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Plant of the Month — Bulbophyllum

Bulbophyllum echinolebium grown by Tennis Maynard



Tennis grows this beautiful Bulbophyllum in high light, kept moist and warm year-round in a small CHC mix and in a plastic pot. According to Tennis this species really likes a lot of light to reliably bloom.

The October meeting is being moved to Tuesday, October 13 at 6:30 pm and will be held in the basement of the Wells Barn at the Franklin Park Conservatory.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

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The October meeting, featuring Dennis Steinberg, will be taking place on Tuesday October 13th. In addition to moving the date of the meeting, we have also been moved to the Wells Barn Basement of the Franklin Park Conservatory.



President's Message October 2026

Hello fellow COOS members,

As Bob Dylan wrote: The Times They Are A-Changin'. The weather is changing rapidly this time of year. For those of us who move our plants outside for the summer, this is a time to keep a close eye on the weather. At least the torrents of rain appear to have abated. Longer nights, cooler temperatures and weaker daylight mean our plants' metabolisms are generally slowing down. Soon, those plants that seemed to have doubled in size will need to come inside. But don't rush it. There is still time for many plants to enjoy the natural light, air flow and humidity that being outside provides.

First, consider what types of plants you have. Strict warm growers, like most Phalaenopsis or Bulbophyllums, don't like any temperatures below 50F. They might be able to take a few degrees cooler, especially if they are dry. Most Cattleyas and many others are intermediate growers. These can take temperatures into the 40s or colder, especially if they are dry. Then, there are cool growers: Masdevallias, Cymbidiums, some Coelogynes (check the type), Rhyncholaelia glauca, and even Cattleya walkeriana and C. nobilior can withstand a light frost, and when dry, down to the upper 20s. Nobile type Dendrobiums should start their cool, dry rest period now. I hope you noticed a theme here: plants are generally more cold tolerant when dry. Many plants are signaled to initiate flower spikes by cool nights. Back in the 70s and 80s, the rule of thumb for Phalaenopsis was to expose them to six weeks of nights around 55F to get them to initiate spikes. Today's varieties are much easier to bloom, and sometimes two or three cool nights are enough for them to start spiking.

Before the mad rush to bring plants inside, take advantage of any warm, dry weather to spray your plants so unwelcome critters don't come in with them. As I've mentioned before, I use a rotation of three different systemic insecticides. (Currently imidicloprid, orthene and dinotefuran.) I try to space these about a week apart, weather permitting. Birds are starting to migrate, and sometimes perch on my orchids. If they recently perched on another plant with scale, mealybugs aphids, etc... they can transfer a few on their feet.

President's Message October 2026 *Continued*

Having a rigorous schedule of systemics prevents a new infestation from getting started.

Consider where you are located. The top or sides of a hill will not get frost as early as the bottoms. If you live in town, with lots of pavement and other man-made structures, your area will stay a few degrees warmer than the surrounding countryside. Let your plants take advantage of the mild weather until they need to be brought in. This will promote vigor and blooming in the coming months!

Now, for some Society news:

Big thanks to Tracy Strombotne, who drove to Louisville, Kentucky twice(!) to put in and take down our exhibit at the Kentucky Orchid Society show. We had anyimpressive exhibit with over 25 blooming plants. It was a big show, with over 300 entries, many vendors, and lots of judges in attendance. If you've never put in an exhibit, I encourage you to get involved. We won't "throw you to the wolves." The best way to learn what's involved is to assist someone else putting in an exhibit. Opportunities abound! And it's really fun.

Our meeting location is also in a state of flux. Our October meeting will be held at the Franklin Park Conservatory in the Basement of the Wells Barn. The November banquet will be held at Seventh Son Brewing, and we (and the proprietors) are hoping that members can bring our showable plants early in the day, and have a "mini show" for the public. If you're available, try to get there early to mingle and talk about orchids with the interested public. (And, I'm told there will be beverages available!) Be sure to consult the COOS Reporter for details!

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in October!

Ken Mettler

COOS President

Tuesday, October 13, 2026 Society Meeting

The next meeting of the Central Ohio Orchid Society will be held on **Tuesday, October 13th at Franklin Park Conservatory in the Wells Barn Basement. 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.**

Great News, we will be having a Vendors Plant Sale! Remember to bring a lot of money or credit cards to assure you can bring home some new orchids!!

Special Guest Speaker Dennis Steinbeck

Dennis has been a lifelong gardener, but when a friend gave him a dying Cattleya it opened up a whole new world of plants. After nursing it back to health, he went full-on into the orchid hobby and opened Flask & Flora a few years later. Dennis travels the world sourcing new and interesting varieties and runs his nursery with a focus on equipping newer growers with the knowledge and tools to succeed.

Flask & Flora has a website, but the best way order orchids is through their weekly Facebook sale. Simply read the comments and type "sold" under the plant you want.

This presentation will focus on understanding your plant's needs from an ancestry perspective; Dennis will demonstrate how to use easy-to-access internet resources to understand the cultural needs of species and our modern hybrids.

