



February Meeting – Oncidium Types and Their Culture

Thursday February 21, 2008

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

7:30 – 8:00p.m., Beginners' Corner

Nine ladies dancing...

No, no eight maids a-milking, but Oncidiums have sometimes been referred to as dancing lady orchids, a whimsical view of their flowers seen from a distance blowing in a breeze. Often taken for granted, oncidiums are large and very diverse group of orchids and each of us probably has at least one. From the familiarity of the chocolate fragrance of a Sharry Baby to the magical otherworldly beauty of some of the species, and all the large-flowered yellows, pinks, browns, greens, and reds in between, these often under-appreciated orchids can put on an incredible spectacle when properly cultured. And our guest speaker this month, Linda Wilhelm of Woodland orchids, will be lending a helping hand with her talk on Oncidium Types and Their Culture.



Oncidium Sharry Baby

A long-time orchid grower, Linda is an accredited judge for the American Orchid Society. She is Chair of the Carolinas Judging Center in Greensboro, NC and a recipient of the American Orchid Society's Certificate of Education. She is currently a member for the American Orchid Society's Judging Committee and is an AOS Trustee.

She is also co-owner of Woodland Orchids and will be bringing a chance to shop for orchids in February. She had a lot of great plants at the WOC and I'm sure she'll have something for everyone, so be sure to bring your wallets. As always, we'll also be having our meet-and-greet pre-meeting dinner with the speaker, this month at Aladdin's on Main Street just east of FPC at 6PM. Please join us and share in the camaraderie.

Tennis Maynard

President's Message

The shows must go on...

Welcome to show season! Now that I'm back from the incredible World Orchid Conference and its truly awe-inspiring displays, my thoughts turn to our upcoming show season here in the great frozen wastes of Ohio. This season includes, of course, our own annual show March 29-30, which will be greatly enhanced by the participation and displays of other orchid societies in our region. The old expression about mutual back-scratching was never more true than here. It is imperative for us to put in displays in their shows if we wish them to do the same for us.

Putting in a show exhibit can be exhilarating. It is a unique experience tapping one's organizational and artistic talents in exciting ways. Of course, putting in a display in another city's show also means you get to be present when the vendors are setting up their sales tables - a rare opportunity to be first see the best of the sale plants



Burr. Nellie Isler

and make your selections before the crowds of show day ever see the plants. You also get to interact or as the Wizard of Oz once said 'hobnob' with other people in the field - officers and representatives of other societies, vendors, and the set-up folks from other societies, allowing you to form lasting connections of use to you in the future as you pursue your hobby. How wonderful it will be when you're looking for that one special plant and you call the vendor to inquire and they reply warmly, "Oh, yes, I remember you from the Mayberry show" and gives you special treatment. As we all know, a personal connection is always advantageous in a commercial interaction.

Setting up a show exhibit can be a lot of fun and very rewarding. It is also, of course, as most such things, some work as well. You have to load plants up, drive to your destination, carry them in and set up the exhibit, and as well register the plants. Broken down, all these are rather simple steps and can be easy to do. We have many in our society who have completed these tasks and are eager to share their knowledge. We also will be fortunate enough to have a guest speaker in March who is an old hand at displays and will be sharing her knowledge and experience with us. Setting up a display is not a difficult feat but can be a fun way to express one's creativity. Have you ever looked at a display and thought you would have done it better or wondered why it was done a particular way?

WHAT LUCK! Now is your chance to hone your skills and enter the exhilarating world of show set-up. We have a full schedule of away shows coming up which will need many hands - one person can't do it all. Naila Caruso, our Away Show Chair, is ready and willing to tutor and support anyone who volunteers to set-up or tear down an away show. Tearing down can be rewarding, too, and an excuse to attend an away show. Often the best deals on plants are to be had at close of show as the vendors are forced to face the task of packing up all those plants to lug back home and are eager for just one more sale. And the same opportunities to mingle with other significant hobbyists and make contacts apply to tear-down as well. We have away show opportunities not yet already covered by our eager beaver volunteers, several each month. So check with Naila for dates and pick out yours today and let her know you're going to do a show! Hurry - get yours now before they're all gone!!!

Tennis Maynard

That time of year is upon us again. Please remember that with the New Year comes the membership renewal season. Our membership year is January to December. If you joined the society and you paid your dues in November or December of last year, you are covered for this year as well. 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**. 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. Please support the society by renewing as soon as possible. The dues are \$15.00 for Individuals and \$20.00 per household.

