



***September Meeting – Peter Lin – Creating Novelty Phalaenopsis for Color and Fragrance***

***Thursday, September 20, 2012***

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

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

Peter Lin is an orchid enthusiast who has been growing orchids for over 25 years since he was 10. Originally from Taiwan, he came to United States at age of 12, Peter found his passion in collecting and hybridizing with the phalaenopsis orchid.

Peter has served as a program chair with local Texas Orchid Societies and studied with the American Orchid Society Judging Center in Dallas. With his specialty in Phalaenopsis, Peter is fortunate to learn from great American hybridizers like his mentor HP Norton of Orchidview. A formal newsletter editor of the International Phalaenopsis Alliance, Peter has written and published phalaenopsis articles and given presentations representing the IPA to orchid societies and to the Taiwan Orchid Show.

Peter graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and



worked in the Information Technology industry for 12 years. To pursue his passion to expand and to upgrade his phalaenopsis collection, Peter turned his orchid growing into hybridizing and Big Leaf Orchids – a family owned mail-order operation in Southlake, Texas. Named after the pretty and round leaves of phalaenopsis, Big Leaf Orchids specializes in phalaenopsis, with an emphasis on novelty which includes flowers that are fragrant, waxy, and multi-colored. Peter makes frequent trips to Taiwan to see in person the latest phalaenopsis development, and to learn from Taiwanese nurseries and phalaenopsis hybridizers.

***Laelia Pacavia***

Peter will bring plants for sale, so bring your wallet and a healthy appetite for new and different orchids. He will accept pre-orders at his website, <http://www.bigleaforchids.com>. We will be having our usual meet-and-greet pre-meeting dinner with the speaker this month at Aladdin's on East Main Street at 6PM. All members are welcome.

**Bill Cavanaugh**

Due to the inability of the newsletter editor to hit a deadline or three, my bad, you are graced with more than one cogent thought from our esteemed president. I will try to do better. Tom has done well.



Enc Mabel Kanda

## President's Message #1.

The latest edition of the Mid-America newsletter (May, 2012) contains the following note:

Personal communication from Hermann Pigors, May 12, 2012:

OAK HILL GARDENS will discontinue at its current location in Dundee IL on June 15, 2012. The remaining inventory, name, stock plants and business records will be relocated to the Kent Franz family in Middleton WI. They will continue the orchid growing tradition of Dr. Clarence Schubert and the Walter Acker families.

I am grateful for the more than 50 years of support and loyalty of all our customers, orchid societies and friends in Mid-America. Your interest and friendships made the experience my AMERICAN DREAM from 1959 at the Hausermann firm to Oak Hill Gardens in Dundee.

THANK YOU ALL.

Hermann and Dorothy Pigors along with Greg and Liese Butler

Many of you know Hermann whether from his speaking engagements at our meetings, from encounters at shows, or from shopping expeditions at Oak Hill. You remember when he turned over operations to his daughter Liese and son-in-law Greg. You may even remember his huge German shepherd and the sign in the nursery admonishing you not to trip over the sleeping guard dog. And surely you remember the incredible variety of species orchids throughout the nursery. And so you recognize this as the end of an era. As you entered his nursery and passed through the sales / packing area, immediately on your right was a bench where new arrivals, sometimes one-of-a-kind specimens were often placed before they were integrated in with everything else. We always wondered where these gems came from and our gossip pretty much came to this conclusion: as some of the older AOS judges in the St. Louis region became unable to maintain their collections, frequently comprised of plants they themselves collected from the jungles of the world, they needed to dispose of them in a responsible manner. Before the Chicago judging center came into being, Hermann was already a well-respected member of the St. Louis judging center (as I recall, one of only 6 such in the entire country!) It was an obvious decision to consign them to Oak Hill. Similarly with collections assembled by longtime hobbyists in the Chicago area who also collected material from the wild.

And now we are witnessing another inevitable turnover, sad but necessary.

And it forces us to confront the question of whether our own collections in the course of time? I think there are really two questions with two different answers.

In the case of the hybrid orchids that you grow, there is no harm in passing them on to your favorite niece or nephew who might grow them through another blooming season, lose interest, and then discard them.

