



March Meeting – Leo Schordje – Multi-Floral Paphiopedilums
Thursday, March 15, 2012
8:00 p.m., Franklin Park Conservatory Classrooms
7:30 to 8:00 p.m. Beginner's Corner

Paphs...Multi-Floral Paphs...more is always better.

Our March speaker is someone familiar to all of you or at least should be if you have been a member for more than a minute. Leo Schordje of the Chicago Schordje's will be speaking to us again. And that is not a bad thing as Leo is an entertaining and informative speaker. His topic will be Paphiopedilums, specifically multi-floral paphs. Slippers are an area of great interest to Leo, and as you would expect, something he can speak on with enthusiasm and expertise.

Leo grows under-lights in Chicago, where he has been growing orchids since he was in high school, and as he is my age give or take a couple of years, that has been a considerable while. Leo has his own orchid business, with a webpage at <http://www.schordje.com/>. You may consult that page and pre-order goodies for delivery at the meeting but you only have until Monday the 12th. If you check out his site you will also find out that Leo has, gasp, dare we say it, other botanical interests. If you share them I am sure he will bring some of those too.

Leo will be bringing plants for sale, so bring your wallets and an appetite for something or somethings new. Of course we will be having our usual meet-and-greet pre-meeting dinner with the speaker this month at Aladdin's on East Main Street at 6PM. All members are welcome.



Paph Lowii (walf –album)

Bill Cavanaugh

President's Message

Well, we can't get rhapsodic about absolutely everything Orchid. Barry Jones presentation on the 2011 World Orchid Conference held in Singapore was very interesting from an architectural point of view and interesting with regard to the impossibilities and vagaries of judging such a show, but the show itself? From



Paph Frank Booth

what we learned in Barry's presentation it was not much more than a trade show for pot plants. I heard from an orchid judge friend that other attendees brought back the same story. The WOC was informative albeit not exactly gratifying, and certainly not in the same style or form as other recent WOC events such as the Miami show.

While such spectacles may be of interest to the mega-growers that supply the supermarket chains and the home improvement super stores, they're not what raise our pulse rates or speed our heartbeats. For those experiences we must turn to the Mid America Orchid Congress shows, our own and nearby orchid society shows, and even the display table at our monthly meetings. We populate our shows and meetings with a much wider variety of orchids drawn from the tens of thousands of species and hundreds of thousands of hybrids than would be found at trade shows.

And it's not just ourselves that we edify

At our shows a knowledgeable public comes to get their socks knocked off. We can present *Trichopilias*, coerulean *Cattleyas*, album varieties of *Paphiopedilum*, and rarities from *Ancistrochilus* to *Zygopetalum*. I'm thankful that our growers maintain such plants in their collections and that they share them every month with the rest of us. I think the WOC folks should be envying us.

Tom Franczak

Our membership year is January to December. If you joined the society and you paid your dues in November or December of 2011, you are covered for 2012 as well. For all of the rest of us, it is time to begin the renewal process. You can pay your dues at the February meeting, or you can send a check to our membership chair. (made payable to "Central Ohio Orchid Society") **Rich Wagener (2739 Clime Road, Columbus, Ohio 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. Dates are March 11 April 8, and May 13, 2012...

Welcome New Members

Well, I know we had one new member at the meeting but I can't recognize him as we can't find any info. We will fix that Thursday. We have had many folks express interest at the FPC orchid Sundays so if you see someone new please welcome them warmly. In the meantime, invite an orchid friend to join. Remember, if we aren't growin', we're dyin'.

2012/2013 COOS Officers - Terms of Office are from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2013

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Liparis lilifolia



Angraecum veitchii

Oncidiae

Tennis Maynard	<i>Wilsonara Pui Chin 'Flying Tiger'</i>	1 st
Scott Bever	<i>Degarmoara unknown</i>	2 nd
Scott Bever	<i>Tolumnia Passionate Red Galaxy</i>	3 rd

Other

Tennis Maynard	<i>Trichopilia suavis</i>	POM	1 st
Tennis Maynard	<i>Cynodes Jumbo Puff</i>		2 nd
Tennis Maynard	<i>Fredclarkeara After Dark 'SVO Black Pearl'</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 know.

