



April Meeting – The Orchids of Ecuador

Thursday, April 20, 2006

7:30 p.m., Franklin Park Conservatory Classrooms

7:30 – 8:00p.m., Beginners' Corner

Orchids of Ecuador...

The speaker for our April 20 meeting will be Alex Challis, who will deliver a talk on the orchids of Ecuador. Mr. Challis is an AOS judge who has traveled extensively and grown orchids for many years. He is an associate of New World Orchids and an officer in the Ann Arbor Orchid Society as well. Alex will be bringing plants to sell to highlight his talk, so please bring your checkbooks and wallets to the meeting! And of course as usual we will be wining and dining him at the Old Bag of Nails restaurant on Broad St. just a stones throw from the Conservatory at 6PM, so please join us there to get the inside scoop!



Cattleya Maxima – New World Orchids

Tennis Maynard

President's Message

You could just feel our show coming together. On Thursday afternoon, **Tom Condit** picked up all our stanchions from storage and trucked them over to the Conservatory. So right from the start we were hours ahead of schedule and had energy to pour into setup. So many exhibitors heeded our request to pre-register by email that on Friday, **Tom Bell-Games** finished that chore before 9:00 PM ... somebody phone Guinness! Our

society members filled the hospitality room with enough food to keep the workers fed and **Nancy Wagener** made sure that breakfast was provided the judges and clerks on Saturday morning. Many of you cut your teeth clerking for the first time and I'm glad you had that experience of contributing to the show's success. And **lots of you** provided your

orchids to populate a very respectable society display, fashioned by **Ken Mettler**. But over in the Cincinnati display, **Paph. Fumi's Delight** (micranthum x armeniacum) became the star of the show, garnering the Best of Show trophy, the President's Award, (for best plant entered in an orchid society exhibit), a Best of Class ribbon, and an AOS award, an 81 point AM. We thank **Jim Harper** for chairing the judging process and making it relatively efficient. Did you notice that **Bill Porter** went home (to Michigan) with seven special awards? If you attend one of Porter's Orchids' open house events, be sure to ask Bill where he's hung those seven scarlet and gray ribbons! On Saturday afternoon a contingent of about 8 or 9 ladies from the Red Hat Society passed through the show, much to our amusement. They even made the



orchids smile. **Susan Allison** spent much of the show tending our information table and she was grateful when a number of you took over and gave her a chance to actually see the show before it closed. And any member wearing his or her COOS name tag automatically became a strolling help desk for the general public. My hat's very much off to those COOS members who entered their own exhibits in the show: **David Sayer, Sue Dervin, Nancy Heath** and **Bill Cavanaugh, Don Weber, Larry Samson**. Our "sideshows" proved very popular with the general public and **Nancy Wagener** (Your First Orchid), **Ken Mettler** (Native Orchids), and **Tom Bell-Games** (Repotting Demonstration) are to be applauded for their efforts. We will continue those at future shows.

I think we did a pretty good job of distributing the workload and to those who stepped in to help with the show I thank you. Some of you are a bit tired, some of you have spouses that are a bit tired or more, (**Rich**), but none of you are burned out and that means we did something right. One feeling you should all share is ... exhilaration.

Tom Franczak

Welcome New Members

One of the many nice things that happen at the Central Ohio Orchid Society show is the opportunity to meet lots of people and make new friends. Some new friends even join the Society. With that in mind, we would like to welcome, Jane Konheim, John Marshal, Shary Akers-Maffei, Patricia Berens and Carol Ann Smith.

Remember, with the new year came the membership renewal season. Our membership year is January to December. If you have paid your dues already, bless you. If you have not paid your dues as yet, please renew your membership in the Central Ohio Orchid Society **TODAY**. The membership directory will be completed soon. If you are paying your dues, please send your check (made payable to "Central Ohio Orchid Society" to our **membership chair, Jon Young (1752 Marsdale Avenue, Columbus, OH 43223)**, OR bring your check to the next meeting. Also make sure that Jon has your correct information, i.e., address, phone, e-mail address, etc.. Please support the society by renewing as soon as possible. The dues are \$15.00 for Individuals and \$20.00 per household.

AWAY SHOW BULLETIN

By the time you read this, Naila Caruso, our Away Show Chair, will have added the Cincinnati Orchid Society show, the West Shore Orchid Society show and a volunteer stint at the COOS show before launching herself pell mell to Indiana for the Central Indiana show. She is traveling more than some show vendors. We did well at Cincinnati and West Shore. A list of ribbons won is buried deeper in the newsletter.

