



April Meeting – To Repot...or not to Repot
Thursday April 16, 2009
7:30 p.m., Franklin Park Conservatory Classrooms
7:30 to 8:00 p.m. Beginner's Corner

To repot or not to repot. That is the question.
(With my apologies to the Bard.)

Nothing strikes terror into the hearts of new orchid growers like the thought of repotting one of their first orchids. After all, it's been doing well. It may have just bloomed beautifully, why is today any different than last month? Why should I mess with what appears to be success? Nobody repots them in the wild, anyway.



Epi schlecterianum

Potting mixes can also become toxic due to the accumulation of salts from a variety of sources, including hard water, poorly softened water, or too much fertilizer. Any new roots will die as soon as they contact this mix.

Since we are getting into the peak of repotting season, this month's program will be a repotting workshop. We will be discussing potting mixes, when to repot, techniques for repotting, and types and sizes of pots to use. We will also discuss virus testing and prevention, since repotting multiple plants is a common way that viruses can be spread from one plant to others. The society still has virus test strips available for \$5.00 each, and these will be brought to the meeting.

Well, there are good reasons to repot your orchids. An orchid growing in a pot on your windowsill is not living under the same conditions as a wild plant growing on a tree. In the wild, as the tree bark breaks down, small amounts constantly fall or wash away, and the tree grows new bark to replace it. In effect, the host tree may be "repotting" the orchid. A similar thing happens to terrestrial orchids, as the soil and humus layers are constantly being turned over and replaced by decomposition, animal action (think earthworms and others) and new leaves being deposited on the ground.

Virtually all media that we grow orchids in will break down over time. Warmth and moisture accelerate this process. This results in a sloppy mess that destructive bacteria find particularly appealing. The orchid roots get less and less air circulation, until they succumb to bacterial rot, and soon you have a plant with few or no live roots. Epiphytic orchids have a great ability to re-establish their roots, but they need to be in a suitable environment to do so.

Then the fun begins. We will get our hands dirty by potting up some seedlings. Each member will be given a seedling to pot, grow and bring to the showtable when they bloom. COOS will provide pots, potting media and the seedlings.

If any members have a plant at home that they need assistance with, they can bring it to the meeting and a more experienced grower will help replot the plant. If you decide to do this, soak the plant's root ball for at least an hour the day before the meeting, then let it drain well overnight so it's not a sappy mess at the meeting. If it needs a new pot or a rhizome clip, bring one with you. We should have plenty of potting medium on hand.

Remember, there are two types of orchid growers: those who break roots when they replot, and those who lie about it. So, come to the April meeting, get your hands dirty, have some fun and camaraderie with fellow society members, and don't fear replotting your orchids.

See you all in April!

Ken Mettler
COOS Vice President

President's Message

We need YOU!

Putting in your time...

Isn't the conservatory a lovely place to meet? The grounds, the habitats, the displays. And how does it get that way? Well, of course there's a lot of labor involved and just as with COOS, volunteering shoulders a large part of the weight.

Our relationship with FPC is changing. The new management has developed a plan for a stronger partnership with the local plant societies who use the facilities, and as part of this process, you can help your orchid society and FPC at the same time!

Of course you know there are costs to everything in life, costs to heat and light meeting rooms, labor costs for set-up and cleaning, equipment maintenance costs (tables, chairs, etc.). Well, in these hard times we all must pay our share, and so must COOS. Our share can be paid monetarily - reimbursing FPC for the costs of using the facilities with a check. Of course, as we have a very limited income, paying the fuel costs in cash would deprive us of funds needed for shows, speakers, hospitality, and other necessary expenses.

But there is another way...



Dryadella edwallii

FPC has a plan to help us defray these costs. It's called volunteering. Volunteer in the name of COOS. Make sure you tell them to credit your hours to COOS. And for each hour you volunteer, we get some credit towards our tab. Think of it as making a deposit in the society's account. Only it won't cost you a cent - just a little time out in the sun, the fresh air, the lovely parklike surroundings of FPC.

