



***May Meeting - Dr. Kristen Uthus of New World Orchids
Japanese Orchids and What Makes Them So Special***

Thursday, May 15, 2014

Meeting starts 8:00 p.m. @ Franklin Park Conservatory

Beginner's Corner 7:30-8pm

Our speaker this month will be Dr Kristen Uthus. Kristen partners with Dr. Glenn Lehr at New World Orchids which specializes in orchids from Japan including *Neofinetia falcata*, *Dendrobium moniliforme*, *Sederia japonica*, and Asian *Cymbidiums*. In addition, she is a plant evolutionary ecologist who teaches ecology at the University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University.

Kristen studied both plant and animal ecology and evolution at Virginia Commonwealth University and The Ohio State University. She has taught biology and ecology at several colleges including the University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University. She has been growing orchids for over 20 years, but recently fulfilled a lifelong dream to make orchids a full-time commitment by going into business with Dr. Glenn Lehr at New World Orchids. Although she enjoys growing many varieties of orchids and other plants, New World specializes in Japanese species including *Neofinetia falcata*, *Dendrobium moniliforme*, and *Sederia japonica* as well as Asian *Cymbidium* species. Kristen is supported in these pursuits by her husband, Dr. Kevin Wehrly, her two sons, Henry and Gus, and a veritable menagerie of loving animals. Her topic will be Japanese Orchid History and Culture. Japanese orchids are not typical in the orchid world. Kristen will speak about what makes Japanese orchids stand out in a crowd and what may make *Neofinetia falcata* the perfect houseplant.

New World Orchids was founded by Dr. Glenn Lehr and his wife, Maria over 20 years ago. Located in Manchester, MI, NWO specializes in Japanese orchids, especially *Neofinetia* (*Vanda*) *falcata*, *Dendrobium moniliforme*, *Sederia japonica*, and Asian *Cymbidiums*. Glenn was recently joined by Dr. Kristen Uthus who is working to maintain NWO's reputation for excellent plants as well as knowledgeable and personalized service. For more information, visit their website (www.newworldorchids.com) or their Facebook page (www.facebook.com/newworldorchids).

Dr. Uthus will be joining us for our usual pre-meeting dinner at Alladins on East Main Street @ 6PM. All members are welcome.

Bill Cavanaugh



President's Message

WHO YA GONNA CALL?

How would you feel if all your orchids died all at once, unnecessarily? Or someone threw them all into the trash? It's going to happen. Whether rare and expensive or more common and inexpensive, to each of us our orchids are precious and irreplaceable.

So what happens if, heaven forbid; you become incapacitated, disappear, or are otherwise unable to care for your orchids? Or if the worst happens? What then?

A while back, a longtime orchid grower was hospitalized with a disabling and ultimately fatal cancer which incapacitated him completely and left him in a coma for months. By the time he passed and his family was prepared to deal with the estate and finally entered his greenhouse, ALL of his beloved orchids were dead. As much as one may sympathize with a family on the passing of a loved one, we do all die. But his orchids didn't have to.

The plants he had laboriously collected over a long lifetime, lovingly tended and for which he obviously cared so much, were lost forever.

And it was avoidable.

We make arrangements for our children, for our families, and (those of us who are decent human beings) for our animal companions, but most of us have made no such arrangements for the plants which occupy such a special place in our hearts.

The thing is, even just a few weeks neglect can kill or terminally weaken many if not most of our orchids. And imagine the worst has not happened and you survive whatever misfortune has befallen you, only to come home to all your plants dead.

So what happens if it's YOU?? What will happen to YOUR orchids??

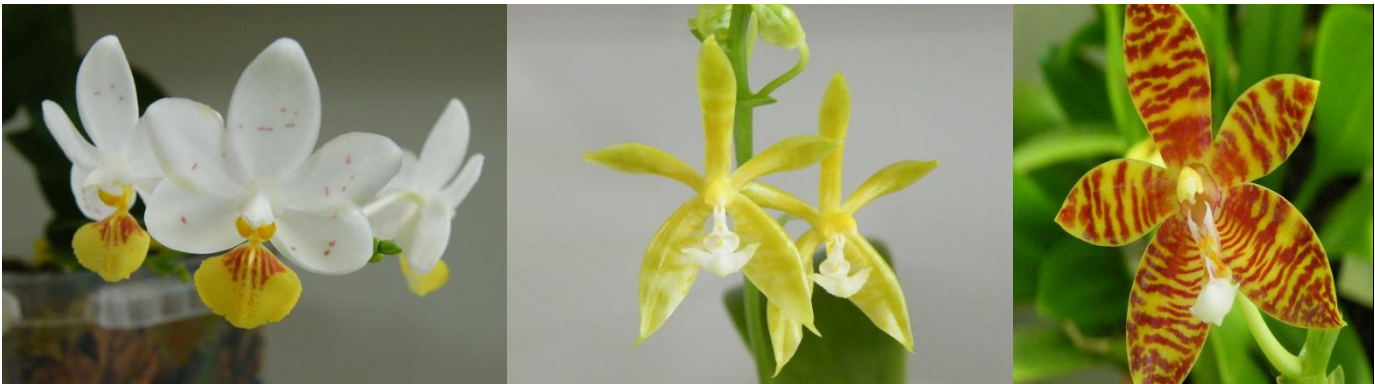
Who ya gonna call?

