



## **March Meeting - Speaker – TBA**

**Thursday, March 20, 2014**

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

*Beginner's Corner 7:30-8pm*

### **Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Hear Ye!**

**Some pressing items discussed at the recent board meeting:**

- We are looking for storage space for the show stanchions, tables, and drapes/cloths. I'm not sure how long, but it's been more than a couple of years, we have been using a self-storage space to store these times but it seems the cost is becoming quite...well, costly. We have decided to explore other, less costly, options. Ok, I'll throw it out there...free would be even better. We are hoping one or more of you wonderful orchid addicts might have a bit of space that isn't occupied by orchids...or anything else. Does anyone have some space that you aren't using...in a shed, or basement, or the garage? The entire lot takes up approximately 50 sq ft of space or we could break it all up into smaller lots at more than one place. If you have space you aren't using and you wouldn't mind housing some or all of the items...and you live in relatively close proximity to the Conservatory...please let us know. Your free space would be greatly appreciated! 😊
- As most of you already know, Jim Harper so graciously hosted the picnic for many, many, many, many, many, (you get the idea) years but Jim has moved so the days of picnicking at the Orchid Ranch are done. They are no more. It's the end of an era. The torch must now be passed. But, to whom? To where? We need your help to answer these questions! The picnic is slated for July 20<sup>th</sup> (tentatively) this year...if you know of a place, have the space, or even a good idea about where we could hold the picnic...please let us know.
- We need volunteers to help w/hospitality for our Spring Show. See Terry and Sandra at the meeting this week and let them know where you can help out. If cooking isn't your thing...no problem!...they are happy to take donations and they'll pick up what is needed to make sure we have a decent spread for the judges and others involved.



## *President's Message*

### You want me to **WHAT????**

Once upon a time, a lamb, a cat, a pig, and a little red hen lived on an old farm on a flowery hill surrounded by fields of golden wheat. One day, the Little Red Hen found some grains of wheat scattered in the barnyard. "Look what I've found!" she said to the other animals. "Who will help me plant these grains of wheat?"

"Not I!" said the lamb. "Not I!" said the cat. "Not I!" said the pig.

"Then I'll do it myself," said the Little Red Hen. And so she did. She knew that seeds need water to grow tall and strong. "Who will help me water these seeds?" asked the Little Red Hen.

"Not I!" said the lamb. "Not I!" said the cat. "Not I!" said the pig.

"Then I'll do it myself," said the Little Red Hen. And so she did. The Little Red Hen watered the soil and waited patiently for the wheat to grow. When the wheat was tall and golden, she knew it was ready to be cut. "Who will help me harvest the wheat?" asked the Little Red Hen.

"Not I!" said the lamb. "Not I!" said the cat. "Not I!" said the pig.

"Then I'll do it myself," said the Little Red Hen. And so she did. The Little Red Hen's basket was soon filled with wheat. "Who will help me grind the wheat into flour?" asked the Little Red Hen.

"Not I!" said the lamb. "Not I!" said the cat. "Not I!" said the pig.

"Then I'll do it myself," said the Little Red Hen. And so she did. She ground the wheat into powdery, velvety flour. "Who will help me make this flour into bread?" asked the Little Red Hen.

"Not I!" said the lamb. "Not I!" said the cat. "Not I!" said the pig.

"Then I'll do it myself," said the Little Red Hen. And so she did. The Little Red Hen mixed the flour into sticky dough and kneaded it into a smooth loaf. "Who will help me bake this bread?" asked the Little Red Hen.

"Not I!" said the lamb. "Not I!" said the cat. "Not I!" said the pig.

"Then I'll do it myself," said the Little Red Hen. And so she did. The kitchen filled with the delicious scent of baking bread, and the other animals came to see what was happening. The Little Red Hen took the warm, crusty loaf out of the oven, and set it on the table. "Who will help me eat this fresh, tasty bread?" asked the Little Red Hen.

"I will!" said the lamb. "I will!" said the cat. "I will!" said the pig.

"No, you will not," said the Little Red Hen. "You didn't help me plant it, or water it, or harvest it, or mill it, or bake it. I shall eat it myself!" And so she did.

I want you to HELP. At meetings, at shows, at away shows....What will YOU do for YOUR orchid society NOW???



