



## ***November Meeting – Annual Holiday Dinner/Pot Luck***

**Thursday November 15, 2007**

**6:30 p.m., Franklin Park Conservatory Classrooms**

### **Holiday Feasting and Fun...**

'Tis the season or almost so and time for our own winter's rest. But before we do that, and adjourn to the tidy comforts and cozy nooks and crannies of our own homes for the holiday season, it is quite definitely the season for our annual holiday dinner and potluck. Please join us for an evening of excellent dining and most pleasant companionship and even an orchid or two.

Please note that the starting time is **6:30 p.m.** and not the usual starting time. Please bring a covered dish to share and perhaps a dessert treat. Beverages are also most welcome. The society will provide paper goods and plastic ware. If you are fortunate enough to have plants in bloom please bring them to share and grace the season with their beauty.

Remember, it truly is a case of the more, the merrier and this will be our last chance to socialize together until the new year.

See you there.



*Encyclia cordigera var. rosea*

## President's Message

Busy month.

Our Fall Mini-Show and Sale happened, even though the Dispatch didn't seem to care or notice. It was new, improved and much larger than this event has ever been in the past. No later than 2010, we intend it to rival our Spring Show. Especially gratifying were the exhibits entered by our members.

The 2006-07 Board will wrap up its business this month and make room for the 2008-09 Board to succeed it.

And still on tap is the potluck dinner, **6:30 pm, November 15**. We will celebrate a member or two who have given exemplary service to the society; we will celebrate our top growers as determined by our, ahem, First



*Encyclia phoenicea*

Annual Growers Contest Classic; and we will celebrate ourselves and all the upcoming holidays with a gift plant and a shared covered dish.

I don't know if Bill is planning a December edition or not, but if not, then the next President's Message you read will be written by **Tennis Maynard** who will start his term of office on January 1<sup>st</sup>. As will the entire 2008-09 board. Tennis has some good ideas for moving the society forward as we complete the first half century of our society's existence. I will join with the rest of the board in supporting his plans.

By now you've moved all your plants indoors with the possible exception of your cymbidiums.

The final meeting of the 2006-07 Board is November 13. As always, committee chairs are asked to attend. And I would like those individuals who are joining the board in January to also please attend the November meeting. (By the way, any society member who would like to observe a board meeting is certainly welcome to do so.)

If you want your orchids to live, water them. If you want them to thrive, repot them every year. If you want them to blossom, feed them. That's what the potluck's for ... to make you blossom. :) See you there.

**Tom Franczak**

Please remember that our membership year is January to December. If you joined the society and you paid your dues in November or December of last year, you are covered for this year as well. If you have paid your dues already, bless you. If you have not paid your dues as yet, please renew your membership in the Central Ohio Orchid Society **TODAY**. Please send your check (made payable to "Central Ohio Orchid Society" to our **membership chair, Jon Young (1752 Marsdale Avenue, Columbus, OH 43223)**, OR bring your check to the next meeting. Please support the society by renewing as soon as possible. The dues are \$15.00 for Individuals and \$20.00 per household.

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*Paphiopedilum Dragon Bronze*



*Calanthes rosea*

## Welcome New Members

Welcome to Debbie Henry, Richelle Antczak McCuen and James McCuen, our most recent additions to the Central Ohio chapter of the society of orchid addicts.

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. November 11, December 9, 2007 and January 13, 2008.

## AWAY SHOW BULLETIN

Naila Caruso, our Away Show Chair, again and partly against her will, but still committed to doing stellar away shows, will not be going anywhere until the spring season begins. More on where and when as the news becomes available.

Another article reprinted from the Illinois Orchid Society Newsletter. You will note that they have some good ideas. I am sure some of our members have equally good ideas and if you can share the idea with your editor, we will do our best to share the concept with the rest of our society.

Bill

## Tricks of the Trade – Easy Mounting

*Dave Tribble, Contributing Editor*

Do you grow a lot of miniature, mounted orchids, and are looking for a simple way to display them for monthly judging? You can, of course, just lie them down on the table. But you know the judges are always influenced by presentation! An easy way is to use a 'plate' stand as shown in the picture. They are sturdy, fold up, and come in a variety of sizes. The one shown is 13" tall and was purchased at Pier 1 for \$5.00.



## Winter Orchid Care

If you live North of the land of the occasional, my God it is time to panic frost, North of say the Southern border of Tennessee, winter has the potential to drastically affect your orchids and not in a good way. The change in the season can give human beings what is called Seasonal Affective Disorder, (SAD) and, unfortunately, if you don't make the proper adjustments with your plants they will be equally SAD and some may even unnecessarily end up DEAD.

