

CENTRAL OHIO ORCHID SOCIETY

Reporter

July 2021



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE | JULY 2021

WE ARE BACK!

On July 15th we are returning to in-person meetings at The Franklin Park Conservatory, with the option of Zooming in if you can't make it to the Conservatory or if you are not vaccinated. **To ensure the health of all our members, the Board voted unanimously that all members in attendance at the meeting must be vaccinated.** We appreciate everyone's honesty and cooperation with this new requirement.

We will be meeting in the **Veridian Room**, which is a bit of a hike. Enter through the main front doors of the conservatory, take the elevator or stairs to the second floor, make your way to the rear of the building (towards the Palm house), and back down to the first floor. We will have a guide or two posted to help you find the location if that is needed. While the meeting will begin at 7:30 pm, we ask that you get there a few minutes early, to visit with old and new Zoom friends, so that we can start on time. Due to it being our first hybrid meeting, we have elected to not have a Beginner's Corner this month. We can only stress ourselves so much with assuring that the technology works as planned. However, Ken Mettler will be in attendance and will welcome any burning questions that you have about any of your plants prior to our starting the meeting.

For those of you who remember the in-person days of old, many of our normal traditions will continue. **We will have a hospitality table** (thanks Sandra and Terry Stohr) and for that reason, we would appreciate your letting Tom Hart, our Secretary, know that you plan to attend the meeting. We want to have enough snacks...but not too much. Tom's email is tomcolumbus65@gmail.com.

Our show table will also return with ribbon judging. We plan to take pictures of blue-ribbon winning plants, giving growers full credit, and these pictures will be in the next issue of our newsletter.

As our speaker is coming to us from Columbia, we will also be able to have a **member plant sale**. If you were unable to sell your divisions or extra orchids at our plant sale on June 26th, this month is another opportunity to provide our members with some of your special plants and make room in your collection to bring some home for yourself. Remember that 20% of your sales comes back to the Society.

Tracy Strombotne and I visited the Conservatory last week and were amazed at the equipment that the Conservatory now has to make it possible for us to have hybrid

meetings now and into the future. We think you will enjoy the huge set up and high-resolution equipment.

Now onto some other news:

- We will be having a member picnic at Wendy and Justin's home on Sunday, September 5th from 12-4 pm. Stay tuned for more details as the event gets closer.
- The Board voted last week to provide a one-year Honorary Membership to all our speakers this year and moving forward. We hope that they will continue to be connected to our Society and recommend us to their contacts.
- The Nomination's Committee has begun meeting to discuss future elected officers and appointed committee chairs. Again, if you are interested in getting more involved with the Society...please let me know. It's a great experience serving on the Board and really getting to know Society members and help guide the Society into the future.
- Terry Stohr completed a financial review of our 2020 finances and found all to be in order. Thanks to Megan Osika (Treasurer) and Tom Hart (Secretary) for making the review quick and easy. Also, a special thanks to Terry for agreeing to take the time to do this review and to Sandra for some printing assistance and the delicious snacks!!
- Remember to sign up for the Miami Valley and Greater Cincinnati Orchid Fest being held in August. All the details can be found at:
www.ohiovalleyorchidfest.com
- We also hope to have information out to you soon on signing up for both Amazon and Kroger rewards programs. Another way to help fund the Society.

On a personal note, I want to thank all our members for their patience and support these last 16 months. The transition to Zoom, virtual judging and participation in the socially distanced events kept the Society functioning and growing. I look forward to seeing many of you in-person on July 15th, I will be the one smiling and wearing a name badge. We will make sure we have extras on hand if you can't find yours or are a new member, as we won't be able to rely on the little box with your name in the left-hand corner.

*Nancy Shapiro - President
Central Ohio Orchid Society
July 2021*

CENTRAL OHIO ORCHID SOCIETY JULY MEETING

DAVID HAELTERMAN - Stanhopea Orchids

July 15, 2021

7:00 pm - Beginners' Corner with Ken Metter

7:00 - Virtual Meeting



David Haelterman will be speaking about Stanhopea orchids and their allied genera. David lives in Cali, Colombia, and explores the region as an orchid enthusiast and educator. Cali is a major metropolis, sitting in the Valle Del Cauca, just east of the Farallones de Cauda, the very bio-diverse coastal mountain range. Colombia is recognized as the richest orchid country on earth, with over 4300 species identified, and many regions yet to be explored.

David has worked as an agronomist in his native Belgium, developing urban agriculture projects with schools and encouraging biodiversity through ecologically productive small-scale parcels. In Columbia, eh explores the mountains, [leads tours](#), gives lectures, and photographs orchids in the region.

