



June Meeting – The “Orchids of Madagascar”
Thursday June 18, 2009
8:00 p.m., Franklin Park Conservatory Classrooms
7:30 to 8:00 p.m. Beginner’s Corner

Madagascar...not the movie...the orchids.

Our June speaker will be Erich Michel. His talk is on the orchids of Madagascar.

Erich was the Laboratory Director and Manager for Hoosier Orchid Company for 18 years before they closed their operations. Erich was lucky enough to have purchased all the seedlings in flask from Hoosier Orchid Company.



C. Humming Bird

Michel Orchid Nursery is an Indiana Corporation started by Erich Michel in September 2008. Michel Orchid Nursery has one of the largest collections of species orchids in the country which we are now propagating in nearly 5,000 orchid flasks.

Erich lectures around the country on a variety of Orchid related subjects and has been a speaker at three World Orchid Conferences on his specialty of In-Vitro Species Seed Propagation.

Erich is an accredited American Orchid Society Judge affiliated with the Cincinnati Judging Center.

I believe he will arrive in time for dinner, so, as is our usual custom we'll be having a pre-meeting meet-and-greet dinner with our speaker at 6PM.

We'll plan on going to Aladdin's Eatery, as we have in the past. It is located on E. Main St in Bexley. All members are welcome!

Erich will be bringing a variety of orchids for sale so bring your wallets. His website is <http://michelorchid.com>. Erich has indicated that he will take pre-orders but it is best to call him at 317-506-4640, so he can tell you exactly what is available.

Ken Mettler

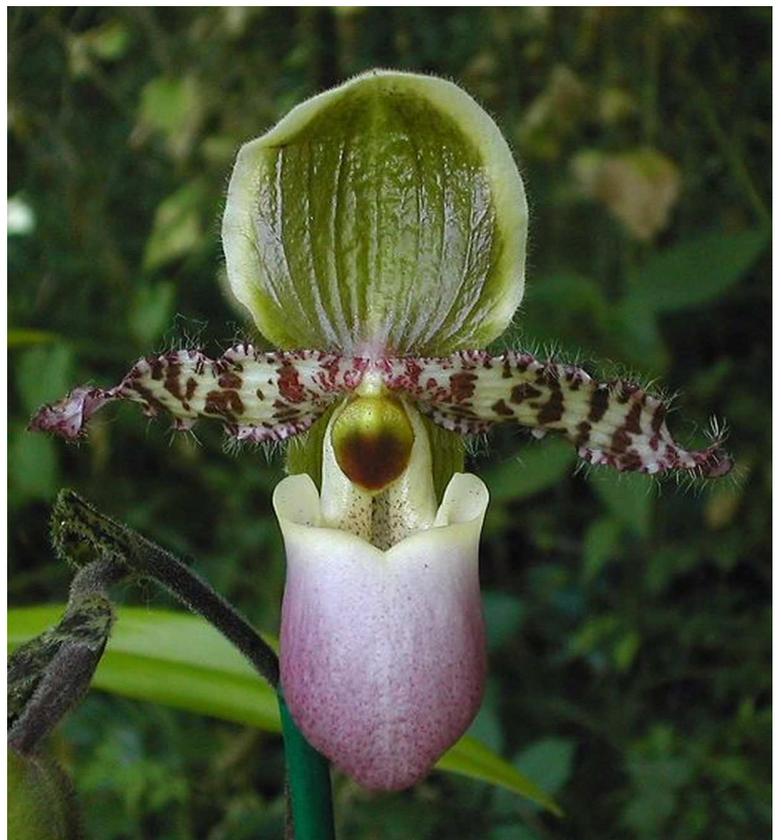
Attention Members – This month the meeting will be held in the Conservatory Atrium due to a scheduling conflict. We meet in the atrium not the class rooms.

President's Message

Fair trade...

Last month, I discussed options for buying new orchid plants. This month I want to reflect on another method of increasing your collection - a good one for these tough times - trading. Since repotting season is now upon us, it's a good time to start thinking about this as you divide established plants and pot up your compots and seedlings.

