



## ***January Meeting – The Genus Maxillaria***

Thursday, January 18, 2007

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

7:30 – 8:00p.m., Beginners' Corner

### **Maxillaria...**

Our speaker this month will be the noted orchid taxonomist Eric Christenson speaking on the genus Maxillaria.



He has been a speaker at numerous orchid conferences and gatherings, including our own 2001 MAOC, a talk based on his noted book on Phalaenopsis, has done field work in Guyana and French Guiana and authored the orchid treatment for the Vascular Flora of Central French Guiana. He is also actively assisting with a modern inventory of Peruvian orchids. To date, 800 illustrations have been printed as *Icones Orchidacearum Peruvianarum*, including more than 150 distribution records and more than 100 new species from Peru. His bilingual florula *Machu Picchu: Orchids*, was published in 2003. His current work in Peru can be read about at <http://www.andesamazon.org>. A prolific author of more than 300 publications, Dr. Christenson is known for his articles that attempt to bridge the gap between taxonomy and horticulture and is a strong advocate of orchid conservation, particularly ex situ propagation.

#### **Max. huebschii**

As Eric will not be bringing plants for sale, we will enjoy a members plant sale table, so anyone getting the itch to buy during the 'no ship' winter months, prepare to stock up on new plants.

We will be holding our usual meet-and-greet dinner with Eric at the Old Bag of Nails restaurant at 6PM; all members welcome.

**Tennis Maynard**

## President's Message

Once again let me wish you a Happy New Year and hope that you got lots of toys for Christmas J . Just remember that whatever it is, if it plugs into a wall socket or takes batteries, do not try to use it unless you are being supervised by a 12 year old. They're the only ones who will know how it works.

The Potluck dinner in November was a delight. We all thank **Nancy Heath, Sue Dervin**, new member **Kate Barkley**, (and the Franklin Park Conservatory), for setting up the room, providing table decorations, and organizing the food and beverage that each of you brought to our party.

We also use that occasion to recognize the achievements and contributions of one or two of our members. After consulting with several "elders" of the Society and past honorees, we selected **Naila Caruso** to receive this year's AOS certificate. Naila is our 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President (Away Show Chair), a member of the 2009 MAOC Planning Committee, and, as Hospitality Chair, the last one out the door after each of our meetings. As luck would have it, on the evening of the potluck Naila had a job related obligation to address an Ag meeting of some sort (on the topic of controlling gypsy moth outbreaks!) and the distance was too far for her to make it back to join us for dinner. So we made the presentation and expressed our thanks at the board meeting two days before the potluck. Be sure to express your good wishes and thanks to Naila when you see her at the next meeting. And do pick at least one away show in 2007 to help Naila with setup or tear down or both. That would be the most appreciative gesture you could make.

Planning continues for the 2009 MAOC Show. In early December the **Planning Committee** inspected the facilities at the Airport Marriott and subsequently selected it as the host hotel for the event. Pending board approval, we will formalize our contract with the hotel in January. This was a major step on the road to the MAOC and, with **Terese Houle (HelmsBriscoe)** assisting us with this selection and negotiation process, we will now concentrate our attention and focus on how the show will be staged at the Conservatory.



*C. labiata*

So much for **2009** for the time being. For **2007** we are already focussing on the Spring Show, March 31 – April 1. We gave bookmarks advertising our 2007 orchid shows to many of you at the potluck for distribution to specific libraries. They're important ... make sure they get where they're going! Want to make more of a contribution to our publicity efforts? See me and I'll gladly show you what we can do. As for **2008**, well, in a few months I'll be appointing a committee to shanghai, oops, I mean nominate folks to stand for election to the board at the October meeting.

And now, remember to bring your membership dues to the January meeting ... \$15 individual, \$20 household. If you have to miss the meeting (not advised!), mail your dues to **Jon Young** asap. We'd like to get the membership directory printed as quickly as possible and you won't be in it if you're not paid up by Jon's cutoff date. If you're a new member and joined at or after the November, 2006 show, you are paid up for 2007 but be sure to get your 2007 membership card from Jon at the January meeting.