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Laelia Pacavia



Paph. Primulinum var. aureum

Welcome New Members

Welcome to Terry and Sandra Stohr and Justin Peperney and Wendy Chrisman, our most recent additions to the Central Ohio chapter of the society of orchid addicts.

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. February 10, March 9 and April 13, 2008.

AWAY SHOW BULLETIN

Naila Caruso, our Away Show Chair, again and partly against her will, but still committed to doing stellar away shows, rides again, with a little help. 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 them all herself. Some are 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.

- February 16-17** Miami Valley Orchid Society Show, Cox Arboretum, Dayton, OH.
- February 23-24** Greater Lansing Orchid Society Show, MSU Crop & Soil Sciences Conservatory, Corner Bogue St. & Wilson Rd, E. Lansing, MI.
- March 1-2** Greater Akron Orchid Society Show, Donzell's Garden Center, 937 E. Waterloo Rd., Akron, OH.
- March 1-2** Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society Show, Krohn Conservatory, 1501 Eden Park Dr., Cincinnati, OH.
- March 8-9** West Shore Orchid Society Show, Strongsville Recreation Center, 18100 Royalton Rd., Strongsville, OH.
- March 15-17** Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania Show, Phipps Garden Center, 1059 Shady Ave., Pittsburgh, PA.

Spring Show

I was lucky enough to attend the 19th WOC with my husband and fellow COOS member, and friend, Dianna Wears. The displays were spectacular and the orchids beyond the description of well-grown or beautiful. I was so inspired, that Dianna and I are going to set-up our first joint display together for our spring show.

But no matter the size and scope of this show, one thing was evident; there were a huge number of volunteers on the display floor. Our little show will need the same commitment from our membership.

At our February meeting I will be circulating sign-up sheets for all of the jobs that will need volunteers. Please plan to spend some time at our show in March. It really is enjoyable!

Nancy Wagener, Home Show Chair

Other

John Geslak	<i>Angraecum sesquipedale</i>	1 st
Ben Harriff	<i>Ludisa discolor</i>	2 nd
John Geslak	<i>Masd. Sugar Baby</i>	3 rd

We still pressed on with lack of our usual recorders for the show table. Our apologies if we missed you. As we have said, this 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

They're off and running. No we are not talking Beulah Park, the Kentucky Derby or even the presidential race though God knows that we will hear enough about that this year. No this is an orchid society and the race is on for the top growers prize in our second and now annual contest. A hearty well done again to all of you who showed plants last year. The number and quality of the plants shown both at the show table and at away shows was marvelous. Now have at it again in the new year and keep sharing those beautiful blooms throughout the coming year.

Wei-Yi Chen, our master statistician and overall point guru, has compiled the current results. The totals listed below include the November and January show table. Away shows will be included as they happen.

Grower	Points	Grower	Points
Tennis Maynard	95	Jon Young	10
Tom & Pat Stinson	50	Ben Harriff	15
John Geslak	48	Tom Bell-Games	8
Dallas & Ashleigh Ingram	28	Naila Caruso	5
David & Edna Markley	22	Matina Ross	5
Bill & Ruth Cavanaugh	20	Dan Willis	5
Ben Harriff	19	Clifton Hynum	4
Screll Jones	15	Tom Franczak	3
Ken Mettler	15	Nancy Heath	1
Dave Sayer	11	Wauneta Kerr	1
Jim Fagan	10		

Great start. Show those plants.

[This article is included by way of introduction to the organization that I reference\(d\) in my monthly epistle. More articles on conservation provided by them will follow in future issues. Hope you find them worth your time.](#)

An Introduction to 1% for Orchid Conservation

In situ orchid conservation and habitat preservation are the first line of defense for safeguarding orchid species for the future. Orchids in situ and their habitat are destroyed regularly around the world from illegal collecting, logging, farming and other human activities. With recent discoveries of such orchid species as *Phragmipedium kovachii*, one wonders what other species have yet to be discovered. Will they be discovered before they are destroyed? There is little doubt that orchid species have disappeared before being identified because of habitat destruction. What have we missed? What orchid species may we miss out on in the future? When an orchid is found at the beginning of the 21st century with the flower the size of a man's hand outstretched and the flower

color of a bright red/purple, one can only wonder what else we haven't discovered yet? Our collective action today will determine the state of orchid species for future orchid growers.

