



## February Meeting – PHALAENOPSIS

Thursday, February 17, 2005

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

7:30 – 8:00 p.m., Beginners' Corner in the Library

**February is Phalaenopsis month.** If you miss the February meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>, you can catch the same talk in March by traveling to Dijon, France. Our guest speaker, **Howard Ginsberg**, will be addressing the 18<sup>th</sup> World Orchid Congress (and us!) on the topic **Golden Peoker - Golden Parent**.

If you're a phal grower, you're in for a treat. Imagine a flower with an intense yellow base overlaid with deep red spotting. That's just the jumping off point for the latest developments in novelty and harlequin phal breeding.

Howard's nursery is **Bedford Orchids** (<http://www.bedfordorchids.com/>) and is located in Montreal. If you phone there, you can practice your French and order phals all for the same dime. But for now, let's learn how to pronounce Peoker. It's *pee yo' ker*. (Or so I've been assured.)



Join us 6-ish before the meeting at the nearby Old Bag of Nails restaurant where we will order the garçon to bring us plates of escargot and bottles of Beaujolais.

- Tom Franczak

(The photograph is a plant that Ginsberg brought to a meeting of the IOS and Lois Cinert photographed. We don't know what hybrid this is but imagine it has Golden Peoker in its background. This is similar to many of the hybrids coming out of Golden Peoker breeding efforts.) Interested in learning more about this special plant? Check out [www.bedfordorchids.com/golden\\_peoker.htm](http://www.bedfordorchids.com/golden_peoker.htm) for an article with many great photos by Mr. Ginsberg.

**Hospitality** - Thank you to Tom James, David and Barbara Sayer, and Susan Allison for providing hospitality at the January meeting. The following people have kindly volunteered to bring something for the hospitality table for the February meeting: Norm & Lori Baldwin, Alina Bell-Games, Greg & Peggy Outcah. Thank you in advance!

## FINAL REMINDER ON MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Take a quick look at the stamped front of your newsletter. If you see special colored label reminding you to renew, this is your **LAST NEWSLETTER** unless you renew now. Please help support our society and renew today.



Dues per year are \$15/individual and \$20/family. Those people who joined after October 1, 2004 are considered paid through 2005. Please send checks to: Tom James, 865 Francis Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43209. Also, let Tom James know if you have a new address, phone number or e-mail address.

**YOU CAN SEND YOUR RENEWAL INFORMATION (NAME, ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER) ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK TO TOM JAMES.**

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### HELP NEEDED NOW WITH OUR OUT OF TOWN SHOWS

Our society has, in the past, always participated in out of town shows. These include the shows frequently listed at the end of the newsletter which are put on by other area orchid societies. Screll Jones is no longer able to take on this responsibility. In most societies, a group of 4 or 5 members help share this responsibility. We need your help either as a chair person (organizing other volunteers) or as a volunteer. Responsibilities include getting blooming plants from members, taking the plants to show set-up (Friday before a show) and tear down (Sunday afternoon of the show weekend). The more people we have volunteer, the less work for everyone. Currently, we have NO VOLUNTEERS! Please help us by offering to volunteer today for either a set-up or tear-down. There are a number of very nice shows coming up very soon. The first will be the weekend after our next monthly meeting and will be over in the Dayton area.. By continuing to exhibit at other area society shows, we are more likely to attract area societies to our own annual show. Contact Tom Lochner to let him know of your interest in helping out.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Upcoming meetings: Thursday, March 17  
Thursday, April 21

Thursday, May 19  
Thursday, June 16

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### C.O.O.S Library Update

As current C.O.O.S. librarian, I would like to take this opportunity to alert the membership to a goldmine of information at our fingertips. The society has a small but varied collection of books and other items which are available for member use and checkout. The library is housed in the Franklin Park Conservatory (FPC) library and in cabinets away from the meeting area and is too large to bring into the meetings. It is a valuable resource which could be much more utilized by the membership. There are works of a general nature, cultural guides, genus-specific treatments, and numerous botanical treatments. As well, some more esoteric publications are included, such as a book on corsage making and biographies of orchid explorers. Something for everyone.

