



## ***June Meeting – Phragmepedium kovachii***

Thursday, June 15, 2006

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

7:30 – 8:00p.m., Beginners' Corner

### **That phrag everyone's been talking about...**

For all those who've been breathlessly awaiting the availability of this plant and wanting to hear first hand information, our speaker for the June meeting will be Glen Decker of Piping Rock Orchids. He will be presenting "Hunting for Phragmipedium kovachii". Glen, who has a degree in Ornamental Horticulture, is a life-long grower of quality orchids. It's hard to open an issue of Awards Quarterly and not see at least several of his plants newly awarded. He has specialized in the slippers, both phrags and paphs, and is currently in partnership with Alfredo Manrique of Peru and Fritz Schomburg in an endeavor bringing legal Phrag. kovachii species and hybrids into the US. He will be speaking on kovachii and will have some of those flasks for sale at the meeting. Please be sure to have your wallets in hand for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. We will also, as always, be having our meet and greet dinner prior to the meeting at the Old Bag of Nails on East Broad near the conservatory. All members are welcome.



Glen Decker and Phragmipedium kovachii

**Tennis Maynard**

Kovachii pictures in the newsletter courtesy of Glen Decker and Piping Rock Orchids.

## President's Message

In the hope that we can go to press before the June mini-show, let me mention a couple matters regarding the show:

- Bring your excess divisions and the plants you've fallen out of love with to the sales table. They must be bug and disease free, in good health, and repotted during the past year. We will offer them for sale at whatever price you specify and charge you 20% if they sell. Make sure you check them in with Jon Young so we know they're yours and make sure you pick up any unsold plants on Sunday. Budded and flowering orchids always sell better at the shows. Grooming helps. Dusting/washing the foliage with a weak dilution of milk in water improves its appearance.
- We're certain to have the "usual crowd" of old hands helping out at the sales/information table. But if you're a newbie and want to get to know and be known, there's always room for another volunteer. Helping out at the shows is the "fast track." Check in with Nancy Wagener.
- We're going to offer a repotting service at this show and thereafter. We'll need both customers and volunteers. Tell your friends that bought orchids a year ago that they're due for a 15,000 mile repotting and for a mere \$5 donation per plant we'll take care of it while they wait. And if you're adept at repotting, take a turn as one of our volunteer experts.

Coming up in July is our annual picnic. Although we originally arranged to hold this at the Franklin Park Conservatory, **Jim Harper** has invited us to his place and we quickly accepted. Those of you who have been to Jim's house for picnics in the past don't need directions. For everyone else, we will post directions on the website. (Or don't wait ... just plug Jim's address into Mapquest.)

As mentioned at the last meeting, we need a threshold of about 16 participants to make chartering a motor coach feasible for traveling to the Speaker's Day in Cincinnati on August 12. Only 6 people signed up at the meeting. We have a little time but not forever in which to round up at least 10 more members. We'll continue recommending this activity to you and will solicit participation by email shortly. The parameters are this:

- Transportation cost will be approximately \$800 divided by the number of people signing up. We don't want it to exceed \$50 per person so we want at least 16 participants. (20 participants takes the transportation cost down to \$40 each, etc.) With enough people, the cost will be cheaper than the cost of gas alone if you were to drive to and from Cincinnati and mess with traffic and parking yourself. (The motor coach has a capacity of 47.)
- Admission to the event is \$15.
- Lunch (Panera) will be about \$10.

Speaker's Days are fabulous events and Cincinnati has invited Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids and Sam Tsui of Orchid Inn to headline the day. We considered sponsoring such an event ourselves. But when we weighed the proximity of the Cincinnati event against the work it would take to organize one of our own, the choice was obvious. Your board is always considering ways to provide you with the best possible and most valuable orchid society experience. Turn out for this field trip and we will make it an annual event and evaluate other field trip possibilities.



Finally, the core committee for the 2009 Spring MAOC is forming. So far only a few current board members have asked to be members. There is room for a couple non-board members. If you have any experience working at trade shows, hotel administration or general office management, we'd like to invite you to lend a hand. There are going to be plenty of committees formed and every able-bodied society member will be asked to help with this show in one capacity or another. But we have to start somewhere with a central planning group and that's where we're at right now. We intend to meet in the even numbered months for the next three years, beginning this month. Please notify me ASAP if you want to come along for the ride.