I am comforted by the knowledge that should something happen to me, the people in my life know who to call, what steps to take to save my orchids.

Have a talk with your family, roommate, partner or whoever the relevant person may be. Make sure they know either how to care for the plants if they are to keep them or how to get help caring for the plants until further arrangements can be made - and how you want them disposed of - given to orchid friends, sold, or just passed out to whomever wants to grow them. Put a note on the door to your grow room, greenhouse, or just on the fridge, listing who should be called and their phone number.

You'll be glad you did!

Tennis Maynard



Our membership year is January to December. If you joined the society and you paid your dues in November or December of 2013, you are covered for 2014 as well. For all of the rest of us, it's that time again. You can pay your dues at the next meeting, or you can send a check to our membership chair. (made payable to "Central Ohio Orchid Society") **Tom Bell-Games (1615 Andover rd., Columbus, OH 43212)**. If you have not renewed yet, please support the society by renewing as soon as possible. Your contribution enhances the society and what it is able to do for you. The dues are \$20.00 for Individuals and \$25.00 per household.



**Upcoming dates for 2014 Orchid Judging at the Cincinnati Center:
Civic Garden Center of Greater Cincinnati, 2715 Reading Road, Cincinnati.**

**Registration of Plants starts at 12:00pm & Judging begins at 1:00pm.
Sunday, June 8
Sunday July 13**



Welcome New Members

YAY! Lots of new members to report! A huge COOS welcome to the following people...

LaRidja and Brenda Vannoy, Amy Thomas, Gary and Deb Walker, Brandon Napierala , Richard and Glennia Kohler, Nancy and Roger Vincent, Jennifer Crocker, and Ryan Kitko. Welcome, welcome, welcome to our group of orchid addicts...er, enthusiasts! ☺

Last month's meeting was standing room only...let's do our best to turn every meeting into a SRO meeting. It appears that many of you are taking Tennis up on his challenge so keep it up, folks.

2014/2015 COOS Officers - Terms of Office are from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2015

President:	Tennis Maynard	
1 st Vice President:	Bill Cavanaugh	Program Chair
2 nd Vice President	Dave Markley	Home Show Chair
3 rd Vice President:	Ken Mettler	Away Show Chair
Secretary:	Justin Pepperney	Recorder
Assistant Secretary:	Katrina Heap	Newsletter Editor
Treasurer:	Edna Markley	Collect/Disburse Monies
Assistant Treasurer:	Tom Bell-Games	Membership Chair

Lori Baldwin	2015
Eileen Ansley	2015
Jim Harper	2017
Elly Campbell	2017
Tom Franczak	Immediate Past President

Away Show Bulletin!

Spring Show season is done...stay tuned for upcoming Fall shows.



April Show Table results:

Thank you to Ken, Tennis and Screll for doing the judging. Where they thought it appropriate, additional place awards were made.

As always, we encourage you to bring your blooming plants to the show table and share your skills and the beauty of your plants with your fellow members.

Plant of the Month

Justin Pepperney

Paph philippinense 'Alford' AM/AOS

Cattleya Species

Tennis Maynard	C intermedia alba 'Lines'	1 st
Don Weber	C intermedia var amethystine 'Aranbeem'	2 nd
Dave & Edna Markley	B nodosa 'Remar' x B nodosa 'Mas Mejour'	3 rd
Tom Bell-Games	C skinneri 'Heiti Jacobs'	3 rd

Cattleya Hybrids-

David & Edna Markley	Pot. Paradise Beauty	1 st
David & Edna Markley	Lc Tropical Pointer 'Cheetah'	2 nd
David & Edna Markley	Epi Pacific Sunset	2 nd
David & Edna Markley	Iwga Apple Blossom	3 rd
David & Edna Markley	unknown catt hybrid	3 rd

Phalaenopsis

Gary & Deb Walker	Phal Desert Dream Mabalo	1 st
Katrina Heap	Phal mannii 'Black Magic' x 'May Ebony'	2 nd
Gary & Deb Walker	Phal Brother Sweet Sugar 'Montclair'	3 rd

