



The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society
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February 2011 Newsletter

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The next meeting of the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society will be on Tuesday, February 1, 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 is 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.

CAUTION! CAUTION! CAUTION! CAUTION! CAUTION! CAUTION!

The parking lot at the CGC is under construction and will probably not be open for parking at our February meeting. This means that 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 park gate is on Reading just north of the intersection with Taft.

New Web Site

If you haven't done so already, go 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 Brian Spitler at publicationschair@cincinnatiorchids.org.

Beginners Class

At the February meeting, Elaine Better will be demonstrating virus testing using some of Ron Miller's plants. If you have never tested your plants, you should come and witness the test. We will also discuss how much this material cost to purchase and how to store it when not in use.

Program

February's program is by Barry Jones, a fairly new member but long time AOS judge affiliated with the Cincinnati Judging Center. Barry will be speaking on: "Growing The Smaller Dendrobiums." Barry and his wife Jane own Orchid Outlet and will be bringing a diverse collection of plants to sell. If any of the Theresa Hill plants are blooming, we will try to get them to the meeting as well for a silent auction.

Refreshments for the January meeting

Barry and Jane Jones along with Jan Yates will be providing refreshments for the meeting. At this time we have only one person signed up for March 2011 so another volunteer is needed for the February meeting. See Ron Miller for the Sign Up Sheet.



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A Word from the President

February means that it is time for Orchid Shows to start. The next one is being held by the Miami Valley Orchid Society (MVOS) at the Cox Arboretum in Dayton, OH on February 19th and 20th. Please take a look at our calendar for directions <http://cincinnatiorchids.org/GCOSCALENDAR>. Setup is on Friday (the 18th) and we could use some help in this department as we will be putting in a 50 square foot display. If you are interested in either setup or tear down, talk to Elaine Better (V.P.) or myself at the February meeting. We will let you know where to take plants and when.

This also means that our Spring Show is just around the corner. Our is March 18th through the 20th so start planning ahead. We will need plenty of volunteers again to make this show happen. Rick Noel is the Show Chair again so please let him know if you are available and how you would like to help.

Conservation Committee Report

The Wild Ones are holding a free seminar at the Civic Garden Center on February 5th at 2:00 PM. Brian Jorg of the Cincinnati Zoo will be speaking on: "Growing Native Orchids."

Please remember that Krohn Conservatory needs our Summer Blooming Species to add to their collection. As you make divisions in your fall repotting, save some for Krohn. You can call any Committee member or bring them to the next meeting and we will see that they are sent to the right folks at the conservatory.

Newsletter Circulation Policy

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

Mentoring

Based on a suggestion by Larry Sanford, we are toying with the idea of putting a mentoring program together. This is aimed at new members but may be made available to the general public depending on how we put this program together. If you are interested, talk to Larry or Ron Miller.