



**May Meeting** – **Jim Harper – The New Zealand Orchid Show**  
**Thursday, May 19, 2011**  
**8:00 p.m., Franklin Park Conservatory Classrooms**  
**7:30 to 8:00 p.m. Beginner's Corner**

## Orchids From Down Under...or Very Close to There.

Our speaker this month will be Jim Harper. Jim is a long, long time member of the Central Ohio Orchid Society. In fact, I believe he was one of the original members so that means he has been growing orchids for 50 + years. Jim is also a Judge Emeritus with the Cincinnati Judging Center so it is safe to say that he knows his orchids. He has been considerate enough to serve as judging chair for the vast majority of our shows and has been generous enough to share his home and yard to host the annual COOS summer picnic for years. I know you have heard me rave about the setting, so he also qualifies as an all around nice guy.



*Paph sikhakulii* 'aureum'

One thing you may not know about Jim is that he remains active with the Ohio State University and every year he spends a portion of the year, January to April or May I believe, working on projects, don't ask me what, it's science, that is all I know, in New Zealand. Fortunately for us and Jim and Helen as well, they had to return to the States early and unexpectedly, so they missed the very large earthquake that leveled most of Christchurch, his New Zealand base of operations.

The second fortunate thing for us, COOS that is, is that during his time in New Zealand, Jim did what any other orchid addict would do given the opportunity. He went, I would guess more than once, to the New Zealand Orchid Show. And that is what Jim will share with us at our meeting. I am sure his knowledgeable background and practiced eye will provide an interesting and informative program.

Jim will not be bringing plants for sale, so we will have a member plants sale. Bring those clean, disease free, extras, divisions and that forlorn plant that just does not thrive in your care and bring your appetite for new plants and a generously filled wallet. If you're lucky, you will part with some and use the space for some new and interesting acquisition.

As usual, we will have our pre-meeting meet-and-greet dinner at Aladdin's on East Main Street just east of FPC at 6PM; all are welcome.

## Bill Cavanaugh

Our membership year is January to December. If you joined the society and you paid your dues in November or December of 2010, you are covered for 2011 as well. For all of the rest of us, it is, time to begin the renewal process. You can pay your dues at the March meeting, or you can send a check to our membership chair. (made payable to "Central Ohio Orchid Society") **John Geslak (8498 West Ohio State Lane, Lancaster, OH 43130)**. 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. May 8, June 12 and July 10, 2011...

## Welcome New Members

Well it took a little time and it may take a little more to get them all, John, our membership chair, is fighting the hip failure from nowhere, syndrome and can't even water orchids well let alone walk. My sympathies John, I know it is aggravation squared, but I do have a couple of names of new member and they are Deborah Purdum and her son John, and Thomas and Kim James. Thank you for joining us and welcome to the society of orchid addicts. If you do not know of what I speak, you soon will. If there are other new members as yet unrecognized, let me and I will greet you, hopefully meet you and add you to the distribution list. In the meantime, if you see a new face at the meeting make sure they are welcomed warmly. .

### **2010/2011 COOS Officers - Terms of Office are from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011**

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Don Weber	2013	614-846-7712
Tennis Maynard	Immediate Past President	614-252-5710



Ascid George Udomc



Blc Cadmium Light 'Green Elf'

## Notes from the April Meeting.

Melancholy March has gone and April greeted us with those traditional showers...and showers...and showers ad infinitum, ad nauseum. Yes, I too am sick of the rain and trying to remember if the sun truly does shine in Central Ohio. I think not. But it was warmer than March and I still hold out hope for May though the early forecast does not show a time soon when I will be able to move the kids out of the house for their summer vacation and mine. Watering is soooo much easier. Forty-seven orchids graced the April show table, and for you folks that were not there, our speaker, a senior judge, pronounced it the best society show table that he had ever seen. And I truly think it was not just a matter of him being kind, well maybe a little, but the fact remains. You folks grow really well. It was a well deserved accolade and it was, as usual, a very good show table.

There is one bit of housekeeping, Sandra Stohr was among those who had a plant awarded last month that we failed to list, so a proper nod to her for a 1<sup>st</sup> among the phals for Phal Join Grace.

