



***November Meeting –Annual Holiday/Awards Banquet and Pot Luck***  
***Thursday, November 19, 2009***  
***6:30 p.m., Franklin Park Conservatory***

***Fa la la la la, la la la la.....etc.***

I woke up the other morning, three thirty AM mind you, to the radio serenading me with Christmas carols. As I drifted in and out of sleep...they continued. Bing, Frank, Perry, and then abruptly several rockers, Father Christmas et al. This went on throughout the night and continued into the next day as the radio was still radiating Christmas well into the morning and mine starts late. At first I was mightily annoyed. The build up to Christmas, in my youth, started on the Friday after Thanksgiving and not a minute before. Oh, it was off the hook immediately after that, but there was a certain decorum to be observed. Now the lights go up in October, if they ever went down at all.

When sleep had finally left me, it occurred to me that there is now an entire generation, maybe more, who have no clue as to who Bing, Frank and Perry are, even if they recognize the songs. If you don't know, e-mail me. I'll send you some u-tube addresses. They must have Bing et al there as they have everything else in the known universe. But I digress, as if that is new to all of you. This realization actually made me more annoyed for a bit. A simmering, seething disdain for all those who would try to pound me into the consume more now and recession be damned mold blossomed. I frothed for a bit, I grumbled, for a bit I even raged.



***Cattleya Olivetensis***

However, Bing and Frank and Perry...and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and a multitude of others were now running around in my head. And orchids are always running around in my head...not so in yours? And...eventually, despite the early onset syndrome, despite the fact that it was early November, I realized that the calendar was bringing our Awards Banquet/Holiday Bash down upon me like a piano in a Wyllie Coyote cartoon. And in spite of the imagery, I relaxed a bit. OK a large bit. Because this is one of my favorite orchid times of the year.

We don't do this in December because someone at some time in the past, realized that there is just way to much Sh...tuff to do in December and an orchid society awards party/pot luck/banquet, and if you have not attended in the past, I would call attention to the word banquet, is just more than we can handle. So we do it in November.

And here we are.

This is our last opportunity of the year to share our passion, our fellowship and our friendships. It is our last opportunity to show those cantankerous beauties we imbibe with our substance. It is our last opportunity to come together and enjoy the company of old and new orchid friends who have a way of becoming just friends. And if everyone brings the magnificent food offerings that we have seen in the past, and if everyone brings the their blooming beauties...I may have a few of mine own for a change...it will be a most enjoyable, most memorable, most orchid, most Bing kind of evening....so don't miss it. I wish you a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, a glorious holiday season to all of you whatever your inclination, and if I don't get another issue out before January...Happy New Year.

## President's Message

### PARTING IS SUCH SWEET SORROW...

But then again, I'm not really going anywhere anyway. However, this **IS** my last President's message, an unenviable task I gladly pass on to my successor, Nancy Wagener, who will be taking the COOS helm on Jan.1.

It's at times hard to believe it's really been two years already, and at other times it's hard to believe it's **ONLY** been two years!!

I want to take this opportunity to personally thank each and every person who has helped out at meetings, shows, and carried out the work of the society. My term got to see the celebration of the first fifty years of COOS, and I hope the next fifty will be as good.

I also want to call on one and all who want to help out to make their willingness and availability known to the new board, especially to Nancy, who will have the responsibility of appointing the necessary and regular committees come the new year. There's so much to do, and so much to learn doing it.

Of course, I will still be around, and still on the board as Immediate Past President, a constitutional sop to institutional memory and continuity. But it won't be my smiling face you see up front at every meeting after November. Nancy will, I'm sure, have her own style and leave her own stamp on COOS, and that is as it should be. And each and every one of you can do the same in some measure by stepping forward and taking on a share of the fun and work of COOS' business.



*Cattleya dowiana var. rosital*

Again, thanks to one and all who have made my task these past two years a little easier and a little more fun. For it is, after all, a group effort and at the end of the day nothing would have gotten done without all of you.

**Tennis Maynard**

## TO EACH, HIS/HER DUE; FROM EACH, HIS/HER DUES.....

It's that time again. Dues. Please begin remitting your COOS 2010 dues to our incoming Membership Secretary, John Geslak or incoming treasurer Screll Jones.

