



June Meeting – Laelias

Thursday, June 21, 2007

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

7:30 – 8:00p.m., Beginners' Corner

Much Ado About Laelias...

From tiny, full-sun loving, rock-growing miniatures to large and gloriously glamorous, there's a *Laelia* that appeals to everyone, and probably can be grown. Russ Vernon, COOS member and proprietor of New Vision Orchids, will be sharing his knowledge of these exotic beauties with us during our June meeting. There has been a great deal of confusion, consternation, and debate about which are truly *Laelias*, the Mexican varieties (the anceps group), the large Brazilian ones (purpurata types), the tiny rupicolous ones (like *milleri*, etc) and others. But no-one can deny their classic form and stunning appeal.



Laelia grandis

Russ has a degree from OSU in horticulture, and has been growing orchids since he was twelve. He has worked for Hausermann's, the Wheeler Orchid Collection, and A&P Orchids, is an AOS judge, and first VP of the MAOC as well as it's current conservation committee chair. Don't miss this opportunity to soak up some of his extensive knowledge and experience (and buy orchids he'll be bringing!!!)

And don't miss the meet-and-greet pre-meeting dinner at Aladdin's restaurant at 2400 East Main St., just east of FPC at 6 PM.

Tennis Maynard

President's Message

I'd like to spend a couple minutes this month talking about buying orchids. It's why we work, isn't it? :-) It's not a matter of whether we'll buy orchids ... let's not be coy ... it's a question of which orchids we'll buy. Let's suppose we're disciplined enough to grant ourselves an orchid allowance and really stick to it.

One thing that's fun to do with a handful of money is buy an armload of seedlings ... they're inexpensive so you can get a relatively large number of them and you can try your hand at growing a variety of orchids. But the downside is that many orchids take years and years to reach blooming size. You may easily invest four or five years or more nurturing a seedling to maturity before being gratified or disappointed by its first bloom. Nothing inherently wrong in that. Repeat the spending spree every year and you'll eventually enjoy a continuing profusion of first blooms every year. Some better than others. Some more reliable than others.



Laelia lobata v. coerulea

But this is old news. This is how it's been since the beginning of the hobby. Why am I bringing this up?

Well, I want you to consider an alternate strategy beginning today and to be in effect for the next year and a half.

Instead of the seedlings, may I please suggest the following plan: buy one or two mature plants of high quality. In particular, buy divisions or mericlones of awarded plants. And please prefer showy plants with large flowers or plants that are very floriferous. That means catts and phals and paphs and phrags and odonts and cymbidiums and miltonias ... you get the point. Save the pleurothallids, the other little smudges and the eye candy for another time.

Why? (I'm sure you know the answer.) Come the MAOC show in 2009 we will want to mount a knock-your-socks-off society display. We will need many flowering plants with high quality flowers to achieve this. By selecting in favor of previously awarded clones, (and providing your excellent culture, of course), you'll be rewarded with annual bloomings of magnificent flowers and we'll achieve memorable displays at our shows.

You don't know where you can buy divisions or mericlones of awarded orchids? Not sure you know how to identify an awarded clone? Bring those questions to the Beginners Corner workshop at the next meeting.

Tom Franczak

Please remember that our membership year is January to December. If you joined the society and you paid your dues in November or December of last year, you are covered for this year as well. 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.

Ye Olde Orchid Glossary

Osmunda fiber- a common growing medium used in the cultivation of orchids. It consists of the roots of the fern *Osmunda regalis*.

Panicle- A type of flower inflorescence wherein the flowers are loosely arranged on a branching stem and open from the lowest or inner branches to the top.

Peanuts- Peanut shaped Styrofoam packing material.

Perlite - A potting media. Expanded volcanic rock.

Peloric- In orchids, a term used to describe an unusual and often beautiful (sometimes grotesque) condition where all three petals (instead of just one) attempt to fashion themselves into lip colors and/or shapes.

Petal- In orchids, one of the three inner segments of the flower that are positioned between the three sepals; one of the petals is modified into a lip.

Photosynthesis - The process by which plants convert water and CO₂ into sugar using sunlight as an energy source.

