



***February Meeting – Barry Jones on Miniature Orchids***

***Thursday, February 18, 2010***

***8:00 p.m., Franklin Park Conservatory Classrooms***

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

**When less really IS more...**



Our speaker this month will be Barry Jones of the Orchid Outlet. He will be speaking on miniature orchids. This is a hot topic and has been a growing trend for years. You can actually have **MORE** orchids in **LESS** space. Now what's not to like about that?? This is a prime opportunity especially for windowsill and under-light growers.

Barry, a long-time orchid grower and AOS judge will be bringing plants for sale so bring your cash and enjoy the good side of downsizing! He has shared this talk with numerous other societies and now we have our chance to learn from his experience.

Come and hear this great talk on a growing trend; even I have been growing more minis lately and enjoying their wonderful and exciting flowers.

As usual, all are invited to join our pre-meeting meet-and-greet dinner with the speaker at Aladdin's on Main Street just east of FPC at 6PM.

**Tennis Maynard**

*Dendrobium anosmum*

## President's Message

### Ah, here it is February.

The month with the least amount of days that seems to last forever. That nasty groundhog has seen his shadow, it is snowing and winter marches on.

But February brings good things too. All of my phals are either in spike, bud or flower. Every morning before I head off to work I stop in my orchid room to see the changes in my plants. After I watered my orchids Saturday morning I took a book back to my orchid room and sat down to enjoy the sun (HID lights) the heat and the humidity. I took a mini-vacation while outside it was snowing.

February also brings the first orchid shows. I enjoy traveling to other societies' shows and checking out the orchid displays, not to mention the orchids for sale! This is a great way to purchase orchids without the shipping cost that goes along with on-line purchases.



*Paph Somers Isles x philippense alba*

February is also the month for lovers, as St. Valentine's Day approaches. Richard never buys cut flowers for me; it is usually an orchid plant. My Onc. Sharry Baby was a gift on Valentine's Day several years ago. I remember that every time she blooms.

We here in Ohio are a hardy lot, and we will persevere and survive February as we always do. Then will come March and our spring show. And all will be right with the world!

**Nancy**

## Spring show –

March 20 and 21 - Fellow orchid enthusiasts, we are gearing up for our annual spring show here at the conservatory and as always we will need a lot of help from our members to make it a success. We will be circulating sign-up sheets at our February meeting so please plan to do whatever you can do to make this work. Thanks,

**Dave Markley, Home Show Chair**

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 February meeting, or you can send a check to our new 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. February 14, March 14, and April 11, 2010..

## Welcome New Members

We were glad to welcome Stephen Levas and Megan Coovert as new members at our January meeting. They are now officially members of the Central Ohio Society of Orchid Addicts. And for the rest of us, remember that there are other new members out there, they just don't know it yet. Go find them and make them one of us. Almost want to say Heh, heh, heh, because it sound a little diabolical, but you know what I mean. Invite people to join us. Making a new orchid friend is a neat thing and as you have heard me say so many times, if you aren't growin' your dyin'. Let's keep growing. Our society is only fifty, surely way to young to die. You know there are folks out there that share our love of orchids. Let's invite them to join us.

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

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*Spiranthes cernua*



*Bulbo tingabarinum*

### Notes from the January Meeting.

The new year is upon us and the January show table was a very nice interlude of beauty in the midst of a cold and dreary, what Ohio does best in the winter, January. Thirty-seven bloomers braved the chill weather and the long walk across the parking lot, though our inside man, John Geslak, has convinced the powers that be to permit us to again drop off plants in the lot adjacent to the meeting rooms. Thanks John. Remember, we are now our new fourth or is it fifth annual growing contest. The spring show season is right around the corner, so close in fact, that many of the blooming plants on the next show table will go directly to the Miami Valley show in Dayton the following weekend. Bring in those plants and collect those away show bonuses. Just a reminder, this year we have two classes, greenhouse and all of you others, which includes me. So bring what's blooming and dazzle all of us with your growing prowess and your blooms.

As always, 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, Thom Weiland and I think Screll Jones did a fine job of judging and we thank them. Where the judges thought it appropriate additional place awards were made. Clifton Hynum, noted orchidophile and raconteur, and continuing in the role of contest point tabulator extraordinaire has provided us with an updated tally this month. Clif 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. Props to Harold Blazier for the plant of the month, that would be the beautiful *Calanthe vestita*..

