



The GCOS Newsletter



February 2010

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The next meeting of the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society will be on **Tuesday, February 2, 2010**. Note that this is usually the first Tuesday of the month. The meeting will be held at the Civic Garden Center on Reading Road across from Bethesda Hospital. The meeting is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m. There will be time to socialize from 7:00 to 7:30.

Program

This month's program is by Steve Helbling on "Intermediate and Warm Growing Oncidinae". Refreshments at the February meeting will be provided Larry Sanford and Rick and Alexa Noel.

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.**

A Word from the President – February 2010

The year is off and running with our first orchid show coming up on February 20th and 21st. The Miami Valley Orchid Society will be hosting an Orchid Show at the Cox Arboretum in Dayton, Ohio. The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society plans to setup at 50 square foot display so we will need lots of plants. Setup is Friday the 19th by Steve Helbling assisted by myself. If you would like to help with the setup or contribute a plant or two, contact Steve or myself. Remember to send me your plant name, Class and Parentage so that your plant(s) can be registered in the Show.

Start planning for our Spring Show on March 27th and 28th. We will be putting in a large display so now is the time to start thinking about grooming your plants for this show. Please also give consideration to making a donation for this show in terms of cash, trophies or food.

Our guest speaker for the February 2nd Society meeting is Steve Helbling. Steve is a past President of the Society, a certified AOS judge and a fantastic orchid grower. He will be speaking on growing intermediate to warm growing Oncidiums. I will be on travel at the time this meeting is held so Elaine Better will take my place. Please contact either one of us if you want something brought up at the meeting.

Once again, if you are interested in the Conservation Committee please contact Alexa Noel. The Society made a donation to a conservation effort last year and has recently received an anonymous donation earmarked for more conservation efforts.

Along these lines, Larry Sanford is trying to find a speaker for the July 10th Seminar that will take about native orchids (i.e. Cypripediums). This is partly being driven by local interest and the conservation effort started at the Krohn Conservatory to establish a collection of native orchids on its property. He already has Theresa Hill confirmed as the other speaker.

Ron Miller

Innovation in Orchid Societies

Are you an **“Innovative Society”**? If you have some new methods or ideas which are helping to make your orchid society successful, *please share them with us*. The **American Orchid Society Affiliated Society Committee** is gathering these ideas to be distributed at the *Affiliated Society Committee* Breakfast on April 30 ---during the Oklahoma Orchid Society Spring AOS Members Meeting. This Members Meeting is a wonderful 3 day orchid show which is open to everyone. You are all invited to attend and hear about these innovative societies or you can receive the information from our ASC blog, Facebook page--- or by email or telephone.

Orchid societies are facing a multitude of challenges including the economy, changing demographics and changing communication methods. Our greatest asset is our volunteers who have come up with solutions to these and other challenges and are willing to share their ideas. *So send us your best ideas* and come to the breakfast.

Examples of what we have in the works are:

- Manny Aybar from Dallas is reworking the Deep Cut Orchid Society from New Jersey “Orchid Show in a Box” program which DCOS has so generously shared for years. This program has all of the forms that are helpful when planning and hosting an orchid show.
- Richard Brandon from Florida has put “Phalaenopsis Basics” in digital form so any society can use it. This is a great and easy to use educational program. Both of these will be available after the meeting.

Share your successes with other orchid societies!

Come to the breakfast in OKC or we’ll send you the information afterward. For details on the meeting go to www.aos.org and look under “Events” and then “Members Meetings” or contact me, Carol Holdren, at affiliated_societies@aos.org or 561-212-4876.

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		
February 20-21	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 13	Picnic and Auction	Clearcreek Park, Springboro, OH
July 10	18 th 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	
February 2	Steve Helbling on “Intermediate and Warm Growing Oncidinae”
March 2	Barry Jones on “Windowsill Miniatures”
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	Eric Sauer on "Maxillarias"
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 at the Panera on Winton Road February 15 starting at 6:30. Officers for 2010 should attend: Ron Miller, Elaine Better, Pat O'Connor, Margaret Cullen, Pat June, Jeanne Rhinehart, Larry Sanford, Alexa Noel, and Dana White.

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.

February 14, 2010
 March 14, 2010
 April 11, 2010
 May 9, 2010

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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_____

PHONE_____

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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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