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January 2013 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.

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. The discussion this month will be on Water and Fertilizer aspects of orchid culture.

Beginners Class – February – Starts in the Library at 6:30 PM. The topic will be Cymbidiums - what are they and how do you grow them. Note they're not all big.

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

February Speaker – The program for the meeting will be Paphiopedilums (the REAL orchids, says Rick Noel) presented by Steve Helbling. (No plant sales.) We all know how well Steve grows everything but especially Paphs. I'm sure you'll learn a lot.

January Refreshments – Jan Yates & Dana White

February Refreshments – Larry Sanford & Hideka Kobayashi

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.

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.

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.

URGENT 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 dates are October 19th & 20th, with set up on Friday the 18th. The name of the MAOC will be "Orchids N Art", very clever Eric & Barry! We now have an agreement in writing with the Dayton Art Institute.

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, Brassidium, etc.

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

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

Speaking on Sunday will be:

Lynn O'Shaughnessy. Topic: Orchid photography especially the little ones.

Vendors – The following vendors have all been confirmed: Orchid Inn (Sam Tsui – www.orchidinnusa.com/), Wei Chen, Holger Perner, Windswept in Time, Michel Orchid Nursery (<http://michelorchid.com/>), Andy's Orchids (www.andysorchids.com/), Ecuagenera (www.ecuagenera.com/), Natts Orchids (<http://nattsorchids.com/>), Porter's Orchids (www.portersorchids.com/), New Vision Orchids (<http://newvisionorchids.com/>) & Roberts Flower Supply (<http://orchidmix.com/>).

Website – We have a website but not much info up just yet: orchidsnart.com.

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

Next MOAC meeting – will be Monday, January 14th 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.

Notes from December's meeting: We are going to try to keep the registration price to \$75, \$85 after October 1st or thereabouts. This will include the goodie bag, Friday night Preview Party, Saturday speakers, Sunday speaker(s),* auction, and unlimited weekend admission to the DAI, show & plant sales.

Individually priced options are the Saturday night banquet at \$40 & the Sunday morning Affiliated Societies' Breakfast buffet for \$20 at the hotel.

*There will be a SUNDAY only registration of \$20 or \$22 which will get you an hour of time in the morning to see the show area just for photographers ("tripod time"), DAI admission & Lynn's talk on photography. Photography clubs will be targeted & specifically invited for this.

Banquet will be a (hopefully 2-line) buffet regardless of who is the caterer & will be \$40.

Preview Party on Friday will be \$20 for non-registrants, free for registrants & invited guests.

Affiliated Societies' breakfast will be a buffet at the hotel Sunday morning at a cost of \$20.

Fran May will be Judging Chair for the show. Kristen Mason will be asked to be her Assistant Chair.

*Holger Perner has said he would do another talk for us if we wanted so he will be asked to give a talk on Dendrobiums at the Judges' Forum on Sunday. This is open to the public & will be a no-cost check-off option on the registration form.

We will be asking for the \$2500 seed money since we now have an account. This money has to be paid back after the show.

We will use PayPal for registration.

The Montgomery County Visitors Bureau offers quite a few free services which we will take advantage of.

The remodel of the DAI is almost complete.

We are considering requiring email registrations for the show so we can have ribbon judging on Friday evening before the Preview Party.

Cincinnati Judging Center – The January date is Sunday the 13th. 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.

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 15th**. 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 had "Why Won't My Orchid Rebloom?" about how important the correct amount of light is to reblooming, an article & many great pictures of Scaphosepalums & another on a very ambitious indoor growing space. Then there is the article on Paphiopedilums in China by Holger Perner. He will be a speaker AND vendor at our MAOC this fall. He will be talking on Chinese Paphs on Saturday & hopefully on

Dendrobiums on Sunday at the Judges' Forum. There's the second article on Paph charlesworthii & its hybrids with some very nice pictures as well.

December – The third installment on Paph charlesworthii & the vinicolor hybrids has some fabulous pictures & I'm not that fond of the vinicolors! Then you can read about & (drool over) Dendrobium cuthbertsonii, one of the most varied in color & hardest to grow of the Dendrobs. Then they had to show off with "A Selection of Orchid Images from the AOS Website".

Every month – And if the articles & pictures don't get you the ads certainly will!!

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 – Mid December and not too hot or cold. Normal. How strange. This be the combined Dec. and Jan. Wisdom From the Prez. Or more likely random thoughts from same. Will be going to Russ' New Vision Orchids Jan. 19th. See his growing conditions and maybe(?Probably) spend some hot holiday cash. Yes the Holly Dazes are coming up which brings the thought that we had another feast at Jan's home. She had graciously offered her home again for the society's annual holiday gathering on Sunday Dec 2nd. Which brings up all the people that volunteer for this Society. Whether it's offering a home for plants, a home to party in, food for our gatherings, food for thought or helping our new members to be all they can be we are truly blessed with the power of volunteers. People doing good things. Because they want to. All groups are dependent on volunteers and we thank one and all for your kind thoughts and actions and helpfulness. May all have a happy season. Keep peace in your hearts.

All for now—Da Prez

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, Indiana (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.