**Tom Franczak**

## **Welcome New Members**

Welcome to Diane Faridad, a recent additions to the Central Ohio chapter of the society of orchid addicts.

Remember, with the new year came the membership renewal season. Our membership year is January to December. If you have paid your dues already, bless you. If you have not paid your dues as yet, 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 next meeting. Please support the society by renewing as soon as possible. The dues are \$15.00 for Individuals and \$20.00 per household.

### **AWAY SHOW BULLETIN**

Naila Caruso, our Away Show Chair, has collapsed in a heap. A thankful heap at that. Thankful that the spring show season is over and she survived. We should all be thankful Naila did such a difficult job so generously and so well. Thank her in person when you have the chance.

When next there are away shows, they will be posted here.

## **Mini-Show and Sale – June 3 and 4, 2006**

In case you hadn't picked up on this by now, remember that our Mini-show and sale is next weekend, June 3 and 4, 2006. We have a very nice selection of budded and/or blooming plants in a variety of genera. There are some very nice Cattleyas, Dendrobiums, and Oncidiae and I can attest to that as many of them are living with me on a temporary basis, at least until we can find them a nice new home. And you can help. Besides supplying your own plants for sale, you will have an opportunity to spend those profits on new additions to your orchid collection. And as always, we need your help to make the society successful and help is spelled v-o-l-u-n-t-e-e-r-s. Lots of things need doing and the old adage remains true, many hands make light work. We need people to set up, (Friday mid to late afternoon) to work the sales booth (Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 to 5:00) to move display stanchions to their new storage home, (Saturday morning, trucks welcome) to repot wayward orchids to fill the society MAOC war chest, (Saturday and Sunday 10:00 to 5:00) and to tear down. (Sunday 4:30) We

have some folks to do some of these tasks. If you would like to jump in, contact Nancy Wagener or just show up. Your help with any and/or all of these tasks will be greatly appreciated. Take the time to get out and work with and get acquainted with your fellow society members.

**BC**



Paph. Prince Edward of York



Phragmipedium piercei

## **It's Showtime ....**

Naila Caruso's traveling circus and transient orchid show has taken wing for the last time this spring with a trip to the Three Rivers Orchid Society show in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, not Pittsburgh. Thanks to all who contributed plants throughout the show season. Due to technical difficulties, a listing of the ribbons awarded to COOS members is not available.

## **Why don't I get notified when the newsletter is ready?**

A very good question that. The answer is either I don't have your e-mail address or I have an incorrect e-mail address. I think most folks that aren't getting a notice are going to the web site to check or have a friend who tells them when the newsletter is posted. If that is satisfactory to those of you who are not getting a notice, I am a happy camper. If it is not, please send me an e-mail telling me that you would like to receive the notice. If you do that, I will have your correct e-mail address and will make sure that you get a timely notice when the newsletter is posted. I have tried every thing else I can think of to solve this problem. Now it is up to you. Send those e-cards and letters.

**Bill Cavanaugh**



*Phragmipedium. kovachii*



*Phragmipedium lindleyanum*

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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. June 11, July 9, August 13, September 10, October 8, November 12, and December 10.

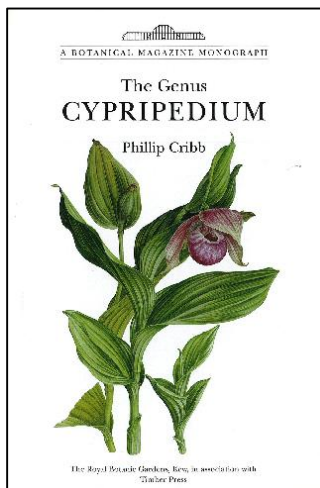
## DIRT DWELLERS

Looking for the easiest of all possible orchids, assured to bloom, not fussy about your growing conditions, something you can leave to fend for itself while you're away on vacation? Look no further - there are any number of outstanding orchids that you can grow right outside in this very moment, *Cypripediums* and *Bletillas* are popping up all Ohio. Because many of these are native to this area (or areas with amending your garden soil is sometimes all that is needed to grow success. To learn about some of these and other terrific genera, up about them in one of the following books.

Growing Hardy Orchids by John Tullock (just published last year is an excellent, no non-sense book which covers all of the general growing hardy (and semi-hardy) orchids. Don't have the perfect Don't worry - this text gives a good description of how to create environment for orchids, which you can grow out of doors year Ohio. Included is a good description of how to create a bog garden difficult). Any number of growing mixes are described. Artificial techniques are described in great detail.

