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APRIL 2026 COOS REPORTER



Plant of the Month — Vanda Hybrid

Vanda Lucille Scully grown by Dave Heilman

This Vanda is Lucille Scully 'Oak-In' (V. Adrienne x V. Khao Lak). I purchased this Better-Gro brand vanda in a Lowe's store near Jacksonville, FL. around Halloween 2024. It was an established plant when I purchased it, however it was not yet blooming size.

This vanda grows in a south facing window with supplemental LED lighting. The LED light is 25 watts, full spectrum, 2000 lumens and is generally 8-10 inches away from the orchid.

I soak the vanda in rain water for 45-60 minutes once a day. Every two to three days it is soaked in a fertilizer cocktail containing a balanced 20-20-20 fertilizer. The cocktail is supplemented with magnesium, calcium, and seaweed extract. I try to maintain this mixture between 185 and 210.

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Our April 2026 meeting, scheduled for April 16 will be held, once again, on a Thursday evening. The meeting will begin at 6:30 pm with the Beginners Corner and the full meeting will begin at 7 pm. The meeting will be held in the Wells Barn, hopefully on the first floor. If the first floor has another tenant, we will be in the basement meeting rooms. Hope to see you there!

President's Message February 2026

Hello Fellow COOS Members,

Spring has finally sprung, and the spring show season is in full swing. Thank you to the volunteers who have put in and/or taken down exhibits, and members who have exhibited plants in the shows so far. We are racking up a large number of ribbons and trophies, as well as a couple of AOS awards. If you've never been to an AOS sanctioned orchid show, I highly recommend you attend one or more. They are great places to see a wide variety of spectacular orchids, meet other orchid enthusiasts, and acquire one or more new orchids to add to your collection.

I really enjoyed Tennis Maynard's presentation at our March meeting on *Trichopilia* orchids, and I'm looking forward to this month's presentation on the history of the Sheldance Orchid collection in California.

And welcome to our new members and visitors. Make sure to meet new friends and ask, "Who are you and what do you grow?" This is a great way to start up a conversation.

Don't forget that we will be reverting to our usual Thursday evening schedule. We will be meeting in the main (upstairs) room of the Wells Barn, unless it is already booked by the conservatory. This is April 16, and we will be having a members' plant sale. So bring those extra divisions that are taking up too much space, and maybe take home a different plant to fill that space! Remember, 20% of the sale price goes to the society, so these sales help out the society.

See you at the meeting,

Ken Mettler

April 2026 Society Meeting

The next meeting of the Central Ohio Orchid Society will be held on **Tuesday, April 16, 2026 at Franklin Park Conservatory at the Wells Barn in either the basement or upstairs, look for signage** 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.

Also, we will be having a member plant sale, so bring any divisions or plants that you would like to go to a new home. 20% of sales goes to our Society, it's a win-win.



Dan Newman started growing orchids in 1982. His first successful subject was a Dendrobium hybrid bought as a tiny seedling at a lei stand in the Honolulu Airport. When that plant finally grew up and bloomed a few years later, he was hooked! By 1996 he had 350 orchids in his one-bedroom apartment. That year he moved his plants to a rented commercial greenhouse in San Francisco. He took over the large species collection of his friend and orchid mentor, Walter Teague, and his hobby evolved into his nursery, Hanging Gardens. Dan started growing orchids full-time in 2000 and moved to a larger greenhouse in Pacifica a few years later. Cool to intermediate growers are easiest in the coastal climate, but warmer growers also do well in the heated section of the greenhouse. Orchid species make up his core collection and most of his sale stock. He also grows a variety of "companion plants" that share the natural habitats of orchids.

Dan joined the San Francisco Orchid Society in 1987 and served as its president in 1996/97. He has spoken on a variety of topics to orchid societies in California and elsewhere.