Here is a re-updated list of shows. She has registered COOS to attend the ones with the date highlighted in red. She is making inquiries for the others. **Again, please keep in mind that she will need plenty of your blooming plants in order to construct exhibits at the various shows. Please call her at home during the week prior to each show if you have blooming plants that she can take and to make arrangements for getting the plants to the drop off. The Cavanaugh home will be a drop off for the West side of Columbus.** While the pace is slowing, this remains a very ambitious schedule **so please consider volunteering to assist on one of the show weekends.** Remember, this also provides ample opportunity to have your prized bloomers judged. We will give an updated list in the newsletter each month as we move further into show season. **Naila also needs green plants, ferns etc. for the displays. Donors are welcome.**

April 22-23 - Kentucky Orchid Society Show. Contact: Jim McCulloch, 302 Caroldale Ln., Louisville, KY 40243.

May 6-7 - Three Rivers Orchid Society Show, Franke Park Pavilion #1, Fort Wayne, IN.

May 12-14 - Longwood Gardens Orchid Show, Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, PA.

Spring 2009 MAOC.

At the Spring 2006 MAOC just concluded in Omaha, we were given permission to host the captioned meeting in Columbus. Now the fun starts. We will very soon begin holding planning meetings ... and frequently. We will be defining tasks, drawing up schedules and recruiting all of you to the job at hand. It's your party and we're inviting all of Mid America to be our guests as we celebrate our 50th anniversary. So who's bringing the pretzels and who's bringing the champagne? Stay tuned.

Tom Franczak



Rich Wagener at rest– seldom seen during the Show

Lew Beman – manning the info and raffle booth

Volunteer Coordinator

Thanks from the Volunteer Coordinator!

Sometime saying Thank You just doesn't seem like enough to express gratitude. This is one of those times. Thank you to all of the volunteers that made our spring show such a great success: Susan Allison, Lori Baldwin, Ralph Beagle (I hope your last name is spelled right, I couldn't read your handwriting), Alina Bell-Games, Lew Beman, Dottie Burchfield, Elly Campbell, Edwina Carreon, Tom Condit (and his mighty crew of stanchion movers!), Sue Dervin, Jim Fagin, Tom Franczak (yes, even Mr. President rolled-up his sleeves to cook and clean-up), Nancy Heath, Hollis Humphries, Clifton Hynum, Screll Jones, Judith Lynne, Jeff MacDonald, Lawanda and Lamont Martin, Peg Outcalt, Russ and Dorothy Roeder, Larry Samson, Pat and Tom Stinson, Dianna Wears, Wei Yi Chen, and Thom Weiland. Greg also clerked on team 3, but I don't have your last name. If I have overlooked anyone, please let me know. I would like to publicly acknowledge everyone.

I was very worried that we would not have enough food in our hospitality room. Boy was I ever wrong! The food was fabulous and plentiful. The membership came through with flying culinary colors. I had several judges and vendors tell me that our hospitality was "unusually hospitable". This is high praise indeed from people who do this virtually every weekend. Thank you to all who cooked or procured food.

And for some special thanks- to Ken Mettler who was in charge of the exhibit set-up. At times on Friday he looked more like a traffic cop than an artiste of orchids. And of course to our fearless show leader Tom Bell-Games. What a fabulous job he did! Just remember Tom, no good deed goes unpunished.

I could not have handled the hospitality room without the help and advice of Pat Stinson. Patty, you don't know how much I appreciate all of your time, help and food.

And lastly my husband Richard, I could not have made it through the weekend without all of his help. You're the best!

Nancy Wagener



Our own Nancy Heath of Victorian Village Orchids

The Red Hat Ladies added to the festivities

Outreach

The outreach committee is ...reaching out. You are invited to participate. You don't have to be a member of the committee...but we won't object if you volunteer to be a member, to help out for a day, or find us a new place to reach out. Nancy Wagener, she of the multiple hats who was so busy and/or exhausted from the show that she forgot to write this article, will be speaking to the Upper Arlington Garden Club on the 12th of April. Arrangements have been made to have a selection of orchids available for sale as well and she will have what we hope will become the ubiquitous COOS membership application on hand too.

The committee will also be presenting an exhibit at the Growing Solutions Garden Center on Georgesville Road on April 15. We will be there from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.. Growing Solutions has kindly offered us space and an opportunity to meet the public, show off some orchids and hopefully do what an outreach committee should do best, gather new orchid enthusiasts and COOS members. So if you would like to stop by for an hour or two and meet the public and answer orchid questions, please join us. You pick the time, we'll be glad to see you. I know most of you don't confine your gardening passions to orchids alone, so it wouldn't hurt to show Growing Solutions a little love too as way of thanking them for the time and space.