I have always enjoyed trading orchids. I have been trading orchids on the internet for over 20 years (and before that in person), since it was just a bunch of local dial-up bulletin boards with no way of sending pics. I've traded hundreds of plants with well over a hundred trading partners all over the country and locally too. As the internet matured, I was the first to post a trade page and advertise my interest in trading. Think you can't get good stuff this way? How about my treasured first *Ansellia africana* (first internet trade plant I ever received and a wonderful start!), cattleyas, laelias, catasetums, trichopilias (you knew I was going to say that, didn't you??), bulbophyllums, phals, and even my *Paph roebbelinii album*, a plant I traded a guy then in Chicago for, probably 13 years ago - you might know him now since he moved to Ohio some time ago - Tom Franczak, our immediate past president of COOS. In fact, I have even made trades in more recent years with established commercial growers out of their private collections. On my very first trip to Chicago many years ago, my first stop after picking up my rental car at the airport was a fellow orchid grower I met on the internet, Rob Halgren (who now has an orchid business up in Michigan), to trade orchids!



Paph liemianum

Trading is a great way to acquire new plants, meet new people, and expand the variety of your collection - without the expense of buying new plants - an important fact in these tight times. You can trade one plant for one plant, or, as I have in some of my more notable trades, 15 plants for 17 plants of all different kinds and sizes. It starts out by someone saying they'd really like that one particular plant - and you ask what they've got to trade. You find several things on their list you'd like and so you shoot back a list of your own. And so forth until a deal is struck.

But what's a fair deal? I have always considered it a fair deal if both parties are happy with it. Dollar values may not figure into it at all; sometimes plants theoretically worth much more are traded for plants of far less monetary value. But as the old adage goes, it's only worth what someone will pay for it - or trade for it. It's crucial to be very clear and honest in describing plants. And, of course, CAVEAT EMPTOR - or in this case, TRADER BEWARE. I haven't ever actually been 'taken' in a trade yet, knock on wood, though I do know it's always a possibility. A couple of times I felt the plants I received weren't as nice as I expected. I decided to just chalk it up to experience and give my trade partners the benefit of the doubt. And there are some folks I've

traded with numerous times quite happily. A fun little aside: sometimes in larger trades I'll slip in an extra plant or two, maybe a seedling, maybe something I haven't ID'd that I want someone to bloom - or maybe a trichopilia seedling because I think everyone should grow them. What a delight when I find my trading partner has done the same for me!

There are a number of orchid forums online which also have trade sections on them, perhaps a safer place to start as these have a more public air and perhaps a built-in peer pressure. And of course, there are your local friends in COOS. I literally can't count the number of plants I've traded with Screll Jones, for instance.

A couple considerations: start slow. Try to be as sure of your trade partner as you can. If you're going to be mailing plants (and I strongly recommend USPS priority mail - faster and cheaper than the other options), you should probably ship on a Monday or at least Tuesday - so the plants don't have to sit in the post office over the weekend. And you'll have to learn how to pack them so they get there in good shape - not an obvious skill and one which sometimes takes some ingenuity - do you ship in pot or bareroot? What about plants that have to stay moist like phals or paphs? And you must be certain the plants you trade are healthy and pest- and disease-free. Any issues with the plants should be mentioned to the trade partner before the trade.

If you have questions or need information, I (and others who have done it) will be happy to help out.

But remember: in trading with folks you know only through the internet, there's always an element of risk, no matter how small I may think it is. "You pays your money (or trades your plants) and you takes your chances." Only you are responsible for your trades, not me or anyone else.

Tennis Maynard

New Officer

We are pleased to announce that Nancy Heath has graciously agreed to assume the responsibilities of society secretary for the remainder of this term. Thanks Nancy.

Reminder...the sequel

July brings our annual picnic and we are blessed with the opportunity to have it yet again at the fabulous Harper orchid ranch. For those of you who don't know where Jim resides, your going to miss...oops...directions will be supplied in the July newsletter. Suffice to say it is a really nice place to have a picnic. Just one note, it will be held on July 26th and not on the 19th as previously scheduled. As Jim is out of the State on the 19th it would be very rude of us to have a picnic at his place without him present, so we will meet a week later when he has returned. If you have not been to a picnic at Jim's place, you are missing one of the greater joys of life. Mark your calendar and come join the fun.

It's June and the year is half over. For those of you who have renewed your membership, many thanks. For any who may be just a bit tardy, please renew as soon as possible. Our membership year is January to December. If you joined the society and you paid your dues in November or December of 2008, you are covered for this year as well. For all of the rest of us who have not yet done so, it is past time to renew. If our estimates are right, as many as thirty of you still need to do so. You can pay your dues at the June meeting, or you can send a check to our membership chair. (made payable to "Central Ohio Orchid Society") **Jon Young (1752 Marsdale Avenue, Columbus, OH 43223)**. 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. July 12, August 9, and September 13, 2009.

