



NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, March 10, 2004 7:00 p.m. in the FPC Library
NEXT ORCHID SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING: Thursday, March 18, 2004
Beginners' Corner 7:30 p.m. with the Mettlers, in the Library
Regular Meeting 8:00 p.m. Franklin Park Conservatory classrooms

Larry Sanford to speak at our March 18th meeting. We're quite happy to welcome Larry Sanford to our midst. Larry brings 30 years of experience growing orchids to the table and is an AOS judge affiliated with the Cincinnati center. He favors cool and intermediate types and will address us about *Odontoglossums* and their relatives. If you've been languishing on a diet of pastel colored orchids and are looking for some no-foolin'-around plants that will fill a space with unmistakably bold and bright colors, then *odonts* might be just what the doctor ordered.

Steve Helbling will be driving in with Larry for the meeting. Steve was recently put in charge of the care and feeding of student judges in the Cincinnati center. So if you have any questions about their training program, we'll point him out at the meeting and you can approach him during the social hour after the talk.

As mentioned at the February meeting, our speaker this month will not be bringing any plants for sale. So we've declared a **Members' Plant Sale** night. It will be totally disorganized as follows: You bring half a dozen or more divisions or excess seedlings, say from a flask you may have potted out, and you stand behind a table and sell them to other members, remembering to put 20% aside for commission to the society. Every now and then you hop over the table to the other side and buy some divisions or seedlings from other members. Then you jump back and sell some more of your own. The best circumstance is if you go home with some plants, none of which you brought to the meeting. If this approach actually works, we'll keep future such events similarly unstructured. If it descends into a feeding frenzy and we have to summon the gendarmes to restore order, well, then we'll just have to appoint Tennis to formalize subsequent sales nights :-). Remember to bring some little boxes or bags for your customers to haul off your plants in and remember to drop 20% into the treasurer's tin cup. Try to set out the plants you want to sell on the sales tables early, say 5:30-ish, because

Once again we invite you to join us in taking the speaker out to **dinner before the meeting**. We'll probably return to the Old Bag of Nails restaurant (around 6 pm), a stone's throw northeast of the Conservatory since we enjoyed it so much before the February meeting. Send me an e (terpsichore@dataflo.net) to let me know you'll attend by the Monday before the meeting so I can tell the restaurant how many of us will be there. Bring a couple extra dollars to kick in so we can treat our guests to dinner and let's have fun.

I'm sorry I have to mention that while we were enjoying the February meeting, some cars were broken into, among them



Naila's. That was pretty crummy and we don't want it to happen again. Please park in the main lot, (under one of the bright lights), where the security people can more easily keep an eye on things. And give Naila some encouragement when you see her to cheer her up.

Tom Franczak

Rossioglossum grande

Photo courtesy of Jay Pfahl's website: Orchid Species Photo Encyclopedia at: www.orchidspecies.com. Take a minute and look at this web site – it is a terrific resource for photographs and basic culture information as well as a very good source of information regarding genus name changes (always a help with the *Odontoglossums*!).

HOSPITALITY ~ Hospitality at the February meeting was kindly provided by Janelle Szczepanski, Cathy Willis, and Dorothy Burchfield.

Welcome to our newest members!

Barbara Ambos

Christine Bednar

Ruth & Bill Cavanaugh

Ed & Sarah Duarte

Jeremy Elliot

Robert & Kathleen Szymczak

Hilltop Orchids (Dick & Sandy Wells)

Please take a minute during one of the upcoming meetings to welcome these new members to our society.

Notes from the February Meeting

The February meeting was one of the best attended meetings in recent memory with at least 60 members in attendance. Dick Wells of Hilltop Orchids gave a good overview of orchid culture and growing techniques. In addition, Dick brought a good number of Phalaenopsis, Phragmipedium, and mini-Cattleyas for sale. Hilltop Orchids very graciously became members of the Central Ohio Orchid Society.! The show table was huge. Among the plants of note were the following:

Cattleya Alliance

Larry Sampson	Blc 'Monilani Rainbow'	1 st
?	Brassavola 'Little Stars' x Bc Maikai 'Muyanni'	1 st
John and Cathy Willis	Lc 'Beugold'	2 nd
Edwina Carreon	Lc Richard Degenhardt x Lc 'Lea'	2 nd
David Sayre	Bc Binosa 'Wabash Valley' AM/AOS	2 nd
Matina Ross	Cattleya [unknown hybrid]	3 rd

