



February Meeting – Travels in Peru

Thursday February 19, 2009

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

7:30 to 8:00 p.m. Beginner's Corner

Peru...

February's speaker is Nancy Heath, owner of Victorian Village Orchids, member of COOS and traveler to far lands that we would all like to visit. Nancy is a regular exhibitor at our spring and fall shows as well as other Ohio shows and the Ohio State Fair. If you have checked out her exhibits or her booth, you know she carries many beautiful orchid themed items from jewelry to shirts to pillows and all manner of other interesting things.

Nancy has been growing orchids since she joined COOS, which as near as we can figure out was when Norm Dolder was picking up stakes and moving to Florida. Our guesstimate is that that was around 2004.

She recently had the good fortune to travel to Peru, twenty glorious days and fifteen glorious nights or some such tour. She had the opportunity to see Lake Titicaca, I have liked that name since I was twelve, and Machu Picchu, which I did not know existed until my mid-twenties. I am still fascinated by the ancient ruins. Nancy will share the highlights of her trip and a bit of orchid observation as well. Nancy will bring a selection of her orchid art objects for sale but as she is not bringing any plants for sale, this meeting will also be a member plant sale night. So bring your wallet or purse, your extra divisions or orchids that just don't like you and be prepared to wheel and deal in orchid art and orchids.

As is our usual custom we'll be having a pre-meeting meet-and-greet dinner with our speaker at 6PM, this month we return to the Old Bag of Nails just east of the conservatory. All members are welcome!



Crytochilum orthotis

President's Message

A CHALLENGE FOR 2009

Membership hath its privileges...

And its obligations, as does everything else in life. And membership is on our minds now at dues time. Membership is the lifeblood of any organization. And it needs tending just like a garden. With time, membership attrition occurs through natural processes of retirement, relocation, death, and other causes. So new members must be found!



Phrag Mary Bess

Well, when that person next to you at Lowe's while you're ogling the orchids asks if you know anything about them, take the plunge. Tell them they can learn everything they want to know at our meetings. Give them your phone number, tell them when we meet, and help them with their immediate question. Tell them about the goodies we get on the hospitality table every month, the free plant in November, the great summer picnic, our wonderful programs, shows, and meeting showtables. Mention our friendly members and helpful longtime growers. Don't leave out the members' and vendors' sales plants at every meeting, the raffles, and the chance to win the showtable contest. Give them the website address. Invite them to see your plants. Tell them how much FUN it is!

Other opportunities abound. When you're telling people at work, school, and other places about your plants (and I KNOW you do!), look for that light in their eyes. Every inquiry is an opportunity. When someone visits and sees your orchids and exclaims at how beautiful they are, tell them they can grow them too - just as easily! And hook them in.

Most old sayings have some truth behind them, and so it is with...

the more the merrier!

Tennis Maynard

Now there's the rub. How do we get new members? Well, sometimes we get them as a result of folks coming to our shows, sometimes to our outreach events, and sometimes to our meetings. Most cities our size have orchid societies much larger than ours. We need to close that gap, and the only way to do that is for our members, yes, that's US!, to get out there and bring 'em on in.

SO, I'm challenging US -all of us - to do just that. By the November potluck, I'd like each member to have brought at least one new member into the fold. Now, that shouldn't be hard. One person, and almost a whole year to do it??? Think you can manage it? Of course, there's always the question of how.

We are not almost through the new year, we are there. 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. You can pay your dues at the February meeting, or you can send a check to our membership chair. The cutoff for inclusion in the COOS Directory this year is February 28th so to make sure you are included, please send your check (made payable to "Central Ohio Orchid Society" to **Jon Young (1752 Marsdale Avenue, Columbus, OH 43223)**. Please support the society by renewing as soon as possible. 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. February 8, March 8 and April 12, 2009.

