

**The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society**  
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September 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.

**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.

**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 Speaker** – David Johnston of Jewell Orchids will speak on blue Cattleyas. He will have plants for sale before the meeting & at the break.

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

**September Refreshments** – Diana Dwight & Brian Spitler

**October Refreshments** –

We will need volunteers to bring refreshments for the meetings for next year. A sign-up sheet will start circulating at the September meeting.

**Conservation Committee** – The chairperson of the Conservation Committee, Teresa Huesman, said that Diana Dwight will give us a short report on the July field trip to the Edge of Appalachia Preserve in Adams County, Ohio. She also said that she has gotten us a tour of Cedar Bog next June (there will be a \$5 fee each) & Eric Doerzdacher of Cedar Bog will be our speaker next May.

**Website news** – PayPal is up & running on our website now. You can use it to pay your dues &, of course, to make donations.

Teresa Huesman reports that Brian has agreed to work with the Conservation Committee to update that section of the website.

**Civic Garden Center** – They Civic Garden Center is having their Second Annual Fall Fest this year on Saturday, September 22, from 10 AM till 2 PM. They will have a Mini-workshop series, Free activities for kids, Community Garden Showcase, Food & Beverages available, Plant & Bulb sale, Used tool sale, Entertainment, & more. Barry said we would have a table there to support them but no plants for sale.

**Our fall show** – 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>.

Barry reported that all of the vendor tables have been sold for the fall show. Everything else is on track.

**The Joneses** – Just try to keep up with them. They gave a talk at a Florist in Batesville, Indiana in July & will give another talk in March to the Hamilton County Garden Club. Thank you for educating people about our favorite plants!

**Congratulations!** – To Amy Alig who recently got married. She is now Amy Gondosch!

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

**Summer picnic** – We are looking for a different place to have our picnic next June. Does anyone live in an area where you can reserve a shelter at a local (like township) park for little or no cost? The Sharon Woods shelters are expensive & we'd like to keep costs down where possible. Please see Dana White at a meeting or show or email her at GCOSinfo@zoomtown.com.

**Annual Summer Seminar** – Our seminar was a hit again. Our aim is to break even & this year we were very close with a slight lose of \$26.00. Thank you, Jan, for another job well done!

**Fall 2013 MAOC** – The name of the MAOC will be “Orchids N Art”, very clever Eric & Barry! Details are still being worked out between us & the Dayton Art Institute but we “agree in principle” on all counts, we just need to get it in writing.

**Speakers** – The following speakers have been confirmed for Saturday:

Angela Mirro, from New York will be the keynote speaker after the banquet. Topic: Orchids in Art & Illustration.

Chris Purver, from the Eric Young Orchid Foundation in England. Topic: Oncidinae including recent name changes & Miltoniopsis, Ocnidium, Oncidopsis, Brassidiums, etc.

Holger Purner, from China. Topic: Chinese Paphiopedilums & Cypripediums.

Erich Michel. Topic: The genetic relationships of Phalaenopsis species, their culture & hybrids.

**Calling all artistic people!** – We are looking for an official logo for our MAOC. Any media, as long as it is in color, preferably 11 X 17. We will have exclusive rights to use it & will auction off the original. The artist's name will appear on all copies used, i. e., “original artwork by \_\_\_\_\_”. We are looking for an original piece of art that is orchid related. We will include a bio of the artist in the registrants' booklet. We have set September 15, 2012 as the deadline for art submissions so we can have time to decide on one & get the layout to Oregon in time to take some to the MAOC in Kansas City at the end of October this year.

We are also soliciting entries from the societies for artwork & for a layout (artwork & text) for the posters, postcards, bookmarks, etc. Both societies have graphic arts professionals & talented others who may be interested. We will be using Oregon Printing in Dayton (both the MVOS & the DAI use them on a regular basis) for the final printing but the layouts need to be done by us.

**Vendors** – There will only be about 22-24 tables available for sale & three vendors have already been confirmed: Orchid Inn (Sam Tsui), Wei Chen, & Holger Perner, one of our speakers. There is a list of desired vendors & we are waiting for replies.

**Publicity** – Jan has agreed to head the Publicity Committee. Her fellow members are Ron Miller & Brian Spitzer. She hopes to target specific groups for registrations like the general public, MVOS & GCOS members, members of other societies within a two-hour drive, MAOC Committee Chairs, & Judges.

**Next MAOC meeting** – will be Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at the Bob Evans off of Union Center Blvd. just off I-75 at 6:30 PM. Anyone wishing to be a part of the fun is welcome to come.