Another option along this same vein is programming. We can also get credit for putting on seminars, talks, etc, at FPC. Of course, this has to be arranged and needs to be something they feel a need for. But if you have a good program to present - or know someone who does and is willing to do it to the credit of COOS, please contact your COOS officers. It would have to cover material appropriate to FPC, but there are a world of possibilities, not all of which have to be about orchids. Soil quality testing, environmentally-friendly pest control, north american native plant gardening, xeriscaping, maintenance-free landscaping, cold frames, organic vegetable gardening, making ceramic plant pots, wintering over your garden; lots of things come to mind.

So put your expertise and your experience to work for the society, and put your back into it , too! It'll be a fun way to new experiences and meeting new people as well.

Sign up to volunteer at FPC in the name of COOS today - it's the right thing to do!

Tennis Maynard

For those of you who took typing class the refrain will seem familiar but 'tis true nonetheless. Now is the time for all good men (and women as well) to come to the aid of their society. It is time to remind you again that our membership year is January to December. If you joined the society and you paid your dues in November or December of 2008, you are covered for this year as well. For all of the rest of us, it is time to renew. And many of you still need to do so. You can pay your dues at the April meeting, or you can send a check to our membership chair. (made payable to "Central Ohio Orchid Society") **Jon Young (1752 Marsdale Avenue, Columbus, OH 43223)**. Please support the society by renewing as soon as possible. Your contribution enhances the society and what it is able to do for you.. The dues are \$15.00 for Individuals and \$20.00 per household.

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 12, May 10, and June 14, 2009.

Welcome New Members

It is my understanding that we signed up four new members at the MAOC orchid show but alas, I don't have the info on who they were yet. So a hearty generic welcome to all those who joined and I will get a more specific welcome out in the next newsletter. Nonetheless, we are glad to welcome them to the Central Ohio chapter of the society of orchid addicts.

2008/2009 COOS Officers - Terms of Office are from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009

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Take A Bow...

Matina Ross, Jackie Wade, Tom Stinson, Roberta Ginavan, Robin Morrison, Tennis Maynard, Ed Davis, Dallas Ingram, Cathy Clark, Deb Longworth, Jill Whiston, Pat Kurz, Screll Jones, Alina Bell-Games, Debbie Delmas, John Geslak, Bill Cavanaugh, Ralph Neagle, Pat Stinson, Lori Baldwin, Nancy Heath, Michele Little, Dottie Burchfield and Scott Dever. YOU ROCK!!!! These are all of the people who clerked for the ribbon judging at the MAOC. The majority of clerks are from our own society, but I have included everyone from our sister societies who helped as well. This was the smoothest judging I have ever been a part of during the ten years I have been clerking. Jan Yates, who is now head of the Cincinnati judging center, and also the head judge for our show had nothing but praise for the clerks. The clerks and judges worked so efficiently together that there was more time for the AOS judging. Thank you everyone for your help.

**Nancy Wagener
Clerking Team Putter-Togetherer**



Paph Kolosand



Phaius Dan Rosenberg

Notes from the March Meeting.

Another well appointed show table for a month that should have been warmer, but wasn't. Where are you Spring? Another fifty plus plants graced our show table. Our growers provided a wide variety of beautiful blooms and well grown plants. Kudos to all who exhibited their plants. Remember, we have kicked off the third and annual growers contest. Keep bringing those plants.

As ever, we encourage you to bring your blooming plants to the show table and share your skills and the beauty of your plants with your fellow members. Ken Mettler, Screll Jones and Thom Weiland did a fine job of judging and we thank them. Where the judges thought it appropriate additional place awards were made. Wei-Yi Chen, your contest point tabulator extraordinaire is currently unable to compile the tally of the grower's points for the new contest. As you will read elsewhere in this tome, we are looking for a volunteer to assume Wei's duties and even though we have not found one yet, the new tabulator will continue to ask for a little assistance from the membership. Would you please **print** your name and the name of the plant clearly? The tally keeping is a difficult job and time consuming as well. It is even harder if someone has to guess at the name of the plant or of the exhibitor. It would make life a little easier if everyone included all of the info in an easily readable form. So please help out. Remember, I told you that, absent a volunteer, I intend to draw the name of the next tabulator extraordinaire from a hat and all society members names will be in it. Be kind, it could be you. Props to Naila Caruso for the plant of the month. .

