

The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society
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March 2013 Newsletter

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The next meeting of the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society will be on Tuesday, March 5, 2013. 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 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.

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 check mark by anything you think you might want to try or even if you just have questions about it and someone will contact you.

URGENT Summer picnic, 2013 – We are looking for a different place to have our picnic this 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 have one reserved for Saturday June 15 for \$130) & we'd like to keep costs down where possible. Please see Dana White at a meeting, show, or email her at GCOSinfo@zoomtown.com.

Beginners Class – March – Starts in the Library at 6:30 PM. Discussion this month will be on the stately Cattleya. Everyone should have lots of these.

Beginners Class – April – 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.

March Speaker – Program will be on "Novelty Phal Hybrids" presented by Jordan Hawley. (No plant sales)

April Speaker – The program for the meeting will be Steve Helbling on Paphs (the "real" orchids Rick Noel says). Steve is a phenomenal grower of most kinds of orchids but his Paphs are exceptionally beautiful. He was supposed to do this in February but had to cancel due to personal matters.

March Refreshments – Ann Tsui & Diana Dwight

April 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 there is a field trip being planned for June 8th to Cedar Bog. More details to follow.

She has also arranged for another trip to The Edge of Appalachia Preserve for May 11 with Peter Whan. Like the one we did last year at this place it will be a moderately strenuous hike. Providing Mother Nature cooperates, we should see 3 species of Cypripedium including Cypripedium candidum, the small white lady slipper. We will see other orchid genera as well. There will be a sign up sheet at the April meeting. **You MUST put your name, phone number & email address on the sheet!** Space is limited to 15 people (so we don't trample the pretties). As last time we will meet at 9:00 at the Kroger in Mt Carmel & car pool from there.

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 this spring are March 23rd & 24th, set-up on Friday the 22nd. Sign up sheets will be available at the March meeting. We need volunteers to show up early on Friday for setting up the backdrops & tables, people to take shifts sitting at the society information table, speakers for the 6 information talks (beginners' classes), trophy sponsors, food & monetary donations for the hospitality room, of course your blooming plants, & clerks. If you have not clerked before & are crazy enough to get up & be at Krohn at 7:15 AM on Saturday it is an educational & fun experience.

The potting bee date is April 7th. We would LOVE lots of volunteers for the potting. 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 & "chairs" these events. Margaret has done so for a while but needs to concentrate her energies elsewhere.

Upcoming near-by shows & events – There are several shows & events coming up within a reasonable driving distance.

The Home & Garden Show – Brian needs volunteers for staffing the exhibit. It is a very easy job. The exhibit will be set up Friday night or early Saturday morning (March 1st or 2nd) so all you have to do is just stand around the exhibit & answer the questions people have about orchids. You don't have to be an expert or even a people person. It will be torn down Sunday night & the whole process repeats the following weekend. If you like to talk orchids (& face it, we all do) & have a few hours to spare either weekend, email Brian for the first weekend or see him at the March meeting for the weekend of the 9th & 10th.

The Columbus Show (COOS) – The Columbus, Ohio show will be April 6th & 7th. Jan Yates will cover set-up on 5th with help from Teresa Huesman. Another person would be appreciated. Oh, & of course they'll need your blooming orchids! See Jan at the meeting if you can help either set up the display or tear it down on Sunday afternoon. Columbus is an easy (boring) 2-hour drive from Cincinnati so all should take the trek to see the show.

The Indianapolis Show (IOS) – The show in Indianapolis is April 13th & 14th. We need volunteers to set up the display on the 12th & take it down on Sunday afternoon. See Barry at the meeting or send him an email if you can help. Indianapolis is also an easy 2-hour drive from Cincinnati. Yeah, blooming plants will be needed for this one, too.

Bob Wolf Award – Bob's family found a sketch that he had done of a Phal in situ & it was voted by the Board that this sketch will be the basis of the trophy. It will be the same concept as the existing Betty Forker & Frank Gastright awards in that it will be a piece of etched acrylic with a stand-up base. It is to be given to the best grown (specimen) plant starting with this coming Spring show. Due to the short time frame the Board authorized Jan Yates to have the sketch digitized & a suitable sized/shaped piece of acrylic engraved.

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

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.

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, Brassidiums, 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.

Holger Purner speaking at the hotel on Dendrobiums.

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.

Next MOAC meeting – will be Monday, March 4 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.

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 March date is Sunday the 9th. 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.

Board of Directors – The next meeting of the Board of Directors is set for Tuesday March 19. 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).

February – I can't remember all the goodies in this month's magazine & I can't find it anywhere. If I can find it by next month I'll make it a double.

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 – Rain, snow and snow/rain again! Perchance the last dregs of Feb. as I write this wee bit of Wisdom. March will be stumbling in as usual. But at least our meeting always has nice weather and my sunny disposition. Our speaker this month will be speaking on novelty phal breeding. Maybe he'll tell us how to grow those ice cube orchids. That would be a novelty. Jane and Da Prez were in Newport on the Levee the past Sat. letting people know about the society and the Mar. show. Lots of people there with a number coming just to get some orchid info. Hope they make our show. Don't forget the Home and Garden show this first weekend in March and next...Brian still needs help setting up and staffing the booth. More at our meeting and more on our show Palm Sunday weekend. Hope all are keeping well. Have happy thoughts and good cheer. All for now—Da Prez

MVOS show – Results from the Miami Valley Orchid Society show are as follows:

Society Exhibit (Jan Yates, Steve Helbling, Jim Lurton)

Class Blue, Group Trophy, Show Trophy, AOS Silver Certificate Award



Exhibited by Larry Sanford

Masd. coccinea alba 'Greentrees' AM – Class Blue, All May Best Pleurothallid Trophy

Masd coccinea var. harryana 'Laywoods' AM – Class Red

Masd coccinea

Masd ignea – Class White
Masd Fraseri – Class Blue
Carpentera Dark Star – Class Red
Onc Petite Jean X Onc Susan Preston Richards – Class Blue

Exhibited by Alexa and Rick Noel
C coccinea – Class Blue
Paph bellatulum – Class Blue, AOS AM Award – named 'Gabriela'



Paph bellatulum
Paph Golddollar 'Joyce Haws' HCC
Paph Charlandzegary – Class Red, First Bloom Red
Phrag Noirmont 'Stacey Noel' AM/CCM – Class Blue, Group Trophy, Don Walklet Best Cyripedium Trophy, Best in Show Trophy
Phrag Fliquet – Class White

Exhibited by Jan Yates
Lc Pink Doll X Lc Aloha Case – Class Red
Phal ChianXen Queen – Class Blue

Exhibited by Jim and Annette Lurton
Rhyncholaelia dignyana – Class Blue
C amethystoglossa – Class Red
C loddegesii – Class Blue, Group Trophy, Specimen Blue, Specimen Trophy, AOS HCC and CCM awards, named 'Hijack'



Phal amboinensis – Class Red
Phal stuartiana – Class White
Cynorkis calanthoides – Class Blue, Specimen White

Exhibited by Steve Helbling

Lc Irene Song 'Montclair' HCC – Class White

Paph glanduliferum var. gardneri

Paph Druid Spring – Class Red

Paph Kolosand – Class Red

Paph Fairly Stoned

Paph Odette's Charm – Class Blue, AOS AM Award, named 'Brian'



Paph Odette's Charm 'Erie' AM – Class White

Phrag besseae – Class Red

Aliceara Mathias 'Glamour' – Class Blue

Stenorrhynchos speciosa – Class White