



**NEXT ORCHID SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING:** Thursday, April 15, 2004  
**Beginners' Corner 7:30 p.m. with Ken and Dawn Mettler, in the Library**  
**Regular Meeting 8:00 p.m. Franklin Park Conservatory classrooms**

**CTL-ALT-DEL.** Get out of that tax frame of mind on April 15. Reboot your mood by attending the society meeting and immersing yourself in orchids rather than 1040s. We're welcoming **Ernie Gemeinhart** this month to speak to us on the topic of "Building Your Paph Collection Wisely." Our newer members should find some lessons to take to heart while some old hands of ours can enjoy adding "Amens" to Ernie's advice.



Ernie is a laboratory manager and researcher at Biomedical Polymer Science Laboratory at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Question: When he's not studying targeted drug delivery (cancer

*Paphiopedilum barbigerum*

treatments) and directed cell growth (tissue regeneration) using polymer systems, what does Ernie do in his spare time? Answer: He (a) grows 1,000 orchids under lights (b) participates in the

student judging program in the Chicago Judging Center (c) SCUBA dives as a PADI certified dive master (d) like all lab people, brews his own beer, or (e) all of the above.

Ernie will bring an assortment of plants for sale, mostly phal and paph seedlings. We've posted his price list on the web and you can access it as either an Excel spreadsheet or as an Adobe Acrobat pdf. Just go to <http://www.coosinfo.info> and click Links. If you see something you *must* have, send Ernie an email to be sure he brings it. [EnLndOrchids@netscape.net](mailto:EnLndOrchids@netscape.net)

We'll be setting up early and then getting a bite to eat at the nearby Bag O Nails restaurant around 6. If you're particularly savvy with LCD projectors, please stop by around 5 and help with the set up. And if you want to talk paphs, SCUBA diving, tropical fish, or the hermeneutics of beer brewing with Ernie, join us for dinner before the meeting. Send me an e ([terpsichore@dataflo.net](mailto:terpsichore@dataflo.net)) by the Monday before the meeting so I'll know when I make reservations.

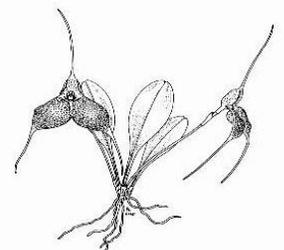
**Tom Franczak**

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**HOSPITALITY** ~ Hospitality at the March meeting was kindly provided by Elly Campbell, Naila Caruso, and Bill and Kate Ruth. Tom and Rosina Bell-Games, Hollis Humphries, and Ann Rehark have all nicely offered to bring treats for the April meeting.

**COOS on the Internet**

Want to see what the Central Ohio Orchid Society has been up to? Visit the newly configured Central Ohio Orchid Society Web Site at: [www.iosoc.com/forward-3/](http://www.iosoc.com/forward-3/) If you have articles, photographs, suggestions, or other contributions to make to the web site, please contact Tennis Maynard, our web master.



## Notes from the March Meeting

The March meeting was a discussion presented by Larry Sanford on the various species behind many of the popular *Odontoglossum*/*Oncidium* intergenerics. Among the plants of note at the show table were the following:

### Cattleya Alliance

Dave Evans	<i>Cattleya aurantiaca</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Jim Fagan	<i>Cattleya</i> [unknown]	3 <sup>rd</sup>

### Dendrobium

Sue Dervin	<i>Dendrobium nobile</i> Spring Dream 'Apallon'	1 <sup>st</sup>
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### Oncidium Alliance

Tom Stinson	<i>Odontoglossum</i> George McMahon	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tom Stinson	<i>Odontodia</i> Drummer Joe 'Raspberry Parfait' x Picotee 'Bob'	1 <sup>st</sup>
Dave Evans	<i>Oncidium cheirophorum</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Tom Stinson	<i>Odontoglossum crispum</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Tom Stinson	<i>Odontodia</i> Susan Bogdanon 'Arabesque'	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Tom Stinson	<i>Odontoglossum</i> [unknown - #F523]	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Tom Stinson	<i>Odontodia</i> Queen of Hearts x (Drumstick x Aiemore)	3 <sup>rd</sup>

### Epidendrum / Encyclia

Tom Bell-Games	<i>Encyclia seligera</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Tom Bell-Games	<i>Epidendrum cinnabarinum</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>

### Paphiopedilum

Tom Stinson	<i>Paphiopedilum malipoense</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Elly Campbell	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Spotted Waters x Personality	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Dave Evans	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Love Song	3 <sup>rd</sup>

### Phalaenopsis

Matina Ross	<i>Dortinopsis</i> (Modern Beauty x King Beauty)	1 <sup>st</sup>
Dave Evans	<i>Dortinopsis</i> I-Hsin Purple Jewel	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Matina Ross	<i>Phalaenopsis schilleriana</i> (?)	3 <sup>rd</sup>

### Other

Sue Dervin	<i>Chysis langleyensis</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Dave Evans	<i>Psychmorchis pusilla</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>

## GROWING TIPS -

With longer days and warmer temperatures, you may be noticing renewed growth and activity in your plants. We are in the midst of peak repotting season. Many genera such as *Paphiopedilum*, *Phragmipedium*, and other semi-terrestrials remain in fairly constant, though slow, growth. Such plants are safely repotting most any time. But the vast majority of orchids respond best to repotting during periods of active growth. In fact, many of these plants will sulk and may go into decline with a prolonged period of lack of growth when repotted out of season.

