

CENTRAL OHIO ORCHID SOCIETY REPORTER



President's Message

Out of an abundance of caution, the Central Ohio Orchid Society Board has *cancel*ed its April 4-5, 2020 **Orchid Show and Sale**.

Additionally, the Central Ohio Orchid Society's **March 19th Members Meeting** will be *cancel*ed.

Our concerns for the health of our members, invited guests, and the public who may be traveling from throughout the state, have led us us to make this difficult decision.

Thank you for your understanding, and we promise to bring you an even bigger and better Orchid Show and Sale in 2021.

*Nancy Shapiro | President
Central Ohio Orchid Society
12 March 2020*

President's Message continued ...

A Big Thank You!

On behalf of the Society and the Franklin Park Conservatory, I would like to thank all of you who participated in our staffing of Orchid Sundays. This year we had 15 members participate in this annual event. Barb Arnold, FPC's Senior Horticulturist, said "Having the COOS member is really a nice benefit to a Sunday visit to the Conservatory. Please thank the group for volunteering to be here." So, thanks again, for making this multi-week event another success!

New Website Planned

The COOS Public Relations Committee has been developing a new website for the Society. We hope to increase our ability to provide more services for our members and encourage others to join the Society. One feature of the new site will be a section dedicated to information for members only, which will include plant mentor contact information, Society-developed materials, and recorded Society meetings as they occur. As we move forward, please take a minute or two to thank Tennis Maynard who has worked for many years maintaining our current website. His work has greatly improved the Society's reach within our community. THANK YOU, TENNIS!!

Please stay tuned for more information!



Another Thank You!

Central Ohio Orchid Society thanks our member Katrina Heap for donating the incredible Catasetums and other orchids for our February silent auction. We are glad our members got to go home with some select plants, and Katrina's donation helped us earn money for YOUR society!

Virus Test Strips to Be Available for Purchase

While we are trying to stay healthy, we also want your orchid collection to be healthy. Ken Mettler will be coordinating a purchase of virus testing strips in order that we can get a bulk discount. We will be selling these in small batches, depending on each member's need. Stay tuned for more in the coming weeks.

Plant Mentors

Last month, we discussed and you all expressed interest, in having Society members identify themselves as Plant Mentors. Anyone can be one, they just need to identify themselves as someone our members can contact about a specific genera of orchid and how to best provide for those specific plants. Right now, if you want to contact an identified mentor (names and genera are below), email me and I will connect you to the person you want to contact without listing their email addresses for all to see. Eventually, this information will be in our member only section of our new website.

Mentor	Genera
Edna Markley	Paphiopedilum
Megan Osika	Cattleya
Justin Pepperney	Paphiopedilum (back up)
Ken Mettler	Terrestrials, Natives, misc.

Please let us know if you want to be a mentor, too!



SHOW TABLE RESULTS

FEBRUARY 2020

PLANT OF THE MONTH:

Cym. Tranquility

Grown by Ken Mettler

Ken's advice for success with this large-growing Cymbidium is to put it outside in the summer in bright sun, and feed it heavily throughout the growing season.



Ken lets the leaves get a little sunburned.

This treatment is rewarded with multiple inflorescences and blooms in the winter.

This year Ken's plant put out 112 flowers on six inflorescences!

Plant of the Month

Ken Mettler Cym. Tranquility

Cymbidium

- 1st Ken Mettler Cym. Tranquility
- 2nd Ken Mettler Cym. Mary Green
- 3rd Ken Mettler Cym. Ming 'Emperor'

Cattleya Species

- 1st Ken Mettler Laelia sincorana
- 2nd Ken Mettler Barkeria whartonia
- 3rd Ken Mettler Cattleya luteola

Cattleya Hybrids

- 1st David and Edna Markley Prosthechea Green Hornet (Psh. cochlea x Psh. lancefolia)
- 2nd Jennifer Strombotne Laeliocattleya Gold Digger 'Orglades Mandarin'
- 3rd Ken Mettler Epidendrum Little Miss Sunshine

Oncidium

- 1st Tom Stinson Onc. Mayfair
- 2nd Nancy Shapiro Howeara Lava Burst 'Puanani' AM/AOS
- 3rd Cortney White Onc. Sherry Baby 'Red Fantasy'

Vandaceous

- 1st Nancy Shapiro Rhynchostilus gigantea ('Orange' x 'Pink')
- 2nd Megan Osika Phal. NOID 'Bathroom Rescue'
- 3rd Cortney White Phal. NOID

Paphiopedilum

- 1st David and Edna Markley Paph. Lathamianum (Paph. spicerianum x Paph. villosum)
- 2nd David and Edna Markley Paph. Winston Churchill 'Pigsah'
- 3rd Tom Stinson Paph. Honey Plume 'Halo'

Other

- 1st Ken Mettler Coelogyne usitana
- 2nd Ken Mettler Cynorkis guttata
- 3rd Sandra and Terry Stohr Phrag. Jason Fischer



2020 COOS CALENDAR

This year, our Program Chair is Tracy Strombotne. Below is our program of speakers. If you have any ideas for future speakers, please pass your ideas to Tracy as she will also be planning for 2021. All ideas are appreciated.

