



JULY 2026 COOS REPORTER

Plant of the Month — Phragmipedium

Phrag. Paul Eugene Conroy grown by Jan Miller



I acquired this plant at an early OrchidFest in Dayton, Ohio. Admittedly it was a random purchase since I really knew very little about this family of plants.

The first couple years the bloom was nothing to get excited about, a single stem with a couple flowers. This season was the exception but I'm not exactly sure why or how to compel the plant to do this again. It wintered on a bottom shelf under LED lights.

Frequently I have heard it expressed, "these plants (phrags) grow in the gravel next to a stream" of water and they prefer a well-drained medium.

All of my phrags are in plastic pots with side drainage holes which leaves a small water reservoir on the bottom of the pot.

Most of my orchids grow in a mix of tumbled quartz gravel (Lowe's or Home Depot) and lava rock (Home Depot and Lowe's) and the Phrags get the same treatment with the exception of the pot being plastic with a water reservoir.

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There is no July meeting and the meeting schedule has been altered in the coming months due to the arrival of a special great speaker and photographer!

The August meeting will now be the annual picnic on Saturday, August 15th at Jan Miller's home. Her address will be sent in a separate email.

The September meeting, featuring Ron Parsons, will be held a week earlier on September 10th in the Wells Barn.



President's Message July 2026

Hello COOS members,

Boy, it's hot outside. I hope everyone is keeping hydrated—both yourselves and your plants!

The board has been busy with a number of issues. We have a new date and location for our annual show. It will be the weekend of February 6-7 at Groovy Plants Ranch near Marengo, Ohio. I've only been there one time, and it was described as being like Disneyland for plant people. It didn't disappoint! They have a very nice area for our show. Keep in mind that we will be setting up on Thursday and Friday, the 4th and 5th, so mark your calendars and lend a hand! It's a lot of fun!

Also, we have had some changes to our meeting schedule. It turns out that Ron Parsons (world traveller and orchid photographer extraordinaire) will be in Ohio in September, giving talks to several orchid societies. We need to move our meeting up one week to coincide with his visit, so our meeting will be on September 10th in the Wells Barn, our usual location. Ron is a very nice guy, has lots of interesting stories, and takes AMAZING orchid photos. Not to be missed!

Because of that change, we are working on plans for the annual picnic/pot luck in August. Not yet sure on date or location. Stay tuned for details as they become available.

Hope to see everyone at the picnic in August!

Ken Mettler

COOS President

June Show Table First Place Winners

Cattleya Hybrid

Bc Golden Glory 'Apollo'
grown by Tracy Stombotne



Cattleya Species

Cat. labiata v. rubra grown by Ken
Mettler



All photos were taken by Bob Dudley

June Show Table First Place Winners

Dendrobium

Den. chrysotoxun grown by
Tennis Maynard



Masdevallia

Masd. Proud Prince grown by
Tennis Maynard

June Show Table First Place Winners

Phalaenopsis

Phal. KS Blue Ludde 319 Blue
White x Mainshow Sapphire Wax
Blue grown by Devin Spencer



Dracula

Dracula gorgonella grown by
Brandan Gray

June Show Table First Place Winners

Oncidium

Mtps. Jolene Carlson
'Ravishing' AM/AOS grown by
Tennis Maynard



June Show Table Second and Third Place Winners

ORCHID	GROWER	PLACE
Den spectabile	Chris Brown	2nd
Psychopsis 'Kalihi Big'	Brandon Gray	2nd
Phrag Leslie Garay	Dave and Edna Markley	2nd
Masd. Falcon Sunrise 'Scarlet'	Tennis Maynard	2nd
C. fidelensis 'Patience;	Tennis Maynard	2nd
Restrepia brachypus	Tennis Maynard	2nd
Phal. NoID	Jan Miller	2nd
Lycaste powellii x Lycaste Cruenta	Tracy Stombotne	2nd
Lc. Canhamiana 'Azure Skies'	Tracy Stombotne	2nd

Annual Picnic

The August Meeting of the Central Ohio Orchid Society will be on Saturday, August 15th from 12 -4 pm at the home of Jan Miller. If your last name starts with A – M please bring a side dish. If your name starts with N – Z, please bring a dessert.

Also, please bring lawn chairs and your appetite!



June Show Table Second and Third Place Winners

ORCHID	GROWER	PLACE
Cat. Cinnabarina (?)	Chris Brown	3rd
Onc. Pacific Pegan 'Kilauea'	Christina Gould	3rd
Den. NoID	Christina Gould	3rd
Paph. Mem. Scrafin Perex 'Double Rainbow' x Paph Hilo Rainbow 'Bold Spots'	Beth Makley	3rd
Bc. Beulah Bradeen	Jan Miller	3rd
Phrag Lutz Rollke	Tennis Maynard	3rd
Bulbo Frostii	Tennis Maynard	3rd
Masd. Peach Daiquiri 'Anita'	Tennis Maynard	3rd
Phal. NoID	Laroija Vannoy	3rd

*Congratulations, Justin Pepperney for Receiving
an AOS Award*



Paphiopedilum malipoense 'Mem. William Pepperney' AM/AOS

Justin was awarded in 2025 at the Great Lakes Judging Center and just appeared in a recent edition of Orchids Magazine

According to Justin, Paph. malipoense is notable for its large green flowers and beautiful dark green and purple foliage. It is also one of the rare fragrant Paph. Species.

Justin grows this plant in an Orchidata bark mix, with frequent watering using a low concentration of 30-10-10 Miracle Gro orchid food. Flower spikes begin in late fall, and it can take 4-6 months for the buds to open once initiated.

If you receive an AOS award, please let us know. Information on growing plants that are judged to be exceptional should be shared with all of us!

OHIO VALLEY ORCHID FEST

AUGUST 21-23 2026

REGISTER & INFO: www.ohiovalleyorchidfest.com

**Miami Valley Orchid Society &
Emmanuel Lutheran Church**

4865 WILMINGTON PIKE
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BARRY WOOLF
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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:

- **A Visit to the Eric Young Foundation in England with Greg Griffis — Tuesday, July 21st at 8:30 pm**
- **Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton— Tuesday, September 1st at 8:30 pm**
- **Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton — Wednesday, October 7th at 8:30 pm**

2026 Program Calendar

Meetings are at the FPC Wells Barn Basement unless noted below. The summer picnic, October and November meeting locations will be determined and announced

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	Sheldance Orchids	No, member plant sale
May 21 THURSDAY	TJ Hartung	Fragrant Orchids	Member plant sale
June 18 THURSDAY	Repotting Orchids	Edna Markley	Member plant sale and auction
July 16 THURSDAY	No meeting		
August 15 SATURDAY	Annual Picnic	A Lot of Food	Member Plant Sale
September 10	Ron Parsons	TBD	TBD
October 16	TBD	TBD	TBD
November 20	Awards banquet	A lot of Food at Second Son Brews	Member Plant Sale
December	No meeting		

2026 Central Ohio Orchid Society Board and Committee Chairs

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