



July Meeting – Sunday, July 24, 2005 12:00, noon.



For the July meeting, we will meet for our annual picnic. Everyone should plan on bringing a covered dish to contribute to the picnic. The Orchid Society will provide drinks. Please bring a side dish to share along with your own table service. Plan on meeting at the picnic grove outside north courtyard. The Conservatory has reserved a classroom as rain back up. If you have any nice orchids in bloom, please bring them to show off!

Hospitality - Thank you to Ed Davis, Ann Rehark, Michael McKinley and Chris Bednar who kindly provided hospitality at our June meeting.

New Members – Please join us in welcoming the following new member:
Patty Snyder

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NOTES FROM THE JUNE MEETING

We had a very interesting discussion on coerulea forms of Cattleyas by the very recently retired Carson Whitlow. A number of young coerulea Cattleyas were available for sale. Prior to Mr. Whitlow's talk, the proposed revisions to the Central Ohio Orchid Society's Constitution were brought to a vote. The revisions were approved.

Unfortunately, we do not have a record of the plants brought in for the show table. Trust us though, they were very nice!

SO NOW WHAT? At the June meeting you approved the revisions to the COOS Constitution that had been presented for your consideration.

Practically speaking, here's what it means. Beginning in 2006, the home show chair is an officer of the Society, the 2nd Vice-President. Likewise, the away show chair is the 3rd Vice-President. The membership chair is the Asst. Treasurer and the newsletter editor is the Asst. Secretary. Those positions are for two-year terms. As of January, 2006 there will be 2 trustees with two-year terms and 2 with four-year terms. Thereafter, trustee terms will all be four-year terms but will be staggered. And there will be 6 meetings of the board each year, one in each of the odd-numbered months. If the FPC cannot accommodate all of them, then some will be held at the FPC and some elsewhere.

We believe that this structure best recognizes the importance of the tasks that go into operating an orchid society and the people who contribute their time and energy to perform them. And it better distributes the work among many heads and hands.

Soon I will appoint a nominating committee to recruit candidates to stand for election to the officer and trustee positions. So what do you do if you get a phone call explaining the requirements of some position and asking about your willingness to serve the Society in that capacity for the next two years? If you cannot see yourself able to fulfill the duties of that position, you have to decline. But if you are able to serve, then there is only one possible answer to the question and that is Yes.

Some skills are especially needed. If you have at your disposal and are adept at Adobe Acrobat, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Access, Quicken or QuickBooks, please do not keep that a secret. And whether for now or later, we'd also like to know who in our Society has experience working at trade shows or performing general office management.

This is your society to invent, reinvent and operate. We all want the Results ... the elegant shows, the enjoyable meetings, the mentoring of the beginners, the timely and informative newsletters, the reciprocal displays with other societies, the attention to conservation issues that affect us, the opportunities to expand our collections and our skills, the maintenance of our rosters, accounts and books, and, yes, the coffee and cake that keep us affable in the social hours after the meetings. We all want these Results. So we must all continue to take a hand in creating them.

Tom Lochner

NOTICE – WE NEED A NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR

I have been serving as Newsletter Editor for the past six years and now need to step down due to other obligations. If you have a familiarity with word processing software and have an interest in taking over the helm, please speak up and let our current president (Tom Lochner) know, so he can forward your name to the nominating committee for the upcoming election of new officers. Although I am stepping down, I promise to support the new Newsletter Editor with occasional articles. If anyone else out there is interested, we can always use your input with more articles.

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Dear Orchid Lover,

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to the 10th annual Open House at Hilltop Orchids. The meeting will take place on Saturday August 13, from 11:00am to whenever you orchid buffs get tired of talking orchids.

H. P. Norton of Orchidview will be our featured speaker. He will be discussing orchid culture, with a focus on Phalaenopsis & the lady slipper orchids. As always there will be hands-on workshops for potting, dividing & general care of your plants. There will also be an opportunity to learn about lab techniques for anyone who has an interest.

H. P. will have his outstanding plants for sale, and as always, there will be a selection of Hilltop hybrids, species, stem props, compots, flasks, fertilizer and potting supplies.

There is no charge for the Open House, and lunch will be provided by Marvin's Restaurant of Greencastle, Indiana.

If you need directions to the greenhouse, or information about area motels, please don't hesitate to give us a call.

Sincerely,

Dick & Sandy

SLIPPER-MANIA
SATURDAY, JULY 23rd, 2005
10 AM to 6:00 PM

Porter's Orchids is pleased to headline for our 2005 MANIA event, Saturday, July 23rd, Mr. Dennis D. D'Alessandro. He will be speaking and showing slides from his years spent identifying orchids in Ecuador, and from six months studying orchid habitats in Borneo, and also of the Vietnam Paphs. Mr. D'Alessandro will have orchids for sale. (www.gypsyglenorchids.com)

Mr. D'Alessandro has been growing orchids for over 25 years, moving to Ecuador in 1977 where he was the curator of the orchid collection at Orquideario Predesur, a botanical garden dedicated to maintaining over 400 orchid species native to Ecuador. Since 1977, he has collected and cataloged over 1000 specimens, of which over 80 were new to science. Mr. D'Alessandro worked in conjunction with the Marie Selby Gardens and the Missouri Botanical Gardens, in collecting and cataloging orchid species of southern Ecuador, one of the richest and least known orchid habitats. Since the beginning of this project, he has participated in the discovery of 100 new orchid species, some of which carry his name: *Masd. dalessandroi*, *Dracula dalessandroi*, *Masd. mendozae*, *Phragmipedium besseae* var. *dalessandroi*, and others. He maintains nurseries at Vilcabamba, Ecuador, dividing his time between there, and here in the U.S. Here, he and his wife Maria and their family have Gypsy Glen Orchids in Beaver, PA, established in 1991.

During his six months in Borneo, over the last 5 years, in addition to exploring habitats, he worked at an orchid nursery, "Orchidwoods". He has discovered a number of new *Bulbophyllum* species, which are pending identification.

Plan now to attend this one time only event at Porter's Orchids with Mr. Dennis D'Alessandro. Our speaker has been there, done that. He's been places all orchidists would like to visit. We'll save you a spot. Slippers, other Orchids, and Refreshments provided.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

FALL 2005 MID-AMERICA

The Fall 2005 Mid-America Orchid Congress will be held at King's Island this fall. This is a huge show that will include talks, vendors from throughout the country as well as South America and Asia, and, of course, ORCHIDS! This is a not-to-be-missed event that is very close to home. Our thanks to the co-hosts, the Cincinnati Orchid Society and the Miami Valley Orchid Society. Watch for additional details in *Orchids*, the journal of the American Orchid Society.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES: We need your input - please contact Tom Bell-Games at: tbellgames@burnip.com if you want to contribute an article to the newsletter or have an announcement to be included in the newsletter.

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