



October Meeting – Growing Cypripediums in the Garden

Thursday, October 15, 2009

7:30 p.m., Franklin Park Conservatory **Education Pavilion**

7:30 to 8:00 p.m. Beginner's Corner



Cypripedium acaule

October's speaker is Roger Zielinski from Raising Rarities, an on-line business providing Cypripedium orchids and other hardy garden plants. Roger has a Bachelor of Fine Art from the Columbus College of Art and Design and has designed a number of specialty gardens in the Toledo, Ohio area. His interest in orchids started in 1996, first with tropicals, and then the hardy slipper orchids as an exciting addition to a newly started shade garden.

Roger's power point is entitled "The Beauty Of Tropical Slippers In Your Own Back Yard". He will discuss hardy orchids and the interesting structure of the slipper orchid flower. This lecture will cover the species of Cypripediums of North and Central America, Europe and Asia and some of their habitats. Included are pictures of many of these species. The discussion will also include the new hybrids that are being bred from these species, zone hardiness and care for them.

Roger will be bringing a nice selection of dormant cypripedium crosses that were recently imported so be sure to bring your wallet and your appetite for new and different orchids.

We will have our usual pre-meeting meet and greet dinner, this month at Aladdin's on East Main St in Bexley. All members are welcome to join us.

Ken Mettler

President's Message

What the heck is *THAT*??? (Branching out in orchids)

I began, more years ago than we should mention, with paphiopedilums, and then phalaenopsis. Technically, my first orchid actually was a cattleya. I watered it and watched it closely as it slowly grew and enjoyed its strangeness. It was so different from my other houseplants (all gone now, to make room for orchids!). I babied it and stared at it day in and day out for several years, even as it finally began to decline and ultimately died. Unfortunately it was too late for me; I was hooked and had already acquired more orchids. I had a half-dozen or so paphs by then and a few phals. I continued this way for some years. Though I did pick up a couple cattleyas and a trichopilia or two, I had mostly paphs - and of course, those few phals.

So how did I get to where I am now, with a greenhouse and a couple thousand orchids in many, many genera? It was a gradual process; I didn't plan it, but the paphs are now a minority amongst my orchids. I still have quite a few of them, but there are so many others. Just like my friend who, when I met him, only ate peanut butter sandwiches, steak, and canned green beans. He now enjoys peppers, soups, broccoli and a host of other good foods. So, too, did my taste in orchids branch out and grow. And yours can and will, too. I remember the early days when my friend Mark, whose two orchids started his and my infatuation with orchids (it's all HIS fault!), acquired Rebecca Northen's book, *Home Orchid Growing* (3rd ed., still the best general orchid book ever published) and a few mail-order catalogs.

THE OOOH! FACTOR

This was long before the internet (it wouldn't be polite to ask HOW long!), so there wasn't much else to go on then. The pictures were marvelous and intoxicating. I remember even now the photograph of *Bifrenaria harrisoniae* and how exotic and fascinatingly beautiful I thought it. It was almost twenty years before I ever acquired one, and when it blooms now it still takes my breath away.

There were vandas and epidendrums, strange-looking things called bulbophyllums (I have nearly a hundred of them now???) as well as mysterious-looking things like lycastes, dendrobiums, and masdevallias, among others. Each had a particular charm and all were intoxicating.

So you grow phals. And one day, you see a paph that for some reason, even though you've always thought them kind of ugly, calls to you. And so you pick it up. And at the next show there's a cattleya, a little mini that just charms the heck out of you. And so you get that, too. And before you know it, you've got 20 different genera going and are actively searching for more.

Branch out - experiment. Leaf through catalogs and books, look through internet sites (if you're sleepless at night as I am, I can highly recommend Jay Pfahl's Internet Orchid Species Pictorial Encyclopedia (<http://www.orchidspecies.com>)). Just pick a letter and look at pics of the species in that genus. Whenever you see a pic or flower that makes you go "ooh!", don't you want to grow your own?? Learn about other orchids and try to grow them. They say the best defense against Alzheimer's is keeping the mind active learning new things. Here's one way. Research new plants. Learn about their needs, growth habits, and blooming

Cypripedium arietinum



requirements. Fiddle with your growing conditions. Don't let anybody tell you that you can't grow one orchid or another. Put your mind to it and learn that you can.

So, look around at shows. Ask at our meetings about new and interesting plants you see. Let your mind wander. Broaden your horizons and pick up one of those plants whose picture has called to you and haunted your orchid dreams. Dive in and pick up a few different things and expand your horizons. The rewards are rich and deep.

