



September Meeting – The Art of Point and Shoot Orchid Photography

Thursday, September 17, 2009

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

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

Picture This...

Picture this... You're at work on a Monday morning, and a coworker asks what you did over the weekend. You say you spent all weekend at an orchid show. Your colleague asks what that's like. You start showing the photographs you took at the show, but you realize that the pictures you have don't really capture the beauty of the displays and the individual flowers that you remember.

Or picture this... Your dear Aunt Ethyl is coming for a visit next month. The orchid plant that she gave you two years ago is in full bloom right now, and it's spectacular. You'd love to show it to her in its full glory, but you fear that the blooms will fall before she arrives. What do you do?

Or picture this... You like to collect rare and unusual species. You bought a plant from a foreign vendor four years ago. It's a species that you've never seen in bloom before. At long last, a spike emerges and the buds start to open. It's beautiful, but looks different than the published photos you can find. You snap a few pictures so you have a record of what it looks like. A couple months later, your curiosity gets the better of you, and you email the photos to a taxonomist in an attempt to get a positive identification. The taxonomist writes back and has it narrowed down to two species. Did the callous on the lip have three keels? Or five? You can't remember, so you look at your photographs. Unfortunately, you can't see the keels in the photos. They're blurry, out of focus, and the lighting was bad when you took them. Now what?

If only you could photograph your orchids a bit better, your photos would be more helpful, and you'd be a lot happier. You see beautiful photographs of orchids in books and magazines, so it must be possible, but how?



C. Luteous Forb

This month's speaker is Rick Noel, an AOS photographer from Cincinnati, Ohio. He and his wife, Alexa, started growing orchids over twenty five years ago, partly so he would have something nice to photograph. They have received several awards from the American Orchid Society for the plants they have grown. Rick's

photographs are used in the AQ+ (formerly Awards Quarterly), the official judging record of the AOS. Rick's talk will be about how to photograph orchids with point-and-shoot cameras. This should be a huge help for anyone wanting to take better pictures of orchids.

Rick will not be able to make it for dinner before the meeting, and he won't be bringing plants to sell, so this will be another members' plant sale night

Ken Mettler

President's Message

CITES, a true Comedy of Errors

CITES, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species, intended to protect animals from poachers, was foolishly extended to cover plants without any forethought, research, or consideration of its potential impact, which ensures many of them are stripped from the wild as there is no other way for collectors to obtain them.

That's the short form. The long form of this description of CITES starts with an attempt by a worldwide consortium of people to ban trade in endangered animals, with the hope that this would help protect them. A very worthwhile endeavor to be sure. It included a clause which extended the trade ban to 'parts thereof', which made perfect sense as in order to trade in the horns, brains, eyes, etc, of an animal, you have to kill it first. Many years of extensive research went into determining which animals to cover; which were truly endangered and how badly.

Why does this concern you? Because, at the last minute before the signing, they decided to add plants to the treaty. "Orchids? Well, all orchids are endangered, aren't they?", was about all the research they did on plants. There was very little if any fact-checking, no long consideration as there had been over the animals. And while it makes some sense to prohibit trade in endangered plants, the rub comes when you realize the 'no parts' clause above wasn't altered for plants. So while it makes sense to prohibit such trade for animals, it is in fact counterproductive for plants. 'No parts' means seed, seedpod, and pollen. So, when a desirable new orchid is discovered, instead of allowing seeds, pods, and pollen to be removed and traded, which would result in thousands of seedling plants readily available worldwide and greatly reduce the pressure to collect them from the wild, it is prohibited. So the only way to get them is to illegally rip them out of their habitat whole. This means that instead of protecting the plants, CITES is actually fostering their extinction.



Chysis bractescens coerulea

Another technical issue is that the whole thing revolves around individual countries' participation and sovereignty. This means a country can, if it wishes, give you a permit to strip it of every orchid growing there and ship them out. After all, CITES does nothing to actually protect the plants - just limits international TRADE of them. Or, conversely, a country could refuse permission for a woman to remove orchids in the path of road construction and replant them nearby to save them. This actually happened in Germany, and the woman went ahead and tried to save some of the orchids. She was briefly jailed and then fined, and the road was built over

the (now-dead) orchids. Utter insanity! As airports and roads, hospitals and cities are built over the orchids, CITES holds them firmly in place beneath the construction. Another caveat: if a country has not signed CITES, ALL orchids from it are considered illegal. This created a huge problem when a number of new, highly desirable paphiopedilum and other orchids were discovered in Viet Nam, which had not signed. Many of these are now extinct in the wild in many of their original habitats precisely because there was no legal availability of plant material.

