

**The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society**  
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July 2012 Newsletter

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**The next meeting of the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society will be on Tuesday, **September 04, 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](mailto:publicationschair@cincinnatiorchids.org) if you would like to add to the site.

**We have no regular meetings in July or August but please join us for the seminar.**

**July Annual Summer Seminar** – The seminar will be held this year on Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.orchidinnusa.com). You can see John Stubbings' plants at [www.clownalleyorchids.com](http://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. There are registration sheets available on the website & at the meeting. Come & have a ball!

Side note: John Stubbings will be giving a different talk the following day, July 8<sup>th</sup>, for the AOS Judges at the Civic Garden Center beginning about 11:00. There is no charge & you do not have to be a judge to attend. Afterwards you can stick around for the regular monthly judging of orchids. It can be very interesting & observers are always welcome.

**July Conservation walk** – Don't forget about The Conservation Committee's orchid visit to The Edge. The Edge of Appalachia Preserve, that is. This will be a hike in Adams County to see five or more native orchids on July 28. We will meet in Mt. Carmel around 8:00AM and will not return until early evening. There will be about a 2-hour hike, a lunch break, followed by a 1 hour hike. The location is remote with no food or restroom facilities once the group hits the trail. Folks will be encouraged to carry plenty of water, snacks, and lunch. I'm told that a walking stick is also a good companion on this trip. The list of people attending has been filled, but if you are interested in being put on the just-in-case list, please contact Teresa Huesman, at [huesmantj@aol.com](mailto:huesmantj@aol.com).

**September Speaker** – David Johnston of Jewell Orchids will speak on Cattleyas. He will have plants for sale.

**October Speaker** – Tim Brooks will speak on "Cyps around the Home".

**Beginners Class – September** – Starts in the Library at 6:30 PM. This month's topic is "Wide world of windowsill orchids – an introduction to different orchids small enough to grow in windowsills". You don't have to be a beginner to attend. Brian indicated that he and Rick have not decided whether they will continue to lead this group in 2013. Brian and Rick Noel will be meeting to review progress and future direction of the group. They hope to continue an active dialogue with participants in order to ensure content continues to meet the needs of the group.

**Beginners Class – October** – Starts in the Library at 6:30 PM. The topic will be “What is your orchid telling you? - Why are the leaves yellow, tips brown? Maybe it's normal”.

**September Refreshments** – I don't have the names off hand but I know Diana Dwight has it covered. I promise to have the names for publication in the September newsletter.

**Bob Wolf** – Sadly, Bob Wolf who has been ill & going back and forth between hospital and rehab center, died on Friday, June 22. Barry & Jane Jones, Steve Helbling, Jan Yates, Larry Sanford, and Rick & Alexa Noel are foster-caring his impressive collection of orchids. It was suggested that the educational display featuring the genus *Tolumnia* which Bob had planned for our show this spring be put up at our fall show.

**Conservation Committee** – Conservation Committee chair, Teresa Huesman, is working on an orchid conservation hike for May 2013 for “Cedar Bog” in Springfield, OH.

**Website news** – Several people have used PayPal to pay for the seminar. You can use it to pay your dues, pay for your registration for the annual summer seminar &, of course, to make donations.

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

September 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> is the Kentucky Orchid Society show in Louisville, Kentucky.

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

**Summer picnic** – The joint picnic with the Miami Valley Orchid Society was held on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at North Park in Springboro. The suggestion was made that it might be easier for everyone, especially the record keepers, if letters were used for the sellers and numbers were used for the buyers instead of numbers for everything. It can be quite confusing with seller number 6, buyer number 3 and 9 dollars!

**Fall 2013 MAOC** – At the June meeting it was voted that we have the Fall 2013 MAOC at the Dayton Art Institute providing their exclusive caterer, Elegant Fare, can give us reasonable pricing on all the food. We met with Elegant Fare and gave them the information and should hear back shortly. They indicated that they can do all we need and for a reasonable price. Anyone wishing to receive the MAOC emails on meeting dates & times or wishing to volunteer should contact Eric Sauer [eric@cypstudios.com](mailto:eric@cypstudios.com).

**Wisdom from the Prez** – SUMMER IS HERE!! As if you had to be told. Temps in the upper 80's and 90's it must be Cincinnati. Got to remember to cool off your plants in the evening. They don't like this heat anymore than we do. There is a rumor that tag-team auction is back!!! Yes your Prez and an as of this time unnamed outside (meaning special) auctioneer will team up for AUCTION ACTION at the July 7<sup>th</sup> Seminar at the Civic Garden Center. Plants and orchid related items will be publicly and silently auctioned to one and all. Remember to bid early and often, just like voting. Da Prez will be taking the rest of the summer off so you guys should too. Remember to say something nice to someone today and keep happy. All for now—Da Prez

**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, someone to learn the “art” of being Show Chair from Pat June (who is doing it for this fall's show) 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. Jim Lurton has agreed to be Program Chair. Thanks, Jim.

**2013 Budget** – Margaret said she would like to have any input and budget requests to her by the end of our summer break. She needs to get the proposed budget done before the October meeting so she can present it to the membership for comment/review and it will be voted on at the November meeting.

**Enjoy your summer and we'll see you in September!!!**