

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

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**The next meeting of the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society will be on Tuesday, September 3, 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 had a fun, successful picnic & auction. Looking forward to next year already!

**Beginners Class – September** – Starts in the Library at 6:30 PM. The Beginners Group will be discussing terrestrial orchids this month.

**Beginners Class – October** – Starts in the Library at 6:30 PM. Come to our discussion on Small Vandaceous orchids. Some of them are fragrant, some are colorful, all are very nice.

**September Speaker** – Program will be by Tom Harper of Stones river Orchids in Nashville. Tom is a Phal expert but his expertise extends to orchids in general. He will speak on Phalaenopsis: 12 Most Important Species Influencing Today's Modern Phal. Hybrids.

**October Speaker** – The program for the meeting will be Leo Schordje of Zion, IL, will present a program on "12 Months of Orchid Blooms". Leo will have plants for sale. Info and preorders at [www.Schordje.com](http://www.Schordje.com)

**September 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, organized a field trip for June 8<sup>th</sup> to Cedar Bog. We saw a lot of beautiful plants, & incredible bunches of Cypripedium reginae. Thank you to Teresa for organizing it!

**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.

Jan Yates has written an article about why she will be going to the MAOC in Dayton this fall. I have included this article on the last page of this newsletter.

**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 MAOC will be "Orchids N Art", very clever Eric & Barry.

**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/)

Foreverwell Centre – the clay orchids people that were at our spring show

Wei Chen – Ten Shin Gardens – <http://tenshinorchids.com/index.php>

Holger Perner – if you go to the Orchids 'N Art website (<http://orchidsandart.com/>) there is a link to the price list & instructions for how to pre-order.

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** – <http://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 September date is Sunday the 8<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 September 17<sup>th</sup>. 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)).

**June** – In the June issue, the "For the Novice" article is about talking to your orchid plants. Well, actually it's about your orchid plants talking to you & how to listen. There was also an article about putting your plants outside for the summer. Many orchids thrive outside for the summer even up here. There were articles on *Elleanthus*, *Cynorkis villosa*, two articles on *Encyclias*, one written about a trip to The Bahamas with Carl L. Withner & Donovan S. Correll. These two names should be familiar to orchid book enthusiasts as they are well-known authors. Next is "Playing Angraecoid Go Fish" about the frustration of trying to find some of the more rare species. Then is the third in a series on *Phragmipedium Sedenii* & its hybrids. "Glicenstein's

Monsters” is written by Leon Glicenstein who used to work for Hoosier Orchids & had given the GCOS several talks. He writes (& more importantly has pictures of) some of the hybrids he has made over the years.

**July** – In this issue, the “For the Novice” is on propagating Cattleyas & related genera. This is a time-honored process, going back MANY years. Thomas Miranda tells us how to beat the heat of summering plants outside. Other articles include Cryptocentrum, Vanda flabellate & growing orchids commercially in Missoula, Montana. The article on “Costa Rica, Land of Endless Orchids” there are tantalizing pictures of newly discovered & as yet unidentified species. Of course, most of these are “Dana plants” & you have to wonder how they ever find anything that small in a huge jungle! Part 4 of the genus “Paphiopedilum in China” by Holger Perner (who is one of the fine speakers & vendors at the MAOC this fall at the Dayton Art Institute!) is about section Pardalopetalum. He gives nice hints on culture for these beautiful plants as well. Two articles on Valmont Bog in eastern Pennsylvania tell about the efforts to protect the bog & all of its native orchids. There was a short article called “First Bloomers” about the joys (& occasional disappointments) of buying seedlings or unbloomed meristems & watching them grow & bloom for the first time.

**August** – On the cover of the August issue is my favorite orchid, *Cyrtorchilum* (formerly *Oncidium*) *macranthum*. This species grows an inflorescence reaching over 12 feet long with dozens of 4 inch yellow flowers. This & others large & small can be seen & learned about in the article “Travel Notes from Napo Province, Ecuador”. And while we’re there, the next article is about “Orchids in the Wild” in Ecuador. Ivan Portilla of Ecuagenera Orchids (another vendor at the fall MAOC at the Dayton Art Institute) & his family & employees are very into preserving orchids in the wild & propagating & exporting them. The “For the Novice” title is “Those Dirty Little Suckers” about those insidious little critters that plague us all at one time or another & literally suck the life out of our plants. Also there’s an article on “Insect Growth Regulators” & how they work to help us eventually rid our plants of those dirty little suckers. There’s one on the importance of water, especially outside, the genus *Prosthechea* which is related closely to *Cattleya*. Part 4 of *Phragmepedium Sedenii* emphasizes *Phrag. Cardinale* & its hybrids.

**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** – Sept. be here!! After this coolish summer what will the Fall bring...how about great speakers at our meetings and Mid America. Can’t ask too much more. Tom Harper will be here in Sept. to talk about Phals. Oct. will bring a speaker on how to have 12 months of blooms. And we will have New Vision talking on minicats in Nov. Each will have plants for sale. Oct. also brings our cohosting the Mid America Orchid Congress with the Dayton society. Plus we will be doing an exhibit in Louisville in late Sept. and before that Dick Wells will have speakers and outside sales at Hilltop Orchids. Man there is a lot going on!! Too much for my itty bitty brain to take in. With that I’ll head off into the sunset wishing all a merry month filled with frivolity.

All for now—Da Prez