



NEXT ORCHID SOCIETY MEETING: Thursday, October 21, 2004
Beginners' Corner 7:30 p.m. in the Library of the Franklin Park Conservatory
Regular Meeting 8:00 p.m. Franklin Park Conservatory Classrooms

Just in time for Hallowe'en tricks ... Bulbophyllums. I suppose *Stanhopeas* and *Coryanthes* would get my vote for being the weirdest looking orchids. That they even reproduce serves to prove the adage that there's someone for everyone. But close on their heels for unusual shapes, and coming in a spectrum of colors, is the huge genus (1500+ species) *Bulbophyllum*. If your idea of fun is provoking shock amongst guests and visitors, then you can do no better than to have a few blooming bulbophyllums in plain view.

But instead, we're in for a treat. We're going to get a guided overview of this stunning genus at our October 21 meeting from a recognized authority in the field, **Dr. Doris Jensen**. Doris is an AOS Judge with the Toronto Judging Centre (*eh?*) and has served as a director of the *Orchid Digest*. She has carried her message in favor of growing bulbophyllums to orchid societies throughout Canada and the U.S. and now we're delighted to welcome her to Columbus.

Doris isn't bringing plants for sale, but we're ordering a dozen or two nursery plants so that you can buy one and get started with this genus. One sip of the Kool Aid and you'll just have to have the other 1499 species :-). This is also a members' plant sale night so bring in those extra divisions from your collection, sell them and tip the society 20%, and buy a plant or two from your fellow society members.

Come early, stake out a part of the sales tables for yourself, and then join us 6-ish for something to eat at the nearby Bag O' Nails restaurant. The Mettlers will be out of town but we will have our favorite substitute mentor on hand for the Beginner's Corner meeting: Mr. or Ms. TBA.

Tom Franczak

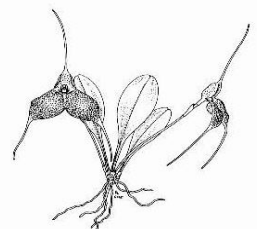
A NOTE ON OUR HOSPITALITY -

Long time member, Pat Stinson, has been coordinating our hospitality table for years. Due to a family illness, Pat will not be able to continue with the hospitality table. We need someone in the society to step up to the plate and take over this responsibility as "host" or "hostess". This involves organizing volunteers to bring in treats (Pat usually sent around a sign-up sheet once a year) and setting up the coffee pot, soft drinks, etc. The host/hostess is re-imbursed by the society for any coffee, soft drinks, ice, plates, or other things needed. If you are interested, please contact our president, Tom Lochner, at tomloc@aol.com or 614-582-1722.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:

Greg and Peggy Outcalt

Please take a minute during upcoming meetings to welcome Greg and Peggy to our group.



COOS DONATES TO CINCINNATI JUDGING CENTER

During the September Board Meeting, the Board of the Central Ohio Orchid Society voted to donate \$300 to the Cincinnati Judging Center. Societies, such as ours, affiliated with the Cincinnati Judging Center donate money to help offset the cost of running the Center. For those unfamiliar with the Cincinnati Judging Center, this is a regional judging center where AOS judges meet monthly to judge orchids. If you have a plant with blooms of exceptional quality, please think about bringing it to one of the judging center meetings. Dates are published in the AOS journal, *Orchids*.

NOTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September meeting included a terrific presentation on orchids from southern Ecuador and Bolivia. The speaker was Dennis D'Alessandro who has lived in Ecuador for over 14 years. Although currently residing in the U.S., Mr. D'Alessandro makes frequent trips to South America. His experiences and insight into the orchids of this region resulted in a very informative and entertaining talk. He also has talks prepared on orchids of other regions. If we're lucky, we might be able to get him to come back for another talk.

Among the plants noted on the show table were the following. We may have missed a couple, but it was a good show table.

Cattleya and Related Hybrids

Dave Evans	Bl Morning Glory 'Remar'	1 st
?	<i>Cattleya</i> Walkerinter	1 st
Edwina Carreon	Blc Hawaii Treat	2 nd
Screll Jones	<i>Cattleya</i> Angel Bells 'Susie'	3 rd

Dendrobium

Dave Evans	<i>Dendrobium</i> Orchidwood (<i>D. biggibum</i> x <i>D. phalaenopsis</i>)	1 st
Margaret Borden	<i>Dendrobium</i> Little Pixie	2 nd
Sue Dervin	<i>Dendrobium</i> Princess Sharon	3 rd

Oncidium

Nancy Wagener	<i>Oncidium ornithorhynchum</i>	3 rd
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Paphiopedilum

?	<i>Paphiopedilum transvaal</i>	1 st
Screll Jones	<i>Paphiopedilum transvaal</i>	2 nd
Tom Bell-Games	<i>Paphiopedilum liemianum</i>	3 rd

Phalaenopsis

Edwina Carreon	Dortinopsis pulcherima 'Norwin' x <i>Phalaenopsis equestris</i>	1 st
Dave Evans	<i>Phalaenopsis violacea</i> (Bornean) [<i>Phal. violacea</i> 'Shirley' x <i>Phal. violacea</i> 'Stone River' AM/AOS]	2 nd

Pleurothallid Alliance

Dave Evans	<i>Masedevallia</i> Midnight Ruby (<i>M. calura</i> x <i>M. oscitans</i>)	1 st
Dave Evans	<i>Masedevallia</i> Canary x <i>Masedevallia</i> Angel Tang	2 nd

Other

Screll Jones	Brs. Eternal Wind 'Summers Breeze'	1 st
Tennis Maynard	<i>Cynoches pentadactylon</i>	1 st
Tom Bell-Games	<i>Ansellia nilotica</i>	2 nd
Tom Bell-Games	<i>Brassavola culcullata</i>	2 nd
Screll Jones	<i>Brassia archigera</i>	2 nd
Screll Jones	<i>Encyclia cochleata</i> var. alba	3 rd

REPORT ON "AFFAIR OF THE HORT"

COOS members had a wonderful time at The Affair of the Hort, September 25th and 26th, 2004. Screll Jones had 18 attend her presentation on orchids. Along with Screll, COOS members Dottie Burchfield, Susan Allison, Naila Caruso, Michal McKinley, Tom James, and John & Cathy Willis helped at the COOS booth and got to answer several questions on one of our favorite topics --- orchids! Thank you to all the COOS volunteers. You helped make The Affair of the Hort a fun and informative weekend!

