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Plant of the Month — Vanda

Vanda 'Sonia Deccach' 502 grown by Brandan Gray



Vanda's like very bright, filtered light and daily watering until their bare roots turn green. Fertilize weekly during active growth and keep temperatures between 70-90 degrees with high humidity.

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The September meeting, featuring Ron Parsons, will be taking place on Thursday, September 10th. In addition to moving the date of the meeting, we have also been moved to the classrooms on the ground floor of the Franklin Park Conservatory



President's Message September 2026

Hello fellow COOS members,

I hope everyone has made it through August intact. What is usually a hot, dry, steady month was anything but. Thunderstorms, flooding, strong winds, trees down and power outages. Special thanks goes out to Jan Miller for hosting our annual picnic, after a couple days without power and heavy rains that might have made parking difficult. The power came back on, and no one got stuck in the grass or tore up Jan's lawn! Everyone who made it seemed to have a good time.

Don't neglect your plants at this time of year. For those of us who move our plants outside, we have one to two months before we need to move them back indoors. I try to spray with systemic insecticides. I currently use a rotation of Orthene, Imidacloprid, and Safari (Dinotefuran). I spray a week apart, so I need to start my rotation now. And one or two applications of Banrot fungicide is necessary, since we had over ten inches of rain. A little planning and proper action will hopefully allow plants to come back inside without pests and diseases.

We have a wonderful speaker in September. Ron Parsons is an orchid photographer extraordinaire. To accommodate his travel schedule, we have moved our meeting up one week, to September 10th. See the announcements in this newsletter for further details. This will be a members plant sale, so bring those extra divisions that other members will enjoy. Or take home a new "green pet" or two!

See you on September 10th!

Ken Mettler

COOS President

September 10, 2026 Society Meeting

The next meeting of the Central Ohio Orchid Society will be held on Thursday, September 10th at Franklin Park Conservatory in the 1st Floor Classrooms. The beginners corner will start at 6:30 pm, followed by the meeting and presentation at 7 pm. You can get to the Classrooms by entering the front doors of the conservatory and walking past the desk to the right. Don't forget to bring your plants for the monthly Show Table, results will be announced after the presentation.

Also bring any plants that need a new home for our member plant sale, 20% of money made goes to the society. It's a win-win for all!

Special Guest Speaker Ron Parsons

Ron Parsons has been growing orchids for almost 52 years, and has been interested in species orchids for most of that time. He loves to photograph them and other flowers whenever possible. Ron has nearly 130,000 digital images, most of which are of orchids, and still retains a slide library that exceeds 100,000 botanical images. He has given more than 500 talks on various botanical topics, and has more than 7000 published photos. Ron has co-authored five books on botanical subjects, all with Mary E. Gerritsen. The first two, published by Timber Press, are *Masdevallias*, *Gems of the Orchid World* and *Calochortus, Mariposa Lilies and their Relatives*. Their third book, a two-volume set, *A Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species* was published by Redfern Natural History Productions in January 2014. In 2019 *The American Orchid Society Guide to Orchids and their Culture* was released, and is on its third printing. The fifth book, a much-revised second edition of *A Compendium of Miniature Orchids Species* was released in October, 2021. It is now a four-volume set with 3100 photos (1800 are new), including those of more than 500 species not in the first edition.

Ron will be speaking on **Dendrobiums** a species many of grow and can benefit from his incredible knowledge and experience.

