

Kalamazoo Dunes Orchid Society

November 2025 newsletter



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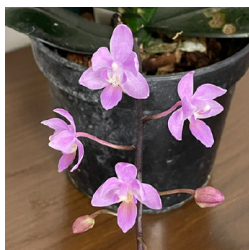
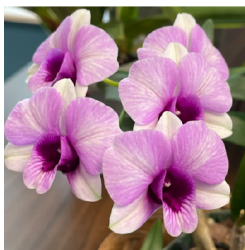
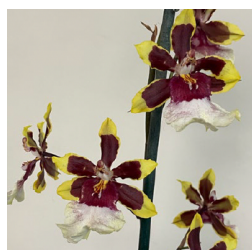
Sunday, November 2 at 2:00 p.m.

Join us at Portage United Church of Christ, 2731 West Milham, Portage. Enter through the door by the office sign.

Program: *Growing orchids the KDOS members' way*—In response to the disappointment with the AOS webinar about growing under lights, we will be presenting photos of various members growing spaces, their tips, and their answers to specific questions.

Auction: Yes! Please bring in any divisions or plants that no longer make the cut in your growing area. As a wise prophet once said, “One person’s garbage orchid is another person’s treasure.”

Show+Tell: Absolutely! Bring your blooming beauties and show them off.

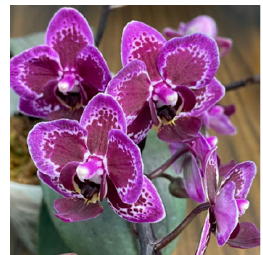
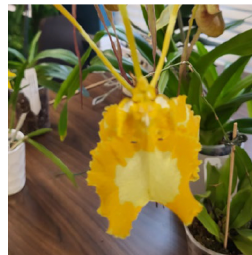


Notes from October meeting

Society Business

- A big welcome to our newest member, Sue Hansen!
- Elections for officers will take place at the November meeting. The current nominees are:
 - Charles for President (with his move from VP to President, we have an opening for VP)
 - **WE NEED A CANDIDATE for VP**
 - Jackson for Secretary

- Dues for 2026 are now due and are still set at \$20.00 per household. Dues go toward our meeting space rent.
- Culture tip—Be mindful still of cool growers and leave them out as long as temps allow, When they come in, ensure they are in a cool area. For example, Cymbids need cool to spike as well as to develop their spike/buds.
- [Ann Arbor Orchid Society Show](#) is November 15-16. Set up on the 14th, tear down on the 16th. Let Larry know if you can assist. Expect an email asking about plants you may have for the show.
- Final cost for bringing in Tim Culbertson to speak on mini-Catesetum: \$388.65 (some costs were subsidized)

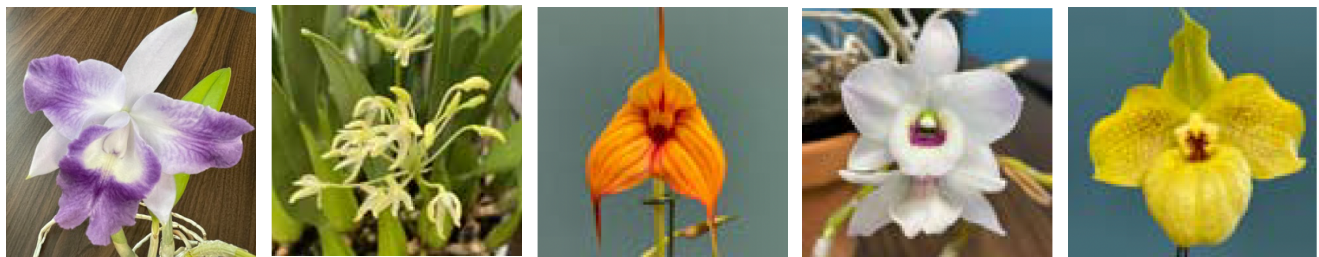


Presentation: Orchids under lights, greenhouse not required

- Sarah has her 10' x 20' growing space in the basement. She uses epoxy-covered (to avoid rust) wire racks. She transitioned to LED lighting in 2018 for each shelf of the rack. With the quantity of plants she grows, she uses only perlite with a moisture-retentive covering so she can repot only when the plants outgrow their pots.
- Sarah's mantra is "find plants that are worth the space"
- When she grew in the living space of the house she ran into a number of challenges.
 - Exterior doors and windows would end up with condensation if the humidity was high
 - Fans not needed, air movement from people's movement and HVAC was enough
 - Humidifiers not needed, instead modify potting media, put clay pots into plastic pots, consider smart sensors to monitor moisture
 - Watering is hard indoors, use a half inch diameter hose or smaller, or a pump sprayer
 - Lighting set to be on 14 hours all year
 - She uses 4 lights per shelf, Barrina brand, 20 watt LED 4' long bulbs, 3-4,000K color

temperature with frosted lens (frosted lens means you can't see individual lights) to distribute light more evenly. She keeps her plants about 12" from the lights

- A lot of orchids require day/night temperature differences to induce blooming
- It's hard to grow plants with a lot of varying needs
- Good indoor orchids she has experience with are Bulbos, Phrags, mini Phals, mini Catts, Den cuthbertsonii hybrids, and Den latouria hybrids



KDOS Officers

President:	Dea Bishop	(thru 2025)
VP:	Charles McGowen	(thru 2026)
Secretary:	Julie Renner	(thru 2025)
Treasurer:	Brian Snyder	(thru 2026)
Trustees:	Peggy Flickinger	(thru 2027)
	Debra Allwine	(thru 2026)
	Larry Galdes	(thru 2025)

Activity Committees

AOS Rep:	Martha Larsen
Shows:	Larry Galdes & Deb Allwine

Useful Orchid Web Sites

American Orchid Society

www.aos.org

St. Augustine Orchid Society

www.staugorchidsociety.org

Treasurer's Report

Previous balance in savings	\$ 4,329.41
Interest (Aug)	1.25
Balance in Ultimate Savings	\$ 4,330.66
Balance in savings (membership)	\$ 5.69
CD 1 matures 1-25-26	\$ 657.85
CD 2 matures 4-14-27	\$ 5,521.33
Previous balance in checking	\$ 3,084.00
Interest (Sep)	+ 0.12
Dues paid	+ 180.00
Auction	+ 147.00
Donation	+ 3.00
Balance in checking as of 09-28-25	\$ 2,752.48