To view on Zoom follow the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81655187786?pwd=Qnld5WnJEbs2aBIPZzSWzLozmyfXb9.1>



September Show Table First Place Winners

Cattleya

Bl. Yellow Bird grown by Jan
Miller



Phalaenopsis

Phal. Gelblieber grown by Devin
Spencer

All photos were taken by Bob Dudley

September Show Table First Place Winners

Dendrobium

Den. Oriental Smile grown by
Jen Kelly (Congratulations to
our new member)



Paphiopedilum

Paph. Charles worthii grown
by Tennis Maynard

September Show Table First Place Winners

Other

Gastrochilus humblotii 'Orchid
Court' AM/AOS



Habenaria

Habenaria Kotuku grown by
Jan Miller

September Show Table First Place Winners

Oncidium

Mtssa. Dark Star 'Darth Vader'
grown by Tennis Maynard



Phragmipedium

Phrag. besseae grown by Tennis
Maynard

September Show Table First Place Winners



Masdevallia

Masd. Proud Prince grown by
Tennis Maynard

Vanda

Vanda Kasem's Delight
'Bladi' x Dr. Anek grown by
Tennis Maynard



September Show Table First Place Winners



Vanda

Vanda Bangkuntian Gold grown by
Tennis Maynard

September Show Table Second and Third Place Winners

ORCHID	GROWER	PLACE
Dinema polybulbon	Chris Brown	2nd
Dendrobium spectabile	Chris Brown	2nd
Phal. NoID	Beth Makley	2nd
Phrag. Eric Young 'Rocket Fire' 4N x Pharg Beauport 'Rose Rocket' 4N	Dave and Edna Markley	2nd
Masd. Cheryl Shohon	Tennis Maynard	2nd
Paph. maquettianua	Tennis Maynard	2nd
Habenaria erichmichelii	Tennis Maynard	2nd
Bulbo. Jersey	Tennis Maynard	2nd
Calanthe kintaroi	Ken Mettler	2nd
Miltonia spectabilis var. moreliana 'select'	Nancy Shapiro	2nd

September Show Table Second and Third Place Winners

ORCHID	GROWER	PLACE
Epic. Volcano Trick 'Paradise'	Brandon Gray	3rd
Paph. Maudie 'Lo Osos' AM/AOS x Sukhakulii 'SVO' Muscles	Beth Makley	3rd
Phal. NoID	Beth Makley	3rd
Habenaria erichmichelii	Dave and Edna Markley	3rd
Miltonia clowesii	Tennis Maynard	3rd
Masd. Peach Daiquiri 'Anita'	Tennis Maynard	3rd
Coelogyne nitida	Ken Mettler	3rd
Spathoglottis plicate	Ken Mettler	3rd
Dendrobium laevifollum 'Hot Pink' x sib 'The King'	Nancy Shapiro	3rd

A Message from T.J. Hartung

T.J. Hartung spoke to us in May and has since connected with us on
LinkedIn.

"Happy to connect with you and all of your members. If any of you decide
to visit Puerto Vallarta, it would be my pleasure to give you a guided tour
of the Vallarta Botanical Gardens" T.J.

Kentucky Orchid Society Show Entrants and Results



ORCHID	GROWER	PLACE
Vanda Ladda Gold	Dave and Edna Markley	1st
Dendrobium Enobi NN-Splash	Jan Miller	2nd
Beallara Big Shot 'Kitty Kat'	Jan Miller	
Bl. Yellow Bird	Jan Miller	2nd
Rlc. Nebula Storm	Megan Osika	
Paph. Marcia 'Los Osos' AM/AOS x Sukhakulii 'SVO Muscles'	Beth Makley	2nd

Kentucky Orchid Society Show Entrants and Results

ORCHID	GROWER	PLACE
Phal. NoID	Beth Makley	3rd
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Gastrochilus humblotii	Tennis Maynard	1st
Masd. Swallow 'Hartford' AM/AOS	Tennis Maynard	
Paph. charlesworthii	Tennis Maynard	
Paph. henryanum	Tennis Maynard	
Miltonia clowesii	Tennis Maynard	3rd
Laelia fournieri	Tennis Maynard	
Ianclarkara Cheyenne Marie 'Pink Ice'	Tennis Maynard	1st
Phrag. besseae	Tennis Maynard	3rd
Cattleya lueddemanniana v. rubra	Tennis Maynard	3rd
Rlc. Volcano Island 'Volcano Queen'	Tennis Maynard	
Paph. helena album	Tennis Maynard	2nd
Mtssa. Dark Star 'Darth Vader'	Tennis Maynard	2nd

Kentucky Orchid Society Show Entrants and Results

ORCHID	GROWER	PLACE
Masd. Cheryl Shohan	Tennis Maynard	
Phrag. Longifolium album	Tennis Maynard	3rd
Habenaria dentata	Ken Mettler	1st
Laelia anceps	Ken Mettler	1st
Brassia Eternal Wind 'SATO'	Dave and Edna Markley	
Phal. NoID	Christina Gould	2nd
Lc. Final Blue	Tracy Stombotne	
Central Ohio Orchid Society Exhibit	Installed by Tracy Stombotne	3rd

*Congratulations to all who displayed their orchids
and to those who won ribbons!*

October and November Meeting Hospitality

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

Remember to bring a beverage to drink to save our environment from excess plastics.

Also, a reminder that our November meeting is our annual awards banquet which will be held at Second Son Brewing. Details on what types of pot luck dishes will be needed will be sent out closer to the date of the banquet.

Welcome New Members

Jennifer Kelley

Philip Milev

Jana de Jong

Elijah Harris

Maureen Secrist

*Remember to say hi to all our new members
and find out what they grow!*

Have You Considered Joining the American Orchid Society

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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:

- **How to Take Orchid Photography by Award Winner Photographer Wes Newton – Tuesday, October 13th at 8:30 pm**
- **Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton – Tuesday, November 10th at 8:30 pm**
- **The 9th Orchid Culture Day: 'Tiny Treasures of the Orchid World' – Sunday, November 15th, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm.**

Fee: \$40 for AOS Members, \$50 for Non-Members. Register [HERE](#).

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	The Past Can Determine the Future	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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