



***February Meeting – Barry Jones – Singapore World Orchid Congress
Thursday, February 16, 2012
8:00 p.m., Franklin Park Conservatory Classrooms
7:30 to 8:00 p.m. Beginner's Corner***

Sing a Song of Singapore...

Our speaker this month will be Barry Jones of the Orchid Outlet. He will be speaking on the recently concluded World Orchid Congress in Singapore which he attended. Barry is a long time grower, thirty years plus, and a judge for over ten years. He is retired from the USDA labs in Peoria and is spending his time with his orchids and on the golf course. He will share the highlights of the Singapore Congress with us.

Barry will be bringing plants for sale, so bring your appetite for new orchids a generously filled wallet. You are sure to find at least one plant that just has to go home with you.

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



C Heathii coerulea

Bill Cavanaugh

President's Message

We have made it through the holidays, the Super Bowl and all the brutal blizzards of the 2012 winter :-) and are now working our way ever so slowly toward spring time and warmer temperatures. And I can feel the days getting longer. This is a good time to ask What does this all mean?

It means Phalaenopsis! Prime blooming season.



Cyp pubescens

You can see why we'll need your help in providing plants. We'll only want 5 to 8 plants for the away shows as we'll be putting in table-top displays. But for our home show I expect you to pull out all the stops. More about that next month.

We have already assigned a core group of people to take, assemble, tear down and bring back the exhibits at the away shows. But you know full well that we want more of you to tag along, get in the orchid display habit, meet the "regulars" from our sister societies and learn the ins-and-outs of orchid show exhibits. It sounds like work, but it's cleverly disguised as fun. We'll be giving you the hard sell at the meetings. Make it easy on us. Just raise your hand and come along for the ride. The shows are the payoff for a year of good growing.

One last thing. **Tennis** has had it with missing the lectures at the meetings because he's always relegated to photographing the plants on the display table. And. We've been approached by a professional photographer who asked for permission (!) to take pictures at our meetings. See? When you grow orchids, the world's your oyster. Her photos carry the name MJ Brennan, but we think there's probably more to it. Be sure to greet her and thank her for offering to take the pictures, but don't slow her down as she's going to work with a backdrop and will be pretty busy.

OK, one more last thing. What else does February mean besides phals? It means that by the time you read this the Cubs will be headed south for spring training! (OK, Bill, the Reds too.)

You remember. Almost certainly your first orchid. Did you outgrow phals or do you still enjoy them for their color, flower count and long-lasting habit? Many of you have moved on to more intriguing and challenging orchids. But we're glad others of you have stayed with these reliable bloomers. They can certainly fill a space with color.

And that's exactly what we'll need in February, March and April. We'll be prevailing upon you to populate our displays and exhibits. (We may be kidnapping some 1st's from the display tables at our meetings!) We'll be placing exhibits in the Miami Valley show in February. March is completely booked: shows in Akron, West Shore, Cincinnati, the Green Thumb Gardener's Fair and our own Spring Show on successive weekends. And April is the Spring MAOC in Indianapolis.

Tom Franczak

Our membership year is January to December. If you joined the society and you paid your dues in November or December of 2011, you are covered for 2012 as well. For all of the rest of us, it is time to begin the renewal process. You can pay your dues at the February meeting, or you can send a check to our membership chair. (made payable to "Central Ohio Orchid Society") **Rich Wagener (2739 Clime Road, Columbus, Ohio 43223)**. 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. Dates are February 12, March 11 and April 8, 2012...

Welcome New Members

Ok, we have reviewed our respective data bases, and while we have no really new members, we have some that for glitch type reasons we may not have acknowledged. So a warm but belated welcome to Denise Perry, Lisa Richter, and Rochelle Vennari. If I have previously introduced you, enjoy the second time around, if not welcome to the wonderful world of orchid addiction. As for the rest of us, let's work at this. Invite folks to join us. Last time I checked we all like orchids and have a good time together. Spread the love. In the meantime, remember, if you see a new face at the meeting make sure they are welcomed warmly.

