



BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, September 14, 2005 7:00 p.m. Franklin Park Conservatory
All society officers and members are invited.



SEPTEMBER MEETING

Thursday, September 22, 2005

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September Meeting – Orchids of Borneo !

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7:30 p.m., Franklin Park Conservatory Classrooms

7:30 – 8:00 p.m., Beginners' Corner in the Library

Please note, our next regular meeting will be the fourth Thursday in September due to other activities at the Conservatory the previous week.

Our meetings resume, sadly without Eloise Harper in our midst. We all offer our condolences to Jim on his loss. Our society is much indebted to that couple for sustenance and guidance over the years.

On September 22nd we will be joined by Mr. Dennis D'Alessandro, who will address us on the topic of The Orchids of Borneo.

You will recall that Denny spoke to us a year ago on the topic of The Orchids of Ecuador and Bolivia. I mentioned that he had lectures available on the orchids of Borneo, Indonesia and Vietnam and that we would hear more from him in the future. And now we keep that promise and welcome him back.

When he's not at his nursery in Ecuador, Denny is at home in Beaver, Pa. where he is the owner of Gypsy Glen Orchids (<http://gypsyglenorchids.com/>). Expect him to be bringing an assortment of rather rare material for sale.

And join us at the nearby Bag O' Nails restaurant 6-ish for a bite to eat before the meeting. Fanciers of rare South American orchids and fanciers of rare Asiatic orchids alike are welcome. Oh, and it might be that remodeling of the library will force the Beginners' Corner into different quarters ... but we'll figure that out at the meeting.

- Tom Franczak

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SAD NEWS

It is with true sadness that we have learned of the passing of one of our most valued members, Eloise Harper. A key feature in the Central Ohio Orchid Society since its beginning years, Eloise was a living connection to earlier days of orchid growing. Always full of spunk, she was never one to shy away from orchid related activities. She was truly a unique personality that will be sorely missed. Jim Harper's loss is shared by the entire local orchid growing community. Our condolences go to Jim and his family. - The Board and Membership of the Central Ohio Orchid Society

GREATER CINCINNATI AND MIAMI VALLEY ORCHID SOCIETIES PRESENT

ORCHIDFEST

October 21st – 23rd, 2005
Kings Island Resort and Conference Center
Mason, Ohio

The Miami Valley Orchid Society and the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society are pleased to host the MidAmerica Orchid Congress Fall 2005 meeting at Kings Island Conference Center.

Hundreds of fall-blooming orchids will be on display in exhibits by orchid societies from Georgia to Minnesota. Newly released orchid hybrids, hard-to-find species and growing supplies will be on sale.

This is the first time the Mid-America Orchid Congress has been held in the Cincinnati-Dayton area. It is a remarkable opportunity to see orchid exhibits from regional societies and to buy plants and supplies from vendors who are normally only accessible by mail order.

Admission to the show is free but registration is necessary to attend the speakers' programs on Friday night and Saturday afternoon.

Speakers

Chris Purver, Curator, Eric Young Foundation	"History and Future of Phrags"
George Carr	"Cycnoches"
Francisco Miranda	"Brazilian Orchid Habitats"
Lynn O'Shaughnessy	"Pleurothallids"
Bob Burkey, Odontoglossum Alliance Program	"Recent Odontoglossum Hybrids: Hither and Yon"

For more details, go to :
<http://www.gardenersutopia.com/MAOC2005fall/index.html>

