

The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society
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The next meeting of the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society will be on Tuesday, May 01, 2012. 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. The formal meeting starts at about 7:30 PM. There will be time to socialize earlier. There will also be a Beginners Class at 6:30 PM in the CGC Library. You can bring your plant(s) in and ask any of the Society's experts any question that you have.

Our Web Site – Go to: <http://www.cincinnatiorchids.org>. Contact our Publication Chair, Brian Spitler, at publicationschair@cincinnatiorchids.org if you would like to add to the site.

Beginners Class – Starts in the Library at 6:30 PM. This month's topic is on water & fertilizer. You don't have to be a beginner to attend.

May Speaker – Eric Sauer will be talking about "His Favorite Orchids". He will be bringing some plants for sale before the meeting & at the break.

June Speaker – Erich Michel of Michel Orchid Nursery will be teaching us about Gongora & Stanhopia orchids. He will also be bringing plants for sale before the meeting & at the break.

May Refreshments – Karen Cochran and Shirley Kreiner

June Refreshments – Barry & Jane Jones & Dorothy Jumod

We still need 1 volunteer to help in September & 2 for November.

New members – We wish to welcome the new members who joined our society at the March show & at the potting bee. We hope you will find our group a pleasant one & stay a while.

Conservation Committee – The chairperson of the Conservation Committee, Teresa Huesman, told us of their plans to try to get a July field trip together for the Edge of Appalachia Preserve in Adams County, Ohio. They have over 22 species of native orchids growing out there & will give us a guided tour. Most of the summer-blooming orchids are not quite as showy as the spring-blooming Cyps, but well worth a look-see. The committee will also give the Board recommendations for recipients of our annual contribution to a conservation project. Among those being looked at is the American Orchid Society's "Green Swamp".

Website news – PayPal is up & running on our website now. You can use it to pay your dues, pay for your registration for the annual summer seminar &, of course, to make donations.

Recent Shows – The society recently participated in two shows nearby, one in Columbus, Ohio, & the other in Indianapolis, Indiana. Both displays were spectacular & won the show trophies. Thank you to everyone who made that possible, from the people who contributed their plants to those who put the displays together & took them apart again. Job well done.

The potting bee at Krohn Conservatory on April 1st was also a success. Thank you to the volunteers who came & repotted the plants & a special thank you to Margaret Cullen for taking charge of the event & keeping the rest of us organized. For the next one on November 4th we will have some extra mix that was donated to us by the nice people at Oak Hill Gardens. Thank you – we promise to put it to good use.

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May field trip to Ken Mettler's place – The list filled very quickly & we are sorry for those who wanted to go but didn't get to sign up. We realized later that we need to have an "alternates' list" in case of any cancelations. There will be a chance to sign up for this list at the May meeting. For those lucky enough to be going the plan is to meet at the old theater at King's Island, now a church & drive as few vehicles there as possible since it is a long trip & he has limited parking areas. Ken will provide us with venison sloppy joes but we all need to bring a side dish for sharing!

Summer picnic – The joint picnic with the Miami Valley Orchid Society will be Saturday, June 9th at North Park in Springboro. The park is located at 195 Tamarack Trail, Springboro, Ohio. Maps will be available at the May & June meetings. This is a fun social event & the auction is a great way to get you hands on some new plants for a very reasonable price. The societies will provide grilled goodies (vegetarian options available this year!), plates, napkins & pop & water. Everyone attending should bring a dish to share & a comfy lawn chair for the auction – picnic table benches get hard after a while.

Annual Summer Seminar – The seminar will be held this year on Saturday, July 7th at the Civic Garden Center. Admission is \$ 15 per person, unchanged from last year. Plant sales begin at 9:00 AM, first lecture at 10:00. There will be 2, count them, **2** special speakers. Sam Tsui explains how he grows brachypetalum Paphs, one of the more compact, beautiful and tricky Paphs to grow. He is an internationally known grower of fine Paphiopedilums and Phragmipediums and he lectures around the world. John Stubbings, owner of Clown Alley Orchids in Pasadena, Texas, will be talking about Oncidiums, an easy to grow genus, though he grows a wide variety of orchids. Both will give talks on the plants & on culture. Both will also have plants for sale & per-ordering is encouraged. Sam Tsui's website is www.orchidinnusa.com. You can see John Stubbings' plants at www.clownalleyorchids.com. There are box lunches to pre-order or bring your own. Pop & water are provided by the society. There will also be an exciting auction held after lunch & before the second talk. The proceeds of this auction go to the Cincinnati Judging Center. The day of fun goes till about 4:00. Come & have a ball!

Fall 2013 MAOC – There are still a couple different sites for this show under consideration. Both the Union Center Marriott & the Dayton Art Institute have their pros & cons to be considered at the next planning committee meeting. Contact Eric Sauer eric@cypstudios.com if you wish to volunteer.

Wisdom from the Prez – April showers, for the orchid nut, bring thoughts of Mayflowers – yes, the moving kind, as in moving plants outside for the summer. Orchids and people enjoy the fresh air, sunshine, and rain (Well, maybe people don't grow nicely in the rain). Just don't give the plants too much sun to start with—they get sunburned just like us. I wonder if there is sun block for orchids....There are a few of us who rush the season a bit. I've had a few cool-tolerant Dendrobiums out for a couple of weeks. I've had to cover them a few times, too. We'll be taking out the miniature cymbidiums next. The rest of the plants can wait until the temperature at night stays above 50. I hear my plants calling "We want a blanket tonight!", but before I go, a minder—Eric Sauer will be our guest speaker May 1, telling us about some of his favorite orchids. Adieu for now—Think good thoughts! Your humble Prez, Barry

Future Shows nearby – The dates for our shows this fall & next spring have been formalized with Krohn Conservatory. They are October 20th & 21st, with set-up on Friday the 19th, and March 23rd & 24th, set-up on Friday the 22nd. The potting bee dates are November 4th & April 7th.

Officers, Chairs, etc. – We need to think about filling the following positions made vacant by the recent formal resignations: we need a new Vice-President, a new Program Chair, someone to learn the "art" of being Show Chair and someone willing to learn the ropes of Treasurer from Margaret. She is in her fifth year & ready to pass on the reigns. If you are willing to try to fill one of these jobs, please let a member of the Board know

If you have a good orchid photo that you would like featured in the Newsletter, send it along with cultural information to info@cincinnatiorchids.org.