



October Meeting – “Non Native Terrestrial Orchids”

Thursday October 16, 2008

8:00 p.m., Franklin Park Conservatory Classrooms

7:30 – 8:00p.m., Beginners’ Corner

Spathoglottis, Habenaria, and things that go bump in the night...

We know that there are many species and varieties of native terrestrial orchids, many that you have seen on the show table or on the spring native orchid hike, but have you ever stopped to think that many other continents have their own native terrestrial orchids? Well, they do. At this month's meeting Steve Helbling, will tell us a great deal more than we already know about *Spathoglottis*, *Habenaria*, and several other orchid species that meet the definition, as well as their culture.

Steve has been growing orchids for thirty-five years and currently has the good fortune to be growing in a 15 x 33 foot freestanding greenhouse. How I envy that. Steve grows many different genera with emphasis on *Paphs/Phrags*, *Catasetinae* and *Cattleya/alliances*.



Spathoglottis Polenesian Sunset

He is a retired schoolteacher (chemistry at the high school level) and taught at Anderson High School in Cincinnati for 35 years. He says, with gusto, that he loves retirement! Steve is also a judge with the Cincinnati judging center.

As Steve will have no plants for sale, this will be a members' plant sale night. Bring your plants and your wallets. As is our usual custom we'll be having a pre-meeting meet-and-greet dinner at 6PM, this month we will return to an old haunt, just in time for Halloween, and meet at the Old Bag of Nails restaurant just east of the conservatory. All members are welcome!

Bill Cavanaugh

President's Message

Ghoulish thoughts....

October is the month of Halloween, goblins, ghouls, zombies, and other such scary things that make you queasy. So perhaps this is the time to be a bit gruesome myself, and be forgiven.

So, what happens when you die? Or become disabled for a period of time? No, I'm not asking rhetorical, philosophical, or religious questions. What happens to your ORCHIDS if, heaven forbid, the worst happens? Can you think of anything worse than waking up in a hospital and finding that it's been weeks or months since your last conscious moment? Being healthy and released from the hospital and going home only to find all your orchids dead????



Spathoglottis plicata

Ray Rands, a one-of-a-kind pitchman and orchid grower, passed away recently. Merritt Huntington, who had a great collection and orchid business, also left us recently. So it does happen. A member of our own society passed away a few years back after a lengthy battle with cancer during which months his plants languished in a hot greenhouse without water and perished to the last plant. Tragic. We all have to die...but your orchids DON'T!!!

Some of us, me included, have plants which cannot possibly be replaced, unique, special, rare plants that would be lost to cultivation if they perished. And we all have a sentimental attachment to at least some of our plants. Think of the tragedy of a collection of irreplaceable plants being forever lost because of a failure to plan. Sure, you've made arrangements for the dog, the cat, the kids, the house, etc. But what about your plants???

What can you do? Well, one thing you can do is make a pact with an orchid buddy to ensure the plants are cared for promptly and properly in the event you are disabled or away unexpectedly for a prolonged period of time. But how to make sure? One way is to leave clear instructions. Like those notes pinned on children or the tags on a dog's collar, post a note on your growroom/greenhouse door or just the refrigerator, 'In the event of an emergency, please call...' and list an orchid buddy or two with whom you have discussed proper care for your plants.

Mention the disposition of the orchids in your will in the event of your passing. Make your wishes known to your family and friends for care of the plants in the event of an absence or their disposition in the event of your passing. Note who will take care of them and how to contact them. In a will, note how and to whom they are to be left (or auctioned, or donated to a favorite orchid society???). Make sure the folks named as plant caretakers know and know what will be expected of them.

I am very fortunate in having some very experienced and dedicated orchid friends who would give the best of care of my plants. To be sure, the last thing I want to have to worry about if I'm ill and in the hospital or for some reason unable to get home for a length of time, is my orchids being in trouble. I'd feel so much better knowing it was taken care of. Wouldn't you???

Boo!

Tennis Maynard

We are almost through the new year. 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. Now is the time to catch up on your dues if you have not yet done so. Please support the society by renewing as soon as possible. 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. October 12, November 9, and December 14, 2008.

