



***April Meeting –Ernie Gemeinhart –Growing Orchids Under Lights***  
***Thursday, April 228, 2010***  
***8:00 p.m., Franklin Park Conservatory Classrooms***  
***7:30 to 8:00 p.m. Beginner's Corner***

**Growing Orchids The EnLightened Way: Gardening Under Fluorescent Lights –**

Our April speaker will be Ernie Gemeinhart, and his topic will be growing under lights, a very thorough treatment of growing conditions and considerations. Different types of lighting systems will be introduced with a discussion of advantages and disadvantages of each with particularly detailed coverage of fluorescent lighting. Ernie will show the details of his hobby growing space and give several tips any grower can apply their growing area.

**Dtps. Red Rust**



Ernie, born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, has dual Bachelor of Science degrees in Marine Biology and Aquaculture from the Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, FL. He spent three years of graduate study at the George Washington University and National Museum of Natural History in Washington, DC investigating the physiology, evolutionary biology, and taxonomy of freshwater, South American catfishes in the genus *Corydoras*. Ernie is an accredited AOS judge at the Chicago judging center.

He has been growing orchids under fluorescent lights since 1997, and grows primarily Paphiopedilums, Phragmipediums, Moth orchids (*Phalaenopsis/ Doritis/ Doritaenopsis* etc), and mini and compact Corsage orchids (*Cattleya* alliance). In his spare time, aside from maintaining orchids under lights in a

dedicated 8'x10' second story room and unique garage growing room, Ernie likes to spend time with his wife, son, and cats; brew beer; keep tropical fish; play volleyball and roller hockey; and SCUBA dive as a PADI-certified Divemaster.

Ernie will be bringing plants for sale so bring your wallets and your appetite for new plants.

And, as usual, we will be having our pre-meeting meet-and-greet dinner at Aladdin's on East Main Street just east of FPC at 6PM; all are welcome.

## President's Message

I have extra help tonight typing this article. Her name is Sunny and she is an extremely small (less than 6 lbs) eight month-old cat. Yes, the Wagener House of Cats and Orchids has a new four-legged occupant. We named her Sunny because she "found" us Sunday night after we returned home from our orchid show. After visiting our veterinarian to make sure she had a clean bill of health, she became our fifth cat. Yes, I said fifth! I never met a cat, or an orchid that I didn't want. This past Saturday I "found" and brought home two miniature Phalaenopsis that I decided I could not live without. It's too bad that I can't live without cleaning my house, or exercising, or...well you get the picture. It was nice that Sunny decided to help me, because I didn't have a clue what I was going to write about! I really should say something about orchids in this article though. I know, "it's April and I have too many orchids to repot!!!!!" Good night.

**Nancy Wagener**



Colminara Wildcat 'Carmela'

## Help Wanted...Redux

**Our society's constitution requires us to have an audit of our financial records. I would like at least three of our members to volunteer to form an audit committee for this task. You don't need to be a CPA, just a logical, intelligent person. Please contact our treasurer Screll Jones to volunteer.**

**Nancy**

Our membership year is January to December. If you joined the society and you paid your dues in November or December of 2009, you are covered for 2010 as well. For all of the rest of us, it is, as has been noted, time to renew. 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") **John Geslak (8498 West Ohio State Lane, Lancaster, OH 43130)**. 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. May 9, June 13 and July 11, 2010..

## Welcome New Members

No new members this month. Bad.... No one to officially welcome as a member of the Central Ohio Society of Orchid Addicts. Are you not tired of hearing this from me? Remember that there are new members out there, they just don't know it yet. We just have to find them and make them one of us. It is up to us to invite people to join us. Making a new orchid friend is a really neat thing and as you should know by now, if you aren't growin' your dyin'. Let's keep growing. Find a new orchid friend and invite them to join us.

### **2010/2011 COOS Officers - Terms of Office are from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011**

President:	Nancy Wagener	614-276-8890
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President:	Ed Davis	Program Chair 937-393-3200
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	David Markley	Home Show Chair 614-471-5437
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Treasurer	Screll Jones	Collect/Disburse Monies 614-864-7924
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### **COOS Trustees – Terms of Office Expire December 31<sup>st</sup> of the Year Shown.**

Lori Baldwin	2011	740-246-4713
Eilleen Ansley	2011	614-457-7774
Jim Harper	2013	614-965-1921
Don Weber	2013	614-846-7712
Tennis Maynard	Immediate Past President	614-252-5710



Aliceara Sunday's Best



Mclra Yellow Star

### **Notes from the March Meeting.**

March bloomed beautifully and so did the orchids. We had a great show table and a great Spring Show. All of the orchids from the show table went straight upstairs to the show. And so did all of the



slips from the show table in order to assist in the registration of plants for the show. And that ploy worked wonderfully. Now the bad news, you knew it was coming a sentence ago, didn't you?