In parallel to these professional activities, David has been passionate about orchids for more than 25 years, growing many genera such as Cattleya, Masdevallia, Restrepia, Odontoglossum, Kefersteinia, Pescatoria, Eriopsis, Stanhopea and allied genera, and Maxillaria. His center of interest is focused on orchid taxonomy, their biogeography and their conservation in the wild.

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JUNE PLANT OF THE MONTH

Laelia purpurata
Grown by Pat & Tom Stinson



JUNE 2021 VIRTUAL SHOW TABLE

CATTLEYA SPECIES

GROWN BY:

1 st	<i>Laelia purpurata</i>	Pat & Tom Stinson
2 nd	<i>Cattleya warnerii</i> var. <i>concolor</i>	Tennis Maynard
3 rd	<i>Leptotes bicolor</i>	Ken Mettler

CATTLEYA HYBRIDS

1 st	<i>Stlma. Kelly Lea</i>	Angeline Rini
2 nd	<i>Rhyncattleanthe Cape Scarlet Glow 'NN'</i>	Ken Mettler
3 rd	<i>Bl. Morning Glory 'Remar'</i>	David Evans

SLIPPERS

1 st	<i>Paph. philippinense 'Alford' AM/AOS</i>	Justin Pepperney
2 nd	<i>Phrag. Wossner Supergrande</i>	Edna & Dave Markley
3 rd	<i>Paph. rothschildianum 'Charles E.' x 'Borneo'</i>	Justin Pepperney

ONCIDIAE

1 st	<i>Odcdm. Catatante 'Pacific Sun Spots'</i>	Pat & Tom Stinson
2 nd	<i>Bllra. Tropic Lily 'Hilo Space Ship'</i>	Dennis Eifel
3 rd	<i>Onc. Hula Hulau 'Volcano Queen'</i>	Angeline Rini

VANDACEOUS

1 st	<i>Phal. NoID</i>	Pat & Tom Stinson
2 nd	<i>Neofinetia falcata 'Tamakongo'</i>	David Evans
2 nd	<i>Vanda Kulwadee Fragrance '27'</i>	Tennis Maynard
3 rd	<i>Vanda Lucknow</i>	Nancy Shapiro

OTHER

1 st	<i>Restrepia brachypus</i>	David Evans
1 st	<i>Sobralia macrantha</i>	Ken Mettler
2 nd	<i>Ponerorchis graminifolia</i>	Tennis Maynard
2 nd	<i>Eulophia Memoria Alexis Pardo</i>	Ken Mettler
3 rd	<i>Dendrobium glomeratum</i>	Tennis Maynard
3 rd	<i>Masdevallia Peach Melba</i>	David Evans

PLANT OF THE MONTH

<i>Laelia purpurata</i>	Pat & Tom Stinson
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CATTLEYA SPECIES



Laelia Purpurata
Grown by Pat & Tom Stinson

PLANT OF THE MONTH

TIPS FOR GROWING:

The *Laelia Purpurata* has been in fairly strong light up against the polycarbonate. It has not been reported since 2017. It usually dries out before it is watered again. It is fed with Robert's fertilizer, like the MSU formula.



Cattleya warneri var. concolor
Grown by Tennis Maynard



Leptotes bicolor
Grown by Ken Mettler

CATTLEYA HYBRIDS



Stlma. Kelly Lea
Grown by Angeline Rini



Rhyncattleanthe Cape Scarlet Glow 'NN'
Grown by Ken Metler



Bl. Morning Glory 'Remar'
Grown by David Evans



Laelia purpurata var. vinicolor
Grown by Justin Pepperney

SLIPPERS



Paph. philippinense 'Alford' AM/AOS
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Phrag. Wossner Supergrande
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Paph. rothschildianum 'Charles E.' x 'Borneo'
Grown by Justin Pepperney