But species are different in that they harbor part of the gene pool for their kind and so they should be preserved as best you are able. And jungle plants take precedence over propagated species if it ever comes down to such a choice. How best to foster such plants? What follows is my answer to that question. Yours may differ.

There are a very few public institutions that are equipped, willing and competent to be caretakers of donated plants. The Smithsonian comes to mind. As does the Wheeler Collection at Ball State. Such places are few and far between and, best intentions aside, even their resources are finite. But if your plants are rare enough, they could be interested. Other institutions, even those designated as orchid rescue stations, are generally poor choices. (My sources for that are anecdotal, but vehement.)

No, the most guilt-free disposition of your species orchids is to transfer them to someone just like you. In my opinion, the dedicated hobbyist is the most likely agent for the preservation of the species in cultivation. He or she can vegetatively propagate the plants and distribute divisions, propagate them from seed, and similarly transfer the plants to other hobbyists. If you have an Oak Hill type of nursery available to function as a middleman, so much the better. Orchid society meetings are also logical ways to find new custodians for your plants.

Once or twice a year, I'll get an email from someone saying that Aunt Mathilda has entered a nursing home and we need to dispose of her collection. I always invite the writer to bring the plants to our next meeting. They never show. The lesson is that your plants are not as important to your relatives as they are to you. Take the initiative to transfer your plants when the time comes and while you can still do it yourself.

**Tom Franczak**

## **Another President's Message, i.e., #2**

I wasn't the only one noticing, a number of you were also quite aware that our fall minishow and orchid sale had diminished in scope and importance over the past few years, even to the point of irrelevance. I was forced to ask the board to consider whether to continue asking the members to put time and effort into this proposition or whether to put it aside for another time and just concentrate on the spring show. And I also sought input from other long-time society members. As I stated, I wasn't the only one who noticed. The feedback was almost unanimous ... Set it aside for now. As a show, the event had seriously deteriorated and was no longer recognizable as such. Indeed, last year's event featured a single meager exhibit consigned to the lower level of the Conservatory. I don't recall the previous year's show being much more.

As a vehicle for members to sell their extra plants or divisions to the general public, well, all that was lacking was the general public. As a vehicle for members to sell them to other members, we'll accommodate that at the November potluck.

As a vehicle for the society to sell pot plants at a markup to the general public and retain the leftovers for distribution as giveaways at the potluck, while we don't have an exact accounting of the bottom line for that enterprise, no one would claim that we actually made a profit from it the last couple years. Indeed, the whole intent of the fall minishow and plant sale is to generate needed revenue for the society. If it fails to deliver on that it has failed its primary mission.

It is true that we succeeded in generating a profit from exactly that at the spring show (and we consider it selling against Krogers and Lowes, not against our vendors), but that's the difference between our spring show and our fall show.

We let go of the summer show a number of years ago (actually, we moved it to the spring and let go of the spring minishow), and the sky didn't fall. Fewer and fewer societies (and none our size), are staging two shows in a year. Regardless of the reasons, and there are plenty to speculate about, it's time we recognized that we need to cut back from two shows to one.

When I submitted dates to the Conservatory for 2013 I included a tentative date for a fall minishow and plant sale. So if the economy changes, the market stops getting saturated with pot plants in the grocery stores and hardware stores, and suddenly the general public considers orchids as important as we do, we're covered next year.



*Laelia tenebrosa v aurea*

**Tom Franczak**

Our membership year is January to December. If you joined the society and you paid your dues in November or December of 2011, you are covered for 2012 as well. For all of the rest of us, it is time to begin the renewal process. You can pay your dues at the September meeting, or you can send a check to our membership chair. (made payable to "Central Ohio Orchid Society") **Rich Wagener (2739 Clime Road, Columbus, Ohio 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. Dates are October 14, November 11, and December 9, 2012...

