



JANUARY 2025 COOS REPORTER

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Picture of the Month

Grown by Edna Markley

We requested pictures of blooming orchids for this month's edition of the newsletter via an email sent by our wonderful Secretary, Tom Hart. Edna Markley was the only member who submitted photos. This orchid display was chosen by the COOS Reporter Editor as the Picture of the Month.

Photo Taken By Edna Markley

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President's Message

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and hopefully you enjoyed some time with family and friends.

Tracy has done a great job as program chair and has put together a slate of really interesting speakers for the coming year. See more on that elsewhere in this newsletter.

If you haven't already done so, please pay your dues for 2025. It's still only \$20 per individual and \$25 per couple/family. The money raised is needed to pay the expenses for the excellent speakers we have planned as well as other operating expenses. Please see below for a quick link to pay your dues on line.

Please remember that we are now utilizing Sign Up Genius for determining who will be bringing snacks to our monthly Society meetings. Please use this link to sign up for this month and future month's meeting hospitality.

Hospitality Sign Up

Thank you for being a member of the Central Ohio Orchid Society.

Dave Markley

It's Time to Pay Your Annual Dues

Please remember to submit your 2025 Dues Payment as soon as possible. Your dues helps pay for our program speakers, meeting space at the Franklin Park Conservatory, Annual Show Expenses and other Society activities.

Annual Dues are only \$20 for an individual membership and \$25 for a family membership

It's easy to pay by PayPal by following this link: [Join Us](#) or print out the membership form found by clicking the link above

January 16, 2025 Society Meeting

Our speaker will be Nicholas Rust from Rusty Exotic Orchids. The program will be on beautiful **Jewel Orchids**. The meeting will take place in person, beginning at 6:30 pm (for the Beginners Corner) at then Well's Barn at the Franklin Park Conservatory and will also be available on Zoom (see link below).

Nicholas Rust is an up-and-coming hybridizer in the orchid community. His orchid passion began in 2015 when a mini-Phalaenopsis was gifted to him. Like a flame to gasoline, this gift quickly pulled him into the diverse world of orchids. Shortly after his interests were formed, he began exploring the culture of several unique genera of terrestrial orchids. He now specializes in *Habenaria* and other related genera, jewel orchids, Australian terrestrial orchids, and *Bulbophyllum*. In 2019, this obsession bloomed into a small orchid nursery, RustyExotics Orchids, which he uses to share the wonders and beauty of his work.

Through studying biochemistry and molecular biology during college, Nicholas approaches his orchids with the same scientific perspective he uses while working in a research lab. This led to an interest in the entire growth cycle of orchids and the start of his own hybridization program in 2018 which focuses mostly on terrestrial orchids, especially *Habenaria*. His aim is to use rarely cultivated species and distinct variations of species to create truly exceptional shapes and colors that will pave new directions for unique hybrids.

Rusty Exotics Orchids (REO) was founded in 2019 by Nicholas Rust. His goal was to provide the public with high quality, unique orchids from his own hybridization program, and that is exactly what we do! We give special attention to each and every plant out of flask, ensuring only the best, healthiest plants make it to our shelves. We also pay special attention to floral quality by using only exceptional and distinctive cultivars to create our own crosses. All this ensures our plants will not only grow well but will bloom well, too!

Rusty Exotic Orchids mainly specializes in terrestrial orchids, especially those in the subtribe *Habenariinae*. If you are searching for any *Habenaria*, *Pecteilis*, *Pectabenaria*, *Cynorkis*, or even *Bonatea*, this is your place to look! We also grow many jewel orchids and Australian terrestrial orchids like *Thelymitra*. Terrestrial orchids aside, we also cultivate many *Catasetum*, *Bulbophyllum*, and several other fun genera of orchids. Besides orchids, we have a beautiful collection of odd aroids like *Amorphophallus* and *Typhonium*, both of which we offer for sale several times a year as dormant tubers and the occasional seed. Starting in 2021, we also expanded into the world of carnivorous plants where we focus on *Sarracenia*, or North America pitcher plants. With so many options, we hope to have some exceptional hybrids and amazing line-bred species for everyone!



