



May Meeting – The “Big world of the little Pleurothallidinae”
Thursday May 21, 2009
7:30 p.m., Franklin Park Conservatory Classrooms
7:30 to 8:00 p.m. Beginner’s Corner

Sometimes you need a magnifying glass...sometimes not.

The speaker for our May meeting will be someone familiar to all or you. Tom Bell-Games will be giving a talk on the “Big world of the little Pleurothallidinae” (many of which aren’t so little). He will be discussing some of the more popular genera within the group and will cover general culture among other things. Tom will also discuss some of the recent proposed changes in taxonomy, but not enough to put people to sleep. (He promised).



Tom began growing orchids about 20 years ago and in addition to belonging to COOS, he is a member of the Pleurothallid Alliance. He has about 1,500 plants grown along a windowsill (a BIG windowsill) and under lights. His special area of interest is in cooler growing species. Tom will give an overview of the Pleurothallidinae and share his experiences (good and bad) in growing some of these plants. Because these are typically small growing and exhibit a huge range of flower patterns, these are a great group of plants upon which to focus your interest, particularly if you don’t have the luxury of a greenhouse or an abundance of space. Tom’s talk will provide an overview of some of the more interesting genera within this fascinating group of orchids.

As Tom might bring a few plants for sale but is not a vendor as many of our speakers, he is encouraging any one with extra plants or divisions that they would like to find a new home for, to bring them. This will be a member plant sale night.

Regalia (Masdevallia) princeps.
Grown by Tom Bell-Games

President's Message

In the spring a young man's fancy turns to...

Orchids, of course! They're all starting their new growths and preparing to surprise us with their answer to the question: "Will it bloom?"

But spring fever also means we get the itch for orchids...MORE orchids. But where to find them? What to look for? I know a lot of our newer growers are looking for places to find orchids. Well, I for one am going to the Redland International Orchid Festival in Homestead FL. It's a huge sale...a big park full of tents of orchid growers from all over the world. An orchid lover's dream!

And then in the fall of course there's the Chicagoland Orchid Festival, this year Sept.25-27. All the big growers in the Chicago area host visiting growers from all over the US and the world. Together with the local growers in Chicago, it's a truly breathtaking amount of orchids for sale.

Now of course a lot of the plants at both those events are in bloom, so there's a stunning amount of eye candy as well.

Aside from these two major events, there are other options. As mentioned, Chicago, a mere 6-hour drive away, has a half-dozen or so major orchid growers open all year long. And there are a couple smaller growers in northern Ohio who come to our shows and River Valley Orchids in southern Ohio. Woodstream Orchids in MD is holding an open house the weekend of Redlands, May 16/17. And Parkside Orchids in Ottsville PA will hold its 12th Annual Summer Orchid Fest with over a dozen guest growers.



Dendrobium aggregatum grown by Don Weber

Then of course there's the internet. Direct shopping, eBay (buyer beware!), and of course ordering by mail. The Orchid Mall (<http://www.orchidmall.com>) is a great place to start, listing literally hundreds of online orchid vendors.

There are also direct buying possibilities over the phone - I just got a new Carter and Holmes catalog of lovely plants, mostly cattleyas.

And last but not least, vendor speakers when we have 'em, and member sales tables - and of course our two shows. And think about trading. There are a lot of folks, many online, who like to trade and most of the orchid-related forums have a sale/trade section.

So, you're not limited to Home Depot, Lowe's and Kroger for orchid acquisitions. There's a wider, more amazing world of orchids out there waiting for you. Take a minute or two sometime and browse through the phenomenal Internet Orchid Species Photo Encyclopedia (<http://www.orchidspecies.com>). There's a phenomenal number of orchid species pictured and it's a great place to start exposing yourself to new ideas. And if you're like me, you've also been keeping a list of plants from the showtable, shows, and speakers' presentations you're rarin' to go out and buy.

Remember: you're not really an orchid addict if you don't get more orchids!!