And these dues are due (pardon the tired re-used pun!) no later than January 31st. Not really any wriggle room there; here is the relevant section of the COOS member-approved constitution:

*Article XI, Section 2. Any member who shall fail to pay his/her dues by January 31 shall cease to be a member of the Society.*

It'd be nice to have everyone all paid up by Jan. 31st as it'd also be nice to have a membership directory printed this coming year, and to do that, we need everybody to be paid up.

I know, 'times are hard'. They're hard for all of us just now, but come on, folks, \$15?? (\$20 family) is not that big a deal. Squeeze, dig deep into you pockets, sofas, and laundry. Find that \$15, because you know it's a bargain! Just think of all you get from the society - showtables like unto a full orchid show at every meeting. Camaraderie. Knowledge. Speakers. Sale plants. An escape from home one night a month!! Downright FUN! So, mark it on your calendars, skip a movie or get a cheaper cut of meat, but somehow make do for that \$15 and render unto Caesar...well, you get the point!

### Tennis Maynard

Our membership year is January to December. If you join the society and you pay your dues in November or December of 2009, you are covered for this year and for 2010 as well. For all of the rest of us, it is, as noted above, time to renew. You can pay your dues at the awards banquet, at the January meeting, or you can send a check to our new 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. December 13, 2009, January 10 and February 14, 2010..

### Welcome New Members

Well the mini show did, as I understand it, recruit one new member but I don't have the info on who that was. So, we still need to work on the adding new members part and also on the communication to the newsletter editor part. If this is truth and not rumor, I will identify said new member next month. On a continuing theme, Lew Beamon and Karen Arthur led off the 2010 membership drive by re-upping at the mini show. Now it is up to the rest of us to catch up. As we used to say as kids, last one in is a rotten egg...or maybe you didn't. But you still need to renew. Getting it done in January means you don't have to read my harangues on the subject and the society as a whole benefits from the dues and the lack of harangues. And as to the issue of new members, they are out there. Go find them and make them one of us. Sort of like the alien invasion thing. Go for it. We need new orchid friends. Grow...die...those are the options. Let's grow. Let's find other folks who share our love of orchids. You know they are out there. Let's invite them to join us.

## Election of New Officers II

The term of our current leadership is coming to an end. At our last meeting the membership approved the slate proposed by the nomination committee. Below is the listing of the officers approved at the meeting and their terms of office.

### 2010/2011 COOS Officers – Term of Office from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011.

President	Nancy Wagener	
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Ed Davis	Program Chair
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	David Markley	Home Show Chair
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	Dallas Ingram	Away Show Chair
Secretary	Rosina Bell-Games	Recorder
Asst. Secretary	Bill Cavanaugh	Newsletter Editor
Treasurer	Screll Jones	Collect/Disburse Monies
Asst. Treasurer	John Geslak	Membership Chair

### COOS Trustees – Term of Office January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2013.

Jim Harper  
Don Weber

#### **2008/2009 COOS Officers - Terms of Office are from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009**

President:	Tennis Maynard		614-252-5710
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President:	Ken Mettler	Program Chair	740-380-3023
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President:	Nancy Wagener	Home Show Chair	614-276-8890
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President:	Naila Caruso	Away Show Chair	614-868-5861
Secretary:	Nancy Heath	Recorder	614-837-3556
Assistant Secretary:	Bill Cavanaugh	Newsletter Editor	614-878-1745
Treasurer:	Thom Weiland	Collect/Disburse Monies	614-850-0483
Assistant Treasurer:	Jon Young	Membership Chair	614-272-5256

#### **COOS Trustees – Terms of Office Expire December 31<sup>st</sup> of the Year Shown.**

Jim Harper	2009	614-965-1921
Screll Jones	2009	614-864-7924
Lori Baldwin	2011	740-246-4713
Eilleen Ansley	2011	614-457-7774
Tom Franczak	Immediate Past President	614-868-5636



