

Kalamazoo Dunes Orchid Society

December 2025 newsletter



Holiday potluck

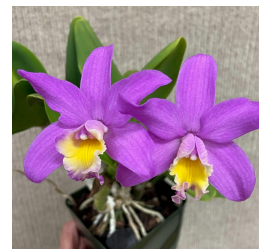
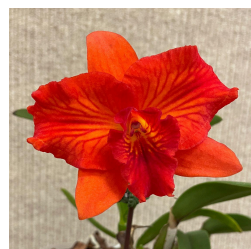
Sunday, December 7 at 2:00 p.m. (yes, 2:00 pm)

Join us at Portage United Church of Christ, 2731 West Milham, Portage. We will be in a different room just past our usual meeting spot. Look for one of the officers to direct you to the room.

For the potluck: Please bring a dish to share with others, and if your dish requires a serving utensil, please bring one. Remember that we are not limited to finger foods.

Auction: Yes, feel free to bring in any orchids that are ready to send to a new home.

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



Notes from November meeting

Society Business

- Officers starting January 2026:
 - President - Charles McGowen, newly elected
 - No Vice President - members will need to step up and recommend programs
 - Secretary - Jackson Distelrath, newly elected
 - Treasurer - Brian Snyder will continue his term
 - Trustee - Monique Carpenter will fill the seat Larry Galdes completes
 - Trustee - as past president, Dea Bishop will fill a seat per bylaws

- Please pay your dues by this meeting so that we can update and distribute a current member list to all current members. If you are unable to attend the December meeting and have not yet paid your dues, please send them to Deb Allwine, 8739 PQ Ave, Mattawan, MI 49071 by December 15. **Thank you!**
- Our final total for our September speaker, Tim Culberston was \$388.77.



Presentation: How our members grow

- Most who grow with natural window light also augment with additional lights in the winter months. Most leave lights on around 12 hours/day. Additional lights include:
 - LED tube lights to fit in old fluorescent light fixtures. When purchasing, note that “A” is for fixtures with no ballast, “B” is for fixtures with ballast because these tubes are designed to bypass the ballast. Available at local home stores.
 - To replace bulbs with a screw-in fitting with LED, look for “bulbs” with four fold-down LED panels. Available at local home stores
- To maintain air movement:
 - Oscillating fans are good for large growing spaces
 - Computer fans are good for small spaces and terrariums. Available at Best Buy, Office Depot, Walmart plus others.
- To maintain humidity:
 - Use plastic shower curtains to enclose larger growing areas
 - Terrarium growing is good for miniatures
- To water plants:
 - Delivering the water using a pump sprayer is more effective than using a watering can to wet the media evenly
 - Rain or RO water does not contain contaminants/salts

KDOS display at Ann Arbor Orchid Society show



Dea Bishop

1st Ctsm. Frilly Doris 'SVO'
 1st Osp. Brazilian Sun
 3rd Phrag. Longueville

Larry Glades

1st Lc. Cariad's Mini-Quinee 'Angle Kiss'
 1st Blc. Golf Green 'Hair Pig'
 2nd Den. Enobi Purple 'Splash'
 2nd (Fantasy Circle X Candy Sparks)
 X Pot. Sacramento Gold
 3rd Hab. rhodocheila

Charles McGowen

1st stained glass "Phrag. Ruby Slipper"

Julie Renner

3rd Den. oligophyllum

Fe James

3rd unknown Oncidium hybrid

Jackson Distelrath

3rd Onc. Dorothy Wisnom 'Golden Gate'

Deb Allwine

1st Den. Himezakura 'Sanokku'
 1st Trt. lanceanum
 1st Den. Swiss Mountain Palace Pepe
 2nd Den. Hibiki
 2nd (Lc. Jungle Elf X C. Caudebac) X
 Slc. Katherine Clarkson 'Solar Spots'
 3rd Drac. velutina var. xanthina

Brian Snyder

Best of Show, Best of Class Cat., 1st in class
 Cat., 2nd in class specimen, Rlc. Village
 Chief Cuning 'Great Spirit'
 2nd Paph. (In-Charm Lipstic X Jenna Marie
 'Sparkle')
 2nd Slc. (Seagull's Apricot X Cosmic Delight)
 2nd Pyp. papillio var. album
 2nd C. Orchidglade X Slc. Candy Sparks
 2nd Pyp. Mariposa 'Green Valley'
 2nd Blc. George King 'Southern Cross'
 3rd Bulb. treschii
 3rd Paph. venustum var. album
 3rd Paph. Master's Legend



KDOS Officers

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

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	\$ 4,330.66
Interest (Oct)	1.29
Balance in Ultimate Savings	\$ 4,331.95
Balance in savings (membership)	\$ 5.69
CD 1 matures 1-25-26	\$ 660.31
CD 2 matures 4-14-27	\$ 5,539.75
Starting balance 10-23-25	\$ 3,102.60
Interest (Oct)	+ 0.12
Dues paid	+ 120.00
Auction	+ 108.00
Donation	+ 2.00
Check to GVOS for portion of hotel for Tim Culbertson	- 77.12
Balance in checking as of 11-20-25	\$ 3,255.60