Welcome New Members

We are glad to welcome Jill Dole as a new member of 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

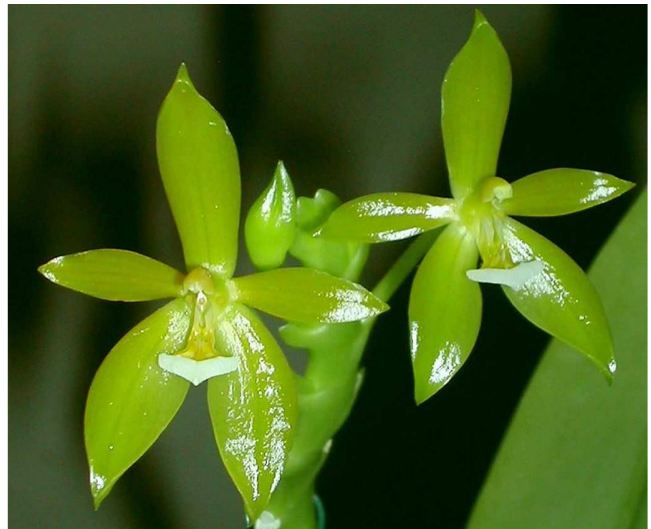
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Phrag Mary Bess



Phal cornucervi alba

Notes from the January Meeting.

While I may seem easily impressed, I am not **that** easily impressed. However, it was impressive to see what was on our show table for the January meeting particularly because the temperatures were in the way to cold to bring orchids out in the weather range. Much closer to zero than it was to freezing and wind to boot, ugly weather. Fifty-four plants exhibited in weather most foul. Good job all. There was the usual variety of quality blooms and our quality growers treated us to another evening of orchid delights. We continue the growing tradition of attending a bone fide orchid show every month without have to leave town to see it. And 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 off to the Orient again so we will wait a bit to post a tally of the grower's points for the new contest. Wei continues, however, 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 he has to guess at the name of the plant or of the exhibitor. It would make Wei's life and mine a little easier if everyone included all of the info in an easily readable form. So please help out. Remember, if he quits, I intend to draw the name of the next tabulator extraordinaire from a hat and all society members names will be in it. Props to me for the plant of the month. Still can't believe that.

Plant of the Month

Bill and Ruth Cavanaugh *Phragmipedium Don Wimber*

Small Cattleya Alliance

Don Weber	<i>Laelia rubescens</i>	1 st
Unknown exhibitor	<i>Laelia alaori</i>	2 nd
Ken Mettler	<i>Slc. Seagulls 'Mini Cat Heaven'</i>	3 rd

Standard Cattleya Alliance

Tennis Maynard	<i>Lc. Drumbeat 'Heritage'</i>	1 st
David and Edna Markley	<i>Lc. Frosty Pink 'H & R'</i>	2 nd
David and Edna Markley	<i>Blc. Pisgah Imperial 'Orchidheights'</i>	3 rd

Oncidiae

Tom and Pat Stinson	<i>Oda Makumba 'Pacific Depths'</i>	1 st
Dallas and Ashleigh Ingram	<i>Onc Gower Ramsey</i>	2 nd
Dallas and Ashleigh Ingram	<i>Cptra Sydney Smith 'Yuki'</i>	3 rd
Tennis Maynard	<i>Desc Star Sapphire x Zygo Artur Elle</i>	3 rd

Phragmipedium

Bill and Ruth Cavanaugh	<i>Phrag. Don Wimber</i>	1 st
Thom Weiland	<i>Phrag. besseae 'Peach</i>	2 nd
Thom Weiland	<i>Phrag. Jason Fischer</i>	3 rd
Tom and Pat Stinson	<i>Phrag. Wossen</i>	3 rd

Paphiopedilum Species

Tennis Maynard	<i>Paph venustum album</i>	1 st
David and Edna Markley	<i>Paph gratixianum</i>	2 nd
Screll Jones	<i>Paph spicerianum</i>	3 rd

Paphiopedilum Bulldogs

Tennis Maynard	<i>Paph Memoria John Dominy</i>	1 st
Tennis Maynard	<i>Paph La Honda</i>	2 nd
David and Edna Markley	<i>Paph Milmoore 'Gabriel' HCC/AOS x Davisville 'Spotty'</i>	3 rd

Paphiopedilum Other

David and Edna Markley	<i>Paph spicerianum x villosum</i>	1 st
Tom and Pat Stinson	<i>Paph Andrew Bell</i>	2 nd
Tom and Pat Stinson	<i>Paph hennisianum 'purplissance' x appletonianum</i>	2 nd
Tennis Maynard	<i>Paph Saiun</i>	3 rd
Screll Jones	<i>Paph Supersuk 'Eureka' x Raisin Pie</i>	3 rd

Masdevallia

Dallas and Ashleigh Ingram	<i>Masd Flacata 'Brilliant' x Anette Hall</i>	1 st
Dallas and Ashleigh Ingram	<i>Masd Rosemary</i>	2 nd
Dallas and Ashleigh Ingram	<i>Masd Grandulosa x rex</i>	3 rd

