



March Meeting – Biology of the Coral-roots.

Thursday March 19, 2009

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

7:30 to 8:00 p.m. Beginner's Corner

Whatta Ya Mean No Leaves...

Our speaker for March is Dr. John Freudenstein of the Ohio State University. His talk is titled, "Biology of the Coral-roots." Coral-roots (genus *corallorhiza*) are a curious group of northern terrestrial orchids that are saprophytic. That means they don't have leaves and they don't photosynthesize. They live their entire lives by feeding on fungi in the soil. All orchids feed on fungi as seedlings, but the Coral-roots and a few other genera have taken this to an extreme, and this serves as their sole source of nutrition for their whole lives. The inflorescence is the only part of the plant that grows above the soil. Best of all, several species of Coral-roots and related orchids are native to Ohio, and can be observed in their natural habitat.

Dr. Freudenstein is an Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, and is Director of the Herbarium and Museum of Zoology at the Ohio State University. His research is in plant systematics, studying the evolutionary biology of orchids and other plant families.

Our speaker will not be able to make it for dinner, due to a scheduling conflict. He does not have plants to sell, so this will be another members' plant sale meeting. However, those who are interested can meet for our usual pre-meeting meal, this time moving back to the Alladin restaurant on E. Main Street at 6ish.



Corallorhiza maculata

President's Message

Come one, come all!

Our MAOC is upon us! Come to the show, see the pretties, volunteer a little time, and join all of us in celebrating 50 years of COOS!

There's something for everyone at a MAOC. Aside from the largest selection of vendors you'll see in central Ohio for many years, there are all the wonderful displays to take in and see what everyone else in the region is growing.

Please consider the possibility of registering for the event as well. You know, all the details can be found on our website at: <http://www.maoc.coosinfo.info> . Registration is the only way you'll get to hear the great speaker line-up. And we have the biggest names in the orchid world, too. The guy who is re-defining what cattleyas are, including all those minicatts and others we all grow. And Norris Williams, who's doing the same for (to??) the oncidiums, odontoglossums, and related groups. As well, we're having Mark Sullivan, who invented a new paradigm for orchid conservation and Howard Bronstein, the man responsible for the new Awards Quarterly digital format. And last but not least, Paul Storm, the leading hybridizer in the fast-growing area of schomburgkias, schombocatts, and related orchids. You will never have a chance to hear these folks speak at one venue again. In fact, Cassio van den Berg is coming all the way from Brazil, Mark Sullivan from out west, and the others from far-away sunny Florida. Though their topics may seem highly technical, they will be presented in a format everyone can appreciate. Here's an unequalled chance to pick up some really fantastic orchid knowledge first-hand.

Registration also entitles you to a goody bag which'll have great stuff (lapel pin, orchid seedling plant, chocolate or wine, and more) in it, and as well, the chance to attend the preview party Friday night, hobnob with the other registrants including the speakers, and get first crack at those sales plants!!

And of course don't forget to register for the great dinner/dance Saturday night - it's going to be a lot of fun. Not to mention the rare-plants auction, open to registrants and featuring great hard-to-find plants, books, and other cool stuff!!



Lc Drumbeat 'Heritage'

Of course you'll all want to register for and attend the affiliated societies breakfast Sunday morning and mingle with the representative members of all our sister societies in the MAOC.

Time is fast running out to register for this truly once-in-a-lifetime event. Don't miss out on it or you'll always regret it.

See you there!!

Tennis Maynard

For those of you who took typing class the refrain will seem familiar but 'tis true nonetheless. Now is the time for all good men (and women as well) to come to the aid of their society. It is time to remind you again that 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, it is time to renew. And many of you still need to do so. You can pay your dues at the March meeting, or you can send a check to our membership chair. The cutoff for inclusion in the COOS Directory this year has been extended to March 31st so to make sure you are included, please send your check (made payable to "Central Ohio Orchid Society" to **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 almost as much as what you are able to do for it. 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. March 8, April 12, and May 10, 2009.

Welcome New Members

We are glad to welcome Scott Bever as a new member of the Central Ohio chapter of the society of orchid addicts.

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

President:	Tennis Maynard		614-252-5710
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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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Lori Baldwin	2011	740-246-4713
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Tom Franczak	Immediate Past President	614-868-5636

MAOC Volunteers

As we all know, any successful show depends on the number of volunteers. Tis and old saw but true...many hands make light work. The corollary is too few volunteers makes the ones who did volunteer nuts as they try to do more than they reasonably can. We do have a life beyond orchids...at least some of us do. So go to the link on the website, www.maoc.coosinfo.info, and find your favorite vacant opportunity and sign up. You get to take in the show, visit with orchid friends and have a little fun while sharing in making the show a success. See you at the show.



