



January Meeting – The Orchids of Ecuador

Thursday January 15, 2008

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

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

Ecuador Calling...

January's speaker is Edgar Stehli, who with his wife Kim, owns Windswept in Time Orchids. Edgar should be a familiar face to many of you as he is a very accomplished orchid grower and a regular vendor at our spring show. He is a frequent award winner as well.

Edgar and his wife Kim began their collection with a few seedling Phalaenopsis. That is all it took for the bug to get them. The collection grew and grew as they are apt to do and soon there were over 400 plants. A sale here and there to local florists was followed by an order for 100 blooming Phalaenopsis and Windswept in Time Orchids was born. What began as wholesale to local florists branched out to orchid shows and they now attend about a dozen shows every year. Their collection is housed in a stand alone greenhouse in Broadview Hts., Ohio. Visitors are welcome but please call to make arrangements before hand as both Kim and Edgar have “real jobs” in addition to the orchid business. Ya gotta pay the bills.



Edgar will be speaking on the orchids of Ecuador. In 2007 he traveled over many areas of Ecuador, observing and photographing orchids in many different habitats. He will be relating the conditions of the native habitats in Ecuador to growing techniques in cultivation. Edgar will be bringing an assortment of orchids to sell so bring your wallet or purse and snap up some of the excellent quality plants that will be available. If you have requests for specific orchids please call him at 440-838-5757, or send him an email at edgarstehli@sbcglobal.net.

Schomburgkia tibicinis

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!

President's Message

Paying your due dues when due!

Wow, if you missed the November Awards Potluck Dinner, you missed some really great food, as usual. (In fact I've been thinking maybe we should put together a COOS cookbook; there are so many times I've heard people ask for recipes, comment of the quality of the food at our events, and show interest in trying new things.) And of course there was good company. We all had a good time, and I was privileged to be able to present AOS member service awards to Screll Jones and Rich Wagener for all their contributions to COOS. Tom and Pat Stinson won the showtable contest for 2008, I came in second, Screll Jones came in third, and Dallas Ingram won in the new member category.

And now it's time to renew our memberships in COOS for 2009. Shows, good friends, beginner's corner, showtables the size of an orchid show at every meeting, the experience of long-time growers, speakers, plant purchase opportunities, and all the other things that make up our Society, are some of the things you get for your membership. And the New Year is the time to ante up again for the privilege of enjoying all the benefits of membership.

Please tender your membership dues, along with the membership form (we need to keep track!) either from Jon or printed off the website, \$15 single, \$20 family, to Jon Young at a meeting or you can mail it to him at:
Jon Young
1752 Marsdale Ave.
Columbus, Oh 43223



C. Blue Heaven x Lord Derby

If Jon is for some reason unavailable at a meeting, you can also turn in your dues to Bill Cavanaugh. Please do not tender them to anyone else to help us better keep track.

The dues are, pardon the pun, 'due' in January, but we will be accepting them through February 28th. That is the cutoff date for inclusion in the membership directory for 2009. So please get your checks and cash to Jon ASAP!!

Thanks,

Tennis Maynard

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 this year, that being 2008, you are covered for next year as well. For all of the rest of us, it is time to renew. You can pay your dues at the January meeting, or you can send a check to our membership chair. 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. January 11, February 8 and March 8, 2009.

Welcome New Members

We are glad to welcome Katrina Heap and Pat and Ziggy Kurz as new members of the Central Ohio chapter of the society of orchid addicts.

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Pteruothalis hemirhoda



Trichocerus antennifer

The article below is reprinted with permission of the Illinois Orchid Society. As noted below, this is from the archives of the IOS. It was recently reprinted in the December 2008 issue and I thank them for bringing it to my attention though I think, if I had known of its existence, I might have been able to get the author's permission to print it.

Voices From The Past –

Periodically, we will bring you items from past IOS Newsletters. Our forefathers, God bless em, left us with much astute and sage advice. The item below is reprinted from the Illinois Orchid society Newsletter V45, No 11 (November, 1996).

