

The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society
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June 2012 Newsletter

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The next meeting of the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society will be on Tuesday, June 05, 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 – June – Starts in the Library at 6:30 PM. This month's topic is "Orchids for All Seasons". It will focus the different blooming seasons of orchids. 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 – September – Starts in the Library at 6:30 PM. The topic will be orchids small yet interesting enough to grow in windowsill areas.

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.

June Picnic – This year's picnic will be at North Park in Springboro, Ohio. Directions & map on last page.

July Seminar – Read about this under the heading "Annual Summer Seminar" later in this newsletter.

Next regular meeting isn't until September 4th! David Johnston of Jewell Orchids will speak on blue Cattleyas. He will have plants for sale.

June Refreshments – Barry & Jane Jones & Dorothy Jumod

Bob Wolf – It was reported that Bob Wolf who has been ill, has been going back and forth between hospital and rehab center. Barry & Jane Jones, Steve Helbling, Jan Yates, Larry Sanford, and Rick & Alexa Noel are foster-caring his impressive collection of orchids. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

Conservation Committee – Conservation Committee chair, Teresa Huesman, reported that a great time was had by all at Ken Mettler's in May. Thanks Ken for the wonderful Sloppy Joes! What a hearty lunch after hiking all day. 13 members attended and we saw approximately 10 types of native orchids. It was a long day but lots of fun.

The Conservation Committee has organized an 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. There will be more information and a sign up sheet at the June meeting. If you are unable to make the meeting and are interested in going, please contact Teresa Huesman, at huesmantj@aol.com.

Teresa is also working on an orchid conservation hike for May 2013 for "Cedar Bog" in Springfield, OH.

Teresa reported that the \$100 contribution to the 1% FOC recipient has been identified as "The Nature Conservancy of Ohio." The committee will clarify how they would like GCOS to source the funds for this commitment in 2012 and future years (i.e. restricted conservation fund or to establish a separate budget line item from general operations).

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.

Upcoming Shows – 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. September 29th & 30th 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 will be Saturday, June 9th at North Park in Springboro. Maps will be available at the May & June meetings & on the website. This is a fun social event & the auction is a great way to get your 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. Lunch will be at noon and the auction will start about 1 PM. Lunch is part pot luck - if your last name starts with the letter A-L please bring a side dish such as a salad, chips, or other good picnic items. If your last name starts with M-Z you will bring a dessert of some sort. Everyone attending should bring a comfy lawn chair for the auction – picnic table benches get hard after a while.

For the new members, anyone is welcome to bring plants or other orchid related items to sell at the auction. We have lots of plants for sale, but have also had potting materials and growing equipment at the sale as well. If you plan to sell, please make sure to give yourself some time to unload and register your items. When you arrive, you will be issued a seller number which will be applied to every item via a sticker which the society will provide. You can also put a minimum bid amount on the sticker if desired. All items will then be auctioned off during the afternoon. The society will take 20% of the sale price of each item as a fund raiser and the balance of the sale will be sent to each seller about a week after the auction.

Items sell for a wide range of prices – some for a few dollars and some go for much higher depending on the items being sold. All generally go for great bargains! There will be seedlings, divisions and even some blooming plants! When you arrive, you can sign up for a buyer number. This will allow us to track your bids. At the end of the auction, all items must be paid for by either cash or check. Typically the auction will go until about 6 PM. This is a lot of fun to watch and a great opportunity to learn about plants as well.

North Park is located at 195 Tamarack Trail which runs off SR 741 to the West just north of SR 73. From I-75, take the exit 38 SR 73 exit. Turn right onto SR 73 and follow east about 2 miles to a traffic light at SR 741 (Main Street- The Second Speedway Station is on the corner). Take a left onto SR 741 (Main) and follow north about 0.9 miles to Tamarack Trail. **You will notice that it looks like you are turning into a subdivision but this is the right street!** Take a left onto Tamarack Trail. You will see the entrance to North Park about 0.4 miles on the right. Pull into the parking lot and you will see the large shelter off the parking lot.

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. There are registration sheets available on the website & at the meeting. 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. There will be information on both sites & a vote is scheduled for the June meeting. Contact Eric Sauer eric@cypstudios.com if you wish to volunteer.

Wisdom from the Prez – It's been a quiet month in Lake WobegoneOops! Wrong town! But quiet time is good for getting the rest of your plants outside, which gives you time to look them over. Checking for bugs and killing them gives quiet satisfaction. Seeing how a plant died, whether too much water, not enough sun, etc can give clues on how to improve culture. And the Beginners' Culture group can provide some answers for those of us with unhappy plants. Also, our more experienced members can provide information about more specialized plants (What **does** that Dracula really need?). So, if you have a question, ask. If you have an answer, share. See you in June for the meeting, and at the picnic/auction! Do good deeds and have fun.
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, a new Program Chair, 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.

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.

Picnic directions (again) – North Park is located at 195 Tamarack Trail which runs off SR 741 to the West just north of SR 73. From I-75, take the exit 38 SR 73 exit. Turn right onto SR 73 and follow east about 2 miles to a traffic light at SR 741 (Main Street- The Second Speedway Station is on the corner). Take a left onto SR 741 (Main) and follow north about 0.9 miles to Tamarack Trail. **You will notice that it looks like you are turning into a subdivision but this is the right street!** Take a left onto Tamarack Trail. You will see the entrance to North Park about 0.4 miles on the right. Pull into the parking lot and you will see the large shelter off the parking lot.