2012/2013 COOS Officers - Terms of Office are from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2013

President:	Tom Franczak		614-868-5636
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Lori Baldwin	2015	740-246-4713
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Phragmipedium

Bill Cavanaugh	<i>Phrag Don Wimber</i>	1 st
Tennis Maynard	<i>Phrag Allison Strohm</i>	2 nd
Tennis Maynard	<i>Phrag Don Wimber</i>	3 rd

Paphiopedilum Hybrids

Tom Stinson	<i>Paph unknown</i>	1 st
Tom Stinson	<i>Paph unknown</i>	2 nd
Tom Franczak	<i>Paph yappianum</i>	3 rd

Paphiopedilum Species

Tennis Maynard	<i>Paph gratixianum</i>	1 st
Tom Stinson	<i>Paph sukhakulii (Take Off x Short Stop)</i>	2 nd
Tom Stinson	<i>Paph spicerianum</i>	3 rd

Dendrobium

Tom Stinson	<i>Den Oriental Smile 'Fantasy' AD/AO</i>	1 st
Tom Stinson	<i>Den Himezakura 'Sanukku'</i>	2 nd
Pat Kurz	<i>Den Stardust 'Firebird'</i>	3 rd

Phalaenopsis

Tom Stinson	<i>Phal Timothy Christopher 4n 'Sakura'</i>	1 st
Austin Carter	<i>Phal unknown</i>	2 nd
Ed Davis	<i>Phal P L Cascade</i>	3 rd

Pleurothallid/Masdevallia

Tennis Maynard	<i>Pleurothallis restrepioides</i>	1 st
Tennis Maynard	<i>Masd Yma Sumac</i>	2 nd
Tom Stinson	<i>Masd Margarite CY2 x Masd Angel Tang</i>	2 nd
Tom Stinson	<i>Masd Hana Nguyen 'Melissa' HCC/AOS</i>	3 rd

Oncidiae

Tennis Maynard	<i>Onc Jiuobao Gold</i>	1 st
Tom Stinson	<i>Onc unknown</i>	2 nd
Austin Carter	<i>Onc Twinkle 'Red Fantasy'</i>	3 rd

Vandaceous

Tennis Maynard	<i>Vandirea Newberry 'Jasmine'</i>	1 st
Tennis Maynard	<i>Opsistylis Mem Mary Natrass</i>	2 nd

Other

Tennis Maynard	<i>Bulbophyllum echinolabia</i>	POM	1 st
Tennis Maynard	<i>Cychnoches chlorochilon x Cycnodes Jumbo Mickey</i>		2 nd
Austin Carter	<i>Cymbidium unknown</i>		3 rd
Tennis Maynard	<i>Lycaste fimbriata</i>		3 rd

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 know.



Pescatoria lehmanii



Phal stuartiana

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.

First Rays Orchids has a tremendous selection of really good information listed under the heading free information. What more can a guy ask for? Reprinted below is one of those articles. You can find more at www.firstrays.com or you can wait and I'll print more of them here. Either way, remember to patronize First Rays orchids.

Spider Mites

To a spider mite, the leaf of a medium-size houseplant must seem as vast as the state of California. These eight-legged critters---cousins of ordinary spiders and sometimes called red spiders---measure only about 1/50 of an inch long, so don't expect to get a good look at one without the help of a strong magnifying glass. In good light, though, you can see colonies with your naked eye. Look at the undersides of leaves, especially along the veins and edges where mites like to congregate; a bronze or reddish hue means they're at work sucking away your plant's vital juices.

Symptoms: Whitish or yellowish speckled spots on the tops of leaves are your first clue that spider mites have arrived. Eventually, leaves take on a bronze or yellow look and may die or drop off. Silky webbing, like the frail strands at left, means your plant has a bad case.

Life cycle: Spider mites begin life as eggs and live for about a month. During that time, the number of eggs one of these characters can lay depends largely upon temperature. At 60 degrees, one female will produce only about 20 eggs---not a big family in the mite world. Increase the temperature to 80 degrees and her tribe could potentially reach 13 million! The eggs like it hot, too. At 80 degrees, they'll hatch in about five days---at 60 degrees, almost 15 days. Seven days is typical. This explains why spider mites seem to go wild in warm locations or during those first hot days of spring or summer. They thrive in dry environments, too.

As populations explode, mite-gration begins. Young females glide on their silky threads to other leaves---or ride air currents, clothes, or your hands to other plants. Some even set out on foot.

Controls: Since cooler temperatures and higher humidity levels greatly inhibit mites, try to provide these conditions for susceptible plants.

