



# MARCH 2026 COOS REPORTER

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## *Plant of the Month — Other*

### **Chysis bractescens coerulea 'Hermosa Dawn' grown by Tennis Maynard**

The Chysis bractescens coerulea 'Hermosa Dawn' CHM/AOS grows up high for maximum light, is kept wet year-round in intermediate conditions. Grown cooler fall-winter, all the segments show blue tips in addition to the lip. It is in a sideways 8" teak basket in a mix of half large CHC and half sphagnum.

**In addition to winning our February Plant of the Month, Tennis also won the Greater Cleveland Orchid Show's Best in Show and two AOS awards. See pages 13 – 18 for more details on the Cleveland and Greater Akron Society Shows**

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**Our March 22, 2026 meeting will be held on SUNDAY AFTERNOON at the Franklin Park Conservatory Well Barn. The Beginners Corner will be starting at 1:30 pm with the regular meeting starting at 2 pm. We will have a speaker sales table so bring payment method and come early for the best selection!**

## *President's Message February 2026*

Hello Fellow COOS Members,

The spring orchid show season is in full swing. If you haven't been to an orchid show, this is a good time of year to see many plants in bloom. COOS has committed to putting in a society display at several shows in the next two months. Thanks to Beth Makley, Troy Timbrook and Tracy Strombotne for volunteering to put in and/or tear down one or more of our society exhibits.

Shows are a great way to meet people, see and learn about orchids, and maybe buy plants that you suddenly realize you just can't live without. If you are interested in shows, but feel intimidated by not having any experience, I recommend that you tag along with whoever is putting in our display, and learn how to do it. Putting in a display is a great way to express your own creativity. Let's talk at our meeting if you may be interested in helping out.

Speaking of shows, Tennis Maynard sent a plant of *Paph micranthum* to the Greater Cleveland Orchid Society show. The was a very well grown and large specimen. It received two trophies, won Best of Show, and received two awards from the American Orchid Society: an 88 point Award of Merit, and a 93 point Certificate of Cultural Merit. Congratulations to Tennis!

Speaking of Tennis, our March meeting program will be presented by Tennis on *Trichopilia* orchids. These are not often seen, and Tennis has many years experience with the genus. He knows a great deal about the culture, taxonomy and breeding of these beautiful and fascinating orchids. I'm looking forward to his talk!

If you've paid your dues, thank you. If not, consider this a gentle reminder to get your dues in. Member dues are our main source of funding to be able to get interesting and informative speakers and other programs for our meetings.

Thank you for all you do for the society. I'll see you at our next meeting.

Ken Mettler

## *March 2026 Society Meeting*

**The next meeting of the Central Ohio Orchid Society will be held on **Sunday, March 22, 2026 at Franklin Park Conservatory at the Wells Barn in either the basement or upstairs, look for signage** The beginners corner will start at 1:30 pm, followed by the meeting and presentation at 2 pm.**

**Don't forget to bring your plants for the monthly Show Table, results will be announced after the presentation.**

**Also, our speaker will be conducting a plant sale so bring a box and some form of payment to take new plants home!**



Tennis Maynard has been growing orchids almost 50 years starting shortly after graduating from Ohio Wesleyan University, and has received 15 AOS awards. For many years I grew under lights at windowsills, then in wardian cases and finally in grow rooms, moving the plants outdoors during the clement months, and 18 years ago finally built a greenhouse. I currently have about 1,000 orchids in there, including about 100 trichopilias. Several species have been named from plants from my collection and I have named several new hybrids; Ecuagenera named one for me. I'm also author of nine novels, several dozen short stories and a book of poetry, and am working on a book on trichopilia. I'm a twice past president of COOS and have served in most of the other officer positions as well, have organized and run two MidAmerican Orchid Congresses, and am a member of the AOS and a past member of Orchid Digest.

