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AUGUST 2026 COOS REPORTER

A Note From Your Editor

As you are aware, we did not have a meeting in July, therefore, I asked all of you to submit pictures of your blooming orchids so that this issue of the Reporter would be a little bit more interesting and colorful.

The picture below is one of my miracle blossoms. About 5 years ago, Ken Mettler brought in divisions of his *Sobralia sessilis* which I purchased during a member plant sale. Over the next 5 or so years, I tried to kill it. Not deliberately, but a new growth would start coming up and then die. Old growths (and there weren't very many to start with) would just up and die and finally, just this year, it started looking a bit better.

Late last week, it flowered, for the first time. And it will be getting more flowers as *Sobralia* are sequential bloomers. It is also getting new buds on the two other older growths (I said it was never looking great, just a bit better). Truly, in my eyes, a miracle. I am so glad I didn't give up on it!



Sobralia sessilis grown by
Nancy Shapiro

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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 August 2026

"Those Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer" If I had written this song, it would be the "BUSY, Crazy, Hazy Days of Summer." So many things to do in the heat! Finish up most of the repotting for the season (yes, I'm still working on it), fertilizing, moving plants around as the sun angle changes, and spraying for pests and diseases. For those of us who move our collection outside for the summer, there is a lot to do! It's hard to believe that in two to three months, we'll be trying to figure out where to put our plants back in the house. It seems they double in size as soon as they go outside. But it's worth it. The growth the plants put on now, and the resources they store, will produce gorgeous blooms over the winter season.

And our society schedule is busy and exciting! Saturday, August 15 is our annual picnic/pot luck. This will be at the home of Jan Miller. Keep an eye on your emails for details. Then, the next weekend is the Ohio Valley Orchid Fest near Dayton. I'm sure I'll see many of you there. Our September meeting is moved up one week, and will be on September 10 in the Wells Barn. This is necessary because Ron Parsons is in the state, speaking to a number of societies. Ron is an amazing orchid photographer. I'm sure his presentation will be spectacular. September 26-27 is the Kentucky Orchid Society show near Louisville. Keep grooming and taking care of your plants so we can put in an awesome display.

We should have a great time at the picnic. I'll be bringing burgers, and members can bring side dishes or desserts. Check the announcements for what to bring. Don't forget your blooming plants for the show table, and any extra divisions you want to sell to other members. COOS gets 20% of the sales, and this helps us bring in great speakers and programs.

I hope to see you all at the picnic!

Ken Mettler
COOS President

August 2026 Member Blossoms

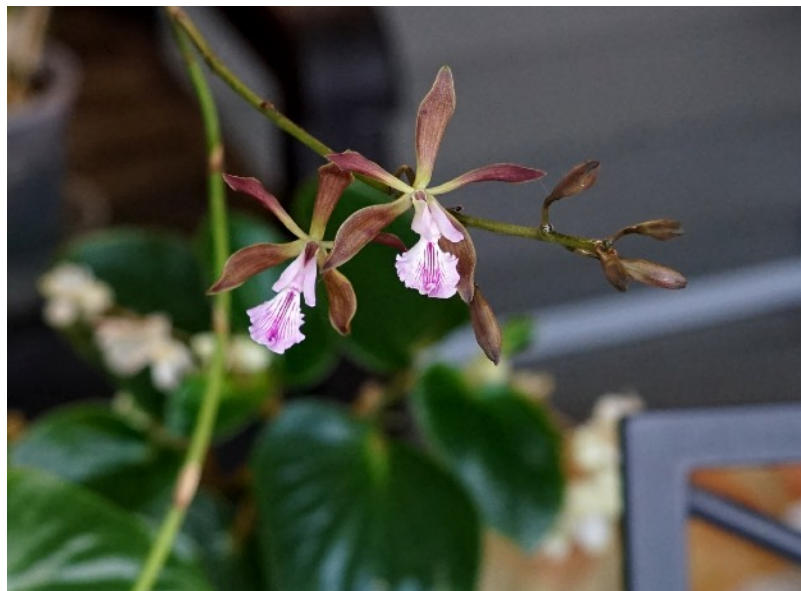
Cattleya violacea concolor
grown by Tennis Maynard



Bc Hilo Green Gem (Bc Gulfshore's
Beauty 'Green Gem') x C. Green
Veil 'Dressy' 4N grown by Bob Dudley
(not eligible for show table but still
really nice!



E. Orchid Jungle also
grown by Bob Dudley



August 2026 Member Blossoms

Pls. Susan Fender 'Cinnamon
Stick' — Yellow Background
overlayed with Red grown by
Jan Miller



Epic. Hsiang Yu Gold Coast
grown by Jan Miller



Lycaste powellii grown by Chris
Brown

August 2026 Member Blossoms

Rth. Love Sound 'Dogashima'
AM/AOS x Cosmic Delight
'Cosmic Sparks' grown by
Katherine Noblet



Den. NoID grown by Dave and
Edna Markley

Den. Aridang Green grown
by Dave and Edna Markley



August 2026 Member Blossoms



Blc. Empress Worsley 'Roman
Holiday' grown by Dave and
Edna Markley

Mtdm. Pacific Paragon 'Honey
Butter' grown by Dave and
Edna Markley



August 2026 Member Blossoms



Coelogyne lawrennceana
'Earnie' AM/CCE/AOS
grown by Nancy Shapiro

Rth. Nell Hammer grown by
Ken Mettler



Cymbidium dayanum var.
album grown by Ken Mettler

August 2026 Member Blossoms



Thunia alba var.
marchaliana grown by Ken
Mettler

Cattleya My Special Angel
grown by Ken Mettler



The August Meeting is the 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!



OHIO VALLEY ORCHID FEST

AUGUST 21-23 2026

REGISTER & INFO: www.ohiovalleyorchidfest.com

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

4865 WILMINGTON PIKE
KETTERING, OHIO

**INTERNATIONALLY
KNOWN SPEAKERS**

FRANK CERVERA
MONSTER ISLAND ORCHIDS

ROSS HELLA
DEERWOOD ORCHIDS

BARRY WOOLF
TEN SHIN ORCHIDS

GREAT FOOD

LEARNING
LECTURES
REPOTTING
DEMONSTRATIONS

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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:

- **Take a Virtual Trip to Dresden, the 2026 World Orchid Conference with Kay Perry – Tuesday, August 25th 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	Shelldance 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	Member Plant Sale
October 16	Dennis Steinbeck	TBD	Yes!
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

President	Ken Mettler
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