## **Dues and such...**

Your board of directors has, for some time now, been evaluating the financial health of the society. While we are in good financial health, we have seen a trend in which our finances have steadily trended downward. The board feels that it is important to at least maintain a neutral revenue position each year. We need to take in at least as much as we spend. We try to balance the expenses, providing very good to excellent speakers and doing so at a reasonable average expense. There are also expenditures for hospitality, our banquet and other miscellaneous expenses. We have determined that we need to increase our emphasis on fund raising, as our president noted in his messages, things are not what they once were, and we feel that we must request an increase in annual dues. Accordingly, we have proposed an increase to twenty dollars per year for an individual membership and twenty-five dollars a year for a household membership. This proposal will be announced formally at the September meeting and will be voted on at the October meeting. The membership must approve the change by a majority of the members in attendance at the meeting. We ask that you consider our proposal and we hope that you will approve it for the betterment of our society.

## Welcome New Members

We have little to report on this front. We have grown by 0 percent and we need to do better than that. So, invite an orchid friend to join, invite a stranger who is interested, intrigued, or in love with orchids to join us. . Remember, if we aren't growin', we're dyin'.

### 2012/2013 COOS Officers - Terms of Office are from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2013

President:	Tom Franczak		614-868-5636
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President:	Katrina Heap	Program Chair	614-471-4618
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President:	Scott Bever	Home Show Chair	614-253-6748
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### COOS Trustees – Terms of Office Expire December 31<sup>st</sup> of the Year Shown.

Lori Baldwin	2015	740-246-4713
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Don Weber	2013	614-846-7712
Nancy Wagener	Immediate Past President	614-276-8890



Paph Iantha Stage 'Lorraine's Choice'



Disa uniflora

## Notes from the May, June, and July Meetings.

Here are the results of the May, June and July showtables. I know it has been a while but sometimes life gets in the way and at least technically, and I suppose literally, I dropped the ball. Given that, we attempt to make it up to you all at once. The show tables were all marked by beautiful plants Each month brought an amazing array of plants and spectacular blooms with one consistent theme. Tennis Maynard. So if you see his name in some curiously repetitive fashion, it is because he exhibited a legion of plants and appears likely to conquer the grower of the year award this year. .

Ken Mettler, Screll Jones, Tennis Maynard and I think, Jim Harper did the judging at various times and did well. Where the judges thought it appropriate additional place awards were made. As always, 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. We continue to need a little assistance from the membership to facilitate the show table results and the contest tally. Would you please **print** your name and the name of the plant clearly! It is really hard if someone has to guess at the name of the plant or of the exhibitor. It makes life a little easier if you include all of the info in an easily readable form. Thanks. Props to Terry and Sandra Stohr and Tennis Maynard for the plant of the month at various times. They are identified below and all were exceptional, hence, plant of the month.

### May

#### Plant of the Month

Terry and Sandra Stohr                      *Phal unknown (White)*

#### Cattleya

Terry and Sandra Stohr	<i>Cattleya unknown</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Wauneta Kerr	<i>Brassovola cucullata</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Ken Mettler	<i>Slc Hsinying Exel</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>

#### Paphiopedilum

Elly Campbell	<i>Paph Avalon Love</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Dave and Edna Markley	<i>Paph Sandy's Wild Turkey</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Wauneta Kerr	<i>Paph Pink Fred</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Bill Cavanaugh	<i>Paph unknown</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>

#### Oncidiae

Dave and Edna Markley	<i>Brsdm Golden Gamine 'White Knight'</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Elly Campbell	<i>Brassia Rex</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>

#### Phalaenopsis

Terry and Sandra Stohr	<i>Phal unknown (White) POM</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Terry and Sandra Stohr	<i>Phal unknown (White)</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Bill Cavanaugh	<i>Phal Green Mist x Carolina Red Buddah</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Bill Cavanaugh	<i>Phal Golden Treasure</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Bill Cavanaugh	<i>Phal Baldan's Kaledascope 'Golden Treasure'</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Bill Cavanaugh	<i>Phal Brother Golden Embers</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>

#### Other

Ken Mettler	<i>Bletilla striata var albescens</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
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## June

### Plant or the Month

Tennis Maynard *Paph St Swithin 'Margo'*

### Cattleya

Tennis Maynard	<i>L tenenbrosa v aurea</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>L tenenbrosa</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Wauneta Kerr	<i>Blc Splendor 'Orchidhieghts' x Blc Amy Wakasugi 'Cathy'</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>L Pacavia</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>

### Encyclia

Tennis Maynard	<i>Enc Mabel Kanda</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>Enc mariae</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>Enc tampense v alba</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>

### Paphiopedilum

Tennis Maynard	<i>Paph St Swithin 'Margo' POM</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>Paph lantha Stage 'Lorraine's Choice' HCC/AOS</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Terry and Sandra Stohr	<i>Paph Hysinying Maru x Black Cherry</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>

### Oncidiae

Screll Jones	<i>Onc Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' '</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>Lophiaris carthagenisis</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>

### Phalaenopsis

Pat Kurz	<i>Dtps Purple Martin</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Terry and Sandra Stohr	<i>Phal Prelude</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Bill Cavanaugh	<i>Phal Green Mist x Carolina Red Buddah</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>

### Vanda

Tennis Maynard	<i>Ascda Jukkich Gold</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Rochelle Vennari	<i>Vanda unknown</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Unknown Exhibitor	<i>Anguola x ruckeri or hohenlohii</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>

### Disa

Tennis Maynard	<i>Disa uniflora</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>Disa Eloise Harper</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>Disa California Gold</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>

### Other

Ken Mettler	<i>Bletilla striata var albescens</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>Laeliopsis domingensis</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>Angraecum magdalenae</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>Trichopilia galeottiana</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>

## July

### Plant or the Month

Tennis Maynard *Disa uniflora x Unimeyer*

Cattleya Hybrid

Tennis Maynard	<i>C Hummingbird</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>Blc Waianae Leopard 'Ching Hua'</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>Pot Shirley Moore'Newberry'</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>

Cattleya Species

Tennis Maynard	<i>C harrisoniana 'Orchid Court'</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>C harrisoniana 'Strecties Choice' FCC/AOS</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>C bicolor</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>

Oncidiae

Dave and Edna Markley	<i>Brsdm Golden Gamine 'White Knight'</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>Vuylstekeara Fall in Love 'Lonely Lady'</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>Degarimara Winter Wonderland 'White Fairy'</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>

Disa

Tennis Maynard	<i>Disa uniflora x Unimeyer POM</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>Disa uniflora x Unimeyer POM</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>Disa Eloise Harper</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>

Phalaenopsis

Tennis Maynard	<i>Phal Alice Gloria x Archer's Delight</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
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Bulbophyllum

Tennis Maynard	<i>Bulbo Wilbur Chang</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>Bulbo Jersey</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>

Other

Tennis Maynard	<i>Hamelwellsara June 'Indigo Sue'</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>Trichopilia brasilense</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Tennis Maynard	<i>Ceymorleis uncinata</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>

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 know.

## 2012 COOS Calendar

September 20	Meeting – Peter Lin – Big Leaf Orchids – Breeding Phals
October 18	Meeting – Leo Schordje – topic to be determined.
November 15	Awards Banquet and Potluck Dinner

**Board Meetings** Board meetings will be held the second Tuesday of odd numbered months. They begin at 7:00 PM  
September 11                      November 13





Phalaenopsis Purple Martin



Oncidium Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'

## Annual Growers Contest

Well, I would like to welcome me back to the orchid world. I have been away for various reasons, some good, some, not so much. But I am sprinting to catch up to where I/we should be. The spring blooming and show season is in the books and the show tables have been wonderful. The race goes on but there are some trends developing. Many of us are in NASCAR parlance, getting lapped. So here are the changes in the points tally. Remember, the race goes to those that grow and show the most orchids, or at least the most awarded orchids. All you need to win is your skill, a little luck, we all know the perfidy of blooming plants...too soon...too late...not at all, but with a little persistence, you can be right up there. The results below include the November, January, February, March, April, May, June and July show tables and the Miami Valley, West Shore, Akron and Cincinnati shows. We will add meetings and away shows as they happen...at least that is the plan. If you have any disagreements with the totals let me know as soon as possible so that it can be set straight. If you are the grower of a plant with no name, my regards to the similarly named song, let me know and I will award you the points, or at least count them as you have already earned them.

### Green House Division

Tennis Maynard	976
Tom and Pat Stinson	679
Screll Jones	109

## AYO (All You Others)

Katrina Heap	124
Bill Cavanaugh	110
Terry and Sandra Stohr	93
Scott Bever	82
Dave and Edna Markley	54
Ken Mettler	38
Justin Pepperney	30
Will Eylar	23
Wauneta Kerr	22
Naila Caruso	20
Elly Campbell	19

Ed Davis	18
Austin Carter	14
Pat Kurz	13
Tom Bell-Games	10
Dave Sayer	4
Chase Leibold	4
Tom Franczak	3
Dan Gross	1

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



*Bulbo lonoii*



*Anguloa x ruckerii*

## Away Show Bulletin!

Upcoming Nearby Shows:

**Oct 19 - 21 – 18, 2012 Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society Show** Krohn Conservatory, 1501 Eden Park Dr., Cincinnati, OH. ([map](#)) Contact: Stan Better 9507 Benchmark Ln., Cincinnati, OH 45242 (513) 745-0014 [stanbetter@stanbetter.com](mailto:stanbetter@stanbetter.com)

## Editor's Corner:

I am really irritated. One of my internet sources has yet again updated my service. And I can't find a daggone thing. My stock tickers are gone, my news feeds are gone, all of that with which I am familiar is gone. And this is progress???? I have enough aggravation from orchid taxonomists and the ever changing names of various orchids. And I am sure, you have aggravation with me. I regretfully acknowledge that it has been three months since you have had a newsletter.

Life does get in the way sometimes and for me, it did. Please accept my apologies. I will try very hard to make sure it does not happen again, but, I would not have thought it would happen this time. I won't go on and on, but I will try to make sure we have a newsletter published on time. I hope you had a good summer. I mourn the fact that most of you missed another great summer Picnicii, and I hope that your orchids live long...and that you live longer.

Bill.

## Hospitality

We would like to express a heart felt thank you to Kathleen Sielski and anyone else who provided the goodies at the May and or June meetings. I know I have overlooked some of you or there would not have been the array of goods that were there. Please accept my apology. Let me know if you contributed and I will note it.

And, we 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, volunteers are listed below. For the future, as ever, the months with a red **volunteer needed** notice, need a volunteer. I am sure you would make Dave and Edna Markley, our hospitality chairs, breathe easier if they could start getting volunteers for next year.

David and Edna Markley are our mavens of hospitality. So, for those of you who just can't wait to participate, please give the Markley's a call or sign up at the next meeting. 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 can be reached at 614-471-5437 You can also reach them by e-mail at [dmarkley5868@wowway.com](mailto:dmarkley5868@wowway.com).

September	Katrina Heep	October	Volunteer Needed
September	Scott Bever	October	Volunteer Needed
September	Larry Sampson	October	Volunteer Needed
November	Annual Awards Banquet	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.

Phal Unknown - Plant of the Month May  
Grown by Terry and Sandra Stohr



Paph St Switins - Plant of the Month June  
Grown by Tennis Maynard



Disa uniflora x Unimeyer - Plant of the Month July  
Grown by Tennis Maynard



THE CENTRAL OHIO ORCHID SOCIETY  
c/o BILL CAVANAUGH  
4965 OLD TREE AVENUE  
COLUMBUS, OH 43228

## For Sale, Contact Tennis Maynard

I'm trying to make room and selling the antique wardian case.

"1923-built antique Orchidarium built by Old Copper Mine Farms in Warrenville, NJ. For growing Orchids (or other, lesser plants) indoors. has wiring for two lights (regular bulb base), includes two fans for air circulation, has a grate for plants to sit on, two doors (one each end) lift-up vents on top, push-out vents on bottom sides, galvanized drip pan beneath to catch water runoff. ZGreat for providing more humidity and air circulation. Can be set in front of window for more light or used just with artificial lighting. Has one cracked leg, rubber stripping loose on one clear door panel. Wood finish could use some touchups.

Includes interior AND exterior thermometer/hygrometer combination.

A great attractive way to grow your plants indoors, this piece of furniture is 76" tall, 34" wide, and 22.5" deep."

Priced to move at \$150, contact Tennis at 614-586-6005 or via email at [tenman@orchidcourt.com](mailto:tenman@orchidcourt.com)