Pistil- The female organ of the plant, which produces the seeds.

Pod- Term used to refer to the seedpod or capsule.

Pollinia- Waxy pollen clumps or grains usually found in the anthers of most orchids; often yellow, distinct, and found under the pollen cap of the column.

Polyploid - A term applied to a plant which possesses one or more extra sets of chromosomes beyond the normal number for that plant.

Pouch - Replaces the lip in Paphiopedilum alliance plants, it's actually two petals that have fused.

Pseudo bulb- The thickened stem of a sympodial orchid arising from a rhizome that has so evolved for water-storage capacity but is not a true bulb.

Pseudo bulbless- Containing no pseudo bulbs.

Raceme- A simple type of flower inflorescence that looks like a long stem with flowers arising along it.

Reed-stem- A type of growth wherein stems and pseudo bulbs resemble reeds or canes, particularly in *Epidendrum* and *Dendrobium*.

Resupinate- In orchids, those plants whose flower lips are positioned lowermost relative to the inflorescence axis; the vast majority of orchid flowers are resupinate.

Rhizome- In orchids, a root-bearing stem that usually grows horizontally atop the substrate or potting mix, from which leafy growths such as pseudo bulbs are sent up; sometimes called the rootstock.

RHS- Royal Horticultural Society.

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 10, July 8 and August 12.

AWAY SHOW BULLETIN

More news when we have news, which will be in the fall.

2006/2007 COOS Officers - Terms of Office are from January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2007

President:	Tom Franczak		614-868-5636
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COOS Trustees – Terms of Office Expire December 31st of the Year Shown.

Jim Harper	2009	614-965-1921
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Ken Mettler	2007	740-380-3023
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Tom Lochner	Immediate Past President	614-487-8197

Welcome New Members

Welcome to Robert Robertson, Jonathon and Agnes Hawkins and Pat Collins, our most recent additions to the Central Ohio chapter of the society of orchid addicts.

Sunshine Chair

I've asked **Eileen Ansley** to be our Sunshine Chair and she has graciously accepted. It will be Eileen's job to welcome new members to our meetings, to express the concern of the Society for members who fall ill and to congratulate members on behalf of the Society on occasions for celebration. If you are aware of such situations, if you know of a member who might benefit from hearing from Eileen, please notify Eileen promptly.

(By way of reminder, all committee chairs are requested to attend board meetings.)

Tom F.



Laelia sincorana



Laelia anceps

It's Showtime

Shows, shows, shows... no more 'till fall, unless Naila has a sudden attack of insanity and just has to drive 300 miles to a show. More when the Fall Show Season, short as it is, arrives.

Notes from the May Meeting.

The show table was excellent as has been the habit. A really nice assortment of quality plants demonstrating our members formidable growing skills. 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. The judging was done by Ken and Dawn Mettler and Ed Davis. They did their usual excellent job and in some cases they awarded multiple ribbons or divided classes as appropriate. Wei-Yi Chen, your contest point tabulator extraordinaire will have a current tabulation elsewhere in the newsletter. Props to Tom Stinson for the plant of the month and for showing that Thom Weiland can't win every month.

Plant of the Month

Tom Stinson

Milt. (Red Tide x Mem. Ida Seigal)

