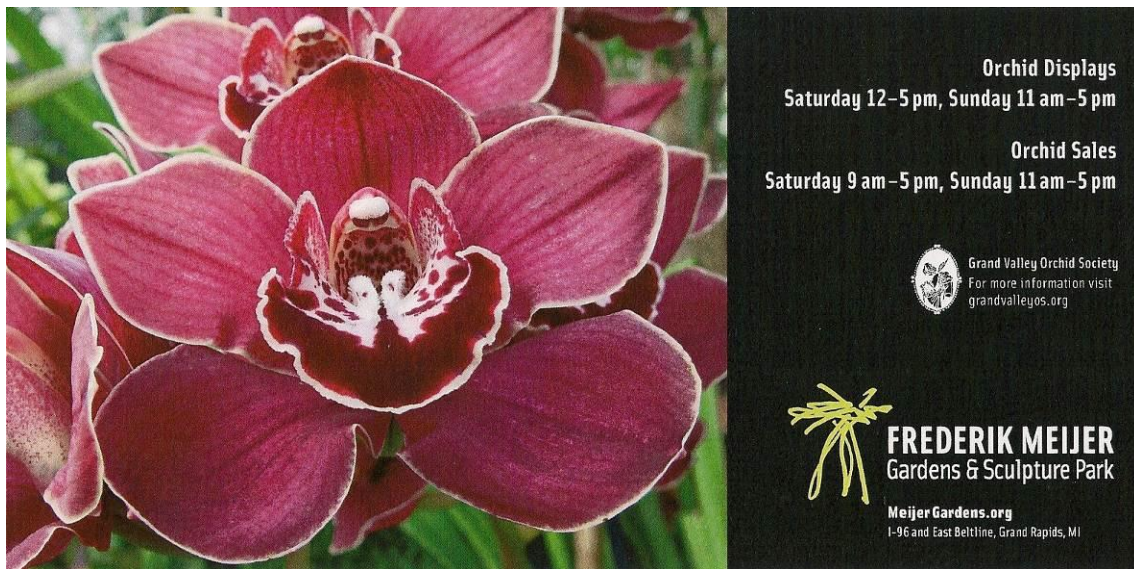
If you have an hour or two to spare - COME ON DOWN! We'll need all the help we can get and it is lots of fun!

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We still need clerks for the show judging Saturday morning. We need 21 clerks to help the judging teams beginning 8:00 AM Saturday morning, until about 11:30 AM. This is crucial to the success of the judging effort. Please consider helping in this capacity and let us know ASAP. [Lisa49331@yahoo.com](mailto:Lisa49331@yahoo.com)

**Orchid Show Reminders:**

- It would be very helpful if you bring your plants for the Show to Thursday's meeting on Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Members should be checking plants for bugs, staking unwieldy spikes, and nipping off dead and unsightly growths.
- All plants should be clearly labeled with both the plant name and the owner's name. The box should contain a list of all plants and another should be taped to the box. If a plant is top heavy it should have a heavy pot that will keep it upright also labeled with the owner's name.



Orchid Displays  
Saturday 12-5 pm, Sunday 11 am-5 pm

Orchid Sales  
Saturday 9 am-5 pm, Sunday 11 am-5 pm

Grand Valley Orchid Society  
For more information visit  
[grandvalleygos.org](http://grandvalleygos.org)

**FREDERIK MEIJER**  
Gardens & Sculpture Park

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I-96 and East Beltline, Grand Rapids, MI

**December Holiday Potluck**

Thank you to everyone who attended our last meeting. The food was as outstanding as ever and I even captured a couple of recipes to share with you next month! There were fund raisers with really wonderful deals on the Library used books tables (thank you Jade for organizing) and plants for sale too! These funds will help fill the coffers for 2012.

Lisa Alberts and Dawn Durkee passed around volunteer sign-up sheets for the Annual Show. If you are able to help and missed this opportunity, please let Lisa Alberts know. - [Lisa49331@yahoo.com](mailto:Lisa49331@yahoo.com)





**2012 - 2013 MEMBERSHIP DUES:** Our treasurer, Joan Shipaila would like to remind everyone that annual membership dues are paid in January.

The dues are **\$15 for a single membership and \$25 for family**. Many people pay their dues at the Orchid Show, or you can find Joan at the January meeting.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Tara Reitberg who is our **December Orchid of the Month** winner in BOTH categories!



**Hybrid of the Month:**

**B.C. MAIKAI (B. Nodosa x C. Bowringana)**

**Species of the Month:**

**Phrag. Schlimii 'AFTON'**

### **Fund Raiser Reminder:**

Use your 'Yes' card at D&W or Family Fare stores to raise funds for GVOS. New event weeks:

**January 15, 2012**

**February 5, 2012**

**February 19, 2012**

Give the cashier our code: **98827**

*Upcoming Orchid Shows:*

- **February 25-26, 2012 -- GREATER LANSING ORCHID SHOW**  
at Crop & Soil Sciences Conservatory, Michigan State University
- **April 17-18<sup>th</sup> - The Ann Arbor Orchid Festival,**  
Matthaei Botanical Garden, 1800 North Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor, MI

***Officers for 2011-2012***

***President:*** Dawn Durkee  
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