Plant or the Month

Harold Blazier *Calanthe vestita*

Cattleya Species

Bill Cavanaugh *Cattleya trianae* 1<sup>st</sup>  
Tennis Maynard *Laelia alaroi* 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Tennis Maynard *Laelia rubescens* 3<sup>rd</sup>

Cattleya Hybrids

Ken Mettler *Bepi Phoenix 'Kona'* 1<sup>st</sup>  
Ken Mettler *Rolfeara Junka's Cub* 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Ken Mettler *Lc. Love knot* 3<sup>rd</sup>

Phalaenopsis

Justin Pepperney *Phal amabilis* 1<sup>st</sup>  
David and Edna Markley *Phal unknown* 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Bill Cavanaugh *Phal Golden Treasure* 3<sup>rd</sup>

Oncidiae

Scott Bever *Wilsonara Kolibri* 1<sup>st</sup>  
Tennis Maynard *Beallara Smile Eri* 1<sup>st</sup>  
Scott Bever *Wilsonara Pui Chin 'Flying Tiger'* 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Scott Bever *Wilsonara Pacific Lust 'Pretty in Pink'* 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Tennis Maynard *Trichopilia sanguinolenta x fragrans* 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Nancy Heath *Onc Twinkle* 3<sup>rd</sup>

Phragmipedium

Bill Cavanaugh *Phrag Don Wimber* 1<sup>st</sup>  
Bill Cavanaugh *Phrag Jason Fischer* 2<sup>nd</sup>

Masdevallia

Justin Pepperney *Masd Shinichi Komoda* 1<sup>st</sup>  
Ed Davis *Masd Prince Charming* 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Justin Pepperney *Masd Copper Angel x Amplexa* 3<sup>rd</sup>

Paphiopedilum

David and Edna Markley *Paph spicerianum x villosum* 1<sup>st</sup>  
David and Edna Markley *Paph Pinnochio 'In-Charm' x In Charm 'Co-operation'* 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Justin Pepperney *Paph vietnamense* 3<sup>rd</sup>

Other

Harold Blazier *Calanthe vestita* 1<sup>st</sup>  
Ken Mettler *Den Roy Tokunaga* 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Ed Davis *Calanthe vestita* 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Elly Campbell *Coelogyne Portland* 3<sup>rd</sup>

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 Clifton know.



Enc. Orchid Jungle



Epi. Nursery Rhyme x randii

## Annual Growers Contest

Well Laaaah Teeeeee Daaaah, two months in a row with updated standings. Actually, this is the easy part of the year. We won't begin to test Clif's patience and interpretive skills until we start the spring show season and that starts February 20 for us. So enjoy it while the good times roll. Once we start away shows we promise to do our best and make no other promises. The record reflects the November and January meetings and we are off to a good start. Bring your plants to the show table and send them to Dayton. If you have any disagreements with the totals let me or Clif know as soon as possible so that we can set it straight. In the meantime, keep showing those orchids. The new season is here and the contest is on.....

### Green House Division

Tennis Maynard	89
Tom and Pat Stinson	25
Dallas Ingram	9

### AYO (All You Others)

Bill Cavanaugh	90
Dave and Edna Markley	31
Harold Blazier	30
Justin Pepperney	26
Scot Bever	24
Ken Mettler	24
Nancy Wagener	20
Ed Davis	18

Clif Hynum	8
Nancy Heath	4
Elly Campbell	3
Thom Weiland	1
Sue Allison	1

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

## 2010 COOS Calendar

February 18	Meeting – Barry Jones – Miniature Orchids
March 18	Meeting – Warren Stoutamire – Hardy Orchids in a Cool Greenhouse
March 20/21	Central Ohio Orchid Society Annual Spring Show
April 22*	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
May 20	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
June 17	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
July 18**	Picnic – Not set for Franklin Park Conservatory grounds - Tentative
September 16	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
October 21	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
November 6-7	Mini-show
November 18	Potluck Dinner

**Board Meetings.** Board meetings will be held the second Tuesday of odd numbered months.

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

\* One week late – special speaker arrangement

\*\* Tentative picnic date

## What's Bugging You

A while back I started doing some research on insect pests and started what I hoped would, over time be a series of articles that would help identify and treat some common orchid pests. I will continue that effort, however, when someone makes it easy for me, I will take advantage of it.