Oncidium Alliance

?	Hawaria 'Lava Burst'	1 st
Screll Jones	Mtdm. Wildwood	1 st
Elly Campbell	Odontocidium Tiger Grow 'Golden Girl'	1 st
Tom Stinson	Oda. Ann Johnson	1 st
Tom Bell-Games	<i>Odontoglossum laeva</i>	2 nd
Tom Stinson	Odc. Harrods Forever 'Golden Gates' x Oda Drummer Joe 'Avalon'	2 nd
Tom Stinson	Odc. Point Nepeau 'Sunset Jaguar' x Mentor 'Craggwood' AM/AOS	2 nd
Tom Stinson	Odc. Floridrum 'Sunset Suffusion' x Point Nepeau 'Sunset Jaguar' AM/AOS	2 nd
Jon Young	Wilsonaria Russiker Tiger	2 nd

Epidendrum / Encyclia

John and Cathy Willis	<i>Encyclia cochleatum</i>	1 st
Pat Stinson	<i>Epidendrum</i> Celan Thum	2 nd

Paphiopedilum

Screll Jones	<i>Paphiopedilum lowii</i> x sib	1 st
Chase Leibold	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Cicada's Secret x Sunken Treasure	1 st
Matina Ross	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> [unknown hybrid]	1 st
Tennis Maynard	<i>Paphiopedilum venustum</i> var. album	2 nd
Tom Stinson	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Ernest Read	2 nd
Tom Stinson	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Prime Chin	2 nd
Screll Jones	<i>Paphiopedilum rothschildianum</i>	3 rd
Tennis Maynard	<i>Paphiopedilum niveum</i>	3 rd
Matina Ross	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Macabre	3 rd

Phalaenopsis

David Evans	Dortinopsis Taisuco Firebird 'DL18' x Stps. (Herbert Hage x Taisuco Beauty)	1 st
Larry Samson	Dortinopsis Kiska	1 st
Larry Samson	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Brother Lancer	1 st
Nancy Wagener	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Mini Mark 'Holm'	1 st
Edwina Carreon	<i>Phalaenopsis stuartiana</i>	2 nd
Larry Samson	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> [unknown hybrid]	2 nd
David Evans	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Taida Sleeping	3 rd
Marty and PJ Kuklis	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Spring Dance	3 rd
Matina Ross	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> [unknown hybrid]	3 rd

Pleurothallid Alliance

Tom Bell-Games	Masdevallia colossus	2 nd
Tom Bell-Games	<i>Pleurothallis racemiflora</i>	3 rd

Cymbidium

David Sayre	<i>Cymbidium</i> [unknown hybrid]	1 st
Sue Dervin	<i>Cymbidium</i> Vieux Raxe	2 nd
David Sayre	<i>Cymbidium</i> Sweetheart 'Sensation'	3 rd

Other

Elly Campbell	Coelogyne 'Massie Portland'	1 st
Pat Stinson	Cirrhopetalum medusae	1 st
Tom Stinson	Zygopetalum Bolero #1	1 st

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME !

If you haven't already, please renew your membership in the Central Ohio Orchid Society **TODAY**. Send your check (made payable to "Central Ohio Orchid Society") to our **new membership chair, Tom James (865 Francis Avenue, Columbus, OH 43209)**, OR bring your check to the next meeting. Please support the society by renewing as soon as possible. Please note, all memberships not renewed this month will be dropped from the newsletter mailing list. Membership is \$15 individual, \$20 family. If we have not received your renewal by February 24th you will see a note on the front of this newsletter.

VOLUNTEERS - Who's Doing What, When

We are asking everyone organizing volunteers to send a copy of their lists of volunteers to Tom Bell-Games. We will then include this information in the newsletter so folks can remember what and when they have volunteered themselves.

SPRING MINI-SHOW THIS WEEKEND

Plan on attending our spring "mini-show" this coming weekend, March 6th and 7th in the main atrium of the Franklin Park Conservatory. We typically have 3 or 4 exhibits of our own along with one from the Conservatory. This means we need YOU to bring in your blooming plants for inclusion in the displays. Set-up will begin early Friday evening, typically around 6:00 or so. The more people we have helping, the faster it goes. The Society has ordered a number of orchids in bloom for sale during this show. In addition, members may sell plants if they are healthy (disease and pest free); the Society will retain 20% on all sales. If you want to sell plants, you are asked to help with the sales table for at least part of the weekend. If you have questions, contact Jon Young, mini-show chair: jnthnyoun@aol.com 614-272-5256

