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We're going to try this again this month. Weather looks like it might even cooperate!

The next meeting of the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society will be on Tuesday, February 4, 2014. 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.

Beginners Class – February – Starts in the Library at 6:30 PM. The program this month will combine the missed January program (Big Wide Whacky World of Orchids) with the scheduled February program on sources for culture information with focus on internet sources. If you have a favorite information source please plan to share it with the group.

Beginners Class – March – Starts in the Library at 6:30 PM. The program this month will be the first of or two part programs intended to provide something interesting for everyone regardless of orchid growing level. The first part will discuss the important culture elements, watering and fertilizer. The second part will discuss culture for "wet growing orchids". This includes genres such as Lycaste, Huntleya, Stanhopea, Phragmipedium etc.

February Speaker – The February program will be Cymbidiums and How to Grow Them in Ohio. Speakers will be Larry Sanford and Brian Spitler. No plant sales.

March Speaker – The program will be on growing orchids in a terrarium and will be presented by Glen Evans. Here's your chance to learn to grow in your own miniature greenhouse. It can even work in your garage - why waste all that space on a car. Glen is an accredited judge with the Cincinnati center.

April speaker DATE CHANGE – Tuesday April 8th – We are extremely fortunate to have Jose (Pepe) Portilla of Ecuagenera Orchids in Ecuador coming to speak to us. He is going to the COOS show (see below) so we can get him here at a very low cost. **BUT**, we need to make this trip to us worth his while by pre-ordering from his available plant price list, attached (at least I hope to remember to attach it!). There is no way we could afford to have him come here just on our own. The company website is <http://www.ecuagenera.com>.

MVOS Spring Show – The Miami Valley Orchid Society is having their spring show the weekend of February 15th & 16th with set up on Friday the 14th at Cox Arboretum. We will need your blooming orchids for the GCOS display. (Unless you're Barry Jones & put in a display of orchid plants OUT OF BLOOM!) We also need someone to take those blooming orchids up to Cox Arboretum & arrange them into a beautiful display & someone to go up on Sunday the 16th to take the display down & bring the plants back.

Of course, the Miami Valley Orchid Society needs people to come see the show & buy plants. There is a map to Cox Arboretum attached (I HOPE) to this newsletter.

Central Ohio Orchid Society show – The COOS show is the last weekend in March, the 29th & 30th. We are looking for someone to take plants up to Franklin Park & put in the display on Friday afternoon & someone (could be the same person, could be someone else) to take it down on Sunday afternoon. Please contact Barry Jones if you're interested. They have written:

“On behalf of the Central Ohio Orchid Society I would like to invite you to be an exhibitor at our upcoming spring show in 2014. The show will be held at the Franklin Park Conservatory in Columbus, Ohio on [March 29](#) and 30, 2014. This is an AOS judged show. Set-up will be on Friday, [March 28](#). If you are interested in putting in an exhibit at our show this spring, please complete the attached form and return it to me at this E-mail address. Space is limited, so we are requesting exhibitors to please respond with the completed form no later than [March 1](#), 2014. When it gets closer to the event we'll be sending out the show schedule, E-mail registration form and instructions. If you have any questions please contact me.

Thank you and we hope to see you this spring,

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Cincinnati Judging Center – The February 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. Judging starts at 1:00 PM & observers are always welcome.

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.

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).

September – (Eddie finally for me so here goes.) In the front of the issues these days there is a Pronunciation Guide for most of the genera and species names in that issue. Not that means we will all be pronouncing the names better but they're trying. "A Scaly Problem" has pictures, descriptions and controls for some nasty little buggers. The genus of the month is *Rossioglossum*. Most came from the genus *Odontoglossum* years ago but they have also added some from other genera like *Oncidium ampliatum*. *Ampliatum* is a typical big-lipped yellow and brown *Oncidium*. I'm sorry, I just don't see what that has in common with something like *Rossioglossum grande* or *rossii*, maybe I never will. *Aerangis disticta* has a very beautiful and distinct plant and flower. Like most *Angeacoids* the flower is mostly white but has tan tips to the sepals and spur. Part 7 of the *Paphiopedilum* in China, by Holger Perner, is about Subgenus *Paphiopedilum* Section *Barbata*. Some really nice photos in this one. "In Search of the Star of Africa" shows some of the distinct species (and landscapes) of South Africa. This is to whet your appetite in preparation for the 21st World Orchid Conference in September of this year. The four species of *Paraphaleanopsis* and some of their hybrids are the subject of the next article. I love these odd-looking plants and flowers. *Cattleya crispa*, first imported to England in 1826, is still a popular species for its willingness to bloom so profusely. The Orchid Evolution article this month is about different color forms of a terrestrial genus, *Calanthe*.

November – The first thing you see in this issue is an article on how to grow one of my favorite orchids, *Rossioglossum grande*. On the opposite page is a pronunciation guide. Further into the issue you'll find an odd title to an article, "End of Year Slugfest". I always thought "fest" was an abbreviation for "festival" & I can't think of anything festive about slugs & snails, but they give a few methods of prevention & protection. They suggest getting up very early in the morning & checking your plants for these pests but Eddie does it at night & uses a headlamp so both hands are free to lift up plants & leaves. The Orchid of the Month is "Pterostylis" (tare-oh-STYE-liss according to the pronunciation guide). They are a very different-looking genus of terrestrial orchids. Next is *Vanda lamellata* var. *boxallii* & some of its hybrids. One of Jan Yates' favorite genera is next, *Schomburgkia*. For those of us who are overwhelmed by all of the moving/renaming/dropping/adding of names of different genera, this one has been a pain since 1917! They have been known as *Schomburgkia*, *Myrmecophila*, *Cattleya*, *Laelia*, *Bletia*, and *Epidendrum*. The flowers I picture from each of these genera are nothing alike and you just have to wonder what they were smoking at the time. After that is one of Steve Helbling and Larry Sanford's favorites, *Cycnoches*. Following is Part 8 of the series "Paphiopedilum in China",

by Holger Perner, one of the speakers at our MAOC last October. There is an article reflecting and picturing some of the damage done by Hurricane Sandy. The last one is on orchid evolution called, "Part X: Dealing with an Unequal Relationship The One-Sided Dependency of Euglossine-Pollinated Orchids on Their Bee Pollinators". Despite the daunting sound of the title it is an interesting article.

December – (Uh, you're not going to believe this but I can't find the December issue now. One of those weeks).

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

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 – Brrrrr. 5 degrees right now. Bah Humbug!! Glad I have a number of plants in bloom. It's good to go out to my growing area, feel the warm humid air, and search for new flowers. Maybe some will still be in bloom for the Feb. meeting and maybe, just maybe for the Dayton show coming up Feb. 15, 16. Remember we need your plants to make another great display. We have a number of shows this spring (yes spring will make it, probably) and we need your plants and your selves. We always need help setting up and tearing down exhibits. And of course you can help that wavering person decide to buy that much needed new orchid from the sells area. Hope you all can make the Feb. meeting and bring along someone to the meeting. That can be our goal this year to help new people feel the same joy we do when we talk about orchids. So they too can become orchidnuts! Well, stay warm. Keep good thoughts. And go out smell the orchids.

All for now—Da Prez