Ken Mettler, Tennis Maynard and Screll Jones I think did the judging and did well. Where the judges thought it appropriate additional place award were made. As always, 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. We continue to need a little assistance from the membership to facilitate the show table results and the contest tally. Would you please **print** your name and the name of the plant clearly! It is really hard if someone has to guess at the name of the plant or of the exhibitor. It makes life a little easier if you include all of the info in an easily readable form. Thanks. Props to Tennis Maynard for the plant of the month, that's two in a row now, *Chysis bractescens coerulea* 'Hermosa Dawn' CHM/AOS. Very nice and coerulean, immediately gaining my favor.

### [Plant of the Month](#)

Tennis Maynard

*Chysis bractescens coerulea* 'Hermosa Dawn' CHM/AOS

Cattleya

Tennis Maynard	<i>Lc Chit Chat 'Tangerine'</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>Pot Afternoon Delight 'Magnetism'</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>C intermedia coerulea</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Katrina Heap	<i>Slc Kagaribi Dawn x B nodosa</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Katrina Heap	<i>Bc Mililani Star 'Nalo'</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>

Dendrobiums

Katrina Heap	<i>Dend tetragonum</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Sue Dervin	<i>Dend densiflorum</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>Dend Unknown Nobile type</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Katrina Heap	<i>Dend rigidum</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>

Phragmipedium

Scott Bever	<i>Phrag Mem Dick Clements</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Bill Cavanaugh	<i>Phrag Evening Blaze</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>

Paphiopedilum

David & Edna Markley	<i>Paph Nivesque</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tom Stinson	<i>Paph delenatii 'Three Flowers' x vietnamense 'RB'</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Dave & Edna Markley	<i>Paph unknown</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>

Trichopilia

Tennis Maynard	<i>Trichopilia Charles</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>Trichopilia oicophylax</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>Trichopilia ramonensis</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>

Phalaenopsis Yellow

Tom Stinson	<i>Phal Hybrid</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
David and Edna Markley	<i>Phal Margarita Lime</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
David and Edna Markley	<i>Phal Rendezvous</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Tom Stinson	<i>Phal Hybrid</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>

Oncidium

Scott Bever	<i>Wils Tigersetta 'Wildcourt' AM/AOS</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tom Stinson	<i>Odontocidium Tiger Crow 'Golden Girl'</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Tom Stinson	<i>Tolumnia Hybrid</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Scott Bever	<i>Psychopsis Mendenhall alba Yellow Butterfly'</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>

Masdevallia

Tom Stinson	<i>Masd coccinea 'Dwarf Pink'</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Katrina Heap	<i>Masd Shinichi Komoda</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Tom Stinson	<i>Masd Sunset Jaguar 'Purple Sunset' HCC/AOS</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>

Other

Tennis Maynard	<i>Chysis bractescens coerulea 'Hermosa Dawn' CHM/AOS</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Don Weber	<i>Bulbo affine</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Don Weber	<i>Bulbo macranthum</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>

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.



Catasetum Jumbo Eagle



iami Valley Exhibit – I Think

## June Meeting Change

**Our June meeting is being moved up one week so mark your calendar. We are partnering with the Cincinnati and Dayton societies to bring in a speaker. We are happy to announce that Lucinda Winn of J and K orchids will be our June speaker. The topic is subject to change but we are currently looking at a talk on miniature orchids. J and K has sold just such orchids for more than thirty years so there should be lots of good information and lots of interesting plants.**

Here, reprinted with permission, is another contribution to our general knowledge of orchid growing provided by Ray Barkalow at First Rays Orchids. Ray can be found on the web at [www.firstrays.com](http://www.firstrays.com).

### Dealing with Aerial Roots

One often hears a number of questions about aerial roots - those silvery gray "snakes" that grow over the sides of our flower pots - particularly among phalaenopsis:

"Should I cut them off, or leave them alone?"

"When I water the plant, should I soak them, too?"

"Should I mist them or not?"

"When I repot, do I bury them in the potting medium?"

If we think about their function, the answers are fairly obvious.

First of all, they are roots. Thinking in the classic sense, roots are what the plants use to absorb water and nutrient ions, so we definitely do not want to remove them, and they should be wetted when watering the plant. It certainly is not detrimental to mist the aerial roots periodically, and can be a real "plus", especially if you grow in a particularly dry environment.

I believe there is another function of aerial roots - mechanical stability - although we don't typically allow them to do that in our standard potted culture. Consider this:

A phalaenopsis, with those big, thick leaves, has a lot of mass sitting on top of a relatively small base. As if that wasn't enough mechanical stress, in the wild, those leaves act pretty much like "sails" too, catching winds and applying a bending or twisting force on the base.