## *Zoom Link for the Sunday, March 22nd Central Ohio Orchid Society Meeting*

Topic: COOS Meeting Sunday, March 22, 2026 at 2pm

Time: March 22, 2026 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88173153003?  
pwd=bkgqn10pdZpUXEUn8bC6A1bdQrvm0B.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88173153003?pwd=bkgqn10pdZpUXEUn8bC6A1bdQrvm0B.1)

Meeting ID: 881 7315 3003

Passcode: 025008

## *Yes, It is Time to Pay Your Dues*

Your dues support our speaker programs, our operational costs and community outreach efforts. Plus, membership provides you with access to our members-only opportunities such as select portions of our website and plant forums, participating in on-line plant auctions, various non-meeting educational opportunities, access to recorded ZOOM meeting lectures, and much more. Please note even if you choose not to join, you are welcome to attend COOS meetings or listen to our speakers via ZOOM.

Go to <https://www.centralohioorchidsociety.org/>, click on [Join Us](#), from which there are two options.

Yearly membership is only \$20 for an individual and \$25 for a family. We tried to make payment easy and painless.

1.) [Central Ohio Orchid Society Electronic Membership Application](#) Complete the application at the bottom of the page, follow the prompts and make payment via PayPal. (*Preferred Method*) **or** 2.) Click on [PDF Annual Membership Application](#), then print the form, fill it out by hand, and return it with a check. The mailing address is on the form. (To fill in the PDF on-line: open document, right click, rename PDF and "save as" to your desktop, close COOS screen, open the saved PDF in desktop, click on tools, click on "fill and sign", enter data, save and print document.

# *February Show Table First Place Winners*

*Paphiopedilum jackii* 'album'  
grown by Tennis Maynard



*Dendrobium* Spring Bird 'Kurashiki'  
grown by Tom Hart

**All photos were taken by Bob Dudley**

# *February Show Table First Place Winners*

Cymbidium insigne grown by  
Ken Mettler



Cattleya species — Laelia -  
anceps v. veitchiana grown by  
Tennis Maynard

## *February Show Table First Place Winners*

Paph. Matthias Fourman  
'Orchid Court' AM/AOS grown  
by Tennis Maynard and  
recently awarded at the  
Cincinnati Judging Center



Cattleya species – Cattleya  
maxima grown by Tennis  
Maynard

# *February Show Table First Place Winners*

Cattleya Hybrid — Rlc. Pink  
Empress 'Ju-Sen' grown by Jan  
Miller



Sacro Kulnara Rusty x Kulnara  
Rosetta grown by Jan Miller

# February Show Table



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

<b>ORCHID</b>	<b>GROWER</b>	<b>PLACE</b>
Paph. Praestans	Tennis Maynard	2nd
Chysis laevis	Tennis Maynard	2nd
Brassavola corata	Tennis Maynard	2nd
C. Snow Blind 'Kenny' FCC/AOS	Ken Mettler	2nd
Paph. Oriental Memory	Tennis Maynard	2nd
Den. Nobile var. Cooksoniana	Ken Mettler	2nd
BC Yu Young Star 'No1'	Bob and Tricia Dudley	2nd
Phal. NoID	Susan Allison	2nd
Pleurithallis retrepiodes	Tennis Maynard	3rd
Lycaste brevispatha	Dave and Edna Markley	3rd
Pcv. Key Lime Stars x BLC Prada Green Deluxe	Naila Caruso	3rd
Den. Love Memory	Tennis Maynard	3rd
Paph fairrieantum	Tennis Maynard	3rd
Enc. radiata	Ken Mettler	3rd
Phal. NoID	Jan Miller	3rd
Rth. Shiny Dream	Jan Miller	3rd

## *Monthly Meeting Hospitality*

This year Jan Miller has agreed to coordinate our monthly hospitality. She will need assistance to assure that we all have good snacks at our monthly meetings. Please follow the link below to sign up for volunteering or sign up on in the red book at our meetings, to be on April's snack team!

[COOS Monthly Meeting Hospitality Sign Up](#)



Please bring your own non-alcoholic beverage to all future meetings as we would like to reduce our carbon footprint with decreasing our use of single use plastics! Thanks in advance.

