

The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society
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December 2012 Newsletter

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The next meeting of the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society will be on Tuesday, **January 8, 2013**. Note that this is **NOT** 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 are a few announcements then the program. 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.

Please note there is no meeting in December, just the reception at Jan Yates' house (see below).

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 – January – Starts in the Library at 6:30 PM.

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January Speaker – Kristen Mason will speak on “Catasetums”.

February Speaker –

January Refreshments – Jan Yates & Dana White

February Refreshments –

We will need volunteers to bring refreshments for the meetings for next year. A sign-up sheet will continue circulating at the meetings until filled for the 2013 year.

Conservation Committee – The chairperson of the Conservation Committee, Teresa Huesman, said that there is a field trip being planned for June 8th to Cedar Bog. More details to follow.

Speaking of conservation, the **1% for Orchid Conservation, Orchid Conservation Coalition**, to which we have committed to send 1% of our profits (we voted for a minimum of \$100) sends out a newsletter every few months. If you would like to read what other societies & individuals are doing to help conserve orchids, you can go to <http://www.orchidconservationcoalition.org/update/25.html> & read all about it.

Our spring show – The dates for our show next spring have been formalized with Krohn Conservatory. They are March 23rd & 24th, set-up on Friday the 22nd. The potting bee date is April 7th. We would LOVE lots of volunteers for the potting bee in the spring. If you can come & bring your own sterile tools, that's even better. We can show you how to sterilize them even. There is also a great need for someone with more experience to take the lead role in organizing & “chairing” these events. Margaret has done so for a while but needs to concentrate her energies elsewhere.

December Reception – Jan graciously invited us to have our December Reception at her house again & it was a wonderful time, as usual. Thank you Jan for your hospitality!

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

Summer picnic, 2013 – 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.

Fall 2013 MAOC – The name of the MOAC 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.

Vendors – The following vendors have all been confirmed: Orchid Inn (Sam Tsui), Wei Chen, Holger Perner, Windswept in Time, Michel Orchid Nursery, Andy's Orchids, Ecuagenera, Natts Orchids, Porter's Orchids, New Vision Orchids & Roberts Flower Supply.

Website – We have a website but no info up just yet: orchidsnart.com.

Next MOAC meeting – will be Monday, December 3 at the Bob Evans off of Union Center Blvd. just off I-75 at 6:30 PM. Any one wishing to be a part of the fun is welcome to come.

Jobs to be filled – There will be a list of jobs needed to be filled at the meeting. Many of these are not until much closer to show time. The following is a list of jobs for the MAOC. If you are interested in filling one or more of them please feel free to come to the meetings &/or talk to Barry Jones, Jan Yates or Dana White.

Registration

We need someone to chair/help with the registration of the plants & exhibits. Dana will train.

Goodie Bags

Everyone is encouraged to think of things which are uniquely Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky &/or

Dayton to go into the bags handed out to every registrant. Things like refrigerator

magnets from

local companies, brochures from local attractions, etc. They need to be free or

VERY cheap

since we need about 120 of each of them.

We will also need representatives from both societies to put one of each of our acquired goodies in the bags. This is done a week or so before the show.

Decorations

We will be getting a plant from each of our vendors to be used as table decorations for the banquet on

Saturday night. We will need volunteers to wrap the pots in foil on either Friday night or

Saturday afternoon of the show.

Tours

We will be offering tour of local places like Wright-Pat & others. We need someone to look into other

places like Jungle Jim's, Ikea, etc., see if they are interested & make the arrangements.

Food

We will be providing the vendors with box lunches on Saturday & Sunday & will need people to make

sure the lunches are delivered. Maybe you could even volunteer to watch the tables for

them

while they eat.

Hospitality

People will be needed to man information tables for societies. We will also have a place to keep plants

that have been bought & paid for people away from public. Also people for the

registration table

to hand out the goodie bags, badges, etc.

MAOC show booklet

We are looking for someone to do the layout for the show booklet.

We would like for anyone interested to try to sell ad space in the back of the booklet. Pages are 8" X 5.5" and ads are black & white & sold by the quarter, half & full page.

Show

All the jobs associated with any orchid show, including but not limited to the show schedule, display area layout, trophies, invitations to individuals & nearby societies, plant & display registration, coordination of the Friday night preview party including celebrity invitations & ticket sales.

Signs

We will need someone to figure out proper wording & print & install very detailed signs for the elevators & hallways at the DAI pointing the way to the sales & display areas & hospitality room.

Cincinnati Judging Center – The **December** date is Sunday the 9th. The **January** date is Sunday the 13th. You will note these are the second Sundays of the month. 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.

Dues are due – Our dues year runs from January 1st through December 31st so get your memberships paid please. Even if all the information we had on this year's roster is correct, we are asking that you fill out a renewal form. And please print clearly or use a return address label. A legible email address is particularly important. You will notice also that starting this year there is a volunteer jobs list on the reverse side. Please feel free to put a checkmark by anything you think you might want to try or even if you just have questions about it and someone will contact you.

Board of Directors – The next meeting of the Board of Directors is set for **Tuesday January ?**. I missed the meeting & no one told me a date. It has generally been on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Anyone interested in the inner workings of the GCOS is welcome to attend.

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).

November – This issue has

Volunteer opportunities – just tell us what you're interested in and we will get you plugged in. These are the jobs we need to have filled as soon as we can. You will find a longer list on the back of the 2013 membership form.

_____ **Hospitality** (those goodies we all love to eat) at meetings and shows

_____ **Registering plants for shows** – Assisting & learning how to register plants for shows, both at home & away – the biggest qualification for this job is not being afraid of all of those orchid names!

_____ **Show Chair** – Assisting and learning how to chair/organize an AOS sanctioned orchid show

_____ **MAOC** – We are hosting a major regional show to be held in collaboration with the Dayton MVOS in October 2013 at the Dayton Art Institute. Help will be needed with directing visitors during the event, "park a plant" (for show visitors who bought plants but don't want to carry them around), society table, show clerking, general promotion, fundraiser auction items, getting items for goody bags for registrants...many, many more opportunities.

We always welcome input on speakers, field trips, newsletter items, beginner culture group & other program options so please share your ideas with any member of the Board (see top of newsletter for names).

Wisdom from the Prez – I forgot to remind "Da Prez" that we needed his wisdom this month so I guess he gets a break.

Bob Wolf's estate – The auction of plants from Bob Wolf's estate at our October and November meetings raised over \$2,400 to fund a show trophy in his name for many years. A small number of plants remain from

his collection and will be auctioned at a future date.

January van trip – Our annual January van trip will be Saturday January 19 (bad weather date is February 9). All members are welcome to participate in this daytrip to visit Russ Vernon's (New Vision Orchids) greenhouse in Yorktown, IN (just west of Muncie). It's all about getting out, visiting with other orchid members, seeing a professional orchid greenhouse, and shopping for orchids just when you might need it. Holidays are over, winter has set in, and show season doesn't get rolling till mid-February in our area. Bring your checkbooks, boxes, and lunch money. We typically meet up on the west side of Cincinnati and car pool, eat lunch on the road at a general family restaurant (decided by agreement of the group that day), and spend 1-2 hours at the greenhouse. Russ has both an "intermediate" greenhouse and a "cool" greenhouse so has a broad variety of plants. Details for the trip will be announced at the January meeting along with a sign-up sheet simply for planning purposes (let us know if you can drive and how many passengers you can take). You can visit New Vision's website at <http://newvisionorchids.com/> for a preview of his plant selection.