

CENTRAL OHIO ORCHID SOCIETY REPORTER

FEBRUARY 2020



FEBRUARY MEETING

Ken Mettler: The Art + Design of Orchid Show Displays
Thursday | February 20
Franklin Park Conservatory | 7:30 PM



The Art + Design of Orchid Show Displays, February's meeting, will focus on setting up orchid displays at orchid shows, and will be presented by Ken Mettler, our Away Show Chair. Ken's presentation will cover:

- How to design a display
- What judges are looking for
- Appropriate labelling and documentation needed for the show
- Information on show set up and tear down

Expect some hands-on experiences as well as learning new information and skills!

Ken Mettler has been growing orchids since 1977, and has participated in the Central Ohio Orchid Society since the mid-1980s. He first observed wild native orchids in Ohio in 1981, fueling his obsession of studying orchids in their native habitats. In 1986, he worked on a research project in the Peruvian Amazon Basin, where he was able to observe many orchids growing in the wild. He enjoys traveling, and has observed orchids in the wild in many countries. Ken has extensive experience growing orchids from seed in a flasking lab. An accredited orchid judge with the American Orchid Society, Ken has over 30 years experience exhibiting orchids and putting in orchid displays.

We will have a **Speaker's Dinner** this month, with Ken Mettler. We meet at 5:30 on Thursday at the Rusty Bucket in Bexley, 2158 E. Main St.

Member's Plant Sale and Silent Auction:

We have a donation of 7 large *Catasetum* (very mature and good-sized plants) and 1 GIANT *Bulbo lobii* to auction. Please also bring in those extra plants that are taking up valuable room within your collection. You can make a few bucks selling them to our members (who are always looking for a good deal). Also remember that 20% of sale proceeds comes to the Society to support our work.

President's Message

Public Relations Committee

The newly formed public relations committee has begun meeting and are working to create a single brand for all of our communications platforms. The group's first decision was to update both the Society's logo and tagline. This new logo and tagline will appear on the banner being designed; our website; Facebook, Twitter and other social media posts; and on all print materials that we produce. The new tagline (drum roll please) is LEARN. GROW. SHARE. We all thought that was what the Central Ohio Orchid Society is all about. If you would like to participate in committee activities, please let Nancy know at nlshapiro2@gmail.com.

Are You Interested in a Mentorship Program?

The Central Ohio Orchid Society is where we learn and share information related to growing and blooming beautiful plants. Our members have a vast amount of knowledge and resources related to both judging and growing all different varieties of orchids. Would you be interested in one or both of these ideas?

- 1.** Having a listing of members who volunteer to share information regarding certain species of plants. For example, Justin loves Paphiopedilums (everyone knows that!!), so you might want to ask him a question or two about how he grows a specific plant, or if he just has some advice on improved culture. If Justin would agree to be on a mentor list, you could ask him for advice and assistance on this particular plant. Many of our members are expert growers and if we started this type of program, we could improve our learning, growing, and sharing about these wonderful plants.
- 2.** The second idea is to have a mentorship program designed to encourage and facilitate members who are interested in becoming AOS judges. We would need to work to develop a program, but with careful planning we could grow our judging ranks.

Orchid Sundays

A big thank you to everyone who supported Orchid Sundays at Franklin Park Conservatory. Your enthusiasm and expertise are greatly appreciated!



Show Table

Please remember to bring in your beautiful blooming plants for our monthly show and judging table. We all look forward to seeing the incredible plants you have! And remember, all plants awarded are included in the annual Grower's contest. You can win valuable prizes!

Home Show

Dave Markley is once again chairing our annual show committee. Dave works all year to assure that we have a successful and beautiful show. This year's event is scheduled for April 3-5 and will be held at the Franklin Park Conservatory. Please plan to participate in one or more of the activities during the weekend. We will need assistance with set up and tear down; clerking during the judging portion of the show on Saturday morning; hospitality with Tracy all weekend and staffing our informational table. Please help us make this the best show ever.

