



The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society
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October 2011 Newsletter

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The next meeting of the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society will be on Tuesday, October 04, 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 Societies 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 will be presenting the 2011 budget and the proposed budget for 2012 at the October meeting. The Society will then vote on the 2012 budget at the November meeting.

Governance – Elaine Better will be presenting the slate of 2012 candidates at the October meeting with a vote scheduled for the November meeting.

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 Spittler, at publicationschair@cincinnatiorchids.org.

Beginners Class – Rick Noel will be presenting a Beginners Class in the CGC Library at 7:00 PM. This class will discuss the details of Clerking for our Orchid Shows.

Program - The October program features Edgar Stihl of Windswept In Time Orchids located at 8066 Skyline Drive, Cleveland, OH 44147. Edgar will be talking about, "Growing Bulbophyllums" and will be bringing plants for sale. You can contact Edgar at (440) 838-5757 if you want to purchase plants in advance and have him bring them to the October meeting.

Refreshments for the October meeting - Rick and Alexa Noel and Deachu Subbiah will be providing refreshments for the October meeting. At this time we have completed signups for 2011 and will start working on 2012.

A Word from the President

Our Fall Show is coming soon (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. Stan Better will be putting out sign up sheets at the October meeting. These cover donations, clerking, set up, tear down, host table, and hospitality. Remember also that there will be an orchid display table for members who have never won a blue ribbon.

As we reach the end of the calendar year, I would like to remind the membership 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 is also the time of year when we renew our membership. Pat O'Conner will be passing out membership forms at the October meeting and I believe that Brian is going to post this form on the Societies Web Page.

The Society, from time to time, acknowledges the achievement of its members through a special Recognition Award. If you would like to nominate a member for this award, please contact any of the Officers, Directors or Chairs listed at the beginning of this Newsletter. You will need to provide the name of the individual nominated and the reason they should be awarded.

Society Order – Thanks go out to Margaret Cullen for organizing the society order from Roberts Flower Supply. She will inform us when your order can be picked up.

Conservation Committee Report – Pat O'Conner reported that a new Chair is being groomed for this committee with the main focus on native orchids. The orchid tree project is still alive with fund raising expected to start in 2012.

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

Mid American Orchid Congress (MAOC) - A Kickoff meeting was held September 24th with both local Societies (Miami Valley Orchid Society & The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society). A decision was made to host the Fall 2013 MAOC as well as the Spring 2016 American Orchid Society's Trustees Meeting combined with MAOC. The Society will be asked to vote and approve these selections at the October meeting.

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 Epidendrum porpax grown mounted on tree fern under the following conditions:

Summer – Put outside hanging on a potted plant with good morning light and shaded from the afternoon light. Heavily misted in the afternoon if it doesn't rain. Brought inside when night time temperatures get down into the low 50's.

Winter – Inside on window sill with southern exposure. 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.

