

CENTRAL OHIO ORCHID SOCIETY



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE | May 2023

As we have previously announced, our fall show will be held October 28 and 29 this year. Many of you may not realize that there are some entry classes for judging that are for art work related to orchids.

From the MAOC class listing:

K. Art Entries – Orchid Related

NOTE: Classes **114-117** entries must have been created by the exhibitor

114. Paintings, Etchings, Charcoals, etc.

115. Photographs, Color

116. Photographs, Black and White.

117. Other arts and crafts featuring orchids, including: Ceramics, China, Sculpture, Jewelry, Metal Art, Needle Art, Tapestry other than above.

118. Collectibles – Any type orchid related artwork, crafts, or related articles.

If you are an amateur photographer, painter, or involved in any of the other crafts mentioned above, you are welcome to enter your orchid related handiwork in our show.

If you'd like to enter your artwork, please let me know so I can reserve table space for your piece. Our society had a lovely exhibit entered in the West Shore Orchid Society Show April 22 & 23.

A big thank you to Ken Mettler, our Away Show Chair, for putting in the exhibit. Tennis Maynard won a Best of Class Trophy for his Phrag. Mont Remon. Congratulations, Tennis!

Speaking of awards, at our home show members of our society can sponsor a special award for any category of orchid they are interested in. As examples, we have special awards given for the most fragrant orchid, best epidendrum alliance, outstanding vanda alliance, etc. I'll bring one of these trophies to the meeting to show you all what they look like. The cost of sponsoring one will likely be in the \$45 - \$55 range.

Thank you,

Dave Markley
Interim President

Central Ohio Orchid Society

**CENTRAL OHIO
ORCHID SOCIETY
REPOTTING SEMINAR**



COOS SOCIETY MEETING

May 18, 2023 | 6:15 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83179048329?pwd=R1NWOHV0bDBvTnppZIRKRVA5VWRpZz09>

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IN-PERSON: Meet in the **AEP Foundation Education Pavilion** in the **Community Garden Campus** in the southeast corner at **Franklin Park Conservatory**

- See map next page.

Beginners Corner starts at 6:30pm

Society Meeting starts at 7:pm

Please bring a plant you want to repot, and a pot to put it in. Tracy Strombotne has orchids of all sizes, plus leca beads and sphagnum to share with the group.

Since we don't have a vendor speaking, members can bring plants to sell.

Located at the gold star on the map:

E. Broad St.

The American Electric Power Foundation Education Pavilion



↑
S. Nelson ↑

[Or, click here to see it on Google Maps.](#)

West Shore Orchid Society Spring Show

April 22 - 23, 2023 | Strongsville, OH



COOS display at the West Shore Orchid Society in April. Thank you to Ken Mettler for transporting plants, setting up, and tearing down the display.

APRIL PLANT OF THE MONTH



Maxillaria tenuifolia
Grown by Dennis Eifel

Dennis grows this specimen plant in his greenhouse, where it receives bright light, frequent watering, and regular feeding during the growing season. *Maxillaria tenuifolia* grows well in baskets, and thrives in intermediate to warm temperatures. It can quickly clump into a large plant with a very high flower count.

APRIL 2023 SHOW TABLE

CATTLEYA

- 1st *Cattleya nobile*
- 2nd *Laelia cinnabarina*
- 3rd *Cattleya intermedia* var. *coerulea*
- 3rd *Cattleya walkeriana* semi-alba 'Kenny' FCC/AOS

GROWN BY

Amy Stanley
Tennis Maynard
Ken Mettler
Tennis Maynard

PAPHIOPEDILUM SPECIES

- 1st *Paphiopedilum fowliei* album
- 2nd *Paphiopedilum wenshanens*
- 3rd *Paphiopedilum concolor*
- 3rd *Paphiopedilum bellatulum*

GROWN BY

Tennis Maynard
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Tennis Maynard

PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS

- 1st Paph. Avalon Pearl
- 2nd Paph. Sheldrake x Beverly Rhode
- 3rd Paph. mastersianum 'SVO' x Macabre 'Mother Mary'

GROWN BY

Edna & David
Markley
Tom Hart
Tom Hart

PHRAGMIPEDIUM

- 1st Phragmipedium Mt. Ramon
- 2nd Phragmipedium Inti's Tears
- 3rd *Phragmipedium schroederiae*

GROWN BY

Tennis Maynard
Edna & David
Markley
Edna & David
Markley

DENDROBIUM

- 1st Dendrobium Royal Chip
- 2nd Dendrobium Little Sweet Scent
- 3rd Dendrobium Violet Fizz 'Luna'

GROWN BY

Tom Hart
Nancy Shapiro
Tom Hart

Oncidium

- 1st Wilsonaria Tan Treasures 'Brown Sugar'
- 2nd Miltoniopsis Rene Komoda x sib.
- 3rd Oncsa. Hwuluduen Chameleon