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 if our estimates are right, as many as thirty of you still need to do so. You can pay your dues at the May 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. June 14, July 12, and August 9, 2009.

Welcome New Members

We did indeed sign up four new members at the Spring/MAOC show and I now have the names. We would like to extend a hearty welcome to Linda Biehl Smith and Tiffany Perrine, Delores Bishop, and Sally Oldham, all new members and to Gary and Janet Liebschner, past members who have rejoined our group. We are glad to welcome all of you to the Central Ohio chapter of the society of orchid addicts.

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Brassia Rex – Best of Show



Cymbidium – Spring MAOC

Notes from the March Meeting.

Spring is in the air again and with it the blooming season. The show table was very, very nice and I don't ever recall, at least in my short time as a member, such a collection of beautifully grown dendrobiums. Exceptional! Another fifty plus plants graced our show table and provided a wide variety of beautiful blooms and well grown plants. 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 Don Weber for the plant of the month. .

Plant of the Month

Don Weber

Dend aggregatum

Cattleya Alliance

Nancy Wagener

Lc Wianhe Leopard

Tennis Maynard

Pot. Afternoon Delight 'Magnetism'

Clif Hynum

Slc Memoria Alvin Beggman

David and Edna Markley

Lc Shenandoah 'Orchidheights'

1st
2nd
2nd
3rd

Oncidiæ

Tom and Pat Stinson	<i>Oda Cornelia 'Distinction' x Odcm Tiger Hambushen</i>	1 st
David and Edna Markley	<i>Mtssa. Kauai's Choice</i>	1 st
David and Edna Markley	<i>Onc Space Race 'CoCo'</i>	2 nd

Trichopilia

Tennis Maynard	<i>Trichopilia maduroi</i>	1 st
Tennis Maynard	<i>Trichopilia marginata</i>	2 nd
Tennis Maynard	<i>Trichopilia marginata</i>	3 rd

Phragmipedium

Scott Bever	<i>Phrag grande 4n x caudatum</i>	1 st
Tom and Pat Stinson	<i>Phrag Dominicanum 'Gloria Ann' AM/AOS</i>	2 nd
Tom and Pat Stinson	<i>Phrag caudatum 'Candor Green Gold' AM/AOS x besseae 'Red Radiance' AM/AOS</i>	3 rd

Paphiopedilum

Tennis Maynard	<i>Paph hirsutissimum</i>	1 st
David and Edna Markley	<i>Paph Pinocchio</i>	2 nd
Tom and Pat Stinson	<i>Paph Moustache</i>	3 rd

Dendrobium

Don Weber	<i>Dendrobium aggregatum</i>	1 st
Tom and Pat Stinson	<i>Dendrobium densiflorum</i>	1 st
Sue Dervin	<i>Dendrobium unknown</i>	1 st
Ken Mettler	<i>Dendrobium antennatum</i>	2 nd

Phalaenopsis

Tom and Pat Stinson	<i>Phal Jean McPherson x Berries n Cream</i>	1 st
David and Edna Markley	<i>Phal unknown</i>	1 st
Pat Kurz	<i>Phal Margarita</i>	2 nd
Tom and Pat Stinson	<i>Dtps. Shih Hua Gold</i>	3 rd

Cymbidium

Dallas Ingram	<i>Cymbidium Uncle Everett</i>	1 st
Nancy Wagener	<i>Cymbidium aloifolium</i>	2 nd

Vandaceous

Don Weber	<i>Smithinandia micrantha</i>	1 st
Nancy Wagener	<i>Ascocentrum ampulaceum</i>	2 nd

Other

Tennis Maynard	<i>Angulocaste Paul Gripp x Lycaste Kooleana</i>	1 st
Tom and Pat Stinson	<i>hiloschista segawai</i>	2 nd
Ken Mettler	<i>Pleurothallis rasemiflora</i>	2 nd
Dallas and Ashleigh Ingram	<i>Gongora scaphaphlorus</i>	3 rd
Tennis Maynard	<i>Angulocaste Paul Gripp x Lycaste Kooleana</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