September/October Checklist

- **Cattleya** Despite the shortening days and lowering angle of the sun, September can still be one of the hottest months. Water and fertilizer need to be in balance with heat and light. The alert grower will notice, however, that his or her plants are beginning to slow down a bit. Growths are maturing, and the sheaths are giving the promise of the next six-months' bloom.
Check plants for potting needs for the last time this season. Any in dire need should be potted, even some that may be on the cusp, as there is just enough of the growing season left to allow the plants to establish before the days start to get really short and cold.
This is the month for purples derived from *Cattleya labiata* breeding to flower. If you are short on flowers, look into this group. There is nothing that can quite match this type for beauty and fragrance. They are easy to grow, too.
Plants summered outdoors should begin to be prepared to be brought back into the winter growing area. Clean the plants up and be on the lookout for any pests they may have picked up during the summer. Treat as necessary.
- **Cycnoches** This little-known and under-appreciated genus, which can have male or female flowers, is at its best in the autumn. Two of the spectacular varieties are *Cycnoches loddigesii*, with its large brown flowers resembling a prehistoric bird, and *Cycnoches ventricosum*, the swan orchid. This last one has large, fragrant green flowers. The biggest problem, culturally, will be red spider mite infestations that require immediate attention. Plants are quite seasonal, requiring heavy watering in the growing season and then a drier dormant winter season.
- **Cymbidium** Through diligent modern breeding programs, the cymbidium season gets stretched longer and longer. Now we can expect to have flowers open as early as September and October. Stake inflorescences and move the plants to a shadier location to help the flowers develop successfully. Because the plants will have warmth tolerance "built in" genetically, keeping the plants as cool as possible will help prevent bud curl. For the midseason varieties, inflorescences should be initiated by now. Feed plants on a regular schedule with a balanced fertilizer (20-20-20) and shade the plants lightly.
- **Dendrobium** This is a good season for hybrids of the *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* and *Dendrobium canaliculatum* types. Both are capable of putting on tremendous shows of long-lasting flowers. Fertilize with a low-nitrogen formula to promote the best flowers. *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* can get tall and top heavy, suggesting an attractive and heavy container would be appropriate for this type.
- **Lemboglossum bictoniense** Both *Lemboglossum* (syn. *Odontoglossum*) *bictoniense* and its hybrids bloom in this season. *Lemboglossum bictoniense* is a showy species from Mexico that has three different color forms: *sulphureum* (green with white lip), *album* (brown with white lip) and *roseum* (brown with a pink lip). It is a vigorous grower with tall inflorescences of many flowers, and imparts to its progeny (as seen in *Odcdm.* Bittersweet and *Odm. bicross*) ease of culture, warmth tolerance and eye-catching patterns. They make a prime candidate for odontoglossum beginners and advanced alike.
- **Paphiopedilum** Standard, green-leaved paphiopedilums begin to show their bloom sheaths this month. Late-season heat waves can blast these early sheaths, so be observant about proper cooling and air circulation. As with the rest of your plants that may have been summered outdoors, it is time to prepare for their move inside. Clean each plant and implement pest-control practices. Repotting, if necessary, is appropriate.
- **Phalaenopsis** The bulk of this season's growth is being ripened this month, with growers in cooler climates seeing the first emerging inflorescences. Some night heating may be necessary in the cooler areas. Begin to watch watering more carefully, and reduce feeding proportionately with reduced watering needs. An extra dose of phosphorus and potassium, such as a bloom-booster or high-acid-type fertilizer, is beneficial.
- **Rossioglossum grande** Once known as *Odontoglossum grande*, this is a spectacular orchid with six to eight flowers up to 8 inches across. Often known as the tiger orchid, it has bright golden yellow flowers heavily marked with chestnut brown barring. The plants are beautiful with a grey-green cast to the foliage, which is borne on succulent pseudobulbs. It prefers hot and wet summers with cooler, even down to 40 F, dry winters. Grow under filtered light. Watch for snails and slugs that eat the flowers, pseudobulbs and leaves.

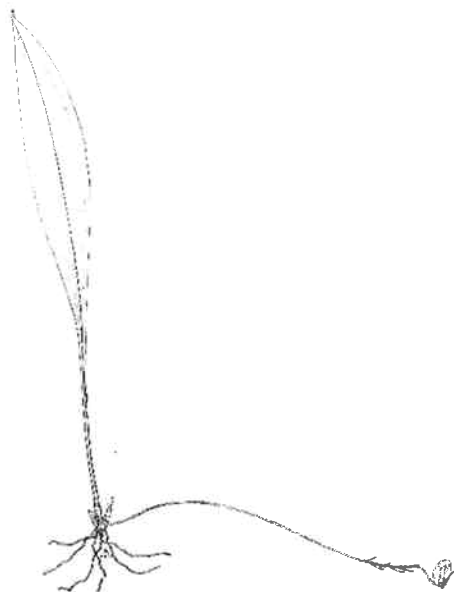
GARDNERS' FAIR

The Franklin Park Conservatory will be holding their Gardners' Fair in mid-September. This is an antiques / gardening event. As part of this event, the Conservatory is interested in including a display of orchids. If anyone has some nice plants in bloom, Dave Brigner of the Conservatory would like to borrow your plants for inclusion in their exhibit. You can bring blooming orchids anytime on Tuesday, Sept.13th. The installation will be the 14th. Teardown will be on the 18th or 19th, probably the 19th. The North courtyard will be busy with construction of the glasshouse. Anyone bringing orchids can go to the front desk and Dave can be called on the radio. He will bring a cart if needed. Pickup can be Monday, September 19th. The Conservatory will be very appreciative of anything we can do to help add to the display. There will be a sign of some sort recognizing COOS for the use of these plants.

REGIONAL SHOWS The following are upcoming shows within a reasonable distance from the central Ohio area:

September 17-18, 2005	Pittsburgh Orchid Festival:, Bidwell Training Center, Inc./Drew Mathieson Center, 1600 Metropolitan St. Pittsburgh, PA 15233 (412-323-4000)
October 21-23, 2005	Mid-America Orchid Congress (see additional information within this newsletter)

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