



# The GCOS Newsletter



December 2009

<http://www.gardenersutopia.com/GCOS/>

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The next meeting of the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society will be on **Sunday, December 6, 2009 – 2 – 5 p.m.** It will be held at Jan Yates house. The cost is \$10 and you are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert. If you have not sent in a reservation and want to attend, please contact Jan at (513) 475-9771. Map to Jan's house is a pdf on the website.

## 2010 Membership

It is time to renew your GCOS membership. We have maintained our dues at the same rate as last year. A single membership is \$18 and a family membership is \$25. We have added a new student membership category with options for reduced dues when combined with volunteer hours (such as helping at shows or potting bees). If you know any young people or students who may be interested in this opportunity, please pass it on. **Membership form at the end of newsletter.**

## Al May Remembered

Al May, a former member of the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society and more recently, a member of the Miami Valley Orchid Society, died peacefully in his sleep Saturday morning, November 28th, of cancer at Hospice of Cincinnati. He was diagnosed with esophageal cancer on November 10th, found out Monday that it had metastasized and chose not to seek treatment, going to Hospice of Cincinnati Thursday. He has two daughters and a son from a prior marriage; his daughters were able to spend time with him Friday night; his son arrived Saturday morning. His remains will be cremated and there will be no funeral service; a memorial for Al may be scheduled later. In talking to Fran, his widow, she said doctors told them he had probably had cancer for some time and was going on sheer will power.

Al was an Accredited American Orchid Society Judge and a former Chair of the Cincinnati Judging Center. Even he and Fran grew lots of bulbophyllums, maxillarias, masdevallias and other 'wee' orchids, that barely scratched the surface of his current interests - Japanese prints, artwork and gardens, jewelry-making, photography and, of course, everything Mac. I will remember him as larger than life.

Donations in Al's memory may be made to Hospice of Cincinnati, 4310 Cooper Road, Cincinnati, OH 45242.

If anyone wishes to send condolences, Fran's address is 6332 Shannon Dr., Hamilton, OH 45011  
By Jan Yates

## Porter's Orchids Open House

Porter's Orchids invites you to our annual Holiday Open House:

Saturday, December 5, 2009

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Porter's Orchids Greenhouse

10968 Royston Road, Grand Ledge, MI

Printable map available on our website: <http://portersorchids.com>

Or contact us at: [orchidsuzi@aol.com](mailto:orchidsuzi@aol.com) (517) 622-4188

Open House Special: 25% off those orchids neither in spike or flower, plus several groups of plants at special prices, complimentary lunch and refreshments, plus our undying gratitude for supporting your local orchid grower during one more difficult year!

## **AOS Corner - November**

### **AOS is on Facebook!**

If you're an avid user of Facebook or a newbie, just getting started, be sure to join the American Orchid Society's Facebook Membership Page. It was set up to create a forum for discussion, questions and news all about the national headquarters and affiliate organizations of AOS. People from New Hampshire to Florida are already members, sharing their orchid-related news.

Just log-on to your Facebook account (or create one at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com); it's free and easy!), then in the Search box, type in "American Orchid Society.." Click on the icon with two, blue people on it, indicating a **Membership** page. Once you're in, become a Member and join the conversation.

If you have any questions about how to join Facebook or the AOS Membership page, please contact the Page Administrators Carol Holdren of AOS.

The **American Orchid Society** has Members Meetings twice a year, once in the spring and then in the fall. These events are open to any orchid lover to attend. Think about going to the next one which is in Oklahoma City from April 28 – May 2, 2010. You can obtain information under "Events" at the AOS web site or at <http://www.2010aosshow.oosorchids.org/> At each of these meetings the AOS has been hosting Town Hall meetings where they have been answering questions from membership in a public setting. Let me share a couple of the questions and answers from the recent California town hall meeting.

### **Q. How is the AOS doing financially?**

Answer: The organization is struggling and has cut its expenses in every instance that it can. The staff has been dramatically cut back. Also several fundraising campaigns have been initiated including the Garden Committee's "Save the Garden" campaign and the Development Committee has asked for donations from Trustees, Committee Chairs and Committee Members. Also the Development Committee, along with the Affiliated Society Committee, has asked for financial assistance from Affiliated Orchid Societies. If we all pull together we can make it through this difficult financial time.

