

**The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society**  
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May 2013 Newsletter

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**The next meeting of the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society will be on Tuesday, May 7, 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.**

**Summer picnic, 2013** – We have reserved the Council Bluff Shelter at Sharon Woods in Sharonville for **SAURDAY JUNE 15<sup>th</sup>**. We have not been to this particular shelter before but Sharon Woods is easy to find. There is a permit needed to drive into the park. They cost \$3 per car for a one day pass & are available at the entrance to the park. For Hamilton County residents (or anyone else) who wish there is an annual permit available for \$10.

**Beginners Class – May** – Starts in the Library at 6:30 PM. Dendrobiums will be the topic of this month's discussion. The group will pick a section of this very large genus to discuss. So let Brian or Rick know which ones are your favorites.

**Beginners Class – June** – Starts in the Library at 6:30 PM. Come to our discussion on Growing Orchids Outside. Share what's working for you and ask for ideas on things that aren't working.

**May Speaker** – We will have a special out-of-town speaker this month. Bill Thoms from central Florida will speak on culture of Bulbophyllums. Bill is probably the world expert on growing Bulbos (and any other orchid). He has over 80 cultural awards from the AOS. In preparation for this you could read his relatively new book, "Bulbophyllums, The Incomplete Guide". Don't miss this one. There will be plants for sale.

Note that Bill will be speaking at the MVOS meeting on Wednesday, May 8. Bill will be speaking on Growing and Showing Specimen plants at this meeting. You can get more details at the MVOS website.

<http://www.miamivalleyorchidsociety.com>

**June Speaker** – The program for the meeting will be Jan Yates will present this month's program. Title of her presentation is "Cattleyas - What I Learned While I was Weeding Bob Sanker's Greenhouse" . Note that's Catts not cats. (No plant sales)

**May Refreshments** – Toni Doty & Margaret Cullen.

**June 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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. **IF YOU WANT TO ATTEND BUT CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE MEETING CALL TERESA & SHE WILL GET YOU IN THE DRAWING.** As last time we will meet at 9:00 at the Kroger in Mt Carmel & car pool from there.

**Potting Bee** – The potting bee date was April 7<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 PM at the Krohn Conservatory. We had a great turnout of volunteers to repot & a good number of plants on which to practice, I mean repot.

**The Columbus Show (COOS)** – The Columbus, Ohio show was April 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. Jan Yates, Steve Helbling & Teresa Huesman set up the display.

**The Indianapolis Show (IOS)** – The show in Indianapolis is April 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. I think it was Jan & Steve for this one, too.

**The Beginners Group greenhouse trip** – Larry has graciously invited the Beginners Group to visit his greenhouse on Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> and observe his world class culture. We've been there before but there been a request for a repeat performance. Plan to arrive at 2PM.

**Our Web Site** – Go to: <http://www.cincinnatiorchids.org>. Contact our Publication Chair, Brian Spittler, at [publicationschair@cincinnatiorchids.org](mailto:publicationschair@cincinnatiorchids.org) if you would like to add to the site.

**Fall 2013 MAOC** – The dates are October 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, with set up on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup>. The name of the MOAC 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/](http://www.orchidinnusa.com/)), Wei Chen, Holger Perner, Windswept in Time, Michel Orchid Nursery (<http://michelorchid.com/>), Andy's Orchids ([www.andysorchids.com/](http://www.andysorchids.com/)), Ecuagenera ([www.ecuagenera.com/](http://www.ecuagenera.com/)), Natts Orchids (<http://nattsorchids.com/>), Porter's Orchids ([www.portersorchids.com/](http://www.portersorchids.com/)), New Vision Orchids (<http://newvisionorchids.com/>) & Roberts Flower Supply (<http://orchidmix.com/>).

**Website** – orchidsandart.com.

**Next MOAC meeting** – will probably be Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> or June 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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.

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.

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.

**Cincinnati Judging Center** – The May date is Sunday the 12<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. Judging starts at 1:00 PM & observers are always welcome.

**Board of Directors** – The next meeting of the Board of Directors is set for Tuesday May 21<sup>st</sup> (I think). Any one who is interested in the inner workings of the GCOS is welcome to attend.

**AOS "Orchids" magazine** – "Orchids" magazine is sent to all American Orchid Society members each month and we encourage all GCOS members to join our national affiliate organization ([www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)).

**April** – The "For the Novice" section was about fertilizers, how to choose & apply them. The "Orchid of the Month" was the genus *Cyrtorchilus*, aka *Oncidium* for us old timers. This genus includes some of the coldest-growing, biggest flowers on the longest inflorescence in the *Oncidium* group. The species *macranthum* has always been one of my favorites. Then there are the pictures & descriptions of 16 of the best plants of 2011, the winners of the 16 AOS Special Judging Awards. Breathtaking. Following these is pictures of the flowers that received FCC's in 2012. Then there's the article on growing specimen plants. The trickiest part of that, for Eddie at least, isn't getting the plants to grow to a large size as much as getting the whole thing to bloom at once! There is also a very interesting article & pictures on colorblindness. If you have been to a judging session, you know that color is a big part of it & all potential students must pass a color test. Looking at these pictures, now I know why!

**May** – This month has two wonderful articles on the "topic of the month", *Bulbophyllums*. One of these articles was written by Bill Thoms, our featured speaker at the May meeting. It is titled "Bulbophyllums 101 – Getting the Most from Your Efforts" & has a nice pictorial on repotting them. The other article is about some of the awarded *Bulbos* & has some really nice pictures. It really IS a good thing it isn't a scratch 'n sniff book! There are also articles on the genus *Restrepia*, *Microcoelia bulbocalcarata*, a leafless orchid, *Corallorhiza odontorhiza*, common name Autumn Coralroot, & 7 pages of yellow *Cattleyas* with red spots.

**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** – Mayflowers in front of homes and May Flowers blooming. Could be Spring is in the air or is that the smell of *Bulbophyllums*. Yes, our special speaker this month is Bill Thoms. *Bulbo. aficionado*. We are sharing with the Dayton society. He'll be talking on *bulbophyllum* culture in Cincy. And how best to show them for shows and judging in Dayton. Should be most entertaining evenings. Please plan to attend both presentations. Utter things going on in May will be our walk in the woods that our hard working Conservation committee has setup. Plus we will be going to Michele Little's place for our annual growing conditions tour. She and her husband put in a greenhouse last year. We'll get to see how it's doing. That will be May 18<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 1pm in Middletown. Directions to follow. And don't forget our June picnic with the Dayton group. Lots of good food, fun auction and funner people to be with. Looks like great fun!! Keep happy thoughts and do good deeds.

All for now—Da Prez