Tennis Maynard

For those of you who have renewed your membership, many thanks. For any who may be just a bit tardy, please renew as soon as possible. Our membership year is January to December. If you joined the society and you paid your dues in November or December of 2008, you are covered for this year as well. For all of the rest of us who have not yet done so, it is past time to renew. You can pay your dues at any meeting, or you can send a check to our membership chair. (made payable to "Central Ohio Orchid Society") **Jon Young (1752 Marsdale Avenue, Columbus, OH 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 \$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 11, November 8 and December 13, 2009.

Welcome New Members

Well let me repeat myself! **Again!!! OOPS**, got a zero in this column again. Not a single new member in the last month, at least none that I have been told of. If you are keeping secrets you should be lashed or something equally bad. Put a positive spin on this failure to enhance the society and get out there and sign up a friend who grows orchids or a stranger who will soon be an orchid friend. We grow or we die folks. Let us grow. To die is no fun. Add new blood, or at least interest to our society. 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

The term of our current leadership is coming to an end and, as you know, we must elect new officers to guide the society and respond to the membership for the next two years. At our October meeting we will vote. Below, as required by our constitution, is a listing of the proposed slate of officers and their term as selected by the nominating committee. Nominations can also be made from the floor prior to the vote.

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

President	Nancy Wagoner	
1 st Vice President	Ed Davis	Program Chair
2 nd Vice President	David Markley	Home Show Chair
3 rd 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

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

Jim Harper
Don Weber

We would like to offer our sincere thanks and gratitude to those officers leaving the board. They contributed many hours of work but more important was their energy, enthusiasm and their willingness to contribute to the betterment of the society. Our thanks to:

Ken Mettler	1 st Vice President and Program Chair
Naila Caruso	3 rd Vice President and Away Show Chair
Nancy Heath	Secretary
Thom Weiland	Treasurer
Jon Young	Asst Treasurer and Membership Chair
Tom Franczak	Immediate Past President and MAOC Show Chair.

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

President:	Tennis Maynard		614-252-5710
1 st Vice President:	Ken Mettler	Program Chair	740-380-3023
2 nd Vice President:	Nancy Wagener	Home Show Chair	614-276-8890
3 rd 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 31st 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



Cypripedium calceolus



Cypripedium farreri

Notes from the September Meeting.

A September to remember might be the theme for the last show table. As I noted last month, fall isn't quite as prolific a flowering season as spring but apparently around here it is pretty darn close. We had 52 plants shown and the variety in both growers and plants continued as the hot trend of fall. And again as expected, the quality of the plants was excellent. Thanks to all who exhibited their plants and shared their beauty with us. We are in a head first slide to home plate in the third and annual growers contest. Keep bringing those plants. We have an updated tally as you will see below and the winners will be announced at the Annual Awards Banquet/Holiday Dinner in November.

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 Screll Jones and Thom Weiland did a fine job of judging and we thank them. Where the judges thought it appropriate additional place awards were made. Clifton Hynum, noted orchidophile and raconteur, and your new contest point tabulator extraordinaire has provided us with an updated tally this month that is current through September or almost so, I hope. Clif will continue to need 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 someone has to guess at the name of the plant or of the exhibitor. It would make life a little easier if everyone included all of the info in an easily readable form. So please help out. Remember, if the tabulator quits, again..., absent a volunteer, I intend to draw the name of the next tabulator extraordinaire from a hat and all society members names will be in it. Be kind, it could be you. Props to Tennis Maynard for the plant of the month, that would be *Bulbophyllum Jersey*. That makes two months in a row and I believe three times this year. One more win in October and he could beat John Geslak's record of three POM's in one year.

[Plant of the Month](#)

Tennis Maynard

Bulbophyllum Jersey

Cattleya

Tennis Maynard	<i>Laelia pumila</i>	1 st	
Tennis Maynard	<i>Blc Pisgah King</i>	1 st	
Tom Stinson	<i>Cattleya Hybrid unknown</i>	2 nd	
Tennis Maynard	<i>Blc Owen Holmes 'Radiance'</i>	2 nd	
Tennis Maynard	<i>Bc Angel Lace</i>	3 rd	
Dan Willis	<i>Dialaelia Snowflake x Laelia Anceps 'Alba'</i>	3 rd	