Periodically check all plants for spider mites, as explained above. Be especially vigilant during warm periods. And if you happen to take your plant outdoors, check it carefully before you bring it in. Isolate it from your other plants for a week or two, then check again. Spider mites abound in outside vegetation.

If you spot evidence of mites, isolate the plant immediately and bathe it weekly with mildly soapy water. Be sure to wash away any webbing and give the undersides of leaves a good scrubbing. This will remove all or most of the adults, but it won't affect the eggs. To get these, you have to wait a week until they hatch, then wash again. Repeat once more a week later.

2012 COOS Calendar

February 16	Meeting – Barry Jones – World Orchid Congress in Singapore
March 15	Meeting – Leo Schordje – Multi-floral Paphs
March 31/April 1	Central Ohio Orchid Society Annual Spring Show
April 19	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
May 17	Meeting – Steven Frowine – Fragrant Orchids
June 21	Meeting – Alexa Noel – Tolumnia's
July 15*	Picnic – Not set for Franklin Park Conservatory grounds - Tentative
September 20	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
October 18	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
November 3-4	Mini-show
November 15	Awards Banquet and Potluck Dinner

Board Meetings Board meetings will be held the second Tuesday of odd numbered months. They begin at 7:00 PM

January 10	July 10
March 6 **	September 11
May 8	November 13

* Tentative picnic date

**Date changed from March 13

Annual Contest – Rules and Scoring

It is good to know the rules of the game whatever the game and as our growers contest is just that, a contest, so it is good to occasionally review the ground rules. With that in mind, we reprise the rules for your edification.

Point scoring

<i>Award</i>	<i>At monthly meetings</i>	<i>At an away show</i>
1 st	10	20
2 nd	5	10
3 rd	3	5
No ribbon	1	2
Plant of the Month	20	
Best of Class		20
Other Special		20

1. Plants must be free of obvious disease or pests. Plants seen to be harboring mealybugs, scale, etc., will be disqualified and isolated.
2. The flowers should be the result of your growing skills, not those of a vendor or previous owner. **Accordingly, we ask that you only claim points for plants you have been growing for at least 6 months.** You may exhibit any plant you own and are encouraged to do so. However, if you have not owned the plant for 6 months previously, note that it is not to be included in the contest tally on the entry sheet.
3. If you submit plants for a COOS exhibit at an away orchid show, the away show chair will report entries and ribbons to the contest coordinator. If you submit plants in your own or any other exhibit at an away orchid show, you must report the entries and ribbons to the contest coordinator.
4. The contest year Begins with the Annual Awards/Holiday banquet and ends October 31.
5. You are a “beginner” for contest purposes until either your name has appeared in the membership directory for current year – 2 or prior, or, you have finished in the top 3 of an annual contest. Basically, we want to assure that you have 2 full years of eligibility as a “beginner.” For example, in 2011, you are a “beginner” if your name is not in the membership directory for 2009 or prior, even if it appears in the 2010 directory, if there is a directory, if no directory, if you first became a member in 2009,.
6. To qualify for any award in the annual contest, a minimum of 20 points is required.
7. There will be two divisions in the growing contest. Division one will be greenhouse growers and division two will be all others, that is window sill or under lights or any combination. On your entry form for each plant, please list the division that you compete in, i.e., Greenhouse or other. Prizes will be awarded to the first two places in each division and to the best new grower. .

These will be the rules for the 2011/12 contest. Grow your plants to perfection --- and grow LOTS of them --- and you'll be at the top of the list regardless of how the contest may continue to evolve.

Annual Growers Contest

And now we begin the 2011/2012 iteration of our annual growing contest in earnest. The holidays are gone, the spring show season is upon us and may the best growers win. Remember, it is a long race so you have a lot of time to grow and show those orchids. All you need is your skills, a little luck, we all know that plants bloom right after a meeting or show, and a little persistence. The new contest year is on. The results below include the November and January show tables. We will add meetings and away shows as they happen...I hope. If you have any disagreements with the totals let me know as soon as possible so that it can be set straight.

Green House Division

Tennis Maynard	203
Tom and Pat Stinson	100
Screll Jones	2

AYO (All You Others)

Katrina Heap	58	Tom Franczak	3
Bill Cavanaugh	29	Pat Kurz	3
Austin Carter	14	Ed Davis	3
Dave and Edna Markley	13	Elly Campbell	1
Ken Mettler	10		
Scott Bever	7		

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

Away Show Bulletin!