1% for Orchid Conservation (1% FOC) is a program of the Orchid Conservation Coalition (<http://www.orchidconservationcoalition.org/>). Organizations that participate in 1% FOC commit to budget 1% or more of their net revenue towards in situ orchid conservation projects of **their** choice. The choice of where a donation should go is not limited to the non-profit orchid conservation organization participating in the OCC. Organizations can invest in their own in situ conservation project. As the coalition membership increases, more orchid organizations will consider participating, thus increasing the donor base for in situ orchid conservation. One of the biggest hurdles for in situ orchid conservation is funding. Imagine if every orchid society budgeted 1% or more of their net revenue towards in situ orchid conservation, funding would increase. It does not matter whether an orchid society's contribution is 1 dollar, 100 dollars, or 1000 dollars. The combination of all donations will positively impact orchid conservation. Orchid growers, societies and businesses actively engaging in donating will make a difference.

The goal is to raise awareness and money for orchid conservation. Orchid societies and businesses worldwide can participate. A participating orchid society's board determines what amount is 1% of net revenue of its society and whether a society has fulfilled its commitment. Part of the net revenue can be non-monetary donations such as volunteering. An important part of the 1% FOC program is networking between societies, businesses and orchid conservation organizations. Through networking we can identify orchid conservation organizations and projects that are effective and worth funding. It is through raising money, awareness and networking that participants in 1% FOC will help save orchids in situ and safeguard their habitats for future orchid enthusiasts.

Currently there are a number of societies participating including: the San Francisco Orchid Society, the Orchid Species Society of Western Australia, the New Hampshire Orchid Society and Bucks County Orchid Society (PA, USA). Four businesses: the Orchid Seedbank Project, Nascent Orchids, Mist Exotics and the Calypso Orchid Company. Listed nonprofit orchid conservation organizations: Orchid Conservation Alliance, Orchid Conservation International, Grande Ronde Overlook Wildflower Institute Serving Ecological restoration (GROWISER), Tropical Research and Education Center (TREC) and Phytosophy. The American Orchid Society and the Orchid Digest have endorsed 1% for Orchid Conservation. There is no fee to participate. The Orchid Conservation Coalition accepts no donations and distributes no money. *Mark Sullivan is the administrator of the Orchid Conservation Coalition and its projects.*
For more information visit: <http://www.orchidconservationcoalition.org>

2008 COOS Calendar

February 21	Meeting – Linda Wilhelm – Oncidium types and their culture. (Woodland Orchids)
March 20	Meeting – Barbara Tisherman – Exhibits and Displays
March 29/30	Central Ohio Orchid Society Annual Show
April 17	Meeting – Martin Motes – Intergeneric Vandaceous Hybrids (Motes Orchids)
May 15	Meeting (speaker to be determined)
June 19	Meeting (speaker to be determined)
July 20	Picnic – Not set for Franklin Park Conservatory grounds
September 25	Meeting (speaker to be determined)
October 16	Meeting (speaker to be determined)
November 1-2	Mini-show
November 20	Potluck Dinner

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

January 8	July 8
March 11	September 9
May 13	November 11



Oncidium ampliatum



Oncidium kramerianum

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

February 16-17 Miami Valley Orchid Society Show, Cox Arboretum, Dayton, OH. Contact: Dave Brown, 30 Country Manor Ln. Apt B, Centerville, OH 45458; (937) 436-1706; dmbrown1313@sbcglobal.net.
Close to Home. Support your almost local Orchid Society. We like them and they like us.

February 23-24 Greater Lansing Orchid Society Show, MSU Crop & Soil Sciences Conservatory, Corner Bogue St. & Wilson Rd, E. Lansing, MI. Contact: Jerrie Nichols, 9609 Brandi Lane, Fowlerville, MI 48836; (517) 223-8965; sjnichols@usgs.gov. stillisch@earthlink.net.
Another road trip to the land of the Wolverine, about 4 hours according to mapquest. Keep a weather eye for Lloyd Carr. He may be growing orchids in retirement.

March 1-2 Greater Akron Orchid Society Show, Donzell's Garden Center, 937 E. Waterloo Rd., Akron, OH. Contact: Cathy Green, 2019 36th St. NW, Canton, OH 44709; (330) 492-4534; orchidlady50@hotmail.com.
I-71 to I-76 to a bunch of really short turns to Garden Center. Just a smidge over two hours according to google and a nice spring drive to an almost local orchid show. Conflicts with Cinci but you can go to one on Saturday and the other on Sunday. So nice to be centrally located.

March 1-2 Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society Show, Krohn Conservatory, 1501 Eden Park Dr., Cincinnati, OH. Contact: Patricia June, 5794 Butler Warren Rd., Mason, OH 45040; (513) 398-1332; rogerjune@aol.com. Ahhh! Just as I said, a twofer. What more can one ask? With a little planning, you can catch two orchid shows in one weekend...or...just one of your choice. A straight shot down I-71. About an hour and fifty minutes per google.