Plant of the Month

Naila Caruso *Coelogne mossiae 'Portland'*

Small Cattleya Alliance

Tom and Pat Stinson *Slc Mem. Alvin Beggman 'Poem'* 1st
Naila Caruso *S. Hsinying Excell 'Dogashima'* 2nd

Standard Cattleya Alliance

Tennis Maynard *Lc. Puppy Love 'True Beauty'* 1st
Tom and Pat Stinson *C. walkerana x C. intermedia* 2nd
Ed Davis *Blc Ermine* 3rd

Cattleya Species

Don Weber *Enc. bractessins* 1st
Ken Mettler *C aurantiaca* 2nd
Ken Mettler *C aurantiace var. lutea* 3rd

Oncidiae

Tom and Pat Stinson *Hmtn Golden Harry* 1st
Katrina Heap *Zyg (Arthur Elle x Kippy Ku) x Zyg Rhoan Blue* 2nd
Katrina Heap *Zyg Jumpin Jack* 3rd

Trichopilia

Tennis Maynard *Trichopilia brevis* 1st
Tennis Maynard *Trichopilia Charles* 2nd

Maxillaria

Dallas and Ashliegh Ingram *Max tenuifolia* 1st
Dallas and Ashliegh Ingram *Max Maui Sunset* 2nd

Phragmipedium

Tom and Pat Stinson *Phrag.longifolium 'Hartwegii' x (caudatum x wallisii)* 1st

Paphiopedilum

Tennis Maynard *Paph Macabre* 1st
Tom and Pat Stinson *Paph Freidrich von Hayek 'Blushing Beauty' x Macabre 'Ghostly'* 2nd
Tom and Pat Stinson *Paph Black Briar x Hamana Wave* 3rd

Dendrobium

Tennis Maynard *Dendrobium moniliforme* 1st
Ken Mettler *Dendrobium Adrian Lonnie* 2nd
Tessie Steelman *Dendrobium Kumiko* 3rd

Phalaenopsis Large

Larry Samson *Phal unknown hybrid* 1st
Tom and Pat Stinson *Phal Wedding Promenade 'Taida'* 2nd
Tessie Steelman *Phal Baldan's Kaleidoscope 'Golden Treasure'* 3rd

Phalaenopsis Small

Thom Weiland *Phal Echo* 1st
Thom Weiland *Phal lobii x tetrapis* 2nd
Tessie Steelman *Phal equestris* 3rd

Phalaenopsis Other Colors

Thom Weiland *Phal Black Butterfly* 1st
Thom Weiland *Phal Spot Heart* 2nd
Tom and Pat Stinson *Phal Sogo Pride 'Stars'* 3rd

Cymbidium

Ed Davis *Cymbidium Green Goblin* 1st

Vandaceous

David Sayers *Vandofinetia 'Blaupunkt'* 1st
Tennis Maynard *Vanda Rasri Gold x Ascda Krailerk White* 2nd

Other

Naila Caruso *Coelogne mossiae 'Portland'* 1st
Katrina Heap *Chiloschista segawai* 2nd
Ken Mettler *Pleurothallis rasemiflora* 2nd
Dallas and Ashleigh Ingram *Gongora scaphaphlorus* 3rd
Tennis Maynard *Angulocaste Paul Gripp x Lycaste Kooleana* 3rd

As we have always noted, collecting and posting the winning plant info is sometimes an inexact science. If you think you had a plant that was recognized that we have not mentioned, please let me or Wei know.

Annual Growers Contest

As I told you last month, Wei-Yi Chen, our master statistician and overall point guru, has gone off to visit the Orient again. Now I find out that his return will be delayed and unfortunately, the delay is indefinite and may be protracted. As I have not had time to tally all of the grower's points, you will have to wait, impatiently I hope, for the results. I hope that at least one of you is so impatient as to volunteer to keep the tally for this years contest. Yes I am looking for a volunteer. I will take the first raised hand and help get you started. If I don't get any raised hands, I may have to resort to putting names in a hat and randomly selecting the victim..er..volunteer. In the meantime, keep showing those plants and we will get the tally going and published as soon as possible. .