In Defense of Wretched Excess

There are several compelling reasons to expand your collection of orchids beyond all limits that might be imposed by reason, common sense, horse sense, public ordinances, or a decent respect for the opinions of mankind. And I mean to assuage your guilt and sorrow when your sig other (or sig otter) gently tickles your conscience with a bull horn. If those plants aren't removed from the (a) coffee table, (b) kitchen table, (c) dresser, (d) microwave, (e) sofa, (f) car seat, (g) refrigerator, (h) counter top, (i) ironing board, (j)staircase, (k) bathtub, (l) bookcase, (m) cupboard, or, (n) all of the above ...IN 5 MINUTES, I'M GOING TO THROW THEM IN THE GARBAGE!!!! IF YOU'LL PLEASE TURN THE GARBAGE CANS OVER AND TAKE THE PLANTS OFF THEM!!!! DO YOU HEAR ME?????"

There, there, m'dear! It is a fact that more orchids die from smothering love than from neglect. Too much love means too much dotting, means too much watering, means rotted roots, means desiccated plants, etc., etc. The solution is to grow so many plants that you barely have enough time to eat, sleep, and minimally water your plants. Until you divine some way to operate more efficiently, your plants will benefit from this reduced attention. So if you move from watering can to hose and wand, from sink or bathtub to light-stand, (with a tub collecting the water and a submersible pump to get rid of it), from exquisite measurement of fertilizer to the equivalent eyeball method, you need merely add more and more plants to your collection to devour whatever time you might save by becoming more efficient. (I have a proof that doing this will also help close the hole in the ozone layer, but it is too lengthy to include in the margins of this essay).

It is a fact that light falling on an empty square inch of light-stand is wasteful. Think of the electricity needed to generate that light and what it costs in money and resource. Tsk! Tsk! There are plants starving for photons in Europe, and you would waste all that light. Look ashamed. Now pack those plants together more tightly and when you see how much white space there is on your light-stand shelf, go out and buy enough plants to fill it. Your plants will benefit from the increase in humidity that will result from the cramped quarters and, by some strange and tortured logic, you'll be helping to reduce our dependence on foreign oil. It is a fact that money is at the root of all evil and will also burn a hole in your pocket. Too much of it sitting idly by under your mattress will depress the entire economy. So go out and spend some of it on more plants. By more twisted logic, that will help balance the federal budget and it's simply the patriotic thing to do.

It is a fact that if you grow and bloom one Paph stonei, you will impress your friends mightily. But, if you were to grow and bloom five Paph stonei's (all different clones, at that), your friends would be astounded. Twenty-five blooming stonei's and they would be flabbergasted and dumbstruck. And that's just stonei! Imagine if the plant were Paph rothschildianum, or the color varieties of Cattleya labiata-alba, semi-alba, coerulea, mosca, concolor, (This is like reciting ice cream flavors!), aquinii, oculata, alba plena, or combinations - instead of stonei! Or in addition to stonei!!! You see, a mere linear increase in the number of dramatic and showy orchids you grow will reward you with a geometric increase in the amount of shock and devastation you can visit upon your friends' nervous systems.

It is a fact that having numerous clones of some particular, desirable orchid affords you the luxury of always doing what is best for the plant. If you discover a pot full of dead roots when you repot your one and only *Laelia purpurata*, you may be tempted to do what you feel is best for you. Namely, to go into denial and repot that plant in its original pot. If this is one of your two dozen *Laelia purpuratas*, however, you will admit that the plant is set back a year or two and repot it in a smaller pot, thereby aiding its recovery and helping it re-grow its roots. Likewise, you won't be rushing to pot up your *Paph adductum* seedlings, as if that would hasten their growth to blooming size, if you already grow a dozen adult adductums. Trying to rush a plant through some particular stage, whether growth or rehabilitation or rest after blooming, is almost always self-defeating. Sure, you can trick a *Phalaenopsis* into producing more flowers by just cutting the inflorescence back partially, after the plant has produced an initial crop of flowers, instead of cutting it off completely. But that is such a short-sighted gimmick. You'll be left with a wilted rag of a plant after the second flowering. If you want more flowers, buy more plants. Don't wreck a few by bleeding them dry when having a lot, lets them all bloom and rest, so you get your flowers and they have the energy to regroup and bloom strongly again next year. If you follow this enlightened strategy you will arrive at the point where you have at least one orchid in flower every single day of the year, and you will bring music to the spheres and promote world peace.