Welcome New Members

Another opportunity to recruit new folks who share our passion comes with the Fall Show on November 1 and 2. Do the same thing Dan Willis did at the Spring Show. Talk to people. They come to the show because they like orchids. Ask them to join in the fun. That said, we are glad to welcome Ron and Marcia Coleman as new members. Ron returns to the fold after an absence of forty years, he first joined in 1960. We welcome his return to the Central Ohio chapter of the society of orchid addicts.

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Habenaria medusa



Habenaria radiata

Notes from the September Meeting.

It was another fine effort at the show table. After the summer hiatus it was good to get together with friends who share the orchid passion and there was, as is always the case of late, an excellent display of a wide variety of orchids.

As ever, 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. Ken Mettler and Screll Jones did a fine job of judging and we thank them. Where the judges thought it appropriate additional place awards were made. Wei-Yi Chen, your contest point tabulator extraordinaire is on the job and the tally of the grower's points for the new contest, our second and annual contest, is listed elsewhere in the newsletter. Wei does however ask for a little assistance from the membership. Would you please **print** your name and the name of the plant clearly? The tally keeping is a difficult job and time consuming as well. It is even harder if he has to guess at the name of the plant or of the exhibitor. It would make Wei's life and mine a little easier if everyone included all of the info in an easily readable form. So please help out. Remember, if he quits, I intend to draw the name of the next tabulator extraordinaire from a hat and all society members names will be in it. Props to Tom Stinson for the plant of the month.

[Plant of the Month](#)

Tom and Pat Stinson

Enc. phoenicia

Cattleya

Bill and Ruth Cavanaugh	<i>C. Granier's Felicity 'Blue Honey Plum' AM/AOS</i>	1 st
Bill and Ruth Cavanaugh	<i>Blc. George King 'Serendipity'</i>	2 nd
Bill and Ruth Cavanaugh	<i>C. Bob Betts 'White Lightning'</i>	3 rd

Oncidium Alliance

Tom and Pat Stinson	<i>Odcdm. Bitter Sweet</i>	1 st
Tennis Maynard	<i>Miltonia Spectabilis var moreliana 'Karl'</i>	2 nd
Tom and Pat Stinson	<i>Onc. Sweet Sugar</i>	2 nd
Dallas and Ashliegh Ingram	<i>Odcdm. Pacific Paladium 'Pacific Lava'</i>	2 nd
Elly Campbell	<i>Onc Norman Fang's Beauty</i>	3 rd

Paphiopedilum

Tennis Maynard	<i>Paph maliponense x grandinere</i>	1 st
Elly Campbell	<i>Paph primulinum x arrwianum</i>	2 nd
David and Edna Markley	<i>Paph. Windrush</i>	3 rd
Tom and Pat Stinson	<i>Paph niveum x maliponense</i>	3 rd

Phragmipedium

Jon Young	<i>Phrag. Apple Pie</i>	1 st
Bill and Ruth Cavanaugh	<i>Phrag. Evening Blaze</i>	2 nd
Bill and Ruth Cavanaugh	<i>Phrag. Evening Blaze</i>	3 rd

PhalaenopsisSpecies

Tom and Pat Stinson	<i>Phal bellina</i>	1 st
Tennis Maynard	<i>Pha. violacea</i>	2 nd
Lori Baldwin	<i>Phal heiroglyphica</i>	3 rd

Hybrids

Tennis Maynard	<i>Phal unknown</i>	1 st
Tennis Maynard	<i>Dtps Newberry Parfait 'Picotee'</i>	2 nd

Vanda

Nancy Wagener	<i>Mokara Lau Kim Hoe</i>	1 st
David Sayer	<i>Ascda John DiBiane 'Angela' AM/AOS</i>	2 nd
Nancy Wagener	<i>Ascda unnamed</i>	3 rd

Dendrobium

Tom and Pat Stinson	<i>Den Burana Sweet</i>	1 st
Tom and Pat Stinson	<i>Den hybrid</i>	2 nd

