

## **NEXT ORCHID SOCIETY MEETING:**

### **Annual Pot-Luck Dinner**

**Thursday, November 18, 2004. 6:30 p.m. (note the earlier time)**

The November meeting of the Central Ohio Orchid Society will be our annual pot-luck dinner. This will be held in the classrooms of the Franklin Park Conservatory. Everyone is asked to bring a dish (or two!) with a serving spoon if needed. Tableware, cups, and plates will be provided. This will be our last meeting of the year. To help add interest, we also ask that anyone that has a plant with an undetermined problem (poor condition or pest), bring in a leaf **IN A ZIP-LOCK PLASTIC BAG**. We will assemble some of the more experienced growers to give their opinion as to the problem, and hopefully the solution! We will also have a show table, so bring anything that you want to share that is in bloom. And, there may be a free plant or two to give away as door-prizes!!!

## ***CENTRAL OHIO ORCHID SOCIETY – FALL MINI-SHOW / SALE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 AND 7.***

After all the craziness of voting day, take a break this weekend and come to the Franklin Park Conservatory for our Fall Mini-Show and Sale! Bring your blooming plants to the Franklin Park Conservatory (lobby area) Friday evening and help set-up the displays. If you haven't done this before, don't worry, there will be plenty of folks around to help out. We **will** need your blooming plants to help make this a successful event. Come back Saturday or Sunday to see the finished displays and to buy plants. We should have a good number of blooming size plants for sale. If you would like, you can sell your own (healthy, pest-free) plants as well. If you choose to sell plants, please help out by volunteering at the sales tables. Twenty percent of the sales will be retained the society.

## ***PORTER'S ORCHIDS – HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE***

Porter's Orchids invites you to our annual Holiday Open House

When? Saturday, December 4, 2004  
Time? 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Where? Porter's Orchids Greenhouse,  
10868 Royston Road, Grand Ledge MI 48837

Printable map available on our website: <http://portersorchids.com> Or Contact us at: [orchidsuzi@aol.com](mailto:orchidsuzi@aol.com), (517) 626-7295

A few special prices, and holiday delights!

Don't miss this opportunity to boost your collection of quality orchids, and think about orchids as gifts for your family and friends.

## Notes from the October Meeting

The October meeting included a very interesting presentation by Dr. Doris Jensen of Hamilton, Ontario. Dr. Jensen gave an overview of the genus *Bulbophyllum* – something of a pre-view of her work with this unusual group of orchids. We had a good number of these fascinating plants as well as plants from members' collections, all for sale. Although our show table was not quite as large as usual, we did have a number of very well bloomed plants. Among those of note, were the following:

### *Cattleya* Alliance

David Sayer	Potinaria Burana Beauty	1 <sup>st</sup>
?	Lc. Puppy Love	2 <sup>nd</sup>

### *Oncidium* Alliance

Ed Davis	Wilsonara Tigerette 'Wild Court'	1 <sup>st</sup>
Dave Evans	Tolumnia Golden Luis 'Hapsburg'	1 <sup>st</sup>

### *Paphiopedilum*

Tennis Maynard	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Transvaal	1 <sup>st</sup>
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### Pleurothallid Alliance

Dave Evans	<i>Masdevallia</i> Meadow Lark	1 <sup>st</sup>
Dave Evans	<i>Masdevallia</i> Copper Angel	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Dave Evans	<i>Masdevallia</i> Peach Fuzz x Marguerite	3 <sup>rd</sup>

### *Vanda* Alliance

Nancy Wagener	Ascocenda Princess Mikasa 'Saphire'	1 <sup>st</sup>
Ed Davis	Neostylis Lou Sneary 'Colorful Blue'	2 <sup>nd</sup>

### Other

Dave Evans	<i>Haraella retrocalla</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>Bulbophyllum palawanense</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
John and Cathy Willis	<i>Catasetum</i> [unknown hybrid]	1 <sup>st</sup>

## Welcome to Our Newest Members:

Sandy and Mark Denman  
John Geslak

Nancy Heath



Please take a minute during upcoming meetings to welcome Sandy, Mark, Nancy, and John to our group.

### GOOS OFFICERS

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### GOOS TRUSTEES

Tom Bell-Games.....614-487-1623
Sue Dervin.....614-866-4059
Jim Harper.....614-965-1921
Matina Ross.....614-263-4819
Don Weber.....614-846-7712
Cathy Willis.....614-847-0676

### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT !

We need your help NOW. We do not have a chairperson for our annual AOS show. This will be held in early June, 2005. We need someone to step forward and volunteer to help organize this event. It really isn't too much work – we have a good notebook that outlines all the little tasks involved, along with schedules, sample letters and forms, etc. The main job of the show chair is to assign tasks to others and coordinate these chair persons for such things as publicity, judges, vendors, and awards. Please help ensure that we continue to host this important annual event by volunteering today. Contact Tom Lochner to let him know of your interest in helping out.

## Notes from the Cincinnati Show:

The Central Ohio Orchid Society included an exhibit at the recent AOS show in Cincinnati. The show was held at the newly renovated Krohn Conservatory in Eden Park. A gala re-opening party was held Friday evening. This coincided with the opening of the orchid exhibition. Although we only had about twenty entries in our exhibit, we did fairly well in the ribbon judging (see below). Thank you to everyone who donated plants for inclusion in the exhibit. These plants will be returned to their proper owners at the mini-show the first weekend in November.



Here are the awards we received at the Cincinnati Show:

Tom Bell-Games	<i>Pleurothallis lancifolium</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Ed Davis	<i>Wilsonaria Tigerset</i> 'Wild Court' AM/AOS-RHS	1 <sup>st</sup>
Dave Evans	<i>Tolumnia Golden Luis</i> 'Hapsburg'	1 <sup>st</sup>
	<i>Masdevallia Meadowlark</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	<i>Masdevallia Peach Fuzz</i> x Marguerite	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Jim Harper	<i>Paphiopedilum Emerald</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Central Ohio Orchid Society	25 square foot exhibit	3 <sup>rd</sup>

### GROWING TIPS –

By now, most of our plants are likely inside. Perhaps with the exception of Cymbidiums which can stay out until heavy frost arrives. This dip in temperature helps initiate blooms which we will surely enjoy come mid-winter. Many of the *Pleurothallids*, *Odontoglossums*, and other cool-growing plants have likely been enjoying this nearly ideal weather with highs in the 60's, lows around 50 degrees, and relatively high humidity. Fall and spring are certainly the months for these plants to recover from excessive summer heat and low humidity in the winter once heating season begins.

Now that most plants are no longer in active growth, our repotting demands have slowed down. This is still a fine time to repot *Paphiopedilums* as they generally do not go into a period of dormancy. In fact, *Paphiopedilums* and *Phragmipediums* generally respond well to annual repotting. Most *Pleurothallids* can also still be safely repotted this time of year.

Hopefully, we have taken care of any pests that have established themselves in our collections during the summer. It is a good idea to keep an eye out for pests through the winter. If left unchecked, a few pests can quickly multiply into a serious problem in enclosed growing areas. To maximize the effectiveness of pesticides, it is generally recommended that you change what you use after about three applications of any given treatment. If you are not growing in a greenhouse, you need to use methods that are safe for the interior of the house. Some of these include isopropyl alcohol, horticultural oil (or neem oil), and insecticidal soaps. In addition to these, it is also helpful to mechanically remove the pests for pests that can be easily removed (aphids, mealy bugs, and mites) – take an affected plant and expose the leaves to a strong spray of warm water. Following this, treat the plant with an oil, alcohol, or soap. If the pests appear to be a persistent problem. Repeat this periodically, alternating the pesticide. For additional information, consider purchasing the AOS guide for orchid pests and diseases – available through our society for \$12.00.

## UPDATE ON GEORGE NORRIS.

For those of you who may have been following CITES issues and the perils of George Norris, proprietor of Spring Orchids, here is the latest. This is from a press release issued by the U.S. Department of Justice, Marcos Daniel Jimenez, US Attorney for the Southern District of Florida:

### TEXAS ORCHID GROWER SENTENCED FOR SMUGGLING PROTECTED PERUVIAN ORCHIDS

Marcos Daniel Jiménez, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida; Thomas Sansonetti, Assistant Attorney General, for the Justice Department's Environment and Natural Resources Division, announced today that defendant, George Norris, a resident of Spring, Texas, was sentenced to seventeen (17) months' imprisonment and two (2) years of supervised release at a hearing in Miami, Florida, Federal District Court today in connection with a conspiracy to smuggle into the United States protected orchid specimens, including specimens of the genus *Phragmipedium*, commonly known as Tropical lady's slipper orchids. All species of orchid are protected under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), a treaty to which the United States and Peru, along with over 160 other nations, are parties. The United States implements CITES through the Endangered Species Act. Norris previously pleaded guilty to seven (7) criminal charges related to the smuggling of orchid specimens into the United States for sale and admitted to a forfeiture provision in the Indictment which asserts that the orchids or their substitute value is properly forfeitable as part of the action.