Ansellia

Tennis Maynard	<i>Ansellia Africana</i>	1 st	
Tennis Maynard	<i>Ansellia Africana</i>	2 nd	

Bulbophyllum

Tennis Maynard	<i>Bulbophyllum Jersey</i>	1 st	
Tennis Maynard	<i>Bulbophyllum tingabarinum</i>	2 nd	

Phalaenopsis

Tom Stinson	<i>Phal Be Tris 'Zuma Bay' x Zuma's Pixie 'Fourth of July'</i>	1 st	
Thom Weiland	<i>Phal unknown</i>	2 nd	

Vandaceous

Nancy Wagner	<i>Mkra Chark Huan</i>	1 st	
Nancy Wagner	<i>Ascda Princess Mikasa Pink</i>	1 st	
Katrina Heap	<i>Angraecum Longiscot</i>	2 nd	
Nancy Wagner	<i>Ascda Viraphandhu</i>	3 rd	

Terrestrial

Tom Bell-Games	<i>Stenoglottis Venus</i>	1 st	
Ken Mettler	<i>Spiranthes cernua</i>	2 nd	

Oncidiae

Sandra Stohr	<i>Alcra Pacific Nova</i>	1 st	
Tennis Maynard	<i>Miltonia bluntii</i>	2 nd	
Dallas Ingram	<i>Gomesia crispa</i>	2 nd	
Tennis Maynard	<i>Onc Hasty Luke ?</i>	3 rd	

Phragmipedium

Tom and Pat Stinson	<i>Phrag Praying Mantis x boisierianum</i>	1 st	
Tom and Pat Stinson	<i>Mexipedium xerophyticum 'oaxaca' x self</i>	1 st	
Katrina Heap	<i>Phrag Praying Mantis</i>	2 nd	

Dendrobium

David and Edna Markley	<i>Den unknown</i>	1 st	
Tom and Pat Stinson	<i>Den violetta</i>	2 nd	
Sandra Stohr	<i>Den unknown</i>	3 rd	

Paphiopedilum-Red

Dave and Edna Markley	<i>Paph Windrush</i>	1 st	
Tom Stinson	<i>Paph Black Rook x Raisin Magic</i>		2 nd
Tennis Maynard	<i>Paph Recovery</i>	3 rd	

Paphiopedilum-White

Bill Cavanaugh	<i>Paph unknown</i>	1 st
David & Edna Markley	<i>Paph Pinocchio 'In Charm' x In Charm White 'Co-operation'</i>	2 nd
Tom Stinson	<i>Paph Hsingying Onyx 'The Flats' x Oriental Enchantment</i>	3 rd

Masdevallia

Tom Bell-Games	<i>Masd Peach Melba</i>	1 st
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Other

Edwina Carreon	<i>Grammatophyllum multiflorum var. tigrinum</i>	1 st
Tennis Maynard	<i>Haraella retrocalla</i>	1 st
Tennis Maynard	<i>Disa Diores</i>	2 nd

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

The tension is building in a close race to determine the victor in this years growing contest. After months of promises, we finally brought you a tally and now we bring you the almost final tally. We still have the October show table and the Cinci, Pittsburg, and fall MAOC shows but we are in the home stretch. Again, my thanks to Clif Hynum, our point tabulator especial. We include in this tally all of the show tables through September, yes we still have some work to do but not as much, and all of the away shows except Dayton, I think. Yes, I still know Dayton was the first away show, yes we are still working on it. Be happy with the progress made to date. Clif and I could go on strike right now and you would never have an official winner. All right, we won't. But remember, until the announcement at the now rebranded Annual Awards/Holiday banquet, it remains a work in progress. 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	789	Scott Bever	23
Tom and Pat Stinson	744	Sandra Stohr	17
David & Edna Markley	183	Ed Davis	13
Screll Jones	169	Katrina Heap	10
Don Weber	169	Clif Hynum	10
Dallas Ingram	148	Sue Dervin	10
en Mettler	98	Edwina Carreon	10
Bill & Ruth Cavanaugh	65	Matina Ross	7
Thom Weiland	61	Dan Willis	7
Larry Samson	57	Pat Kurz	6
Naila Caruso	49	Ben Hariff	6
Nancy Wagener	43	Susan Allison	5
Justin Pepperney	41	Ron Coleman	1
Tom Bell-Games	36	Danny Gross	1
Tessie Steelman	32	Jackie Wade	1
Dave Sayer	27	Barbara Parmelee	1

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

Annual Contest – Rules and Scoring – Redux

Here, by way of review, are the rules for the annual growing contest as posted in the February 2007 Newsletter.

