



# The Calypso



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***The purposes for which the Society is organized are to create an awareness of orchid culture; to foster the preservation of native species of orchids; to support research and development of orchid culture; and to hold meetings, lectures, and exhibitions.***

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In addition to an annual show during the last weekend of February, the Society holds monthly meetings both on Zoom and in person, depending on time of year and other factors. At these meetings, there is usually a presentation, illustrated with visuals, on some aspects of orchid growing. Society members bring blooming orchids to the meetings as well as other orchids and orchid-related items to auction or raffle.

Other Society activities include a picnic in the summer, exhibits of members' plants in other orchid society shows around the region, an orchid-book-buying service, and open houses at members' homes to show others their orchid-growing environments.

The Society mounted its first show with ribbon judging only at a local mall, the Meridian Mall in Okemos, in 1981. Thus emboldened, they held their first AOS judged show in 1984, again at a local mall, Frandor Shopping Center in Lansing. Each year from 1984 to the present, the Greater Lansing Orchid Society has held American Orchid Society-sanctioned orchid shows during the last weekend of February. After eleven years in two area malls, the Society moved the Show to the Michigan State University Conservatory in 1996. As of 2025, the society moved our show to Van Atta's Greenhouse & Flower Shop in Haslett, MI.

### Interested in Joining?

Come to our March 14th meeting, the second Saturday of this month. Visitors are welcome!

### MARCH 14th MEETING:

Wacousta Community United Methodist Church, at 9180 Herbison Rd., Eagle (Wacousta)  
 Doors open at 1:30 p.m. for:

- Plant shopping
- Experienced Society members will be available to answer questions and help problem solve orchid growing issues
- Refreshments

*Meeting will start promptly at 2:00 pm.*

Our speaker: Eric Sauer from River Valley Orchids. He will be selling plants

*Join us! beginners and veteran orchid growers -- all are welcome!*

For more information, please see our website (below), contact a Board member (left), or look for us on Facebook.

GLOS Web Site: <https://greaterlansingorchidsociety.info>