Dues

Yeah, it's that time of year again. Time to pay your annual dues (and last year's dues if you are not up to date). You get so much for your membership dollars, so please see our incoming Treasurer, Megan Osika or our outgoing Treasurer, Cheryl Early at our January meeting. As a reminder, individual dues are \$20.00 and family dues are \$25.00. Both are a bargain!



2020 COOS CALENDAR

This year, our Program Chair is Tracy Strombotne. Below is our program of speakers. If you have any ideas for future speakers, please pass your ideas to Tracy as she will also be planning for 2021. All ideas are appreciated.

JANUARY 16

AOS WEBINAR "GROWING UNDER LIGHTS"

FEBRUARY 20

KEN METTLER - "THE ART + DESIGN OF ORCHID SHOW DISPLAYS"

MARCH 19

KEN METTLER AND JUSTIN PEPPERNEY - "DEFLASKING ORCHIDS"

APRIL 3-5

COOS ANNUAL ORCHID SHOW AND PLANT SALE - FRANKLIN PARK CONSERVATORY

APRIL 16

EDGAR STEHLI OF WINDSWEPT IN TIME ORCHIDS - "ANGRAECIDS"

MAY 21

ERIC SAUER - TOPIC TBD

JUNE TBD

ANNUAL PICNIC AND POT LUCK

JULY 16

MARTIN MOTES OF MOTES ORCHIDS - "DARWIN AND ORCHIDS"

AUGUST

NO MEETING

SEPTEMBER 17

TENTATIVE - "HOW I GROW MY ORCHIDS" - MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL OHIO ORCHID SOCIETY

OCTOBER 15

KRISTIN UTHUS OF NEW WORLD ORCHIDS - "CATTLEYAS: THE MINIATURE COLLECTION"

NOVEMBER 19

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET AND POT LUCK

DECEMBER

NO MEETING

Orchids--beautiful, flowering plants with thousands of varieties--have captivated humans for centuries. People have gone to extraordinary lengths to obtain rare and elusive species of orchids, as described in Susan Orlean's fascinating and often wickedly funny book, *The Orchid Thief*.



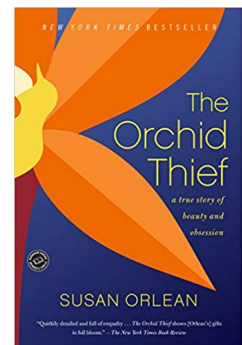
Learn about these wonderful flowers as Dr. Mark Miller from the Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens discusses orchid mania. Susan Orlean, author of *The Orchid Thief* is the Bexley Community Author Series visiting author on Tuesday, April 21, 2020.

For details: <https://www.bexleylibrary.org/event/3682002>

The Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens orchid exhibit will run January 11, 2020 through March 8, 2020.

For details: <https://www.fpconservatory.org/exhibitions/orchids/>.

Click to find Orlean's book on Amazon, and to read her 1995 article in *The New Yorker*.



POPULAR CHRONICLES JANUARY 23, 1995 ISSUE

ORCHID FEVER

How seductive are orchids? Connoisseurs spare nothing for a rare bloom—the issue in a battle between Florida, the Seminoles, and a man with a passion.

By Susan Orlean
January 16, 1995

COOS BOARD MEMBERS: 2020 - 2021

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February

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Tennis Maynard

March

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April

Cheryl Early

(Need 2 more volunteers)

Thanks to Sandra and Terry Stohr for agreeing to continue coordinating our snacks during our monthly meetings!!!

HOSPITALITY

We are in need of helping hands for our major events that require us hosting meals. Tracy Stombotne has graciously agreed to coordinate the food for these events, but cannot do it alone. We need both servers and chefs for our April show and will need assistance at both our picnic and banquet. Please help us feed our guests and members at our important events!! See Tracy at our upcoming February meeting our email her at strombotne@gmail.com

SHOW TABLE RESULTS JANUARY 2020

PLANT OF THE MONTH:

Angreacum Sesquipedale, grown by Dennis Eifel.