GROWN BY

Nancy Shapiro
Tsa Shelton
Tracy Strombotne

Phalaenopsis

- 1st Phal. Fuller's Sunset
- 2nd Phal Charming Little
- 3rd Phal. NOID

GROWN BY

Bob & Tricia Dudley
Bob & Tricia Dudley
Tracy Strombotne

Vanda

- 1st Vanda Crownfox Avacado Honey 'Blood Moon'
- 2nd Vanda Dr Anek x Kulwadee Red

GROWN BY

Tennis Maynard
Tennis Maynard

OTHER

- 1st *Maxillaria tenuifolia*
- 2nd Jack Fowliara Apple Blossom
- 3rd *Cypripedium japonicum*
- 3rd Eulophia Mem. Alexis Pardo

GROWN BY

Dennis Eifel
Tracy Strombotne
Tennis Maynard
Ken Mettler

PLANT OF THE MONTH

Maxillaria tenuifolia

GROWN BY

Dennis Eifel

Please note:

Due to an oversight in conducting the April meeting, we only have a photo of the Plant of the Month and not photos of all the other 1st-place orchids.

Our apologies, and we promise to be camera-ready going forward!

Central Ohio Orchid Society

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HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS 2023

MAY |

JUNE |

COOS CALENDAR 2023

January 19 - 2023

**Jim France of
Oakwood Orchids**

*Failures and Successes:
Going Beyond the Beginner Stage*

February 16 - 2023

**Edgar Stehli of
Windswept in Time Orchids**
Encyclias

March 16 - 2023

COOS Members
How I Grow My Orchids

April 20 - 2023

**Danielle Sharp of
Danni's Orchid Journey, YouTube**
*Growing Orchids in a Small Outdoor
Greenhouse in Northern Ohio*

May 18 - 2023

Repotting Seminar

June 15 - 2023

Peter T. Lin - Diamond Orchids
Dendrobiums

July 20 - 2023

No meeting

August 17 - 2023

TBD

September 21 - 2023

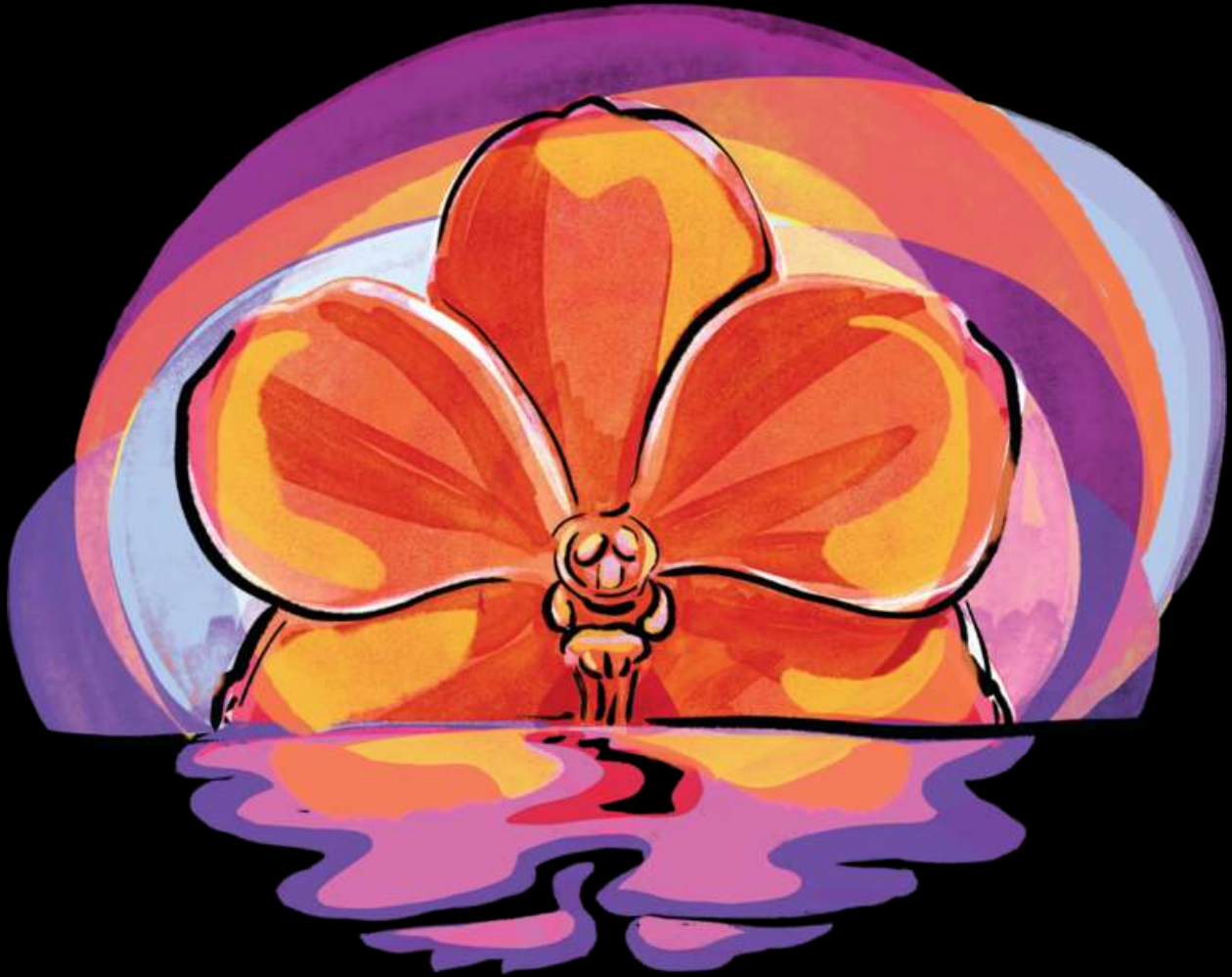
TBD

October 19 - 2023

**Brian Monk of
Monk Orchids**
Brazilian Miltonias

November 16 - 2023

TBD



REDLAND INTERNATIONAL ORCHID FESTIVAL

Located at the idyllic Redland Fruit and Spice Park in South Dade, the Redland International Orchid Festival is world renowned as a bucket list event for orchid lovers. Join the best orchid growers in the world along with fellow avid orchid fans for three and a half days of pure orchid mania.

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**ORCHIDS MAGAZINE REPRINT:
TOM'S MONTHLY CHECKLIST
MAY: THE MONTH OF ICE**

By Thomas Mirenda



Something most of us take for granted, available frozen water, was once a rarity. 200 years ago, before the age of refrigerators, Frederick Tudor made a fortune selling blocks of ice from a pond in New England. Some of the elders among us may remember when an “icebox” was exactly that! Back in the 1910s and 20s when my grandparents first arrived in America, the Hudson River banks had more than 100 icehouse storage facilities. In fact, both my grandfathers started off as “ice-men” carrying around giant blocks of the stuff for people’s kitchens to prevent fresh produce from spoiling. It sounds incredibly hard! How strong they must have been! Both made enough from this endeavor to save for, and acquire, businesses