



***January Meeting – Geraldine Powell – Growing Cool Growing Orchids in Uncool Places***  
***Thursday, January 19, 2012***  
***8:00 p.m., Franklin Park Conservatory Classrooms***  
***7:30 to 8:00 p.m. Beginner's Corner***

## **Uncool Temps...Cool, Cool Growing Orchids**

The Orchid Gallery's Geraldine Powell is an expert in growing cool loving orchids and the developer of the Cool Pot™ for Masdevallias, Miltoniopsis and various pleurothallids as well as the Never-Rot ceramic mount.

She is the co-owner of The Orchid Gallery in Chattanooga, TN, and has been growing orchids for more than 30 years. Her plants have won numerous AOS awards. And now I will let her tell you a little about herself.

“I have been growing orchids for over thirty years and have been involved in the orchid business for over twenty-five years. I have lectured extensively on various topics from Paphs., Phrags., Masdevallias, Miltoniopsis and other topics.

My first orchid was a Cattleya. I bought it because it smelled wonderful. The rest is history. My interests have changed over the years from Catts. to Paphs. and Phrags. to weird species and so on. I have always liked Masdevallias and Miltoniopsis but hesitated to try many of them because of their reputation for being cool growing. I grew a few of the warmer growing types but I really wanted coccinea and yungasensis and the like.

When we opened our nursery in Brooksville, Florida I set up a small greenhouse specifically for cool growers. My partner thought I was nuts. I guess she was right. But our cooler growing plants started to receiving AOS awards.

When we moved to Signal Mountain in Tennessee I continued with the cool growers. It might be a little cooler on the side of the mountain but I still had problems with the coolest growers. Over the first 2 years in Tennessee I developed Cool Pots. These have allowed us to grow a much wider variety Masdevallias. We began marketing Cool Pots about four years ago. Over the years I have learned a lot about growing Masdevallias and other cool growing orchids in a warm climate.

I'm looking forward to sharing what I've learned with your society.”



*Oerstradella centradenia*

Geri will be bringing plants and pots for sale, so take a look at the web site, [theorchidgallery.net](http://theorchidgallery.net), and pre-order or just bring your appetite for new solutions to old problems and a generously filled wallet. You are sure to find at least one plant or pot 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.

**Bill Cavanaugh**

## President's Message

Greetings. We start the new year with a new board and renewed enthusiasm. But at the November board meeting the question was raised, why an orchid society? Why COOS? As I prepared to answer those questions in my first message to you, I happened across Loren Pollock's end of the year message to the IOS. In it he captures my sentiments exactly. I can't do better than to steal Loren's words fair and square.

“It's that time again – the time of the year for family, friends, and good cheer. This is also the time of year to reflect.



Lc Blue Kahili 'Blue Delft'

Looking back when I first became a member, you couldn't find orchids at your local Home Depot or Trader Joe's. The internet was just picking up steam, so you were lucky to find anything about that new hybrid. Orchids just seemed more exotic (they certainly seemed more expensive). Back then, for me, orchid societies were the go-to source for orchids and how to care for them. Today however, the landscape looks a bit different.

We have forums and blogs, WiFi and 4G, *YouTube* and *Facebook*. Nothing more than few keywords in your favorite search engine will get the information you are looking for on that new hybrid. And that special orchid you are looking for? You can find it and order it online without a single phone call. Join an orchid society today? What's the point?

Well, for one, there isn't a single web site that I know of that will let me smell that *Neofinetia falcata*. I can't share a cup of coffee with a fellow grower on *Facebook*. And there is no catalog that will truly represent the color of my *Cattleya* 'Alec Baldwin'. I will never know what George's, home-made Mac and cheese tastes like on a blog. And no, you can't hug someone with a text message.

I guess what I am trying to say is that the IOS is a place to meet, learn and share, face-to-face with other like-minded individuals. I can touch the potting mix, smell the flowers, see the real colors, feel the pride, and shake someone's hand. The IOS has been my home for many years now (so many, that I am running out of fingers on which to count them). I enjoy and appreciate what the society has given me in knowledge and friendship, and I have enjoyed and appreciated the opportunity to return the same.