Welcome New Members

Well you're slouching again. Not a single new member in the last month. You will all be held personally responsible if there are no new members this month and be subjected to 30 lashes with a wet noodle. It feels just so ick. Avoid this retribution and get out there and sign up a friend who grows orchids or a stranger who will soon be an orchid friend. New blood is the life blood of every organization and society in the world. Let's find other folks who share our love of orchids. You know they are out there. Let's invite them to join us.

2008/2009 COOS Officers - Terms of Office are from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009

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Phrag Calorum



Trichopilia galeottiana

Notes from the May Meeting.

It wasn't spring of 2008...no 100 plus plants at the show table, but it was verry, verry nice. Just a skosh shy of sixty plants and the usual tremendous variety that we have come to take for granted. Kudos to all who exhibited their plants. Remember, we have kicked off the third and annual growers contest. Keep bringing those plants.

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. Ken Mettler, Screll Jones and Thom Weiland did a fine job of judging and we thank them. Where the judges thought it appropriate additional place awards were made and there were a few. Clifton Hynum, noted orchidophile and raconteur, you're your new contest point tabulator extraordinaire will begin the tally this month and should have the current results for us by next month. He will continue to ask for a little assistance from the membership. Would you please **print** your name and the name of the plant clearly? The tally keeping is a difficult job and time consuming as well. It is even harder if someone has to guess at the name of the plant or of the exhibitor. It would make life a little easier if everyone included all of the info in an easily readable form. So please help out. Remember, if the tabulator quits, absent a volunteer, I intend to draw the name of the next tabulator extraordinaire from a hat and all society members names will be in it. Be kind, it could be you. Props to Scott Bever for the plant of the month, a very fine *grammatophyllum*.

Plant of the Month

Scott Bever *Grammatophyllum Yunan Tiger*

Cattleya Alliance

Tennis Maynard	<i>Laelia sincorana</i>	1 st
David and Edna Markley	<i>Lc Shenandoah 'Orchidheights'</i>	2 nd
Tennis Maynard	<i>Laelia Purpurata 'Cinderosa' x self</i>	3 rd
Tennis Maynard	<i>Laelia grandis</i>	3 rd

Epidendrum/Encyclia

Don Weber	<i>Enc tampense</i>	1 st
John Geslak	<i>B nodosa</i>	2 nd
Don Weber	<i>Enc parviflora</i>	3 rd
Don Weber	<i>Epi rigidum</i>	3 rd

Oncidiae

Screll Jones	<i>Onc Mendenhall 'Lace' x Onc Mem Bill Carter 'Mendenhall'</i>	1 st
David and Edna Markley	<i>Colm Wildcat 'Carmela'</i>	2 nd
Dan Willis	<i>Onc Mariposa</i>	3 rd

Trichopilia

Tennis Maynard	<i>Trichopilia Charlotte</i>	1 st
Tennis Maynard	<i>Trichopilia marginata 'Dark Beauty'</i>	2 nd

Phragmipedium

Tom and Pat Stinson	<i>Phrag Mem. Eric Young</i>	1 st
Tom and Pat Stinson	<i>Phrag Schroderae</i>	2 nd

