

CENTRAL OHIO ORCHID SOCIETY

Reporter



January 2021

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to January 2021. I am excited by the prospect of 2021 being a year when we can finally meet together in person, but until then we will continue to meet on Zoom and have participation from orchid growers from around the country. This month we are also bringing back our Beginner's Corner. Ken Mettler will lead a group (I hope a lot of us) to answer specific grower questions. Bring your plants and questions to our meeting **beginning at 7 pm.**

Meeting via Zoom also allows us to bring in speaker's from around the world, as this month proves with our first speaker hailing from Jamaica. Claude Hamilton will be speaking to us on Thursday, **January 22 at 7:30 pm.** He will be speaking on **Broughtonias.**

So, follow the link below, and join us for what will we think will be an interesting meeting!

Topic: Central Ohio Orchid Society January 21, 2021, 7pm
Time: Jan 21, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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2020 PLANT OF THE YEAR

Judging for 2020 Plant of the Year, will begin on February 1 and conclude on February 8. Two awards will be provided to the winning public and member's categories.

The member's award will be just that, members who have paid dues in 2020 and/or 2021 will be able to vote on line for their favorite plant of the month winner: 12 entries/1 vote per member.

The Public category will have all first-place ribbon-winning plants from March 2020 (when we began virtual judging) through the end of the year. The January and February Plants of the Month will also be entered into this contest. If you had any first place ribbons, in any orchid category, you will be eligible to win!

Members can vote in either the public or member's categories, but everyone gets just one vote. Stay tuned to see who will win.

ORCHIATA SALE

Dave Markley has once again agreed to head up our periodic Orchiata sale. Sales will begin on January 21st, and extend through February 23rd. Delivery/pick up will occur around March 12. Details on sizes of Orchiata can be found below:

Orchiata is available in 5 grades to suit any growing need. The [sizing chart](#) may help you decide which grade is best for your particular situation. Cost per bag is \$34.00, each bag 40 liters (approximately 10 gallons). To order, please email Dave Markley at davemarkley27@gmail.com.



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AFP 43 - 50 %, WHC 52%



Classic: 1/4" – 3/8", suits young orchids, a good size for second potting. AFP 47 – 52%, WHC 55%



Power: 3/8" – 1/2", suits young and mature orchids, a good size for second potting. AFP 49 – 53%, WHC 56.8%



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Super: 3/4" – 1", our largest chip size, used for mature orchids and orchids that require a high AFP. AFP 51 – 55%, WHC 56.8%

So, take inventory of your plants needs and get prepared to repot this spring. Thanks, Dave for heading this up!

2021 VIRTUAL JUDGING

Virtual Judging will continue this year. The rules remain the same and can be found below:

- Four plants per membership per month.
- Must own plant for 6 months before entering.
- *Your email MUST have the name of the plant in the body of the email.* Please provide the correctly spelled plant name, as best as possible. It is much easier if you send one email with one picture, so that would be appreciated too!
- One picture per plant only.
- Plant must be photographed during the month it is entered.
- Try to submit a quality photograph.
- *You may submit a picture of a plant that is not eligible for judging. Please provide the reason the plant is not eligible (for example: you got the plant 4 months ago).*
- Send your pictures to nlshapiro2@gmail.com anytime in the month, but they need to be received by the last day of each month. Please also cc: centralohioorchidsociety@gmail.com

FINAL CALL FOR FOREIGN ORCHID JOURNALS

Troy Timbrook still has several boxes of Orchid Journals. Please let Troy know if you are interested in any of them (troytimbrook@gmail.com) and he will arrange for you to get them. If not claimed by the end of February, they will be recycled.

2021 DUES ARE NOW DUE

Thanks to all who have rejoined or joined the Society these last few months. Dues is our major source of income during the year. This month the Board determined that those of you who initially joined or renewed your membership from October 1- December 31, 2020 would have their dues automatically credited to 2021. Please renew or join at [Central Ohio Orchid Society](#).

VIRTUAL AUCTION A SUCCESS

Thanks to our members who visited and bid on donated plants at our first ever Virtual Auction. The Society earned \$250.00 (actually slightly less after you take out PayPal costs) due to the generosity of our members who donated their plants and materials. Let us know if you would like to do this again in 2021.

Thanks to all of you who send suggestions and ideas to keep us entertained and sustained during these difficult times. If you have any ideas on how to help you, either grow better or just feel better, please let me know. A suggestion is what is bringing back our Beginners Corner, so please suggest other ideas that you think would benefit our Society and its membership.

I am looking forward to seeing you all on Thursday, January 21st at 7 pm!

Nancy Shapiro
President
Central Ohio Orchid Society
18 January 2021

HAMLYN ORCHIDS

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Claude Hamilton and his wife Elizabeth (Betty) Hamilton own and operate [Hamlyn Orchids](#) in Kingston, Jamaica. Founded in 1983, Claude has been growing orchids for over fifty years and is a former President of the Jamaica Orchid Society, as well as a life member of Jamaica Horticultural Society and the Dobermann Pinscher Club of Jamaica. He is an Accredited Judge of the Jamaica Orchid Society since 1986 and of the American Orchid Society since 2000.

