



The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society
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November 2011 Newsletter

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The next meeting of the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society will be on Tuesday, November 01, 2011. Note that this is 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 6:30 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 Society's experts any question that you have regarding your plant(s). The formal meeting is scheduled to start at 7:30 PM.

2012 Proposed Budget - Margaret Cullen presented the proposed 2012 budget at the October meeting. The Society will vote on accepting this budget at the November meeting.

Governance – Elaine Better presented the slate of 2012 candidates at the October meeting. We will vote on this slate at the November meeting. The floor is open for other nominations right up to the vote.

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 – Brian Spitler will be talking about “Windowsill Growing”. This class starts in the Library at 7:00 PM and ends at 7:30 PM.

Speaker – Our speaker for the November meeting is Steve Benjamin of Oak Knob Orchids (<http://oakknob.com/>). Steve will be talking about “Growing Vandas” and will be bringing plants for sale. If you want to contact Steve in advance of his talk and order plants, his email address is: stephenb@oakknob.com and his phone is 502-348-1787.

Refreshments for the October meeting - Dana and Eddie White and Ron Miller will be providing refreshments for the November meeting. The Signup Sheet for 2012 will be passed around as well.

A Word from the President

Our Fall Show is coming October 21 -23 to the Krohn Conservatory. Stan Better (Show Chair) is looking for members to volunteer for the various work details and to make donations for food, trophies, etc. Remember also that there will be an orchid display table (the Novice Display) for members who have never won a blue ribbon. Just bring your plant to the show setup on Friday and someone will help you register your plant. If you plan on entering a plant in the GCOS display, get your plant registration information to Dana White by Thursday October 20th.

As we reach the end of the calendar year, I would like to remind the membership, once again, that we are a 501(c)(3) organization and that donations to the society are tax deductible. Donations are one of the major ways that we have for increasing income so that we can bring in better speakers, have a better Web Page and cover rising operating costs so that we don't have to raise membership dues. Please consider making a donation this calendar year. It's also the time of year when we renew our membership. Registration forms can be found on our Web Page or by asking Pat O'Conner for a form at the next meeting.

KOS Show – The Kentucky Orchid Society is having a fall show on October 29th and 30th. Larry Sanford and Steve Helbling will be taking plants down to put into our display. If you would like to enter a plant in this show, contact Steve or Larry and get your plants and plant info to them by Thursday October 27th. We are still looking for someone to tear the display down on Sunday and bring it back.

Winter Event – Our Winter Event will be held at Jan Yates house on December 04, 2011 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM. Registration forms will be available at the November meeting in order to pay the \$10 to help cover costs of this event and to document what type of food you are bringing. If all goes well, we will even have plants for sale.

Conservation Committee Report – There is nothing new to report for the Conservation Committee. Expect this activity to pick up at the start of the new calendar year.

Plants for Silent Auction – We expect to have three plants for the Silent Auction at the November meeting with a minimum bid of \$10 on each plant

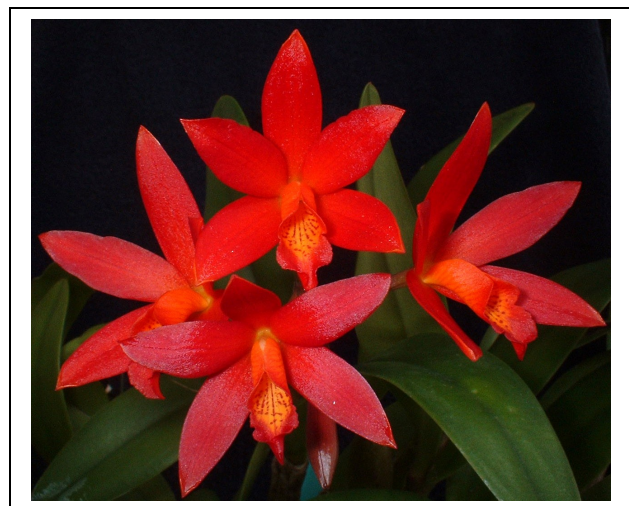
MAOC – The Society voted approval for hosting both the Fall 2013 MAOC and the Spring 2016 MAOC. Expect more information on these events in the near future and please feel free to volunteer to help out with these two efforts.

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

Orchid of the Month - This month features Lc Rojo, a compact Cattleya hybrid grown in a pot and under the following conditions:

Summer – Put outside in a screened porch with good eastern and southern exposure. Heavily misted in the afternoon if it doesn't rain. Brought inside when night time temperatures get down into the high 40's.

Winter – Inside on window sill with southern exposure but in a cool basement where the humidity stays above 50%. Daily misting if possible in the morning.



If you have a good orchid photo that you would like featured in the Newsletter, send it to Ron Miller at orchidad@cinci.rr.com.