As I noted last month, First Rays Orchids has a tremendous selection of really good information listed under the heading free information. Great! Right up your newsletter editor's alley, good information and free. What more can you ask for. Reprinted below is one of those articles. You can find more at [www.firstrays.com](http://www.firstrays.com) or you can wait and I'll print more of them here. Either way, remember to patronize First Rays.

### . Aphids

Most plant pests are shy creatures who prefer to lurk in dim crannies where they can't be easily detected. Not aphids. These bold, gregarious insects work right out in the open. On infested plants you can find entire colonies of them cavorting on new growth, at the base of buds, and on the undersides of leaves.

Usually less than 1/8 inch long, commonly greenish white or black, aphids have soft, pear-shaped bodies, long legs and *antennae*. Most are wingless, but winged versions appear when a colony gets too crowded and decides to migrate to another plant.

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**Symptoms:** Aphid feeding causes poor growth, stunted plants or curled and distorted leaves. Developing aphids shed white skins. A pile of them on upper leaf surfaces may be your first sign that these destructive insects have arrived.

In the process of sucking out plant juices, aphids - like mealybugs and scale - excrete a sweetish, sticky "honeydew" that often turns a moldy black and may lure ants. Aphids also carry viral diseases to plants.

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**Life cycle:** Females seem to like enormous families. A single aphid typically gives birth to between 60 and 100 young ones every day-for a period of 20 to 30 days. And each of her daughters is able to reproduce within seven to 10 days. Their high birth rate, coupled with aphids' ability to sprout wings and migrate, means you should take action as soon as you spot them. Immediately isolate the infested plant, or any other plants in your house might be settled by a new colony.

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**Controls:** Fortunately, new aphid populations aren't difficult to get rid of. Wash the foliage in soapy water-rinsing with a sink sprayer if possible-and they'll usually leave in a hurry. Don't be deceived, though; new generations may crop up, so check and treat again after seven days. For best results, repeat a third time. If a plant has only a few aphids, you may be able to control them by dabbing with a cotton swab soaked in rubbing alcohol.

## Away Show Bulletin!

It's show season again and that means we need volunteers to help out not just our society but those near us as well. After all what incentive do they have to come to our show if we cannot make a presence at their show. OK, I have stolen, ere, borrowed the words, I like that much better, of our away show chair.

Below is a list of shows that our society would like to be represented at...oops bad grammar, but nonetheless, oh I love that word, all complicated and super simple at the same time, much like an orchid, but nonetheless, we need folks to take shows to or from the shows highlighted in red.

Upcoming Nearby Shows:

**February 20-21 - Miami Valley Orchid Society Show**, Cox Arboretum, 6733 Springboro Pike, Dayton, OH. Contact: David Brown, 30 Country Manor Ln. B, Centerville, OH 45458; (937) 469-3324; [dbrown261@woh.rr.com](mailto:dbrown261@woh.rr.com).

**Just an hour away, support your almost local orchid society.**

**February 27-28 - Greater Lansing Orchid Society Show**, Michigan State University, Plant & Soil Science Conservatory, SW Corner of Bogue St. Wilson Rd., East Lansing, MI. Contact: Jerrie Nichols, 9609 Brandi Ln., Fowlerville, MI 48836; (517 ) 223-8965; [sjnichols@aldial.net](mailto:sjnichols@aldial.net).

**It's a three + hour drive and it is in Michigan, but hey, it could be a weekend escape and there will be orchids.**

**March 6-7 - Greater Akron Orchid Society Spring 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](mailto:orchidlady50@hotmail.com).

**Jump on 71 North and drive. Only about two hours drive time and again, there are orchids.**

**March 13-14 - West Shore Orchid Society Show**, Strongsville Recreation Center, 18100 Royalton Rd., Strongsville, OH. Contact: Chester Kieliszek, 224 N. Oakmont Dr., Northfield Ctr., OH 44067; (330) 467-3731, [kieliszekc@ferro.com](mailto:kieliszekc@ferro.com)

**Da great and mighty Google says it is only two hours and ten minutes straight up 71 north, all hail da mighty Google. And did I mention that there will be orchids? With luck, there will be spring...maybe here...there...not so much.**

**March 20-21 - Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania Show**, Phipps Garden Center, Pittsburgh, PA. Contact: Barbara Tisherman, 5145 Beeler St., Pittsburgh, PA 15217; (412) 683-0207; [btisherman@aol.com](mailto:btisherman@aol.com).