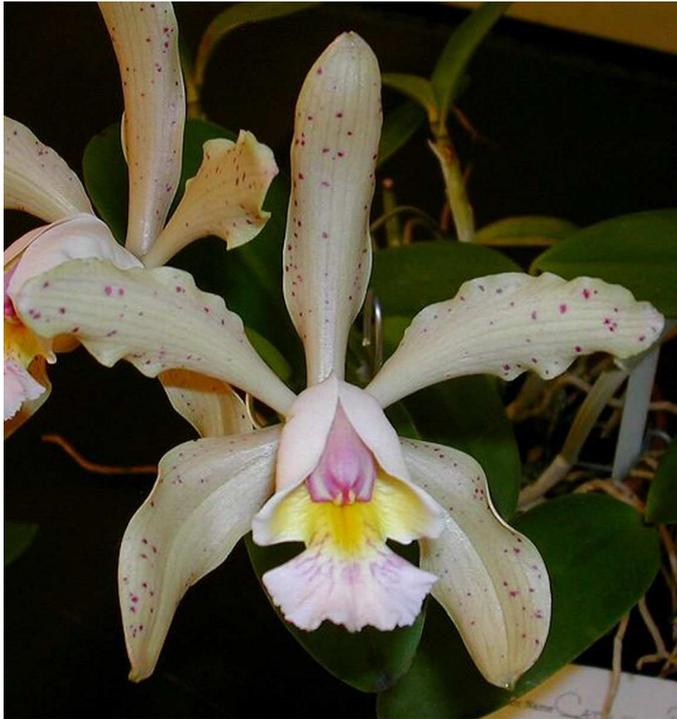
Paphiopedilum

Screll Jones	<i>Paph Pinocchio</i>	1 st
Screll Jones	<i>Paph Robinianum</i>	2 nd
Dave and Edna Markley	<i>Paph Pinocchio 'In Charm' x Paph In-Charm White</i>	3 rd

Screll Jones	<i>Paph Victoria-regina x bellatulum album</i>	3 rd
<u>Disa</u>		
Tennis Maynard	<i>Disa Diores</i>	1 st
Tennis Maynard	<i>Disa uniflora</i>	2 nd
<u>Phalaenopsis sp</u>		
Screll Jones	<i>Phal manii v flava</i>	1 st
<u>Phalaenopsis with Markings</u>		
Screll Jones	<i>Phal I-Hsin Waltz 'Hello Kitty'</i>	1 st
Tom and Pat Stinson	<i>Phal Brother Sara Gold</i>	2 nd
Thom Wieland	<i>Phal (African Queen x Coral Isles) x leudimanniana</i>	3 rd
<u>Phalaenopsis with No Markings</u>		
Tom and Pat Stinson	<i>Phal hybrid unknown</i>	1 st
Screll Jones	<i>Phal Fuller's Sunset 'Golden Sun'</i>	2 nd
Tom and Pat Stinson	<i>Phal Margarita Lime</i>	3 rd
<u>Miltonia</u>		
Tom and Pat Stinson	<i>Milt Pink Momma 'Yosemite Sam'</i>	1 st
Tom and Pat Stinson	<i>Milt Patricia Marie Linares # 1</i>	2 nd
Tennis Maynard	<i>Milt Keiko Komoda</i>	3 rd
<u>Angraecoids</u>		
Screll Jones	<i>Aeranthes Grandiose 'Shooting Star'</i>	1 st
Screll Jones	<i>Angraecum magdalenae</i>	2 nd
<u>Other</u>		
Scott Bever	<i>Grammatophyllum Yunan Tiger</i>	1 st
Don Weber	<i>Oberonia iridifolia</i>	1 st
Tennis Maynard	<i>Masdevallia Red Wing</i>	2 nd
Tennis Maynard	<i>Bifrenaria tyrizenthina</i>	2 nd
Tennis Maynard	<i>Promenea Meadow Gold x citrina</i>	3 rd
Dallas Ingram	<i>Cymbidiella rhodochilia</i>	3 rd
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 or Clifton know.		

Annual Growers Contest

Ok, so kill me! You know, in life, communication is one of the most important things...and one of the most difficult. Due to circumstances that you don't even want to know about, our volunteer point counter, Clif Hynum and the keeper of all the current annual points contest data, me, have been unable to exchange the significant data necessary to tally the grower's points. Yes, yes and yesssss again we are having the contest. Yes, yes and yesssss again, Clif will have the data, Clif you really, really need to be at the June meeting, or we will both look worse than we currently do. My thanks to Clif Hynum for volunteering to be the points tabulator and my thanks to you for being patient yet one more month to see the current totals. In the meantime, keep showing those plants and we will get the tally going and published as soon as possible. .



C. Brabantiae



Phrag Eric Young

2009 COOS Calendar

June 18	Meeting – Erich Michel – The Orchids of Madagascar
July 26	Picnic – At Jim and Helen Harper's in far flung Galena Ohio.
September 17	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
October 15	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
November 7-8	Mini-show
November 19	Potluck Dinner

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

July 14 September 8
November 9

Away Show Bulletin! Thank you to all of you who have volunteered to set up or take down an away show. Part of the life blood of all orchid societies is the annual or semi annual show. The show is rather minimalist if other societies don't participate. While the spring show season is over, at least as far as any we can reach, we would like to extend a grateful thank you to all who volunteered their time and expertise to represent the society at the various away shows and in doing so, encourage those societies to attend ours. We will resume away shows again in the fall. In the mean time, enjoy your summer, your summer bloomers, and we will start again in the fall. .