*Epi. Joseph Lii*



*Paph victorina regina x bellatulum*

## **“I Get By With A Little Help From My Friends...”**

The fall mini show this year was very small. But, we still did make money for the COOS coffers. Most of the vendors either declined outright due to speaking engagements, etc., or canceled at the last minute due to family illness. But Thank You to Dallas Ingram and Nancy Heath for sticking with us. Bill Cavanaugh, Tom Weiland, Dave Sayers and Lew Beman deserve big Thank Yous as well for the plants they brought for the COOS table. To the mighty men in trucks, Thank you for moving the display stanchions for the last time; Ken Mettler, Larry Sampson, Ron Coleman and Richard Wagener made short work of the move. A special shout out to Tom Franczak and his shed for “hosting” our stanchions these past few years. I know Tom will miss them. Thank You to Tennis Maynard for setting up the two COOS displays. Also Thanks to members who brought plants for display at the show. And I can’t forget our two ribbon-happy judges Ken Mettler and Tennis Maynard. Thanks for great food to Dottie Burchfield, Sandy Stohr, John Geslak and Dave & Edna Markley. The people mentioned above also set-up the displays, stayed at the show, worked the membership table and staffed the hospitality room. Multi-taskers all. A very special Thank You to Cliff Hynum, my unofficial, but much appreciated “Go-fer”. And, as usual, I couldn’t do this with out my husband Richie! Thanks so much everyone! And if I missed mentioning you, please let me know.

**Nancy Wagener**

### **Notes from the October Meeting.**

October brings the ultimate baseball drama with the playoffs and the World Series. And for the COOS orchid grower, after a long season, we are down to the final weeks of the annual growing contest. And folks are still swinging the bat. As we get later in the season there are fewer blooming beauties, or they could be like mine, in bloom immediately after the meeting and out of bloom before the next. I currently have twelve plants in bud or bloom but I will bet that they don’t all make the banquet. But be not discouraged. Tis the last home show of the year so bring what ya got and make a good start on the new growers contest as noted in the amended rules above.



Paphiopedilum

Tennis Maynard	<i>Paph Pulsar x Laser</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>Paph Maudiae x wardii</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>Paph vejvarutianum</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>

Masdevallia/Maxillaria

Tennis Maynard	<i>Max scalariformis</i>	,	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>Masd Red Wing</i>	,	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>Cirr auratum</i>	,	3 <sup>rd</sup>

Other

Tennis Maynard	<i>Dracula Supererythro</i>		1 <sup>st</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>Trichopilia Elizabeth Ann</i>		2 <sup>nd</sup>
Dallas Ingram	<i>Stenochoryne vitellina</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 or Clifton know.

## Annual Growers Contest

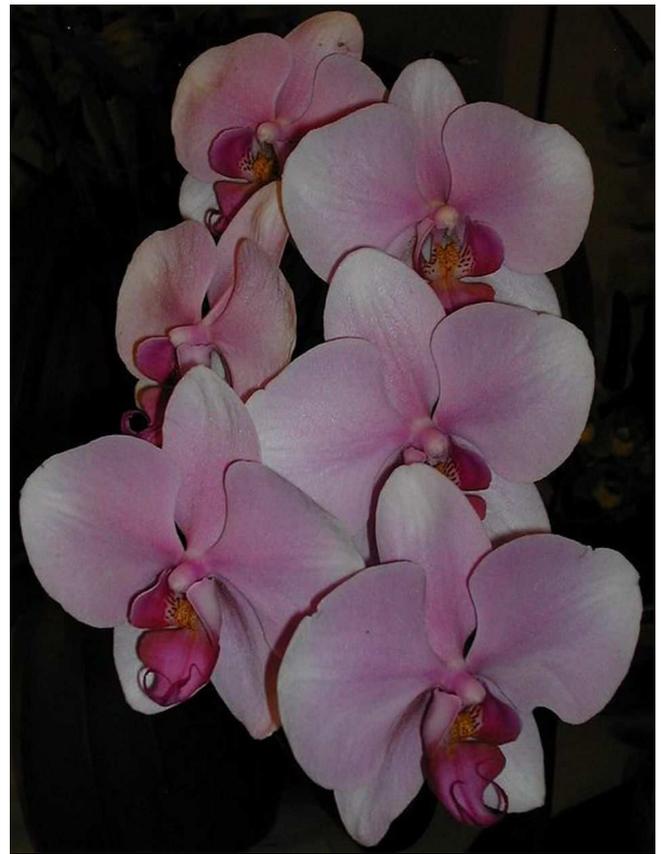
In the stretch, and only one show to add to determine the victor in this years growing contest. The Kentucky Orchid Society Show results will determine the final standings. It has been a great contest and the show tables have been abundant and spectacular. Again, my thanks to Clif Hynum, our point tabulator especial. We include in this tally all of the show tables through October and the Cincinnati Fall show. But remember, until the announcement at the now rebranded Annual Awards/Holiday banquet, it remains a mystery, well almost, as to who the winners will be. If you have any disagreements with the totals let me or Clif know as soon as possible so that we can set it straight. In the meantime, keep showing those orchids. We want to see them and now the tabulation is current...almost