In the case of Michael Kovach, of Phragmipedium kovachii fame, CITES was used to fine him and Selby Gardens for his bringing in a plant (and then examining and describing it) which he had bought IN A POT!! A farmer was selling them at a roadside farm stand. This not only sent a chill through the entire US academic establishment (the government's desire to make scientists out to be policemen), but made it almost impossible for any more plants to be obtained. Fortunately, the temptation was removed. A year later the plants in that area were all gone. They had been farmed over!!!

Add to this the US bureaucracy's decision to follow the 'fruit of the forbidden tree' doctrine and you raise the silliness of CITES to a whole new level. This doctrine says that if either parent of a seedling was illegal, then the seedlings are too. While every other nation which has signed the treaty honors its clause exempting flasks from CITES, the US does not. The result is a stronger black market in illegal, often collected, plants, and has damaged the US orchid hobby and industry.

What it means for you is that you can't have quite a number of beautiful highly desirable orchid species AND THEIR HYBRIDS, which are available in every other country but the US.

If you think this is wrong, please investigate further and protest by writing your representatives and tell them what you think. Here in the 'land of the free', don't get caught with the wrong orchid plant. While the gorillas and many other animals are being exterminated at an alarming rate across the world, our government is devoting a great deal of time, effort and money to make sure you aren't blooming the wrong flower here in 'the land of the free'!

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. September 13, October 11 and November 8, 2009.

Welcome New Members

Well let me repeat myself! **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.

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Cymbidium. Bronze Delight x Designer Lip



Epi. Mabel Kanda

Notes from the July Meeting.

A Mid-Summer gathering that was a delight in every manner including the show table, that was the annual COOS picnic. Summer is not prime flowering season, still, we had 39 plants shown and lots of members were well represented. Variety as has been the continuing trend, was again evident and again as ever, the quality of the plants was excellent. Our thanks to all who exhibited their plants and shared their beauty with us. We are entering the home stretch of the third and annual growers contest. Keep bringing those plants. We finally have a tally as you will see below.

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 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 a tally this month that is current through May, and should have us up to date, just in the nick of time, by next month. 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, a most interesting *Trichopilia brasiliense*.

Plant of the Month

Tennis Maynard *Trichopilia brasiliense*

Cattleya Species

Tennis Maynard	<i>Cattleya harrisoniana</i> 'Streeter's Choice x self	1 st
Tom Bell-Games	<i>Cattleya leopoldii</i>	2 nd
Tennis Maynard	<i>Laelia fournieri</i>	2 nd
Tennis Maynard	<i>Cattleya bicolor</i>	3 rd

Cattleya Hybrid

Tennis Maynard	<i>Blc Waianae King 'Orchid Heights' x Buckaroo 'Pisgah'</i>	1 st
Tennis Maynard	<i>Blc Hawaiian Passion 'Carmela'</i>	2 nd
Tennis Maynard	<i>C Angel Bells 'Suzie'</i>	3 rd

Encyclia

Tom Stinson	<i>Encyclia phoenicia</i>	1 st
Tom Bell-Games	<i>Encyclia Sidney</i>	2 nd

Oncidiae

Tom Stinson	<i>Milt Renee Konada 'Pacific Clouds'</i>	1 st
Tennis Maynard	<i>Vuyls Melissa Brianne 'Shady Lady'</i>	2 nd
Bill Cavanaugh	<i>Colm Wildcat 'Bobcat'</i>	3 rd

Phragmipedium

Tennis Maynard	<i>Phrag longifolium</i>	1 st
Tom and Pat Stinson	<i>Phrag Praying Mantis x boisierianum</i>	2 nd
Ken Mettler	<i>Phrag Les Dirouilles</i>	3 rd

Paphiopedilum

Dave and Edna Markley	<i>Paph primulinum</i>	1 st
Tom Stinson	<i>Paph delenatii x micranthum</i>	2 nd
Tennis Maynard	<i>Paph Transvaal</i>	3 rd

Masdevallia

Tennis Maynard	<i>Masd Peach Daiquiri 'Anita'</i>	1 st
Tom Stinson	<i>Masd uniflora</i>	2 nd
Tom Stinson	<i>Masd Sunset Jaguar</i>	3 rd