March 8-9 West Shore Orchid Society Show, Strongsville Recreation Center, 18100 Royalton Rd., Strongsville, OH. Contact: Chester Kieliszek, 224 N. Oakmont Dr., Northfield, OH 44067; (330) 467-3731. Another smidge over two hour spring drive according to google, (if you trust them). Just head north where you turned east for the Akron show.

March 15-17 Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania Show, Phipps Garden Center, 1059 Shady Ave., Pittsburgh, PA. Contact: Nancy Kline, 1118 Bay Hill Dr., Gibsonia, PA 15044; (724) 687-9796; nancykline@zoominternet.net

Google says this is a three and one half hour trip to Steeltown but it is all interstate and what says spring more than a little drive in the country.

March 28-30 St. Thomas-St. John Orchid Society Show, Holiday Inn Windward Passage Hotel, St. Thomas, VI. Contact: Norma Burke, PO Box 303725, St. Thomas, VI 00803; (340) 775-0384; (340) 513-7590.

Hey, a guy can dream can't he? And I said at the top that distance was relative. If it just didn't conflict with our show...

March 29-30 Central Ohio Orchid Society Show, Franklin Park Conservatory, Columbus, OH. Contact: Nancy Wagener, 2739 Clime Rd., Columbus, OH 43223; (614) 529-5746; rwagener@columbus.rr.com

You know where it is...See you there.

Editor's Corner:

We had a good meeting in January, good speaker, good company, good food and beautiful orchids. Nice way to start the year. Now comes show season and more opportunities to meet with friends and share all the things that make us a society. It is also time for me to work on some new directions, or perhaps some re-focused directions with the newsletter. As I have warned you many times, if you don't suggest content, you have to endure my ideas, though there is still hope as I am most willing to listen to any suggestions you may have. As I was rather verbose last month, I will try to keep this mercifully short. Remember anything less than a page, for me, is short.

One of the missions of our society is to foster orchid conservation. We have members who contribute to this mission on a regular, though often unnoticed, basis. We have others, some new and some not so new, who are familiar with the goal but are not wired in, so to speak. So in this issue I have introduced an article from the Orchid Conservation Coalition. This is an organization that is building a sort of grass roots conservation program. The first article explains the group and its purpose. A good thing for me is that they provide articles on orchid conservation, some of which you will see in later issues. I just think it is a good thing to think about and to discuss and as these folks have more expertise than me, I will shamelessly use their material. I hope you find it interesting and enlightening over the next couple of years as I intend to use them up, so to speak, while I still edit. Besides, there is value in the content. Not to mention the fact that the society, ours that is, has a conservation committee and the president is looking for volunteers. Jump in if the spirit moves you.

On another note, here is the website of our February speaker if you would like to see what she sells. Don't know what she is bringing but if you want a sneak preview go to www.woodlandorchids.com. If you see something you like drop her an e-mail, maybe she can bring one for you.

Bill C.



Polystachya pubescens



Coelogyne cristata

Hospitality

Thanks so much to Jon Young, Clifton Hynum, and Sue Dervin as well as any others who may have contributed to the excellent hospitality table at the January meeting. A huge thank you, in advance, as well, 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 for future dates and the month they signed for. As is ever the case, the spots highlighted in red and reading **Volunteer Needed**, have no volunteers. In a dramatic change of pace this year, we have volunteers for nearly every date through May. I am truly impressed and as pleased I am sure as Clifton is. For those of you who just can't wait to participate, you will note that we have one opening in March and one in May and have NO volunteers for the June meeting. Please give Clifton a call or sign up at the next meeting to let him 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 Clifton to change months.

Remember, Clifton Hynum, noted orchidophile, raconteur and hospitality committee chairman, has a new phone number. If you try to call him at the old one you will not reach him and you will get frustrated. (It has happened already.) So if you need to get Clifton on the line, call him at 975-1001.

2008					
February	Dotty Burchfield	March	Elly Campbell	April	Kate Barkley
February	Chris Bednar	March	Dave & Edna Markley	April	Nancy Heath
February	Barbara Parmalee	March	Volunteer Needed	April	Pat Stinson
May	Tai Maddox	June	Volunteer Needed	July	COOS Picnic
May	Ruth Cavanaugh	June	Volunteer Needed		
May	Volunteer Needed	June	Volunteer Needed		

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.



Lc. Exima 'Sea God'

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