Potinara Love Avenue



Paph Deer Lake

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

Promises, promises, all you get are promises...but not this time. I know I owe you the results of the Cincinnati show, the Detroit, Akron and all the others. Below, at long last and listed in no particular order are the results of the away shows that have not yet been published. Now if I can get my new tabulator up and running you shall have both the show results and the tally in the July issue and I can put off resigning for another month. Thanks for being understanding or at least patient.

Akron Show

1 st	Slc Mem. Alvin Beggman 'Poem'	Tom and Pat Stinson
1 st	Paph gratixianum 'Orchidcrest'	Tom and Pat Stinson
1 st	Paph Andrew Bell	Tom and Pat Stinson
1 st	Paph Black Briar x Humana Wave	Tom and Pat Stinson
1 st	Phrag longifolium x caudatum	Tom and Pat Stinson
1 st	Phal Norms Best x Cygnus	Tom and Pat Stinson
1 st	Phal Wedding Promenade	Tom and Pat Stinson
1 st	Phal Be Tris x Zuma Pixie	Tom and Pat Stinson
1 st	Phal Regina Busse x Zuma White Puff	Tom and Pat Stinson
1 st	Phal Brehid World	Tom and Pat Stinson
1 st	Phal Leopard Prince	Tom and Pat Stinson
1 st	Hmtn Golden Harry	Tom and Pat Stinson
1 st	Odontocidium Tiger Crow 'Golden Girl'	Tom and Pat Stinson
2 nd	Otarra Jane Fumiye 'Hawaii'	Tom and Pat Stinson
2 nd	Paph venustum x Virginia Moffet	Tom and Pat Stinson
2 nd	Paph Red Glory x Raisin Eyes	Tom and Pat Stinson
2 nd	Paph (Mildred Hunter x Bagley) x New World	Tom and Pat Stinson
2 nd	Phrag longifolium x caudatum	Tom and Pat Stinson
2 nd	Phal (Golden Gift x Golden Bells) x Brother Lawrence	Tom and Pat Stinson
3 rd	Cymbidium Anne Miller 'Zuma'	Tom and Pat Stinson

Does anyone notice a recurring theme here? Tom and Pat, being our most northern members, did this show for us when the rest of us went elsewhere. They entered 23 or their own plants and got ribbons for 20. Oh, they also took 2nd place in their exhibit class. Not a bad weekend in anybody's book. Many thanks to them for representing us so well.

Cincinnati Show

1 st	Maxillaria tenuifolia	Dallas Ingram
1 st	Dtps Yu Pin Lady 'Sweetheart'	Screll Jones
1 st	Phal Margarita Lime	Screll Jones
1 st	Phal Baldan's Kaleidoscope 'Golden Treasure'	Tessie Steelman
1 st	Angulocaste Paul Gripp x Lycaste Kooleana	Tennis Maynard
1 st	Lc Puppy Love 'True Beauty'	Tennis Maynard – Trophy Winner
2 nd	Maxillaria Maui Sunset	Dallas Ingram
2 nd	Blc Haw Yuan Grace	Screll Jones
2 nd	Ansellia africana	Tennis Maynard
2 nd	Lc Drumbeat 'Heritage'	Tennis Maynard
3 rd	Dtps Orchidom Pretty Elf x Inferno	Bill and Ruth Cavanaugh
3 rd	Ansellia africana	Tennis Maynard

Another good show, eleven ribbons in thirty plants shown. Baseball players make millions for hitting 300 and we averaged better than that. A large gracias to Ruth Cavanaugh for setting up the exhibit which took 2nd place in its class.

West Shore Show

1 st	Paph gratixianum 'Orchidcrest'	Tom and Pat Stinson
1 st	Dendrobium Tangerinum	Don Weber – Trophy Winner
1 st	Slc Mem. Alvin Beggman 'Poem'	Tom and Pat Stinson
1 st	Phal Cassandra x manni	Don Weber
3 rd	Dendrobium pieradii x loddegesii	Don Weber
3 rd	Phal Sogo Pride 'Stars'	Tom and Pat Stinson

A small but powerful showing. Thanks to Don Weber and Tom and Pat Stinson for the set up and tear down and for a third place in the exhibit's class.