of their own, earning a successful start for their immigrant families. Thanks Grandpa! Today, ice is an American obsession. We use more than almost any other culture, and anything less than an ice-cold drink is simply not acceptable. We are even instructed by some orchid sellers to use it to water our orchids. Ice may indeed be a solution to some other looming problems. For example, we may be able to capture and melt icebergs to supply water to drought-stricken areas where it may be unavailable. In the end, natural ice may again become scarce due to climate change.

MELTING ICE

Finally, Spring is here and the threat of frost is over for much of North America. Bulbs and wildflowers are up and blooming magnificently, watered the last two months by the melting snow and ice that accumulated over the winter. This pure, natural water is a tonic for many plants as it slowly trickles through the soil to deeply water the roots of dormant plants. Terrestrial orchids you may have planted as garden subjects, cypripediums, calanthes, bletillas, etc. are all emerging very quickly now and it will not be long before they are in their full glory. Even your tropical orchids are benefitting from plentiful water at this time. Almost everything, including most cattleyas, oncidiums, dendrobiums and cymbidiums are all in active growth now, making this month a prime time for repotting.

POTTING ADVICE

It is such an exciting time in our collections as new growths and roots are appearing every day. Do not discount the importance of repotting this time of year. All orchids establish best if new roots are allowed to enter and infiltrate fresh new media. A well-rooted plant will grow more vigorously and produce the best flowers, so a lot of your success for the rest of the blooming cycle depends on what you do this month. Always

soak your mix in advance of a potting session to avoid desiccation. Water enters and leaves orchids through the root velamen by osmotic pressure. Therefore, potting in dry mixes can dehydrate your plants unnecessarily.

APPROACHING SOLSTICE

Yes, the days are progressively getting longer, brighter, and warmer and the true growing season is upon us. Increased watering must also accompany additional feeding. Your goal this year is to get the largest, fattest pseudobulbs you can, and for monopodials, at least two new leaves per growth. May is a month you can usually water and fertilize more than other months as so many plants are in such active growth. Fertilizers are many and varied, and I hesitate to recommend a particular brand or formula here. But if the subject confuses you, a balanced fertilizer — one with equal nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium (NPK) percentages — is one way to ensure your orchids are getting most of what they need. One word of warning: stay away from urea-based nitrogen as it cannot be absorbed well by epiphytic plants.

