

The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society
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October 2012 Newsletter

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The next meeting of the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society will be on Tuesday, October 02, 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 Spittler, at publicationschair@cincinnatiorchids.org if you would like to add to the site.

Special orchid plant sale starting at October 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. The first plants to be coming will be, among others, his beautiful Tolumnias, a large Paph. lowii and two nice Phrags. If you've been to some of our meetings the last couple years you will remember how well-grown his plants were. So bring lots of extra money since there will not be any plants for sale from our speaker.

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."

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!

October Speaker – Tim Brooks will speak on "Hardy Cypripediums and Other Terrestrial Orchids"

November Speaker – Alexa Noel will speak on "Tolumnias"

October Refreshments – Pat June &

November 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 work being done on a large poster of pictures of all the orchids they saw in flower on their field trips this spring. Sounds like it will be beautiful. It was suggested that it could be incorporated into an educational exhibit for a show.

Civic Garden Center – They Civic Garden Center had their Second Annual Fall Fest on Saturday, September 22. Barry & Jane Jones had an information 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 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.

Barry reported that all of the vendor tables have been sold for the fall show. Everything else is on track. Volunteer sign up sheets will be available at the meeting. Feel free to try something different this year.

December Reception – Jan has graciously invited us to have our December Reception at her house again this year. There is a charge of \$10 (I think – that’s what it has been) which will be used to buy an entre & 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 sign up sheet will be available at the October & November meetings. 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 & Cyripediums.

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.

Jobs to be filled – There will be a list of jobs needed to be filled in the next newsletter & at the meeting. Many of these are not until much closer to show time.

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

Next MOAC meeting – will be Monday, October 22 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 October date is Sunday the 14th. 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.

Future Shows nearby – The Kentucky Orchid Society has said that they are very pleased to announce that their Fall Orchid Show was 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. The GCOS had an exhibit at this show & there will be a report at the meeting (I hope).

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 will be presented at the October meeting & other nominations will be asked for.

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. 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 – We are doing a group media and supply order from Roberts Flower Supply. There will be a limited number of price lists available at the October meeting. Full product descriptions and any price changes can be found on their website: www.orchidmix.com. Current web prices will apply to this order. RFS will reduce their normal packing charge to 5%. The primary benefit of this group order is to save the cost of shipping heavy and bulky items. Participants are asked to help cover the volunteer mileage expenses. **Group order deadline is October 15.** We should have the media and supplies available for distribution by the end of the month. Questions or to order, contact Margaret Cullen (513) 218-5476 margt.ann.elliott@gmail.com 3127 Mapleleaf Ave. Cincinnati 45213. **NOTE: This will be 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.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors is set for Tuesday October 16, right before our show. 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).

September – This issue has a 14-page article on Stanhopeas with some stunning pictures. Not an easy task since Stanhopeas only bloom for 2 to 4 days! It even includes two pages on growing them. There is also another article on those beautiful Chinese Paphs. The author of this series is going to be one of our speakers at the Fall 2013 MAOC. Add to these the usual departments like "For the Novice" (What makes orchid roots different), "Orchid of the Month" (Barkerias) & of course the ads & you have an informative & pleasing to the eye publication.

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/mailling 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 – FROST! Say it so weatherperson. Talking mid-30's Monday morning. I'am not ready. Greenhouse ain't either. Guess we'll through blankees over them. Later in the week 70's. Fall in Cincy...ain't it wonderful. Speaking of wonderful, Tim Brooks will be giving the talk in Oct. about Hardy Cyps and Other Terrestrials. We will auction some of Bob Wolf's orchids, mostly his big Tolumnias plus some the Paphs and Phrags, later that night. At the Nov. meeting Alexa will give a talk on Tolumnias and we will auction off the rest of Bob's Plants. Should be FUN!!! The proceeds from the auction plus donations will form the backbone for the new trophy in Bob Wolf's name. Remember auctions are like voting, do it early and do it often. Take care of each other and play nice. All for now—Da Prez

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.