So, at this time of year I would like to wish all of you a happy and festive holiday season.

~ Loren”

Well said, Loren.

**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 January meeting, or you can send a check to our membership chair. (made payable to "Central Ohio Orchid Society") **Rich Wagener (8498 West Ohio State Lane, Lancaster, OH 43130)**. Please support the society by renewing as soon as possible. Your contribution enhances the society and what it is able to do for you. The dues are \$15.00 for Individuals and \$20.00 per household.

Dates for Orchid Judging at the Cincinnati Center: Civic Garden Center of Greater Cincinnati, 2715 Reading Road, Cincinnati. Registration of Plants at 12:00, Judging starts at 1:00. Dates are February 12, March 11 and April 8, 2012...

## Welcome New Members

No new members that I am aware of this month. Ya'll have to 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
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President:	Katrina Heap	Program Chair	614-471-4618
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Assistant Treasurer:	Rich Wagener	Membership Chair	614-276-8890

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

Lori Baldwin	2015	740-246-4713
Eileen Ansley	2015	614-457-7774
Jim Harper	2013	614-965-1921
Don Weber	2013	614-846-7712
Nancy Wagener	Immediate Past President	614-276-8890



Den Little Green Apples



C maxima

## Notes from the November Meeting.

Here are the November showtable results. Impressive as ever with 42 plants in November of all months.

Ken Mettler, and Tennis Maynard I think did the judging and did well. Where the judges thought it appropriate additional place awards were made. 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. We 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. Thanks. Props to Tennis Maynard for the plant of the month, *Maxillaria scalariformis*. Very nice.

### Plant of the Month

Tennis Maynard

*Maxillaria scalariformis*

### Cattleya Coerulea

Bill Cavanaugh  
Tennis Maynard  
Bill Cavanaugh

*Lc Victoria*  
*Lc Mary Elizabeth Bohn*  
*C labiata coerulea* x *C Portia coerulea* 'Kodama'

1<sup>st</sup>  
2<sup>nd</sup>  
3<sup>rd</sup>

Cattleya Species

Tennis Maynard	<i>Leptotes pauloensis</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Ken Mettler	<i>C bowringiana</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>

Cattleya Small

Katrina Heap	<i>Slc Red Jewel x L lundii</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>C Luteous Forb</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Bill Cavanaugh	Unknown nodosa cross	3 <sup>rd</sup>

Cattleya Large

Dave and Edna Markley	<i>Blc Waianae King 'Orchidheights'</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>Blc Malworth 'Orchidglade'</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Tom Stinson	<i>C Bob Betts 'White Lighting'</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>

Phragmipedium

Katrina Heap	<i>Phrag Cardinale 'Birchwood'</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>Phrag Eric Young</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>

Paphiopedilum

Tom Stinson	<i>Paph Andrew Bell</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tom Stinson	<i>Paph gratixianum 'Condor' AM.AOS x henryanum</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>Paph vejverutianum</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>

Dendrobium

Katrina Heap	<i>Den Little Green Apples</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Scott Bever	<i>Den Blue Twinkle 'True Blue and White'</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Tom Stinson	<i>Den Hawaiian Heart</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>

Masdevallia

Tom Stinson	<i>Masd Margarita Cy2 x Angel Tang</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>Dracuvallia Purple Finch</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Tom Stinson	<i>Masd Joyce Stewart</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>

Other

Tennis Maynard	<i>Maxillaria scalariformis</i>	POM	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>Bulbo Elizabeth Ann 'Bucklebury'</i>		1 <sup>st</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>Catasetum Jumbo Prime</i>		2 <sup>nd</sup>
Ken Mettler	<i>Stenoglottis longifolia</i>		2 <sup>nd</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>Habenaria species</i>		3 <sup>rd</sup>
Katrina Heap	<i>Bulbo triste</i>		3 <sup>rd</sup>

As we have always noted, collecting and posting the winning plant info is sometimes an inexact science. If you think you had a plant that was recognized that we have not mentioned, please let me know.