Other

Tom and Pat Stinson	<i>Enc. phoenicia</i>	1 st
Don Weber	<i>Eulophia Alta</i>	1 st
Tennis Maynard	<i>Habenaria rhodocheila 'Sharret's Jack O Lantern'</i>	1 st
Tennis Maynard	<i>Max scalariaformis</i>	2 nd
Tennis Maynard	<i>Trichopilia Elizabeth Ann 'Woodland'</i>	3 rd

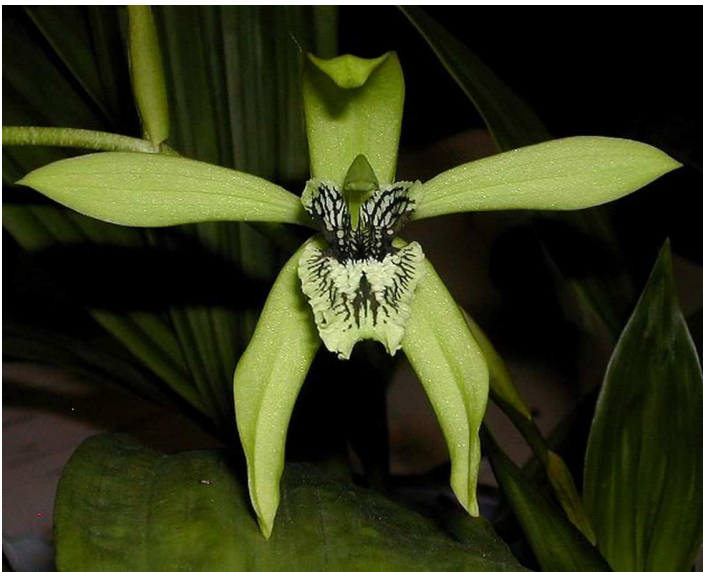
As we have always noted, collecting and posting the winning plant info is sometimes an inexact science, particularly if you have 100+ plants. If you think you had a plant that was recognized that we have not mentioned, please let me or Wei know.

Annual Growers Contest

Wei-Yi Chen, our master statistician and overall point guru, has summed the sums again and, as a result, we have updated and current totals on the second and annual growers contest. We always wish to note our appreciation for all of the work that he puts into this, and it is a lot. The totals listed below include the November, January and February, March, April, May, June, July, and September show table as well as the Dayton, West Shore, Akron, Detroit, Cinci and Indy away shows, but not, I think, the Cinci Fall MAOC. We will endeavor to add that before the next News Letter. That should cover everything to this point.

Grower	Points	Grower	Points
Tom & Pat Stinson	695	Margaret Borden	30
Tennis Maynard	625	Edwina Carreon	28
Screll Jones	347	Nancy Heath	24
John Geslak	275	Elly Campbell	22
Bill & Ruth Cavanaugh	221	Jon Young	21
Dallas & Ashleigh Ingram	186	Sandra Stohr	20
Don Weber	168	Sarah Binder	20
Thom Weiland	164	Tom Condit	19
David & Edna Markley	120	Justin Pepperney	18
Naila Caruso	106	Tom Franczak	15
Tessie Steelman	92	Nancy Wagener	13
Ken Mettler	69	Jackie Wade	12
Dave Sayer	71	Jim Fagan	11
Tom Bell-Games	65	Sue Dervin	11
Ed Davis	65	Matina Ross	7
Lew Beman	64	Lori Baldwin	3
Dan Willis	61	Lawanda Martin	2
Ben Harriff	38	Wauneta Kerr	1
Dotty Burchfield	36	Vicki Baden	1
Clifton Hynum	32		

Keep up the good work. Show those plants.