I want to thank the board members and committee chairs for their work on behalf of the Society during 2006. Just because we're a volunteer organization the work isn't easier or less demanding. The coming year holds a lot of promise ... good speakers, good events and planning for even more good stuff. To enable it, keep up the good work! J

## Tom Franczak



*Max. tenuifolia*



*Max. variabilis*

That time of year is upon us again. Remember, with the new year comes the membership renewal season. Our membership year is January to December. 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 January meeting. Please support the society by renewing as soon as possible. The dues are \$15.00 for Individuals and \$20.00 per household. If you just joined us at the November Mini-show, your dues are paid for 2007. We won't remind you until January 2008 and thank you for your early participation.

## Ye Olde Orchid Glossary

**Damping Off-** Disease causing abrupt death of apparently healthy seedlings induced by soil inhabiting fungi virulent to plant growth under conditions of high humidity and temperature.

**Deciduous-** The term used to describe the loss of leaves or other growths upon maturity or at the end of a growing season, with re-growth after a dormant rest.

**Dehisce-** To split into definite parts by valves, splits or pores, as the capsule of orchids. A bursting open of a capsule or pod.

**Diploid-** Having a normal number of two sets of chromosomes; know as 2N.

**Division-** Making new plants from old by cutting the rhizome of a sympodial orchid into pieces containing pseudo bulbs and rhizome or by cutting off the top half of a stem of a vine- like orchid.

**Dormancy-** A rest period during which no vegetative growth occurs, often following a growth period and/or the loss of leaves or other growths; may require cooler temperatures and less water.

**Dorsal sepal-** In orchids, the uppermost “petal” of a flower.

### AWAY SHOW BULLETIN

Naila Caruso, our Away Show Chair, will be tackling her usual full spring schedule of shows in and around Ohio. Below is a listing of shows that she either absolutely, positively is going to get COOS into or that she really, really wants to get COOS into. The catch is, she can't do them all because of her work commitments. So what we are looking for here folks is the occasional volunteer, to set up a show, to tear down a show, to do an away show entirely, or all of the above. The first call for volunteers is for the January 27 show in Grand Rapids Mi. Now that is a bit of a drive and is a whole weekend event but you get to see almost all of scenic Grand Rapids. Ann Arbor and Pittsburgh are other shows that will require volunteers either because Naila can't make it or can't be in two places at once. Step to the head of the line folks and let her know when and where you can help.

January 27 – 28, 2007	Grand Valley Orchid Society Show, Grand Rapids, Mi.
February 17 – 18, 2007	Miami Valley Orchid Society Show, Cox Arboretum and Gardens, West Carrollton, Ohio.
February 24 –25, 2007	Greater Lansing Orchid Society Show, MSU Plant and Soil Science Conservatory, East Lansing Mi.
March 3-4	Greater Akron Orchid Society Show, Donzells Flower and Garden Center, Akron, Oh.
March 10-11	West Shore Orchid Society Show, Strongsville Recreation Center, Strongsville, OH.
March 17-18	Ann Arbor Orchid Society Show, Matthaei Botanical Gardens, Ann Arbor, MI
March 24-25	Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania Show, Phipps Garden Center, Pittsburgh, PA.
March 24-25	Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society Show, Krohn Conservatory, Cincinnati, OH.