There you have it. By any measure: space, time, resource, power, and prestige, more orchids are always preferable to fewer. And there is no upper boundary. I rest my case.

Tom Franczak

Notes from the November Meeting.

Our show tables continue the recent trend. Four or five years ago, you might see five or six plants at the holiday dinner. Now, as it has been for all the other meetings of the year, it is an exceptional show table. The usual variety of quality blooms and quality exhibitors treated us to a visual feast to go along with our annual feast. Congratulations on a year of exceptional efforts and thank you for the treat of a bone fide orchid show every month without have to leave town to see it. And, the November showtable started the third and annual growers contest. As always, you folks really grow well, keep up the good work.

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 and Screll Jones 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 on the job and the tally of the grower's points for the new contest, our third and annual contest, will be listed starting in the January issue. Wei does however 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 Screll Jones for the plant of the month.

Plant of the Month

Screll Jones

Bulbophyllum Elizabeth Ann

Cattleya

David and Edna Markley

Blc Memoria John Odom 'Carmela' AM/AOS

1st

Ken Mettler

C walkeriana

2nd

Tennis Maynard

C Summer Stars x walkeriana

3rd

Thom Wieland

Lc Pixie Gold 'Muse'

3rd

Large Oncidiae

David and Edna Markley	<i>Onc Pacific Hustr</i>	1 st
Bill and Ruth Cavanaugh	<i>Colm Wildcatt 'Bobcat'</i>	1 st
Sandra Stohr	<i>Alcra. Pacific Nova 'Butter Buds'</i>	2 nd
Dallas and Ashleigh Ingram	<i>Mclra Yellow Star 'Okika'</i>	2 nd
Thom Wieland	<i>Brsdm. Longlen 'Bill Switzer'</i>	3 rd

Small Oncidiae

Clifton Hynum	<i>Gomesa reclura</i>	1 st
Tennis Maynard	<i>Trichopilia rostrata</i>	2 nd
Tennis Maynard	<i>Helcia sangoinolenta x Trichopilia fragraus</i>	2 nd
Clifton Hynum	<i>Tolu. Jairalli Rainboy</i>	3 rd

Phragmipedium

Thom Wieland	<i>Phrag. Jason Fischer 'Weicool' HCC/AOS</i>	1 st
Bill and Ruth Cavanaugh	<i>Phrag. Evening Blaze</i>	2 nd

Paphiopedilum Species

Tennis Maynard	<i>Paph gratrixianum</i>	1 st
Tennis Maynard	<i>Paph spicerianum</i>	2 nd
Tom Bell-Games	<i>Paph sukhakulii</i>	3 rd

Paphiopedilum Hybrids

Screll Jones	<i>Paph (Supersuk 'Eureka' AM/AOS x Raisin Pie 'Hsinying') x sib</i>	1 st
Screll Jones	<i>Paph Lily Stripper</i>	2 nd
Screll Jones	<i>Paph (Superbiens 'Mammoth' x Jolly Roger)</i>	3 rd

Dendrobium

Dallas and Ashleigh Ingram	<i>Dendrobium Nora Tokunaga</i>	1 st
Dallas and Ashleigh Ingram	<i>Dendrobium Susan Takahashi x Uniwai Royale</i>	2 nd

Phalaenopsis

Tennis Maynard	<i>Phal violacea</i>	1 st
Dallas and Ashleigh Ingram	<i>Phal Frozen Polaris 'White Street' x Dtps. Orhime 'Kokabungi'</i>	2 nd

Other

Screll Jones	<i>Bulb. Elizabeth Ann</i>	1 st
Tom Bell-Games	<i>Dracula polyphemus</i>	1 st
Thom Wieland	<i>Enc. prismatocarpum</i>	2 nd
Tennis Maynard	<i>Ctsm. Jumbo Prime</i>	2 nd
Tom Bell Games	<i>Pleurothallis strupifolia</i>	3 rd
Tom Bell Games	<i>Pleurothallis sp.</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 or Wei know.