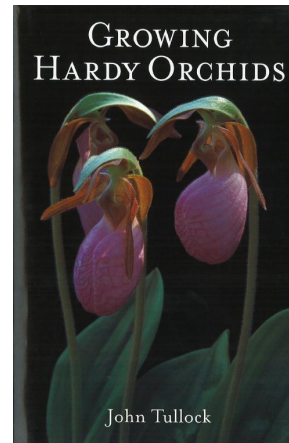
The Gardener's Guide to Growing Hardy Perennial Orchids Mathis, Ph.D. is an equally good resource for the novice grower. Included are sections on species suitable for the transition, and wetland species. Seed biology, germination, propagation are also discussed. This books gives great how to establish soil mixes suitable for a broad number of book is very reasonably priced and is available for sale society.

Hopefully, some of our members took advantage of a real April meeting and picked up a *Cypripedium* or two at the basement price of \$20 (versus \$50 to \$150 through one of the commercial plant houses such as White Flower Farms). If considering trying these), The Genus *Cypripedium* by Phillip



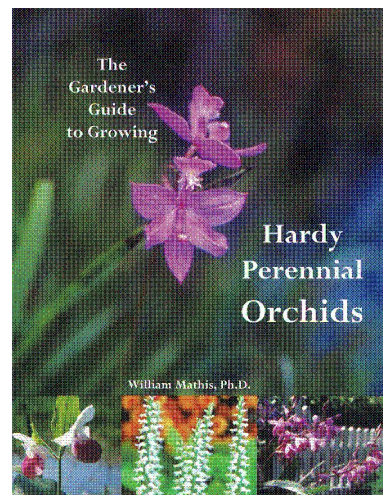
published by Timber Press, in association with The Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, is the monograph for you. This covers all of the currently known species, native to several continents, with a lengthy section on cultivation, among other topics. This is followed by thorough descriptions of each of the species. Discussion of each species is accompanied by detailed drawings.

This text includes 26 color plates of excellent illustrations. In addition, there are nearly 100 wonderful color photographs of the species and some notable hybrids. Many of these photographs show the *Cypripediums* in their natural environment. All of these plants are dramatic and many are suited to growing in this area. If you have an interest in this genus, consider borrowing this book to read up on these wonderful terrestrials.



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- Tom Bell-Games



**Dendrobium Sabine Blue**



**Paphiopedilum tigrinum**

## Notes from the May Meeting

The May Show Table was nicely filled. Thanks to all who shared their orchids. The table was apparently reviewed by mystery judge as no one claimed responsibility even though some forms were marked. Therefore, by executive fiat, (the president said so) all participants were awarded a first place. We hope we have all of the plants but, as ever, there is always the possibility that one or two escaped us. Our apologies to any we may have missed.

### Cattleya and Related Hybrids

John Geslak	<i>Cattleya Florence Patterson x C. Clasiaigha</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Don Weber	<i>Blc. Golden Tang</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
LaWanda Martin	<i>Pot. Little Toshie 'Yellow Rose'</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>

### Oncidium Alliance

Tom Stinson	<i>Miltonia Red Tide x Memoria Ida Seigel</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tom Stinson	<i>Miltonia Safron Surprise x Zorro</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Ruth and Bill Cavanaugh	<i>Brassia Rex</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Dan Willis	<i>Brassia Rex var. Lea</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>

### Paphiopedilum Green Leaf

Tom Franczak	<i>Paphiopedilum praestans</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
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### Paphiopedilum Mottled Leaf

### Phragmipedium

### Dendrobium

### Phalaenopsis

Tom James	<i>Dtps. Katie Morris 'Sunshine' x Dtps. Neopolis</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Don Weber	<i>Aer. Houletiana</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
LaWanda Martin	<i>Phalaenopsis Unknown (Spots)</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tom James	<i>Phalaenopsis Togo 'Fireworks'</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
LaWanda Martin	<i>Phalaenopsis Yellow Sun</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Cliff Hynum	<i>Phalaenopsis Lara Crow</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>

### Other

Don Weber	<i>Tetramicra canaliculata</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
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## 2006 COOS Calendar