In order to make the membership more aware of the availability of these items and promote the dissemination of this wealth of information, I will be printing up an inventory, or catalog if you will, of the library's holdings. This will be made available during each meeting for member perusal (and posted on the website prior to the February meeting to allow for more leisurely consideration) to arrange for checkout, which will be accomplished following the meetings. I hope to add more detailed information about the items in the future as time permits in order to better enable members to select items meeting their needs.

Items checked out are due at the following meeting. Members will be financially responsible to the society for items lost or destroyed while in their care, as in any library. Items must be returned to the librarian personally in order to be credited as returned, and should not be simply dropped off on a table or a shelf of the FPC library.

From answering questions about culture or plant identity to being a resource for exposure to many new and varied orchids which may pique interest and further aggravate one's collection habit, this library can well serve the society's membership.

Please address questions or suggestions about the library to me at meetings or by email to: [wylee@columbus.rr.com](mailto:wylee@columbus.rr.com)

Tennis Maynard

## HARDY ORCHIDS SUITABLE FOR OHIO - CYPREPEDIUMS

Believe it or not, there are orchids native to Ohio. Among the more showy orchids that are hardy in our area include Cypripediums such as *Cyp. reginae*, *Cyp. calceolus*, *Cyp. acaule*, as well as many, many others. One of our members, Wayne Roberts, of **Roberts Flower Supply**, Columbia Station, Ohio, has 29 different Cypripedium species available for sale. Check out his list of these wonderful native orchids as well as other orchids, growing media and supplies at [www.orchidmix.com](http://www.orchidmix.com), phone: 440-236-5571.

### OTHER AREA ORCHID SOURCES

While mail-order orchid suppliers abound, there are a number of sources for orchids within the central Ohio area. Among these include the following:

- Hilltop Orchids** - Dick and Sandy Wells, members of the Central Ohio Orchid Society, are long-time friends of our society, reliably showing terrific examples of *Phalaenopsis*, *Phragmipedium*, and other orchids at our annual shows. Located south of Indianapolis in Cloverdale, Indiana, they are open Monday-Friday, 9 am-5 pm and Saturdays, 9 am – 1 pm. Tel. (765) 795-6016  
E: [rwells@ccrtc.com](mailto:rwells@ccrtc.com)
- Hoosier Orchid Company** - My personal favorite, a three-greenhouse facility located on the north-west side of Indianapolis, specializes in Pleurothallids (again, my personal favorite!!). Leon Glickenstein, just one of the employees at these greenhouses, is a wealth of knowledge and a pleasure to talk to. Plan on spending the day walking through each of the warm, intermediate, and cool houses – and expect to be overwhelmed with wonderful blooming orchids. Open Tues. – Sat. 10 am – 5 pm. Tel. (317) 291-6269 E: [orchids@hoosierorchid.com](mailto:orchids@hoosierorchid.com)
- Cat Orchids** - Beth and Kevin Straubhaar, co-owners of Cat Orchids, are frequent exhibitors at our annual shows. Located in Ravenna, they specialize in everything. They are about 20 miles east of Akron and are open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 am – 4 pm. Tel. (330) 296-5948  
E: [beth@catorchids.com](mailto:beth@catorchids.com)
- Porter's Orchids** - Porter's are long-, long-time exhibitors at our annual shows. Located in Grand Ledge, Michigan (we won't hold it against them, they can't help it), they specialize in everything good. Always known for high quality plants, they are open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm. Tel (517) 622-4188 E: [orchidsuzi@aol.com](mailto:orchidsuzi@aol.com)
- Garden Indoors of Columbus** - Located at 4720 Indianola Avenue, this local company specializes in lighting, fertilizer, and related supplies. While they don't carry plants, they do have many of the accoutrements that come in hand in caring for our orchids. They are open Mon-Friday, 10 am – 6 pm and Saturdays, 10 am – 5 pm. Tel. (800) 833-6868 E: [columbus@gardenindoors.com](mailto:columbus@gardenindoors.com)
- River Valley Orchids** - Eric and Lisa Sauer run this wonderful orchid facility specializing particularly in *Phragmipedium* in Lebanon Ohio. Very friendly and knowledgeable, they are more than eager to show you around their facility. Open by appointment, they are located at 3015 Shoemaker Road, Lebanon, Ohio 45036; they can be contacted at: (513) 934-3046
- Rockbridge Laboratory Services** - Ken and Dawn Metler, members of COOS, run this absolutely terrific plant propagation laboratory. Their services include green and dry pod seed propagation, replating, colchicine treatment, and preparation of flasks of sterile media for you to sow your own seed. This custom plant propagation lab is located in the nearby Hocking Hills. Tel. (740) 380-3023 E: [rockbridge@hocking.net](mailto:rockbridge@hocking.net)