The Excitement Builds...

Our MAOC (Mid American Orchid Congress) is fast approaching and I'm starting to get really excited. I think it's going to be a great event, a lot of fun and a very rewarding experience for us all.

What, you ask is a MAOC? Well, once upon a time there were a number of regional orchid congresses. The MAOC is, I believe, the last one standing. It was founded in 1959, as was C.O.O.S., and that's the reason and the theme for our MAOC this year... 50/50. MAOC is a friendly association of around 60 local orchid societies covering a large part of the eastern US and even a bit of southern Canada. There are two congresses a year, a spring and a fall.

These are larger events than you will see locally. More vendors. More plants to shop and buy. More plants in exhibits to see in bloom. More people to network with.

And we have a fantastic speaker program lined up, the best in recent memory. We have several of the hottest 'acts' in orchidom coming right here to Columbus to enlighten us - folks we can't normally get to hear as they are too expensive and/or too big to appear at our monthly meetings.

The show and sales areas will be open to all on Saturday and Sunday, but if you are a paid registrant, not only can you attend the speaker talks but also the Preview Party on Friday night. It's exactly what it says - you get to be the first to preview the exhibits and the sales areas, having the first pick of the best plants to be had. And there will be a lot of great plants from vendors we don't normally get for our annual show - folks from all over the US as well as great South American and other international vendors. Plants you'll never get a chance at any other time. And of course for a slight extra charge there is the RARE PLANTS AUCTION and the banquet dinner/dance on Saturday evening, a chance to showcase your terpsichorean talents!

And now for the speaker line-up:

Saturday:

Cassio van den Berg: Recent Developments in Cattleya Group Taxonomy

Paul Storm: Schomburgkias, Myrmecophilias, and Their Hybrids

Norris Williams: Molecular Systematics in Oncidiinae: Chaos or Stability?

Sunday:

Howard Bronstein: The New AQ: Present and Future

Mark Sullivan: The Orchid Conservation Coalition: A New Paradigm for Conservation

Cassio van den Berg was the co-author of the paper which put the Brazilian Laelias into Sophronitis and author of the paper that has now moved them all into cattleya. We are very fortunate to have him; as he is coming from Brazil, I think folks'll be lining up for this rare chance to hear him speak. His articles have been on everyone's lips and minds in the orchid world. He has ignited a storm of controversy and discussion.

Paul Storm has been growing and breeding Schoms for decades and consulting with the taxonomists in the area, and includes some notes aimed at judging these. Something new and lighter, yet topical. He hasn't spoken anywhere in the MAOC area before. These have been just recently grabbing everyone's attention.

Norris Williams is the co-author of the paper published in this month's Lindleyana section of Orchids revising *Oncidium* classifications and putting *Odontoglossum* back into *Oncidium*, among other things. The article is based on his work over more than a decade financed in part by grants from - the AOS !! We may be the first to have him speak since the article has been published. His place in the orchid world news is eclipsed only by Cassio (above), as a lot of people are talking about the whole *oncidium/odont* thing.

Howard Bronstein is the man who wrote the new AQ software and is an AOS trustee. His talk will occur just after the judges' forum on Sunday. I don't think anyone has thought to have him speak on this before. A majority of our registrants will probably be judges. And serious long-term growers will be interested too. This is another hot button topic.

Mark Sullivan is the founder and administrator of the O.C.C., which features the 1% for Orchid Conservation. I know he has not given a talk on this before.