Coel. Pandurata



Coel Ooivalis

2008 COOS Calendar

October 16 Meeting – Steve Heibling on Spathoglottis and Habenaria
November 1-2 Mini-show
November 20 Potluck Dinner

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

September 9 November 11

REGIONAL SHOWS:

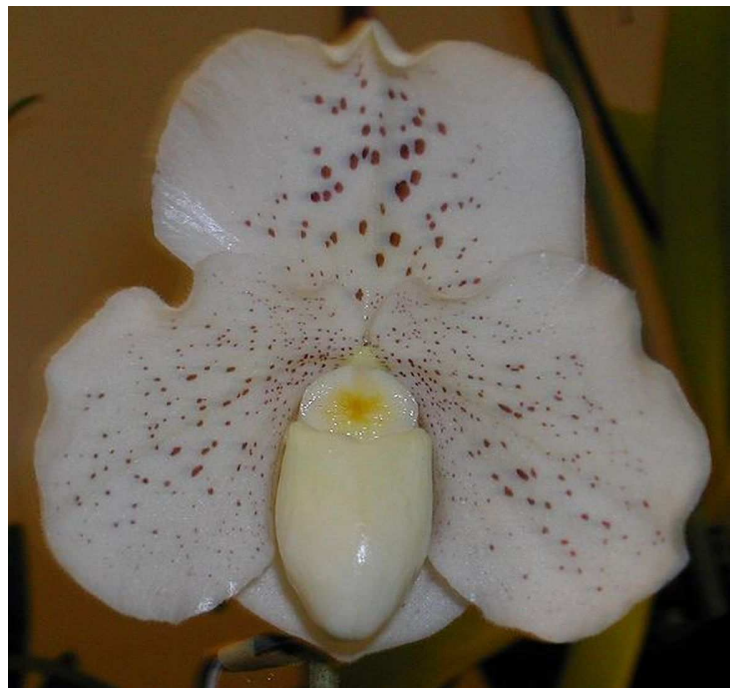
The following shows are within that putative “reasonable” driving distance. As always, a good excuse for a weekend getaway.

Oct. 11-12 - Three River Orchid Society Show, Riverlodge, Shoaff Park, 6401 St. Joe Rd., Fort Wayne, IN. Contact: Kim Weldon, 2020 Forest Downs Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46815; (260) 493-2005; weldonfamily3@verizon.net. Closer than Louisville by about half. Never been there but they had a hockey team that I followed as a youth. I trust they grow orchids well.

Oct. 18 - 19 Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania Festival, Phipps Garden Center, 1059 Shady Ave. Pittsburg, Pa. Contact Edye Van Dyke, 840 Old Mill Road, Pittsburg, Pa. 15238 412-963-9790. cvandyke@andrew.cmu.edu Three hours from Columbus and freeway all the way. A nice weekend road trip.



Paph armeniacum



Paph Star Gate x Ice Castle

Tricks of the Trade – Need to Hang a Pot Temporarily?

Dave Tribble, Contributing Editor

If you have a Trick of the Trade that you would like to share, please contact Dave Tribble at dtribble@rcn.com, and we'll get your hint posted.

Here's an easy way to do it. If you're like me you have a bunch of supplies around. Grab a couple of wire rings (fig 1), invert, stick in the pot & tie a string thru the small loops & hang (fig 2 is a 4" hanging plastic pot).

Fig 3 is a 5 ½" clay pot hanging from a single (larger) wire ring.



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

November Mini/Not so Mini Any More Show...

November first and second are the dates of our Fall Mini/Not so Mini anymore show. As is always the case we will need the help of all of our members to make the show a success. Thursday night, we will move the stanchions from Tom Franczak's house to the Conservatory. We need able bodies to help. Contact Tom to find out when the fun starts. So as not to overtax the movers, we will set up for the show Friday morning starting at 9. Coincidentally, we will need help there too. And in the afternoon we will need help getting the vendors in and set up.

Saturday morning, as the show will be ribbon judged, we will need clerks, at 7:30. We will need folks to man the COOS information/membership desk and to walk through the show talking to visitors and answering questions. You should wear your membership ID card at the show. It makes you approachable by the general public if they have questions to ask.

We will need folks to ask people at the show to join our merry society. Hospitality, of course, is a hallmark of the hosting society and we will need to feed the vendors and exhibitors and the society members who are manning the society tables and performing all of the other functions, so those of you who supply the food will be looked upon most kindly. And of course when it is over on Sunday, we will need folks to tear down and to lug the stanchions back to the friendly shelter of Tom's shed. To pick your spot, go to www.show.coosinfo.info and click on Volunteers and sign up online to help out.

