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# OCTOBER 2025 COOS REPORTER



## *Plant of the Month*

### **Oncostele Catatante Pacific Sunspots grown by Jan Miller**

I was happily surprised by this plant this season, it apparently likes being ignored. It coexists with other oncidiums under 40% shade cloth outside in the summer and under Barrina full spectrum LED grow light strips in the winter in our sunspace, which can get into the lower 50's mid-winter.

Fertilization is the basic "weakly weekly", 1/4 to 1/2 the recommended rates. I have a half dozen fertilizer mixes I rotate and occasionally add cal/mag and seaweed.

I've been treating all the oncidiums to eliminate the speckling on the leaves with minimal results so far.

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## *President's Message*

We had our annual potluck/picnic last month. Will and Amy Stanley graciously hosted us again in their backyard. A big thank you to them and especially to Will who expertly grilled the delicious venison burgers that Ken provided. Thank you, Ken. The salads, side dishes, and desserts were delicious too. Thanks to everyone who attended and brought food to share. It was fun visiting with everyone. The show table was very nice and some people brought orchids to sell to other members. I believe everyone had a good time.

For our October meeting we will be in a new venue. **We will meet on Thursday, October 16 at the Hilliard United Methodist Church, 5445 Scioto Darby Road, Hilliard, OH 43026.** The meeting will be in the gym, across the Parking lot from the main church, in the building nearest the McDonalds. Use the door on the front of the building to enter. The beginner's corner will start at 6:30 PM and the main meeting will start at 7:00 PM. A big thanks to Tracy for finding this venue at a reasonable price. It took a lot of searching and we appreciate her efforts on this.

On November 1 and 2 our society will once again host our annual AOS show and sale at Polaris Mall. On Thursday, October 30, beginning at 8:00 PM, we will need a few people to help set up the tables, stanchions, and drapes. Friday, October 31, at 8:00 PM, the vendors, our society, and other societies will be setting up their exhibits. I'll send out a link to an online sign-up sheet for all the various volunteer positions that we'll need to fill over the four day period as well as a food donation sign-up sheet. Because of the help and food donations from all of you, we are able to make this show successful each year.

Thank you for being members of the Central Ohio Orchid Society.

## *October 2025 Meeting Zoom Link*

Topic: COOS October Meeting

Time: Oct 16, 2025 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81938138683?  
pwd=Rr8OVOjebFU6dCv7P1xvtcaswjKNbb.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81938138683?pwd=Rr8OVOjebFU6dCv7P1xvtcaswjKNbb.1)

*Join Us at Polaris Mall for our  
Annual Show*

# CENTRAL OHIO ORCHID SOCIETY

**NOV. 1 + 2 at POLARIS**



## *October 16th Orchid Society Meeting* *Laelia anceps presented by Tim Culbertson*

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Our speaker for October will be Tim Culbertson, presenting information on *Laelia anceps* orchids.

Tim describes his love of orchids, "One of my passions has always been plants. I began growing orchids as an offshoot from working at Longwood Gardens in Philadelphia just after college. From the very beginning it was all about Paphs, particularly awarded and select clones of historic importance, of which my collection numbers nearly 3000. I currently manage the Paphs at Sunset Valley Orchids, and do hybridizing in a wide range of genera. I am an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, and have served in various capacities with various orchid societies in California and on the East Coast. I love meeting other people who like orchids too, and doing so often finds me traveling to shows, vendors, and peoples' greenhouses to see the latest and greatest in new hybrids and to get the best orchid gossip. I like to be involved in plants as much as possible: in addition to Longwood, I've worked at the Smithsonian Institution tending to their orchids, and for years for the United States National Arboretum, collecting rare plants and documenting cultivated species and hybrids for their herbarium. In short, I really like plants.

For your meeting, I'll be sharing a presentation on *Laelia anceps*, a Treasure of Mexico. Although large, these spectacular cattleyas grow well outside in our subtropical climate, and with their myriad colors and free-blooming tendencies, these are great plants for every collection. California is a hot-bed of interest in *Laelia anceps* types and hybrids, and has been for years; we will explore its influence in hybrids, and how breeders have made combinations of naturally occurring forms to create entirely new strains of this lovely species. By the end of this presentation, you will have a new appreciation of the range of color forms of *Laelia anceps* and its hybrids, as well as an appreciation of their beautiful flowers and ease-of-growth. In addition, I can provide some wonderful select divisions and seedlings of *Laelia anceps* and its hybrids.