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Paph concolor

2009 COOS Calendar

April 16	Meeting – Repotting Clinic
May 21	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
June 18	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
July 19	Picnic – Not set for Franklin Park Conservatory grounds
September 24	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
October 15	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
November 7-8	Mini-show
November 19	Potluck Dinner

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

January 13	July 14
March 10	September 8
May 12	November 9

What an event!

Of course everyone there had his or her own experience of the show, but what I saw was a flawless event. Sue Golan, a veteran of many a show somewhere out west, once told me that after all the hand-wringing leading up to a major show, after all the worrying and complaining and fretting, somehow as if by magic volunteers show up and do what is needed to bring everything together and produce a successful event. And the magicians were everywhere. More pitched in than I can mention here but at least let me recite some names.

John Geslak led off with a strong, varied, persistent and effective advertising effort. Naila Caruso and Sandra Strorh and Dotty Burchfield ran the hospitality suite with great efficiency, keeping crowds of show workers and vendors nourished with food and drink provided by our generous members. Ron Coleman trucked stanchions and carts to the hotel where Bill Cavanaugh laid out a floor plan and oversaw their assembly into display frames assisted by the ever available Rich Wagener and Larry Samson and a nod to Terry Stohr who was there all day every day. Tom Bell-Games registered plants assisted by Margaret Borden and Dave Markley. Screll Jones did her usual magic in constructing the COOS display and was a presence all weekend. Nancy Wagener marshaled those who clerked for judging (after seeing to the printing of the Show Booklet prepped by Bill C, contributed to by Ron C, and proofed by Tennis Maynard and Tom B). Thank you, clerks! And recruiting the clerks and setup volunteers and keeping the work schedule up to date was Nancy Heath (who also arranged the layout of the vendor tables in the sales area). And thanks to our favorite CJC'er, Jan Yates, who chaired the judging at the show. Anchoring the Welcome/Check-In/COOS Info tables was Eileen Ansley on Friday and Saturday and Sunday. Sue Allison lent a hand and Nancy Wagener was there as well. Many hands worked on getting the goody bags stuffed and staged. And Dan Willis was at it again as goodwill ambassador and membership recruiter during the show ... (welcome, new members, we'll do our best to live up to the DW treatment!) Meanwhile Thom Weiland kept our accounts straight accepting a flow of fees paid at the show and disbursing payments to speakers and band members and redeeming thank-you coupons given to the judges. Ken and Dawn Mettler graced each dinner-dance attendee with a tube-flasked seedling of their making. Tennis introduced our speakers at the lectures (and ferried them to and from the airport), made a welcoming speech at the dinner-dance and accepted an award from the AOS on behalf of the society. And the hotel's staff gets an Oscar for their supportive role.

We need to thank each other for this event. Everyone there made it happen and it wouldn't have been the perfect show it was without the work so many of you put into it. We only get one 50th Anniversary and we definitely did it up right.

Tom Franczak

Away Show Bulletin Naila Caruso, our Away Show Chair, would like to thank all of you who have stepped up to the plate and volunteered to set up and/or tear down an away show. Below, as the show season goes on, will be a list of away shows that she would like the society to attend. She will not be able to hit all of them herself. As last year, shows already covered and are highlighted in red. The others need a volunteer or two or three to set up and tear down a show. We are anxiously waiting to hear from those volunteers. Call Naila. As you can see we are in need of a volunteer or two. We will also need, of course, as many of your blooming beauties as you can part with for a weekend for each show. And they all count toward the growing contest too.

April

18-19 – Central Indiana Orchid Society Show, Garfield Park Conservatory, 2450 South Shelby St., Indianapolis, Indiana.

18-19 – Ann Arbor Orchid Society Show, Mathaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N Dixboro Rd, Ann Arbor, Mi.