What affects an orchid in winter? Well, strange as it seems, it is the same things that affect them during the rest of the year, light, temperature, water and food. In nature, all or these variables change with the season and will change the habit of your plants. Another winter consideration is that a significant number of orchids have a normal dormancy or rest period to get ready for the next blooming season and this is that period. So let's talk about some of the changes and how they can affect your plants.

### Light

In our neck of the woods, the days get shorter and the nights get longer, seems sort of logical doesn't it? But all is not logical when it comes to your plants. The kind of orchids that you are growing and where the plant originates will have a definite affect on the lighting that you provide, or at least it should, if you hope to have a beneficent blooming season next year.

It is important to try to tune in to the natural conditions that your orchid(s) grow in. A plant that you might think needs less light during the winter may live in a deciduous forest, and after the leaves fall, it may be exposed to

higher light than it is during the summer when the canopy is full. And, it may need that extra light to properly set bud and bloom. Cattleya, epidendrum, dendrobium and oncidium are among the species and hybrids that may need light that is both more intense and that lasts longer than our shorter winter days provide. Again, look at the natural condition; 12 to 14 hours of light may be the standard, particularly for plants that originate at or near the equator where 12 hour days are the standard all year round. For other orchids, a seasonal adjustment of light, say from 14 to 12 to 10 hours and back up again over several months, may be the trigger for blooms.



of great vegetative growth, which is important, but your plants may not bud.

A Display from the Fall Mini-Show

If your plants need more light, you may need to move them from an area where they got bright but diffused light to a sunnier area of the home. Remember, the intensity of the light is diminished because the sun is lower and more wan as they used to say, during the winter. An area of the home that might have sunburned your plant during the summer may be ideal during the winter. Don't rule out the use of grow lights either, especially for those plants requiring high light intensity and longer days. How you provide light is an important part of winter care of your orchids and if you don't do it right, you may get lots

## Water

Plant physiology changes in the winter. Again, look to the native habitat of your plants or their progenitors (who'se your Daddy) of your hybrids. As noted earlier, some plants need a period of rest and this is it. For most, the change in light means less photosynthesis and therefore less uptake and generally, less need for water and food. But we are talking about watering at the moment, so, if you were watering twice a week (seedlings and some other notoriously thirsty plants), slow to once a week. If you were watering once a week, slow to every 10 to 14 days. Remember, it is much, much easier to kill an orchid by overwatering it than it is to kill it by dehydrating it. Most orchids are, after all, water storage devices...what else do you think that pseudobulb does? Again, what you grow determines what you do. Some plants are DRY REST and want little or NO water. Watering them will kill them. Some, strap leaves, phrags and some others want water all the time. It is up to you to know your plants needs, or at least to give it a solid try. If you grow orchids, you know you can't be right all the time and sometimes even when you are right your plant is just gonna croak, but if you pay attention, most of them won't.

Another aspect of water is humidity. Orchids love humidity. In nature, humidity is sometimes the only water they get during the "dry" season. Houses in the northern U.S. don't typically have much humidity, certainly not as much as orchids like. You can try several ways to remedy this abnormal/normal condition. Humidity trays under your plants, humidifiers humming in your home, and misting by machine or by hand come to mind. All will help to some degree.

## Temperature

Hereabouts, winter is cold, though not always in recent years. It is, however, colder than orchids like or can endure. Most orchids need temps between 55 - 80 degrees F, so in the fall they come indoors. As a result, there are a few issues to consider. Normal home temps are usually good for orchid plants if normal includes the range noted above, but if we keep our home temps low due to high heating bills, we may need to add some warmth during the day for the plants. You can do this with proximity to a window, a space heater, or artificial/heat lighting. Keeping orchids at a constant 60 -65 degrees is not an ideal to be aspired too, they do typically need a moderate temperature variation.

Where your plants live is important as well. A windowsill in the daytime may be wonderful for the plants but at night it may get just a tad too cool. And remember that in a grow room, just because the thermometer that you use to check the room temp, located in the middle of the room, says the low was 60 degrees, does not mean that the temp next to the window was 60 degrees on a 15 degree night outside. In order to protect your plants you may need to use a curtain as a barrier to the cold or move your plants away from the window at night. Common signs of cold injury to the plant leaves include pitting marks, large sunken areas or even discoloration which can lead to a brown leaf. The amount of damage varies considerably with the cold injury but exposure to cold near windows, as I am all too familiar, can lead to dead orchids. .

## Fertilizing (FOOD)

As a human, when you eat too much during the winter, (read Thanksgiving to New Years) you gain weight. Why? Because you don't need all of the calories since you are a lot x 3 less active during the winter. You can't use all of the food as good as it might be. Your orchids are little different. Because of the changes in light, temperature and water, your orchids need and use less fertilizer. They just can't take it up into the plant and if they can, you end up with the too much salts problems with which you are most likely familiar, burned leaves, burned roots, salt on your pots, etc.

