

The GREATER CINCINNATI ORCHID SOCIETY

2013 Membership Application

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Name	
Names of family included in family memberships	
Street Address	
City, State, ZIP	
Phone #1	
Phone #2	
E-Mail Address Please print clearly here!	

Unless you ask us not to, we include your name and contact information on a membership roster that is sent to other GCOS members and to the American Orchid Society (AOS). We are an affiliate of the AOS.

2013 Calendar Year Dues and Fees	Rate	Your Payment
Individual membership	\$18	
Family membership	\$25	
Student membership	\$10	
Newsletter via email	Free	
Donation for mailed newsletter (optional but requested)	\$9	
Donations to support GCOS		
Donations for _____		
	Your Total:	

Instructions: Please provide **this form** with your **check** payable to "GCOS." You may hand these to Pat O'Connor at a GCOS meeting, or mail them to her at:

Jane Jones
6361 Paxton Woods Dr.
Loveland, OH 45140

Thank you for your membership!

Our mission is to create and stimulate knowledge and interest in orchids and their culture, to demonstrate orchid culture to the public, and to preserve orchid biodiversity both in nature and in cultivation by enthusiasts.

The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society is a 501(C)(3) tax-exempt organization. Dues and donations to us are tax deductible for most people who itemize their deductions.

Opportunities For You: Your name here: _____

The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society welcomes all of its members to get involved. In fact, GCOS only works because of the collaboration and participation of its members. We try to keep things fun, educational, and social for us, and good for the growing, showing and conservation of orchids.

Here are SOME of the ways you can get involved. Please mark any you are interested in, and a GCOS coordinator, function chair or member will contact you about it.

Volunteers Needed

There are many volunteer opportunities for those who are interested in more participation. The opportunities range from the basic & easy to the quite challenging. – just tell us what you're interested in and we will get you plugged in. Here they are:

- Group orders** – coordinate with vendors & members on pickup/delivery, payment etc.
- Transportation or hosting speakers** – sometimes an out-of-town speaker will need transportation to & from the airport &/or will stay the night at a member's home)
- Web page** – Maintaining online calendar of events
- Website** – While Brian Spitler does a fantastic job of our web site, he could use some help with content input, articles, and photos of orchids or GCOS events
- Mailing list** – We maintaining prospect/ mailing list of nonmembers (we have both an email & physical address book)
- Potting bees** – A few extra hands are always welcome, you can learn a lot & if a slack time you can repot one or two of your own plants)
- Hospitality** (those goodies we all love to eat) at meetings and shows
- Away Shows** – Transporting/setup/teardown at away shows
- Exhibit Helper** – Helping with displays at home & away. Most shows are Feb – June & Sept – Oct.
- Registering plants for shows** – Assisting & learning how to register plants for shows, both at home & away – the biggest qualification for this job is not being afraid of all of those orchid names!
- Show Chair** – Assisting and learning how to chair/organize an AOS sanctioned orchid show
- Show Clerking** (hang with the judges, listen, hang ribbons, and take notes)
- Local show set up** – meet in the morning on Friday before the show & help assemble backdrops
- Society table host** – Greeting show guests at our society table – extensive knowledge NOT required
- Newsletter articles** – writing them or submitting ideas
- Hosting tours** – Of your greenhouse (or indoor environ) for other members
- Orchid Conservation** – we have a committee that meets periodically. Among the things we do is organize trips and hikes to view native orchids in situ. Yes, we have orchids that grow all by themselves here in Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky!
- Fundraising** – your ideas and energy are welcome here.
- Marketing** – your ideas and energy about how to promote GCOS are welcome. We could use help in promoting our Orchid Shows, including press releases, Facebook, postcard mailing, etc.
- Leadership** – I'd like to be considered for the chance to lead part of GCOS' work, to chair an effort, carry out an office, or serve as a director.
- MAOC 2013** – We are hosting a major regional show to be held in collaboration with the Dayton MVOS in October 2013 at the Dayton Art Institute. Help will be needed with directing visitors during the event, "park a plant" (for show visitors who bought plants but don't want to carry them around), society table, show clerking, general promotion, fundraiser auction items, stuffing goody bags for registrants...many, many more opportunities.

We always welcome input on speakers, field trips, beginner culture group, and other program options so please share your ideas with any Board member (see top of newsletter for names).

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