**Three hours to the East on I-70 and you are there. We of course are only providing this information as a public service in case you are in Pittsburg for a wedding that weekend. Barring that, you should be at our show as it is the same weekend.**



**March 20-21 - Central Ohio Orchid Society Show**, Franklin Park Conservatory, 1777 East Broad St, Columbus, OH. Contact: Dave Markley, 906 Stygler Rd., Gahanna, OH 43230; (614) 471-5437; [dmarkley5868@wowway.com](mailto:dmarkley5868@wowway.com).

**You know where...just be there.**

**March 27-28 - Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society Show**, Krohn Conservatory, 1501 Eden Park Dr., Cincinnati, OH. Contact: Stephen Helbling, 2489 Erie Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45208; (513) 321-3702; [orchiddevil@aol.com](mailto:orchiddevil@aol.com).

**South on 71 for two hours and a bit and you get to see the Queen City, Krohn's Conservatory (very nice) and oh, did I mention orchids.**

**March 27-28 - Michigan Orchid Society Show**, Michigan State Mgmt. Education Ctr., 811 W. Square Lake Rd., Troy, MI. Contact: Diane Burton, 10805 Oxbow Lake Shores, White Lake, MI 48386; (248) 698-3045; [dianepburton@comcast.net](mailto:dianepburton@comcast.net).

**This one is four and a half to five hours drive time so plan on making a weekend of it. If you stop in the casino in Detroit and win ten thousand dollars you can buy lottttts of orchids....or maybe be broke and buy none. Your call.**



**Blc Shirley Moore**



**Blc Waianae King x Buckaroo**

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

OK, now it is February and still there have been no shows yet but the season is rushing toward us with the first show in two weeks. We will post the results, we hope, each month as the results roll in.

### Editor's Corner:

I have a love/hate relationship with winter. When I was small, yes I actually was at one time, and I loved snowball fights, fort building, sledding, the occasional attempt at skiing as I grew older and snow days. Now that I am considerably larger and older, I am ambivalent about snow days, I am retired, and I am less than impressed with the need to shovel my walk and driveway when the city of Columbus cannot plow my street, but it does make for really interesting driving.

Ok, so that is the hate part, in an attenuated, believe me I could list more that I find annoying, rant. So what exactly is the love part? Well it ain't Valentines Day, though it does have its virtues. After suffering the post



Cattleya Blue Mountain

holiday blues, we come to the season of the shows, more importantly the season of the blooms, which is why we all grow these critters, is that not so? I know that all of you are doing the same thing, looking at new growths, buds, I have one on an Angraecum that we have grown for five years, one of, actually one of two of the first orchids we ever owned, and while I don't quite understand the growth habit, it is growing up and then down, I am just near tickled to death, it is going to bloom for the first time. I will get to see what it blooms like and then will get to see if I can get it, or the sister plant, to do it again. OK, I favor run on sentences, mostly because it all just leaps into my mind and I can't stop the thought from leaping to the paper, but I think you know what I mean. SPRING is just around the corner, my plants tell me this even as I shovel 15 inches of snow form me walk, and I am just soooo happy. I know you are as well. Bring your blooms to the February meeting so that we can banish the Frost King, or at least make him start to slink away so that we can anticipate the new show season and WARMTH.

Bill C.

## Hospitality

We would like to thank Nancy Wagener, Sue Allison and Edna Markley for the fine array of goodies at the January 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 March and one March slot. Some volunteers is good, more volunteers is better. You can reduce my whine-age by filling the vacant slots. 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).

February	Bill and Ruth Cavanaugh	March	Dottie Burchfield
February	Sandra Stohr	March	Naila Caruso
February	Scott Bever	March	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
April	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	May	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
April	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	May	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
April	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	May	<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.



*Calanthe vestita*- Plant of the Month  
Grown by Harold Blazier

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COLUMBUS, OH 43228