



The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society
8767 Apalachee Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45249
cincinnatiorchids.org

March 2011 Newsletter

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The next meeting of the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society will be on Tuesday, March 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. If you are inviting someone new please let them know that our [web site](#) has a map with directions. There is no 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 March 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. This months updates will include new items on the conservation page about native Ohio orchids, updated calendar info, home page orchid slide show, an announcements section to be used for updates during the month between meetings, updated information on our shows page, and added resources such as book review information. We are working on adding a History section to our website. Anyone having information that they can contribute can email the above address. If you have favorite orchid web sites, supply locations, etc. please let us know.

Beginners Class

There is no beginners class scheduled for the March meeting. There will be a beginners class at our April meeting. Alexa Noel, our past president, will be hosting this with a discussion on Understanding Various Orchid Associations.

Program

March's program is by Dana White, a long time member of The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society and known for growing "weird" orchids. Dana will be speaking on: "Reading your plants." There will be no plant sales but if any of the Theresa Hill plants are blooming, we will try to get them to the meeting as well for a silent auction.



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Refreshments for the January meeting

Diana Dwight and Steve Grote will be providing refreshments for the meeting. At this time we are in good shape for refreshment volunteers with the exception of May. We still need one more person to sign up for this meeting and join Margaret Cullen. The Sign Up Sheet will be passed around at the March meeting.

A Word from the President

March means that it is time for our Spring Orchid Show. Rick Noel is still looking for volunteers to help and donations to subsidize the expenses for this show. Rick can be contacted at showchair@cincinnatiorchids.org. Setup it at the Krohn Conservatory on Friday March 18th.

This also means that the Spring Show put on by the Miami Valley Orchid Society (MVOS) is over. Awards were given to Stan and Elaine Better, Steve Helbling, Larry Sanford, and Chris Wenz. Thanks to Stan Better and Jim Lurton for putting in the display.

We are also considering putting in a display at the Central Ohio Orchid Society's Spring Show at the Franklin Conservatory in Columbus, OH. This is scheduled for March 26th and 27th with setup on Friday the 25th.

This months activity highlights.

Feb 26,27	Orchid Display/Show Promotion	10:30AM-6:00PM	Cincinnati Convention Center
Feb 26	Wild Ones Native Orchids presentation		Civic Garden Center
March 1-6	Orchid Display	Operation hours	Civic Garden Center
March 1	Society Meeting	7:30 PM	Civic Garden Center
March 19,20	The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society Show	10:00AM-5:00PM	Krohn Conservatory, Cincinnati, OH
March 26,27	Central Ohio Orchid Society Show		Franklin Park Conservatory Columbus, OH

Conservation Committee Report

The Wild Ones are holding a free seminar at the Civic Garden Center on February 26th at 2:00 PM. Brian Jorg of the Cincinnati Zoo will be speaking on: "Growing Native Orchids." This program was originally scheduled for February 05 but was postponed due to weather.

Please remember that Krohn Conservatory needs our Summer Blooming Species to add to their collection. As you make divisions in your fall re-potting, 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.



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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 in helping please contact Ron Miller (president@cincinnatiorchids.org) or Larry Sanford.

A note about contacts. If anyone is every not sure how to get in touch with someone they can always go to our web site's [contact page](#).

Volunteers

There are lots of opportunities to help the orchid society. Volunteers are needed on an ongoing basis. Marketing activities such as posting posters for upcoming shows, helping setup displays at shows, writing articles for our web site, clerking at shows, etc. If you would like to help in any way please contact info@cincinnatiorchids.org. You do not have to be experienced. Items such as clerking at a show can be a great way to learn about what goes on during judging orchids.