Affiliated with the Florida Caribbean Judging Center of the American Orchid Society in Miami, Claude has judged and lectured in over 34 countries. At age 14 he was one of the founders of the St. James Horticultural Society in Montego Bay, Jamaica. He is well known as a hybridizer (breeder) of orchids and lectures on orchids, orchid culture, and orchid judging, and perhaps best known as a breeder of Broughtonias, Encyclia, Myrmecophila, Laelia and their hybrids. He has also bred award winning Oncidinae, Dendrobiums and Phalaenopsis and Vandas. His hybrids have won many awards at orchid shows in several countries.

Claude has also bred Dobermann Pinschers as well as a variety of other dog breeds as a hobby and frequently exhibited dogs at shows in Jamaica. He is a founder member of the Dobermann Pinscher Club of Jamaica, served as its first President, and was elected a Life Member of the club. He has been a member of the Jamaica Kennel Club since 1971, for which he served many years as a member of the JKC's Executive Committee and as Honorary Secretary.

Claude has also for many years served as the chair of judging at the Jamaica Orchid Society and at other orchid shows in Jamaica. One of his hobbies is photography and serves in an honorary role as awards photographer at all six American Orchid Society judged events in Jamaica.

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BROUGHTONIA SPECIES

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DECEMBER PLANT OF THE MONTH

Phal NoID
Grown by Katherine Vogel



Katherine's Tips for Growing Phalaenopsis:

This Phal rotates between a west facing window and some full spectrum LED lights depending on the weather. It gets a weekly soak, and every other week with MSU fertilizer.

DECEMBER 2020 VIRTUAL SHOW TABLE

CATTLEYA

1 st	Encyclia dichroma	Grown by Tennis Maynard
2 nd	Blc Yen Surprise 'Seiko'	Grown by Tennis Maynard
3 rd	Barkeria skinneri	Grown by Ken Mettler

PAPHIOPEDILUM

1 st	Paph. glaucophyllum	Grown by Nancy Shapiro
2 nd	Paph. gratixianum x henryanum	Grown by Tom and Pat Stinson
3 rd	Paph. Fanaticum	Grown by Ken Mettler

ONCIDIUM

1 st	Onc. Heaven Scent 'Sweet Baby'	Grown by Jessica Badger
2 nd	Onc. Tsiku Marguerite '#1'	Grown by Cortney White
3 rd	Psychp. Mariposa 'Green Valley'	Grown by Tom Hart

PHALAENOPSIS

1 st	Phal. NoID - Plant of the Month	Grown by Katherine Vogel
2 nd	Phal. NoID	Grown by Nancy Shapiro
3 rd	Phal. NoID	Grown by Troy Timbrook

DENDROBIUM

1 st	Den. aberrans x woodsii	Grown by Angeline Rini
2 nd	Den. Oriental Smile 'Butterfly'	Grown by Edna & Dave Markley
3 rd	Den. NoID	Grown by Tracy Strombotne

OTHER

1 st	Cycnodes Wine Delight 'JEM'	Grown by Tennis Maynard
1 st	Maxillaria parkeri	Grown by Tennis Maynard
2 nd	Galptm. Arlene Amour 'Conching'	Grown by Tracy Strombotne
2 nd	Masd. Mary Staal 'Laurie Jeanne'	Grown by Tom & Pat Stinson
	HCC/AOS	
3 rd	Masd. NoID	Grown by Tom & Pat Stinson
3 rd	Cym. Nagalex	Grown by Ken Mettler

