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# APRIL 2025 COOS REPORTER



## *Plant of the Month*

### **Rhyncholaelia glauca grown by Ken Mettler**

I've has grown *Rhyncholaelia glauca* for about 40 years now. I think I have finally figured it out. They don't want to be babied!

This species comes from semi-dry (not quite desert) areas in Mexico and Central America. It enjoys BRIGHT light most of the year. Mine gets moved out into full sun, after a short acclimation period. The foliage will develop a purple cast if it's happy. If it's all green, it's not getting enough light. I water and feed it regularly during the summer. I set the pot on my deck railing with no tray, so it gets very good drainage.

When fall comes, give as much of the dwindling light as possible, and don't be in a hurry to move it indoors. A light frost seems to help with setting buds. I've had plants outside that went down to 28 degrees with no problem. They were very dry. I wouldn't recommend this temperature if they were wet.

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Photo taken by Bob Dudley

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## *President's Message*

Fellow Central Ohio Orchid Society Members,

I want to thank the people setting up and tearing down orchid exhibits at away shows. It's good to represent our society at other shows and the other societies appreciate our attendance. That also encourages them to put in an exhibit at our show.

Thank you to the following people:

**Ken Mettler** – Akron Orchid Society Show – February 29 & 30

**Amy Stanley** – Western Pennsylvania Orchid Society Show – March 15 & 16

**Beth Makley** – Greater Cleveland Orchid Society Show – March 22 & 23

**Troy Timbrook** – Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society Show – March 22 & 23

[set-up]; **Edna and Dave Markley** – [tear-down]

I want to mention a mistake I made at tear-down at the away show in Cincinnati. We keep a record of ribbons won for our grower awards and also Nancy puts it in the newsletter. It had been a while since I'd done a tear-down and since collecting away show results is relatively new, I forgot all about it. Luckily, we were able to determine the ribbon winners from other sources. So if you are doing the tear-down after an away show, please make a list of the all the ribbon winners (first, second, and third place) in the COOS exhibit and take a photo of the overall display for our newsletter.

Our speaker at last month's meeting was Jeanne Rhinehart, a member of the Native Orchid Preservation and Education Society (NOPES). She talked about native orchids growing in Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan. There are actually several species of orchids that grow wild in Ohio. She had a lot of interesting stories about finding orchids and a lot of photos to share. She had a very engaging presentation and I think we all enjoyed learning more about native orchids.

Please consider signing up to bring treats to our meeting. Sign-up is on-line now. See the link for sign up under the hospitality heading. If the on-line sign-up is an issue for you, you can just email me and I'll add you to the list. Thank you for being a member of the Central Ohio Orchid Society.

Dave Markley

## *March Show Table First Place Winners*

### *Phalaenopsis*

Phalaenopsis NoID grown by Devin  
Spencer



### *Vanda*

Vanda coerulescens x sib (pink  
form) grown by Nancy Shapiro

**All show table photos taken by Bob Dudley**



## *March Show Table First Place Winners*

### *Dendrobium*

Den. Love Memory 'Fizz' grown by  
Dave and Edna Markley



### *Cymbidium*

Cym. Marianne Faithful grown by  
Tennis Maynard

## *March Show Table First Place Winners*

Oncidium

Onc. Wildcat #13 grown by Dave and  
Edna Markley



### **How I grow my *Rhyncholaelia glauca*, continued from Page 1**

When it gets really cold, I move the plants into my basement cold room that usually stays between 38-60 degrees. Again, cold helps with setting buds. I have bright LED lighting. They only get a light watering every two weeks. I've talked to a lot of growers with beautiful, green plants that never get below 50 degrees. The plants grow and look great, but seldom bloom.

So, if you can bring yourself to be a little mean to your plants, or at least a bit neglectful, this is an excellent species for you. And the nighttime fragrance of the blooms is second to none!

## *March Show Table Second and Third Place Winners*

ORCHID	GROWER	PLACE
Phal. Nold	Sam and Margarette Moon	2nd
Cym. England's Rose 'Spring Green'	Tennis Maynard	2nd
Den. Roy Tokunaga	Dave and Edna Markley	2nd
Lycaste brevispatha	Dave and Edna Markley	2nd
Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'	Beth Makley	2nd
Asocentrum Christensonianum x Sagarik Glod	David Donofrio	2nd

ORCHID	GROWER	PLACE
Cym. Dame Catherine 'Spring Day' HCC/AOS	Ken Mettler	3rd
Den. Nobile var. Cooksonianum	Ken Mettler	3rd
Mtdm. Pacific Paragon 'Honey Butter'	Dave and Edna Markley	3rd
Lycaste Dainty	Dave and Edna Markley	3rd
Phal Nold	Beth Makley	3rd
Holcoglossum subulifolium	Nancy Shapiro	3rd