Paph Strangeglove x James Watson



Lc Mood Indigo x interglossa

Notes from the February Meeting.

Well, it was just an average showtable for a wickedly cold February night. A mere fifty-seven plants braved the weather and the security detail that made most of us carry them in from the far corners of the parking lot. We will have to get that fixed, or at least devise diversions to allow us to sneak the occasional orchid into the closest parking lot. While the weather wasn't quite as god awful as January, it wasn't a harbinger of spring either. Good job all. The usual suspects and some quality growers that we haven't seen in a bit provided us with a great variety of quality blooms. We had the good fortune to attend another bone fide orchid show without have to leave town to see it. 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. Wei-Yi Chen, your contest point tabulator extraordinaire is off to the Orient again so we will wait a bit to post a tally of the grower's points for the new contest. Wei continues, however, 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 he has to guess at the name of the plant or of the exhibitor. It would make Wei's life and mine a little easier if everyone included all of the info in an easily readable form. So please help out. Remember, if he quits, I intend to draw the name of the next tabulator extraordinaire from a hat and all society members names will be in it. Props to Dallas and Ashleigh Ingram for the plant of the month. .

[Plant of the Month](#)

Dallas and Ashleigh Ingram

Dendrobium delicatum

Small Cattleya Alliance

Ken Mettler	<i>Slc Jewel Box 'Dark Waters'</i>	1 st
Mattina Ross	<i>Cattleya unknown</i>	2 nd
Bill and Ruth Cavanaugh	<i>Lc. Trick or Treat</i>	3 rd

Standard Cattleya Alliance

Tennis Maynard	<i>Lc. Drumbeat 'Heritage'</i>	1 st
Tennis Maynard	<i>Blc. Great Hero 'Black Hole'</i>	2 nd
Tennis Maynard	<i>C. Kittie Wake x C. Maggie Hood</i>	3 rd

Oncidiae

Larry Samson	<i>Odcdm Tiger Crow 'Golden Girl'</i>	1 st
Tennis Maynard	<i>Trichopilia sanguinolenta x fragrans</i>	1 st
Tennis Maynard	<i>Cischweineia popowiana</i>	2 nd
Susan Allison	<i>Tolumnia Unknown</i>	2 nd
David and Edna Markley	<i>Vuyl. Aloha Passion 'HOF #1'</i>	3 rd

Phragmipedium

Thom Weiland	<i>Phrag. Schroederae 'Jubilee'</i>	1 st
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Paphiopedilum Species

Justin Pepperney	<i>Paph rothchildianum</i>	1 st
Justin Pepperney	<i>Paph lowii</i>	2 nd
Tennis Maynard	<i>Paph malipoense</i>	3 rd

Paphiopedilum Hybrids

Tennis Maynard	<i>Paph Saiun</i>	1 st
Justin Pepperney	<i>Paph Lathamianum</i>	2 nd
Justin Pepperney	<i>Paph Macabre</i>	3 rd

Angraecoid

Tennis Maynard	<i>Angraecum sesquipedale</i>	1 st
Katrina Heap	<i>Aerangis citrate</i>	2 nd
Clifton Hynum	<i>Angraecum Sesquipedale</i>	3 rd

Pleurothallids

Tennis Maynard	<i>Masd Proud Prince</i>	1 st
Tennis Maynard	<i>Masd Kismet</i>	2 nd
David and Edna Markley	<i>Stelis argentata</i>	3 rd

Dendrobium

Dallas and Ashliegh Ingram	<i>Dendrobium dlicatum</i>	1 st
Ken Mettler	<i>Dendrobium Roy Takunaga</i>	2 nd
Justin Pepperney	<i>Dendrobium Unknown</i>	3 rd

Phalaenopsis

Larry Samson	<i>Phal Golden Peoker</i>	1 st
Justin Pepperney	<i>Phal Unknown</i>	2 nd
Larry Samson	<i>Phal Mystic Melody</i>	3 rd

Cymbidium

David and Edna Markley	<i>Cymbidium Summer Pearl 'Sonia'</i>	1 st
David and Edna Markley	<i>Cymbidium Unknown</i>	2 nd
Tennis Maynard	<i>Ansellia africana</i>	3 rd

Vandaceous

Tennis Maynard	<i>Opsistylis Mem Nary Natrass</i>	1 st
David Sayers	<i>Vandofinetia 'Blaupunkt'</i>	2 nd
David Sayers	<i>Ascda Muaugtang x V Pinchai Beauty</i>	3 rd

Other

Tennis Maynard	<i>Lycaste John Ezzy</i>	1 st
Dallas and Ashliegh Ingram	<i>Dendrochilum ecallosum</i>	2 nd
Thom Weiland	<i>Tania hoskeriana</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 Wei know.