Zoom Link for the Sunday, April 16th Central Ohio Orchid Society Meeting

Topic: COOS APRIL MEETING 7 pm Thursday April 16
Time: Apr 16, 2026 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83179924463?pwd=KpaagegGVmDljNFYP2PjlkaSx5RAsc.1>

Meeting ID: 831 7992 4463
Passcode: 279514

Yes, It is Time to Pay Your Dues

Your dues support our speaker programs, our operational costs and community outreach efforts. Plus, membership provides you with access to our members-only opportunities such as select portions of our website and plant forums, participating in on-line plant auctions, various non-meeting educational opportunities, access to recorded ZOOM meeting lectures, and much more. Please note even if you choose not to join, you are welcome to attend COOS meetings or listen to our speakers via ZOOM.

Go to <https://www.centralohioorchidsociety.org/>, click on [Join Us](#), from which there are two options.

Yearly membership is only \$20 for an individual and \$25 for a family. We tried to make payment easy and painless.

1.) [Central Ohio Orchid Society Electronic Membership Application](#) Complete the application at the bottom of the page, follow the prompts and make payment via PayPal. (*Preferred Method*) **or** 2.) Click on [PDF Annual Membership Application](#), then print the form, fill it out by hand, and return it with a check. The mailing address is on the form. (To fill in the PDF on-line: open document, right click, rename PDF and "save as" to your desktop, close COOS screen, open the saved PDF in desktop, click on tools, click on "fill and sign", enter data, save and print document.

March Show Table First Place Winners

Cattleya Hybrid

Brassavola nodosa x
Brassavola subulifolia grown
by Naila Caruso



Dendrobium

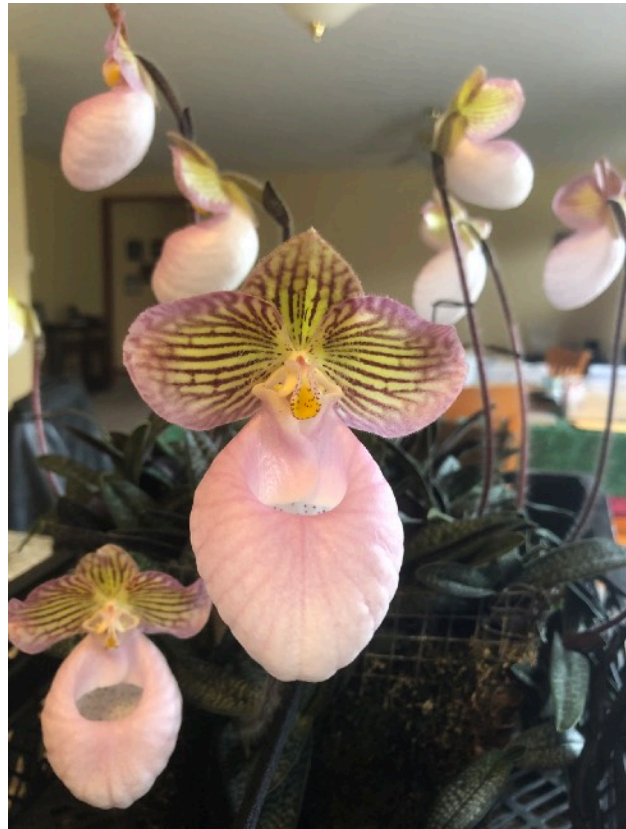
Dendrobium Apollon grown by Dave
Heilman