United States District Judge Patricia Seitz, who imposed sentence in the case found that Norris was unable to pay a fine, which under the charges could have been the greater of \$250,000 or twice the gain or loss from his relevant conduct, for each of the seven Counts. Norris' co-defendant, Manuel Arias Silva of Lima, Peru, previously entered guilty pleas to two counts of the Indictment and received a sentence of twenty-one (21) months' imprisonment, three (3) years supervised release and a \$5,000 fine.

According to the indictment and statements in Court, Arias made multiple shipments of orchids to his co-

conspirator, Norris in Spring, Texas, between January of 1999 and October of 2003. Arias would obtain a CITES permit for the shipments from Peruvian authorities, with whom he had a long-standing relationship, authorizing the export of certain numbers of artificially-propagated specimens of particular species of orchids. Arias would then ship specimens of orchids not included on the CITES permit. Norris and Arias admitted in their pleas that to conceal the illegal activity they would falsely label the protected species as a species included on the permit. Arias would provide Norris a code or "key" that would provide a means for deciphering the false labels and identifying the true species of the orchids. One shipment in February of 2003 included some 1,145 specimens, of which approximately 490 were of species not authorized for export by the accompanying CITES permit. Norris and Arias admitted by pleading guilty that they used invalid permits for the shipments and falsely labeled many of the plants to cover up the lack of a valid permit. Three of the shipments mentioned in Court were valued at more than \$45,000, based on the actual sales records seized during the search of Norris' business in Texas.

Mr. Jiménez commended the investigative efforts of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection Service, and the Department of Agriculture. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas Watts-Fitzgerald and the Environmental Crimes and Natural Resources Section of the Department of Justice.

A copy of this press release may be found on the website of the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida at [www.usdoj.gov/usao/fls](http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/fls). Related court documents and information may be found on the website of the District Court for the Southern District of Florida at <http://www.flsd.uscourts.gov/> or on <http://pacer.flsd.uscourts.gov/>.

## CENTRAL OHIO ORCHID SOCIETY - SURVEY

In an effort to improve our society, we ask that you complete this survey and forward your response to the newsletter editor (address below). The results of this survey will be summarized and then presented to the orchid society Board; results will be printed in the next newsletter. We will use this to try and shape the society to meet the needs of the membership.

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How long have you been growing orchids? \_\_\_ less than 1 year. \_\_\_ 1 to 2 years. \_\_\_ 2 to 5 years. \_\_\_ longer.

Where do you grow your orchids? \_\_\_ Windowsill \_\_\_ Greenhouse \_\_\_ Under lights

How many orchids do you grow? \_\_\_ less than 20 \_\_\_ 20 to 100 \_\_\_ 100 to 200 \_\_\_ more than 200

What do you like best about the Central Ohio Orchid Society? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you come to the monthly meetings? If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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What needs improvement in the society meetings, or what would you like to see changed? \_\_\_\_\_

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What would you like changed in the newsletter? \_\_\_\_\_

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What types of programs do you like best for our monthly meetings? (level of interest 1 to 5, 1 highest)

\_\_\_\_\_ out-of-town speakers

\_\_\_\_\_ orchid culture

\_\_\_\_\_ AOS slide presentations w/script

\_\_\_\_\_ hands-on demonstrations

\_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Other comments, including possible topics of interest for upcoming meetings: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please mail your completed survey to:*

*Tom Bell-Games, COOS Newsletter Editor  
1615 Andover Road  
Columbus, OH 43212*

**RESULTS FROM OUR SURVEY** – Unfortunately, we have had a rather poor response rate on the survey questionnaire that was sent out with the October newsletter. As of this writing, we have only received 11 responses. Please take a minute and fill out your survey (in case you don't have the one sent out in October, a copy is included with this newsletter). We are going to use the results from this to hopefully make improvements in the society. We will print a December newsletter which will include the results from this survey. Are you wishing we did things a bit differently? Now is your opportunity to make a change. Send your surveys in today. Please mail them to the newsletter editor: Tom Bell-Games, 1615 Andover Road, Columbus, OH 43212

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES:** Please contact Tom Bell-Games at: [tbellgames@burnip.com](mailto: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:** The following are upcoming orchid shows within a reasonable distance.

- Nov 6-7** Michiana Orchid Society Show, Holy Cross College, 54515 State Road 933 North, Notre Dame, IN.  
Contact: Sandy Ohlund, 3888 East 600 North, Rolling Prairies, IN 46371; (219) 778-4457  
[sohlund@csinet.net](mailto:sohlund@csinet.net)
- Nov 6-7** Central Ohio Orchid Society, Fall Mini-Show and Sale. Franklin Park Conservatory, 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday.

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