



The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society
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May 2011 Newsletter

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The next meeting of the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society will be on Tuesday, May 3, 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 be a Beginners Class at 7:00 PM in the Library. 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.

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Given the lack of progress that we have seen, I doubt if the parking lot at the CGC will be finished in time for our May meeting. You will probably be able to park behind the CGC on the roads that wind through the park (Sooty Acres) or use the side streets. In addition, the parking lot across from the Unitarian Church will be available.

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 Spitler, at publicationschair@cincinnatiorchids.org.

Beginners Class

Rick Noel, long time member and previous Show Chairman, will be presenting a Beginners Class in the CGC Library at 7:00 PM. The subject is "How orchid shows work and how to get involved". The class will focus on training needed to be a Clerk for our Spring and Fall Shows.

Program

The May program features Russ Vernon, an AOS judge and the owner of New Vision Orchids in Yorktown, IN, specializing in growing and hybridizing Phalaenopsis and Odontoglossoms (check out his Web Site at <http://newvisionorchids.com/home>). Russ will be talking about, "Growing Odontoglossoms and his latest visit to the Eric Young Foundation. He will also be bringing plants for sale which you can purchase during our refreshment break. In addition, we will be having a silent auction with the three remaining Paphiopedilums that were donated by Theresa Hill. They are Paph London Wall 'Fairfield' B/CSA X Paph Limerick 'Hillsview' HCC/AOS {January bloomer}, Paph Vanda M Pearman (delenatii X bellatulum) {May bloomer}, and Paph Fairmaud {August bloomer}



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Refreshments for the April meeting

Margaret Cullen and Jeanne and Barry Rhinehart will be providing refreshments for the meeting. At this time we need people to sign up for this June, October and November. The Sign Up Sheet will be passed around at the May meeting.

A Word from the President

As this Newsletter goes out, we have completed the spring shows at MVOS, COOS, CIOS and our own at the Krohn Conservatory with some great displays. I'm happy to report that every display has won a Show Trophy. Thanks go out to all members who helped setup and tear down those displays as well as those who contributed flowers for each. Brian has some photos up on the Web Page for some of the shows and will be trying to add more. I need to send him the photos that I took at the Central Indiana Orchid Society (CIOS) show.

I'm also happy to report that the April Potting Bee went very well. At one point we had standing room only in the Training room at the Krohn Conservatory. Thanks go out to Margaret Cullen, Brian Spitler, Steve Grote and Amy Wenz for helping at this event.

It's also time to start looking ahead. Our picnic and plant auction with MVOS is June 26 and our Summer seminar is coming up on July 9th. After that, it will be time to start planning for our October show and if there is enough interest another show in Fort Wayne, IN in November. We hope to post more detailed information on these events on the Web Page.

Conservation Committee Report

Pat O'Connor has agreed to Chair this Committee. We have contacted the Krohn Conservatory about putting in a permanent display of orchid species and our next step is to make a proposal about how we plan to do this. Contact Pat if you are interested in participating in this project or just to be on the committee.

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 Brian Spitler if you are interested in helping to launch this program.