Well here is a surprise, I still haven't had time to tally the grower's points and by now some of you are wondering are we even having a contest this year. The answer is yes, yes and yesssss again. And now at long last, well almost at long last, we will have a tally of the points. All of you would do well to thank Clif Hynum for volunteering to be the points tabulator for he saved you from having your name drawn from a hat and designated as the new points guru. I will be getting all of the data to Clif at the next meeting and he will have a couple of weeks to work through six months of paperwork to give us the current standings in time for the June issue. So, while you will have to wait, impatiently I hope, for one more month, the results are finally in the offing. Better yet, if there is no tally for the June issue, I have someone to blame other than myself. Thanks Clif. In the meantime, keep showing those plants and we will get the tally going and published as soon as possible. .



MAOC Display – Porter's I Think



Bulbo Wilbur Chang

2009 COOS Calendar

May 21	Meeting – Tom Bell-Games – On Pleurothallids.
June 18	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
July 26	Picnic – At Jim and Helen Harper's in far flung Galena Ohio.
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:

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. .



Odontia St. Clement at MAOC



Lc Tahoe Rose v Coerulea

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

I know, I know, this deadline pressure is killing me. I could give you a long list of other things that are killing me, many of them self inflicted but it would bore you more than you could possibly imagine. Besides, it all boils down to excuses doesn't it? So I know I owe you the results of the Cincinnati show, the Detroit, Akron and all the others. If I get it in this time you get your newsletter on Friday which is unfortunately, the day after our meeting. I have a new tabulator and you shall have both the show results and the tally in the June issue or I will resign...say, that would eliminate deadline pressure wouldn't it. Hmmm. All right, June it is. Thanks for being understanding or at least patient..

Editor's Corner:

Returning to a theme, the Spring Show/MAOC event was as close to perfect as one can hope to achieve in this day and age. As Tom Stinson noted at the last meeting, and I include this for those of you who missed the meeting, after asking the judges what we could have done better, he was rewarded with the collective answer of we can't think of anything that could have been done better. If you read the Mid-American, the MAOC newsletter, which if all works well, will be posted on the site as an addendum to our newsletter, we got some very nice press. Naila was even asked at the Detroit show if it was possible for COOS to manage the hospitality room for their show and they were eight parts serious. The MAOC veterans both within our society and those of other societies commented favorably on every facet of the show. So I will say again, you, because COOS is the members, not the name, did an exceptional job and I would like to thank you for your efforts.

On an unrelated but equally important note, there has been a change in the calendar for our Summer picnic. Jim Harper has graciously extended an invitation to use his place, the legendary Harper Orchid Ranch, for our picnic. 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. However, the Harper's will be out of town on July 19, the originally scheduled date, so we have moved the event to the following week. Mark your calendars, the COOS summer picnic will be Sunday July 26 at Jim Harper's place. It is an event not to be missed.

One last thing, see the end of the newsletter for a greenhouse sale add.

Bill C.

Hospitality

Thanks to Lew Beamon, Edwina Carreon and Pat Stinson and to any other good souls who provided the usual sumptuous goodie bonanza at the April meeting. 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. 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.

And speaking of volunteers, those of you at the meeting heard Naila's appeal for someone to take over hospitality and the call has been answered. David and Edna Markley are our new mavens of hospitality and I would like to offer my thanks to them for stepping up and taking on a very necessary but seldom glamorous job that like most jobs, only gets attention when it doesn't work just right. It is good to have members assume new roles and we can make their job easier by signing up and helping out. Let's not leave it to them 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 **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.

May	Dotty Burchfield	June	Volunteer Needed
May	David and Edna Markley	June	Volunteer Needed
May	Scott Bever	June	Volunteer Needed
July	Summer Picnic	August	No Meeting
September	Volunteer Needed	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.



COOS Spring/MAOC Show Exhibit.

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