### **Q. Have we absolutely concluded we can't unload the headquarters?**

Answer: If AOS can attract enough people to the facility we are better off having it open. It provides positive cash flow. It also provides the means for AOS members to have reciprocal membership to over 200 other gardens around the world. The headquarters was paid for by donations from several generous AOS supporters.

If you have a burning question for the AOS leadership, come to a Town Hall meeting—you're sure to get your answers there! Or you can email me and I will get an answer to you: [affiliated\\_societies@aos.org](mailto:affiliated_societies@aos.org)

## **AOS Corner - October**

The American Orchid Society is busy with its Fall 2009 meetings in California, the winter show season and then we're right in to planning for the spring meetings in Oklahoma City in April 2010. These meetings and shows are a great opportunity to find the best orchids as well as make friends with people who have similar interests to yours. You do not have to be a member to attend any of the shows although being a member and helping with the show makes it a richer experience. You can find all of the details on shows and meetings in Orchids magazine or at our web site [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org) and then you can put it on your calendar so you won't miss any of the fun. While you are at the calendar and you see the holidays coming up, consider purchasing an orchid calendar, an AOS pin or an AOS membership as a gift for yourself or an orchid lover. You can get any of those off the web site or by calling 561-404-2000 and then you'll have that gift out of the way. If you are an AOS member you have free and discounted admission to [more than 200 botanical gardens and arboreta](#) - now that is a benefit many people are not aware of. Go to the "join" page of the web site to see the details of this offer. So you can buy someone an AOS membership and then expect them to take you to a garden for the day!

Sincerely,

Carol Holdren AOS Affiliated Society Committee

## Support the American Orchid Society

If you are not as yet a member, consider joining AOS, order a calendar or pin, or even make a tax deductible donation.

### The Benefits Of AOS Membership

Monthly subscription to Orchids magazine.

Free and discounted admission to [more than 200 botanical gardens and arboreta](#)

Receive the annual Orchid Source Directory detailing orchid suppliers worldwide

Access to online orchid information and features available only to our members at [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)

10% discount on purchases in the Orchid Emporium or on-line at [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)

Discount on back issues of Orchids magazine and on American Orchid Society published books

Reduced processing fees for American Orchid Society judged plant and flower awards

Discounts on orchid class fees at the American Orchid Society Botanical Gardens

Free admission to the American Orchid Society Botanical Gardens and 50% off admission for any guests

To join: <http://www.aos.org>

### GCOS Refreshments – 2010

**Refreshments are needed for society meetings are needed!! We ask for 2 members/families each month bring food, ice and drinks.**

### Nearby Shows/Events

January 24	Field Trip Michel's Orchids, IN	9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
February 19-21	MVOS Orchid Show	Cox Arboretum
March 19-21	MAOC Spring Meeting	Greater Omaha Orchid Society
March 27-28	GCOS Spring Show	Krohn Conservatory
April 11	Orchid Potting Bee 1 – 4 p.m.	Krohn Conservatory
May 15	Barry Jones Greenhouse Tour	
June	Picnic and Auction	
July 10	18 <sup>th</sup> Annual Ohio Valley Orchid Seminar, Theresa Hill and other speaker TBA	Krohn Conservatory
October 23-24	GCOS Spring Show	Krohn Conservatory
October 31	Orchid Potting Bee 1 – 4 p.m.	Krohn Conservatory

### Next Meetings

* Speaker brings plants for sale. No silent auction plant	
January 5	Alexa Noel on "Dendrobiums"
February 2	Steve Helbling on "Intermediate and Warm Growing Oncidinae"
March 2	Barry Jones on "Windowsill Minitures"
April 6	Rick Noel on "Seedling Culture"
May 5	Russ Vernon on "Lycastes and Idas"
June 1	Eric Michel on "Terrestrials"
September 7	Geraldine Powell on "Success with Cool Growers in Warm Climates"
October 5	TBA
November 2	Steve Benjamin on "Compact & Miniature Cattleyas for Windowsill Growing"
December 4	Winter Event TBA

### Board of Directors Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held December 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Panera on Winton Road. Officers for 2009 should attend: Alexa Noel, Pat June, Jeanne Rhinehart, Larry Sanford, Toni Doty, Ron Miller, Alexa Noel, Linda Knab, Dana White and Margaret Cullen.