ANNUAL AOS SHOW

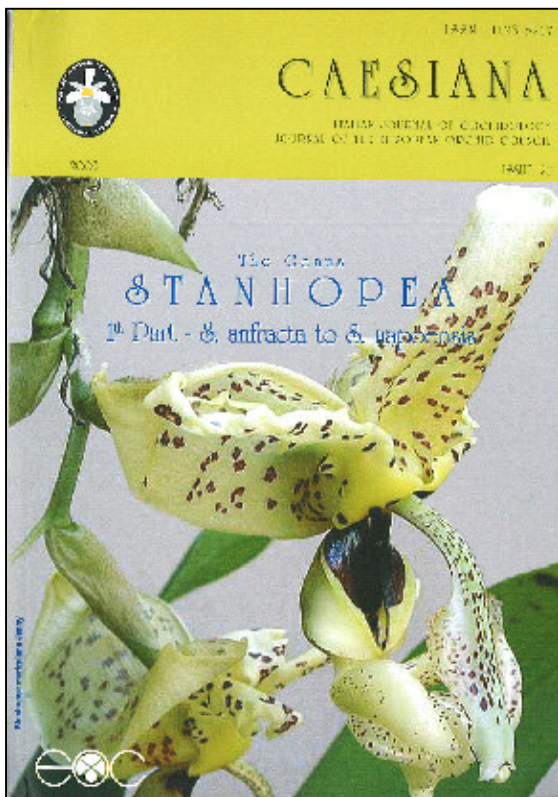
Matina Ross is chairing the AOS show this year and would like your help. If you would like to volunteer as co-chair, or would like to help with any of the little jobs that go into putting on the show, please contact Matina. The show will be in early June this year so Matina is busy lining up the judges, exhibitors, and vendors now. Please help out the Society and give Matina a call today: Matina Ross, 456 Springs Dr., Columbus, OH 43214; (614) 263-4819.

GROWING TIPS

By this time of year we are noticing a distinct lengthening of days. This additional light is combined with rising temperatures and less artificial heat in our growing areas. If your orchids are exposed to natural light, you should notice a distinct amount of activity with new roots and growths on many in the *Cattleya* alliance, *Phalaenopsis* spiking, a good deal of blooming in the *Pleurothallid* alliance, and a general end to dormancy in most plants. Because we are now using artificial heat intermittently, humidity remains much higher much more easily and for longer periods of time. Keep an eye on this and take measures to ensure fresh air and good air movement abounds – this will help to minimize problems with disease and fungus. Now that we are seeing more sunny days, it is a good idea to monitor what is going on in our growing areas when we are not at home. An enclosed area can become quite warm on a sunny day while this same area may remain cool on overcast days. A max/min thermometer will give you a good idea as to what is going on throughout the day and evening. Look carefully at plants that are beginning to show signs of new growth; this is an ideal time to re-pot. In fact, you may want to take stock of your potting supplies now as we are about to enter the peak of repotting season. Potting mix is available for sale through our society or can be found at most shows. If you want large quantities of potting mix, there are a number of specialty vendors that advertise through the AOS magazine "Orchids". Shipping is a bit pricy, but you can save by buying in larger quantities.

UPCOMING SHOWS

If you have any nicely blooming plants, please consider having them included in one of our exhibits at an out-of-town show. We brought in a red ribbon for our recent exhibit at the Miami Valley Show in February. We need your well-bloomed plants to help get another, or possibly a blue ribbon! Screll Jones is chair for out-of-town shows. Please contact Screll to find out where we will be exhibiting and when she needs your plants. Screll is luck enough to be going down to the huge Redlands show in Florida later this month and may not be going to the Kentucky show – however, you can find out from her who will be taking care of exhibiting in Kentucky. Screll can be contacted at: 614-864-7924

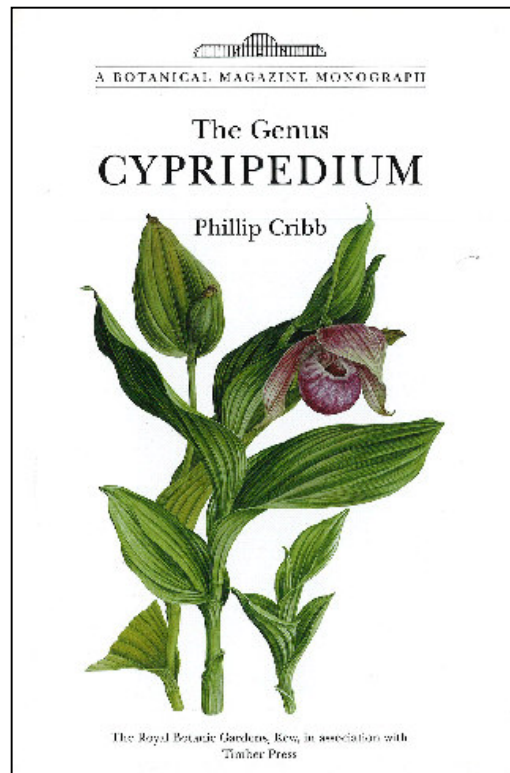


THIS JUST IN - STANHOPEAS FEATURED IN CAESIANA!