Annual Growers Contest

As I told you last month, Wei-Yi Chen, our master statistician and overall point guru, has gone off to visit the Orient again. However, spring is imminent and I am told that he will be returning soon. Upon his return we will begin publishing the compilation of points. Hopefully next month. But remember, with show season is upon us, sending plants to away shows can add lotsa points to your tally. So bloom them and groom them and send them to shows.



Sobralia roseal



Sobralia crocea

2009 COOS Calendar

March 19	Meeting – Leo Schordje – Everblooming Orchids
March 28/29	Spring MAOC and Central Ohio Orchid Society Annual Show
April 16	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
May 21	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
June 18	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
July 19	Picnic – Not set for Franklin Park Conservatory grounds
September 24	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:

January 13	July 14
March 10	September 8
May 12	November 9

Away Show Bulletin Naila Caruso, our Away Show Chair, would like to thank all of you who have stepped up to the plate and volunteered to set up and/or tear down an away show. Below, as the show season goes on, will be a list of away shows that she would like the society to attend. She will not be able to hit all of them herself. As last year, shows already covered and are highlighted in red. The others need a volunteer or two or three to set up and tear down a show. We are anxiously waiting to hear from those volunteers. Call Naila. As you can see we are in need of a volunteer or two. We will also need, of course, as many of your blooming beauties as you can part with for a weekend for each show. And they all count toward the growing contest too. The Miami Valley show will occur before our next meeting. Screll Jones and John Geslak are setting up the display. Anyone who has blooming plants that they can send to that show, please contact Screll or John.

April

18-19 – Central Indiana Orchid Society Show, Garfield Park Conservatory, 2450 South Shelby St., Indianapolis, Indiana.

18-19 – Ann Arbor Orchid Society Show, Mathaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N Dixboro Rd, Ann Arbor, Mi.

25-26- Greater Cleveland Orchid Society Show, South Euclid Community Center, 1370 Victory Dr., South Euclid, Oh



Paph Screaming Eagle



Phal Alice Gloria x Acker's Beauty

REGIONAL SHOWS: The following are upcoming shows within a reasonable (Yes, reasonable is relative to your orchid addiction) distance from the central Ohio area:

March

21-22 - Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania Show , Phipps Garden Center, 1059 Shady Ave., Pittsburgh, PA. Contact: Nancy Kline, 1118 Bay Hill Dr. Gibsonia, PA 15044; (724) 687-9796; nancykline@zoominternet.net. Google says this is a three and one half hour trip to Steeltown but it is all interstate and what says spring more than a little drive in the country.

21-22 - Illinois Orchid Society Show , Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Rd., Glencoe, IL. Contact: Sandy Fuller, 352 Cheryl Ln., Palatine, IL 60067; (847) 977-5842; sjfuller62@sbcglobe.net. A flat six hour trip one way. It's earlier this year but it's Chicago, it's spring and there will be lots and lots of quality orchids and orchid houses. A great weekend trip. You might even get to see the Governor...for a price.

27-29 - Central Ohio Orchid Society/MAOC Show , Columbus Airport Marriott Hotel, 1375 N. Cassidy Ave., Columbus, OH. Contact: Tom Franczak, 6982 Taylor Rd. SW, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068; (614) 868-5636; tfranczak@earthlink.net. Come celebrate our fiftieth anniversary with the MAOC anniversary of the same number of years. The theme is 50/50 I am told. As they said when we were kids, some of us anyway, be there or be square.

April

18-19 – Central Indiana Orchid Society Show, Garfield Park Conservatory, 2450 South Shelby St., Indianapolis, Indiana. Contact Larry Hill, 6417 W St Rd 44, Shelbyville, In. 46176: (317) 729-5896: tsidh@lightbound.com. A three hour drive straight West and you are in the heart, actually a little past the heart, of Hoosier land.

18-19 – Ann Arbor Orchid Society Show, Mathaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N Dixboro Rd, Ann Arbor, Mi. Contact Ann Bommarito or Kevin Griffin, PO Box 3006, Ann Arbor Mi. 48106: annarbororchids@aol.com. You know the drill. North till you smell it...or is that just for football season? Anyway, this is a weekend adventure unless you really like driving but why not. You just have to choose which show you go too.