A Warm Welcome to a New Photographer

We would like to offer a warm welcome to our new society photographer. As you know, Tennis Maynard has been our official photographer for years, perhaps eons. We would like to express our profound thanks to him for all of the years of excellent photography. Tennis has carried this as well as other positions and because of it has sacrificed many of the pleasures of a meeting such as socializing and hearing the speaker. We now have an opportunity to give Tennis an opportunity to enjoy the meetings and continue the excellent tradition of orchid photography.

Please welcome warmly MJ Brennen, our new photographer. She has offered us a deal we can't refuse. She likes orchids and she is a photographer. If we allow her to photograph our orchids she will provide us with the use of her photos. If you see a copyright MJ Brennan, you will know it is one of her photos. We have a few bugs to work out but I really like her work and I hope we will have a long and mutually beneficial relationship.



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Blc Malworth 'Orchidglade'

Spring Show

Our annual Spring show and plant sale is fast approaching. The show will be held at the Franklin Park Conservatory. The schedule is as follows:

Thursday, March 29	6 p.m. – 8 p.m.	Preliminary Set-up (tables, chairs, back drops for exhibits)
Friday, March 30	10 a.m. – 10 p.m.	Show set-up Plant registration
Saturday, March 31	8 a.m. – 10 a.m.	Ribbon judging
	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	AOS judging
	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Show open to the public
	12 p.m. – 1 p.m.	Judges' Luncheon
Sunday, April 1	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Show open to the public
	5 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Show teardown

As of this moment, we still have a great need for volunteers, particularly clerks. We need some additional hospitality volunteers and a variety of others. See Show Chair Dave Markley to add your name to the activity(ies) that best suit you. Below is a listing of where we need volunteers:

Set-up Thursday evening – This is very easy and just involves setting up tables, chairs, and backdrops for the exhibits. Easy work and it goes very quickly.

Host/Hostess – This involves walking around and helping out where ever needed; giving vendors a break if they need it; answering questions; and keeping an eye on the exhibits to be sure no one walks off with plants or disturbs the displays. Ideally, we should have two people around at all times.

Hospitality – We provide food and beverages for the hard-working judges, clerks, and vendors. Everyone in the society should try to bring in covered dishes. We will use this to feed the judges for the Judges' Luncheon on Saturday. In addition to bringing in food, both days, we also will need people to help tend the hospitality room.

Set-up Friday day or evening – This is where we can use a few more people. We will be helping exhibitors (societies and vendors) bring in their plants; help direct them to their display and sales areas; and provide general assistance to help get the show set-up.

We're not done yet....

Plant Registration – We will once again be using electronic registration of plants. This is a vast improvement over what used to be a painstakingly long process. This now goes extremely quickly barring computer glitches and we generate uniform tags for inclusion in the displays. The program also prints out the entire show with all plants entered, so each of the judges and clerks can have a complete list. Plant registration occurs Friday afternoon and early evening.

Clerking – This is a great opportunity to learn more about how orchids are judged. Each group of judges will be teamed with a group of clerks to assist in ribbon judging. Ideally, we should have 3 or 4 clerks per team. There will be a head clerk (typically someone who is more experienced and has clerked before), a ribbon clerk (to get judges to sign the ribbons and to place the ribbons with the awarded plants) and a spotter (to work ahead of the judging team, spotting the next plants to be judged).

Teardown Sunday Evening – We will need to help the exhibitors collect their things and clean-up after the show. The Franklin Park Conservatory very kindly provides the venue for our show – we need to return the space to its original condition at the end of the show.

As you can see, there are any number of ways you might help make this a successful event. We will have more sign-up sheets at the March meeting, prior to the show. If you haven't volunteered before, please consider helping out – it's a lot of fun.

Hope to see you there!

