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# MAY 2025 COOS REPORTER



## *Plant of the Month*

### **Phragmipedium Bel Croute grown by Megan Osika Courtland**

I grow my Phrag. Bel Croute mostly indoors in a grow tent, and outside in the warm months on a shaded plant bench. Indoors, I generally keep the temperature 70-80F, and humidity above 60%, with a 6-bulb T5 light fixture about 4 feet above it. I have a small fan in the tent to circulate air as well. Outdoors, my plant bench is in the shade, but will get very bright indirect sun. I protect it from direct sun by placing it just in the shade of my house, as to avoid the noon overhead sun. Its potted in a clear gallon pretzel container, with many drainage holes, but sits in a dish that holds a little water. It's planted in only leca. I water it with aquarium water, enhanced with nitrogen from my axolotls. I let an inch of water sit in the dish, and wait until it has all been used and is almost dry before I water again. I also fertilize with slow release fertilizer pellets from Eric Sauer, who has a specially formula that works best with Phrags. I originally got this plant as a division from Dick Wells, of Hilltop orchids, maybe 15 years ago.

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## *President's Message*

At last month's meeting Jim France talked to us about phragmipediums. Jim has a lot of experience growing these and he shared some interesting insights. He talked about the specific conditions of where some of the species grow and how we could try to emulate that in our own growing areas.

I want to thank Ken Mettler and Andi Yates for setting up displays in recent away shows. Ken put in an exhibit at the West Shore Orchid Society Show - Strongsville, OH, April 26 & 27. On the same weekend, Andi set up a display at the Central Indiana Orchid Society Show in Indianapolis.

Speaking of away shows, Tennis Maynard won a CHM AOS award at the West Shore Orchid Society show for his *Cypripedium japonicum*. Tennis always grows a lot of remarkable and unique orchids and he often wins awards. The Certificate of Horticultural Merit (CHM) is Awarded for a cultivar of a species or natural hybrid with outstanding aesthetic appeal, that contributes to the horticultural aspects of orchidology. See the details of the award elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our May meeting will be held at the Education Pavilion, but unfortunately there will also be a big event at the conservatory at the same time. That means parking will likely be a challenge. If at all possible, please come early to secure a parking spot.

