

MOS

Official Newsletter of the Michiana Orchid Society

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ORCHID BASICS ON TAP FOR MARCH 12

Tired of the snow and cold weather? Join us for a little bit of the tropics at 1:30 Eastern Standard Time on Saturday, March 12, 2005. Larry Galdes of Calypso Art Glass and Orchids near Kalamazoo, Michigan will present a talk on Orchid Basics. Come and learn how to give your plants the conditions they prefer, and bring your questions on orchid culture, potting mixes, fertilizers, repotting... Larry grows many genera to perfection but specializes in mini-catts and phalaenopsis. He will also have a variety of plants for sale at always reasonable prices. The Michiana Orchid Society meeting will be held at the River Park branch of the South Bend Public Library, on Mishawaka Avenue.

MICHIANA BOWS OUT OF LANSING SHOW

A case of the flu (Sherry) and a broken ankle (Sylvia) conspired to keep the Michiana Orchid Society from putting in our yearly display at the Greater Lansing Orchid Society show at Michigan State University. This is the "Snow Show" of prior years---we've been in blizzards and ice storms more times than we care to remember---but this year it was the health of our set-up and tear-down crew that prevented our participation. Shirley did make the pilgrimage to Lansing on Saturday to enjoy the show and check out the vendors' wares under sunny skies. We'll be back next year!

MORE SHOWS COMING UP!

There are still several shows coming up---Ann Arbor, Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, Chicago---so keep on encouraging your plants to put out their best blooms. Now is a good time to repot plants after their bloom season is over, and you can't dig in the dirt outside, anyway. Think Spring!

Friday Road Trip

I had Friday off and plans for setting up the Lansing show fell through, so when my husband wanted to go to Traverse City and pick up some downriggers (fishing stuff), I went along and stopped at Tim Volas' greenhouse, and added a few plants to my collection. Tim said he is looking forward to seeing everyone at the fall show.. He had a beautiful Catasetum in bloom! He said his club also cancelled going to the Lansing show. The area is beautiful, even snow covered, and right near the Sleeping Dunes State Park. Stop by if you are in the area. Below is a copy of his card.

Shirley

Eden Hill Greenhouses 2034 Eden Hill Rd. Beulah MI49617 231-882- 7226

Retail/Wholesale Open All Year Wednesday - Saturday 10am - 5pm Specializing in
flowering plants

Annuals, Hanging Baskets, Garden Mums, Orchids, Perennials, Poinsettias, and
more...

Lansing Show

My husband is getting into the spirit of this road trip stuff. I had decided to drive to Lansing so as not to miss the whole show and he decided to ride along. When we arrived, the judging was over and the whole show was opened. This is the first time I saw the Lansing Show as a spectator. Katie, Ron and Brittany were there and later I saw Rob. He said that 4 clubs had cancelled their displays. The show was well attended. It was a beautiful day, and in a few hours some of the vendors tables were starting to look empty. Good thing I made my selections as soon as I got there.

Shirley

FLORIDA WARMTH vs. INDIANA FRIGID ZONE!!

It was a cold, wintry day when we left Indiana. When we arrived in "Sunny" Florida, we couldn't swim in the ocean, but we did get to walk on the beach – fully clothed in winter garb.

We had the chance to visit the American Orchid Society's headquarters in Delray Beach. Our former MOS member, Steve Royer, who now works there, gave us the grand tour of the greenhouse and grounds. It was nice seeing him again and enjoyed the tour. The AOS is located on three acres with winding trails and beautiful gardens.

Traveling to the west coast of Florida, we stopped at the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens in Sarasota. We finally had good weather when we visited for the third time. Several years ago, we visited the garden during the rainy season. It was worth trying for the third time!

We shortened our vacation due to the inclement Florida weather this year.

Jean & Harry Moskowitz

Minutes of the February 2005 meeting MOS

The meeting was brought to order by Sandy Ohlund, co-president at 1340.

Brittany Payeur, daughter of Ron and Katie was introduced as our newest member. Welcome aboard Brittany.

The minutes and treasury report were approved as published.

The calendar of programs for the year 2005, is finished:

March 12th...Larry Galdes talking about Basic Orchid culture (plants for sell).

April 9th...Slide Program..Surviving Orchids of the Northeastern United States

May 13th...Set up display at Fernwood

May 14th...Meeting at Fernwood Video.. An Introduction to Orchids

June 11th...Cliff Berger's home

July 9th...John Bannow's home

August 13th...Dennis Norkus's home

September 10th...meeting at library.. Orchid Design, slide program

Oct 8th...Russ Vernon..? talk. (plants for sell)

Oct. 27th...Set up show at Holy Cross

Oct 28th and 29th... Show at Holy Cross College

Nov.12th...meeting at library.. Paphiopedilum Species, slide program

December 10th...Christmas party at Sherry Barchett's home

The weekend at Fernwood was discussed, we need volunteers to help set up the display Friday the 13th of May.

We have a new orchid book donated by Sylvia in the library and we are now getting the Orchid Digest Magazine.

Deb Longworth and Sylvia Groat will purchase and make new signage for our show at Holy Cross.

Show publicity committee, Howard Heines, Sherry Barchett and Jean Moskowitz will look into contacting the visitors information bureau to get contacts for publicity. We need information for press releases and to give out timely notifications.

Sherry and Shirley will set up the Greater Lansing Show February 25th.

We have two shows coming up. Ann Arbor and Hoosier. No takers yet.

Bring and Brag:

Dennis, John, Sylvia, Cliff, Howard, Sandy and Katie.

Refreshments provided by Sherry, thanks.

We adjourned the meeting for our program Phrag Hybridization Trends, giving by Greg Filter.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Groat, co-secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

February 24, 2005

Income--Dues \$85.00

Expenses--Show travel \$25.00

Ending Balance-- \$1,983.23

Savings Account \$2,935.81

Respectfully Submitted,
Deb Longworth, treasurer

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Ron and Katie Payeur's daughter, Brittany attended our last meeting and brought a lovely and very little Laelia species to share with us. We look forward to having Brittany join our group and share the mania (orchid, that is) with us.

Refreshments

March Kate & Ron

April Shirley Vanderbosch

May Deb June Cliff's House

July John's House

August Dennis House

September Sally

October Vicky & Rick

November

December Sherry's House

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