



January Meeting – Unknown Speaker or...To Be Announced
Thursday, January 20, 2011
8:00 p.m., Franklin Park Conservatory Classrooms
7:30 to 8:00 p.m. Beginner's Corner

Happy New Year.

Greetings, Salutations, and sincere wishes for a felicitous new year to all who read this tome and who grace our society with your membership, attendance and friendship. I hope you had a really marvelous holiday season and a joyous New Year celebration. I hope most of you stayed awake until midnight. I know I did...barely.

Yes, a new year is upon us. A new growers contest, Spring and Fall home shows, away shows...any and all we can reach, and of course our monthly meetings. For our January meeting, our speaker is still in the TBA, to be announced, category. Despite yeoman efforts, all of the potential speakers contacted to date, have opted to go to Redlands in Florida and peruse beautiful orchids in warm weather as



opposed to gracing **Onc Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' – 4 Spikes, 300 + blooms – Too much fun** central Ohio in January with their presence. Go Figure. But we do not rest. We are burning up the Ethernet, the phone lines and all of the back alleys of orchidom and we will have a speaker or program for the January meeting. I will just have to tell you who or what in one of my now infamous mass e-mailings. With just a few tweaks I might even be able to become a spam king, reviled throughout the land...but rich. Oh the orchids I could buy then. .

But for the nonce, we will attempt to entice you with the promise of an orchid show in January, you know our show tables have become scrumptious, and the camaraderie or orchid friends with a snack or two included. If we have a program as opposed to a speaker we will have a member's plant sale as well. I know you hate to venture out in the wicked weather of January but for those of us who can't go to Florida, this is a tantalizing alternative.

And I must reveal one last foible, one that all of you can appreciate, the dreaded bloomed between meetings syndrome. I know you have all experienced this. Your plant is in loose bud the day before the meeting, but it won't open. The day after the meeting it opens gloriously. And then promptly loses all of the blooms on the day before the next meeting. Sheesh!!! So many times. But thanks to the wonders of my digital camera, quality of photos is negotiable to semi OK, I have populated this entire newsletter, with the exception of the plant of the month photo, with pictures of my plants that have, of course, bloomed since our last meeting in November. One or two of them may even survive until the January meeting. But if they don't, at least I got to share their beauty with some friends that, I hope, will appreciate them. I promise to take a digital photo class so that the quality of the pics will improve, but I really enjoyed them and I hope you will too.

Bill Cavanaugh

Our membership year is January to December. If you joined the society and you paid your dues in November or December of 2010, you are covered for 2011 as well. For all of the rest of us, it is, time to begin the renewal process. You can pay your dues at the January meeting, or you can send a check to our 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.

Membership

A new year has started and again, it's time for COOS annual dues renewal. We're hoping all old members return and to greet more new members this year. Dues are \$15 for a single and \$20 for a family membership. Dues help pay for speakers throughout the year, provide money for trophies, ribbons etc. for our shows and a nice plant for each person attending the annual dinner held in November. Becoming a member and attending meetings provides ample opportunities to learn more about orchids, mingle with friends with the same addiction and yes to even acquire additional plants. You also get to enjoy seeing plants others grow and exhibit at our monthly meetings. You can each do as much or as little as you want as a member however we would love to see each member participate as much as they can....the more everyone is involved, the less everyone involved has to do.

Please make checks out to COOS. You may pay me at the upcoming meeting or mail a check to me at the following address:

John Geslak
8498 West Ohio State Lane
Lancaster, Oh 43130

You may contact me at the following number if you have any questions; 614-837-3556

Thanks for remaining a member**John Geslak , membership chair**.

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 13, March 13, and April 10, 2011...

Welcome New Members

At the Fall show we added several new members. It is with great pleasure that we welcome Nick and Kristina Murdock, Sandy Frazier, and Rochelle Vennari and we welcome back Dennis Eifel. They are now officially members of the Central Ohio Society of Orchid Addicts. But why should they have all the fun. Let's invite a few more folks to join the madness and the fun.

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

President:	Nancy Wagener		614-276-8890
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COOS Trustees – Terms of Office Expire December 31st of the Year Shown.