As the plant matures - growing more leaves at the top and losing lower ones - that mechanical force is magnified by the longer lever arm, so by putting out aerial roots from higher up, the plant is able to "grab hold" of it's environment to stabilize itself, sort of like guy wires on a tall antenna tower.

Ever since that tower analogy occurred to me, I have begun experimenting with putting phals into pots that many would consider to be too large for the plants: I try to have the pot diameter be about equal to the leaf span of the plant. Yes, a small plant with 4" long leaves goes into an 8" pot. Since doing that, I have noticed that all of the plants sink their aerial roots down into the medium, farther out from the plant. In essence, they no longer grow aerial roots at all, as we normally think of them.

So, does that mean we should bury the aerial roots when we repot? No!

Remembering that root cells grow "tailored" to the environment they are in (see [Transplant Adaptation](#)), we can certainly understand that cells grown in "mid air" are going to be different than those that would grow in the medium, and therefore may not function well if submerged. Left alone, and with the room to do so, the plants will put their aerial roots down into the medium by themselves.

## 2011 COOS Calendar

May 19	Meeting – Jim Harper – The New Zealand Orchid Show
June 9**	Meeting – Lucinda Winn of J&L Orchids – Miniature Orchids
July 17*	Picnic – Not set for Franklin Park Conservatory grounds - <b>Tentative</b>
September 15	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
October 20	Meeting – Edgar Stehli of Windswept in Times – Bulbophyllums
<b>November 5-6</b>	<b>Mini-show</b>
November 17	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

May 10	July 12
September 13	November 8

\* Tentative picnic date      \*\* Meeting Date Changed

## Opportunity Knocks...Answer Quickly.

On June 18th Cranberry Bog in Buckeye Lake will be open to the public for one day only. If you have never taken this tour to see the native orchids bloom, you have missed something wonderful. So many people want to tour this bog that there is a lottery for admission. You must send a postcard by May 31st to be included in the lottery. The postcard should have your name, address and phone number included on it. You may request admission for up four people. For more information please go to this web site:  
<http://gr8lakescamper.blogspot.com/2011/04/lottery-deadline-to-tour-ohios.html>.

**Nancy**

# Annual Growers Contest

In a stunning development in the 2010/2011 iteration of our annual growing contest, we are current in our points tally, yes I said current as hard as that may be to believe, and we hope to stay that way the remainder of the year. I know it takes some of the suspense out of the contest but, hey, this is what you pay me for. Oh, wait... I don't get paid. Well, I will try to keep us current nonetheless. Just remember, the more you show, the more your point tally will grow. We are about half way to the finish line and anything can happen. We will have winners, but whom. You decide by growing and showing the best/most/best orchids. We aim for a vintage year.

The totals include the November, February, March and April show tables and the Grand Rapids, West Shore, Akron, Miami Valley and Cincinnati shows. And that my friends, is all of the shows to date, unless someone snuck one in on me that I don't have. So, absent that, we are, as noted earlier, current. So, marshal your growing skills and show your plants. Roar into the second half of the year. Share the beauty with all of us. Bring your plants to the show table. If you have any disagreements with the totals let me know as soon as possible so that it can be set straight. Keep showing those orchids.

## Green House Division

Tom and Pat Stinson	976	Don Weber	10
Tennis Maynard	407	Sue Dervin	10
Screll Jones	129		
Dallas Ingram	65		

## AYO (All You Others)

Katrina Heap	131	Elly Campbell	20
Scott Bever	118	Naila Caruso	19
Dave and Edna Markley	79	Sandra & Terry Stohr	19
Nancy Heath	64	Lew Beman	3
Bill Cavanaugh	45	Tom Bell-Games	3
Ken Mettler	23	Thomas James	1

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

## Away Show Bulletin!

Upcoming Nearby Shows:

The away show season continues and below is a listing of the local, local being relative to your need to see beautiful orchids and your ability to travel, orchid shows. When we attend shows it is very helpful if you have plants to send, to have them prepared to travel. An address and name, mail address labels work well, on the pot will help him greatly. Remember, this is where you can really rack up points of the annual growers contest.

**April, 2011**

**May, 2011**

**13-15 - Redland International Orchid Festival**, Redland Fruit & Spice Park, Homestead, FL. Contact: Bill Peters, PO Box 924243, Homestead, FL 33092; (305) 242-1333; [whimsy@bellsouth.net](mailto:whimsy@bellsouth.net).

