



The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society
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April 2011 Newsletter

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The next meeting of the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society will be on Tuesday, April 5, 2011. Note that this is usually the first Tuesday of the month. The meeting will be held at the Civic Garden Center (CGC) on 2715 Reading Road across from Bethesda Hospital. There will be time to socialize from 7:00 PM to 7:30 PM. There will be a Beginners Class at 7:00 PM in the CGC Library. You can still bring your plant(s) in and ask some of the Societies experts any question that you have regarding your plant(s). The formal meeting is scheduled to start at 7:30 PM.

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The parking lot at the CGC may be finished in time for our April meeting. If not, you will either have to park behind the CGC on the roads that wind through the park (Sooty Acres) or use the side streets. The gate to Sooty Acres is on Reading just north of the Taft intersection.

New Web Site

If you can, take a look at our new Web Site at: <http://www.cincinnatiorchids.org/>. If you have any material or ideas to add to the Web Site, please contact our Publication Chair, Brian Spittler, at publicationschair@cincinnatiorchids.org. This site changes very often as Brian adds new sections and updates others.

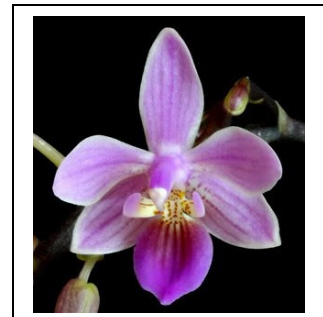
Beginners Class

Alexa Noel will be presenting a Beginners Class in the CGC Library at 7:00 PM. The topic will be about understanding various orchid associations and how they all interact. This is your chance to learn how our Society is related to MAOC and AOS.

Program

The April program features Darin Clapp, a member of GCOS and an AOS judge. Darin will be talking about, "Growing miniature Paphiopedilums." This is a talk that you've got to hear if you are one of those growers who likes Slipper Orchids but don't have much room to grow them.

There will be no plant sales but if any of the donated Theresa Hill plants are blooming, we will try to get them to the meeting as well for a silent auction. In addition, we have one Phal. Venus (see photo) left over from last year's Membership Drive. This is for sale for \$10.





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Refreshments for the April meeting

Larry Sanford and Brian Spitler and Gabriela Carrasco will be providing refreshments for the meeting. At this time we are in good shape for refreshment volunteers with the exception of May and this fall. We still need one more person to sign up for this meeting and join Margaret Cullen in May. The Sign Up Sheet will be passed around at the April meeting.

A Word from the President

As of now, we have participated in spring shows at MVOS and COOS as well as hosting our own at the Krohn Conservatory with some great displays. Brian Spitler has posted some photos from the MVOS Show and should have some soon from our show and the COOS show.

April means three things to me. First is the **Potting Bee** to be held at the Krohn Conservatory on Sunday, April 03, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. This event has really been promoted this year through the Home and Garden show and through the Seminars that we presented at our Spring Show so we are expecting a big turn out. Right now I have commitments from Margaret Cullen, Brian Spitler and Chris Wenz to help me at this event. We really need two more volunteers so please contact me via email (orchidad@cinci.rr.com) or telephone (513-583-0749) if you are interested.

Secondly is our Society meeting on the fifth which has already been covered in this Newsletter.

Thirdly is the Central Indiana Orchid Society show in Indianapolis on April 16th and 17th with setup on Friday the 15th. Stan Better and Larry Sanford will be travelling to Indy to do the setup but we will need between 30 and 40 plants for this display. If you'd like to enter a plant, let us know at the April meeting.

Conservation Committee Report

Stay tuned. We are kicking around an idea with the Krohn Conservatory for a permanent display of orchid species.

Newsletter Circulation Policy

The newsletter is sent to all members whose membership is current and to other orchid societies by reciprocal agreement.

Mentoring

Talk to Larry Sanford or Ron Miller if you are interested in helping to launch this program.