### **2006/2007 COOS Officers - Terms of Office are from January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2007**

President:	Tom Franczak		614-868-5636
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President:	Tennis Maynard	Program Chair	614-252-5710
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President:	Tom Bell-Games	Home Show Chair	614-487-1623
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President:	Naila Caruso	Away Show Chair	614-868-5861
Secretary:	Nancy Heath	Recorder	614-294-6722
Assistant Secretary:	Bill Cavanaugh	Newsletter Editor	614-878-1745
Treasurer:	Dawn Mettler	Collect/Disburse Monies	740-380-3023
Assistant Treasurer:	Jon Young	Membership Chair	614-272-5256

### **COOS Trustees – Terms of Office Expire December 31<sup>st</sup> of the Year Shown.**

Jim Harper	2009	614-965-1921
Screll Jones	2009	614-864-7924
Ken Mettler	2007	740-380-3023
Nancy Wagener	2007	614-276-8890
Tom Lochner	Immediate Past President	614-487-8197





Max. brunnea



Max. picta

## Welcome New Members

Welcome to Kate Barkley, Meliha Bosworth, and Deb Parkman and Ann Dougherty. Also welcome to Bela Vaghela. These are our most recent additions to the Central Ohio chapter of the society of orchid addicts.



Paph. Macabre



Paph. Macabre

and  
One of the reasons Paphs are so interesting.

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. January 8, 2007, February 12, March 12, April 9.

## It's Showtime ....

Will return next month after we have actually been to a show.

### Notes from the November Meeting.

The show table was very nice for November, especially considering everyone put so much effort into preparing dishes for the annual potluck and had to consider transporting orchids as well. With the New Year and a new blooming season, we encourage you to bring your blooming plants to the show table and share your skills and the beauty of your plants with the other members. After all, that's part of why we all joined an orchid society isn't it? Congrats to all who won ribbons and thanks to all who brought plants. A reminder to all who exhibit plants, we can't recognize your accomplishments if you don't fill out an entry form. That said, our apologies to anyone who completed a form that we missed. The judging was done by Ed Davis and he found much beauty as is indicated by the placement of plants in the various classes.

#### Cattleya and Related Hybrids

Tennis Maynard	<i>Cattleya Ineterglossa</i> 'O.C.'	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>C. Hawaiian Wedding Song</i> 'Virgin'	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>Blc. Copper Queen</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>C. Florence Patterson</i> x <i>C. Claesiana alba</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>

#### Cymbidium

Tennis Maynard	<i>Ansellia africana</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
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Dan Willis	<i>Cycnoches unknown</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>

#### Oncidium Alliance

Mike LeGates	<i>Odontoglossum unknown</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
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#### Paphiopedilum Green Leaf

#### Paphiopedilum Mottled Leaf

#### Phragmipedium

Wei-Yi Chen	<i>Phrag. Delesandro</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Wei-Yi Chen	<i>Phrag. St. Ouen</i> 'White Snow'	1 <sup>st</sup>
Wei-Yi Chen	<i>Phrag. bessiae</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Wei-Yi Chen	<i>Phrag. bessiae</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>

#### Dendrobium

#### Phalaenopsis

#### Other

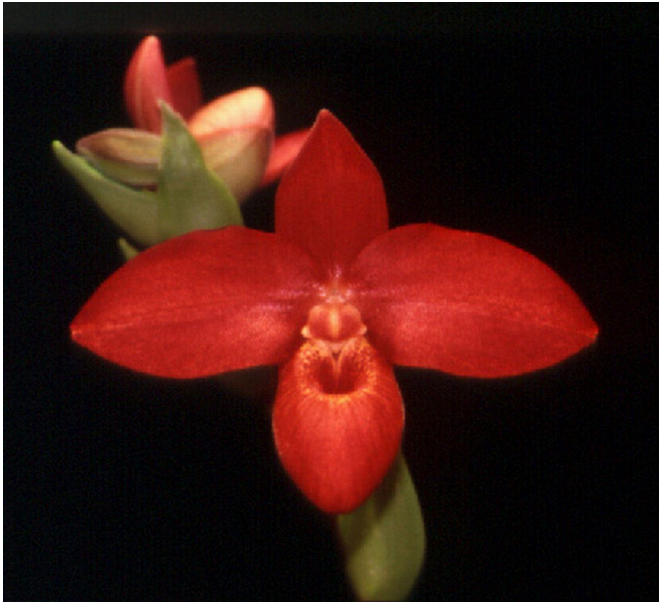
Tom Bell-Games	<i>Scaplosepalum microdactylum</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tom Bell-Games	<i>Restrepia mendosa</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tom Bell-Games	<i>Masdevallia peristeria</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Ed Davis	<i>Masdevallia floribunda</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>