Other

Tom and Pat Stinson	<i>Nageliella purpurea.</i>	1 st
Tennis Maynard	<i>Trichopilia brasiliense</i>	1 st
Tennis Maynard	<i>Bulbo lobbii</i>	2 nd
Tom and Pat Stinson	<i>Mexipedium xerophyticum</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

Well what do you know? After months of promises, we finally have a tally for the third and annual growers contest. How bout that! Can't tell you how happy I am! Major thanks to Clif Hynum, our point tabulator especial and current top 10 on my favorite people list, subject to change of course if he doesn't have numbers for me next month. We include in this tally all of the show tables through June, yes we still have some work to do, and all of the away shows except Dayton, I think. Yes, I know Dayton was the first away show, yes we are still working on it. With any luck at all, or at least just a bit of it, we should have a tally that goes through September. Won't that be nice? Make it much easier to have the totals for the banquet. 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 even if the tabulation is slightly slower than really cold molasses.

Tom and Pat Stinson	565	Nancy Wagener	20
Tennis Maynard	481	Clif Hynum	10
Don Weber	160	Sue Dervin	10
Screll Jones	151	John Geslak	8
Dallas & Ashleigh Ingram	123	Ed Davis	8
David & Edna Markley	116	Matina Ross	7
Ken Mettler	77	Ben Hariff	6
Larry Samson	57	Pat Kurz	6
Thom Weiland	56	Susan Allison	5
Bill & Ruth Cavanaugh	51	Dan Willis	4
Naila Caruso	49	Sandra Stohr	4
Larry Sanford	45	Ron Coleman	1
Justin Pepperney	36	Barbara Parmelee	1
Tessie Steelman	32	Danny Gross	1
Dave Sayer	27	Jackie Wade	1
Scott Bever	20		

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



Paph Kathie Taylor



Phal. Cardinal's Spirit

2009 COOS Calendar

September 17	Meeting – Rick Noel – Orchid Photography with a Point and Shoot Camera
October 15	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
November 7-8	Mini-show
November 19	Potluck 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.

Oct. 3-4 – Greater Cincinnati Orchid Show, Krohn Conservatory, 1501 Eden Park Dr. Cincinnati, Ohio. Contact Pat June, 5794 Butler Warren Road, Mason, Ohio 45040. 513-265-2074. rogerjune@aol.com.

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, Mancester, 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.



Ascda. John DeBiase



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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.

Editor's Corner:

Boy did you miss a good time! I love the summer picnic. And some of you just keep missing it. What is the deal? Are you on vacation or something? Well, I suppose that some of you were. But let me tell you, you missed a really good summer day with good friends, bambi burghers, and other good foods and some very impressive orchids. And isn't that what life is about. Well, mostly. Next year I would like to see every member of the society at the picnic. That would be a splendid afternoon. Mark your July schedule now!

Been thinking about our society (club)(group)(etc) and as we approach the end of our year, I think it is important to think about the continuation of our society. Did you know that there is a society to the North of us that consists of 15 to 20 people who can't all make it to the monthly meeting? True! And just as certainly there

are societies in Florida that believe that a bank account in excess of 60 grand is a fundamental necessity to success. We should be so fortunate! The point is we all share a love of or a passion for growing and showing orchids. But let me return to a recurring theme. You get from your society what you put into it. It requires each of us to invest in this enterprise in the same way that we invest in the success of our family or business. This is, essentially, an extension of both of the above. We are currently engaged in passing the torch, picking a new leadership group, and growing, I encourage you to be a part of the successful future of our society. Get involved! Get involved! Get involved! Our society will continue to grow...or not....Depends on YOU.

Bill C.

Hospitality

Many thanks go to all of those folks who attended the Summer Picnic, and, as usual, provided us with an abundance of great grub, not to mention a number of new and interesting dishes. If you did not make the picnic, you missed a really great summer afternoon filled with really good food in the company of good friends. Try to make it next year. .

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 all of October. 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 new 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 new hospitality committee chairpersons, can be reached at 614-471-5437 You can also reach them by e-mail at dmarkley5868@wowway.com.

September	Ruth Cavanaugh	October	Volunteer Needed
September	Katrina Heap	October	Volunteer Needed
September	Pat and Ziggy Kurz	October	Volunteer Needed
November	Holiday Dinner	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.



Trichopilia brasiliense – Plant of the Month
Grown by Tennis Maynard

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