25-26- Greater Cleveland Orchid Society Show, South Euclid Community Center, 1370 Victory Dr., South Euclid, Oh



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REGIONAL SHOWS: The following are upcoming shows within a reasonable (Yes, reasonable is relative to your orchid addiction) distance from the central Ohio area:

April

18-19 – Central Indiana Orchid Society Show, Garfield Park Conservatory, 2450 South Shelby St., Indianapolis, Indiana. Contact Larry Hill, 6417 W St Rd 44, Shelbyville, In. 46176: (317) 729-5896: tsidh@lightbound.com. A three hour drive straight West and you are in the heart, actually a little past the heart, of Hoosier land.

18-19 – Ann Arbor Orchid Society Show, Mathaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N Dixboro Rd, Ann Arbor, Mi. Contact Ann Bommarito or Kevin Griffin, PO Box 3006, Ann Arbor Mi. 48106: annarbororchids@aol.com. You know the drill. North till you smell it...or is that just for football season? Anyway, this is a weekend adventure unless you really like driving but why not. You just have to choose which show you go too.

25-26- Greater Cleveland Orchid Society Show, South Euclid Community Center, 1370 Victory Dr., South Euclid, Oh. Contact: Margaret Evans, 2337 Cypress Point Dr. Hudson, Oh. 44236.(330) 656-1798: moggymate@gmail.com. Two and a half hours away to the scenic North Shore of Ohio. Support your Ohio orchid shows. You can stay the weekend

It's Showtime Away Show that is....

Woe is me. I owe you the results of the Cincinnati show, the Detroit show and any others beyond Dayton and West Shore that I have not gotten too. I am sitting here writing this on April 14, after finally completing my taxes and suffering all manner of other indignities to my person and my wallet just to name a few. If I attempt to enter all of the data tonight, I will not have this out before our meeting on the 16th. and so, I will be expedient rather than valorous as I have spent a number of very late nights already this week. I promise, cross my heart, to get all of the updates, and even the grower's points if I can get a volunteer, into the May issue. Thanks for being understanding or at least patient..

Editor's Corner:

The editor is absent this month or almost so as you can tell by the late arrival of this Newsletter. I am beset by vexaceous hordes of trouble. There is no volunteer to count the growers points, I am trying to write this in the middle of a major remodeling job that required moving the computer at least twice, my mouse died but was miraculously revived but only after a 24 hour delay and I think I have dandruff. But enough about me. As noted by Nancy Wagener, YOU ROCK. The MAOC show came off perfectly. Attendees, when asked what we could have done better said "It was Perfect." And it was. And it was because the members of our society did their usual tremendous job. Thanks to all of you who contributed in any manner. It takes something from everyone to make it work.

On another MAOC note, congrats to Tom Stinson who won not one but two AOS awards at the show. Ask him about it. It is a great story. Sorry I am tardy with this but now that Uncle Sam is at least partly appeased, I hope to do better.

Bill C.

Hospitality

Thanks to Naila Caruso, Sue Allison, and Wauneta Kerr and any other good souls who provided the usual sumptuous goodie bonanza at the March meeting. Much appreciated by all.

I would like to offer the usual huge thank you, in advance, to all of you who have signed up to provide snacks and goodies for the upcoming meetings but....there are currently still some open spots for volunteers for future meetings. Check the list below and you will see that as is ever the case, the spots highlighted in red and reading **Volunteer Needed**, have no volunteers. Let's not leave it to Naila to do all the work and provide all the food as well. So, for those of you who just can't wait to participate, you will note that we have openings in 2009. LOTS of them. Please give Naila a call or sign up at the next meeting to let her know you would like 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.

Naila Caruso, noted for her unique potting arrangements, and now our hospitality committee chairwoman, can be reached at 614-868-5861. You can also reach her by e-mail at nmacaruso@aol.com..

April	Lew Beman	May	Volunteer Needed
April	Edwina Carreon	May	Volunteer Needed
April	Pat Stinson	May	Volunteer Needed
June	Volunteer Needed	July	Summer Picnic
June	Volunteer Needed		
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If you have already volunteered for one of these dates, bless you and I will list your name as soon as I have it, just as a reminder.



Dendrobium delicatum grown by Dallas and Ashliegh Ingram

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