All photos were taken by Dave Markley or
Ken Mettler

March Show Table First Place Winners

Paphiopedilum

Paph. Micranthium 'Orchid Court'
AM/AOS, CCE/AOS
grown by Tennis Maynard



Coelogyne

Coelogyne lawrenciana grown
by Ken Mettler

March Show Table First Place Winners

Vanda Species

Vanda Tricolor grown by Ken Mettler



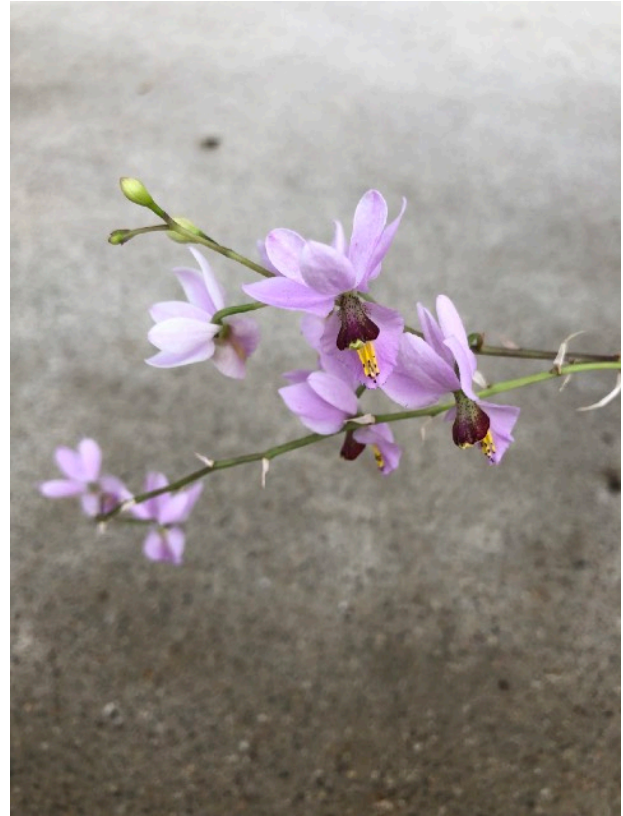
Phalaenopsis

Phal. NoID grown by Dave Heilman

March Show Table First Place Winners

Cattleya Species

Barkeria whartonia grown by
Ken Mettler



Oncidium

Onc. Firecracker 'Lucky Strike'
grown by Dave Heilman

March Show Table Second and Third Place Winners

ORCHID	GROWER	PLACE
Lc. Santa Barbara Showtime 'Sunset'	Tennis Maynard	2nd
Leptons bicolor	Ken Mettler	2nd
Zygo. NoID	Edna Markley	2nd
Phrag. Rio Mira	Edna Markley	2nd
Vanda Tubtim	Dave Heilman	2nd
Vanda coerulescens x sib (pink form)	Nancy Shapiro	2nd
Aerides fastuosa	Nancy Shapiro	2nd
Coelogyne lacteal	Ken Mettler	2nd
Phal. NoID	Beth Makley	2nd
Den. Nobile Love Memory 'Fizz'	Ken Mettler	2nd
Den. Gregulus	Nancy Shapiro	2nd
Bullara Redland Sunset	Brandon Gray	3rd
Onc. Hilo Firecracker 'Lucky Strike'	Edna Markley	3rd
Paph. lismincum (aka Paph. Liemianum)	Tennis Maynard	3rd
Phal. NoID	Andi Yates	3rd
Den. Oriental Smile 'Fantasy'	Nancy Shapiro	3rd

Monthly Meeting Hospitality

This year Jan Miller has agreed to coordinate our monthly hospitality. She will need assistance to assure that we all have good snacks at our monthly meetings. Please follow the link below to sign up for volunteering or sign up in the red book at our meetings, to be on April's snack team!

[COOS Monthly Meeting Hospitality Sign Up](#)



Please bring your own non-alcoholic beverage to all future meetings as we would like to reduce our carbon footprint with decreasing our use of single use plastics! Thanks in advance.