2012 COOS Calendar

March 15	Meeting – Leo Schordje – Multi-floral Paphs
March 31/April 1	Central Ohio Orchid Society Annual Spring Show
April 19	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
May 17	Meeting – Steven Frowine – Fragrant Orchids
June 21	Meeting – Alexa Noel – Tolumnia's
July 15*	Picnic – Not set for Franklin Park Conservatory grounds - Tentative
September 20	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
October 18	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
November 3-4	Mini-show
November 15	Awards Banquet and Potluck Dinner

Board Meetings Board meetings will be held the second Tuesday of odd numbered months. They begin at 7:00 PM

January 10	July 10
March 6 **	September 11
May 8	November 13

* Tentative picnic date

**Date changed from March 13

Annual Growers Contest

And we sprint on in the 2011/2012 iteration of our annual growing contest. The spring show season is upon us and may the best growers win. The race goes to those that grow and show the most orchid, or at least the most awarded orchids. Remember, all you need to win is your skills, a little luck, we all know that plants bloom right after a meeting or show, and a little persistence. The results below include the November, January and February show tables and the Miami Valley show. We will add meetings and away shows as they happen...at least that is the plan. If you have any disagreements with the totals let me know as soon as possible so that it can be set straight.

Green House Division

Tennis Maynard	364
Tom and Pat Stinson	100
Screll Jones	22

AYO (All You Others)

Katrina Heap	58	Dave and Edna Markley	13
Scott Bever	42	Dave Sayer	4
Bill Cavanaugh	40	Tom Franczak	3
Terry and Sandra Stohr	24	Pat Kurz	3
Will Eylar	23	Ed Davis	3
Ken Mettler	21	Chase Leibold	1
Justin Pepperney	20	Elly Campbell	1
Austin Carter	14		

Keep growing and showing. Our new champions will be crowned at the November meeting.

Away Show Bulletin!

Upcoming Nearby Shows:

The spring show season is upon us. Oh the glories of spring shows are awesome and I hope to take in more than the one that I will help present. We gleefully announce the spring season and encourage you to visit your almost local away shows within two hundred miles or so. :>))). Or where ever you can get to.

Mar 10 – 11, 2012 West Shore Orchid Society, west Shore Orchid Society Show Contact: Chester Kieliszek (216) 210-2407 kieliszek@ferro.com.

Mar 17 – 18, 2012 Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society Show Krohn Conservatory, 1501 Eden Park Dr., Cincinnati, OH. ([map](#)) Contact: Stan Better 9507 Benchmark Ln., Cincinnati, OH 45242 (513) 745-0014 stanbetter@stanbetter.com

Mar 17, 2012 Saturday only Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania Phipps Garden Center, 1059 Shady Ave., Pittsburgh, PA ([map](#)) Contact: Linda Forschner 53 Artman Way Leechburg, PA 15656 724-882-0913 lindamforschner@yahoo.com



Ble Victoria HCC/AOS



Cynodes Wine Delight

Editor's Corner:

Here it is the 12th of the month and I am again behind my 8th of the month deadline. Resolutions are such a B---h. True especially when you have difficulty keeping them. Intentions are good though, Look for better next month...not like you have heard that before. My new summer orchid set up remains mostly virtual but I continue to hope that it will come to fruition and that my goal of better culture for my plants will become a reality. Input...need input...Still wanting to hear from you regarding what you would like to see and read over the next two years. I have warned you that if you leave me to my own devices there is no telling what you will have to put up with. Remember erratic is one of my middle names.

Beyond that, our show is upon us. And, as is seemingly ever the case, we are in desperate straights...or at least a reasonable approximation thereof. HeLLLLP. We need clerks, we need hospitality food and folks, we need set up and tear down. We need plants and help registering and showing them. I know you will come through as always but you will reduce the incidence of ulcers and grayer hair if you let the show chairs know what you can do at the meeting Make magic yet again.

Other than that, I can only say, may your plants live long and prosper. May you live longer.

Bill.

Hospitality

We would like to express a heart felt thank you to Nancy Wagener, Sandra Stohr and anyone else who provided the goodies at the February meeting. If I have overlooked you please accept my apology.

And, we 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, volunteers are listed below. For the future, as ever, the months with a red **volunteer needed** notice, need a volunteer. I am sure you would make Dave and Edna Markley, our hospitality chairs, breathe easier if they could start getting volunteers for next year.

David and Edna Markley are our mavens of hospitality. So, for those of you who just can't wait to participate, please give the Markley's a call or sign up at the next meeting. Let them 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 can be reached at 614-471-5437 You can also reach them by e-mail at dmarkley5868@wowway.com.

March	Katrina Heap	April	Pat Stinson
March	Bill Cavanaugh	April	Volunteer Needed
March	Volunteer Needed	April	Volunteer Needed
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.

Trichopilia suavis - Plant of the Month January
Grown by Tennis Maynard



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