JANUARY 16

AOS WEBINAR "GROWING UNDER LIGHTS"

FEBRUARY 20

KEN METTLER - "THE ART + DESIGN OF ORCHID SHOW DISPLAYS"

MARCH 19 CANCELED

~~KEN METTLER AND JUSTIN PEPPERNEY - "DEFLASKING ORCHIDS"~~

APRIL 3-5 CANCELED

~~COOS ANNUAL ORCHID SHOW AND PLANT SALE - FRANKLIN PARK CONSERVATORY~~

APRIL 16

EDGAR STEHLI OF WINDSWEPT IN TIME ORCHIDS - "ANGRAECIDS"

MAY 21

ERIC SAUER - PHRAGMIPEDIUMS

JUNE TBD

ANNUAL PICNIC AND POT LUCK

JULY 16

MARTIN MOTES OF MOTES ORCHIDS - "DARWIN AND ORCHIDS"

AUGUST

NO MEETING

SEPTEMBER 17

TENTATIVE - "HOW I GROW MY ORCHIDS" - MEMBERS OF CENTRAL OHIO ORCHID SOCIETY

OCTOBER 15

KRISTIN UTHUS OF NEW WORLD ORCHIDS - "CATTLEYAS: THE MINIATURE COLLECTION"

NOVEMBER 19

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET AND POT LUCK

DECEMBER

NO MEETING

COOS BOARD MEMBERS: 2020 - 2021

President - Nancy Shapiro

Vice President - Dennis Eifel

Secretary - Tom Hart

Treasurer - Megan Osika

Trustee - Cheryl Early

Trustee - Troy Timbrook

Immediate Past President - Justin Pepperney

HOME CHAIR

Dave Markley

HOSPITALITY

TBD

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Ken Mettler

April

Cheryl Early

(Need 2 more volunteers)

PROGRAM CHAIR

Tracy Strombotne

NEWSLETTER

Wendy Chrisman

Justin Pepperney

WEBSITE

Tennis Maynard

SOCIAL MEDIA

Wendy Chrisman





Thank you David Edna Markely for conducting orchid repotting demonstrations for Oakland Nursery's Spring Fling. Their display table looked great!



Central Ohio Orchid Society display at the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society's spring show. Outstanding job to Ken Mettler!



NOTE: Due to COVID-19, the Bexley Public Library has canceled all library events, programs, storytimes, classes, book discussion groups, homework help, and public meeting room reservations from Friday, March 13 through at least Sunday, April 5th.

Susan Orlean's event is still happening. Please use links below to check for updates.

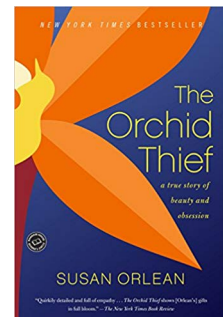
Susan Orlean, author of *The Orchid Thief* is the Bexley Community Author Series visiting author on Tuesday, April 21, 2020.

For details: <https://www.bexleylibrary.org/event/3682002>

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/susan-orlean-author-visit-april-21-tickets-90997258249>

New York Times bestselling author and journalist Susan Orlean as the featured guest for the 2020 BCAS. Heralded as “a national treasure” by The Washington Post, Ms. Orlean’s newest release, *The Library Book*, was an instant New York Times bestseller. A breathtaking exploration of the history, power, and future of libraries, *The Library Book* was named a top book by The Washington Post, The New York Times, and Goodreads Book Club Picks. Ms. Orlean’s 1998 book, *The Orchid Thief*, inspired the Academy Award-winning film *Adaptation*, and she is a long-time staff writer at The New Yorker, and a former contributing editor at Rolling Stone and Vogue.

Click to find Orlean's book on Amazon, and to read her 1995 article in *The New Yorker*.





Not following Central Ohio Orchid Society on Facebook?
Here are some of the most-read articles of 2020!



Letting the country bloom: First Philippine international flower show set

Marge C. Enriquez | *Philippine Daily Inquirer* / 04:02 AM February 05, 2020



New York Botanical Garden's orchid show was crafted by celebrity designer Jeff Leatham

Karen Croke, *The Journal News* | Feb. 13, 2020

Orchid Cryptoquote

Cryptograms have a rich and varied origin. Historically, cryptograms appeared as a form of intellectual game, military strategy, and journalistic appeal, and were used by monks in the Middle Ages, Julius Caesar, and Edgar Allen Poe, respectively. Solve the orchid cryptoquote below by substituting each letter of the alphabet for a number. All answers are on the following page, and the first clue is 10 = O.

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Orchid Cryptoquote Answer Key

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13	23	11	4	25	16	12	14	22	9	24	3	19	8	10	26	6	15	1	2	20	7	17	18	21	5

And a final orchid for good measure . . .



Guarianthe guatamalensis, grown by Ken Mettler