## *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).**

**Linda and Ken Baker**

**Nathalia Amado**

**Kristina Gam**

**Rene Blaha**

**Dempsey Ohlinger**

**Kathy and Al Drewald**

# Greater Akron Show Entrants and Results



ORCHID	GROWER	PLACE
Vanda tricolor	Ken Mettler	2nd
Dendrobium nobile v. Cooksonianum	Ken Mettler	
Cymbidium insigne	Ken Mettler	1st
Spathoglottis Cherry Blossom	Ken Mettler	1st
Phrag. Don Wimber	Tennis Maynard	1st
Phrag. Sedenii	Tennis Maynard	3rd

## *Greater Akron Show Entrants and Results*

ORCHID	GROWER	PLACE
Paph. Jackie album	Tennis Maynard	
Paph. malipoense	Tennis Maynard	
Paph. tranlienianum	Tennis Maynard	1st
Potinara Afternoon Delight	Tennis Maynard	3rd
Cattleya nobility	Tennis Maynard	2nd
Phal. Hybrid	Christina Gould	
Phal. Hybrid	Christina Gould	2nd
Phal. Hybrid	Christina Gould	1st
Phal. Hybrid	Beth Makley	
Guarantee aurantiaca 'Spots'	Chris Brown	2nd
Dendrobium Spring Bird	Tom Hart	1st, Best Dendrobium Trophy
Potinara Fairyland	Jan Miller	
BL Yellow bird	Jan Miller	2nd
Rhyncattayanthe Pat Wood	Jan Miller	
Sarcochilus hybrid	Jan Miller	

# Greater Cleveland Show Entrants and Results



ORCHID	GROWER	PLACE
Paph. micranthum See page 16 for more details	Tennis Maynard	Trophy – Best Specimen and Best in Class 1st in class 1st in specimen class
Paph. liemianum	Tennis Maynard	2nd
Paph. glaucophyllum	Tennis Maynard	1st
Den. Love Memory 'Fizz'	Tennis Maynard	
Lc Santa Barbara Sunset 'Showtime' HCC/AOS	Tennis Maynard	2nd

## *Greater Cleveland Show Entrants and Results*



### **Paph. Micranthum 'Orchid Court' AM/AOS, CCE/AOS grown by Tennis Maynard**

Tennis's beautiful specimen plant received 88 points (AOS Award of Merit) and 93 points (AOS Certificate of Cultural Excellence) and Best in Show at the Cleveland show.

It is grown outdoors in the summer for hot summers and allowed to remain out for as many ~40° nights as possible, then brought in and grown in the cool room until ready to flower when it is moved into the main GH in intermediate temps, returning to the cool room after flowering until it goes outside again. Kept wet year round, in a fine bark mix (with a bit of crushed oyster shell) in a wire mesh basket. Grown in cattleya/near cattleya light.

## *Greater Cleveland Show Entrants and Results*

ORCHID	GROWER	PLACE
Laelia anceps dawsonii 'Figment' x Laelia anceps 'Marble King'	Naila Caruso	2nd
Cymbidium NoID	Naila Caruso	3rd
Cymbidium Jordan Kaplan	Naila Caruso	Trophy – Best in Class 1st
Oncidium Heaven Scent 'Redolence'	Beth Makley	1st
Phal. NoID	Beth Makley	3rd
Paph. Johnny Shaw	Beth Makley	2nd
Oncidium Barbie	Beth Makley	1st
Paph. NoID	Beth Makley	
Cattleya Caribbean x Lc Trick or Treat	Jan Miller	Trophy – Best in Class 1st
Den. Love Memory 'Fizz'	Jan Miller	
Cattlianthe Fairyland	Jan Miller	
Eulophia guineensis 'Byron' AM/ AOS	Ken Mettler	1st
Cynorkis fastigiata	Ken Mettler	3rd

# *Greater Cleveland Show Entrants and Results*

ORCHID	GROWER	PLACE
Paph. Windrush	Edna Markley	3rd
Ansellia africana 'Garden Party'	Edna Markley	1st
Blc Carolina Orange D'Or 'Lenette' AM/AOS x Potinara Love Passion 'Dogashima'	Andi Yates	2nd
Warchlerhyncha Amazing Andrea 'Pretty in Pink'	Andi Yates	1st
Phal. NoID	Christina Gould	1st