### June 3-4

June 15

July 23

September 28

October 19

### November 4-5

November 16

### Mini-show

Glenn Decker – Phragmepedium kovachii

Picnic, Jim Harper's house

Jacob Phelps – Orchids of Costa Rica

Ray Barkalow – Semi-hydroponic growing

### Mini-show

Potluck Dinner

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

January 10

March 14

May 9

July 11

September 19

November 14

**Editor's Corner.** This month's purloined pearl is another exercise in orchid education and a most important one at that. Pay close heed to the wise words of Ernie Gemeinhart regarding keeping your orchid records current. As we all know too well, once you get behind in the paperwork, that's where you stay. The only questions then are can you see the light at the end of the tunnel and are you sure it is not a train. I know my intentions are to keep good records and were it not for Ruth, that is what I would have, intentions. While our records want for a few things, Ernie's wisdom would have made the wanting less haunting. So below, reprinted with permission, is an intro to record keeping for new growers and old alike.

Bill Cavanaugh

## Orchid Labels and Records – Review From Feb. 12 Workshop

*Ernest J. Gemeinhart,*

Several folks requested a summary of items covered in the February 12th workshop. Here goes...

The bare minimum requirement for orchid records is a plant tag with a correct name. Upgrade from this by adding repotting dates and flowering dates to the tag. On plastic tags, pencils work best. No matter what you spend on a special marker, it will fade before pencil. If you want to keep a log book of your orchid collection, they can be made or bought. Low tech versions would be a bound book of handwritten notes or upgrading by simply writing out a form, making photocopies, three-hole punching them, and keeping them in a binder. A step up would be to use a word processor to make the blank form. You could then either photocopy and fill in with pen or pencil OR fill them out on your computer then print. Again, punch and store OR store on disk. Fill out as you purchase plants and maintain your collection so you don't fall behind!!!

If the idea of a database is attractive, see what you already have installed on your computer. The most common database applications are Microsoft Works and Microsoft Access. Once you open a new database, these usually ask you to name fields. Additional fields can always be added later. Some fields I use are *plant name*, *parentage*, *ID code* (for inventory purposes), *print label?*, *purchase date*, *vendor*, *price paid*, *current value*, *plant size* (X" leafspan or height), *plant "size"* (flask, compot, seedling, near blooming size, blooming size, specimen...), *pot size*, *pot type*, *media*, *repot dates*, *repot pot size*, *repot media*, culture info like *temperature* (warm, intermediate, cool) and *light*, *troubleshooting* (application of pesticides etc plus response), etc.



To sort entries in the list view, go to the “Record” pull down menu then “Sort Records...” Select the fields you wish to sort by and if in ascending or descending order. This is handy for alphabetizing the list or finding which plants haven’t been repotted recently! Once the fields are added, Microsoft Works will let you change from the list view to form and form design views very easily at the top toolbar or under the “View” menu. Form design is simple with its “drag and drop” feature. Fields can also be customized to be bold, varying font sizes and colors, etc as desired.

Spreadsheet applications such as Microsoft Excel can also be used, but they typically lack the ability to switch between list and form views. If you have such software, but are intimidated, simply open up a blank document and play around for a while. You’ll find they are pretty easy to use with very little practice. Use what you’re comfortable with as long as it suits your needs!

Once you are comfortable with your database or spreadsheet, information can be transferred to a word processor to print labels. I’ve experimented with several pre-cut labels, but have not been totally satisfied with them due to size constraints, template restrictions, printer issues like size compatibility, paper wastage..., so I’ve settled on Avery 5526 half sheet weatherproof shipping labels. These are polyester vinyl labels that will hold up extremely well in bright, damp conditions. In your word processor, minimize your margins and set the page to landscape instead of portrait. In Microsoft Word, go to “Edit” then “Page Setup...” then set the top, bottom, left, and right margins to 0.3 and click the landscape orientation. Next, create a single row, single column table that is as wide as the usable surface on the labels you use. For the 6” x 5/8” plastic labels I use, I get about 4.3” of ‘good’ space. Go to “Table” then “Insert” then “Table...”. A toolbox will pop up; select one row, one column, and “Fixed column width” that is correct for your labels (4.3 in my case). Repeat this to insert a second table then drag it to the right side of the page- the Avery 5526 labels are cut down the middle into two 8.5” x 5.5” sheets. Copy and paste the desired information from your database and format as desired: highlight the desired fields then “Edit” then “Copy” [Ctrl+C] OR “Edit” then “Paste” [Ctrl+V]. For 5/8” wide labels, you should be able to get two size 10 font lines plus one size 8 font line. Put size 4 font line breaks between each record to eliminate paper waste. This will allow you to use a paper trimmer or scissors to cut between records just once with little to no extra trimming.