The latest issue of *Caesiana*, the Italian Journal of Orchidology, Journal of the European Orchid Council (Issue 21), presents the first of two parts of a major monograph on the genus *Stanhopea*. This work, edited by Rudolf Jenny of Switzerland, compiles articles on the various known species and is now perhaps the definitive description of this fascinating genus. An initial section on culture and genetic relationships within the Tribe Maxillarieae is especially appreciated. In addition, this issue includes a number of photographs of typical environs of the *Stanhopea*. This issue (all in English) covers species *S. anfracta* through *S. napoensis* and is profusely illustrated with wonderful photographs, drawings, and paintings. The second issue is anticipated to be published in June 2004 and will include a comprehensive bibliography and checklist. *Caesiana* typically publishes two issues per year. The cost of this publication is reasonable: € 36 per year. Check the internet for the current exchange rate. Send subscription requests to: Mrs. Henrike Berg Pana, Dipart. di Biologia Vegetale, Univ. La Sapienza, Piazzale Aldo Moro, 5-00185 Roma, Italia. E-mail: henrike.berg@uniroma1.it

BOOK REVIEW: *The Genus Cypripedium* by Phillip Cribb is a new acquisition in the Central Ohio Orchid Society Library (thanks to Jim and Eloise Harper). This is a welcome addition to the literature on this terrific genus. As many of these species can be grown here locally out of doors in our gardens, this book should be of special interest. Published by Timber Press, in association with The Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, this monograph covers all of the currently known species, native to many continents. The text begins 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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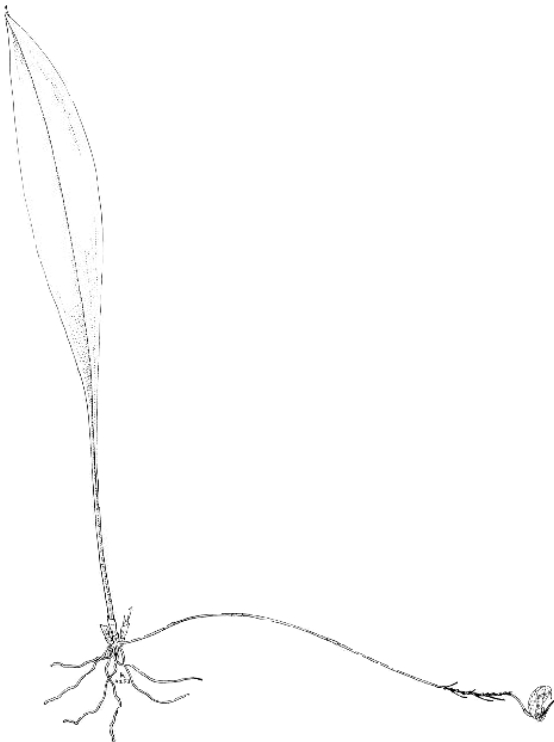
UPCOMING MEETINGS: If you know of a good speaker or have an interest in a particular topic for one of our monthly meetings, please forward your suggestions to Tom Franczak at 614.868.5636

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES: 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.

Regional Shows: March as always is going to be a busy month. From the looks of this list, you could spend most of your weekends at orchid shows! The following are upcoming orchid shows within a reasonable distance.

- March 6-7** **CENTRAL OHIO ORCHID SOCIETY SPRING MINI-SHOW AND SALE. Set-up will be Friday evening around 6:00 p.m.**
- March 13-14** West Shore Orchid Society of Northern Ohio Show, Strongsville Mall, Strongsville, OH. Contact: Wayne Roberts, 12390 Root Road, Columbia Station, OH 44028; (440) 236-5511; wer@orchidmix.com
- March 19-21** Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania Show, Phipps Garden Center, 1059 Shady Ave., Pittsburgh, PA. Contact: Michael Lysy, 1438 Hawthorne St., Pittsburgh, PA 15201
- March 19-21** Ann Arbor Orchid Society Festival, Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor, MI. Contact: Alex Challis, 4104 Thornoaks Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48104
- March 20-21** Kentucky Orchid Society Show, Executive Inn Hotel, 978 Phillips Lane, Louisville, KY. Contact: Jo Boudinot, 1576 Beech St., Radcliff, KY 40160; (270) 351-1767; boud92773@aol.com
- March 27-28** Three Rivers Orchid Society Show. Contact Rose Poehler, 6322 S. 800 E 92, Fort Wayne, IN 46814

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