*Congratulations to all who displayed and won awards  
at both the Akron and Cleveland Shows*

## *Upcoming 2026 Orchid Shows*

Location	Dates	Set Up
Greater Cincinnati	March 21 – 22	
Western Pennsylvania	April 11 – 12	
West Shore	April 25 – 26	

# *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 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:

- **Vanda Culture with Serena Roman, Wednesday, March 18th at 8:30 pm**
- **Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton, Tuesday, April 2nd at 8:30 pm**
- **Growing Cattleya alarorii and its hybrids with Jojo deBeaubien, Tuesday April 21st at 8:30 pm**
- **Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton, Tuesday, May 5th, at 8:30 pm**

*Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania  
Annual Show*

**SPRING ORCHID SHOW**  
**April 11 & 12, 2026**



**PRESENTED BY THE ORCHID SOCIETY OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA (OSWP.ORG)**

**HOURS**

**SATURDAY APRIL 11**

EXHIBITS NOON TO 5 PM

VENDORS 9 AM TO 5 PM

**SUNDAY APRIL 12**

EXHIBITS 9 AM TO 4 PM

VENDORS 9 AM TO 4 PM

**LOCATION**

**CROWNE PLAZA SUITES**

**PITTSBURGH SOUTH**

**164 FORT COUCH ROAD**

ACROSS FROM SOUTH HILLS  
VILLAGE

**FREE PARKING WITH EASY  
ACCESS TO ALL EVENTS**

**ACTIVITIES**

**ORCHID DISPLAYS**

**EXPERT PRESENTATIONS**

**REPOTTING SERVICE**

**ORCHID VENDOR SALES**

**RAFFLES & AUCTIONS**

**CRAFT SALES**

**ADMISSION \$5.00 (MEMBERS & UNDER 18 FREE)**



*Windswept in Time Annual Open House*  
*May 23 and 24, 2026*

**Windswept in Time Orchids**  
**Kim & Edgar Stehli**

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Broadview Heights, Ohio 44147

(440) 838-5757 – Call first for an appt.

[Windsweptorchids.com](http://Windsweptorchids.com)

**2026 Open House Event**

SPRING – May 23 & 24 (Sat. & Sun.) 11am – 5pm

Check us out on Facebook at

Windswept in Time Orchids (Agricultural Services)

## *2026 Program Calendar*

Andi Yates is becoming our new Program Chair and will be developing another wonderful group of speakers. Each month we will update the calendar as some changes are always expected as people's schedules change. Meetings are at the FPC Wells Barn Basement unless noted below.

<b>MEETING DATES 2026</b>	<b>SPEAKER</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>VENDOR PLANT SALE</b>
<b>January 25 SUNDAY</b>	<b>Challen Willemsen</b>	<b>Orchids of the Andes</b>	<b>No, member plant sale</b>
<b>February 22 SUNDAY</b>	<b>Olga Shoshtachuk</b>	<b>Growing Orchids in Terrariums, and other -ariums</b>	<b>No, member plant sale</b>
<b>March 22 SUNDAY</b>	<b>Tennis Maynard</b>	<b>Trichopilias</b>	<b>Vendor Plant Sale</b>
<b>April 16 THURSDAY</b>	<b>Dan Newman and Nancy Davis</b>	<b>Shelldance Orchids</b>	<b>No, member plant sale</b>
<b>May 21 THURSDAY</b>	<b>TJ Hartung</b>	<b>Fragrant Orchids</b>	
<b>June 18 THURSDAY</b>	<b>TBD</b>		
<b>July 16 THURSDAY</b>	<b>TBD</b>		
<b>August 20</b>	<b>TBD</b>		
<b>September 17 or 19</b>	<b>TBD</b>		
<b>October 16</b>	<b>TBD</b>		
<b>November 20</b>	<b>TBD</b>		
<b>December</b>	<b>No meeting</b>		

## *2026 Central Ohio Orchid Society Board and Committee Chairs*

President	Ken Mettler
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