Thank you for being members of the Central Ohio Orchid Society

Dave Marklev



## *April Show Table First Place Winners*

### *Phalaenopsis*

Phalaenopsis NoID grown by Jan  
Miller



### *Dendrobium*

Den. Pulchellum grown by Tennis  
Maynard

All show table photos taken by Bob Dudley

## *April Show Table First Place Winners*

### *Cattleya Hybrid*

Pot. Martha's Sunburst grown by  
Tracy Stombotne



### *Cattleya Hybrid*

Elc. Solar Flair 'Paradise' grown by  
Jan Miller





## *April Show Table First Place Winners*

### *Oncidium*

Rodrumnia Tezula Odyssey grown  
by Naila Caruso



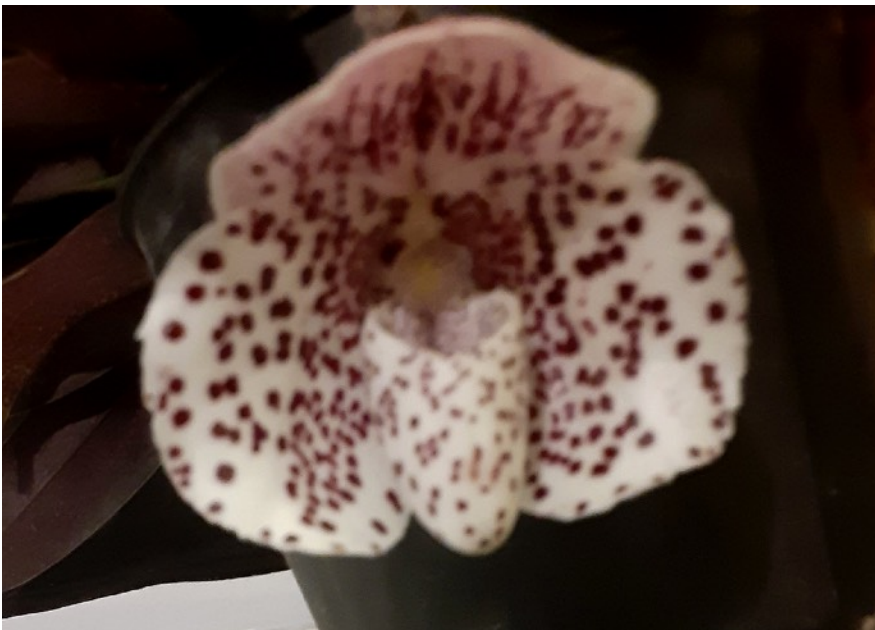
### *Vanda*

Vanda tricolor grown by Ken  
Mettler

## *April Show Table First Place Winners*

### *Masdevallia*

Masd. Cheryl Shohan grown by  
Tennis Maynard



### *Paphiopedilum*

Paph. bellatulum grown by  
Tennis Maynard

## *April Show Table First Place Winners*

### *Other*

Coelegyne mayeriana grown  
and photographed by Tennis  
Maynard



### *Other*

Trichopilia Evaline grown by  
Tennis Maynard

All show table photos taken by Robert Dudley



*Cypripedium japonicum* Grown by Tennis  
Maynard

Wins Trophy and CHM/AOS at West Shore Orchid  
Society Show



**A previously awarded Cyp. japonicum appears to have been awarded to a Cyp. formosamum, a closely related species. Having Tennis's plant documented provides AOS with correct information on the species, which will be used in later awards.**

Certificate of Horticultural Merit (CHM) Awarded to a cultivar of a species or natural hybrid with outstanding aesthetic appeal, that contributes to the horticultural aspects of orchidology. The entire plant must be presented and should be in good condition and have sufficient flowers to judge the horticultural merit of the plant. This certificate may be awarded more than once if a plant has characteristics significantly desirable and different from other awarded cultivars. A score of 80 points on the Horticultural Merit scale is required

Flower characteristics 36 pts: form (12), color (12), size (12)

Plant characteristics 36 pts: robustness (12), condition (12), floriferousness (12)

Other characteristics 28 pts: Aesthetic appeal (28)

The distinctive features of the cultivar must be clearly described, measurements recorded and the country of origin noted. This award is provisional upon taxonomic verification

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

ORCHID	GROWER	PLACE
B. Nodosa x Rth. Young Sunlight	Jan Miller	2nd
Onc. Aka Baby 'Raspberry Chocolate'	Bob and Tricia Dudley	2nd
Masd. Swallow 'Harford'	Tennis Maynard	2nd
Trichopilia Isaiah	Tennis Maynard	2nd
Phal. NoID	Beth Makley	2nd
Den. gregulus	Nancy Shapiro	2nd
Spathoglottis hybrid	Ken Mettler	2nd
Aerangis modesta	Nancy Shapiro	2nd
Cat. Peckaviensis	Nici Moore	2nd
Phrag. Zapatilla de la Virgin	Dave and Edna Markley	2nd

# *April Show Table Second and Third Place Winners*

ORCHID	GROWER	PLACE
Sarcochilus Kolnora 'Dazzle' x Kulnura Ridgeback	Tennis Maynard	3rd
Microterangis hariotiana	Nancy Shapiro	3rd
Paph. wenshanense	Tennis Maynard	3rd
Masd. Peach Daiquiri	Tennis Maynard	3rd
Phal. (Yangyang x Yapho Batman) x Phal. Yangyang Pink Mary	Bob and Tricia Dudley	3rd
Den. Love Memory 'Fizz'	Dave and Edna Markley	3rd
Laelia fidelensis 'Patience' HCC/AOS	Ken Mettler	3rd
Epc. Kyoguchi 'Happy Field'	Nici Moore	3rd
Lysudamuloa Red Jewel	Nici Moore	3rd

## *May 15, 2025 Society Meeting*

The next meeting of the Central Ohio Orchid Society will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2025 at Franklin Park Conservatory in the **Education Pavilion**, to the south of the main Conservatory building. The beginner's corner will start at 6:30 pm, followed by the meeting and presentation at 7 pm. **There will be another event at the conservatory the same night, so try to arrive early for good parking access.**

## **ORCHID PEST AND DISEASES**

Our speaker this month will be Fred Bess, presenting information on orchid pests and diseases. Fred has significant practical knowledge of controlling pests in his specialty orchid collections and is also a licensed pest controller. Fred got his start growing orchids from an early age thanks to his grandmother. By trade, he is a certified arborist and horticulturist. Fred has a passion for the rare, hard to grow, and weird! His collection includes such things as Dendrophylax (the Ghost Orchid), a nice collection of other southern Hemisphere terrestrial species, carnivorous plants, and one of the world's most endangered conifers, *Torreya taxifolia*. All his plants and the conifers are found at his suburban Cleveland home. Fred is also a lover of dogs.