Lori Baldwin	2011	740-246-4713
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Jim Harper	2013	614-965-1921
Don Weber	2013	614-846-7712
Tennis Maynard	Immediate Past President	614-252-5710



Cym Claude Pepper 'Purple Splendor'



Den Colonial Supise x Graham Hewitt

Notes from the November Meeting.

Ahh, the November meeting, food, friends and a really nice collection of fall blooming plants. We had thirty-eight plants shown, a very nice quantity for a late November meeting, and did I mention, there was great food and wine and awards. Who those went to, we will tell you later. I know it is repetitive but the variety and quality was impressive. Enough said. We begin another iteration of our annual growing contest. We are not currently behind on any shows and we charge into the new year seeking great blooms and new or at least refurbished champions..

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 and Dawn Mettler were the judges this month and it is apparent that they did the usual excellent work. We thank them. Where the judges thought it appropriate additional place awards were made. We will continue to need a little assistance from the membership to facilitate the show table results and the contest tally. Would you please **print** your name and the name of the plant clearly? It is really hard if someone has to guess at the name of the plant or of the exhibitor. It makes life a little easier if you include all of the info in an easily readable form. Props to Screll Jones for the plant of the month. This month it was Bulbophyllum Elizabeth Ann. Very nice.

Plant of the Month

Screll Jones *Bulbo Elizabeth Ann*

Cattleya Large

Tennis Maynard	<i>C Ahmad Sheiki</i>	1 st
Tom Stinson	<i>C Bob Betts 'White Lightning'</i>	2 nd
Tennis Maynard	<i>Lc Interceps aquinii coerulea</i>	3 rd

Cattleya Small

Screll Jones	<i>Blc Golden Tang</i>	1 st
Scott Bever	<i>Pot Love Avenue 'Serenade'</i>	2 nd
Ken Mettler	<i>B nodosa x Slc Madge Fordyce</i>	3 rd

Cattleya Others

Screll Jones	<i>L Anceps</i>	1 st
Tennis Maynard	<i>Lepotes paoloensis</i>	2 nd
Dave and Edna Markley	<i>Epi Green Hornet</i>	3 rd

Oncidiae Purple

Tennis Maynard	<i>Tolumnia Genting Angel x Barbie</i>	1 st
Tennis Maynard	<i>Mtssa Hani 'Star of Unicorn'</i>	2 nd
David and Edna Markley	<i>Mtssa Royal Robe</i>	3 rd
Scott Bever	<i>Onc Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'</i>	3 rd

Oncidiae Yellow

Scott Bever	<i>Wilsonara Puichin 'Flying Tiger' AM/AOS</i>	1 st
Tennis Maynard	<i>Onc Jiuhebeo Gold</i>	2 nd
Lew Beman	<i>Onc Aloha Iwinaga</i>	3 rd

Oncidiae Other

Scott Bever	<i>Wilsonara Pacific Perspective 'Pacific Heat'</i>	1 st
Bill Cavanaugh	<i>Colm Wildcatt 'Doris'</i>	2 nd
Scott Bever	<i>Adgm Summit 'French Town' AM/AOS</i>	3 rd

Phragmipedium

Tom Stinson *Phrag Memoria Eric Young* 3rd

Vandaceous

Tennis Maynard *Vanda Fuch's Delight* 1st
Tom Stinson *Ascda Su-Fun Beauty 'Orange Belle' AM/AOS* 2nd

Paphiopedilum

Tennis Maynard *Paph barbigerum album* 1st
Tom Stinson *Paph spicerianum* 2nd
Pat Stinson *Paph niveum 'Cayuga' HCC.AOS x Snowbell HCC./AOS'* 3rd

Bulbophyllum

Screll Jones *Bulbo Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry'* 1st
Screll Jones *Bulbo r Bulbo Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry'* 2nd

Masdevellia

Tom Stinson *Masd Inca Pricne 'Fire n Ice'* 1st
Tom Stinson *Masd Copper Wing 'Tangerine'* 2nd
Tom Stinson *Masd Mary Staal 'Louise Jean'* 3rd

Other

Tennis Maynard *Cochleanthes marginata* 2nd

I strongly suspect that we are missing a few entries from the other and Phrag categories. Not often do we have only second and third place awards. If you showed a plant and it was not listed but was awarded, please let me know so that I can properly credit the exhibitor.

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.