Cathy Willis

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WE NEED YOUR HELP ! – Our annual AOS show will be in early June, 2005. We need someone to step up to the plate and serve as show chair this year. Matina Ross was last year's chair person – although she did a fantastic job, she will not be able to take on this responsibility. We have put together an organized notebook of all of the steps and timeline for chairing a show which should help a lot. The work is not demanding; it primarily involves organizing a small group of volunteers who will take care of lining up trophies, hospitality, judges, vendors, etc. If you are interested, please contact Tom Lochner (number above) as soon as possible – we really need your help.

GROWING TIPS –

It is now October and cold weather really is in the offing. Orchids that have been spending the summer out of doors should soon be brought in if they haven't been already. Plants that have been outside tend to be more resilient than you might think. After being outside for the summer, these plants can take weather that is cooler than ideal generally without much trouble. However, for most intermediate growing orchids, once the evening temperatures routinely drop into the 40's, it is time to bring them in. While they are still outside, you have a good opportunity to spray for pests with something stronger than insecticidal soaps and horticultural oils.

Whether inside or out, now might be a good time to pick up each plant and take a good hard look at what is going on. You may find a few unwelcome pests if you haven't really looked at your plants from all angles lately. Be especially careful to peel back dried sheaths around leaves and pseudobulbs, this is prime real estate for mealy bugs!

These cool fall temperatures can actually be used to trigger later flowering in many species such as *Phalaenopsis*, *Dendrobiums*, and *Cymbidiums*. The trick with many genera is to couple cool temperatures with relative dry conditions. Wetness, which is common here in fall, will only contribute to rot and disease. On the other hand, Pleurothallids such as *Pleurothallis*, *Masdevallia*, and *Dracula* will thrive in these conditions.

For other genera, if outdoors, you may want to protect them from excessive rain and wetness by keeping them covered with plastic sheeting.

Except for genera that tend to be in constant growth, this is NOT a good time to repot. In general, you should only repot plants when they are just beginning active growth or at least are in the process of sending out new roots. Genera that are still safely repotted this time of year include *Paphiopedilum* and the Pleurothallids. *Catasetum*, *Mormodes*, and similar genera will be entering a period of extreme dormancy. For these, no water at all is the rule of the day. Only water frequently enough to keep the pseudobulbs from drying up.

If you are growing your plants indoors, pay attention to the changes in light. Windows to the south and west are beginning to see much stronger light in the middle of the day and later, especially on sunny days. Take care to protect these indoor plants from excessive sun. A bright afternoon can result in some serious sun and corresponding burnt leaves before you know it.

In terms of water, you might want to start collecting rain water this fall. Water that is low in dissolved solids and has low hardness (such as rainwater) is greatly appreciated by your plants. A 5-gallon bucket at the end of a downspout can catch a decent amount of rainwater. If this isn't enough, blending this with tap water will result in an improved quality of water for your orchids.

UPCOMING COOS MEETINGS The Central Ohio Orchid Society will meet on the following dates:

Wednesday, November 10, 2004

Board meeting

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Regular meeting (annual potluck dinner at the Franklin Park Conservatory)

No meetings in December

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES: Please contact Tom Bell-Games at: 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.

Oct 23-24

Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society Show, Krohn Conservatory, 1501 Eden Park Dr., Cincinnati, OH.

Contact: Patricia June, 5794 Butler Warren Rd., Mason, OH 45040; (513) 398-1332

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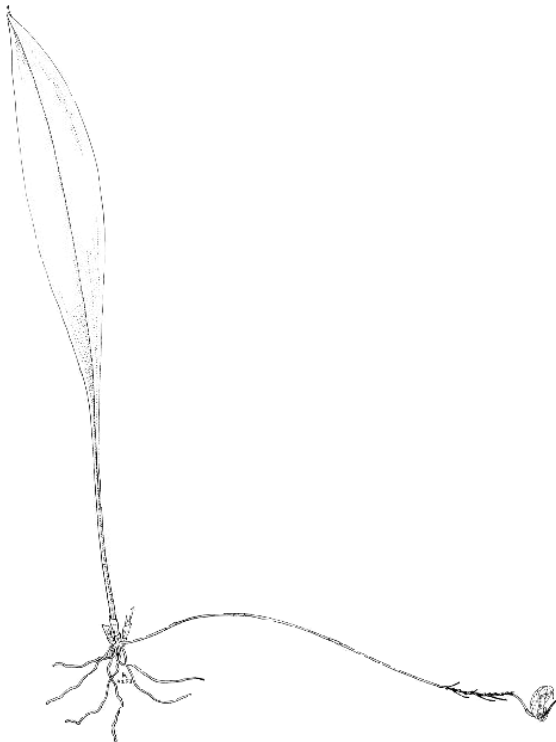
Nov 6-7

Michiana Orchid Society Show, Holy Cross College, 54515 State Road 933 North, Notre Dame, IN.

Contact: Sandy Ohlund, 3888 East 600 North, Rolling Praries, IN 46371; (219) 778-4457

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