And of course there is the mid-western orchid mecca of Chicago... with Orchids by Hausermann, Oak Hill Gardens, Klehm Growers, Windsong Orchids, Natt's Orchids, EFG Orchids, Fox Valley Orchids, et al. If you know of other area orchid suppliers, please let us know so we can share this with the membership at large.

## The Orchid Guide Digest.

At the end of October 1998 the 'Orchid List Digest' (OLD) run by Willis Dair stopped distributing mails to the orchid community. After a couple of months the idea grew to create a successor to the OLD. Hence, the 'Orchid Guide Digest' (OGD) was born and launched on April 15th, 1999. Many people used this list as a fast and easy way of communication to ask help with the care of their orchids, to talk about discoveries made during their travels or just, as a means of exchanging ideas. Topics in the digest included, but where and are not limited to:

- Cultivation methods.
- Orchid species and hybrids.
- Orchid travels.
- Orchid Society events.
- Conservation and propagation techniques.
- Any other orchid related subjects of interest.

This list is sent out in digest format only, meaning that submissions will automatically be collected and sent out in a bundled format. Digests normally have a size of around 20

Kb. To minimize the effect of spamming this list is a closed distribution list, meaning that you have to be subscribed in order to send a message for distribution. Please note however, that the list owner cannot be held responsible in any way for the content of any contributions on the 'Orchid Guide Digest'. If there are any problems concerning the 'Orchid Guide Digest' then please feel free to contact me at [orchids-owner@orchidguide.com](mailto:orchids-owner@orchidguide.com). Suggestions and ideas are welcomed.

Happy orchid growing,

Kenneth Bruyninckx  
Orchid Guide Digest listowner.

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### NOTES FROM THE JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting included a terrific presentation on Cymbidiums. The speaker was AOS judge, Larry Sanford from the Cincinnati area.

Among the plants noted on the show table were the following. We may have missed a couple as the slips were gathered late, but it was a good show table.

#### Cattleya and Related Hybrids

Chuck Hill	C. Vicki Andres 'FJM' x C. (Princes Bells x Angelwalker)	1 <sup>st</sup>
Matina Ross	Slc Ginny Champion 'Prince'	2 <sup>nd</sup>

#### Dendrobium

David Evans	<i>Dendrobium</i> Roy Tokunaga ( <i>atroviolaceum</i> x <i>johnsoniae</i> )	1 <sup>st</sup>
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#### Oncidium

David Evans	<i>Oncidium cheirophorum</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
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#### Pleurothallid Alliance

David Evans	<i>Masdevallia</i> MeadowLark ( <i>M. Sunny Angel</i> x <i>M. triangularis</i> )	1 <sup>st</sup>
David Evans	<i>Masdevallia nidifica</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
David Evans	<i>Masdevallia veitchiana</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>

#### Other

David Evans	<i>Amesiella philippinensis</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Ken Mettler	<i>Angraecum sesquipedale</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Matina Ross	?	3 <sup>rd</sup>

In our fall survey, there were many who requested basic information about orchid culture and in general, what to do when. We will reprint a series of short articles that we ran a couple of years ago that help us all remember what we need to be doing or what we can plan for in upcoming months to help our plants grow better. These articles were prepared by Ned Nash and James Rose of the AOS and were found on the AOS web site (reprinted by permission).