Bill Cavanaugh

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Dates for Orchid Judging at the Cincinnati Center: Civic Garden Center of Greater Cincinnati, 2715 Reading Road, Cincinnati. Registration of Plants at 12:00, Judging starts at 1:00. April 9, May 14, and June 11.

THE ANNUAL AOS SHOW – A SUCCESS!

After months of planning and many hours of hard work by our members, our annual AOS show and sale was a great success. We had a total of 20 exhibits and 368 entries for judging. The AOS trophy for best exhibit went to the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society – always a formidable display to beat. Other societies that participated included Miami Valley, Kentucky, and West Shore. Twelve plants were pulled for AOS judging; four were awarded. The Best in Show and President’s Trophies went to a wonderfully grown *Paphiopedilum Fumi’s Delight* (micranthum x armeniacum). Considering that this plant had four large yellow flowers, Alexa Noel, the grower, gave this an aptly chosen clonal name of ‘Canary Convention’.

Unfortunately, not all of the sheets were turned in from the ribbon judging so we don’t have a complete list of ribbons received by our members. Here is a partial list:

Trophies:

Todd Tibbals Trophy -	<i>Cattleya gigas</i>	Ruth & Bill Cavanaugh
Jack Wiss Trophy -	Paph. William Ambler	Screll Jones
Best Pleurothallid Alliance -	Masd. Jim Harper	Jim Harper
Best of Class (Art)	Stained Glass	Larry Samson

Ribbons for Exhibits:

Exhibit (Amateur, <25 sq ft)	Don Weber & Connie Sheehan	1 st
Exhibit (Amateur, <25 sq ft)	Sue Dervin	2 nd

Ribbons for Individual Entries:

	First	Second	Third
Tom Bell-Games		1	
Margaret Borden		1	
Bill & Ruth Cavanaugh		1	2
Tom Condit			1
Sue Dervin	1	2	
Dave Evans			3
Jim Harper		1	2
Screll Jones	1	1	
Ken Mettler	1		
Larry Samson	1	1	
Connie Sheehan			1
Tom & Pat Stinson		1	2
Don Weber	1	1	
Jon Young	1		1

(Sorry for those we are missing.)

We would like to thank all of our hard-working volunteers. There were so many people that pitched in that I won't list your names – I would be certain to leave someone out. Please know that your help was greatly appreciated and contributed to a very successful show. Really, the show was better than any of us could have hoped. If you want to mark your calendars, our show next year will be **March 31 thru April 1, 2007**.

Finally, if anyone is interested in learning about the plant registration software we are using (it's great!), please e-mail me in the next few days (tbellgames@burnip.com) I will schedule a little training session so that more than one of us knows how to do this. It's really a lot of fun.

- Tom Bell-Games, Show Chair

DIRT DWELLERS

Brian Gerhard, our recent speaker from Australia, has stimulated interest in terrestrial orchids as a result of his bringing in flasks of a number of unusual Aussie terrestrials. At the urging of Tom Franczak, Ken Mettler and I have agreed to start a study-group within our society devoted to terrestrial orchids. We will be writing short articles on terrestrials for the newsletter and, if there is interest, we might have short discussion sessions concurrent with the Beginners' Session at the beginnings of our society meetings. If you would be interested in having discussion sessions, drop me a note by e-mail at: tbellgames@burnip.com. Ken's focus will likely be North American terrestrials, while mine will be on Australian natives and *Disa* (South Africa).



For those that may have ordered flasks from Brian, here are a couple of tips on de-flasking terrestrials. While temperate terrestrials have typically evolved to grow with a distinct dormant period, seedlings growing in flasks usually do not express a period of dormancy. This cycle is, in part, established by the time of year the seeds were first flaked. For the first year out of flask, you may need to let your young plants experience either a short growing season (if normal dormancy is in summer) or a somewhat extended growing season (if normal dormancy is in winter), assuming you de-flask now. One word of caution – when reading up on Australian orchids, some sources discussing growing habits may make reference to month as opposed to season or weather. If this is the case, you will need to keep in mind these come from the southern hemisphere where summer is December through February.

So what do you use to plant these? Media for terrestrials is very different than that used for our more familiar epiphytes. And one size does not fit all. For *Pterostylis*, *Thelymitra*, *Caladenia* and similar genera, an acidic mix, low in organic matter is suggested. The following recipe is from "Cultivation of Australian Native Orchids" published by the Australian Native Orchid Society – Vic Group:

2 parts	coarse sand / fine gravel
1 part	loam
1 part	wood shavings (or conventional orchid bark)
1 part	leaf mold
1 tsp/9 L mix	blood and bone meal
1 tsp/9 L mix	garden lime

I am in the process of trying this with both *Pterostylis* and *Thelymitra* species and will report on the results over the next few months. As with any media, you should feel free to adjust as needed for your growing conditions, keeping in mind the general purpose for each component.