Dendrobium

Don Weber	<i>Dendrobium sp. From Sulezii</i>	1 st
Dave Sayer	<i>Dendrobium Grace Robson</i>	2 nd
Dallas and Ashleigh Ingram	<i>Dendrobium Susan Takahashi x Uniwai Royale</i>	3 rd

Phalaenopsis

Tom and Pat Stinson	<i>Phal Baldan's Kaleidoscope</i>	1 st
Tom and Pat Stinson	<i>Phal Brehid World</i>	2 nd

Cymbidium

David and Edna Markley	<i>Cymbidium Towering Giant</i>	1 st
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Other

Dallas and Ashleigh Ingram	<i>Gongora armeniaca</i>	1 st
Ben Harriff	<i>Ludisa discolor</i>	2 nd

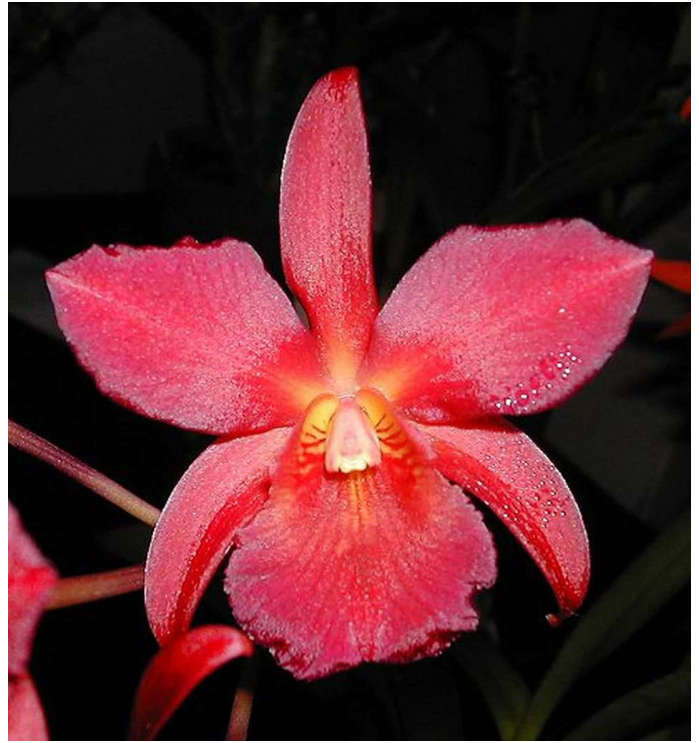
As we have always noted, collecting and posting the winning plant info is sometimes an inexact science. If you think you had a plant that was recognized that we have not mentioned, please let me or Wei know.

Annual Growers Contest

Wei-Yi Chen, our master statistician and overall point guru, has gone off to visit the Orient again. Seems to be a regular thing. Just because he is from Taiwan he seems to think he can abandon us during the cold winter months for a warmer clime. And so he can. Would that we could too. Upon his return we will begin publishing the compilation of points. Hopefully next month. But remember, with show season looming close on the horizon, sending plants to away shows can add lotsa points to your tally. So bloom them and groom them and send them to shows.



Lc. Chicanery x Slc. Madge Fordyce



Lctna. Highland

2009 COOS Calendar

February 19	Meeting – Nancy Heath – Travels in Peru
March 19	Meeting – Leo Schordje – Everblooming Orchids
March 28/29	Spring MAOC and Central Ohio Orchid Society Annual Show
April 16	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
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 9	September 8
May 12	November 9

Away Show Bulletin Naila Caruso, our Away Show Chair, is lining up the away shows, that is her job after all, and like I said last month, like many of us, she don't get around so well anymore. So, she is seeking 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 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. The Miami Valley show will occur before our next meeting. Screll Jones and John Geslak are setting up the display. Anyone who has blooming plants that they can send to that show, please contact Screll or John.

February 14-15 - Miami Valley Orchid Society Show , Cox Arboretum, Dayton, Ohio.

February 28-March 1 - Greater Lansing Orchid Society Show , MSU Horticulture & Soil Sciences Conservatory, Corner Bogue St. & Wilson Rd., East Lansing, MI.