## 2007 COOS Calendar

January 18, 2007	Meeting - Eric Christenson on Maxillaria
February 15	Meeting – Patricia Harding – The questionable Epidendrums
March 15	Meeting – Clark Riley – Taxonomy
March 31, April 1	Central Ohio Orchid Society Annual Show
April 19	Meeting – Ray Barkalow – Semi-hydroponic orchid growing (tentative)
May 17	Meeting – Manuel Aybar – Orchids of the Dominican Republic
June 21	Meeting (speaker to be determined)
July 15	Picnic, tentatively set for Franklin Park Conservatory grounds
September 20	Meeting (speaker to be determined)
October 18	Meeting (speaker to be determined)
November 3-4	Mini-show
November 15	Potluck Dinner

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

January 9	July 10
March 13	September 18
May 8	November 13



Phrag. Jason Fischer



Max. fletcheriana

**REGIONAL SHOWS:** The following are upcoming shows within a reasonable distance from the central Ohio area:

January 27 – 28, 2007

Grand Valley Orchid Society Show, Frederik Meijer Garden and Sculpture Park, Grand Rapids Mi. Contact Rick Jensen, (616) 975-3155; [rjensen@meijergardens.org](mailto:rjensen@meijergardens.org).  
About a five and one half hour drive according to mapquest. A good excuse for a weekend getaway.

February 17 – 18, 2007	<p>Miami Valley Orchid Society Show, Cox Arboretum and Gardens, 6733 Springboro Pike, West Carrollton, Ohio. Contact Wes Ullery, 12956 St. Rt. 55, St. Paris, Ohio 43072. (937)308-4740.</p> <p>Close to Home. Support your almost local Orchid Society.</p>
February 24 –25, 2007	<p>Greater Lansing Orchid Society Show, MSU Plant and Soil Science Conservatory, Corner Bouge St. and Scenic Road, East Lansing Mi. Contact Pete Porciello, 515 N. Putnam Unit H, Williamstown, Mi. 48895; (517)855-1311; <a href="mailto:pporciello@voyager.net">pporciello@voyager.net</a>.</p> <p>Another road trip to the land of the Wolverine, about 4 hours according to mapquest and Naila said it was a very impressive show last year.</p>
March 3-4	<p>Greater Akron Orchid Society Show, Donzells Flower and Garden Center, 937 East Waterloo Rd., Akron, Oh. Contact Cathy Green, 2019 36<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Canton, Ohio 44709; (330) 492-4534; <a href="mailto:orchidlady50@hotmail.com">orchidlady50@hotmail.com</a></p> <p>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.</p>
March 10-11	<p>West Shore Orchid Society Show, Strongsville Recreation Center, 18100 Royalton Rd., Strongsville, OH. Contact: Wayne Roberts, 12390 Root Rd., Columbia Station, OH 44028; (440) 236-5571; <a href="mailto:rfs@orchidmix.com">rfs@orchidmix.com</a></p> <p>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.</p>
March 17-18	<p>Ann Arbor Orchid Society Show, Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd., Ann Arbor, MI Contact; Ann Bommarito/Kevin Griffin, PO Box 3006, Ann Arbor, MI 48106-3006; <a href="mailto:annarboros@yahoo.com">annarboros@yahoo.com</a>.</p> <p>If you're a Buckeye fan, you KNOW the directions. Google says it is a three hour trip almost due north.</p>
March 24-25	<p>Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania Show, Phipps Garden Center, 1059 Shady Ave., Pittsburgh, PA. Contact; Nancy Kline, 1118 Bay Hill Dr., Gibsonia, PA 25044; (412) 367-1556; <a href="mailto:nancykline@zoominternet.net">nancykline@zoominternet.net</a>.</p> <p>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.</p>
March 24-25	<p>Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society Show, Krohn Conservatory, 1501 Eden Park Dr. Cincinnati, OH. Contact: Steve Helbling, 2489 Erie Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45208; (513) 321-3702; <a href="mailto:orchiddevil@aol.com">orchiddevil@aol.com</a>.</p> <p>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.</p>

