

Orchids

GRAND
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NEWS



Grand Valley Orchid Society serves the greater West Michigan area with informational programs and fellowship.

Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM, September through May.

Location: Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 18th



What a great SHOW! Thanks to everyone who participated and worked hard to make it so successful! We're a great team.

Reminder: We will be sharing your pictures at our meeting. Those who sent pictures of their "orchid setups" will be given a chance to boast. Dawn is busy putting them together and you will be expected to cheer on each member's presentation!

Most of us are still learning how to care for our orchids and have devised interesting and innovative ways to not only keep them alive, but have them prosper and bloom well. Come ready to ask questions and learn from each other. We will no doubt agree that none of us are experts in every facet of orchideering, so we do need the collective thoughts of all of us.



A BIG thank you and kudos to Lisa Albers for her innovative and great leadership in putting together our Trophy Winning Display. She truly has great skills, but also took the advise of many - that's the way we do things best - Together!! Way to Go Lisa!

Welcome~

We are excited to welcome 25 new GVOS members.

We hope you enjoy becoming a regular attender at our meetings. There is always something to learn and we are a pretty good bunch. If you need information and encouragement you couldn't find a better place. We hope to see you on the 18th. Norm Goebel will be meeting with ANY newcomers or those who are beginning their interest in orchids. He will talk about orchids in general and will answer questions you might have about your orchids. Bring a picture of your orchid or the plant itself so he can be more specific.



Please update your contact information, including your email address - gjgriff@sbcglobal.net

Fundraising Information - from Michelle Saindon

The following information is critical to our continuation as a viable organization.
It helps us fund functions including the annual orchid show.

★ Please continue to save your Spartan Brand UPCs. Also please let your friends and family know that we would appreciate their help with saving these barcodes.

★ **We will be participating in Nonprofit Days at D&W Fresh Market again this year. Please mark the following dates on your calendar: February 14 - February 20, 2010 and April 11 - April 17, 2010 - Our code is 98827**

★ There are many items for sale that I will be bringing to the meetings.
These include: MSU Fertilizer - both formulas
a 2 cubic ft. bag of medium bark
hangers for your orchids - and other items

★ Please share with me your fundraising ideas, leads, or feedback.

We have several donors who have been extremely generous to us. Look them up on the web.

Littlefrog Farm - www.littlefrogfarm.com

Oak Hill Gardens - www.oakhillgardens.com

Santa Barbara Orchid Estate - www.sborchid.com

Design 1 - www.design1.com

Jim's Supplies - www.jimssupplies.com

Robert's Flower Supply - www.orchidmix.com

Calwest Orchid Supplies - www.orchid-supplies.com

RePotMe - www.repotme.com

Carter & Holmes - www.carterandholmes.com

Tindara ORchids - www.tindaraorchids.com

Orchid Supply Company - www.orchidsupply.com

Visit their websites!

Future Meetings - from Dawn Durkee

The only announcement is that the trip to Mast Greenhouses has been set for april 24th. More information will come in the next newsletter.

Announcements from Beyond - San Francisco and Omaha

At www.orchidsanfrancisco.org you will be able to download information on this wonderful opportunity. Apparently this is one of the 10 best orchid shows of the year featuring over 150,000 orchids with fabulous orchid displays. If you are in the San Francisco area on February 26 -28, it would be worth your time.

The Mid-America Orchid Congress invites us to join them at their Spring meeting, March 19-21, 2010. It is being held in conjunction with the Greater Omaha Orchid Society's Twenty-Third Annual Orchid Show and Sale. Speakers include Carson Whitlow discussing Cypripediums of the World, Dr. Scott Stewart on Orchid conservation for the 22nd Century, and Ernie Gemeinhart owner of EnLightened Orchids to talk about Growing Orchids the enLightened Way - under Flourescent Lights. Information and forms are available on the website at: Meetings of the mid-america Orchid Congress <http://midamericanorchids.org/meetings>.

The Mysterious Pyramid Orchids

If you are one of the people who purchased and orchid from our famous "Orchid Pyramid" at the orchid show you probably wonder what the name of your orchid is. So do I. Mast Greenhouse is now in the process of trying to find this out from their supplier. As soon as we get the information we will forward it on to you. Mystery Solved - we hope!

Orchids in Use - Arranging Orchids

As a result of Susanna Karbowski's presentation on arranging orchids, we had several people enter their displays for the first time this year. Those of you who were brave enough to try - THANKS - and to the rest of you, why not consider it for future years or give it a try at the other orchid shows in our area. Thanks, Susanna, for the encouragement. We realize that this takes some knowhow and artistic gifts, but that can be developed by giving it a go.



Lansing Show

We are once again participating in the Lansing Orchid Show (Greater Lansing Orchid Society).

It will be February 27 and 28th. Clerks are needed. We will also need people for set-up and tear-down. If you are available, please contact Mei Ling. The show is held near the Dalapa Gardens and the South end of the campus. It's usually a very good show with plenty of vendors. Set-up is Friday afternoon and evening. The show is Saturday from 11am to 5 pm and Sunday 11am to 4pm.

Their website and brochure is available on Google - type in Greater Lansing Orchid Society.