Unknown coerulean –Tag faded in the sun
Bowringiana cross – any guesses



Phrag Don Wimber

Here, reprinted with permission, is another contribution to our general knowledge of orchid growing provided by Ray Barkalow at First Rays Orchids. Ray can be found on the web at www.firstrays.com.

How to Pack Plants

In our mobile society, it is common for folks to move in pursuit of their careers, or if they are lucky, to a climate better suited for their orchids! Several times over the last few years the question has come up on the rec.gardens.orchids newsgroup, "How to I pack my plants for moving?"

Having moved my own collection five times, this is one area in which I *can* claim expertise! I also employ these techniques for shipping to my customers, and frequently get complimented about the packing and great condition of arriving plants, so it must be OK...

- 1) **Prepare the plant for travel.** In general, it is better to have the medium be dry while the plants are en route. Those with pseudobulbs will not have any difficulty in any case. For those plants with minimal water storage structures, we try to keep the medium only barely moist if they will be traveling or shipped in cool weather. In warmer weather, it pays to have the medium be a little damp for all plants, as the cooling effect of evaporation can be a benefit. Do not pack a plant that is in very wet medium.
- 2) **Anchor the medium in the pot.** Using wadded-up or shredded paper (so-called "Easter Grass" works well), or polyester fiber (available as batting at fabric stores or loose for aquarium filtration), pack the free space inside the pot tightly to ensure that the medium does not shake out while being handled in transit. Be sure to include areas between pseudobulbs and under leaves. Anchor the packing material with lots of masking tape.
- 3) **Prepare a bed for the plant.** Lay several sheets of newspaper out on a table. On top of them, about nine inches from one corner, spread out a pile of shredded paper or polyester (loose is better than batting). The pile of padding material should be thick enough that it supports the plant with its pot laying flat. Carefully lay the plant on the pile. Plants with pseudobulbs can be bunched up a bit, and for those with spreading leaves, such as phalaenopsis and paphiopedilum, gently bend the leaves upward, and surround with more padding material. Be generous with the padding material, it protects from mechanical damage, and is great thermal insulation as well.
- 4) **Wrap up the plant and pot.** Fold the nearest corner over the now-padded plant from the side, and continue to roll it up, being sure to fold over the ends early in the process, so they are held in place. Wrap the plant firmly, to hold it in place. Too loose and it might slap around inside the wrapper, too tight and you could break something. Secure the newspaper with masking tape.
- 5) **Box the plants up.** Place as many plants in a box as you can, in whatever orientation works best. Fill the open space with more packing material, such as foam "peanuts," and seal the box. If this is a cold weather transport, you may wish to line the box with insulation in the form of flexible sheet foam, thin styrofoam, or at least, several layers of newspaper, and add heat packs, such as those sold in sporting goods stores for stuffing in skiers' gloves and pockets (we also have them available via our online store) .

Now your set to go! If you are moving the plants in a car, be sure to cover the boxes so they won't be in direct sunlight, and crack the windows if you stop on the way. If your trip involves overnight stays en route, you might want to take the plants into the motel room at night.

One of my longest moves involved a rental truck, and I got one that the cab was open to the back so that it could be ventilated during the day, and I put a small electric heater in the back with the plants overnight.

2011 COOS Calendar

January 20, 2011	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
February 17	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
March 17	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
March 26/27	Central Ohio Orchid Society Annual Spring Show
April 21	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
May 19	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
June 16	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
July 17*	Picnic – Not set for Franklin Park Conservatory grounds - Tentative
September 15	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
October 20	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
November 5-6	Mini-show
November 17	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 11	July 12
March 8	September 13
May 10	November 8

* Tentative picnic date

Annual Growers Contest

Kudos to our 2009/2010 growing contest champions. Tom and Pat Stinson ran away from the rest of the greenhouse crowd and Tennis Maynard finished a very respectable second. Congratulations to our winning greenhouse growers. In the All You Others class, congrats to Ken Mettler who edged your humble, OK maybe not completely humble, newsletter editor by just a few points. It is noted however that a win is a win and congratulations are in order. And in our last category, congrats to Scott Bever who won our new/newer grower class with a very impressive total. Now it is up to you Scott to duplicate your excellence.

