

The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society
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January 2014 Newsletter

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The next meeting of the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society will be on Tuesday, January 7, 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 – January – Starts in the Library at 6:30 PM. Discussion will be on the Big Wide Whacky World of Orchids - an overview of the Orchid Family with emphasis on plants for beginners.

Beginners Class – February – Starts in the Library at 6:30 PM. The program will discuss sources for culture information with focus on internet sources. Hopefully, everyone will learn where they can find information for the plant that just got.

January Speaker – The January meeting is on the 7th which means the second Wednesday is the next day. This is significant because the Miami Valley Orchid Society meeting is on that day so we are splitting the cost of a very special speaker for the month. The program will be Huntleyas and their relatives (Huntleya, Pescatorea, Chondrorhyncha, Kefersteinia, etc) presented by Patricia Harding. She's a great speaker so don't miss this one. Patricia will also be speaking at the Dayton Society meeting on Wednesday Jan 8. She will not have any plants but she will have books for sale. She has Eric Christensons book on Maxillaria for \$160 and Her book on Brazilian Oncidiums Volume 1 for \$35 but they **must be pre-ordered** and they can get their order to me. Unfortunately her new book on Huntley is not available from her. She said the publishing company went bankrupt and unloaded them so it is best to buy them on Amazon as low as \$10. Might want to pick on up before she arrives to have it signed. Bad for her but good for the purchaser since this should easily be \$45.00.

February Speaker –

December get-together at Jan & Bronson's house! A great time was had by all. Thank you again Jan (& Bronson).

Cincinnati Judging Center – The January date is Sunday the 12th. 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 Spitler, 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 – I seem to have misplaced my (Eddie's) issue so I'll see if I can't find it for the January newsletter. Haven't found it yet AND haven't had the time or gumption to do the other months either. I PROMISE to get some for next month.

November –

December –

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

Fall 2013 MAOC – It was fun but IT'S OVER! There should be a final (?) recap at the meeting. Also there will be a vote for how to distribute some of our profits.

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 – Another year gone by. Another year starts. It's almost like they roll together one to another. Just like our members rolling together for another great year of orchids and fellowship. Looks like a good year of programs for our members. Thanks Brian and Rick. Thanks also to all our volunteers for doing the away shows, to all that keep us fed at our home shows and meetings and to all that help in so many ways to keep the society going. Volunteers. I keep coming back. Volunteers are the backbone of the society. They are it's past and future. If you see a need volunteer. If someone asks for help please say yes. You are the society. Hope all are doing well. Keep a song on your lips and peace in your hearts.

All for now—Da Prez