

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

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**The next meeting of the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society will be on Tuesday, November 06, 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.**

**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](mailto:publicationschair@cincinnatiorchids.org) if you would like to add to the site.

**Special orchid plant sale continuing at November meeting!!** The people who have been so graciously looking after Bob Wolf's plants will be bringing them in for live & silent auction beginning with the October meeting & continuing until all are sold. The proceeds will go toward an as yet unnamed trophy to be given at each spring show starting with 2013. So bring lots of extra money since there will not be any plants for sale from our speaker. The proceeds from the plants auctioned in October was \$989! That is a good start toward a trophy in his name.

**Beginners Class – November** – Starts in the Library at 6:30 PM. The topic will be "Growing Masdevalias and Draculas". May need the meeting room for this one – these can be tricky for even the more experienced growers!

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

**November Speaker** – Alexa Noel will speak on "Tolumnias".

**January Speaker** – Kristen Mason will speak on "Catasetums".

**November Refreshments** – Barry & Jane Jones

**January 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 was work done on a large poster of pictures of all the orchids they saw in flower on their field trips this spring. It was beautiful & it was incorporated into an educational exhibit for a show. It won the blue ribbon for its class & a trophy. Congrats to Teresa & Deachu! And thanks to Brian for his help. There is also a field trip being planned for June 8<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, set-up on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. The potting bee date is April 7<sup>th</sup>. We would LOVE lots of

volunteers for the potting bee in the spring. If you can come & bring your own sterile tools, 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 & “chairs” these events. Margaret has done so for a while but needs to concentrate her energies elsewhere.

**December Reception** – Jan has graciously invited us to have our December Reception at her house again this year. There is a charge of \$10 which will be used to buy an entree & some wine and everyone is asked to bring a covered dish. There is ample parking, good food, good company, a fireplace & her orchid growing room. A reservation sheet will be available at the November meeting. There will also be a few maps to Jan’s house.

**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 November date is Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup>. You will note this is the second Sunday 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.

**Officers, Chairs, etc.** – It's that time of year again – time to think about elections. No, not THAT election, ours! The Governance Committee has compiled a slate of officers & directors. This slate was presented at the October meeting & other nominations asked for. The slate is attached & available on the website. Jan Yates has agreed to be our Vice-President for Barry's unfinished term ending December 31, 2013. Thank you, Jan.

**Dues are due** – And of course with election time comes renewal of dues. 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.

**Roberts Flower Supply group order** – Group order deadline was October 15. We should have the media and supplies available for distribution by the end of the month or possibly at the November meeting. Questions, contact Margaret Cullen (513) 218-5476 [margt.ann.elliott@gmail.com](mailto:margt.ann.elliott@gmail.com) 3127 Mapleleaf Ave. Cincinnati 45213. NOTE: This was the last group order of supplies until 2014 since Roberts Flower Supply is a confirmed vendor at our Fall 2013 MAOC. He will bring orders with him for pick up at the MAOC so you won't have to do without.

**Board of Directors** – The next meeting of the Board of Directors is set for Tuesday November 27<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://www.aos.org)).

**October** – This issue has several smaller articles, the first one is about Bulbophylums (one of Eddie's favorite genera). Another is on a small Dendrobium species which holds its flowers for up to EIGHT MONTHS, Paphiopedilum charlesworthii including a section on what the judges are looking for in a "perfect flower", Laelia rubescens, orchid growers in Hawaii, the Singapore World Orchid Conference, & an orchid show at the Winchester Mystery House (& some of us thought the Dayton Art Institute was going to be a challenge!). Last but not least there is an article titled, "Where Have All the Odontoglossums Gone?" They give two answers to that question. The first is the fact that the taxonomists have moved the majority of them into the genus Oncidium. The second is that they are so demanding in their environmental requirements that many of us cannot afford the time/money/effort to grow them properly. Fortunately there is a small "passionate following" as they call them that still find the time/money/effort to give these beauties what they need. We are fortunate to have two of those people nearby – Larry Sanford & Russ Vernon (New Vision Orchids). In fact there are pictures of two of Larry's awarded plants in the article & one of Russ's.

**Volunteers needed** – Margaret has come up with a list of volunteer opportunities for those who are interested in more participation. The opportunities range from the basic & easy to the quite challenging. Here they are:

**Volunteer opportunities** – just tell us what you're interested in and we will get you plugged in

\_\_\_ Group orders – coordinate with vendors & members on pickup/delivery, payment etc.

\_\_\_ Transportation or hosting speakers (sometimes an out-of-town speaker will need transportation to & from the airport &/or will stay the night at a member's home)

\_\_\_ Maintaining online calendar of events

\_\_\_ Maintaining prospect/ mailing list of nonmembers (we have both an email & physical address book)

\_\_\_ Helping at potting bees (can you learn a lot & if a slack time you can repot one or two of your own plants)

\_\_\_ Hospitality (those goodies we all love to eat) at meetings and shows

\_\_\_ Transporting/setup/teardown at away shows

\_\_\_ Helping with exhibits/displays at home and away

\_\_\_ Assisting and learning how to register plants for shows – the biggest qualification for this job is not being afraid of all of those orchid names!

\_\_\_ Assisting and learning how to chair/organize an AOS sanctioned orchid show

\_\_\_ Show Clerking (hang with the judges, listen, hang ribbons, and take notes)

\_\_\_ Local Krohn show set up – meet in the morning on Friday before the show & help assemble backdrops

\_\_\_ Greeting show guests at our society table – extensive knowledge NOT required

\_\_\_ Newsletter articles – writing them or submitting ideas

\_\_\_ Website content input, articles, and photos of orchids or GCOS events

\_\_\_ Hosting greenhouse (or indoor environ) visit for other members

\_\_\_ 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, beginner culture group, and other program options so please share your ideas with any member of the Board (see top of newsletter for names).

**Wisdom from the Prez** – Dana minded Da Prez that he needed to get his thoughts congealed for the Nov. newsletter before he leaves for the MAOC meeting in Kansas City. T'was a good Oct Show, again. Lots of great plants and displays and that was just in the sales area!! We had a couple of new exhibits; one from the Conservation Com. And the other from two Girl Scout troops...paintings, if they had cookies in the display it would have been perfect. Thanks for the new displays. They added much to the show. As always thanks to all that helped. People that volunteer are the backbone of the society. They make events like our shows possible. Speaking of volunteering...Alexa Noel will give a program on Tolumnias at November's meeting. And The Auction Continues. We will auction off the rest of Bob Wolf's plants to help fund a trophy in his name. Last meeting brought in over \$900!! Let's do better. Remember smile at someone and keep happy thoughts. All for now—Da Prez