Upcoming Nearby Shows:

The spring show season is almost upon us. Oh the glories of spring shows are awesome and I hope to take in more than the one that I will help present. We gleefully announce the spring season and encourage you to visit your almost local away shows within two hundred miles or so. :>))). Or where ever you can get to.

Feb 11-12 - Greater Cleveland Orchid Society Show, South Euclid Community Center, 1370 Victory Dr., South Euclid, OH

Two and one half hours north on I-71. An early dose of spring

Feb 18 – 19, 2012 Miami Valley Orchid Society, Cox Arboretum, 6733 Springboro Pike, Dayton, OH ([map](#))

Contact: Michele Little 2503 Halifax Ct. Middletown, OH 45044 513-423-8937 my3snakes@yahoo.com

Feb 25 – 26, 2012 Greater Lansing, Michigan State University Crop & Soil Sciences Conservatory, Corner Bogue St. & Wilson Rd., East Lansing, MI. ([map](#)) Contact: Jim Leaman 7315 Jeffrey Ct., Linden, MI 48451 (810) 735-5495 lindenjim@frontier.com

Mar 3 – 4, 2012 Greater Akron Orchid Society Show Donzelle Garden Center, 937 East Waterloo Rd., Akron OH ([map](#)) Show Contact: Cathy Green 2019 36th St NW Canton, OH 44709 330-492-4534 orchid lady50@hotmail.com

Mar 10 – 11, 2012 West Shore Orchid Society, West Shore Orchid Society Show Contact: Chester Kieliszek (216) 210-2407 kieliszekc@ferro.com.

Mar 17 – 18, 2012 Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society Show Krohn Conservatory, 1501 Eden Park Dr., Cincinnati, OH. ([map](#)) Contact: Stan Better 9507 Benchmark Ln., Cincinnati, OH 45242 (513) 745-0014 stanbetter@stanbetter.com

Mar 17, 2012 Saturday only Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania Phipps Garden Center, 1059 Shady Ave., Pittsburgh, PA ([map](#)) Contact: Linda Forschner 53 Artman Way Leechburg, PA 15656 724-882-0913 lindamforschner@yahoo.com



Stanhopea connata



Tolumnia Spotted Reef

Editor's Corner:

Here it is the 7th of the month and I am one day ahead of my 8th of the month deadline. Is that sweet or what? Ok, maybe more sweet for me and expected for you but hey, better than the Monday before the meeting, no? Been loving the weather...to a point. The changes are killing my arthritis but the occasional warm breaks are making it easy to run everything out in the yard for a good soaking. Oh for a greenhouse.

My new summer orchid set up remains more virtual than real but I continue to hope that it will come to fruition and that my goal of better culture for my plants will become a reality. I am still waiting to hear from my constituents regarding what you would like to see over the next two years. Input...I need input. Some of you may know the reference. Even if you don't, it remains true. Let me know what will make this tome better or make it more meet your needs as growers and members. As you know, if you leave it up to me, the results can be wildly erratic.

Other than that, the spring show season is upon us, including our show. Grow 'em and show 'em folks. And help out where you can, and come and share the fun.

May your plants live long and prosper. May you live longer.

Bill.

Hospitality

We would like to express a heart felt thank you to Pat Kurz, Norm and Lori Baldwin, Naila Caruso and anyone else who provided the goodies at the January meeting. If I have overlooked you please accept my apology.

And, we 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, volunteers are listed below. For the future, as ever, the months with a red **volunteer needed** notice, need a volunteer. I am sure you would make Dave and Edna Markley, our hospitality chairs, breathe easier if they could start getting volunteers for next year.

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 can be reached at 614-471-5437 You can also reach them by e-mail at dmarkley5868@wowway.com.

February	Nancy Wagener	March	Katrina Heap
February	Bill Cavanaugh	March	Volunteer Needed
February	Volunteer Needed	March	Volunteer Needed
April	Pat Stinson	May	Volunteer Needed
April	Volunteer Needed	May	Volunteer Needed
April	Volunteer Needed	May	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.

Bulbophyllum echinolabium - Plant of the Month January
Grown by Tennis Maynard



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