Additional pictures from the GCOS show and the KOS show are on the website under shows. Pictures are by Jan Yates. Pictures from the fall MAOC will also be found on the website.

## Plant Judging

AOS Judging of plants is done at the shows listed under Nearby Shows as well as at the regularly scheduled judging sessions listed immediately at right. These sessions begin at 1:00 p.m. at the Civic Garden Center. You are welcome to bring a plant to be judged or just to observe the judging. Be a little early; plant registration is from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

December 13, 2009  
January 10, 2010  
February 14, 2010  
March 14, 2010  
April 11, 2010  
May 9, 2010

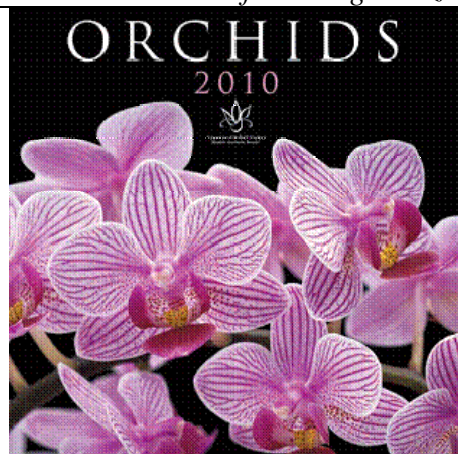
Internet The GCOS web site is <http://www.gardenersutopia.com/GCOS/>.  
The MidAmerica Orchid Congress Website: <http://www.midamericanorchids.org/>

### Newsletter Circulation Policy

The newsletter is sent to all members whose membership is current and to other orchid societies by reciprocal agreement. Non-members who request a newsletter will receive a maximum of three issues. Questions about the newsletter may be directed to Jeanne Rhinehart, 513-232-6097 (evening). Email: [jsanders1@fuse.net](mailto:jsanders1@fuse.net)

## Growing the Best

*Share the magic and joy of growing orchids with a gift of the AOS 2010 Calendar. The 12 superbly grown orchids pictured show the diversity in color, size, shape and fragrance found in the orchid family. Join author Ken Slump as he shares secrets for growing the best orchids and then offers advice for successfully cultivating and flowering a dozen choices suitable for the greenhouse, home and under lights.*



**\$2** from each calendar sold benefits orchid conservation **\$12.95** plus shipping and handling Order No. CL919M

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pewter base  
with a faux rhodium  
finish

*... and Thank You for supporting the  
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This beautiful pin makes a wonderful gift and can be worn and enjoyed by any orchid lover! Offer them to your club members, give them as awards, present them in recognition of service by your club officers---or give them to the orchid lovers in your life! Most of all ---wear them to show your support of the AOS and your involvement in our amazing orchid community!  
Thank You to Dawn Vertrees, [www.dawnvertrees.com](http://www.dawnvertrees.com), award winning orchid jewelry artist, for her original design and assistance in manufacturing.

**Cost: \$25** (includes shipping & handling)

(Pin comes with a converter shown above to wear as an attractive necklace)

**GREATER CINCINNATI ORCHID SOCIETY  
MEMBERSHIP FORM 2010**

**SINGLE MEMBERSHIP (\$18)**\_\_\_\_\_ **FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (\$25)**\_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT MEMBERSHIP (Choose one) (\$10)** \_\_\_\_\_  
Under age18 (3 hours of service) \_\_\_\_\_  
Age18 or over (8 hours of service) \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW MEMBER**\_\_\_\_\_ **RENEWAL**\_\_\_\_\_

**(PLEASE PRINT)**

**NAME**\_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS**\_\_\_\_\_

**CITY**\_\_\_\_\_ **STATE**\_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP**\_\_\_\_\_

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**2<sup>nd</sup> PHONE**\_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL**\_\_\_\_\_

Dues help to pay expenses for the meetings, shows and website. Please remember to join. Email addresses are needed for better communication. Many horticultural businesses honor your membership cards for discounts. Membership cards and calendar will be available at meetings starting in April based on membership as of February meeting.

**May we include the above information on a membership roster to be sent only to other members & the American Orchid Society? YES**\_\_\_\_\_ **NO**\_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to “GCOS” & bring to meeting or mail along with this form to:

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c/o Toni Doty  
2189 Woodville Pike  
Goshen, OH 45122