Below, you will find the rules and scoring system for our newly initiated annual growing contest. Rev up those grow lights, reposition those windowsill pots, break out the fertilizer and employ all of those neat little growing tricks you have learned over the years. Let the games begin.

Point scoring

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

Rules

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.
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 is January 1 through 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.

These will be the rules for the 2007 contest. We’ll see how it goes and whether it needs to be adjusted in 2008. 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.



Cypripedium andrewsii



Cypripedium montanum

2009 COOS Calendar

October 15 Roger Zielinski – Cypripediums in Your Own Back Yard
November 7-8 Mini-show
November 19 Annual Awards/Holiday Dinner

Board Meetings. Board meetings will generally be held the second Tuesday of odd numbered months with the exception of September:
September 8 November 9

Away Show Bulletin!

Here we are and it is show time again. Below is a listing of shows within (fairly) easy reach. Depends on how bad your orchid jones is. Anyone willing to help with the set up or tear down of one of the listed away shows should contact Naila Caruso like yesterday.

October 17-18 -Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania Festival, Phipps Garden Center, 1059 Shady Ave., Pittsburgh, PA. Contact: Edye Van Dyke, 840 Old Mill Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15238; (412) 963-9790; cvandyke@andrew.cmu.edu.

October 24 -25- Kentucky Orchid Society Show Fern Valley Hotel and Conference Center, 2715 Fern Valley Road, Louisville, KY. Contact Jim McCulloch, 302 Caroldale Lane, Louisville, Ky. 40234, 502-245-5605 jimlou@aol.com

October 30-November 1 – Orchid Society of Middle Tennessee and MAOC Show, Franklin Marriot Hotel, 700 Cool Springs Blvd., Franklin, Tennessee. Contact Steve Burger and Tom Harper, 9651 Fredonia Rd, Manchester, TN 37355 931-394-2713.

November 7-8 Central Ohio Orchid Society Fall Mini Show. You know where it will be held (FPC) and now you are reminded of when. Sort of less than a judged show but more than a mini show. A good time for all and no travel.



Lc Indigo Dawn



Cypripedium parviflorum

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

It has been summer after all, and as is usual, there have been no shows, or at least, none that we can reasonably get to. There will be more results in the fall and we will bring them to you when it happens.

A Long Time Ago, In a Galaxy Far, Far Away.....

Well, it was some time ago, hmmm, maybe eighteen months or so, when I told you that I would occasionally be including an article on orchid conservation provided by the 1% for Orchid Conservation organization. I am indeed slow but I am indeed following up on that promise. As this month's topic involves native species, albeit, growing in your garden, I thought this a good time for this article, reprinted with permission.

Orchid Habitat Loss, Preservation, and Restoration II

How can we continue to preserve remaining orchid habitats? Perhaps our first efforts must be directed towards public outreach and education. Can people value what they do not know?

When I tell people that my state, Illinois, is (or at least was) home to 50 species of native orchids, they are amazed. When I tell them that we have less than 5% of our intact natural lands left, that Illinois is second only to Iowa in percentage of land given over to development, and that 5% is where all the orchids are, they become concerned. We have already lost one-fourth of our original orchid species, and another fourth are listed as endangered or threatened statewide. When I tell them of the relationships between orchids and ecosystem health, especially surface water quality and soil health, they start to see that it is in their interest to keep our “canary in the mine” alive!

Outreach is the only effective way to save our native orchids! Once we discover populations of native orchids, we should inform the landowner and help educate them as to their conservation value. This is not as easy as some might think, especially if the species are listed as threatened or endangered in the state or country. Some property owners have deliberately destroyed populations of rare plants, dumping on them or plowing them under, because they believe that local government will come in and tell them how to use, or not use, their land. Unfortunately this is not true, but misinformation is widespread.

Perhaps this is a good place to discuss confidentiality issues. There is a lot of concern that too widely disseminated information about locations will result in poaching of our native orchids. That is a very valid concern, and part of the responsibility of the environmental advocate or educator is to speak out about the need to protect the sites, and keep the orchids exactly where they are, in order to preserve the site’s maximum genetic diversity. Another important piece of information is that the soil fungi act as the orchid’s extended root system. If you dig up the orchid, it’s like cutting off all their roots. How will they survive that? Ninety-nine times out of one hundred, unfortunately, they don’t. So, poaching is not only illegal and immoral, it almost always results in the loss of the plant and its valuable genetic information. Education is key, but discretion in conversation is also necessary.