While your orchids need to eat, so to speak, they need to eat less as this is usually a period of rest. Stretcchh out your winter fertilizer routine. If you fed them weekly, weakly, feed them every two weeks. If you fed them every other week, feed them every third or fourth week. Some growers' recommend that you feed with a bloom booster during the winter months as this will help set spring buds. However you approach winter fertilizing, just remember, less is more. (more than enough and most likely, more buds in the spring)

Another Member Display at the Fall Mini-Show



**Bill Cavanaugh**



<u>Paphiopedilum</u>		
Thom Weiland	<i>Paph. concolorl</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Bill and Ruth Cavanaugh	<i>Paph. Macabre</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Kim and John Marshall	<i>Paph. Maud Rook x glanduliferum var. wilheiminae</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
<u>Phragmipedium</u>		
Bill and Ruth Cavanaugh	<i>Phrag. Twilight x fischeri</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Bill and Ruth Cavanaugh	<i>Phrag. Sunset Glow</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>Phrag. Robert Palm</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
<u>Dendrobium</u>		
Sue Dervin	<i>Den. Missing Paper</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tom and Pat Stinson	<i>Den. Pinwattana x Thingchal Gold</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Dallas and Ashleigh Ingram	<i>Den. Haleahi Breeze x Jacquelyn Thomas</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Dallas and Ashleigh Ingram	<i>Den. Susan Takahashi x Uniwai Royale</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
<u>Zygopetalum</u>		
Ben Harrif	<i>Zyg. Rhein Moonlight</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Ben Harrif	<i>Zyg. Rhein Moonlight</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
<u>Phaelonopsis</u>		
<u>Vanda Alliance</u>		
<u>Other</u>		
Screll Jones	<i>Aerangis biloba 'Manifico'</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Dallas and Ashleigh Ingram	<i>Paphina Majestic</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Dan Willis	<i>Cirr. Elizabeth Ann 'Jean'</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Screll Jones	<i>Ang. Distichum</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Screll Jones	<i>Ctsm. Sp.</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Ken Mettler	<i>Spiranthes ceruna</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
<p>There does seem to be a chance that we did not get the papers on the Phalaenopsis class. I know there was at least one as I brought one. Our apologies if we missed you, as we have said, this is sometimes an inexact science. If you think it affected the standings call me. .</p>		

## Annual Growers Contest

And now we have come to the end of our first hard fought but friendly competition for the First and hereafter annual growers contest. It has served its purpose well as we have had fabulous show tables all year and we have seen folks who did not normally show plants join in the fun. Well done to all of you. I was constantly pleased and amazed at the number and quality of the plants shown both at the show table and at away shows. I think, based on the conversations I heard, that everyone was enchanted by the number and quality of blooms this year. Keep it up.

Wei-Yi Chen, our master statistician and overall point guru, is off touring the world, or so he says, and Thom Weiland has compiled the updated results. The totals below include the show table through September as well as the Dayton, Lansing, Akron, West Shore, Cincinnati and Central Indiana shows and the Spring MAOC show in Illinois. If you want to know the winners and the final totals including the October Show Table...you will have to come to the pot luck/holiday feast. Thom won't give it up until then. Even your noble J newsletter editor is in the dark, though no more so than usual. Join us for the awards or you will have to wait for the January, this is the November/December newsletter, edition of this tome to see the final standings.

Grower	Points	Grower	Points
Thom Weiland	306	Elly Campbell	20
Bill & Ruth Cavanaugh	257	Jim Fagan	15
Tom & Pat Stinson	245	Ed Davis	15
Tom Bell-Games	218	Lori Baldwin	13
Tennis Maynard	202	Waunita Kerr	12
Screll Jones	153	Dianna Wears	11
Naila Caruso	92	Dave Sayers	11
Dave Evans	88	Kim and John Marshall	8
Don Weber	76	Sue Dervin	7
Tom Franczak	68	Dan Willis	5
Edna Markley	59	Ann Rehark	5
Clifton Hynum	48	Ann Dougherty	3
Russ Vernon & Anita Martin	45	James Feibel	3
Edwina Carreon	34	Steve Pendleton	3
Ken Mettler	31	Lew Beamon	2
Nancy Wagner	24	Margaret Sweschel	2
Susan Allison	28	Wei-Yi Chen	1
Harold Blazier	28	Sarah Binder	1
Lawanda Martin	22	Barbara Parmalee	1
		Dennis Eifel	1
		Deb Parkman	1

As the gathering of tags to identify plants shown and/or awarded has always been a somewhat inexact science to date, we may have missed someone or someones. If you showed plants and you feel you were not credited, please contact Wei, Thom or me so that we can update the tally.