25-26- Greater Cleveland Orchid Society Show, South Euclid Community Center, 1370 Victory Dr., South Euclid, Oh. Contact: Margaret Evans, 2337 Cypress Point Dr. Hudson, Oh. 44236.(330) 656-1798: moggymate@gmail.com. Two and a half hours away to the scenic North Shore of Ohio. Support your Ohio orchid shows. You can stay the weekend

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

All right!! Valentine's Day in Dayton started the Spring Show Season off with a bang at the Miami Valley Orchid Society Show. The 14th of March saw the society with exhibits at both the Cincinnati show and the West Shore show in Cleveland. Screll Jones and John Geslak took us to the Dayton Show despite the bitter cold and Ruth Cavanaugh did the Cincinnati show. Thanks also to Don Weber who did the West Shore show. Our exhibits placed third at both Cincinnati and West Shore and I can say with certainty that the Cinci show had some marvelous plants and displays because I was there. I know the other shows were well done too. The individual results are below.

Dayton

1 st	Phal I-Hain Flying Fire 'Sweetheart'	Screll Jones
1 st	Odcdm Tiger Crow 'Golden Girl'	Larry Samson
1 st	Lycaste John Ezzy	Tennis Maynard
2 nd	Lc Trick or Treat	Bill and Ruth Cavanaugh
2 nd	Phal Nobby's Amy 'Shin Hua' AM/AOS	Screll Jones
2 nd	Dtps. Chain Xen Pearl 'Sun #6'	Larry Samson
2 nd	Phal Golden Peoker	Larry Samson
2 nd	Pot Shirley Moore 'Newbury'	Tennis Maynard
3 rd	Aerangis citrate	Screll Jones
3 rd	Phal Mystic Melody	Larry Samson
3 rd	Paph Mem. John Dominy	Tennis Maynard

West Shore Show

1 st	Dend Tangerinum	Don Weber	BOC Trophy
1 st	Paph Gratrixionum 'orchidcrest'	Tom and Pat Stinson	
1 st	SLC Mem. Alvin Baggman 'Poem'	Tom and Pat Stinson	
1 st	Phal cassandra x mannii	Don Weber	
3 rd	Den pierardii x loddigesii	Don Weber	
3 rd	Phal Sogo Pride 'Stars'	Tom and Pat Stinson	

Because I am, at times, a bit disorganized, I have misplaced the Cincinnati results...but I will find them and they will show up in the next newsletter.

Editor's Corner:

Short and sweet again this month. Please accept my apologies for taking so long to get the Newsletter out. I have an excuse...if you will accept it. I have been learning to use Microsoft publisher to create the MAOC Show Booklet. New programs are such fun when you don't have the instruction book. But, that is done and in a minute or so the newsletter will be too. Then I can relax and goof off till next months issue is due...except for that darn little issue of the Spring MAOC just ten days or so away. I just looked over the volunteer roster on our web site and it is reasonably well populated for this early in the game. We don't usually have this many volunteers in writing until the day before the show. This year I can skip the impassioned plea for more volunteers and can we have them quickly. Well...maybe not skip the plea altogether. I see a lot of familiar names, the folks who volunteer all the time. Helloooooo to everyone else. Come to the meeting tomorrow and sign up for something if only for a couple of hours. It is more fun than work and more fun when more of us are having fun. Really. So don't wait for Nancy Heath, our volunteer coordinator, to buttonhole you at the meeting. Check out what still needs doing on the COOS site, the volunteer address is posted above a couple of pages, and walk right up to her, grab that sign up sheet and put your name down and join in the fun with the rest of us.

Bill C.

Hospitality

Thanks to all who again provided the goodies for the hospitality table. We have had a bit of a kerfluffle with hospitality lately as Clif Hynum, our hospitality chair has unexpectedly been unable to continue in that role and as a result the transition has been a bit bumpy. Naila Caruso will be taking over the duties of the hospitality chair.

Lots of folks took time out of their day to make some last minute goodies so that we had our usual well appointed refreshment table but I was unable to get all of the names. So, I offer a hearty thank you to all of the unknown contributors to our largess. 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. 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. Let's not leave it to Naila to do all the work and provide all the food as well. So, for those of you who just can't wait to participate, you will note that we have openings in 2009. LOTS of them. Please 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.

Naila Caruso, noted for her unique potting arrangements, and now our hospitality committee chairwoman, can be reached at 614-868-5861. You can also reach her by e-mail at nmacaruso@aol.com..

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March	Naila Caruso	April	Lew Beman
March	Susan Allison	April	Edwina Carreon
March	Wauneta Kerr	April	Pat Stinson
May	Volunteer Needed	June	Volunteer Needed
May	Volunteer Needed	June	Volunteer Needed
May	Volunteer Needed	June	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.



COOS Cincinnati Display

THE CENTRAL OHIO ORCHID SOCIETY
c/o BILL CAVANAUGH
4965 OLD TREE AVENUE
COLUMBUS, OH 43228