It is so very important to research the particular laws in your area, find out whether there are any tax advantages to be had for conservation easements (in the case just described, that would have been a very important possibility for the owner, if he hadn’t been so quick to jump to the wrong conclusions!) or any other regional land preservation initiatives, that can help inspire landowners to preserve habitat for native species.

What we know now is that, conservation-wise, orchids do not live in a vacuum, and they can’t be saved without our dedication and help. You can’t save just the orchids - you have to save their entire habitat! The orchids have obligate mycorrhizal relationships to the soil fungi, which in turn are connected, for example, to oak, pine and beech trees and all the other native species where the orchids live. The healthier the fungi, the healthier the trees and other plants, the healthier the orchids will be too.

Once you have the land set aside, the other two activities that need careful consideration and implementation are management and monitoring. Management means keeping the habitat healthy for the orchids and other species - removal of non-native shrubs such as buckthorn and honeysuckle, fast-growing invasive species such as reed canary grass, kudzu, common reed, garlic mustard, and Canada thistle. Some of this is accomplished through hand and/or mechanical or chemical methods and sometimes prescribed burns are necessary too. Education about these methods has to precede implementation so that people understand the process and the safeguards for their property.

After management strategies are in place, the populations should be monitored, probably not more often than every other year, to avoid unnecessary impact from soil compaction. If there is a positive relationship between the management and monitoring, other negative impacts (such as dumping or ATV use) are avoided, and natural hydrology is cooperative, there is reasonable expectation that the orchid populations should remain stable over time.

There are already programs in place, such as the Chicago Botanic Garden's Plants of Concern program and the US Fish and Wildlife prairie white fringed orchid monitoring program, that follow specific populations of native species, including but not limited to orchids, over a long period of time, using the same monitoring protocol for consistency from year to year.

Some of the data collected for each subpopulation of each species include: date, site and GPS coordinates, population numbers, percent of plants that are reproductive, area covered by population (in square meters), soil hydrology at the time of monitoring, associate species of trees, shrubs and understory plants, identification and percentage cover of invasive species of plants, management observed or not, other threats to the population and comments. This material is extremely valuable to the landowners because with it they can track changes in populations over time and help make informed management decisions.



Last year my monitoring partner and I were in DuPage County monitoring the small white lady slipper orchid, *Cypripedium candidum*. In one subpopulation there had been an early spring burn, which resulted in doubling of the numbers of plants we found the year before. There were other areas of this very high quality site that had been succumbing to brush incursions, mostly grey dogwood and buckthorn, and these areas were, too, full of orchids, including spiranthes and prairie white fringed, but those numbers had been steadily declining. Concerned but determined to do what I could, I called up the head of the land management division and recommended that if at all possible, they should direct some resources towards a burn in the other areas. Thankfully, they did so, and we were again rewarded this year by an abundance of orchids! Now, the plants have always been there, we knew, but struggling to survive. The fire was able to set back the woody brush and restore free carbon and other nutrients to the soil. Burning off last year's leaf litter opened up the soil to sunlight, giving the juvenile plants a head start in competing with everything else emerging in this rich area. There had also been hand clearing in one area that had not yet been burned, and there were also many orchids found in that area.

In this particular instance, monitoring successfully informed good management decisions. Our most important job as advocates for native orchids is to patiently build effective partnerships with landowners (such as forest preserve agencies and private land trusts), stakeholders (such as the recreational public) and schools (where we can offer our conservation message while the kids get service hour credit helping with restoration activities!). Careful relationship-building with the landowners, tactful public outreach, self-education about all the various issues related to land management concerns, are all necessary to orchid conservation on a regional level. This means reaching out to and trying to work with those who have different opinions and different agendas and trying to build consensus. It takes time and sometimes even tremendous effort, but it's worth it!

I am hopeful that with proper, ongoing management, with education of the stakeholders and general public, everyone will be able to appreciate the treasures that are in our midst, and be partners in their preservation.

Kathleen Marie Garness,
Volunteer, Plants of Concern,
Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, Illinois

Editor's Corner:

Just a reminder, we have our Fall Show, ribbon judged but not AOS judged, coming up very soon. Likely before I get the next issue of this tome published. The show is the weekend of November 7 and 8. While the show is not AOS judged, it comes with all of the other trappings of our Spring show. We will need to move the metal stanchions from Tom F's house to the Conservatory on Thursday. We have vendors and exhibitors coming in on Friday to set up the sales and show areas. We will have ribbon judging on Saturday morning. We will have hungry vendors and society members on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. What am I leading up to you ask? Just a friendly reminder that shows, for society members, are an audience participation sport.