## 2007 COOS Calendar

November 15 Potluck Dinner

**Board Meetings.** Board meetings will generally be held the second Tuesday of odd numbered months with the exception of September:

January 9	July 10
March 13	September 11
May 8	November 13

## 2008 COOS Calendar

January 17, 2008	Meeting – Dennis D’Allesandro New Paphiopedilums of Viet Nam (Gypsy Glenn Orchids)
February 21	Meeting – Linda Wilhelm – Oncidium types and their culture. (Woodland Orchids)
March 20	Meeting – Barbara Tisherman – Exhibits and Displays
March 29/30	Central Ohio Orchid Society Annual Show
April 17	Meeting – Martin Motes – Intergeneric Vandaceous Hybrids (Motes Orchids)
May 15	Meeting (speaker to be determined)
June 19	Meeting (speaker to be determined)
July 20	Picnic – Not set for Franklin Park Conservatory grounds
September 25	Meeting (speaker to be determined)
October 16	Meeting (speaker to be determined)
November 1-2	Mini-show
November 20	Potluck Dinner

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November 11



*Blc. Victoria* 'Gran Blue Jewell'



*Disa uniflora alba*

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

**November 16-18** Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City Show and MAOC, Hilton Garden Inn, 19677 E. Jackson Dr., Independence, MO. Contact: Elizabeth Martin, 15523 Johnson Dr., Shawnee, KS 66127; (913) 248-8669; [bethdoug@kc.rr.com](mailto:bethdoug@kc.rr.com).

## Editor's Corner:

Do you remember your children or grandchildren when they first were learning to walk? First a step, tentative but determined, then two or three and then, quite unexpectedly, ten or twelve in a row followed by a crash. Our Fall mini-show, soon to be our Fall judged show, took its first steps last weekend and yes there was a crash, but no serious harm was done except perhaps to our perception of what it takes to run a fall show. What we intended to grow slowly over the next several years, like most kids, had a growth spurt and was gangly and a bit uncoordinated but it did walk.

The conservatory looked quite different from years past. It looked much more like a Spring show with lots of exhibits and lots of vendors, we just lacked lots of attendance. But there were still lots of good things. Our members did their usual stand up job in helping with the set up, hospitality and tear down. They also provided over half of the vendors and most of the displays, which were varied, interesting and full of well grown orchids.

Really good job folks!! And next year, with another year of growth and experience, we will have a bigger and better show and, like that growing kid, we will run a few steps. We might even be able to use it as a bit of a dress rehearsal for the Spring 2009 MAOC, or at least as a springboard to our first judged Fall Show in 2009. I know, I know, the goal was 2010, but you know how precocious kids are these days. You just never know what they will do next.

And speaking of next, next comes our Holiday Dinner followed by the Holiday Season and a break from the meeting schedule. So first things first, come to the potluck, bring something good to eat and share, and enjoy the company of your friends and fellow enthusiasts. As I have said before, we are a social society and this is an opportunity to just visit with folks. Take advantage of it. If you happen to have a blooming plant to share, bring that too. Beyond that, I hope you have a joyous Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. Celebrate the Holiday Season as your heart and faith dictate with friends and family and join us again in January.

Bill C.



*Paph. concolor*



*Tricopilia tortilis*

## Hospitality

A large thank you to all of you who provided the goodies at the October meeting especially to Edna and Dave Markley, Barb Parmalee, and Ruth Cavanaugh. Also a huge thank you, in advance, to all of those who have signed up to provide snacks and goodies for the upcoming meetings. Below is a list of who has signed up for future dates and the month they signed for. As is ever the case, the spots highlighted in red and reading **Volunteer Needed**, have no volunteers. So for those of you who have a burning desire, or not, to volunteer in the new year, you will note that we have almost NO volunteers for the January and February... or March or April for that matter. Please give Clifton a call or sign up at the next meeting to let him 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 Clifton to change months.

Also of note on the hospitality front, Clifton Hynum, noted orchidophile and raconteur, has a new phone number. If you try to call him at the old one you will not reach him and you will get frustrated. (It has happened already.) So if you need to get Clifton on the line, call him at 975-1001.

2007

November - Pot Luck Dinner

Decmeber - No Meeting

2008

January Jon Young  
January **Volunteer Needed**  
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February **Volunteer Needed**  
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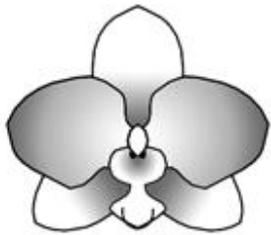
March Ellie Campbell  
March **Volunteer Needed**  
March **Volunteer Needed**

April **Volunteer Needed**  
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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.

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**WHEN?** Saturday, December 1, 2007  
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