**Cincinnati Judging Center** – The September date is Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup>. We are lucky enough to have an AOS Judging Center right here in Cincinnati. They meet the second Sunday of every month at the Civic Garden Center & observers are always welcome. Judging starts at 1:00 PM

**Wisdom from the Prez** – School's starting again so it must be time for the Sept Orchid society meeting. Welcome back!! Hope your plants weathered another odd summer. Hot cold hot hot nice. Notice there was no mention of rain. A few have had rain the last month but most not. When we bring the plants in late this month we may want to brush off the crust of hard water of the leaves and check for critters. Too bad hard water doesn't kill the nasties that want to eat our plants. We will have Dave Johnston of Jewell Orchids speaking on blue Cats. Sadly not the four legged furry kind. Bring a friend to the meeting. Keep good thoughts and hug someone today. All for now—Da Prez

**Future Shows nearby** – The Kentucky Orchid Society has said that they are very pleased to announce that their Fall Orchid Show is scheduled for September 29 and 30, 2012. They have reorganized, re-tooled a bit and have a new location: St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 330 Hubbards Lane, Louisville, KY 40207. They will post additional information and the schedule of classes on their website (<http://kyorchidsociety.com/>) as the time nears. If you would like further information now please email any of their officers whose email address is listed after their names at "About Us".

**Officers, Chairs, etc.** – It's that time of year again – time to think about elections. No, not THAT election, ours! The Governance Committee will be looking for nominations for the officers & directors whose terms will be ending this December. If you are interested in filling one of these vacancies please contact Barry Jones ([orkidj@zoomtown.com](mailto:orkidj@zoomtown.com)) or any other member of the Governance Committee: Pat O'Connor ([ocomnorp@fuse.net](mailto:ocomnorp@fuse.net)) or Jane Jones (513-583-5283).

**Program Chair** – Welcome to our new Program Chair for next year, Jim Lurton. He was so enthusiastic about it he already has the speakers for next year lined up except September. Great job!

**Roberts Flower Supply group order** – Margaret Cullen has offered to put together another group order from Roberts Flower Supply. A group order lets us save on the shipping costs of these heavy, bulky supplies. If you've not done so yet, visit their website (<http://orchidmix.com/>) & see all the different growing media & supplies they have available. Margaret will coordinate the order so feel free to contact her with questions or if you want to be sure to be included ([margt.ann.elliott@gmail.com](mailto:margt.ann.elliott@gmail.com)) or (513) 218-5476.

**AOS "Orchids" magazine** – It has been suggested that I include highlights from this wonderful publication for those members who do not yet belong to the AOS (American Orchid Society). "Orchids" magazine is sent to AOS members each month and we encourage all GCOS members to join our national affiliate organization ([www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)). The July and August issues of "Orchids" magazine will be available on the door prize table at our September 4th meeting. The latest are here.

**July** – Congratulations to GCOS member Annette Lurton on her article in the July issue of AOS "Orchids" magazine. Annette and her husband Jim grow species phalaenopsis in their greenhouse in Lexington. You have probably seen their plants at our shows. Jim is our new Program Chairperson and he has put together a great program of speakers for our meetings in 2013. Jim will be speaking on species Phals at our meeting in March. The photo used in the article is by our talented GCOS photographer Rick Noel, a long time member but whom many of our newest members know through his work with the beginners' culture group. Also in the July issue is an article by Holger Perner titled "Paphiopedilum in China." Mr. Perner is a plant ecologist who resides and works at a national park and orchid laboratory in China. He will be one of our speakers at the 2013 fall MidAmerica Orchid Congress hosted by GCOS in collaboration with MVOS at the Dayton Art Institute.

**August** – The August issue of "Orchids" includes articles: by Greg Alikas about a common summer culture malady titled: Is There Fungus Among Us? Greg Alikas also has an article on "Catasetum sanguineum." Peter Lin has a great article on "Neofinitia falcata and its hybrids." The August issue also includes two articles related to orchid conservation - one discusses the reduction of commercial use of orchid tubers in a hot beverage popular in the Mediterranean. The other discusses efforts to catalogue orchid flora in Bhutan, near the Himalayas. The work is considered crucial for forming meaningful strategies to protect and sustain the biodiversity in the area.

If you have a good orchid photo, story or idea that you would like featured in the Newsletter, send it along with cultural information to [info@cincinnatiorchids.org](mailto:info@cincinnatiorchids.org).