Tennis Maynard	998	Dave Sayer	27
Tom and Pat Stinson	744	Sandra Stohr	20
Screll Jones	216	Ed Davis	14
David and Edna Markley	194	Katrina Heap	10
Dallas Ingram	176	Clif Hynum	10
Don Weber	169	Sue Dervin	10
Ken Mettler	106	Edwina Carreon	10
Bill & Ruth Cavanaugh	80	Dan Willis	8
Thom Weiland	61	Matina Ross	7
Nancy Wagener	58	Pat Kurz	6
Larry Samson	57	Ben Hariff	6
Tom Bell-Games	51	Susan Allison	5
Naila Caruso	49	Ron Coleman	4
Justin Pepperney	41	Danny Gross	1
Tessie Steelman	32	Jackie Wade	1
Scott Bever	29	Barbara Parmelee	1

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



Mtssa. Longlen



Phal Alice Gloria x Acker's Beauty

## Annual Contest – Rules and Scoring – Revised

Our fourth and annual growing contest has taken a page from the very nature of orchids. It has evolved. At the last Board meeting the contest was reviewed and the following changes have been made. The changes are effective with the 2009 Holiday/Awards banquet.

Point scoring - No Change

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<i>Award</i>	<i>At monthly meetings</i>	<i>At an away show</i>
1 <sup>st</sup>	10	20
2 <sup>nd</sup>	5	10
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3	5
No ribbon	1	2
Plant of the Month	20	
Best of Class		20
Other Special		20

### *Rules*

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1. Plants must be free of obvious disease or pests. Plants seen to be harboring mealybugs, scale, etc., will be disqualified and isolated.
2. The flowers should be the result of your growing skills, not those of a vendor or previous owner. **Accordingly, we ask that you only claim points for plants you have been growing for at least 6 months.** You may exhibit any plant you own and are encouraged to do so. However, if you have not owned the plant for 6 months previously, note that it is not to be included in the contest tally on the entry sheet.

3. If you submit plants for a COOS exhibit at an away orchid show, the away show chair will report entries and ribbons to the contest coordinator. If you submit plants in your own or any other exhibit at an away orchid show, you must report the entries and ribbons to the contest coordinator.
4. The contest year Begins with the Annual Awards/Holiday banquet and ends October 31.
5. You are a “beginner” for contest purposes until either your name has appeared in the membership directory for current year – 2 or prior, or, you have finished in the top 3 of an annual contest. Basically, we want to assure that you have 2 full years of eligibility as a “beginner.” For example, in 2007, you are a “beginner” if your name is not in the membership directory for 2005 or prior, even if it appears in the 2006 directory.
6. To qualify for any award in the annual contest, a minimum of 20 points is required.
7. There will be two divisions in the growing contest. Division one will be greenhouse growers and division two will be all others, that is window sill or under lights or any combination. On your entry form for each plant, please list the division that you compete in, i.e., Greenhouse or other. Prizes will be awarded to the first two places in each division and to the best new grower. .

These will be the rules for the 2009/10 contest. We’ll see how it goes and whether it needs to be adjusted in 2011. Grow your plants to perfection --- and grow LOTS of them --- and you’ll be at the top of the list regardless of how the contest evolves.

## 2009 COOS Calendar

November 19      Annual Awards/Holiday Dinner

## 2010 COOS Calendar

January 21, 2010	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
February 18	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
March 18	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
March 20/21	Central Ohio Orchid Society Annual Spring Show
April 22*	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
May 20	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
June 17	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
July 18**	Picnic – Not set for Franklin Park Conservatory grounds - Tentative
September 16	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
October 21	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
November 6-7	Mini-show
November 18	Potluck Dinner