## *April 17, 2025 Society Meeting*

**The next meeting of the Central Ohio Orchid Society will be held on Thursday, April 17, 2025 at Franklin Park Conservatory in the Veridian Room. The beginners corner will start at 6:30 pm, followed by the meeting and presentation at 7 pm. You can get to the Veridian room by entering the front doors of the conservatory and taking the elevator behind the front desk to the second floor. Walk through the second floor (toward the Palm House) to the back and take another elevator (or steps) back to the ground floor and follow signs to the Veridian Room.. Don't forget to bring your plants for the monthly Show Table, results will be announced after the presentation.**

### **PHRAGMIDEDIUMS**

Jim France purchased his first orchid, a cymbidium, in 1993 after viewing customer's collection. As he tells many a beginner, everyone kills at least one...and so it was promptly drowned. As it happened an orchid show was the following week, and the passion commenced. Jim became a member of an orchid society, and learned from the experts in the group, as well as the many wonderful growers he befriended. Fueled by his interest, Jim began selling in 1996, and established Oakwood Orchids. He dabbled in hybridization and enjoyed the things that were more different than the normal orchids found easily. Jim has grown under lights for 23+ years, and finally with the collection and business growing, established two medium greenhouses.

Jim is past treasurer and president of the Miami Valley Orchid Society; past board member of MAOC shows, and is an AOS judge. The first orchid awarded was Catasetum Hilltop's Dingbat 'Junior', a catasetum named after his grandson. One of his favorites, catasetums, are a part of his collection and he has received two additional awards: Catasetum pileatum 'Leeann' and Catasetum osculatu 'The Boys'. Enjoying a variety of orchids, another early award was for Phragmepedium Sergeant Eric 'Hans', which spurred another part of the collection. Jim has received a total of 25 AOS awards, including the 2019 annual AOS Roy T. Fukumura Vandaceous Award for Robiquetia cerina 'Donna's Treasures' AM/AOS. Currently Oakwood Orchids specializes in species and harder to find orchids.

<https://www.facebook.com/OakwoodOrchids/>

*Jim will be bringing plants for sale, so come early to have the greatest choice!*



## *March 2025 Meeting Zoom Link*

Topic: COOS April 17, 2025 7pm meeting

Time: Apr 17, 2025 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89534210243?  
pwd=kjFyikTqo84C5Sxrng8a6TmALktgmq.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89534210243?pwd=kjFyikTqo84C5Sxrng8a6TmALktgmq.1)

Meeting ID: 895 3421 0243

Passcode: 533781

## *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](#)

## *March Hospitality*

**Thanks to Mouse O'Linn for signing up to bring snacks to our March Meeting!**

**We need more volunteers so follow the link above to assure we have enough snacks for everyone**



## *We are Having an Orchidata Sale!*

The Central Ohio Orchid Society is coordinating a sale of **Orchidata Premium New Zealand Orchid Bark**.

Orchidata is a unique and sustainable orchid-growing substrate produced from the finest quality, 100% pure New Zealand Pinus radiata bark. Its solid bark particles are resistant to chipping and composting, lengthening repotting time. Used by leading commercial orchid growers to grow strong plants with resilient root systems.

There are five grades (sizes) of Orchidata. Each bag is 35 liters (96.9 quarts). We will be offering full bags only in the following grades:

**Precision (smallest) 3-6mm**

**Classic 6-9 mm**

**Power 9-12 mm**

**Power+ 12-18 mm**

**Super (Largest) 18-25 mm**

*See Page 11 for  
Orchidata Grades*

The price per bag is **\$40 for Members and \$45 for non-Members. We will accept email orders until April 30.**

**Payment will be due at the time of pick-up for members. Non-members must pay in advance either by mailing a check or using PayPal.**

**Send an order email to:** [coospresident@gmail.com](mailto:coospresident@gmail.com)

INCLUDE: 1) NAME \_\_\_\_\_

2) Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

3) the number of bags of each grade you wish to purchase

You will have to pick-up or arrange for your pick-up at the designated location which will most likely be either 5/10 or 5/17 at Wolfe Park

To pay in advance by check, please mail a check to: Dave Markley, 906 N. Stygler Rd, Gahanna, OH 43230. Make checks payable to the "Central Ohio Orchid Society" Mail-in orders must be postmarked by April 25th.



### **Orchiata Precision**

3-6mm, the smallest chip size used mainly for young orchids or orchids seedlings (from flask).

### **Orchiata Classic**

6-9mm, suits young orchids, a good size for second potting.