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### January/February Orchid Checklist

- **Cattleya** Watering and fertilizing will be at a minimum, as will potting. Be on the lookout for senescing sheaths on your winter-into-spring bloomers. Careful removal of the dying sheaths will still allow buds to develop without the danger of condensation-induced rot. Low light will lead to weak spikes, so, and as noted above, staking is critical. If you have a chance to get out to nurseries, there may still be a chance to acquire good plants in sheath for spring bloom. Getting them now not only ensures that you'll have them, but allows them to acclimate to your conditions and bloom at their best.
  - **Cymbidium** We are well into the flowering season now. Outdoor growers should be cautious of freezing temperatures. Damage starts to occur below 30 F. Be diligent about tying the inflorescences for best arrangement of the flowers. Also watch closely for slugs and snails. If weather is quite wet, protect the plants from the rain and this will help to reduce the risk of botrytis spotting.
  - **Lycaste** The most glorious of all orchids, Lycaste, will be moving toward their flowering season. Make sure the palm-like leaves do not interfere with the emerging inflorescences. Tying them loosely together often is helpful. Some growers cut the leaves off at the pseudobulb, but this removes part of the attractiveness of this elegant orchid. Resist picking up the plant to inspect those beautiful buds and then setting it down in all different directions as the flower buds will be forced to re-orient themselves to the light source each time and will not open as nicely as they should. Keep plants a little drier during the shorter days.
  - **Odontoglossums** Odontoglossums and their intergeneric hybrids offer a great splash of color now. Though once thought of as being difficult to grow and requiring cool temperatures due to the emphasis on odontoglossum breeding, the new intergeneric hybrids made using *Oncidium* and *Brassia*, for example, are just the opposite. These plants are quite content in more intermediate conditions. New growths generally emerge in the spring, later forming beautiful plump pseudobulbs. Look for the flower spikes to emerge from the inner sheath of the pseudobulb. If your plant's pseudobulbs are shriveled, then the plants have been kept too dry or too wet. Inspect the roots to determine which condition prevailed. If the lead pseudobulb is large, plump and green (and back bulbs are shriveled) but no flower spike is evident, the plants may have been kept too dry.
  - **Paphiopedilum** The standard *Paphiopedilum insigne*-derived hybrids, which are called "bull dogs" and "toads," are at their peak. Unlike most other orchids, they can even be potted while in bud. There really is no wrong time to pot a paphiopedilum, and no other orchid responds so favorably to fresh mix and a cleanup. Keep an eye on watering until roots begin to grow.
  - **Phalaenopsis** Now is the peak of spike development, with the first plants in full flower. Staking and plant preparation is a must for those all-important spring shows. Correct staking now will give a better display and also make it much easier to transport to your society meetings and shows. Care with watering is vital to avoid mechanical damage to the flowers, as well as rot-related problems. Keep spent blooms cleaned up to avoid botrytis inoculation. Do not repot this month. Now you'll be seeing lots of phalaenopsis at orchid shows and sales.
  - **Zygopetalum** For the most part, the flowering season will have ended for this group, providing the grower a chance to do some repotting. The plants will then have a chance to become well established before the hotter months of summer arrive. Most growers use bark mixes, but some exceptional results have been seen lately using rock-wool blends. You may want to try this mix, but do not change your whole collection over to this new media until you are sure it is right for you. First, experiment with a few plants to see how they respond.
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## UPCOMING SHOWS

The following are upcoming shows well within driving distance of the central Ohio area.

### February 18-19

Miami Valley Orchid Society. Contact: Lora Thompson, 1005 Beacon Lane, Englewood, OH 45322.

### March 5-6

Greater Akron Orchid Society Show. Contact: Beth Straubhaar, 4553 Hayes Rd., Ravenna, OH 44266.

### March 5-6

**Central Ohio Orchid Society Mini-Show and Sale. Franklin Park Conservatory.**

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES: Please contact Tom Bell-Games at: [tbellgames@burnip.com](mailto:tbellgames@burnip.com) if you want to contribute an article to the newsletter or have an announcement to be included in the newsletter.

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