**I told you local was relative.**



*Coelogyne pandurata*



*Cyclopogon pentadactylon*

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

Well, we are current on the away show information...don't go getting all we will expect that all the time in the future on me...but we are pleased that this is so. We are heading into the summer hiatus and will have no more away show results to announce until the fall show season starts. So sit tight, enjoy the summer, bring plants to the show table and we will resume the dispensing of results in the fall.

## **Editor's Corner:**

I have been sitting here for ten minutes waiting for the Muse, but she will not speak, so I have to fake it. Sort of. Or maybe not. We are barreling down the home stretch of the spring season, well actually we have arrived in the barrel, and the spring show season is done. And a very good one it was indeed.

As a grower, I think you tend to specialize in those orchids that appeal most to you (and over time your taste will change at least a little) or at least the ones that thrive for you, (likely more important) so the spring show season is a wonderful inoculation of the different for each of us. I constantly marvel at the great variety of orchids and the ability of plants that I did not know existed before the last show, to completely captivate me. Maybe not enough to try killing one just this instant, but certainly enough to put that orchid on my bucket list. Unfortunately my bucket list has long since overflowed the bucket.

It has been nearly ten years since I acquired my first four orchids. Two are dead eons now. One has bloomed once and one, the same plant as the other, has yet to bloom. For those of you with more tomorrows in front of you than yesterdays behind you, the prospect of watching seedling grow and bloom is, I am sure, fascinating. I know it was, and still is, for me. Time has taught me however, that I have limitations, for example, cool growers die in my care. Cattleyas though, seem to grow well for me, especially my favorite, coerulean Catts, and Catts in general, along with the occasional, well maybe more than occasional paph or phrag, especially if it is a besseae cross, but I digress. Because of the tomorrows and yesterdays thing I have resolved to purchase orchids as I would bananas. I don't buy green bananas because I may not see them get ripe. I just purchased 20 blooming size Catts, which I hope to share with you during the next year, and it was for the same reason, I may not get to see a seedling bloom. But alas, I also purchased eight seedlings because the bloom fascinated me and I could not find a mature plant. I think this is considered mania. I am only too glad that you are here to share your mania with me. They are I think, all beautiful, except of course for the ones that are weeds or ugly.



I am not sure that I am expressing myself with concisely accurate language, but I think that if you grow orchids, you know what I mean. May your plants live long and prosper.

Bill C.

## **Windswept in Time Open House**

Windswept in Time Orchids is having their spring open house Memorial Day Weekend. The hours will be from 11:00 to 5:00 both Saturday and Sunday, the 28Th & 29Th of May. Kim and Edgar invite you to come and visit with us at our greenhouse. There will be bargain tables of plants looking for new homes as well as lots of things in the greenhouse you may not have seen on our sales tables at the shows. There will also be a few divisions of our show plants available.

Windswept in Time Orchids is located at our house. The address is: 8066 Skyline Drive, Broadview Heights, Ohio 44147. Our phone number is (440)-838-5757 if you have any questions. To get to our house, get on Route 77 (north-south highway connecting Cleveland, Akron and points south). Get off the highway at exit 151 Wallings Rd. Wallings Rd is north of the Ohio Turnpike (Rt.80) and south of Route 480. When you get to Wallings Road, go west. There will be a flashing yellow light at the top of the hill (just a thousand feet or so from the highway), this is Skyline Drive, turn North. We are the fifth house on the left side of the street. Kim and I, (along with our Three French Bulldogs) look forward to seeing you.

**Edgar Stehli**

**Hear Ye, Hear Ye,**

**I am having a spacemaking sale, list on my page at:**

<http://www.orchidcourt.com/sale>

**Over 300 plants in over 30 genera on the list; all must go to make room; please contact me by email link from the sale page.**

**Tennis Maynard**

I have checked it out, lots of plants to desire and acquire.

## **Hospitality**

We would like to express a heart felt thank you to Nancy Wagener, Pat Stinson and Scott Bever, who provided the goodies at the March meeting. Tasty and a nice variety as always.

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. May is almost full but beyond that, we have need of volunteers yet. 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 this 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](mailto:dmarkley5868@wowway.com).

May	Lori Baldwin	June	Volunteer Needed
May	Austin Carter	June	Volunteer Needed
May	Volunteer Needed	June	Volunteer Needed
July	Summer Picnic	September	Volunteer Needed
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		September	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.

*Chysis bractescens coerulea* - Plant of the Month February  
Grown by Tennis Maynard



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