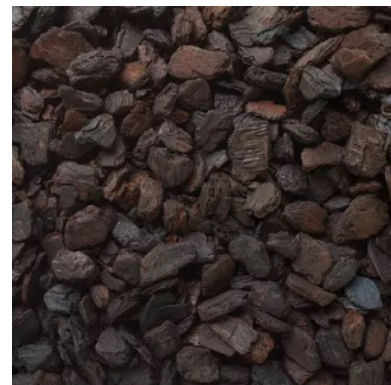
### **Orchiata Power**

9-12mm, suits young and mature orchids, a good size for second potting



### **Orchiata Power +**

12-18mm, suits mature orchids and orchids that require more AFP\*.



### **Orchiata Super**

18-25mm, our largest chip size, used for mature orchids and orchids that require a high AFP\*.



\*AFP: Air Filled Porosity or more air space to prevent root rot

# Western Pennsylvania Orchid Society Show Results



ORCHID	GROWER	PLACE
Rhyncholaelia glauca	Ken Mettler	1st
Barkaria whartonia	Ken Mettler	3rd
Phal. OX Surf Song	Meg Moon	2nd
Lycaste Dainty	Dave and Edna Markley	3rd
Guarantee aurantiaca f punctata "Mishma Spots"	Amy Stanley	1st
Paph. Windrush	Dave and Edna Markley	2nd
Den. Roy Tokunaga	Dave and Edna Markley	3rd
COOS Exhibit	Installed by Amy Stanley	2nd



# *Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society Show Results*



ORCHID	GROWER	PLACE
Den. Roy Tokunaga	Dave and Edna Markley	3rd
Lycaste brevispatha	Dave and Edna Markley	2nd
Phal. OX Surf Song	Meg Moon	1st
Mtdm. Pacific Paragon 'Honey Butter'	Dave and Edna Markley	1st
Onc. Wildcat	Dave and Edna Markley	3rd
Paph. Windrush	Dave and Edna Markley	1st
Cym. Marianne Faithful	Tennis Maynard	1st
Cym. England's Rose 'Spring Garden'	Tennis Maynard	1st and Best of Class Trophy
COOS Exhibit	Installed by Troy Timbrook	3rd



# Greater Cleveland Orchid Society Show Results



ORCHID	GROWER	PLACE
Pleurothallis teaguei	Andres Cardenas	Best in Show, Best in Class, 1st Place specimen plant, 1st Place
Den. Country Girl 'Warabeuta'	Ken Mettler	2nd
Den. Nobile var. cooksianum	Ken Mettler	3rd
Rhyncholaelia glauca	Ken Mettler	Best in class, 2nd Place specimen plant and 1st Place
Cymbidium Dame Catherine 'Spring Day' HCC/AOS	Ken Mettler	3rd
Den. Kingianum	Nancy Shapiro	2nd
Vanda coerulescens pink form	Nancy Shapiro	2nd
Phal. NoID	Devin Spencer	1st
Phal. NoID	Beth Makley	3rd
Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Scent'	Beth Makley	3rd
COOS Exhibit	Installed by Beth Makley	2nd

## *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).**

**Amy Blake**

**David Donofrio**

**David Evans**

**Christopher Krumm**

**Christina Gould**

**Sarah Khoury**

## *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

## *The Next Orchid Show in Our Area*

<b>Location</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>People Responsible</b>
West Shore Orchid Society	April 28 – 29	Ken Mettler

# *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**

## *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:

- **Growing Orchids Indoor and in Terrariums with Chris Satch, Wednesday, April 16th at 8:30 pm ( AOS Members Only)**
- **Greenhouse Chat, Thursday May 8th at 8:30 pm (open to all)**
- **Calming Your Fears About Repotting Your Orchids with Janeil Payne, Thursday, May 15th at 8:30 pm (AOS Members only)**
- **AOS 7th Orchid Culture Day: ORCHIDS – From Seeds to Success, Sunday May 18th, 11 am – 3:30 pm. Fee \$40.00.**

## *Orchid Sale at the Cactus and Succulent Society Annual Show and Sale*

The Central Ohio Orchid Society will be selling orchids and carnivorous plants (which love to munch on fungus gnats) will be held at the upcoming Cactus and Succulent Society sale taking place on **Saturday, May 10th** at the Franklin County Fair Grounds. Volunteers will be needed to man the sales table and to encourage eager plant buyers with information regarding our Society. It's a great way to support our fellow plant Society, purchase a beautiful orchid or two and add to your own collection of cactus and/or succulents.



## *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:

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



# *2024 Central Ohio Orchid Society Board and Committee Chairs*

President	Dave Markley
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