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).**

Deena Antoon

Al White

Kathy Diewald

Sophia Ream

Greater Cincinnati Show Entrants and Results



ORCHID	GROWER	PLACE
Malaxis latifolia	Ken Mettler	
Eulophis Mem. Alexis Pardo	Ken Mettler	2nd
Cymbidium Dame Catherine 'Spring Day' HCC/AOS	Ken Mettler	1st, Best Cymbidium Trophy
Oncidium heaven Scent 'Redolence'	Beth Makley	2nd
Phal. Hybrid	Beth Makley	
Ansellia africana	Dave and Edna Markley	2nd

Greater Cincinnati Show Entrants and Results

ORCHID	GROWER	PLACE
Paph. Windrush	Dave and Edna Markley	
C. Caribbean x LC Trick or Treat	Jan Miller	2nd
Epicattleya Pixie Charm	Jan Miller	3rd
Rlc. Kita Karano 'Hana'	Jan Miller	3rd
Pot. Georgia Peach x Dream Circle	Jan Miller	1st
Paph. bellatum	Tennis Maynard	
Paph. Lola Bird	Tennis Maynard	1st
Paph. hirsutissimum	Tennis Maynard	1st
Masdevallia veitchiana	Tennis Maynard	1st
Chysis bractenscens var. coerulea 'Hermosa Dawn' CMH/AOS	Tennis Maynard	1st, Bob Wolfe Memorial Trophy
Phal. Hybrid	Christina Gould	1st
Phal. Hybrid	Christina Gould	2nd
Phal. Hybrid	Christina Gould	3rd
Cymbidium Sydney's Passion	Naila Caruso	3rd
Cymbidium Sydney's Passion	Naila Caruso	2nd

Greater Cincinnati Show Entrants and Results

ORCHID	GROWER	PLACE
Epicattleya Magic Wand	Susan Allison	
Phal. Hybrid	Susan Allison	3rd
Cochlezella Amazing Andrea	Andi Yates	3rd
Rth. Carolina Orange D'Or x Pot Love Passion	Andi Yates	

*Congratulations to all who displayed and won awards
at Greater Cincinnati Orchid Show*

Upcoming 2026 Orchid Shows

Location	Dates	Set Up
Western Pennsylvania	April 11 – 12	
West Shore	April 25 – 26	



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

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, Tuesday, April 2nd at 8:30 pm**
- **Growing Cattleya alarorii and its hybrids with Jojo deBeaubien, Tuesday April 21st at 8:30 pm**
- **Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton, Tuesday, May 5th, at 8:30 pm**

*Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania
Annual Show*

SPRING ORCHID SHOW
April 11 & 12, 2026



PRESENTED BY THE ORCHID SOCIETY OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA (OSWP.ORG)

HOURS

SATURDAY APRIL 11

EXHIBITS NOON TO 5 PM

VENDORS 9 AM TO 5 PM

SUNDAY APRIL 12

EXHIBITS 9 AM TO 4 PM

VENDORS 9 AM TO 4 PM

LOCATION

CROWNE PLAZA SUITES

PITTSBURGH SOUTH

164 FORT COUCH ROAD

ACROSS FROM SOUTH HILLS
VILLAGE

**FREE PARKING WITH EASY
ACCESS TO ALL EVENTS**

ACTIVITIES

ORCHID DISPLAYS

EXPERT PRESENTATIONS

REPOTTING SERVICE

ORCHID VENDOR SALES

RAFFLES & AUCTIONS

CRAFT SALES

ADMISSION \$5.00 (MEMBERS & UNDER 18 FREE)



Windswept in Time Annual Open House
May 23 and 24, 2026

Windswept in Time Orchids
Kim & Edgar Stehli

8066 Skyline Drive
Broadview Heights, Ohio 44147

(440) 838-5757 – Call first for an appt.

Windsweptorchids.com

2026 Open House Event

SPRING – May 23 & 24 (Sat. & Sun.) 11am – 5pm

Check us out on Facebook at

Windswept in Time Orchids (Agricultural Services)

2026 Program Calendar

Andi Yates is becoming our new Program Chair and will be developing another wonderful group of speakers. Each month we will update the calendar as some changes are always expected as people's schedules change. Meetings are at the FPC Wells Barn Basement unless noted below.

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	
June 18 THURSDAY	TBD		
July 16 THURSDAY	TBD		
August 20	TBD		
September 17 or 19	TBD		
October 16	TBD		
November 20	TBD		
December	No meeting		

2026 Central Ohio Orchid Society Board and Committee Chairs

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