January 2025 Meeting Link Featuring Nicholas Rust

Topic: Central Ohio Orchid Society Meeting, January 16, 2025

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84803671573?>

[pwd=SVmtuh9T6Yp07EEWT4PUHRbTR39gir.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84803671573?pwd=SVmtuh9T6Yp07EEWT4PUHRbTR39gir.1)

Meeting ID: 848 0367 1573

Passcode: 169310



*Please Bring Plants for a
Member Plant Sale!*

Monthly Meeting Hospitality

We are starting a new tradition in utilizing Sign-Up Genius to schedule our monthly meeting hospitality. This will make it easier to sign up to bring tasty snacks and you will also receive automated reminders that you did sign up!

Please volunteer by clicking the link below:

[COOS Monthly Meeting Hospitality Sign Up](#)

Start Planning to Attend or Help Set Up 2025 Shows at the Following Locations:

Location	Dates
Greater Akron Orchid Society	March 1 – 2
Western Pennsylvania Orchid Society	March 15 – 16
Greater Cleveland Orchid Society	March 22 – 23
West Shore Orchid Society	April 28 – 29

Welcome New Members

We are always excited to have new members to welcome into our Orchid Society.

Please say “hello and what do you grow” to all our new member(s).

Isla Murdan

Thanks to our 2025 Renewing Members

Bob and Tricia Dudley

Cynthia Bertolotti-Clark

Joel and Luziminda Harris

Tom Hart and Calvin Daniels

Nancy Shapiro and Richard
Maxey

Michael Smith and family

Tessie Steelman and Michael
Lehv

Dennis Steinbeck and family

Tracy Stombotne and family

Jose Baron

Hollie Blevins

James Caudill

Dennis Eifel

Tom Franczak

David Hellman

Himchor Ho

David Lee

Marcie Mathews

Janet Miller

Jenelle Odem

Rebecca O;Linn

Tsa Shelton

Devin Spencer

Troy Timbrook

Darrel Walentowski

Margo Washburn

Andrea Yates

Thanks to our Lifetime Members who have been dedicated to the Central Ohio Orchid Society for many years: Clarence Cardwell, Norman Older, David Junka, Tom and Mary Lochner, Robert McBurney, Ken Mettler, Robert Pallagi, Tom and Pat Stinson, Terry and Sandra Stohr.

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:

- **Greenhouse Chat Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at 8:30 pm**
- **Inorganic Potting Media: Never Repot Again with Harvey Brenneise, Part 2 Wednesday February 12, 2025 at 8:30 pm**
- **Why Won't It Bloom, Wednesday March 5th at 8:30 pm with Ron McHatton**
- **Greenhouse Chat, Thursday April 3rd at 8:30 pm**
- **Hundreds of recorded webinars available for viewing for all AOS members (get more orchid information when we don't have a meeting).**

Have You Considered Joining the American Orchid Society

BENEFITS OF AOS MEMBERSHIP

- Receive Orchids Magazine and have access to the Digital Archive
- Receive Exclusive Discounts and Savings on Orchids, Supplies and More
- OrchidPro Online Orchid Software
- Hundreds of Orchid Webinars

Go to [AOS.org](https://www.aos.org) for more information

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:

MEETING DATE	SPEAKER	TOPIC	VENDOR PLANT SALE
January 16	Nicholas Rust	Jewel Orchids	Possible, at a later date
February 20	Fred Clarke	Aussie Dendrobiums	Possible as a group order
March 20	TBD		
April 17	Jim and Yvonne France	TBD	Yes
May 15	Fred Bess	Pest and Disease Management	
June 19	TBD		
July	No Meeting		
August 21	TBD		
September	Picnic		
October 16	TBD		
November 21	Annual Banquet and Awards		Member Plant Sale
December	No Meeting		

2024 Central Ohio Orchid Society Board and Committee Chairs

President	Dave Markley
Vice President	Troy Timbrook
Secretary	Tom Hart
Treasurer	Cheryl Early
Immediate Past President	Nancy Shapiro
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Trustee	Jan Miller
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