**Board Meetings.** Board meetings will be held the second Tuesday of odd numbered months.

January 12	July 13***
March 9	September 14***
May 11	November 9***

\* One week late – special speaker arrangement

\*\* Tentative picnic date

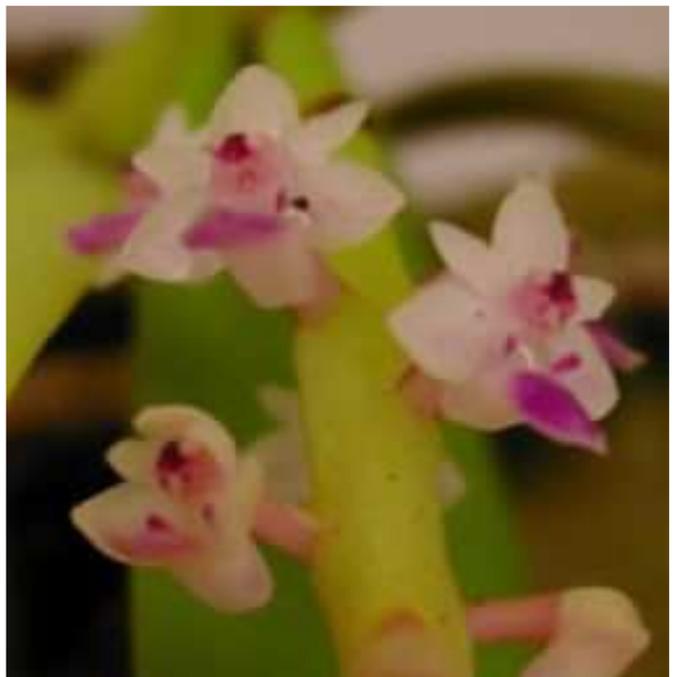
\*\*\* Meeting not at FPC

## Away Show Bulletin!

The away show season has ended. Thank you to all who helped us go to shows sponsored by other societies, it helps bring them to our shows. We will resume our listings in the Spring.



*Paph. Vipanii*



*Smithinandia micrantha*

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

Summer is gone and now we get to sneak in just a couple of away shows before the snow falls. Below are the results from the Cinci Fall show. Pittsburg turned out to be not quite a show...you expected something different?, and the results from Kentucky are still out. Due to changes in circumstances we did not get an exhibit to the Fall MAOC. So here is one last show, or almost.

### Cincinnati

1 <sup>st</sup>	Lc. Schilleriana	Tennis Maynard
1 <sup>st</sup>	Rlc. Owen Holmes 'Radiance'	Tennis Maynard
1 <sup>st</sup>	Cochleanthes White Knight	Tennis Maynard
2 <sup>nd</sup>	B. Jimminey Cricket	Tennis Maynard
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lepotes pauloensis	Tennis Maynard
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lc. Stradivarius 'Eclipse'	Tennis Maynard
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Paph Pinocchio	Screll Jones
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Phrag Sorcerer's Apprentice	Screll Jones
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Aerangis citrate	Screll Jones
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Phal Mystic Melody	Larry Samson
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Paph Mem. John Dominy	Tennis Maynard

## Editor's Corner:

Shows are always an adventure, aren't they? We had the perfect storm for the fall show. Well, maybe not the perfect storm as we did make money, but Murphy's law was in fine working order. Toasted vendors, we were the very last show of the season and right after MAOC, injured vendors who are thus absent, a lousy economy, perfect outdoor weather for November, balmy 60's, and a really big game for the Buckeyes even if it was away. So making some money, as opposed to losing our kiester, not so bad. Thanks again to all who helped. .

Remember, the Holiday Award/Potluck/ Banquet starts at **6:30** not the usual meeting time of 8:00. Arrive on time for a regular meeting and you will be lucky to get a smidgen of dessert.

All of you window sill/under lights/all of the above growers need to rev up your game as you will now have a chance to compete in your own division. Let's face it, the greenhouse growers are the NFL of orchids. I wouldn't mind being the NCAA champ even if I can't compete with the big boys. Grow and show your best. See you at the banquet. Bring your blooming plants. This is your first opportunity to score in the new contest year and I intend...modestly...to whip you all...provided the orchid gods cooperate.

Bill C.

## Hospitality

Many thanks go to Scott Beaver, Nancy Wagener and Ed Davis for providing the treats for the October meeting.

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...like all of 2010. Now I know we have a bit of time for some of those dates, but, the sooner we know who can do what, when, the less you will have to listen to me whine about vacant slots. 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.

David and Edna Markley are our mavens of hospitality. So, for those of you who just can't wait to participate, you will note the significant number of 2010 openings as noted above. 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, our hospitality committee chairpersons, can be reached at 614-471-5437 You can also reach them by e-mail at [dmarkley5868@wowway.com](mailto:dmarkley5868@wowway.com).

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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.



Dracula Supererythro - Plant of the Month  
Grown by Tennis Maynard

THE CENTRAL OHIO ORCHID SOCIETY  
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