

**The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society**  
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September 2014 Newsletter

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**The next meeting of the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society will be on Tuesday, September 9, 2014. Note that this is **NOT** 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 – September** – Starts in the Library at 6:30 PM. The program this month will discuss the care of young plants - flasks, compots and young seedlings. Like people baby orchids need different care than the old guys. Since sometimes you can only find your next favorite orchid as a seedling this could be good to know.

**Beginners Class – October** – Starts in the Library at 6:30 PM. Another two parter. First a discussion of humidity and air movement. Second will be a discussion of Soft Leaf orchid culture. Ask Brian what soft leaf orchids are.

**September Speaker** – The program this month will be on rupicolous Laelias and will be presented by Greg Allikas. Greg is publications chair for the AOS and photographer for two Florida judging centers. In addition, he has an outstanding personal collection of orchids.

**October Speaker** – Jason Fischer of Orchids Ltd in Minnesota will visit us this month to discuss Phals and Phrags. You can learn more about Orchids Ltd at [orchiweb.com](http://orchiweb.com)

**Annual Picnic** – The annual picnic and plant auction in conjunction with the Miami Valley Society was held on June 7<sup>th</sup> at Clearcreek Park in Franklin, Ohio. I believe a good time was had by all. Amy will give us a report on the finances I hope.

**Annual Ohio Valley Seminar** – The Seminar was Saturday July 12, 2014. As always it was held at the Civic Garden Center from 9AM to 4PM. Again, a good time & lots of knowledge.

**GCOS Fall Show** – The GCOS Fall Show will be on October 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, and has been confirmed with Krohn. Our vendors are: Russ Vernon, Windswept in Time, Natt's, Porter's, Oak Knob, Jim France, Orchid Inn and probably Erich Michel.

**Kentucky Orchid Society Show September 27 & 28** – The KOS will be hosting their 2014 annual KOS show will be this weekend. Set up is Friday Sept 26. Judging will be on Sept 27. Show is open Saturday and Sunday. They always put on a good show with nice exhibits and quality vendors at St Matthew's Episcopal Church, 330 N Hubbards Ln, Louisville, KY. Good opportunity for a car pool. See the GCOS calendar for more details.

**Central Ohio Orchid Society Show and MAOC** – The COOS will host the fall MAOC meeting this fall. It will be held at their traditional location, Franklin Park Conservatory. Speakers will include AlexejPopow of Popow Orchids, Germany, Andrea Niessen of Orchideas del Valle, Columbia and Patricia Harding. The show will be at the Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, East Broad Street, Columbus, OH. See the GCOS calendar for more details.

**Conservation Committee:** Teresa Huesman organized the June 28 Cranberry Bog trip with GCOS's own dedicated boat and time on the bog. Very cool. We even got to see a beautiful bird up close & personal! The August 2 native orchid trip to Shawnee Park had to be rescheduled. More details later.

**Also:** Teresa said The Conservation Committee purchased native *Cypripedium* seedlings from a grower. With permission from the Cincinnati Nature Center, these were planted in 6 CNC locations. In August the committee may gather *Tipularia* seeds for reintroduction to other CNC areas. Coral root orchids are on the CNC property.

**GCOS hosting the 2016 MAOC Show in the spring:** MVOS people expressed willingness to combine efforts with us. Discussion ensued about the possibility of an MAOC/AOS combination show and briefly what that entails. More details will be forthcoming.

**Cincinnati Judging Center** – The September date is Sunday the 14<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.

**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.

**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 "Questions and Answers" section has answers about drain holes, yellow leaves, man-made genera and more on leaf discoloration. Next is an article about "Spring is in the Air" and taking chances on things like a new orchid plant. "For the Novice" is about taking your plants outside. We've all heard something difficult being compared to "herding cats" but this month Thomas Mirenda talks about "Herding Mini-Catts", the small *Cattleya*-related plants. "The Best of the Best" is about the AOS's Special Judging Awards For 2012. These truly ARE the Best of the Best! And once again one of these best, winner of the Robert B. Dugger Odontoglossum Award, belongs to Russ Vernon owner of New Vision Orchids. The plant, now known as *Oncidium Deloraine* 'Jeune Vision' HCC/AOS, was beautifully photographed by Rick Noel. Congrats!! Continuing in this line of best orchids is all 39 of the FCC's awarded in 2012. And Russ has one of these, also! *Oncidium Helen Dugger* 'Dugger's Vision' FCC/AOS. One of these days Russ is going to have to learn how to grow these plants! In "Greenhouse Not Necessary" the author talks about growing her FCC *Dracula* outside all year long. Yea, in SAN DIEGO! Do not try this at home. Last but not least is a beautiful spread of *Cattleya Penny Kuroda* and it's progeny.

**June 2014** – The first article is on "Orchid Parts and Why They Matter". It is interesting to understand how plant parts work. Also for the novice is "Repot Your Plants" with emphasis on the condition of the roots. Next is "Bulbophyllum section *Megaclinium*" some of the ones that have small (OK, tiny) flowers on long usually flat inflorescences. Then we have "Saving Florida's Native Orchids" about a lab growing Florida native orchids for introducing into urban areas. Nifty idea if they can pull it off. "The Collector's Item" is *Dendrobium amboinense*. There is a 10-page article on "Gene Crocker". I skimmed the article but never bid figure out who he is – apparently someone working at Carter and Holmes. In the "Spotlight" is a group of *Cattleyas* for year-round bloom. There follows an article on finding space for one more orchid. Next is "Miniature Orchids in a Miniature Garden". They are in greenhouses and outside for the summer but Eddie White and Barry Jones could tell you about the miniature orchids! Last but not least is "Cypripediums of the Pacific Northwest".

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

**Wisdom from the Prez** – SUMMER IS HERE!! As if you had to be told. Temps in the upper 80's and 90's. At least it is as I write this...a couple of weeks from now we'll probably have SNOW. And a couple of weeks from now Steve H. will be presiding and I will be in Southern Africa judging at an Orchid Show. And then to safari to see lions and tigers and bears ...Oh My. To see all kinds of wonderful things. Other wonderful things coming up are the Orchid Show in Louisville where we will be setting up an exhibit. And our show in Oct. All kinds of plants to see and people to talk to. Also, Columbus will host the MAOC in Nov. T'is the season of orchids and people and Bengals too. Hope all had a great summer and the fall will be even greater. Hug someone today. Have a kind word to a stranger. And smile!!

All for now—Da Prez