Cattleya Alliance Large

Tom Bell-Games

L. purpurata var. werkhauseri

1st

Ken Mettler

C. skinneri v. albescens

2nd

Bill and Ruth Cavanaugh

C. Sea Breeze 'Felrath's Pride'

3rd

Cymbidium

<u>Oncidium Alliance</u>			
Tom and Pat Stinson	<i>Colmanara Spacetaute</i>		1 st
Edna Markley	<i>Colmanara Wildcat</i>		2 nd
Tom Bell-Games	<i>Colmanara Spacetaute</i>		3 rd
<u>Paphiopedilum</u>			
Tom Franczak	<i>Paph. stonei</i>		1 st
Tom Bell-Games	<i>Paph. mastersianum x Flame Arrow</i>		2 nd
Tom Bell-Games	<i>Paph. Delrosi</i>		3 rd
<u>Phragmipedium</u>			
Tom Bell-Games	<i>Phrag. Sorcerer's Apprentice x caricinum</i>		1 st
Pat Stinson	<i>Phrag. ainsworthii</i>		2 nd
Pat Stinson	<i>Phrag. longifolium x caudatum v. wallisii</i>		3 rd
<u>Dendrobium</u>			
Thom Weiland	<i>Dendrobium unicum</i>		1 st
<u>Phalaenopsis</u>			
Sue Dervin	<i>Phalaenopsis Leopard King</i>		1 st
Harold Blazier	<i>Phalaenopsis Bonita</i>		2 nd
Edna and David Markley	<i>Phal. unknown</i>		2 nd
Edna and David Markley	<i>Phal. Gojanat</i>		3 rd
<u>Miltonia</u>			
Tom Stinson	<i>Milt. (Red Tide x Mem. Ida Seigel)</i>		1 st
Tom Stinson	<i>Milt. (Snatanael 'Snowflake' x Pearl Ono 'Red')</i>		2 nd
<u>Other</u>			
Screll Jones	<i>Dryadella edwallii</i>		1 st
Thom Weiland	<i>Aerides fieldingii</i>		1 st
Tom Bell-Games	<i>Disa tripetloides</i>		2 nd
Ed Davis	<i>Masd. Prince Charming</i>		2 nd
Tom Bell-Games	<i>Dresslerilia sp.</i>		3 rd
Screll Jones	<i>Chysis bractescens</i>		3 rd

Annual Growers Contest

Ahh! The competitive juices are flowing now. Of course it is a friendly competition and it is good to see more folks bringing plants for the show table. Just so you remember, in our continuing first and hereafter annual growers contest, points are awarded for plants that ribbon and/or are shown at the monthly show table and also for plants that are awarded/ribboned/shown at the various away orchid shows that COOS attends. Wei-Yi Chen, our master statistician and overall point guru, has compiled the updated results. These totals include the show table through March as well as the Dayton, Lansing, Akron, West Shore and Cincinnati away shows. Show those plants. **If you have read this far you know that there are no changes. Due to technical difficulties, we will update the contest points next month. In the meantime, keep showing those plants.**

Grower	Points	Grower	Points
Thom Weiland	296	Elly Campbell	20
Bill & Ruth Cavanaugh	210	Harold Blazier *	15
Tennis Maynard	196	Jim Fagan	15

Tom Bell-Games	138	Lori Baldwin	13
Tom & Pat Stinson	128	Jaunita Kerr	12
Naila Caruso	89	Dianna Wears	11
Screll Jones	84	Sue Dervin	6
Don Weber	76	Ken Mettler	6
Tom Franczak	68	Nancy Wagner	5
Russ Vernon & Anita Martin	45	James Feibel	3
Edna Markley	44	Margaret Sweschel ?	2
Cliff Hynum	37	Wei-Yi Chen	1
Edwina Carreon	29	Dennis Eifel	1
Susan Allison	28	Sarah Binder	1
Lawanda Martin	22	Steve Pendleton	1
		Deb Parkman	1

As the gathering of tags to identify plants shown and/or awarded has been a somewhat inexact science to date, we may have missed someone or someones. If you showed plants and you feel you were not credited, please contact Wei so that he can update the tally.

2007 COOS Calendar

June 21	Meeting – Russ Vernon - Laelias
July 22 (Sunday)	Picnic, Jim Harper's house
September 20	Meeting – Marni Turkel – Dry rest orchids
October 18	Meeting – Ron Parsons – Dendrobium species
November 3-4	Mini-show
November 15	Potluck Dinner

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

January 9	July 10
March 13	September 18
May 8	November 13



Paph Gerd Rollke



Cymbidium Claude Pepper 'Purple Splendor'



Calopogon tuberosus



Cymbidium lowianum

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

July 7	16 th Annual Ohio Valley Seminar, Civic Garden Center, 2715 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio
September 29 - 30	Kentucky Orchid Society Show. Contact: Jim McCulloch, 302 Caroldale Lane, Louisville, Ky. 40243-2002.
October 20 –21	Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society Show, Krohn Conservatory, 1501 Eden Park Dr. Cincinnati, OH. Contact: Patricia June, 5794 Butler Warren Rd. Mason, Oh. 45040.