Last month we mentioned the recent special issue of *Caesiana* which is devoted to many of the species of the fascinating genus *Stanhopea*. *Stanhopea* are always a bit difficult to house; they grow rather large, like relatively constant moisture, and yet they require some means of accommodating their inflorescence which is directed straight downward. Open baskets, either plastic or wood, often dry out too rapidly, particularly during our extended winters. Unless you are blessed with a perpetually humid growing environment, the artificial heat in winter is quite drying for open baskets. A good option is to plant *Stanhopea* in a standard plastic pot with the bottom removed. The solid plastic sides help retain moisture while the open bottom will accommodate the terrific blooms on this most interesting genus. A few strands of nylon thread or fishing line run across the bottom will help retain the growing media, while permitting the growing inflorescence to penetrate the media for a big show later in the year.

Out of media? The Central Ohio Orchid Society makes up hobby-size bags of a variety of potting mixes for sale. If you don't see these for sale at our regular monthly meetings, let one of the society officers know of your interest and we'll be sure to have what you want available. These potting mixes are also available at our spring and fall mini-shows. We expect to have at least one or two vendors who will be selling potting mixes at our annual AOS show and sale in June.

## AOS TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP FEES

Have you joined the American Orchid Society yet? Now is an excellent time to either join or renew your membership. The AOS has announced an increase in membership fees, due to be implemented later this year. If you join or renew now for two years, you will receive a coupon for \$30 off of a purchase of orchids from one of twelve orchid greenhouses (minimum purchase of \$100)! This is a tremendous savings. Individual membership is currently \$40 for one year or \$72 for two years. With this special offer, you can effectively get a two year membership for \$72 plus \$30 worth of orchids! Not only is the American Orchid Society the premier society devoted to orchids in the world, the AOS offers wonderful membership benefits. The monthly journal "Orchids" is an endless source of information on culture and information related to orchids; the 10 percent discount on books purchased through the AOS alone can pay for membership. Consider joining today – and remember the special offer for joining for a two-year period! Send your application in to: American Orchid Society, 16700 AOS Lane, Delray Beach, Florida 33446-4351.

# PAPHIOPEDILUM



BRAEM & CHIRON

Preface by Prof. Dr. H. Koopowitz  
 Drawings by Linda W. Petchnick

## BOOK REVIEW

With this month's speaker giving a talk on the genus *Paphiopedilum*, it seems appropriate to look at one of the newest books on this genus: *Paphiopedilum – Dr. Guido Braem and Dr. Guy Chiron, Tropicalia, September 2003*. Although this comes with a hefty price tag of \$98.00, this is a most welcome addition to the literature on this ever popular genus. To quote from the fly jacket:

"In the descriptive part, after a general introduction and an informative note on albinism, all species are treated in detail. For each of the species the basionym and the synonyms are given, followed by the history of the species, and a detailed description. Additionally, there is information on the habitat, distribution, flowering period, and whenever indicated, information on variants is given.

Ten new taxa are described. *Paphiopedilum* by Graem and Chiron is lavishly illustrated with twenty five botanical line drawings and 112 pages of colour illustrations including seventeen paintings by Linda Petchnick. This work will be the standard on the genus for many years to come."

Although a soft cover edition, the book is printed on high quality glossy pages. Illustrations are quite numerous, including many images of species in-situ. This work includes an interesting preface by Dr. Howard Koopowitz as well as extensive discussion of taxonomic issues of the genus. This area should be of particular interest to those specializing in this genus. There has been a good deal of discussion about issues taxonomic between the Braem and Cribb camps – we will not venture into this territory; suffice it to say this is one of a number of recent texts that will be a valuable resource to those interested in *Paphiopedilums* and their many details.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS: If you know of a good speaker or have an interest in a particular topic for one of our monthly meetings, please forward your suggestions to Tom Franczak at 614.868.5636

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Regional Shows: The following are upcoming orchid shows within a reasonable distance.

- April 17-18 Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society Show. 1501 Eden Park Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio Contact: Pat June, 5794 Butler Warren Road, Mason, Ohio 45040. 513.398.1332 [rogerjune@aol.com](mailto:rogerjune@aol.com)
- April 24-25 Greater Cleveland Orchid Society Show. Eton Collection Mall, 28601 Chagrin Boulevard, Beachwood, Ohio. Contact: Ruth Chapman, 1164 Plainfield Road, South Euclid, Ohio 44121. 216.381.6416 [ruth@differentfacets.com](mailto:ruth@differentfacets.com)
- May 1-2 Orchid Society of Northwestern Pennsylvania Show. JMC Ice Arena, 423 West 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Erie, PA. Contact: Jean Metcalf, 2553 Main Street, Lake City, PA 16423 814.774.4932 [orchidiva@yahoo.com](mailto:orchidiva@yahoo.com)

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