An annual show is by definition, mayhem. It always comes together, at least so far, and this one did and despite numerous, too numerous to mention, problems. It was a successful and well done show. It was something we of which we can be proud. However, in the mayhem, the show table slips were consigned to that corner of the universe that is invisible to mortal men...and women. All involved have looked high and low...up and down...and everywhere in between. No slips. Talk about a major bummer. So the bottom line was that we had no results for the March show table and we could not add the results to the annual contest tally. For that we intend to offer our sincere apologies and promise that we will never let this happen again and we won't. However, in a late breaking development, a quantum packet arrived from the farthest corner of the universe, just prior to the May meeting, and hope bloomed that we had the March results. Turns out it was false hope as results it was, just not March. So back to square one, no March results. Our bad...won't happen again. Please take it easy on us.

We still 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. We will continue to need 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. Don't forget to note your entry status, greenhouse or other.



Mtdm Aztec



Masd Sunset Jaguar

## 2010 Spring Show –

I would like to thank all the people who worked so hard to support our home show last month. We wouldn't have been able to host the show without all the dedicated folks who: helped move and set up stanchions and tables; helped the vendors and other societies move their plants and displays; sponsored special awards; cooked and donated all that delicious food; worked as clerks for the judging; worked at sales table, info table, cookie table; monitored the hospitality room; tear down and move stanchions; and cleaned-up. Also thanks to our members who set up their own amazing and wonderful display tables. A big thanks to the following people: John Geslak, Rich Wagener, Larry Samson, Doug Maitland, Edna Markley, Dotty Burchfield, Elly Campbell, Lori Baldwin, Matina Ross, Susan Allison, Nancy Heath, Pat and Tom Stinson, Tennis Maynard, Tom Franczak, Bill Cavanaugh, Thom Weiland, Dawn Mettler, Eileen Ansley, Lew Beman, Pat Kurz, Austin Carter, Cliff Hynum, Naila Caruso, Sandy and Terry Stohr, Sue Dervin, Leo Schordje, Ed Davis, Scott Bever, Dallas Ingram, Don Weber, and Rosina Bell-Games. I want to offer special thanks to four people: Ken Mettler for managing all the judging arrangements; Screll Jones for converting our March show table entries into a beautiful COOS display; Tom Bell-Games for handling all the plant entries, printing labels & and judging sheets; and most of all I want to thank Nancy Wagener for guiding me through my first home show; ordering special awards, meeting with FPC people, patiently answering all my questions, and coordinating a variety of people and activities. Thank you all.

### **Dave Markley, Home Show Chair**

### Annual Growers Contest

You knew it was too good to be true...didn't you? The ball has been dropped... but only temporarily. An updated count three months in a row was just more prosperity than we could stand. The tally below still includes the show table results through February and the Dayton and Akron shows. We don't have results for the Cinci and ensuing shows. We will however, have them in the future. How far in the future, we cannot say at this time. But we promise nothing...nothing. Bring your plants to the show table and send them to away shows. If you have any disagreements with the totals let me know as soon as possible so that it can be set straight. In the meantime, keep showing those orchids.

### **Green House Division**

Tom and Pat Stinson	579
Tennis Maynard	200
Screll Jones	55
Harold Blazier	35
Dallas Ingram	9

### **AYO (All You Others)**

Bill Cavanaugh	109	Thom Weiland	10
Justin Pepperney	59	Wauneta Kerr	10
Ken Mettler	38	Sandra Stohr	10
Dave and Edna Markley	34	Larry Samson	10
Scott Bever	30	Nancy Heath	4
Nancy Wagener	20	Elly Campbell	3
Ed Davis	18	Sue Allison	1
Clif Hynum	18		

Keep growing and showing. Our new champion will be crowned at the November meeting.

## 2010 COOS Calendar

April 22*	Meeting – Ernie Gemeinhart – Growing Under Lights
May 20	Meeting – Russ Vernon - A visit to Eric Young Orchid Foundation and growing Odontoglossums.
June 17	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
July 18**	Picnic – Not set for Franklin Park Conservatory grounds - <b>Tentative</b>
September 16	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
October 21	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
<b>November 6-7</b>	<b>Mini-show</b>
November 18	Potluck Dinner

**Board Meetings.** Board meetings will be held the second Tuesday of odd numbered months at 7:00 P.M.

January 12	July 13
March 9	September 14
May 11	November 9

\*\* Tentative picnic date

### Away Show Bulletin!

It's away show season again and that means we need volunteers to help out not just our society but those near us as well. We need to go there so they will come here and share the goodies with us as we do with them. Thanks in bundles to those who have done shows but we still need a few volunteers for upcoming shows. We particularly need a volunteer or teens for the Cincinnati show. They give us a great display every year, we need to do the same.