There will be a members' plant sale table that will assist you in selling a FEW of your excess plants and divisions, no more than twenty, if you have such things. You can get your plants repotted for \$5 each, and we will need people to repot those plants.

None of us can do all of it but all of us can pick a part of it and together we will have another successful show. If you haven't participated in a show yet, jump on in, it is more fun than it is work and you get to know your fellow society members better, faster. Please sign up soon or contact Nancy Wagener, our show chair, to let her know where you can help out. Again the sooner the better. She will sleep much better knowing that the cavalry is coming to the rescue.

Editor's Corner:

Chicken Little didn't know the half of it. The stock market is falling faster and harder than the sky of fable and there is almost, oops scratch the almost, nothing we can do about it. We may be able to punish those responsible but we have to decide who is and who isn't and, unfortunately, we may not agree. So while the world as we know it rearranges itself whether we like it or not, let us enjoy the things that keep us sane, as relative a term as that may be during this cacophony of election noise and clanging financial alarm bells. Remember, your orchids have huge value...to all of us who love orchids. So relax and step up to the plate and help make the November show a rousing success in a time of tension and travail. Ya gotta have an outlet you know!!!

It has been a glorious summer (though a bit dry with the occasional hurricane force wind) and we have seen the fall MAOC and now it is time for our nascent fall judged show. Another baby step, but it is a big baby by now. We will have exhibits, which is not unusual, but we will also have vendors and ribbon judging and registration and hospitality andall of the usual mayhem of the spring show transferred to fall as we grow our fall show.

You can sell those extra plants and divisions, buy the plant you didn't expect at the fall show and spend time with your orchid friends and all you have to do is go to the show and/or, especially and, volunteer to help stage this production. As ever, we need help in set up, hospitality, traffic, society table, tear down and all manner of things that make a show go. To be honest, no one has signed the volunteer slots on the web...or you have and our computer gurus haven't gotten it up yet. Either way, we need your help. So, come set up, bring food, bring plants to show, come and see what there is to see, help tear down. You know the drill. I always worry and make an impassioned, really, plea and you always come through. Let's keep up the tradition!!!

Bill C.

Hospitality

Thanks you to Pat Stinson, Ruth Cavanaugh, Larry Samson and Sandra Stohr and anyone else who was gracious enough to provide the goodies at the September meeting. The snacks were varied and delicious. Also, a huge thank you, in advance, to all of you 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, oh wait, we have volunteers for all of the remaining meetings...all one of them. However, it is never too early to start signing up for the new year. After the Holiday break, it will be better to be organized and ready than scrambling for volunteers. It's easier on the hospitality chair too. So, for those of you who just can't wait to participate, you will note that we have openings in 2009. LOTS of them. We have no current volunteer for any meeting. 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.

Clifton Hynum, noted orchidophile, raconteur and hospitality committee chairman, has picked up his orchids and moved. Consequently he has a new phone number...again. You can also reach him at the new number starting ...now. Clifton's new phone number is 614-558-5203. You can also reach him by e-mail at djsub4u@yahoo.com. So if you need to get Clifton on the line, call him at his new number, by now the old one is out of service.

2008

October	Naila Caruso	November	Holiday Pot Luck	December	No Meeting
October	Dottie Burchfield				
October	Susan Allison				

2009

January	Volunteer Needed	February	Volunteer Needed	March	Volunteer Needed
January	Volunteer Needed	February	Volunteer Needed	March	Volunteer Needed
January	Volunteer Needed	February	Volunteer Needed	March	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.



C. bowringiana v. *coerulea* 'Blue Smoke' HCC/AOS
Grown by B. Cavanaugh

Support for a Good Cause x 2:

Just a continued reminder courtesy of Jon Young;

Word is that Meyers Conservatory is having a hard time staying afloat & if our Members are looking for small seedlings & flasks of mostly Species they might want to take a look at this site. I think Troy Meyers is doing good work getting rare Species & some not so rare into the hands of growers. All the plants that I have gotten from Meyers Conservatory have been excellent plants!!! I would hate to see them fold.

I think buying the established seedlings will help the most.

<http://www.troymeyers.com/>

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