March 7-8 - Greater Akron Orchid Society Show , Donzell's Flower and Garden Center, 937 E. Waterloo Rd., Akron, OH

March 14-15 - Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society Show , Krohn Conservatory, Cincinnati, OH. Contact: Pat June, 5794 Butler Warren Rd. Mason, OH

March 14-15 - West Shore Orchid Society Show , Strongsville Recreation Center, 18100 Royalton Rd., Strongsville, OH.



Paph roebbelinii



Paph Mercatellii

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

14-15 - Miami Valley Orchid Society Show , Cox Arboretum. Contact: Dave Brown; dmbrown1313@sbcglobal.net.

This one is close to Home. Support your almost local Orchid Society. We like them and they like us.

14 - Paphiopedilum Forum , US National Arboretum, Washington, DC. Contact: Bill & Lynn Golner, 5810 Huntingtown Rd., Huntingtown, MD; (410) 286-2542; woodstream@chesapeake.net.

This one is a "fur piece" as they say in some unnamed parts of Ohio but is paphs are your thing...it's about a seven hour drive and a weekend in D.C but you miss the Miami Valley show.

28-March 1 - Greater Lansing Orchid Society Show , MSU Horticulture & Soil Sciences Conservatory, Corner Bogue St. & Wilson Rd., East Lansing, MI. Contact: Jerrie Nichols, 9609 Brandi Lane, Fowlerville, MI 48836; (517) 223-8965; sjnichols@usgs.gov. A road trip to the land of the Wolverine, about 4 hours according to mapquest. This year you'll need to keep a weather eye for Rich Rod. He needs recruits so badly he may grab anyone from Ohio.

March

7-8 - Greater Akron Orchid Society Show , Donzell's Flower and Garden Center, 937 E. Waterloo Rd., Akron, OH. Contact: Cathy Green, (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.

14-15 - Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society Show , Krohn Conservatory, Cincinnati, OH. Contact: Pat June, 5794 Butler Warren Rd. Mason, OH 45040; (513) 265-2074; rogerjune@aol.com. Ahhh! 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.

14-15 - West Shore Orchid Society Show , Strongsville Recreation Center, 18100 Royalton Rd., Strongsville, OH. Contact: Chester Kieliszek, 224 N. Orakmont 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. Conflicts with Cinci but you can go to one on Saturday and the other on Sunday. So nice to be centrally located.

21-22 - 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.

21-22 - Illinois Orchid Society Show , Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Rd., Glencoe, IL. Contact: Sandy Fuller, 352 Cheryl Ln., Palatine, IL 60067; (847) 977-5842; sjfuller62@sbcglobal.net. A flat six hour trip one way. It's earlier this year but it's Chicago, it's spring and there will be lots and lots of quality orchids and orchid houses. A great weekend trip. You might even get to see the Governor...for a price.

27-29 - Central Ohio Orchid Society/MAOC Show , Columbus Airport Marriott Hotel, 1375 N. Cassidy Ave., Columbus, OH. Contact: Tom Franczak, 6982 Taylor Rd. SW, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068; (614) 868-5636; tfranczak@earthlink.net. Come celebrate our fiftieth anniversary with the MAOC anniversary of the same number of years. The theme is 50/50 I am told. As they said when we were kids, some of us anyway, be there or be square.

ATTENTION - Plants Needed!

Any members wishing to display plants at the Dayton Show should meet me at the Franklin Park Conservatory, February 11, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. (Parking lot out front).

Plants will be returned to you at the monthly meeting on February 19, 2009. Also, you may obtain your plants at my home;

Screll Jones
5606 Flintlock Lane
Columbus, Ohio 43213

Please call (614) 864-7924 prior to pick-up. If there are any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

S. P. Jones

Spring Show

Our Spring Show on March 28th and 29th, the MAOC Spring Show by the way, like you didn't know that, will be here before we know it. Maybe sooner than that. Yowch! We are expecting a great show. If you are interested in doing your own exhibit, and you know you are...or we would at least like you to take a shot at it, please go to the web site and fill out the exhibit reservation form, or whatever else we are currently calling it, your good, you will figure it out, and send it to Nancy Wagener via e-mail to rwagener@wowway.com. There will be a COOS display as always, so...if you aren't doing your own display, please feel free to bring your plants to help the COOS display be the biggest and best in the show, and you know we get serious competition from some other Ohio societies.

Please be sure to prepare your plants by staking the flowers, making sure the leaves are clean and the plants are bug free. Putting your name on the pots will help make sure your plants get back to you and not to me, though I will claim orphaned plants. Plants can be dropped off during the registration hours on Friday. Remember, the show is at the Airport Marriott this year and not at FPC.