Below is a list of shows at which our society would like to display our talents...and our blooms, we need folks to take shows to or from the shows highlighted in red.

Upcoming Nearby Shows:

OK, some are not nearby, but they are destinations now aren't they?

#### May, 2010

**8-9 - Orchid Society of Northwestern Pennsylvania Show**, JMC Arena, 423 W. 38th St., Erie, PA. Contact: Marion Morton, 21607 Teepleville Flats, Cambridge Springs, PA; (814) 838-2522.

**14-16 - Memphis Orchid Society Show**, Memphis Botanic Garden, 750 Cherry Rd., Memphis, TN. Contact: Charles Wilson, 1775 Keenlan Dr., Hernando, MS 38632; (901) 268-1445 [memphisorchids@comcast.net](mailto:memphisorchids@comcast.net).

**14-16 - Redland International Orchid Festival**, Redland Fruit and Spice Park, Homestead, FL. Contact: Bill Peters, P O Box 924243, Homestead, FL 33092; (305) 242-1333 [whimsy@bellsouth.net](mailto:whimsy@bellsouth.net).

**14-15 - \*Greater Orlando Orchid Society Show**, Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens, 633 Osceola Ave., Winter Park, FL. Contact: Joy Prince; (407) 299-8003 [dp691955@aol.com](mailto:dp691955@aol.com).

#### July, 2010

**10 - \*The Ohio Valley Orchid Seminar**, Civic Garden Center, 2715 Reading Rd., Cincinnati, OH. Contact: Janice Yates; (513) 45-9771; [jyates11@earthlink.net](mailto:jyates11@earthlink.net).



**Laelia xanthina**



**Paph Armeni White**

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

We are abbreviated. Much to my dismay. We await the results of the away shows that we have attended, we may even have the results to one show if I can find them in my computer. It has been a less than ideal month...not your problem, mine. But we will have more for you next month. Really, really, really!!!!

### **Editor's Corner:**

I would like to take this moment in time to say thank you to all of you who again pulled off a great Spring show. Dave Markley, our home show chair, listed many of those responsible for the success of the show, maybe even all of those responsible, but I think not. Dave is to be congratulated. He ran into the perfect storm, MAOC in Nebraska stole half of our potential vendors and the Pittsburg show and other anomalies stole the other half. Our local society vendors came through wonderfully and we patched together a sufficient number of plants from the society to make it a weekend to remember fondly...after the mayhem. Shows are always mayhem, this one more than most. And I say that from a distance as I chose that weekend to get sick. I missed the show mostly.

I arrived like a tourist at four o'clock on Sunday, still ill but could not stay away longer, though I must admit I was really glad when the clean up was done and I cannot honestly say that the rest of the volunteers were happy to have what little help I could provide. But since I had not been there all weekend, I saw the show with different eyes. The exhibits were excellent and memorable. We had a good crowd, even that late. The vendors were all happy, none lost money and all seemed to think that they did well. The society plants sold well and overall, we made money. It was a very good outcome but one that could not happen without the dedication and hard work of our members. Since I was not there save for that last little foray, I could not hope to list every contributor, but I think a vote of thanks is due, not only to Dave, Nancy Screll, Tom Bell-Games et al, but to anyone who exhibited a plant, bought a plant, brought food, etc, etc, etc. It took all of the contributors to succeed, we did, thank you. .

Bill C.

## Hospitality

We would like to thank Scott Bever, Tom and Pat Stinson and Lori and Norm Baldwin for the fine array of goodies at the April Meeting. Well done as always.

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...like everything beyond May with only one slot filled in May. Some volunteers is good, more volunteers is better. You can reduce my whine-age by filling the vacant slots. Come on folks, we have a fine spread at every meeting and if each of us volunteered once, we would only have to contribute every five years or so. If you haven't volunteered in the last three years...take a turn. 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.

David and Edna Markley are our mavens of hospitality. So, for those of you who just can't wait to participate, please give the Markley's a call or sign up at the next meeting. Let them 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 David or Edna to change months.

David and Edna Markley, our hospitality committee chairpersons, can be reached at 614-471-5437 You can also reach them by e-mail at [dmarkley5868@wowway.com](mailto:dmarkley5868@wowway.com).

May	Tom and Rosina Bell-Games	June	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
May	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	June	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
May	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	June	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
July	Summer Picnic	August	No Meeting
September	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	October	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
September	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	October	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
September	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	October	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>

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.





Phalaenopsis unknown- Plant of the Month  
Grown by Harold Blazier

THE CENTRAL OHIO ORCHID SOCIETY  
c/o BILL CAVANAUGH  
4965 OLD TREE AVENUE  
COLUMBUS, OH 43228