Phrag Demetria



Epi cilare

## 2012 COOS Calendar

January 19, 2012	Meeting – Geraldine Powell – Grow cool growing orchids in warm places
February 16	Meeting – Barry Jones – Miniature Orchids
March 15	Meeting – Leo Schordje -
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 – Speaker to be determined
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 13	September 11
May 8	November 13

\* Tentative picnic date

# Annual Growers Contest

Congratulations to our 2010/2011 growing contest champions. Tom and Pat Stinson ran away from the rest of the greenhouse crowd and Tennis Maynard finished a very respectable second. Where have we seen that scenario before. Tough competition in the greenhouse division.

In the All You Others class, congrats to Dave and Edna Markley who flashed into first at the last moment and to Katrina Heap who finished a whisker close second. A great job by the winners and by all of the participants. We win as well because we get to spend the year checking out the beautiful blooms of all of our growers. .

And now we begin the 2011/2012 iteration of our annual growing contest. We all started dead even and while we have some leaders in the first turn, it is a long race and anyone can win. 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. Let's have at it. 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 growing and showing those orchids.

## Green House Division

Tennis Maynard	89
Tom and Pat Stinson	36

## AYO (All You Others)

Katrina Heap	33
Bill Cavanaugh	17
Dave and Edna Markley	10
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](mailto: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](mailto:lindenjim@frontier.com)

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



**Lycaste schilleriana**



**Paph Windrush**

## **Editor's Corner:**

Ah 'tis a fine time of the year. The holidays are behind us, thankfully. As much as I enjoy them, paradoxically, I enjoy seeing them in the rear view mirror just as much. But now we are barreling into the New Year and the spring show season looms on the horizon. Spring, I think, is my favorite orchid season, except perhaps for fall, I do have a lot of fall blooming orchids, but spring is really best because it is show season. And I love orchid shows. I also love our spring show tables because each is a mini show in itself and on occasion rivals anything you would find at any, almost any, away show. You folks constantly mesmerize me with the variety and quality of the plants that you grow.

It is also the season of resolutions and here I am almost breaking my sole, or at least sole public orchid resolution which is to get this rag out by the 8<sup>th</sup> of each month. I could plead technical difficulties but those exist mostly in my head. I am shooting for the 8<sup>th</sup> forthwith and if I miss it call me on it. Pressure forges gems. Usually. It also forges coal, so we won't go too far down that road. I am looking for gems.

With this issue I also begin a swan song of sorts, sort of like a two year farewell tour. I have been doing the newsletter for at least six years though at times it seems much longer and may actually be so as my record keeping has, on occasion, been suspect. So...I hope to try new and interesting things over the next bit of time or so and will make one last appeal to each of you to be a part of the newsletter by letting me know what it is you would like this tome to provide. What should we add or explore or what should we delete, understanding that there are some sacred cows, i.e., the prez's message, the speaker intro, and the editor's corner, my rant zone. All else is open to discussion. It is after all, your society and I want this to reflect your interests and desires. For those of you who desire another newsletter editor, you will get your wish in two years, sorry about your luck.

With regard to my new summer orchid set up, I hope it is set up by this summer. I think I will make a continuing saga of its construction. It will veer here and there as does all of our lives, maybe you will find it interesting, maybe you will give me ideas on how to make it work better, maybe you will tell me to forget it. Sounds like a plan. .

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

Bill.

## Hospitality

We would like to express a heart felt thank you to Scott Bever, Sandy Stohr, Naila Caruso, and anyone else who provided the goodies at the October 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](mailto:dmarkley5868@wowway.com).

November	Awards Banquet		
January	Pat Kurz	February	Nancy Wagener
January	Bill Cavanaugh	February	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
January	Norm and Lori Baldwin	February	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
March	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	April	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
March	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	April	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
March	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	April	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>

If you have already volunteered for one of these dates, bless you and I will list your name as soon as I have it, just as a reminder.

Maxillaria scalariformis - Plant of the Month November  
Grown by Tennis Maynard



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