Leo Schordje, our friend up in Chicago, offers this recipe for North American terrestrials such as *Cypripedium*:

- 5 to 8 parts Turface/poultry grit blend
(Turface is like crushed brick and is used by Bonsai folk)
- 1 part perlite
- 0.5 to 1 part vermiculite (for water retention)
- 1 to 2 parts charcoal
- 0.5 to 1 part sphagnum moss (for water retention and acidity)
alternatively, use a blend of sphagnum and leaf mold
or Canadian peat if no sphagnum
- 2 Tbsp per quart of mix – Oyster shell (use only if you are making an alkaline mix)

In both cases, you will notice that these are largely mineral mixes. Be very careful about using fertilizer with any of these orchids. Generally, no fertilizer should be used.

- **Tom Bell-Games**



Several displays from the show.



Cattleya gaskellina coerulea

Notes from the March Meeting

The March Show Table was vivid and many of the blooms were recognized. Thanks to all who shared their orchids. Just one thought though, it makes it ever so much easier on your editor if you enter more than just the species of the plant on the entry form. A name would be very helpful, both of the plant and of the exhibitor. Just a thought. Those of you who have orchids in bloom throughout the spring season remember our away show chair needs your assistance in putting together worthy displays at the various and numerous shows.

The show table was reviewed but I never did find out exactly who did it. Most likely the usual culprits. Where the judges felt it was warranted, multiple place awards were given. We hope we have all of the awards but some can't be recognized because they forgot their name, others because we did not get the paper. Our apologies to any we may have missed.

<u>Cattleya and Related Hybrids</u>		
<u>Oncidium Alliance</u>		
Tom Stinson	<i>Odn. Susan Bogdanan 'Arabesque'</i>	1 st
<u>Paphiopedilum Green Leaf</u>		
Elly Campbell	<i>Paphiopedilum Spotted Waters x Personality</i>	2 nd
Jim Fagan	<i>Paphiopedilum unknown</i>	3 rd
<u>Paphiopedilum Mottled Leaf</u>		
Tom Stinson	<i>Paphiopedilum micranthum</i>	1 st
Bill & Ruth Cavanaugh	<i>Paphiopedilum Macabre</i>	3 rd
<u>Phragmipedium</u>		
<u>Dendrobium</u>		
Ken Mettler	<i>Dendrobium Adrian Lonne</i>	1 st
<u>Phalaenopsis</u>		
Ken Mettler	<i>Angraecum sesquipedale</i>	1 st
Larry Samson	<i>Phalaenopsis 'Beauty' x P. Taida 'Lovely'</i>	1 st
Margaret Borden	<i>Phalaenopsis Malibu Chablis Labbaken</i>	1 st
Jim Fagan	<i>Phalaenopsis unknown</i>	2 nd
Jim Fagan	<i>Phalaenopsis unknown</i>	2 nd
Michael LeGates	<i>Phalaenopsis unknown white</i>	3 rd
Michael LeGates	<i>Phalaenopsis unknown Candy Stripe</i>	3 rd
<u>Other</u>		

It's Showtime

Naila Caruso's traveling circus and transient orchid show has been on the road. Naila saw to it that COOS was represented at the Cincinnati and West Shores Orchid Shows, took a break (OK, not really) for our show and then headed west to the Central Indiana Orchid Show. COOS has been well represented by the generous loan of our members orchids and a number of plants placed at each show. Below is a listing of each show.

Cincinnati

1 st	Epi. stanfordinum	Don Weber
1 st	Dendrobium discolor	Don Weber
1 st	Cym. Dag 'Little Jewel' x Sussex Dawn	Naila Caruso
2 nd	Maxillaria matogrossensis	Don Weber
2 nd	Cym. Bittersweet 'Toffee'	Screll Jones
3 rd	Cat. Cleasiana x skinneri	Tom James

West Shores Orchid Society (Cleveland)

2 nd	Oda George McMahan	Tom and Pat Stinson
2 nd	Catasetum sacatum	Screll Jones
3 rd	Cattleya walkeriana x Intermedia acquinii	Tom and Pat Stinson
3 rd	Oda Stephen Pacifica x Monte a L'Abbe	Tom and Pat Stinson

Central Indiana (Indianapolis)

1 st	Dendrobium Adrian Lonne	Ken and Dawn Mettler
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2 nd	Paph Unknown (bulldog)	Jim Fagin
2 nd	Cym. Bittersweet Toffee	Screll Jones
2 nd	Dryadella edwardii	Screll Jones
3 rd	Phrag. Lucy Robbins	Screll Jones
3 rd	Cym. Hybrid	Screll Jones
3 rd	Maxillaria variabilis	Screll Jones

Naila had designs on the Kentucky Orchid on April 21 and 22 but after weeks of dashing to shows she is just worn out. Wouldn't you be? She thinks she could get there to tear down if someone could set up on Friday. The show is in Louisville Kentucky and any volunteers to set up would be greatly appreciated by your away show chair.