The membership always comes through to make the shows a success but take a moment now to think about where you can make your contribution. Set up on Thursday or Friday, hospitality, floor walker, membership table, tear down, what will your contribution be? Now after you have thought about it, see Nancy Wagener, our home show chair, at the October meeting and sign up. Check the web site, I think there are links to sign up there as well. As I have said before, Many hands make light work! And it is a lot of fun too. See you at the show.

One more quick note, Ken Mettler will be heading to Pittsburg on Friday to set up the COOS exhibit at the Western Pennsylvania Show. He will be taking blooming plants from the October Show Table to exhibit in Pittsburg. Please bring those blooming beauties so that we can put on a show worthy of our growers. You will even be able to rack up some more last minute points in the growing contest. .

Bill C.

Hospitality

Many thanks go to Ruth Cavanaugh, Katrina Heap, and Pat and Ziggy Kurz for providing the treats for the September 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 two of October's 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 that we **STILL** have openings in 2009 and we are approaching 2010 at breakneck speed. Please give the Markley's a call or sign up at the next meeting to 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.

October	Scott Beaver	November	Annual Awards and Holiday Dinner
October	Volunteer Needed		
October	Volunteer Needed		
December	No Meeting		

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 Jersey - Plant of the Month
Grown by Tennis Maynard

OCTOBER MEETING LOCATION CHANGE

Due to a scheduling conflict at FPC, our meeting location for this month's meeting has been changed to the Education Pavilion ("E" on the map), part of the large new area of recent construction at the southwest corner of Franklin Park.

It seems a former employee of FPC booked a group of 200 and didn't reserve space for them, and the current staff is graciously trying to accommodate everyone as best as possible. This will give us a chance to see all the new plantings and buildings FPC has been working on for the last two years. The Education Pavilion is located in the midst of all this new development and has its own parking ("P" on the map), restroom facilities, and walkway access. Please refer to the maps included in this issue for assistance in locating the buildings. You will enter the grounds at the usual Broad Street entrance, and proceed as usual towards the main parking lot. You will, however, not park there but proceed on back as far as you can go, past the 'bus parking' sign and then as you go through an opening in a fenced area, the drive will bend to your left and that will be our area. The parking is rows along the drive, and the Education Pavilion will be straight ahead from the parking. Your headlights, if on, would shine on it as you park. There will be a cart or two available to assist in moving items

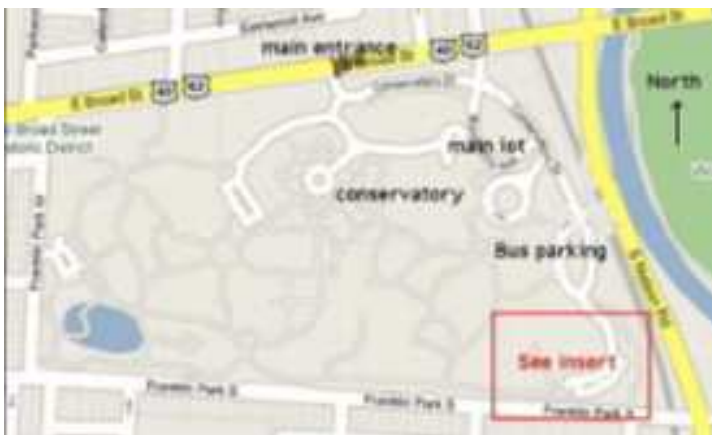
into the meeting room, which is actually quite close to the parking area. There will be additional parking in front of the Community Garden Center ("G" on the map), in the looped drive off Franklin park South Avenue, which runs as the south border to the park and can be accessed by simply continuing past the Education Pavilion parking and turning right onto Franklin Park South Ave. and then almost immediately turning right onto the loop drive.

In fact, as the beginner's corner will be meeting in the Community Garden Center (the restored former Caretaker's House) at the head of the loop drive, those participating in the beginner's corner may find it more convenient to park in the loop drive spaces. This is also close to the Education Pavilion and will not require anyone to re-park to attend the general meeting.

There will be security personnel on duty to assist anyone who has trouble finding their way. Just tell them you're going to the orchid society meeting and they'll point out the way.

See you there!

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