



The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society
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June 2011 Newsletter

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The next meeting of the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society will be on Tuesday, June 7, 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 the American Cancer Society and Children's Hospital Oak Campus (used to be Bethesda Hospital). There will be time to socialize from 7:00 PM to 7:30 PM. There will also 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.

PARKING? PARKING? PARKING? PARKING? PARKING? PARKING?

Sooty Acres is open behind the CGC for curbside parking. The new parking lot is supposed to be done but make sure that you have a backup plan just in case. The parking lot across from the Unitarian Church will be available.

Our Web Site

If you can, take a look at our 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 Spitler, at publicationschair@cincinnatiorchids.org.

Beginners Class

Dana White will be presenting a Beginners Class in the CGC Library at 7:00 PM. This class will discuss how to summer out your plants.

Program

The June program features Lucinda Winn, one of the owners of J&L Orchids located in Easton, CT (check out the J&L Web Site at <http://www.jlorchids.com/>). Lucinda will be talking about, "Growing Miniatures" and will also be bringing plants for sale. If you contact J&L in advance of Lucinda's talk, you will receive a 10% discount for plants that you purchase and they will be brought to the June meeting.

Refreshments for the June meeting

Jacquelyn Weber and Erin and Stuart Warm will be providing refreshments for the June meeting. At this time we only need two people to sign up for the November meeting.



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A Word from the President - Correction! The joint picnic and plant auction with MVOS is June **11 and not the 26th** as stated in the May Newsletter. We will be setup and ready to start eating at 12:00 PM and the plant auction will start at 1:00 PM. The location is Sharon Woods Park at the Fern Hollow Shelter. You can purchase a \$3.00 one day parking pass from Elaine Better at the June 07 meeting or just purchase one at the gate when you arrive. Remember to bring either a salad or dessert to be shared. The meat, refreshments, paper ware and utensils will be provided by both societies. Also bring a comfortable chair to sit through the auction which can last several hours. All members are welcome to buy and sell plants.

Society Order - Margaret Cullen has volunteered to put together another society order from [Roberts Flower Supply](#). If you need potting material, pots or other orchid supplies, this is a great opportunity to purchase quality potting material at a nice price. We did this in 2009 and filled Larry's full size van. The details of this order and an order form can be found at the end of this Newsletter. Margaret will announce this event at the June meeting and has a **September 17 deadline**.

Ohio Valley Seminar – Don't forget that this all day seminar is coming up on **Saturday, July 9th**. Jan Yates will provide more details at the June meeting as well as sign up forms. Francisco Miranda of [Miranda Orchids](#) will be speaking on South American Cattleyas and Tom Harper of Stones River Orchids will be speaking on Multifloral Phalaenopsis and Taiwanese Hybrids.

Conservation Committee Report

We met with the Krohn Conservatory and have identified a location for establishing an orchid species display. Stan Better is researching a design for the display and we intend to make a proposal to Krohn sometime this summer. Contact Pat O'Connor if you are interested in participating in this project or just to be on the committee.

Mentoring

Talk to Larry Sanford or Brian Spitler if you are interested in helping to launch this program.

New LED Display Lights – The old display lights are being retired for reasons related to safety and costs. In addition, they don't belong to the society. As a result, Stan Better and Larry Sanford did a study of the new LED lights and Stan presented the results at the May Board meeting. The Board has approved the request to replace the old lights with the new LED lights and now this issue needs Society approval. Stan will make the same presentation at the June membership meeting and then the Society will be asked to vote on approving the new budget to cover the cost to purchase new LED Display Lights. Please plan to stay for the Business meeting following the break so that your vote gets counted.

GCOS Library Liquidation – The Board has decided to liquidate the collection of books in the library. Some will be put out for the free raffle at every meeting until all our gone. If you are interested in acquiring any of these books through donations, please see Dana White for the list.

Newsletter Circulation Policy

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

ROBERTS FLOWER SUPPLY – SOCIETY ORDER

We are happy to again offer an opportunity for members to participate in a group order for plant media and supplies. You must be a member to participate. We did a group order in 2009 and it turned out great and we hope to offer it regularly in the future. RFS offers a wide variety of high quality potting media that is not available locally, pots, hangers, clips, chemicals, fertilizers, and other supplies. RFS participates in many shows including regional Mid America Orchid Congress (MAOC) shows so you may have seen or purchased their supplies before. Please see their catalogue online. I hope to have a limited number of catalogues available at the June and September meetings but RFS is primarily web-based. There is no minimum order. Everything in the RFS catalogue is eligible for this order; however, please call Margaret to discuss if you are considering furniture, live plants, or other special items as these will affect our delivery plans. I will have some samples to look at and order forms at the June meeting.

RFS offers reasonable size options for media. Folks who are interested in splitting a bags/quantities of media are encouraged to do that on their own. GCOS will not split bags for you but if you let me know what you are looking for, I can try to match interested parties so you can order together.

- **A hobby bag is equivalent to a one gallon Ziploc.**
- **A ½ cubic foot bag is about 15 quarts or approximately 12"x12"x6".**
- **A 2 cubic foot bag is about 15 gallons or four ½ cubic foot bags.**

To put bag sizes in perspective in terms of how many plants you can repot, RFS provides this information on their website:

Number of pots per media bag								
Pot Size	2.5"	3"	4"	5"	6"	7"	8"	10"
Hobby Bag	14	10	6	4	3	2	1	0
½ Cubic Foot Bag	65	35	25	15	13	6	3	2

If ordering media blends, you must specify in your order if you want **BARK or COCONUT**. All RFS blends are available both ways. Our group order will have reduced handling/packing costs (5% instead of the normal 10%). Orders are subject to Ohio sales tax of 6.25%. GCOS requests \$5 per order to benefit our biannual public outreach potting bees (however, this is optional). We will work with folks as much as possible on pickup and delivery but we are not prepared to store your order. Plan on picking it up ASAP.

In addition to lots of bark and coconut media in our 2009 order, members took the opportunity to obtain special materials that are prohibitive to ship or not available locally. Examples include: turface stone, clear pots, pot clips, pot hangers, tree fern fiber, New Zealand spaghnum, chunky charcoal, Cork for mounting, baskets, and chemicals. It's a great chance to try something new without having to pay normal shipping charges.

Details on the distribution date/location will be forthcoming. We plan to have volunteers pick the order up to minimize or eliminate delivery charges. The details have to be worked out. If there are any delivery fees, they will be due when the order is picked up.

Please feel free to contact me with questions. I will assist with tallying your order or if you foresee a problem picking up you order. You can mail your orders to me or bring them to the July Seminar or June/September meetings. GCOS will not accept credit card payments for this order. All orders must be prepaid.

Margaret Cullen, Treasurer

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Order deadline, September 17. Payment due at the time of order. Delivery charges to be paid when picked up. Distribution date to be determined. Order must be picked up ASAP. We cannot store your order.

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Send your questions and orders to: Margaret Cullen 3127 Mapleleaf Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45213 (513) 731-8349 treasurer@cincinnatiorchids.org		Subtotal	
		5% Packing/Handling Charge	
		Subtotal	
		6.25% Ohio Sales Tax	
		Optional Potting Bee subsidy \$5	
		Amount due at time of order	

Make Checks Payable to Roberts Flower Supply. Delivery Charges to be paid separately when the order is picked up.