Many of our members grow this wonderful species, also known as “Darwin’s Orchid.” This year we have two speakers who will help us all learn more about these - Edgar Stehli will speak on Angraecoids in April, and Martin Motes will speak on Darwin and Orchids in July.



PLANT OF THE MONTH:**Dennis Eifel****Angreacum Sesquipedale****PHRAGMIPEDIUM HYBRIDS & SPECIES**

Phrag Pearceii	Cortney White	1 st
Phrag Robert Palm	Tennis Maynard	2 nd

Oncidium Hybrids & Species

Oncidium Heaven Scent	Cortney White	1 st
Oncidium Tsiko Marguete	Cortney White	2 nd
Oncidium NOID	Rachel Fuller	3 rd

OTHER:

Agreacum sesquipedale	Dennis Eifel	1 st
Den. NOID	Tracy Strombotne	2 nd
Den. Maiden Charlotte	Nancy Shapiro	2 nd
Fredclarkeana After Dark 'SVO Black Pearl'	Tennis Maynard	2 nd
Den. Donovan 'Opelescent' x Den Victorian Bride	Nancy Shapiro	2 nd
Phaiocalanth Kryptonite	Tessie Steelman	3 rd
Ctsm. Orchid Glade x tigrinum	Megan Osika	3 rd
Phais Dan Rosenberg	Ken Mettler	3 rd
Phaius Lady Ramona Harris	Ken Mettler	3 rd
Coelogyne glandulosa	Dave and Edna Markley	3 rd

PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS & SPECIES:

Paph villosum	Cortney White	1 st
Paph Fanaticum	Ken Mettler	1 st
Paph fairrieatum x Paph. Wallcrest 'Charm'	Dave and Edna Markley	1 st
Paph Jack Tonkin 'Val's Choice' AM/AOS	Justin Pepperney	2 nd
Paph Winston Churchill 'Pigsah'	Dave and Edna Markley	3 rd
Paph Spicerianum	Tennis Maynard	3 rd
Paph. Tranlienianum	Tennis Maynard	3 rd
Paph (Diana Bird x Luther Pass 'Pigsah') x Paph Winston Churchill 'Pigsah'	Dave and Edna Markley	3 rd
Paph Jack Tonkin 'Val's Choice' AM/AOS	Justin Pepperney	3 rd

CATTLEYA SPECIES & HYBRIDS:

Blc. Pamela Hetherington 'Coronation' FCC/AOS	Ken Mettler	1 st
Encyclia Vitellina	Tennis Maynard	1 st
Cattleya maxima	Tennis Maynard	2 nd
Pot. Love Tapestry	Ken Mettler	2 nd
Encyclia Vitellina	Tracy Strombotne	3 rd
Catt. Bob Betts	Alan Fetters & Troy Timbrook	3 rd
Laelia Anceps x veitchiana	Tennis Maynard	3 rd



**PBLC PAMELA HETHERINGTON 'CORONATION'
FCC/AOS GROWN BY KEN METTLER
FROM THE WAGNER ESTATE ORCHID DONATIONS**

CENTRAL OHIO ORCHID SOCIETY DISPLAY AT THE MID AMERICA ORCHID CONGRESS, FEBRUARY 2020

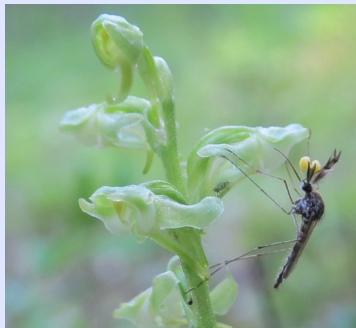




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Here are some of the most-read articles of 2020!



[How not to kill an orchid, from Longwood Gardens' orchid grower](#)



[Why orchids could be the future of mosquito repellants](#)



[32 Orchid Species Feared Extinct in Bangladesh](#)



[PFAS Contamination of Drinking Water Far More Prevalent Than Previously Reported – New Detections of ‘Forever Chemicals’ in New York, D.C., Other Major Cities | @ewg](#)