Oncidiae (species and hybrids combined)

Tom & Pat Stinson	Tolumnia Hybrid	1 st
Tom & Pat Stinson	Tolumnia Hybrid	2 nd
Scott Bever	Wilsonara Pacific Lust 'Lady Chatterly'	3 rd

Trichopilia

Tennis Maynard	Trpa Maria	1 st
Tennis Maynard	Trpa crispa	2 nd
Tennis Maynard	Trpa Charles x ramonensis	3 rd

Paphiopedilum Species and Hybrids

Justin Pepperney

Tennis Maynard	Paph philippinense 'Alford' AM/AOS	1 st
Dave & Edna Markley	Paph hirsutissimum	2 nd
Tom & Pat Stinson	Paph Helvetia	2 nd
	Paph Moustache	3 rd

Phragmipedium

Scott Bever	Phrag Red Baron 'Windy Hill'	1 st
Scott Bever	Phrag Noirmont	2 nd

Other –

Don Weber	Cyrtopodium punctatum	1 st
Katrina Heap	Dendrobium teretifolium	1 st
Don Weber	Sarcoglottis grandiflora 'Weber' AM/AOS	2 nd
Tennis Maynard	Cym England Rose 'Spring Green'	2 nd
Tom Stinson	Masd ignea	3 rd
Katrina Heap	Oberonia setigera	3 rd

As we have always noted, collecting and posting the winning plant info is sometimes an inexact science. If you think you had a plant that was recognized that we have not mentioned, please let me know.



2014 COOS Calendar (tentative)

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| May 15 | Meeting – Dr Kristen Uthus of New World Orchids |
| June 19 | Meeting – Speaker to be determined |
| July 20* | Picnic – Being held at the Stinson’s – directions coming soon. |
| September 18 | Meeting – Speaker to be determined |
| October 16 | Meeting – Speaker to be determined |
| November 20 | Awards Banquet and Potluck Dinner |

Board Meetings Board meetings will be held the second Tuesday of odd numbered months.
They begin at 7:00 PM

- Mar 11
- May 14
- July 8
- Sept 9
- Nov 11

Annual Growers Contest Results for 2014....

I am still missing all non-ribbon plants from the Jan meeting so, currently, no one is showing the 1pt credit for any plants that they brought but that didn’t place that month. If you would like to get those figures to me, I will gladly add them to the tallies.

Greenhouse Division:

Tom & Pat Stinson	465
Tennis Maynard	342
Tessie Steelman	55
Don Weber	45
Screll Jones	1

AYO (all you others)

Dave & Edna Markley	160
Ken Mettler	147
Katrina Heap	125
Justin Pepperney	76
Scott Bever	58
Tom Bell-Games	37
Terry & Sandra Stohr	16
Gary & Deb Walker	13
Naila Caruso	13
Bill Cavanaugh	12
Suzanne Cavazos	11
Susan Allison	9
Waunetta Kerr	2



Hospitality

Fellow COOS members...please do your best to make Terry and Sandra's job as easy as possible and volunteer to bring something this year. Talk w/Terry and/or Sandra this Thurs and get your name listed for one of the upcoming meetings.

May:

Bill Cavanaugh
Scott Bever
Joel and Minda Harris

June:

Glennia Kohler

We need 2 more volunteers, folks!

Also, September and October are completely open...talk w/Terry and/or Sandra...in person, on the phone, or email. Thanks guys!

One final note...a reminder...for anyone looking for something fun and “orchid-y” to do this weekend....

Edgar and Kim Stehli of Windswept in Time Orchids will be having an Open House in May and would like to extend an invitation to everyone. The dates are May 17th and 18th from 11am until 5pm both days. Along with the tried and true classics in orchids, Edgar and Kim usually have some very unusual and not often seen orchids for sale. For all you collectors who love the odd and unusual orchids (like I do!)...I'm sure you'll find plenty of it this weekend.

Per Edgar...

There will be tents filled with bargain plants, as well as lots of great plants for the orchid enthusiast. There will also be a few divisions of awarded plants available.

Windswept in Time Orchids is located about 15 miles south of Cleveland, in Broadview Heights Ohio.

- *From Columbus, take Rt.71 north to 271 north.*
- *After 9 miles on 271, take Rt.77 north to the Wallings Road exit (exit #151).*
- *Turn left at the stop sign and go to the traffic light which is Wallings road, Turn Left.*
- *You will cross over the highway and go to the top of the hill where you will see a flashing yellow light.*
- *Turn Right onto Skyline Drive.*
- *We are the fifth house on the left side of the street. Kim and I look forward to your visit.*

Should you need additional directions or have any questions, please call us at (440)-838-5757.