## *September Show Table First Place Winners*

### *Cattleya*

*Laelia fournirei* grown by Tennis  
Maynard



### *Paphiopedilum*

*Paph Dollgoldi* grown by Tennis  
Maynard

All show table photos taken by Tom Hart

## *September Show Table Second and Third Place Winners*

| ORCHID                                                        | GROWER                | PLACE |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| C. Kerrii 'Mother's Day<br>2N' x C. Kerrii Pink<br>Leprechaun | Anne O'Connell-Null   | 2nd   |
| Oncidiopsis Crimson<br>Pride 'Mae 136'                        | Jan Miller            | 2nd   |
| Oncostele Catatante<br>'Pacific Sun Spots'                    | Tracy Stombotne       | 2nd   |
| Holcoglossum rupestre                                         | Nancy Shapiro         | 2nd   |
| Paph. Oriental Memory                                         | Tennis Maynard        | 2nd   |
| Miltonia spectabilis v.<br>moreliana "Select'                 | Nancy Shapiro         | 3rd   |
| Restrepia antennifera                                         | Chris Brown           | 3rd   |
| Mtdm. Pacific Paragon<br>'Honey Butter'                       | Dave and Edna Markley | 3rd   |
| Blc. Volcano Island<br>'Volcano Queen'                        | Tennis Maynard        | 3rd   |
| Bulbo. No Name                                                | Tennis Maynard        | 3rd   |

# *Have You Considered Joining the American Orchid Society*

## **BENEFITS OF AOS MEMBERSHIP**

- Receive Orchids Magazine and have access to the Digital Archive
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## *AOS Events/Webinars*

While some events are 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 are available to view at any time. Upcoming webinars:

- **A Historical Look at Phragmipediums, What can Nature Teach us. Where and How they Grow and to be a Successful Grower (members only) Monday, October 13th at 8:30 pm**
- **Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton, Tuesday, November 4th at 8:30 pm**
- **Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton, Thursday, January 8th at 8:30 pm**



## *2025 Program Calendar*

Tracy Stombotne is continuing as our Program Chair and has developed another wonderful group of speakers. Each month we will update the calendar as some changes are always expected as people's schedules change. Below is the current slate of programs which may be modified:

| <b>MEETING DATE</b> | <b>SPEAKER</b>                   | <b>TOPIC</b>                       | <b>VENDOR PLANT SALE</b>                |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <b>January 16</b>   | <b>Nicholas Rust</b>             | <b>Jewel Orchids</b>               | <b>Possible, at a later date</b>        |
| <b>February 20</b>  | <b>Fred Clarke</b>               | <b>Aussie Dendrobiums</b>          | <b>Possible as a group order</b>        |
| <b>March 20</b>     | <b>Jeanne Rhinehart</b>          | <b>Native Orchids</b>              | <b>Member Plant Sale</b>                |
| <b>April 17</b>     | <b>Jim and Yvonne France</b>     | <b>Phragmipediums</b>              | <b>Yes</b>                              |
| <b>May 15</b>       | <b>Fred Bess</b>                 | <b>Pest and Disease Management</b> | <b>Member and Society Plant Sale</b>    |
| <b>June 19</b>      | <b>Edgar Stehli</b>              | <b>Tolumnia</b>                    | <b>Yes</b>                              |
| <b>July</b>         | <b>No Meeting</b>                |                                    |                                         |
| <b>August 21</b>    | <b>John Finer</b>                | <b>Orchid Physiology</b>           | <b>No</b>                               |
| <b>September 20</b> | <b>Picnic</b>                    | <b>Great Food from 1-4 pm</b>      | <b>Show Table and Member Plant sale</b> |
| <b>October 16</b>   | <b>Tim Culbertson</b>            | <b>Laelia anceps</b>               | <b>Yes</b>                              |
| <b>November 21</b>  | <b>Annual Banquet and Awards</b> |                                    | <b>Member Plant Sale</b>                |
| <b>December</b>     | <b>No Meeting</b>                |                                    |                                         |

# *2025 Central Ohio Orchid Society Board and Committee Chairs*

|                          |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
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