If you are familiar with mail merge features (a great time saver for greeting card mailing lists!), they may prove useful to you; however, I stopped using them a while back as I was again unsatisfied with the page and font formatting limitations in my software. When you have a page of label entries all done, print on regular paper first to make sure each entry will actually fit on your plant tags and that everything will be on the readable portion of the Avery 5526 sheet. Tip: hold the paper up to the window or bright light with the label or Avery sheet behind it. Once you are satisfied, pat yourself on the back then print on the Avery label with a LASER printer. If you do not have access to a Laser printer, print on regular paper then use a photocopier to transfer to the Avery 5526 labels. DO NOT use an INK JET printer for your final labels! Ink Jet ink will promptly run when you water your plants- bye, bye names not to mention all the work you’ve put in thus far. *Sealing Ink Jet labels with transparent tape or liquid aerosol sealers is FUTILE* for the long run- trust me, we’ve tried it!

Instead of creating a new page of tables each time you need to print plant tags, simply delete the old text and paste in the new information. Use “Save As...” instead of “Save” if you wish to keep the old and new labels. Trim the labels down to size, peel off the backs, apply to your plant tags, and enjoy your work!!!

Trimming and applying these “stickers” to plant tags is a great way to keep kids busy for a while. Non-orchidaceous significant others can usually be bribed to help with a nice cocktail or meal. If you don’t already have database or spreadsheet software on your computer, or you are not satisfied with them, several companies and individuals have made very nice database programs for folks to use to keep track of their own orchids (not to be confused with searchable databases used to find award and parentage info). Most of these can be located on the “Services, Supplies and Software” page of the Orchid Mall web site <http://www.orchidmall.com/supplies.html>.

I own and have used Ed Weber's Cattleya Log and highly recommend it <http://www.cattleyalog.com/> . Ed has incorporated many features such as S image storage and label generators based on feedback from me and other users. It is user friendly and if you get stuck, support is available.

So, what do you do with labels when plants move on to the big light garden/greenhouse in the sky??? Some folks stick the labels in a sheet of Styrofoam like a cemetery to commemorate passed orchids. I prefer Goo Gone! This stuff is great to have around the house anyway. I soak the "dirty" labels in a ten percent bleach solution overnight to kill any nasties the plant might have had. Rinse them and allow to dry. Peel off the old labels (another good activity for kids). Dip the sticky plant tags in Goo Gone, allow it to soak in a couple minutes, then simply wipe the goo away with a paper towel.

**WARNING:** as far as we can ascertain, Goo Gone is kerosene with some sort of stabilizer and "limonene" to give it a nice citrus smell. Wear gloves when handling this stuff and don't let kids help you with this bit! Wash the tags in warm soapy water to get rid of the greasy Goo Gone and residue. A simpler option for those old tags is to throw them away and buy new ones, but that's too easy (and a waste of hard-earned money).

If you have suggestions for other ways of keeping orchid collection records or of making labels, or if you have questions about the material above, you can contact me at [Ernie@EnLightenedOrchids.com](mailto:Ernie@EnLightenedOrchids.com) or see our web site <http://www.EnLightenedOrchids.com>

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

August 25-27, 2006	Bluegrass Orchid Society/Mid-America Orchid Congress Show, Ramada Conference Center, 2143 N. Broadway, Lexington, Ky. Contact Tim Brooks 867 Edgewater Dr. Lexington, Ky. 40502; (859) 268-4567; <a href="mailto:timcbrooks@aol.com">timcbrooks@aol.com</a> . <i>Three hours and thirty minutes according to google and it is all freeway all the way, not to mention it should be a marvelous show. Throw in Ky. Horse country and you have a great weekend.</i>
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## Hospitality

Thanks to Norm and Lori Baldwin, Margaret and Chip Borden and Carole Smith for the May 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 and the month they signed for. Coincidentally, the blank spots have no volunteers. See Naila at the meeting 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.

June Cathy Willis	July COOS Picnic	August	No Meeting
June Ed Davis			
June Mystery Volunteer			
September	October		
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