Editor's Corner: Summer is here and the livin' is easy. The big decisions are what to grill tonight, should I summer my orchids outside this year, what should I do to my grow room this summer and what can I do to feed my orchid habit during the summer lull. I have a suggestion for those of you looking for something to do in July. Below, you will find the registration form for the 16th Annual Speakers Day put on by the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society. It is held on Saturday July 7 this year so I am going to take a moment and advocate for it now as I am not sure that the next issue of this tome will be out by July 7. For a very reasonable price, you get, donuts in the morning, two knowledgeable speakers who will speak twice each, a pleasant lunch and the company of other orchidophiles. Add in an opportunity to buy plants from the presenters and a plant auction in support of the Cincinnati judging center and you have a full day that is just a short drive away. Give it a try! I know several COOS members will be going and the June meeting will be a good time to arrange car pools etc for those who would like company on the ride.

Bill C.



Phrag Don Wimber



Catasetum discolor

Hospitality

Our thanks goes to Jaunita Kerr, Lew Beman, Ed Davis, and everyone else who contributed, for all of the delicious snacks that they provided for the May meeting. 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 for future dates and the month they signed for. As is ever the case, the spots highlighted in red and reading **Volunteer Needed**, have no volunteers. So for those of you who have a burning desire, or not, to volunteer in September and October, you will note that these months have almost NO volunteers. We need you to give Naila a call or sign up at the next meeting to let her know you would like to add your name to the merriment roster.

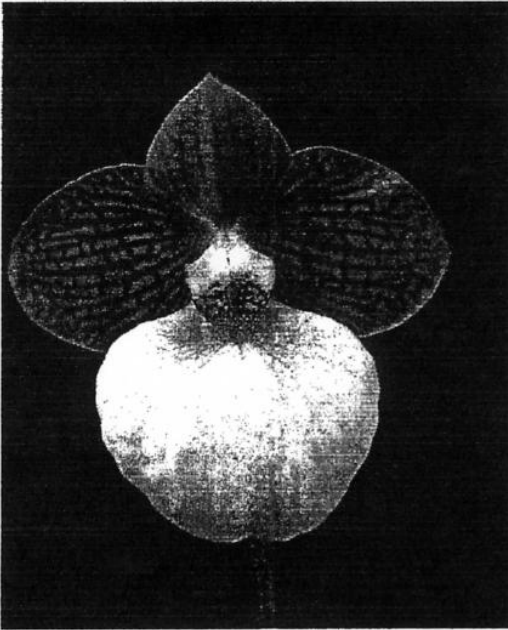
If you have to cancel try to get a person from the following month to switch or ring Naila to change months.

2007

June	Tom James	July	Picnic
June	Thom Weiland		
June	Wei Yi Chen		
August	No Meeting		
September	Tom and Rosina Bell-Games	October	Volunteer Needed
September	Volunteer Needed	October	Volunteer Needed
September	Volunteer Needed	October	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.

16th Annual Ohio Valley Seminar
Saturday, July 7, 2007



Dennis D'Allessandro

New Paphiopedilums of Vietnam

**Larry Moskovitz
Orchidanica**

New Guinea Dendrobiums

Civic Garden Center
2715 Reading Road
Cincinnati, OH

First lecture 10 a.m.

Plant sales 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

*Noon auction of select plants to benefit the Cincinnati Judging Center
<http://www.gardenersutopia.com/GCOS/>*

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Seminar reservations _____ x \$ 15.00 _____

Box lunches from Panera Bread. Each lunch also includes bottled water or soft drinks.

#1. Tuscan Chicken sandwich _____ x \$ 7.50 = _____

#2 Italian Combo sandwich _____ x \$ 7.50 = _____

#3 Pepperblue Steak sandwich _____ x \$ 7.50 = _____

#4 Portabella mushroom & mozzarella cheese sandwich _____ x \$ 7.50 = _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

e-mail _____

Please mail checks no later than Monday, July 2, 2007 to: GCOS, 4110 Rose Hill Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45229.
For information or questions, E-mail: jyates11@earthlink.net

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