ORCHID AVARICE

This is a great month to add to your collection. most new plants will adjust more easily in the mild spring weather. Break out the catalogs or go online and pick out a few choice orchids you have been lusting over. It is also a great time to make some divisions. Often, a lead removed from a larger specimen at this time will not only establish well but will also be quickly regenerated by the mother plant, like it was never removed!

— **Thomas Mirenda** is a Member (Formerly Chair) of The Conservation Committee, Former Trustee and Recipient of The AOS Ambassador's Award (biophiliak@gmail.com). Article: Page 264 of the May 2015 *ORCHIDS* Magazine.

Culture Corner: Monthly Checklist for May and June

By Ned Nash and James Rose

Cattleya

The last of the spring-flowering types -- those that flower from a ripened hard pseudobulb -- will be finishing, while the first summer-blooming types will be showing buds on their rapidly growing, soft pseudobulbs. Both may need potting, as signaled by deteriorating mix, this month. The spring bloomers present no problems, as you will be dealing with fully ripe, well-hardened pseudobulbs. They will be ready to root on the mature front pseudobulb and will establish quickly. The summer bloomers, will be brittle and may be in bud. Nonetheless, experienced growers know that unless potted now, they may not root later, as this type tends to be seasonal in its rooting behavior. Stake the lead growth to avoid breakage. May can still present some changing light conditions that can lead to burning of the foliage if the plants have not been properly acclimatized. Allow them to build up their tolerance to higher light gradually. Changing light and temperatures can also be the source of some frustration when trying to determine when plants need watering. While cattleyas will be entering into a period of rapid growth starting this month, they have still not built up sufficient momentum to be significantly slowed by your missing a day or two of watering owing to dark weather. As always, it is safer to err on the dry side than on the wet. It is important, though, especially to the summer bloomers. Too much shade will cause rapidly developing inflorescences to droop unattractively.

Paphiopedilum

The Paphiopedilum Maudiae types will be well into their season now, so a careful eye should be used toward staking. Do not be too anxious to stake, however. Many of this type, if staked too soon, will develop nodding flowers that do not face the observer. It is better to allow the flowers to ripen naturally, then support the spike right below the ovary for best display. This is especially common in Paphiopedilum fairrieianum-derived hybrids. If you have to do something when you first see the emerging spikes, just put the stake in the pot next to the spiking growth. Not only will this help you, but you will be able to see where the spikes are, so you can continue to pay attention to their development. The multifloral types will be entering their most active growth phase, so lots of light, water and fertilizer are called for to mature their large growths. Many will be spiking in the next couple of months, so be on the lookout for the emerging inflorescences. These may benefit from earlier staking than most, as the inflorescences grow so quickly in some cases that they can be quite soft. Again, best support is right below the ovary of the first flower. This will allow the most natural presentation of the blooms.

Phalaenopsis

Except for the latest-spiking plants, all phalaenopsis should be ready for potting or already potted. Because phalaenopsis are tropical plants, they tend to be seasonal in their rooting behavior. The critical point for potting is when new roots emerge from the

base of the plant. This is absolutely the best time to repot a phalaenopsis. The summer-flowering types, based on Doritis background, have ideally already been potted and are becoming freshly established, ready to support their soon-to-emerge spikes for the summer season. Phalaenopsis potted at the right point in their growth cycle will reestablish almost immediately, with fresh roots growing into the new medium nearly uninterrupted. As soon as the flush of new root growth is seen, begin regular watering and fertilizing to make maximum use of the major growing season. Do not get over-exuberant with your watering, though, allowing water to splash between plants. This can be a source of infection for both water-borne pathogens and viral contamination. Phalaenopsis are much more susceptible to virus than was previously thought. Take extra care to keep your collection free of bacterial and viral problems, which you can accomplish by maintaining a clean growing area.

Big News! AOS Board approves website refresh!



We're pleased to share that the AOS Board of Trustees recently approved a Capital project to refresh our website, aos.org. Our core objective for the refresh is to improve our user experience both for members and visitors. This includes updated content which is easier to find on a site which is faster, intuitive to navigate, more mobile friendly and has a far more visually appealing design.

As we move into the implementation phase, we're soliciting applications for a part time project manager. This role is a paid, contract position of up to 20 hours per week. The expected duration of this project is 6-10 months. If you're semi-retired and have a background in project management, or you know a recent graduate that is looking to add a capstone project to their resume, please send an email with resume and cover letter to wbodei@aos.org.

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Entries open June 23rd with registration closing on July 28th. Judging will occur in August with People's Choice judging from August 7th – 21st. Winners will be announced in September at the Fall Home & Garden Show the weekend of September 8th/9th/10th.