



The GCOS Newsletter



March 2010

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The next meeting of the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society will be on **Tuesday, March 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 Barry Jones on "Windowsill Miniatures". No one has signed up for refreshments.

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 – March 2010

As the dust settles from the Miami Valley Orchid Society's February Orchid Show, we begin ramping up for our Spring show. Setup begins on Friday, March 26th, at the Krohn Conservatory here in Cincinnati with the Show running from the 27th through the 28th from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Once again we will be putting together a 50 square foot display so we will need lots of plants. We are also looking for donations of: food; personal time setting up and tearing down; and show trophies.

This show will continue the new tradition where photographers are invited to come on Sunday (the 28th) at 9:00 AM, one hour before the show opens to the public. If you plan to come and take photographs, please use the Courtyard Entrance.

Historically we have our Potting Bee at the Krohn Conservatory on the Sunday one week after one of our shows. Since that would be Easter Sunday this year, we have moved this event to the following Sunday, April 11, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. If you have an orchid that you think needs repotting and would like to learn how to do this, bring the plant and maybe another empty pot or two in case we have to break the old one or in case we divide the plant and need the additional pots for the divisions. The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society will provide experienced individuals for this training as well as the potting mix materials.

Our guest speaker for the March 2nd Society meeting is Barry Jones. Barry is a certified AOS judge and a collector of many small and unusual orchids. He and his wife Jane just moved to Cincinnati last year and run Orchid Outlet. Barry will be speaking on growing miniature orchids in your windowsill environment.

Also worth noting in the month of March is the Orchid Show sponsored by the Central Ohio Orchid Society. This will be held in Columbus March 20 and 21, the weekend before our show. Since we will probably have a display there, we will be looking for more orchids to go that show. This also happens to be when the MAOC is having their Spring Conference in Omaha, NE.

Ron Miller

American Orchid Society Corner

Time to plan for an **Orchid Conference!**

Ready for a fun get away? April 28 thru May 2 is the Spring 2010 AOS Members Meeting which is being hosted by the Oklahoma Orchid Society in OKC. This is an **Orchid Conference** which includes the Orchid Digest, the Southwest Regional Orchid Growers Association, International Phalaenopsis Alliance, Pleurothallid Alliance and the Slipper Orchid Alliance as well as the AOS – they are all meeting at a fabulous orchid show. The conference starts off with a preview party on Thursday evening, then on Friday the keynote speaker is **Joyce Stewart** after which sales and the show open to the public. Several orchid lectures are scheduled. Saturday evening is a fun auction followed by dinner and a Hoedown party. You can see all of details as well as download a registration form at www.aos.org under 'Events' and then 'Members Meetings'.

As an affiliated society member you are invited to attend this conference including the **AOS Affiliated Society Breakfast** on Friday, April 30th where we will be sharing the results of our Innovative Society Survey. Please join us for orchids, socializing, lectures and all kinds of orchid fun. Registration is \$89 before 4/1/2010 after which the price goes up to \$109. Every registrant gets a fabulous goodie bag! Hotel rooms start at \$89. Is this meeting too far west for you? The Fall 2010 AOS meeting is in Virginia Beach, VA on October 27 - 31. Attend either or both and you're sure to have a great time. I hope to see you in OKC!

Carol Holdren
AOS Affiliated Society Committee

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

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

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.

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_____

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NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

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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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