



Central Ohio Orchid Society Reporter



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September Meeting

Stephen Benjamin on Cattleyas

Thursday, Sept. 20th at Franklin Park Conservatory Education Pavilion

****NOTE DIFFERENT LOCATION****

Speaker's Dinner 6 PM – Beginner's Corner 7:30pm – Meeting starts at 8pm

We are excited to host Stephen Benjamin this month, who will be speaking on Cattleya orchids.

Stephen is an AOS judge in Cincinnati. Some of you may have met Stephen while judging our spring show, and you know he is a really great guy!

Here is a brief biography in Stephen's own words:

"I started out very young with a passion for plants. At five I began breeding African Violets in my bedroom, at seven started breeding Roses. At nine I stumbled on to Orchids while trying to buy a fishing boat. My first ones were cut flower standard Cattleyas from Bob Sanker in Cincinnati. I grew them under lights and had mild success, but began purchasing various miniature orchids from J&L so that I could have more plants in my limited space. After I got my degree in Biology from Xavier University, I moved to Kentucky to help them make Bourbon. I spent 27 years in the Bourbon industry, and most recently with several other local companies.

I am an accredited AOS judge, I have served as show chair for many shows including four Mid-Americas. I have been the Vice and Center Chair for the AOS Cincinnati judging center, and Training coordinator twice. I am married, with two grown children, four grandchildren ages 18-26, and two great grandsons: 1 plus and 6.

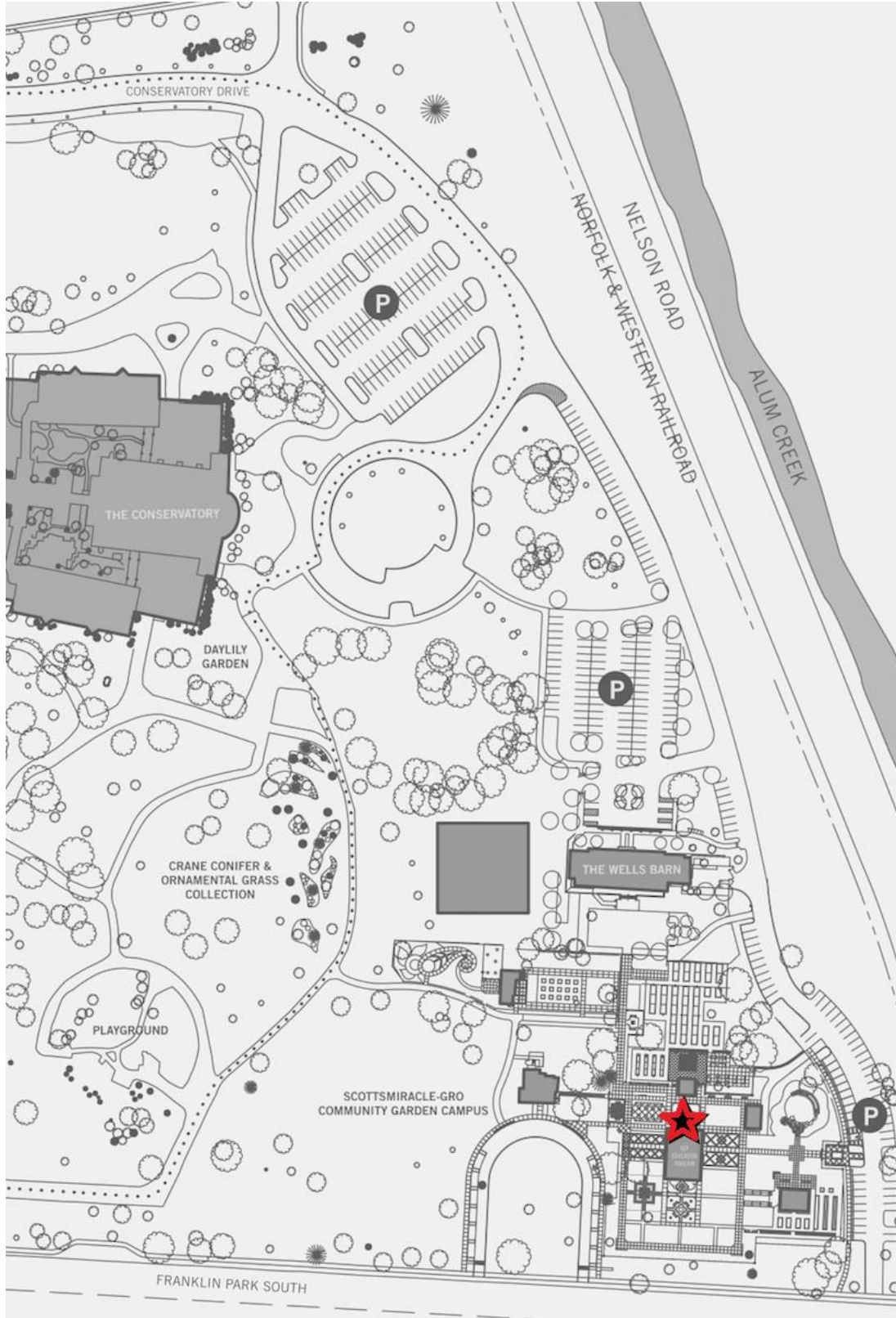
I bought my first house when I was 24, and within 3 weeks of moving in, I enclosed the front porch to make a greenhouse. I again started with miniature species mostly, until I filled it up and then added a greenhouse to the back of the house. With all this new space, I went wild and purchased hundreds of compots and flasks; mostly Cattleya allied hybrids, and they thrived. I waited for them to grow up and they started blooming! Winter of 1989, while I was spending Christmas with family in Gatlinburg, the electricity went out and the entire greenhouse froze! It took me a while to recover and get started again but I did, this time I built a greenhouse 3/4 underground. It is approx. 600 square feet and has withstood two episodes of a week at a time (and a couple shorter episodes) with no heat and as low as -9F, with only minimal damage to my plants. My collection is diversified but centers on Cattleya allied. I have been lucky enough to have more than 50 AOS awards, half to Cattleya allied plants. I do some of my own breeding and sow my own seeds. With such a small greenhouse, I normally only grow out maybe 30-50 plants, but have shared many flasks out to other growers and have already had an award to a plant of one of my crosses."

Stephen will have plants for sale, but as a reminder he can only accept cash or check. So come prepared to take some nice plants home!

SPEAKER'S DINNER:

We will have dinner with Stephen at the Rusty Bucket in Bexley at 6PM: 2158 E. Main Street

This month's meeting is in the **EDUCATION PAVILION** on the south end of the Franklin Park campus. Parking is accessible via the Conservatory parking lot or Franklin Park South, where parking is available in the circular drive. This is the same location as our May meeting with Brenda Oviatt. A map to the Education Pavilion is below:



President's Message

This year is just flying by! I hope you all had a great summer and your orchids are doing well. We had a great year for the society, with a very successful Spring Show, several volunteer opportunities (including Dave and Edna Markley, who staffed our information booth at the Ohio State Fair), and some really enjoyable meetings!

The board has been busy planning for 2019 and we have some very exciting programs and speakers potentially on the slate. It should be a great year. THANK YOU to everyone who came to our meetings, contributed time and travel to our show and others in the region, and shared knowledge with other members. YOU make this a successful society!

COOS Library

Tennis Maynard, our librarian, has graciously compiled a list of current library assets (119 books and periodicals) which are available for members to borrow. The list is posted on the COOS website. From the home page click on INFO, then on LIBRARY to see the list or use this direct link:

<http://www.coosinfo.info/cooslibrary.pdf>

Thanks, Tennis!

Additionally, our COOS laptop has the AQ+ software that can access the full awards database of the AOS. This is a great resource if you are interested in learning your plants lineage, want to research breeding and award trends, or want to see how your flowers stack up against previously awarded plants. This great tool is also available for members use.

Please contact Dave Markley to arrange its use (davemarkley27@gmail.com).

We Need Your Pictures!

Calling all COOS members, we need pictures of your orchids! Nancy Shapiro is creating a presentation on orchids that we can give to other plant and garden societies (and may even share at one of our meetings next year), but she needs your photos. Flower pictures are great, but she could really use pictures that include the whole plant. In particular she is looking for Cattleyas, Dendrobiums, Oncidiums, Paphs, Phrags, Phals, and all the usual suspects. We really want to show off all the great plants you all grow! If you have a picture you can share please email it to her at nlshapiro2@gmail.com.



Paph rothschildianum 'Mont Millais' FCC/AOS, GM/WOC

October Fall Show in Cincinnati

Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society will host their fall show October 20-21st. We need volunteers to help set up our display on Friday and tear down on Sunday.

We also need blooming plants to display. I'm sure Ken will talk more about this at our October meeting, but since our meeting is right before the show you can bring plants for our own meeting display table, and some might get picked to go to the big show on the weekend!

November Pot Luck and Awards Banquet

Thursday November 15th will be our annual pot luck and awards banquet at Franklin Park Conservatory. This is always a fun meeting and we get to give out awards for our grower's contest for the year. So all of you who have brought in plants for our monthly show table and have picked up ribbons may be in the running!

Also, we have had approx. 30 Phalaenopsis plants donated to the society, and have other orchids donated including some Cattleyas and Paphs. So we will have a silent auction. This is a great chance to pick up some very nice plants for a nice price!

Hospitality

September - Scott Bever, Melissa & Sam, Tracey Strombotne

October - Jessica Badger

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Show Table Results : June 2018

<u>Plant of the Month:</u> Dave & Edna Markley	Phrag Wossner Super Grande	
<u>Oncidium- Species and Hybrids:</u> Dave & Edna Markley Tennis Maynard Susan Allison	Onc. Sweet Sugar 'Lemon Drop' Aliceara Donald Halliday 'Smile 'Eri' Onc. (Tolumnia) Tequila Sunrise	1st 2nd 3rd
<u>Cattleya-Species & Hybrids</u> Tennis Maynard Dave & Edna Markley Tennis Maynard	Cattleya gaskelliana Blc. Helen's Fortune 'Joybil' AM/AOS Myrmecophila albopurpurea	1st 2nd 3rd
<u>Paphiopedilum –Species & Hybrids:</u> Tennis Maynard Tennis Maynard Jessica Badger	Paph armeniacum Paph. reobelenil Paph. Egret's Charm	1st 2nd 3rd
<u>Phalaeonopsis Species & Hybrids:</u> Tennis Maynard Melissa & Sam Melissa & Sam	Phal. NOID Phal. NOID Phal. Mariae x sib.	1st 2nd 3rd
<u>Phrag. Species & Hybrids:</u> Dave & Edna Markley Dave & Edna Markley Dave & Edna Markley	Phrag Wossner Super Grande Phrag. warszewiczianum 'fortuna' Phrag. Eric Young 'Rocket Fire' x Phrag. Beauport 'Sky Rocket'	1st 2nd 3rd
<u>Other:</u> Tennis Maynard Nancy Shapiro Ken Mettler	Huntleya wallisii Ascocentrum christensonianum Ansellia Africana 'Orchid Court'	1st 2nd 3rd

Show Table Results : July 2018

<p><u>Plant of the Month:</u> Jennifer Sonnenberg</p>	<p>Ctsm. expansum 'myra' x Ctsm. osculatum 'clara'</p>	
<p><u>Oncidium- Species and Hybrids:</u> Tom Stinson Nancy Shapiro Dave & Edna Markley</p>	<p>Onc. NOID Blra. Tropic Lily 'hilo spaceship' Psychopsis (Onc.) Mendenhall 'Hildos' AM/AOS</p>	<p>1st 2nd 3rd</p>
<p><u>Dendrobium Species & Hybrids:</u> Dave & Edna Markley Dave & Edna Markley Tennis Maynard</p>	<p>Den. Pongton Green Den. NOID Den. Glomeratum</p>	<p>1st 2nd 3rd</p>
<p><u>Cattleya-Species & Hybrids:</u> Tennis Maynard Dave & Edna Markley Tennis Maynard Tennis Maynard Tennis Maynard Dave & Edna Markley</p>	<p>Blc. Yen Surprise 'Seiko' Lc. Summer Christmas 'Maria' Blc. Sea Swirl 'Whirlpool' C. Hummingbird C. Penny Kuroda 'Spots' Epi. NOID</p>	<p>1st 1st 2nd 2nd 3rd 3rd</p>
<p><u>Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium – Species & Hybrids:</u> Tom Stinson Tennis Maynard Tom Stinson</p>	<p>Paphiopedilum rothschildianum Paphiopedilum lawrenceanum Phrag. Intis Tears</p>	<p>1st 2nd 3rd</p>
<p><u>Other:</u> Jennifer Sonnenberg Scott Bever Tom Stinson</p>	<p>Ctsm. expansum 'myra' x Ctsm. osculatum 'clara' Maxillaria tenuifolia Grammatocymbidium Memoria</p>	<p>1st 2nd 3rd</p>

2018 COOS Calendar of Meeting and Events

Thursday, January 18	Meeting: Scott Bever & Member Grow Spaces
Thursday, February 15	Meeting: Jan Yates of the Cincinnati Judging Center – Orchid Conservation
Thursday, March 15	Repotting Clinic– Part 1 Demonstration and Discussion
Apr 7-8	Annual Spring Show, Franklin Park Conservatory
Thursday, April 19	Janet Lamborn of Agdia – Orchid Virus Testing
Thursday, May 10	Brenda Oviatt of Botanica Ltd
Thursday, June 21	Repotting Clinic Part 2 – Bring in plants, media and pots and repot with assistance from more experienced members
Sunday, July 8th	Annual COOS Picnic @ Justin and Wendy's House- Noon
August – No Meeting	
Thursday, September 20	Stephen Benjamin - Cattleyas
Thursday, October 18	Edgar Stehli – Oncidiums and Tolumnias
Thursday, November 15	Annual Pot Luck and Awards Banquet
December – No Meeting	