And so we begin the 2010/2011 iteration of our annual growing contest. Nobody has an edge...yet. If you want one, you need to show your orchids here, and there. We won't know the winner until much later this year and it should be another really great contest. When you think about it, we all win because when you show that blooming beauty, I and the rest of the society get to enjoy your skills and success. You win, we win. Great situation So, bring your plants to the show table. The new contest year is on. If you have any disagreements with the totals let me know as soon as possible so that it can be set straight. Keep showing those orchids.

Green House Division

Screll Jones	65
Tennis Maynard	63
Tom and Pat Stinson	39

AYO (All You Others)

Scott Bever	36	Ken Mettler	3
Dave and Edna Markley	7	Lew Beman	3
Bill Cavanaugh	6		

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

Away Show Bulletin!

Upcoming Nearby Shows:

It is away show season again and below is a listing of the local, local is relative to your need to see beautiful orchids and your ability to travel, orchid shows. We will be attending a number of them beginning with the Grand Rapids show. Dallas Ingram, our away show chair, will be taking 15 to 20 plants to the Grand Rapids show so if you bring plants to the January meeting, please have them prepared to travel. Dallas will return them to you on Monday. An address and name, mail address labels work well, on the pot will help him greatly. Remember, this is the real beginning of the annual growers contest.

January, 2011

22-23 - Grand Valley Orchid Society Show, Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, 1000 East Beltline NE, Grand Rapids, MI. Contact: Mei Ling Clemens, 5694 W. McMillan Rd., N. Muskegon, MI 49445; (231) 766-0136; clemensmei@aol.com.
A bit of a haul, maybe six hours, but an excellent excuse for a weekend road trip.

February, 2011

12-13 - Greater Cleveland Orchid Society Show, South Euclid Community Center, 1370 Victory Dr., South Euclid, OH. Contact: Margaret Evans, 2337 Cypress Point Dr., Hudson, OH 44236; (330) 656-1798: moggymate@gmail.com.
Two and one half hours north on I-71. An early dose of spring.

19-20 - Miami Valley Orchid Society Show, Contact: Dave Brown, dbrown261@woh.rr.com.
Just an hour away, support your almost local orchid society. They are always supportive of us.

26-27 - Greater Lansing Orchid Society Show, Michigan State Univ. Plant & Soil Science Conservatory, SW Corner of Bogue St. & Wilson Rd., East Lansing, MI. Contact: Jim Leaman, 7315 Jeffrey Ct., Linden, MI 48451; (810) 735-5495; lindenjim@chartermi.net.
Another weekend road trip. Good for the soul and a harbinger of Spring...we hope.



Blc George King 'Serendipity' AM/AOS



Blc Victoria 'Gran Blue Jewel' HCC/AOS

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

It's close. You can almost hear it, almost smell it, almost see it, but it isn't here yet. The away show season is just around the corner and we will get the results to you as soon as is humanly possible, and, as you know from past misadventures, there is no tellin' when that will be. But we will do the best we can.

Editor's Corner:

Welcome to a New Year. The holidays have come and gone. And it is my hope that they were really nice for you. Or at least that they were tolerable. Holidays are different for each of us. But nonetheless, we are now firmly ensconced in 2011. I hope it is a very good year for each of us in ways that we envision and in ways that we have not yet imagined. May we all bloom an AM and at least one of us an FCC. And if that doesn't happen may all of our blooms be the best we have bloomed, our friendships anchored in bed rock, our away and home shows be triumphant, ...you get the idea. I hope each of us has the best year (yet available) that we can imagine and/or actually have. Enough said, let's have at it. Hope you enjoy yours as much as I intend to enjoy mine despite Republicans, Democrats, Liberals and Conservatives, Politicians and Prognosticators. Let's have a great new year despite all of the travails. Here is to us. .

Bill C.

Hospitality

A great thanks to all who attended the annual awards banquet and who by definition, (pot luck) provided us with another sumptuous repast. Good, no great food, a little fruit of the vine, beautiful orchids, even some nice free ones, and good friends. It was truly an enjoyable evening. Thanks again to all who attended and brought that great food.

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, volunteers are listed below. Oops, no volunteers yet. 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 this 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.

January	Naila Caruso	February	Volunteer Needed
January	Sandra Stohr	February	Volunteer Needed
January	Bill Cavanaugh	February	Volunteer Needed
March	Volunteer Needed	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.

Bulbophyllum Elizabeth Ann - Plant of the Month
Grown by Screll Jones



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