<http://www.orchidconservationcoalition.org/index.html>

The 1% program has captured the imagination and interest of every orchid society in the US and many around the world. There are two other aspects, the LOC (ex-situ conservation through the Living Orchid Collection, a database of species grown in private collections) and the Habitat Destruction Chronicle, equally of interest.

The only thing we need to make it all work, the price of all this fun and opportunity, is YOU - volunteering to work the membership table, registration, hospitality, set-up, clerking (I'm gonna clerk, too! It's fun!), and all the other things that have to be done. Just a few hours' time - that's not so much to ask! And let's not hear any excuses this time - you've still got almost three months to plan it - clear that week on your schedule and help shoulder the burden - and the fun!

Tennis Maynard

Annual Growers Contest

Wei-Yi Chen, our master statistician and overall point guru, has the month off. Our new (third and annual) contest is off to a running start but we are giving Wei a break and will begin the new tally after our next meeting.



Restrepia falkenbergi



Restrepia elegans (antennifera)

2009 COOS Calendar

January 15, 2009	Meeting – Edgar Stehli – Orchids of Ecuador
February 19	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
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 as ever, committed to doing stellar away shows. Naila, like many of us, don't get around so well anymore and 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 them all 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.

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.



Cyrtochilum gargantua



Fernandezia sanguinea

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@sbcglobe.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.

Editor's Corner:

And here we are again! Another year has come and gone, the holiday season is past. 2009 is a New Year. We have survived hurricanes in Ohio, the election from hades, the mother of all meltdowns and all manner of other grievous injuries both large and small, public and private. And yet here we are...ready to do it all again. Well, maybe not all, as we won't have to deal with an election for at least two years, though the campaigns have already begun. And we don't know if the meltdown is done or just beginning, perhaps the scariest part. But while the old year had its share of trials, it had an equal dose of triumphs and that is why we can look forward with some degree of optimism. Most of us, fortunately, have a fairly positive outlook on life, particularly those of us who grow orchids. Were it not so we would not be convinced that we can get that cattleya to bloom better this year, or that paph to bloom finally, or that orchid you have in the corner, and we all have one, that has been there for years and years, to finally bloom at all.

And so we start the cycle of life again. Blooming season is almost upon us. The spring shows are just around the corner. MAOC is looming large on the horizon. If you read the article on our speakers, and I am sure you did, you can see that we have an exceptional group. It should be an extremely interesting and entertaining weekend. So groom those plants and coax them into bloom in an oh so timely way and, as Tennis asked in his article, prepare to join in both the work and the fun. Lord knows that there will be plenty of both to be had but just as certainly we know that if we don't do the work, there won't be much fun to be had. So, starting with the January meeting, ask questions about the MAOC, find out what needs doing, pick something that sounds interesting and volunteer. Go for it. Get involved. Each of you is part of the pulse of the society, the life blood of the organization. It exists for you but it cannot exist without you and your individual contribution. There are away shows, committees, the MAOC, (you will see all manner of things that need doing) and all the other items necessary to a good and successful New Year for our society. Please don't just be a spectator...be a part of it. That's where the fun is.

Bill C.

Hospitality

Thanks to all of you who provided such a marvelous array of good food and excellent desserts at the annual holiday potluck. As always, it was a gastronomical delight. 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 get it together folks. I called Clifton and he said he was the only volunteer for January so I added our name which makes two and we need a minimum of three. And then there is the rest of the year. 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. It is never too early to start signing up for the new year...it can get to be too late. 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 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. So if you need to get Clifton on the line, call him at his new number, by now the old one is out of service.

2009

January	Clifton Hynum	February	Volunteer Needed
January	Bill and Ruth Cavanaugh	February	Volunteer Needed
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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 is seeking a good home for a philodendron that is, by his own admission, a monster. Don't know what he did wrong raising that dang thing but...oh wait, it's not a kid it's a plant. Never mind. It is a monster in size only. So, if you have room for a reasonable large, you'll have to call Justin to find out just how large, philodendron, then you can e-mail him at pepperney.3@gmail.com. Failing that, you can talk to him in person at the January meeting barring blizzards.



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