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November 2012

# November Meeting – Annual Awards Banquet and Social Gathering Thursday, November 15, 2011 6:00 p.m., Franklin Park Conservatory- we will wait for you

## Fa la la la la, la la la la.... Part 5,6, or ad eternaeum...

Fa la la folly still surrounds us all. We are in an election cycle...yes the 2014 cycle has begun, do you not watch the news. We are still debating the recovery/recession/financial disaster/correction, rebirth of the planet or its



imminent death by superstorm and awaiting the end of the world, at least the Mayan world at an arguable date in December. Last year I said, "we have been assaulted and inundated in political rhetoric, financial group speak, rollercoaster markets, unemployment, (not enough politicians), lobbyspeak and outright deceit, both left and right". I feel like a prophet that predicted a record high tide and got a superstorm...oh wait, we did, both politically and on the Jersey Shore. My clicker and station selections finger (radio) are in danger of spontaneous combustion from the frequency with which I fled political commercials in the waning days (last sixty) of the election. I am now certifiably crazy, short trip I know, but for those of you who did not already think so, it is now official. As I said last year, in such a world you have to seek the calm in the middle of the storm, the isle of serenity, the path of the enlightened...or the annual awards banquet and potluck dinner. I am down with the last and you should be as well.

We have endured the most egregious, bizarre and contentious election in memory if not in history...not two thousand years old and I am sure there were some other pretty strange ones along the way, but for better or for worse, it is done and we will live with the results for another two to four years depending on your desire to make yourself crazy. I used to think we were spinning around a vast imaginary drain but now I am convinced that we are trapped within a vast, very real, permanent spin cycle. What is a person to do?...Here is my best advice.

(Winter Dawn x Roseheart x Tranquil Seas) x Malibu Bistro

Turn around three times and click your heels together three times, take a deep breath, and think about friends...good food...orchids...laughter...the joy of conversation with like-minded people...did I mention food...or friends...or blooming orchids...or wine...or a break from the insanity... at least from that insanity not related to orchids, we do have our own of course.

I like to attempt to return to the cocoon of the holidays as we knew them in our youth, an assumption that yours were as joyful as mine, or close...or close. It is time to gather with friends, bring your blooming orchids and your best dish or two and spend a few hours enjoying the social aspects of our society and knitting even closer the friendships that have grown from our mutual passions. Come to the banquet and savor the joy of the season, the food, the friends, the refuge from the storm that assails us. Have fun, despite the world without. Hope to see you there.

## Bill Cavanaugh

## President's Message

Hold the mayo!

That's what my primary care doc has been telling me. But when have we ever had a low fat, low cholesterol potluck?

We're on tap for 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 Annual Growers Competition; and we will celebrate ourselves and all the upcoming holidays with a gift plant and a shared covered dish.

Because we dispensed with our fall mini-show and plant sale, we want to encourage you to bring your extra divisions or excess seedlings for a members' plant sale night at the potluck. Year end is always a good time to restructure your collection, perhaps try your hand at something new or fill a gap in a specialty you like.

At the October meeting I was struck by the number of big ol' floppy catts and the like. And those few that were staked were done so by tying pseudobulbs or inflorescences to sticks! Ugh! Ladies and gentlemen ... NO! With plants like that you use ring stakes. It so happens that I have tons of excess ring stakes to dispose of. First come, first served. I'll bring a bunch to the potluck.

And now I'll just repeat a paragraph I wrote a few years ago.

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



Bulbo echinolabium

## **Tom Franczak**

Our membership year is January to December. If you joined the society and you paid your dues in November or December of 2011, you were covered for 2012 as well but now, as for all of the rest of us, it is time to begin the renewal process. You can pay your dues at the November meeting, or you can send a check to our membership chair. (made payable to "Central Ohio Orchid Society") **Rich Wagener (2739 Clime Road, Columbus, Ohio 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 \$20.00 for Individuals and \$25.00 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. Dates are December 9, 2012, and January 13, and February 10, 2013...

#### Dues and such...a reminder.

Just a reminder, at the last meeting, that would be October, the society voted on the Board proposal to raise the annual dues to 20.00 dollars per member and 25.00 dollars per household and the motion carried without dissent. So when you write that check for your 2013 dues, please remember the new structure. Thanks.

#### Welcome New Members

We have little to report on this front. We have grown by 0 percent and we need to do better than that. So, invite an orchid friend to join, invite a stranger who is interested, intrigued, or in love with orchids to join us. . Remember, if we aren't growin', we're dyin'.

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Don Weber	2013		614-846-7712
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**Chocleanthes White Knight** 

#### Notes from the October Meeting.

Here are the results of the October showtable. The show table was marked by thirty-one beautiful plants and contained as usual, the standard amazing array of plants and spectacular blooms from all of the usual suspects. Very nice table and a thank you to all of you who bring and share your delightful blooms.

Ken Mettler and Tennis Maynard, I think, did the judging and as usual did well. Where the judges thought it appropriate additional place awards 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 Don Weber for the plant of the month, a very nice Bulbo dixoni. Different but sweet.