CATTLEYA



Encyclia dichroma
Grown by Tennis Maynard



Blc. Yen Surprise 'Seiko'
Grown by Tennis Maynard



Barkeria skinneri
Grown by Ken Mettler



Rth. Cape Scarlet Glow 'NN'
Grown by Ken Mettler



Eplc. Magic Wand
Grown by Nancy Shapiro



Cat. NoID
Grown by Tom and Pat Stinson



Blc. My Orange 'NN'
Grown by Nancy Shapiro



**Blc. Ronald's Canyon x Lc. Memoria Robert Strait
Grown by Troy Timbrook**



Cat. NoID
Grown by Troy Timbrook



Lc. Big Time 'NN'
Grown by Troy Timbrook



Cat. Mini Purple 'Blue Hawaii'
Grown by Troy Timbrook
From November Show Table



Not for Judging
Barkeria obovate
Grown by Ken Mettler



Not for Judging
Rlc. Momilani Ranibow 'Waldor'
Grown by Ken Mettler

PAPHIOPEDILUM



**Paph. glaucophyllum 'Red Flower' x sib.
Grown by Nancy Shapiro**



Paph. gratixianum x henryanum
Grown by Tom and Pat Stinson



Paph. Fanaticum
Grown by Ken Mettler



Paph. Deperle
Grown by Sandra and Terry Stohr



Paph. Ice Age 'Snow White' x Icy Icy Wind 'Full Moon'
Grown by Cortney White



Paph. sukhakulii
Grown by Justin Pepperney



Paph. Temptation
Grown by Cortney White



**Paph. fairrianum album x (Pacific Shamrock x Yerba Buena-Golden Day)
Grown by Edna and Dave Markley**



**Paph. Blenhill 'Indomitable' AM/AOC (NSW) x Paph. Blenhill 'King Tide'
Grown by Edna and Dave Markley**

ONCIDIUM



Onc. Heaven Scent 'Sweet Baby'
Grown by Jessica Badger



Onc. Tsiku Marguerite '#1'
Grown by Cortney White



Psychp. mariposa 'Green Valley'
Grown by Tom Hart



**Onc. Sweet Sugar 'Lemon Drop' HCC/AOS
Grown by Robert Dudley**

Phalaenopsis



Plant of the Month
Phal. NoID
Grown by Kathering Vogel



Phal. NoID
Grown by Nancy Shapiro



Phal. NoID
Grown by Troy Timbrook

Dendrobium



Den. aberrans x woodsia
Grown by Angeline Rini



Den. Oriental Smile 'Butterfly'
Grown by Edna and Dave Markley



Den. Noid
Grown by Tracy Strombotne

OTHER



Cynodes Wine Delight 'Jem
Grown by Tennis Maynard



Maxillaria parkeri
Grown by Tennis Maynard



**Galptm. Arlene Amour 'Conching
Grown by Tracy Stombotne**



Masd. Mary Staal 'Laurie Jeanne' HCC/AOS'
Grown by Tom and Pat Stinson



Masd. NoID
Grown by Tom and Pat Stinson



Cym. Nagalex
Grown by Ken Mettler



Vandachostylis Prapawan
Grown by Jessica Badger



**Vanda Motes Adorbs
Grown by Jessica Badger**



Phrag. Jason Fischer
Grown by Sandra and Terry Stohr



Ludisia discolor
Grown by Dennis Steinbeck



**Not for Judging - Perreiraara Sunshine Padriew
Grown by Jessica Badger**

Into the Wild

By Ken Mettler

An Orchid for All Seasons, *Goodyera pubescens*



Goodyera pubescens.
Photo by Ken Mettler.

It's mid-winter. The sky is grey, and the ground is mostly brown. So, what's a native orchid lover to do in such a dispiriting season? Go outside and look at orchids! In Ohio we have three species that are still visible during the winter. Of these, the Downy Rattlesnake Plantain, *Goodyera pubescens*, is the most abundant, and is our only evergreen species.

As one of the so-called "jewel orchids," the foliage is the real attraction for this plant. It forms small rosettes, two to five inches (5-13 cm) in diameter, of up to about ten leaves on or near the ground. The oblong-elliptic leaves are each up to three inches (7.5 cm) long, and about half as wide. The leaves are a cool, bluish green with a silvery white stripe down the center of the leaf and are reticulated with silvery white on the veins. On a couple occasions, I have found plants that have about double the amount of silver in the leaf as the usual form.



In July, an upright inflorescence emerges 4-20 inches (10-50 cm) densely covered with small, cup-shaped white flowers. The backs of the sepals are heavily covered with short hairs, hence the species name, *pubescens*. In southeast Ohio, they are usually in bloom from about mid-July through mid-August.



Goodyera pubescens in spike, with Christmas fern.
Photo by Ken Mettler.

These plants like to grow in mesic (not too wet, not too dry) woods, and are found throughout the eastern half of Ohio. It is probably the most common orchid in the Hocking Hills region, and there are places where they are so thick that it's difficult to walk without stepping on them. Being evergreen allows them to survive in fairly low light environments. Since they are visible all year, the easiest way to find them is to look for them in the winter, when there aren't as many "green things" to block your view. A few other plants commonly seen with them are spotted wintergreen (*Chimaphila maculata*), Christmas fern (*Polystichum acrostichoides*), and running ground cedar (*Diphasiastrum digitatum*). Running ground cedar is a stoloniferous club moss that I've found makes great cut greenery to fill in spaces in orchid exhibits.

Since we're all stuck at home most of the time now, once your tropical orchids are taken care of, get outside and look around. There are a surprising number of plants that are still in leaf and growing at this time of year. And be sure to look for our native jewel orchid in the woods of eastern Ohio.



Spotted wintergreen.
Photo by Ken Mettler.



Running ground cedar,
Photo by Ken Mettler.

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COOS CALENDAR 2021

January 21, 2021

CLAUDE HAMILTON on *Broughtonias*

February 18th, 2021

ROGER FRAMPTON of Roger's Orchids (YouTube channel in the UK)

March 18th, 2021

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June through November — *TBD*