2006 COOS Calendar

April 20	Alex Challis – The orchids of Ecuador
May 18	Larry Sanford - Miltoniopsis
June 3-4	Mini-show
June 15	Meeting (speaker to be determined)
July 23	Picnic, tentatively set for Franklin Park Conservatory grounds
September 28	Meeting (speaker to be determined)
October 19	Meeting (speaker to be determined)
November 4-5	Mini-show
November 16	Potluck Dinner

Board Meetings. Board meetings will generally be held the second Tuesday of odd numbered months with the exception of September:

January 10	July 11
March 14	September 19
May 9	November 14

Editor's Corner. You should have had my seat. Because I had a booth at the show, I arrived early on Sunday morning, about 9:20. The place was completely deserted and stayed that way for most of the next half hour. It gave me time to wander from exhibit to exhibit with no one, and I mean no one, bumping into me or jostling my shoulder or getting in the way of ogling scads of orchids. My only regret was the fact that I didn't have a nice digital camera with me to record all of the beauty to share with you in the newsletter. That oversight will be rectified before next years show. If you did not make it to the show, you missed a very nice exhibition. As you saw from Tom Bell-Games article, COOS was nicely represented both in the society exhibit and in exhibits done solo by society members. Neat stuff that.

I also wanted to add my voice to the chorus thanking all of the volunteers who responded in so many ways to make the show a success. Most have been noted here and there in the newsletter but I think a special thank you should go out to the two who carried the biggest part of the load, Tom Bell-Games and Nancy Wagener. I don't wish to belittle any contribution made by any volunteer, they were all important and appreciated, but Tom organized the show proper and Nancy Generated all of the volunteers and hospitality. They both had a lot of help, but I would not have wanted either job. Very well done.

Bill Cavanaugh

REGIONAL SHOWS: The following are upcoming shows within a reasonable distance from the central Ohio area:

- April 8-9, 2006 Michigan Orchid Society Show, Laurel Park Place Mall, 37700 W. Six Mile Rd., Livonia, Mi. Contact: Diane Burton, 10805 Oxbow Lake Shores Dr. White Lake Mi. 48386; (248) 698-3045; dianepburton@comcast.net.
- April 22-23, 2006 Kentucky Orchid Society Show. Executive Inn, 978 Phillips Lane, Louisville Ky. Contact: Jim McCulloch, 302 Caroldale Ln., Louisville, KY 40243; (502) 245-5605; jimlou@aol.com
About 3 hours and 40 minutes. Another darn near straight line shot on I-71 this time. And if you have enough bloomers COOS could be there too. Go early, stay late, catch the Kentucky Derby. OK, you gotta stay two weeks to catch that. Good trip though.
- May 6-7, 2006 Three Rivers Orchid Society Show, Franke Park Pavilion #1, 3411 Sherman Blvd., Fort Wayne IN. Contact: Rose Poehler, 6322 S. 800 E-92, Fort Wayne In. 46814; (260) 625-4780; ronandrose@intergate.com.
- May 13-14, 2006 Orchid Society of Northwestern Pennsylvania Show, JMC Arena, 423 W. 38th St. Erie, PA. Contact: Ange Saraceno, 1751 Pinewood Dr., Fairview, PA 16415; (814) 474-5429.

Hospitality

Thanks to Dorothy Burchfield, Ellie Campbell and Chris Bednar for the March goodies. Also a huge thank you, in advance, to all of those who have signed up to provide snacks and goodies for the upcoming meetings. Below is a list of who has signed up and the month they signed for. Coincidentally, the blank spots have no volunteers. See Naila at the meeting to add your name to the merriment roster.

If you have to cancel try to get a person from the following month to switch or ring Naila to change months.

April Tom and Rosina Bell-Games	May Norman and Lori Baldwin	June Cathy Willis
April Robin Morrison	May	June Ed Davis
April Pat Stinson	May	June
July COOS Picnic	August	September
	August	September
	August	September

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