*Please bring plants for both the show table and a sales table. Our Society will also be selling plants that were offered for sale at the recent Cactus and Succulent Sale. By coming early for parking also gives you extra opportunities to add to your orchid collection*



## *May 2025 Meeting Zoom Link*

Topic: Central Ohio Orchid Society Meeting, Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 7 pm

Time: May 15, 2025 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87044800301?  
pwd=cBp5mTMcOY2Px0RTjqkngUefsayPgC.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87044800301?pwd=cBp5mTMcOY2Px0RTjqkngUefsayPgC.1)

Meeting ID: 870 4480 0301

Passcode: 139857

## *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 Frances Marshall and Ken Mettler 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**



## *2025 West Shore Orchid Society Show*



## *2025 Central Indiana Orchid Society Show*



# *West Shore Orchid Society Show Results*

ORCHID	GROWER	PLACE
Cymbidium wadae	Ken Mettler	1st
Cymbidium wadae	Ken Mettler	2nd
Eulophia Mem Alexis Pardo	Ken Mettler	2nd
Malaxis latifolia	Ken Mettler	3rd
Cypripedium japonicum	Tennis Maynard	1st, Trophy, CHM/AOS
Masdevallia Cheryl Shohan	Tennis Maynard	1st, Trophy
Trichopilia juninensis	Tennis Maynard	3rd
Masdevallia Swallow 'Hartford	Tennis Maynard	2nd
Phragmipedium longifolium v. hinksianum	Tennis Maynard	2nd
Paphiopedilum bellatulum	Tennis Maynard	3rd
Paphiopedilum liemianum	Tennis Maynard	1st
Restripia trichoglossa v. xanthina	Tennis Maynard	2nd
Tolumnia Jairak Firm 'Sweet Pink'	Megan Osika Gartland	2nd
Phragmipedium Zapatilla de la Virgin	Dave and Edna Markley	1st
Paphiopedilum Windrush	Dave and Edna Markley	3rd
Phragmipedium Jason Fisher	Dave and Edna Markley	2nd
Exhibit	Installed by Ken Mettler	2nd



# *Central Indiana Orchid Society Show*

## *Results*

ORCHID	GROWER	PLACE
Epic. Jackie Bright 'Hilo Stars'	Jan Miller	1st
Dendrobium Jairak Bushy	Jan Miller	1st
Brassolaelia Yellow Bird	Jan Miller	1st
B. nodosa x Rth. Young Min Orange 'Sunlight Yellow'	Not identified in materials received	3rd
Den. Enobi Purple Splash x Den. convolution	Tom Hart	3rd
Brassia Rex 'Sakada' AM/AOS	Tom Hart	3rd
Cattleya purpurata	Amy Stanley	3rd
Cattleya aurantica 'Spots'	Chris Brown	3d
Exhibit	Installed by Andi Yates	3rd





## *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).**

**Sydney Scace**



## *It's Past 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

# *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

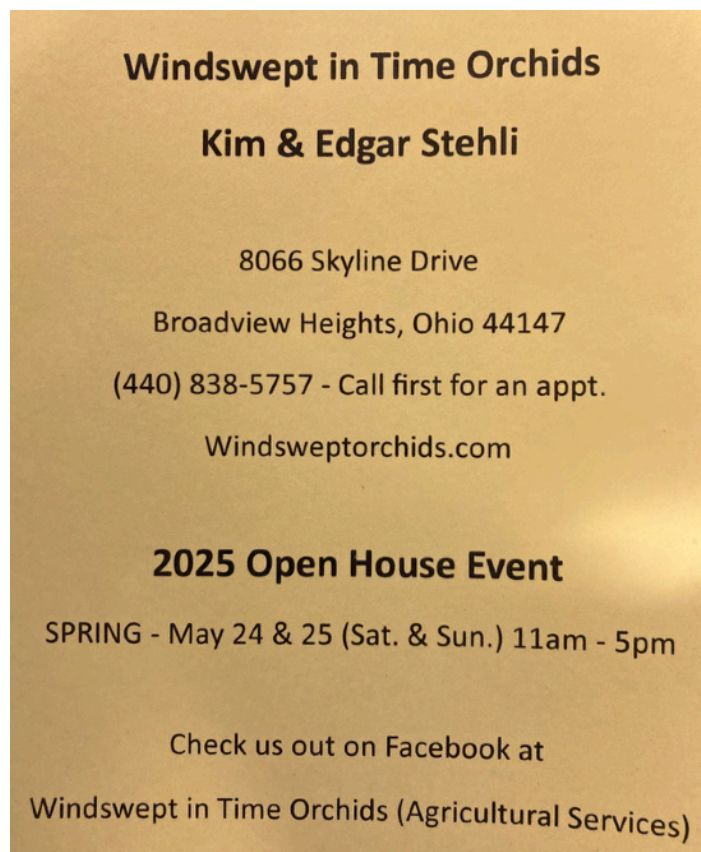
**Go to [AOS.org](https://www.aos.org) for more information**

## *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:

- **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.**
- **Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton, Tuesday, June 3rd, 8:30 pm — 9:30 pm (open to all)**

# *Take The Time to Investigate Local Orchid Plants and Suppliers*



## *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>Member and Society Plant Sale</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*

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