#### October

Plant or the Month		
Don Weber	Bulbophyllum dixoni	
Cattleya Species		
Tennis Maynard Tennis Maynard Tennis Maynard Tennis Maynard	C maxima semi-alba 'La Pedrena' SM/JOGA x self C bradei C dolosa v coerulea C dolosa	1 <sup>st</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>
<u>Cattleya Hybrid</u>		
Bill Cavanaugh Tennis Maynard Tennis Maynard Tennis Maynard Dave and Edna Markley	Blc Victoria 'Gran Blue Jewell' HCC/AOS Blc Pisgah King 'Orchid Court' Blc Hawaiian Thrill 'Paradise Slc Red Jewel x L lundii Lc Leafwood Lane 'Vi' x C David Bishop 'Lines'	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>
<u>Oncidiae</u>		
Edna Markley Edna Markley Edna Markley	Odcdm Barbara Bush Onc Tsika Marguerite Onc Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>
<u>Dendrobium</u>		
Wauneta Kerr Tom Stinson	Dendrobium oligophyllum Dendrobium Thong Chai Lai	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup>
<u>Phragmipedium</u>		
Tom Stinson Tennis Maynard	Phrag Intis Tears Phrag Robert Palm	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup>
<u>Paphiopedilum</u>		
Tennis Maynard Tom Stinson Tennis Maynard	Paph venustum Paph (Oriental Enchantment 'Green Envy' x Luna Moth) Paph Orchilla 'Chilton' FCC/AOS	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>

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Don Weber	Bulbo dixoni POM	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tom Stinson	Phal Malibu Queen	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tennis Maynard	Habenaria xanthocheilz	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Tennis Maynard	Vanda Gordon Dillon x V Madame Rattana	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Tennis Maynard	Ceratostylis rubra	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.

## 2012 COOS Calendar

November 15 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

September 11 November 13





**Clow Grace Dunn** 

**Encyc Mabel Kanda** 

## **Annual Growers Contest**

We are at the finish line and the October show table closed out the annual growers contest. The trends followed through and, at least in this contest, there were no surprises. Normally we save the results for the banquet but even the worst political poll taker could see these results coming. Congrats to Tennis Maynard and Thomas Stinson, first and second in the greenhouse division and to Katrina Heap and yours truly, first and second in the infamous All You Others division. The results below include the November, January, February, March, April, May, June, July, September and October show tables and the Miami Valley, West Shore, Akron and Cincinnati shows.

#### **Green House Division**

Tennis Maynard	1122
Tom and Pat Stinson	735
Screll Jones	119
Don Weber	36

#### AYO (All You Others)

Katrina Heap	159	Ed Davis	19
Bill Cavanaugh	121	Austin Carter	14
Terry and Sandra Stohr	93	Pat Kurz	13
Dave and Edna Markley	84	Tom Bell-Games	10
Scott Bever	82	Dave Sayer	4
Ken Mettler	38	Chase Leibold	4
Wauneta Kerr	32	Tom Franczak	3
Justin Pepperney	31	Dan Gross	1
Will Eylar	23		
Naila Caruso	20		
Elly Campbell	19		

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





Lc Canhamiana

Paph Nivesque

## **Away Show Bulletin!**

Upcoming Nearby Shows:

## Waiting for Spring Baby!!!!

## **Editor's Corner:**

I will say with no trepidation that I am as glad that this is the last Newsletter of the year as I am glad that the election is over. I would almost worship at the altar of the end of the season but a new year begins and a new spin cycle as well. My only problem with spinning endlessly in circles is that I will inevitably hurl. Orchids at least, provide honest beauty. Like politics, beauty is diaphones and personal, but I know what looks good to me and I don't have to cypher any real or implied nuanced presentations that are basically intended to obfuscate and convince me that my best interests are being served when said interests are unknown to the powers that be. I suppose it may be like how you feel about orchid judges but at least they will only tick me off if I disagree. I am not sure what happens with politics.

But enough of the spin cycle et al. I hope you survived unscarred or at least minimally wounded. I hope that politics will recede for a time in the rear view mirror of life and that you will be able to enjoy a warm and wonderful holiday season filled with a real sense of joy and wonder. I hope you make new friends and renew old friendships. I hope your gifts are wondrous and contentment fills your soul, or in the case of politicians, whatever they have left of such things. May your orchids live long and prosper, may you live longer...joyfully.

Bill

#### **Hospitality**

We would like to express a heart felt thank you to Dottie Burchfield, Dave and Edna Markley, and all of the other contributors who provided the goodies at the October meeting. I know I have overlooked some of you or there would not have been the array of goods that were there. Please accept my apology. Let me know if you contributed and I will note it.

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. For the future, 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 next 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.

November	Annual Awards Banquet	December	No Meeting
January	Volunteer Needed	February	Volunteer Needed
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October	Volunteer Needed	February	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.

## Bulbophyllum dixoni Plant of the Month September Grown by Don Weber



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