**Editor's Corner: Welllllll Happy New Year.** The new year is upon us and it is time to engage in that (usually) most futile of exercises, making New Year's Resolutions. I have made several personal ones, none of which I will tell you so you won't know when or if I have broken them. One public one I will make is to endeavor to make your newsletter better this year than it was last year..oh, and also to try and make our society more fun and user friendly. Not that it isn't fun and user friendly already, most of us would not continue to be members if we did not think it so, but nothing is so good that we can't seek to make it better. And in that vein, I have developed a list of suggestions that you might consider, if indeed, you should also resolve to make your society better. 1) Bring plants to the show table and to shows. I know you are growing them. I know they bloom. You wouldn't keep doing this if they didn't. I here all of these reasons for not bringing plants to the show table or to shows. Few of them are good excuses. You my friends, are accomplished growers. I have seen the fruit of your efforts and while I am not a judge, I know a dog when I see one and I don't see many around here. If you only raise four or five orchids, they bloom. Bring 'em and let the rest of us see them. Resolve to show your orchids at least twice this year, more if they bloom right. 2) Volunteer. As a society, there are many things that we should be doing. Usually there are committees that are designated to look after various functions, things like conservation, publicity, away shows and the annual shows we do here. Also usually, one person is the committee chair and unfortunately, the committee. Committee is a plural thing. Volunteer to help on one of



the committees. Follow your interests or skills and take the time to meet and work with your fellow society members. It is work sometimes but as often as not it is fun. It makes your society better and it keeps your committee chairs from being committed. 3) Help make your newsletter better. Write an article!!! Makes my life easier and it is an excellent way to share your expertise and/or skills and/or sense of humor and so on and so on. Or failing that, let your editor, i.e., me, know what you would like to see in your newsletter. Have growing questions, have a favorite genus you don't think we have treated fairly, have a suggestion for topics you might find interesting, good. Now share them. I can do many things but reading minds in not one of them as my wife will willingly attest. Your ideas can make the newsletter better, heck, they can make the society better. 4) Last but certainly not least on my list, is make the society grow. Do you have a friend who raises orchids but is not a member? Ask them to join. When you are working a table at a show or mini show, invite people to join. You already know they have an interest or you would not be talking about orchids with them. People like to be invited... and it takes so little time to offer a heartfelt invitation.

I am sure that there are many other ways to improve our society. Please consider one of mine or, one of your own, and resolve to be an active participant in the growth and success of your society. I don't know where I heard it but there is an old truism about living organisms, and yes we are one. That which is not growing is dying. Nothing exists

for long in a neutral state. Nothing grows that is not provided with nutrients, light and attention. Let us nurture our society in the same way that we nurture our plants.



Bill C.

C. Haleahi Serenity

## Hospitality

Our thanks goes to every one who attended the November potluck and for all of the delicious food that they provided. Now, as we enter the New Year, we would like to remind you to contact our many hatted hospitality chair, Naila Caruso to schedule your dates to bring goodies. Also a huge thank you, in advance, 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 blank spots have no volunteers. So all of you volunteers step to the fore and call Naila or sign up at the next meeting to let her 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 Naila to change months.

2007

January	Tennis Maynard	February	Bill and Ruth Cavanaugh
January	Susan Allison	February	Volunteer Needed
January	Edna Markley	February	Volunteer Needed
March	Robin Morrison	April	Volunteer Needed
March	Volunteer Needed	April	Volunteer Needed
March	Volunteer Needed	April	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.

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NEWSLETTER

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