



The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society
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January 2011 Newsletter

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The next meeting of the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society will be on Tuesday, January 4, 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 no formal Beginners Class at 7:00 PM in the CGC Library but you can 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 January meeting. This means that you will either have to park behind the CGC on the roads that wind through the park or use the side streets. The park gate is on Reading just north of the intersection with Taft.

New Web Site

We have a new Web Site that can be viewed at <http://www.cincinnatiorchids.org/>. This was put together by Brian Spitler who will be our new Publications Chair in 2011. Expect to see many changes and additions as we go through 2011. Your comments are welcome.

Beginners Class

At the January 4th meeting, **we will not be having our formal Beginners Class**. Some of the Societies expert will be available to answer your question(s) about your orchid(s). Feel free to bring your plant if it appears to have problems so that it can be examined up close.

Program

January's program is by Larry Sanford, one of our long standing members of the Society. Larry has been experimenting with LED (light emitting diodes) lights for several growing seasons and is ready to present the results of this experiment. Therefore it should come as no surprise that Larry's topic is, "The Sanford LED Light Experiment Results". Besides being a past president of the Society, Larry is also an AOS judge and has spoken several times in the past to our Society. He is known as a "cool grower" with many awarded plants. He has received national awards for his plants including the Benjamin Kodama award and the Robert B. Dugger award. Since Larry is not bringing any plants for sale, we will try to have a silent auction with some plants donated by Theresa Hill and sell the four plants that are leftover from our last Membership Drive.



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Refreshments for the January meeting

Diane Dwight and Steve Helbling. At this time we have no one signed up for February 2011 so volunteers will be solicited at the January meeting.

A Word from the President

It's late December as this Newsletter goes out to the membership and we should already be planning for the next show. That will be in Dayton at the Cox Arboretum on February 19th and 20th with setup on the 18th. I'll mention this again at both the January and February meeting and let you know who to get plants to and when. At our Fall show, we had 12 different members contribute plants and we're hoping that we can continue this trend.

Also, we are planning a field trip for January 8 to New Vision Orchids in Yorktown, Indiana. The backup snow date is January 15. If you are interested in going, contact Barry Jones at orkidj@zoomtown.com. I will also announce this trip at the January meeting. Departure time is 9:00 AM from Larry Sanford's house.

Conservation Committee Report

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 October 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. Expect to hear more at the January meeting.