Detroit

1 st	Cattleya Walkeriana	Ken Mettler
1 st	Phal Timothy Christopher 4n	Tom and Pat Stinson
2 nd	Coelogyne mossiae 'Portland'	Naila Caruso
3 rd	Blc Orange Show 'Cloud Forest'	Tennis Maynard
3 rd	Phrag Longueuiue	Tennis Maynard
3 rd	Cymbidium Sea Ranch	Naila Caruso

The competition was formidable as this is a big show and six ribbons for nineteen plants shown and a second for the exhibit was a good show weekend. Thanks to all who sent plants and congratulations to all who won ribbons.

Cleveland Show

Ok, I am still looking for the notes for this one but hey, four out of five is much better than the last couple of months. I will track down these and have it for you next month.

Editor's Corner:

Ahh!! It's my favorite time of the year! Summer is upon us. Soon all of my orchids will be outside and I can try a cure for the scale plague that I found on, of all places, the internet. I'll let you know if it works. I'll scream in frustration if it does not. This has been a year long battle and scale is winning dang it. But I will not surrender. I am rolling out the big guns. It's a three course round of systemics and anti bacterials from here. Something has to work. But enough of my problems.

It is time to remind you that the GCOS, that is, the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society is having its 18th or 19th annual speakers day. It is happening on July 11th and is, coincidentally, in Cincinnati. Mario Ferrusi, on Masdevallias, and Erich Michel on the Orchids of Madagascar, are the speakers. How lucky are we? We get Erich's talk a month early. But having been there three or four years running now, I must encourage you to attend. Good speakers, good company, (orchid friends from all over) and lots of cool plants and orchid stuff at the auction. If I can master my annual challenge and get the dang graphic transferred to my computer and thus to the newsletter, stumps me every year and takes a week to figure out, I will include it in the July newsletter and will Endeavour mightily to have that out prior to the date of the meeting.

Also a reminder again that there has been a change in the calendar for our Summer picnic. We meet at Jim Harper's place as he has graciously extended an invitation to use the legendary Harper Orchid Ranch, for our picnic. I don't know how many ways I can say this but really folks, if you have not managed to get to Jim's place for a picnic you are missing one of the great picnic places within five counties. And you are missing a lot of great food, an orchid show, friends, and all manner of good things. Make it a part of your summer and you will plan on making it a part of your summer every year. Mark your calendars, the COOS summer picnic will be Sunday July 26 at Jim Harper's place. As I have said, it is an event not to be missed.

Bill C.

Hospitality

Many thanks go to Dotty Burchfield, Dave and Edna Markley and Scott Bever and to any other good souls who provided the usual sumptuous goodie bonanza at the May meeting. Your largess was much appreciated by all.

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 but....there are currently still some open spots for volunteers for future meetings...like all of them except for June. Thanks to those who responded so quickly to the appeal for volunteers. Check the list below and you will see that as is ever the case, the spots highlighted in red and reading **Volunteer Needed**, have no volunteers.

As you know by now, David and Edna Markley are our new mavens of hospitality and I continue to offer my thanks to them for stepping up and taking on a very necessary but seldom glamorous post that like most jobs, only gets attention when it doesn't work just right. Let's make their job easier by signing up and helping out. Leaving it to them to do all the work and provide all the food as well would be inconsiderate at a minimum. So, for those of you who just can't wait to participate, you will note that we **STILL** have openings in 2009. **LOTS** of them. Please give the Markley's 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 David or Edna to change months.

David and Edna Markley, our new hospitality committee chairpersons, can be reached at 614-471-5437 You can also reach them by e-mail at dmarkley5868@wowway.com.

June Dotty Burchfield July Summer Picnic
June Tessie Steelman
June Sandra Stohr

August No Meeting

September Volunteer Needed October Volunteer Needed
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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.



Three Fourths of Grammatophyllum Yunnan Tiger grown by Scott Bever. Plant of the Month

GREENHOUSE FOR SALE!!!!!!!

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Porter's Orchids Summer Open House & Plant Sale

When? Saturday, August 15, 2009

Where? 10868 Royston Rd., Grand Ledge, MI

Hours? 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Refreshments? Of course! And a light lunch

This is our annual 25% off any plant or plants from our regular stock. This includes some divisions of our show and stud plants, as well as some seedlings from our own crosses. We hope to see you then!

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