Here are some of the areas where we will need help (read volunteers) in pulling off the show this year.

Set-up Thursday day and evening – This is very easy and just involves unloading and storing plants that are being delivered for exhibitors and perhaps a little set up in the exhibit rooms.

Host/Hostess – This involves walking around and helping out where ever needed; giving vendors a break if they need it; answering questions; and keeping an eye on the exhibits to be sure no one walks off with plants or disturbs the displays. Ideally, we should have two people around at all times.

Hospitality – We provide food and beverages for the hard-working judges, clerks, and vendors. Everyone in the society should try to bring in covered dishes. We will use this to feed the judges for the Judges' Luncheon on Saturday. In addition to bringing in food, both days, we also will need people to help tend the hospitality room.

Set-up Friday day or evening – This is where we can use lots of people. We will be helping exhibitors (societies and vendors) bring in their plants; help direct them to their display and sales areas; and provide general assistance to help get the show set-up.

Plant Registration – Though Tom has his volunteers, there are always a few things that need doing and the folks at the computers can't run off to do them or registration won't get done till way too late.

Clerking – This is a great opportunity to learn more about how orchids are judged. Each group of judges will be teamed with a group of clerks to assist in ribbon judging. Ideally, we should have 3 or 4 clerks per team. There will be a head clerk (typically someone who is more experienced and has clerked before), a ribbon clerk (to get judges to sign the ribbons and to place the ribbons with the awarded plants) and a spotter (to work ahead of the judging team, spotting the next plants to be judged).

Teardown Sunday Evening – We will need to help the exhibitors collect their things and clean-up after the show.

As you can see, there are any number of ways you might help make this a successful event. We will have more sign-up sheets at the February and March meetings, prior to the show. If you haven't volunteered before, please consider helping out – it's a lot of fun.

Hope to see you there!

Editor's Corner:

Short and sweet, well at least short, this month. Show season is upon us, so groom those plants. Show season is upon us so sign up to help out at our show. A show, especially a big show like the MAOC is a lot of work and a lot of fun. We need everyone to participate to get the work done and to make it fun. Many hands and all that. So when someone, likely Nancy Heath, buttonholes you at the meeting, sign right up. The sooner we know who is doing what, the sooner we can fill in the blanks and the sooner we can relax and enjoy the fun part. .

And so we

Bill C.

Hospitality

Thanks to Ed Davis, Don Gross, Naila Caruso, Tennis Maynard, Ruth Cavanaugh and any others who answered the call to arms that I sent the day of the meeting. Clif, our hospitality chair was unable to attend and he was one of only two volunteers we had at the time. Lots of folks took time out of their day to make some last minute goodies so that we had our usual well appointed refreshment table. Thanks to all and to any I may have missed. 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 no volunteers for future meetings. Let's avoid another last minute plea for help and get a few volunteers for upcoming 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 Clifton to do all the work and provide all the food as well. It's easier on the hospitality chair if he has other volunteers. 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 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.

Clifton Hynum, noted orchidophile, raconteur and hospitality committee chairman, has, as you know by now, picked up his orchids and moved. Consequently he has a new phone number...again. You can reach him at the new number 614-558-5203. You can also reach him by e-mail at djsub4u@yahoo.com.

2009

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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.

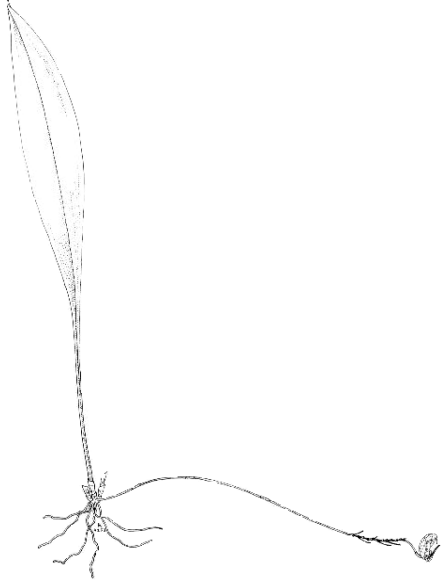
This and That

Justin Pepperney has found a home for his wayward philodendron. Anyone else with a need to find a new home for a wayward or obstreperous plant need only let me know...or you can bring it to the next meeting.



Phrag Don Wimber

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



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CENTRAL OHIO ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER