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JUNE 2026 COOS REPORTER



Plant of the Month — Phalaenopsis

Phalaenopsis No Identification (NoID) grown by Jan Miller

I have a “love / hate” relationship with Phalaenopsis. They can be so pretty, but they sure have been a challenge.

One summer I thought it would be nice to put all the phals outside under a tree, a great location with shade and a nice breeze. It didn’t take very long, literally, it seemed overnight, the plants began to droop. Mealy bugs had set up a conclave on the underside of leaves of most all the plants. Many of the plants were never the same afterward.

Most recently has been my introduction to phalaenopsis mite, where once again, seemingly overnight, leaves were pitted and distorted.

The “Plant of the Month” phal is a survivor. It was purchased as a discounted clearance plant. My phals are under full spectrum LED light and experience the winter (cont’d on Page 3)

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Our June 2026 meeting, scheduled for June 18 will be held, once again, on a Thursday evening. The meeting will begin at 6:30 pm with the Beginners Corner and the full meeting will begin at 7 pm. The meeting will be held in the Wells Barn, hopefully on the first floor. If the first floor has another tenant, we will be in the basement meeting rooms. Hope to see you there!

President's Message June 2026

Greetings fellow COOS members,

Spring is winding down, and summer is firing up. This month, we'll have a repotting demonstration by Edna Markley. As I've been known to say, "There are two types of orchid growers: those who break roots when they repot, and those who lie about it." Edna will show you the "ins and outs" of repotting, including how to minimize root damage and other tips that can really help new and experienced orchid growers.

We are receiving a donation of plants from Justin Pepperney, COOS member and past President. These will be available by sale, auction and/or raffle (to be determined). The plants include Cattleya (formerly Laelia) purpurata, Cattleya Casitas Spring 'Linden' AM/AOS, Neofinetia falcata, Paphiopedilum Wossner Black Wings (in bloom!), Angraecum sesquipedale, and Cattleya warneri v. alba. Many thanks to Justin for the kind donation. Bring your checkbooks, as these are all high quality plants. Many of these plants will need to be repotted, so you can put your new repotting skills into practice.

As usual, bring your blooming plants for our show table.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at our June meeting. As a reminder, we will be in the basement room of the Wells Barn.

Ken Mettler

COOS President

Plant of the Month (continued from page 1)

temperature fluctuations of a south facing sun space and summers outside under shade cloth.

The potting mix is lava rock crumbles and tumbled quartz river pebbles. This mix allows for air space, gives the roots something to cling onto, and enough weight to counter top weight when full flowered.

Fertilization is "weakly, weekly" with a pump sprayer, using one of a half dozen fertilizer mixes with the strength of 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, or 1 t. depending on the season.

June 2026 Society Meeting

The next meeting of the Central Ohio Orchid Society will be held on **Thursday, June 18, 2026 at Franklin Park Conservatory at the Wells Barn in either the basement or upstairs, look for signage.** The beginners corner will start at 6:30 pm, followed by the meeting and presentation at 7 pm.

Don't forget to bring your plants for the monthly Show Table, results will be announced after the presentation. We will be having a plant auction and some books for sale also.

Also, we will be having a member plant sale, so bring any divisions or plants that you would like to go to a new home. 20% of sales goes to our Society, it's a win-win.



Edna has been growing orchids since about 2005. She and her husband Dave joined the society in 2007. Most of her orchids are grown under lights (fluorescent and LED) in the basement and in the windows of their family room and living room. In the summer she brings her orchids outside under the shade of the large oak trees in their backyard. At our meeting she will demonstrate, with Dave's help, how to repot an orchid. She grows many varieties of orchids, though lady slippers (Paphiopedilums and Phragmipediums) are her favorites.



**Just one of the plants that will be
auctioned off at our June 2026
meeting**

Zoom Link for the Thursday, June 18th Central Ohio Orchid Society Meeting

Topic: COOS APRIL MEETING 7 pm Thursday June 18

Time: June 18, 2026 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84207368356?
pwd=mscPv0gmoqBlEMKmlRsZDtMsfXq3.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84207368356?pwd=mscPv0gmoqBlEMKmlRsZDtMsfXq3.1)

Have You Paid Your Dues for 2026?

Your dues support our speaker programs, our operational costs and community outreach efforts. Plus, membership provides you with access to our members-only opportunities such as select portions of our website and plant forums, participating in on-line plant auctions, various non-meeting educational opportunities, access to recorded ZOOM meeting lectures, and much more. Please note even if you choose not to join, you are welcome to attend COOS meetings or listen to our speakers via ZOOM.

Go to <https://www.centralohioorchidsociety.org/>, click on [Join Us](#), from which there are two options.

Yearly membership is only \$20 for an individual and \$25 for a family. We tried to make payment easy and painless.

1.) [Central Ohio Orchid Society Electronic Membership Application](#) Complete the application at the bottom of the page, follow the prompts and make payment via PayPal. (Preferred Method) **or** 2.) Click on [PDF Annual Membership Application](#), then print the form, fill it out by hand, and return it with a check. The mailing address is on the form. (To fill in the PDF on-line: open document, right click, rename PDF and "save as" to your desktop, close COOS screen, open the saved PDF in desktop, click on tools, click on "fill and sign", enter data, save and print document.

May Show Table First Place Winners

Cattleya Hybrid

E. Renate Schmit 'Maroon
Starburst' x E. Cashens' Brown
Sugar 'A Go Go' grown by
Christine Gould



Cattleya Species

Catt. purpurata "Cindarosa" x self
grown by Tennis Maynard



All photos were taken by Bob Dudley

May Show Table First Place Winners

Paphiopedilum

Paph. rothschildianum grown
by Tennis Maynard



Phragmipedium

Phrag. Sorcerer's Apprentice
grown by Nancy Shapiro

May Show Table First Place Winners

Vandaceous

Perreiraarra Tony Tan Keng Yam
grown by Jan Miller



Miltoniopsis

Mlps Lillian Nakamoto grown
by Ken Mettler

May Show Table First Place Winners

Dendrobium

Den. wattii grown by Ken
Mettler



Spathoglottis

Spathoglottis Mellow Yellow
grown by Ken Mettler

May Show Table First Place Winners

Other

Trichopilia Charlotte grown by
Tennis Maynard



Other

Malaxis calophylla grown by
Ken Mettler



May Show Table Second and Third Place Winners

ORCHID	GROWER	PLACE
Phrag. Sapatilla de la Virgen	Dave and Edna Markley	2nd
Wils. Spacemine 'Red Rendezvous'	Dave and Edna Markley	2nd
Mps. Martin Orenstein 'Shirley P'	Dave and Edna Markley	2nd
LC Final Blue	Jan Miller	2nd
Den.pulcellum	Ken Mettler	2nd
Spathoglottis Cherry Blossom 'The Queen'	Ken Mettler	2nd
Eulophia andamanensis	Ken Mettler	2nd
Paph. Wossner China Moon	Tennis Maynard	2nd
Prosthechea baculos	Tennis Maynard	2nd
Sarc. Melba 'Old Man' x Hot Ice	Larioja Vannoy	2nd



A sample of plants to be offered for auction at June's meeting.

May Show Table Second and Third Place Winners

ORCHID	GROWER	PLACE
Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'	Dave and Edna Markley	3rd
Den. Jarak Bushy	Jan Miller	3rd
Catt. Star Garden	Jan Miller	3rd
Restrepia purpurea	Tennis Maynard	3rd
Paph. roebelinii	Tennis Maynard	3rd
Spathoglottis Harmony	Ken Mettler	3rd
Psh. Cochlea	Ken Mettler	3rd
Bletilla striata	Ken Mettler	3rd
Phal. Japonica	Nancy Shapiro	3rd



A sample of just one of the plants to be offered for auction at June's meeting.

Monthly Meeting Hospitality

This year Jan Miller has agreed to coordinate our monthly hospitality. She will need assistance to assure that we all have good snacks at our monthly meetings. Please follow the link below to sign up for volunteering or sign up in the red book at our meetings, to be on our snack team! [COOS Monthly Meeting Hospitality Sign Up](#)



Please bring your own non-alcoholic beverage to all future meetings as we would like to reduce our carbon footprint with decreasing our use of single use plastics! Thanks in advance.

A View of the World Orchid Congress

In case you missed the stream, here's a link to view the recording of the tour/talk given by Cheryl Erins at the World Orchid Conference in Dresden, Germany! It's available until June 22nd. Enjoy!

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/2MRfidS8tZ8eXVc2hggbSj0Ofu-Z7Woi1HI78VXSXXhYNKAPYjchU_eA7bzSAw8.rrTnFr_CEJoYDaV3
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OHIO VALLEY ORCHID FEST

AUGUST 21-23 2026

REGISTER & INFO: www.ohiovalleyorchidfest.com

**Miami Valley Orchid Society &
Emmanuel Lutheran Church**

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AOS Events/Webinars

While some events are only for members of the American Orchid Society, many are open to all. Greenhouse chats are usually held twice per month (less in the summer) and are open to all. Other webinars and informational offerings are also available. If you are a member of the AOS, don't forget their easy to use catalog of previous webinars is available to view at any time. Upcoming webinars:

- **Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton— Thursday, July 9th at 8:30 pm**

2026 Program Calendar

Meetings are at the FPC Wells Barn Basement unless noted below. The summer picnic, October and November meeting locations will be determined and announced

MEETING DATES 2026	SPEAKER	TOPIC	VENDOR PLANT SALE
January 25 SUNDAY	Challen Willemsen	Orchids of the Andes	No, member plant sale
February 22 SUNDAY	Olga Shoshtachuk	Growing Orchids in Terrariums, and other -ariums	No, member plant sale
March 22 SUNDAY	Tennis Maynard	Trichopilias	Vendor Plant Sale
April 16 THURSDAY	Dan Newman and Nancy Davis	Shelldance Orchids	No, member plant sale
May 21 THURSDAY	TJ Hartung	Fragrant Orchids	Member plant sale
June 18 THURSDAY	Repotting Orchids	Edna Markley	Member plant sale and auction
July 16 THURSDAY	No meeting		
August 20	Buying/ Sourcing/ Selecting Orchids	Panel Discussion	
September 17 or 19	TBD		
October 16	TBD		
November 20	Awards banquet		
December	No meeting		

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