To view on Zoom follow the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89554910739?pwd=vbeKN6yEdltdMNOlIF6k3quc2Rbw2G.1>

August Show Table First Place Winners

Cattleya Hybrid

LC. Busy Bev 'Blue Jewel'
grown by Brandan Gray



Cattleya Species

B. nodosa grown by Ken Mettler

All photos were taken by Bob Dudley

August Show Table First Place Winners



Dendrobium

Den. Aridang Green grown by
Dave and Edna Markley



Paphiopedilum

Paph. Somers Isles x
philippinese 'alba' grown by
Tennis Maynard

August Show Table First Place Winners

Other

Cymbidium ensifolium variagata
grown by Brandan Gray



Other

Phrag. kovachii x Walter
Schomburg grown by Tennis
Maynard

August Show Table Second and Third Place Winners

ORCHID	GROWER	PLACE
Bc. Yellow Bird	Brandon Gray	2nd
Vand Dr. Anck 'Bai'	Brandon Gray	2nd
Hab. Erickmichellii	Dave and Edna Markley	2nd
Den. NoID	Dave and Edna Markley	2nd
Bulbo. carunculatum	Tennis Maynard	2nd
Paph Magic Lantern	Tennis Maynard	2nd
C. violacea semi-alba	Tennis Maynard	2nd
Soph. coccinea flavor	Tennis Maynard	3rd
Paph. Hampshire Child	Tennis Maynard	3rd
Restrepia brachypus	Tennis Maynard	3rd
C. Mari's Magic x C. Candy Sparks	Jan Miller	3rd
Masd. Cheryl Shohon	Tennis Maynard	3rd

A Few Plants from August Member Submissions that Arrived a Day Late



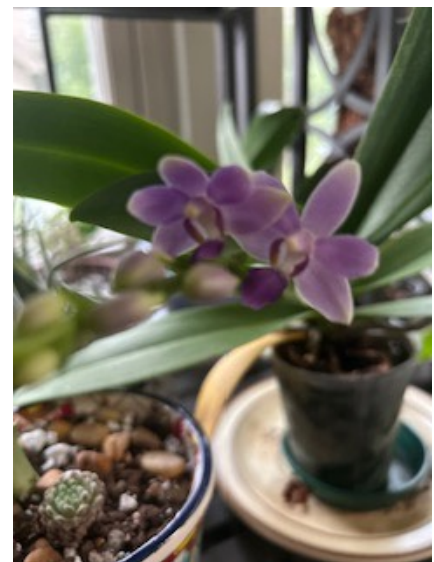
Vanda (Prapathom Gold x Thai Spots)
'Ngsi Koa' grown by David Heilman



Above: Phal. Freya's Sakura Rain 'Melody'

Right top: Phal. Yaphon Batman x YangYang
Pink Mary) x YangYang Pink Mary

Bottom Right: Phal. Summer Rose 'Blue Star' all
grown by Margo Washburn



September and October Meeting Hospitality

Please volunteer to bring in snacks for our monthly meetings. Your participation will be greatly appreciated by all!

Dave Markley has volunteered for the month of September, why not help him out. Remember to bring a beverage to drink to save our environment from excess plastics.

Upcoming Orchid Show



KENTUCKY ORCHID
SOCIETY

2026
show & sale

- AOS judged show
- orchids for sale
- free admission
- daily seminars
- potting table
- daily raffle

SEPT 26 10-5
SEPT 27 12-5

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
330 N Hubbards Lane

find us online at kyorchidsociety.com

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BENEFITS OF AOS MEMBERSHIP

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- Receive Exclusive Discounts and Savings on Orchids, Supplies and More
- OrchidPro Online Orchid Software
- Hundreds of Orchid Webinars, including member only content

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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 – Wednesday, October 7th at 8:30 pm**
- **The Fascinating Flora of the Greek Island of Kythira – Including Many Orchids with Alexander Kocyan – Tuesday, September 22nd at 8:30 pm**
- **Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton – Tuesday, November 10th 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 15 SATURDAY	Annual Picnic	A Lot of Food	Member Plant Sale
September 10	Ron Parsons	Dendrobiums	Member Plant Sale
October 16	Dennis Steinbeck	TBD	Vendor Plant Sale
November 20	Awards banquet	A lot of Food at Second Son Brewing Co.	Member Plant Sale
December	No meeting		

2026 Central Ohio Orchid Society Board and Committee Chairs

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