ONCIDIAE



Odcdm. Catatante 'Pacific Sun Spots'
Grown by Pat & Tom Stinson



Bllra. Tropic Lily 'Hilo Space Ship'
Grown by Dennis Eifel



Onc. Hula Hula 'Volcano Queen'
Grown by Angeline Rini



Psychopsis Mendenhall 'Hildos' AM/AOS
Grown by Nancy Shapiro

VANDACEOUS



Phal. NoID
Grown by Pat & Tom Stinson



Neofinetia falcata 'Tamakongo'
Grown by David Evans



Vanda Kulwadee Fragrance '27'
Grown by Tennis Maynard



Vanda Lucknow
Grown by Nancy Shapiro



Aerangis somalensis* x *mystaedii
Grown by Nancy Shapiro



Vanda Hiroshima Choice
Grown by Nancy Shapiro

OTHERS



Restrepia brachypus
Grown by David Evans



Sobralia macrantha
Grown by Ken Mettler



Ponerorchis graminifolia
Grown by Tennis Maynard



Eulophia Memoria Alexis Pardo
Grown by Ken Mettler



Dendrobium glomeratum
Grown by Tennis Maynard



Masdevallia Peach Melba
Grown by David Evans



Coelogyne xyrekes

Grown by Angeline Rini

NOT FOR JUDGING



Eulophia andamanensis
Grown by Ken Mettler



Masd. infracta x urubumba
Grown by David Evans



Medicalcar decoratum
Grown by David Evans

Into the Wild

Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid—Take Two, Better Than Last Year

By Ken Mettler

All photo credits: Ken Mettler



Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchids (*Platanthera leucophaea*)

Last year, in the still early grip of the Covid-19 pandemic lockdown, I ventured out to see the federally threatened Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid, *Platanthera leucophaea*. Fortunately, there is a nice population of this species just an hour west of Columbus, Ohio. These plants are growing in the Leadingham Prairie, part of the Clark County Park District. I

had heard from a friend that they were blooming in the end of June, and I didn't want to miss them, so I went on July 7, 2020.. I found a few in bloom, but they were almost done. Still, I was thrilled!



Leadingham Prairie is a wet prairie in the floodplain of the Mad River. There is a small stream with a beaver dam on the north side of the prairie. The geology is based on limestone, so the soil is alkaline, something I don't get in my area in the Hocking Hills. Due to the different soil pH, there are many species of plants there that don't grow near me. The prairie is periodically mowed by the park district to keep out trees and other woody vegetation, allowing many prairie forbs and grasses to flourish. There is a mowed trail that loops around the prairie, so you don't have to walk through the tall vegetation.

**Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchids
(*Platanthera leucophaea*)**

This year, I went there with a couple friends on June 27. The weather was hot, though not as hot as last year, and there is scant shade in the prairie. There was a nice breeze at times. Of course, it always seems that the breeze picks up when I'm trying to take photographs, and dies down when I feel the hottest. This year there were fewer other prairie plants in bloom. Most of these will be in full bloom in July. But the orchids more than made up for that. We found three or four dozen plants in bloom, some of them waist high.





The author in the Leadingham Prairie. 6-27-21

Other prairie plants that were starting to bloom included White False Indigo (*Baptisia alba*), Canada Anemone (*Anemone canadensis*), Sullivant's Milkweed (*Asclepias sullivantii*), Queen of the Prairie (*Filipendula rubra*), Saint John's Wort (*Hypericum* spp)

and Rattlesnake Master (*Eryngium yuccafolium*). Compass Plant (*Silphium laciniatum*) were budding up. Their spikes, up to seven feet tall, will tower over the prairie with yellow flowers in July.

Canadian Anemone (*Anemone canadensis*)



White False Indigo (*Baptisia alba*)



Sullivant's Milkweed (*Asclepias sulivantii*)

The Leadingham Prairie is part of the Spangler Nature Preserve near Medway, Ohio. It's open to the public (and free) from 8:00 AM until dark. If you go, I recommend at least hiking boots. The trails can vary from dry to ankle-deep water, depending on the weather. There is some poison ivy, and there are dog ticks (I haven't encountered deer ticks there yet), so I also advise long pants and insect repellent. Middays can be very hot, so bring cold water to drink. The orchids become fragrant in the evening, starting around 6:00 PM or so.

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Pleione formosana Photo by Richard Noel

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Wednesday July 14th, 2021

7:00 PM Social and Culture Questions

6:30 PM Hybrid Meeting = Both In-Person and Zoom

At the Church In-Person = 4865 Wilmington Pike
(Corner of Rahn)

Speaker: Edgar Stehli - Windswept in Time Orchids

Topic: Habenaria

Edgar is a long-time grower and a regular vendor at our shows! He will be sharing his great knowledge on the Genus Habenaria which is a beautiful and easy to grow group of orchids! Come learn how to grow them! He will have plants to sell! We will be meeting at the Church in the Fellowship Hall as we did in June - Just come in the side door next to the main doors on the Wilmington Road Side of the building which will take you right into the meeting area.

MONTHLY MEETING LOGIN INFORMATION

For those still wanting to join in by Zoom, we will broadcast the meeting also

Join Zoom Meeting:

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