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, April 20th  
Sunday, May 11th**



**Welcome! Welcome! Welcome! We have new members...  
Nancy & Christopher Krumm and Regina Landa!**

Remember the challenge folks....we all invite at least one new person to join in on the orchid fun this year. Make **2014** the year you invite that friend who has been the recipient of one (or 10!) of your lesser loved orchids. What about inviting that neighbor who you helped when his/her phal needed repotting? Or, how about inviting that stranger that you see looking at the orchids at Oakland Park, Trader Joe's, Lowe's or Home Depot? Even better, invite them all! We want to grow COOS and the only way to do that is...waaaaaait for it...**by inviting new people!**

Oh, and if growing our little group into a bigger group wasn't prize enough on its own, at the time of our banquet in November the person with the most NEW members will receive a goodie. I don't yet know what that goodie will be...but, it will be...uh....well...GOOD! 😊

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

President:	Tennis Maynard	
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President:	Bill Cavanaugh	Program Chair
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Dave Markley	Home Show Chair
3 <sup>rd</sup> 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

**COOS Trustees – Terms of Office Expire December 31<sup>st</sup> of the Year Shown.**

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



## *Away Show Bulletin!*

**Central Indiana Orchid Society  
April 12<sup>th</sup> – 13th**

**Folks, we could really use volunteers to help w/the displays! Talk to Ken, please.**



## *Notes from the February Meeting.*

If I'm counting correctly, we had 39 plants on display. Not the most we've ever had but certainly not a bad turn out for a chilly February evening. Thanks to all of you who brought and shared your beautiful orchids.

Before we get to the February show table results...I have some good news and some bad news. I'll start with the good news....I finally found out how to tally the points from the show table and orchid shows – YAY! The bad news...I didn't realize there are points earned on those plants that didn't receive a ribbon. I'm not sure how I didn't know this...but I didn't. And, unfortunately, once I tallied plants from the Nov and Jan meetings, I did not hang onto the entry forms so this means I'm missing all the plants that didn't get ribbons. And that means we have people missing points toward the contest. I am so sorry! The good news w/in that bit of bad news is that it's an easy fix...if I can get your help. I have the show forms from the February meeting so I will only need the tallies from any plants you brought in November and January. I don't need the names of the plants...just a total number...and only for those that didn't receive a ribbon. I would really appreciate it if you could email me a quick tally...or jot it down on a piece of paper and give it to me at the meeting this week.

I will be holding off on the tally toward the Growers Contest until I have the missing info.



As per the usual, where the judges thought it appropriate, additional place awards were made. And, 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.

Everyone has been doing a wonderful job of making sure the forms are legible and understandable so...**Thank You.** Keep up the great work!

And now for the February show table results.....

**Plant of the Month**

Katrina Heap Epidendrum centropetalum

**Cattleya – Species and Hybrids combined**

Tennis Maynard	Lc Drumbeat ‘Heritage’	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tom Bell-Games	Rhyncholaelia glauca	1 <sup>st</sup>
David & Edna Markley	Brassavola Little Stars	2 <sup>nd</sup>
David & Edna Markley	Blc Yellow Bird	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Justin Pepperney	C intermedia	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Susan Allison	Bl Mililani Star ‘Nalo’	3 <sup>rd</sup>

**Paphiopedilum Hybrids & Species combined**

Tennis Maynard	Paph micranthum v eburneum	1 <sup>st</sup>
Sandra & Terry Stohr	Paph Ox-31 Peter Penar x (Nobles Pass x Coastal Gold)	2 <sup>nd</sup>
David & Edna Markley	Paph fairrieianum x Wall Crest ‘Charm’	3 <sup>rd</sup>

**Cymbidium**

Ken Mettler	Cym Tranquility	1 <sup>st</sup>
Naila Caruso	Cym (unknown)	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Ken Mettler	Cym Lady Sarah ‘Strawberry Milk’	3 <sup>rd</sup>

**Other –**

Katrina Heap	Epi centropetalum [POM]	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tennis Maynard	Opsistylis Mem Mary Natrass	1 <sup>st</sup>
Don Weber	Bulb nymphopolitanum	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Scott Bever	Lost tag orchid (genus not listed on form)	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Katrina Heap	Oncidium cheirophorum	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Tennis Maynard	Phrag besseae	3 <sup>rd</sup>

*Reminder - If you think you had a plant that was recognized and I didn't mention it here...please let me know.*



## 2014 COOS Calendar (tentative)

March 20	Meeting – Speaker to Be Determined-
<b>March 29/30</b>	<b>Central Ohio Orchid Society Annual Spring Show</b>
April 17	Meeting – Francisco Miranda – pre-orders no later than April 1st
May 15	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
June 19	Meeting – Speaker to be determined
July 20*	Picnic – Not set for Franklin Park Conservatory grounds – Tentative date
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 and they are open to member who would like to attend.

May 14

July 8

Sept 9

Nov 11





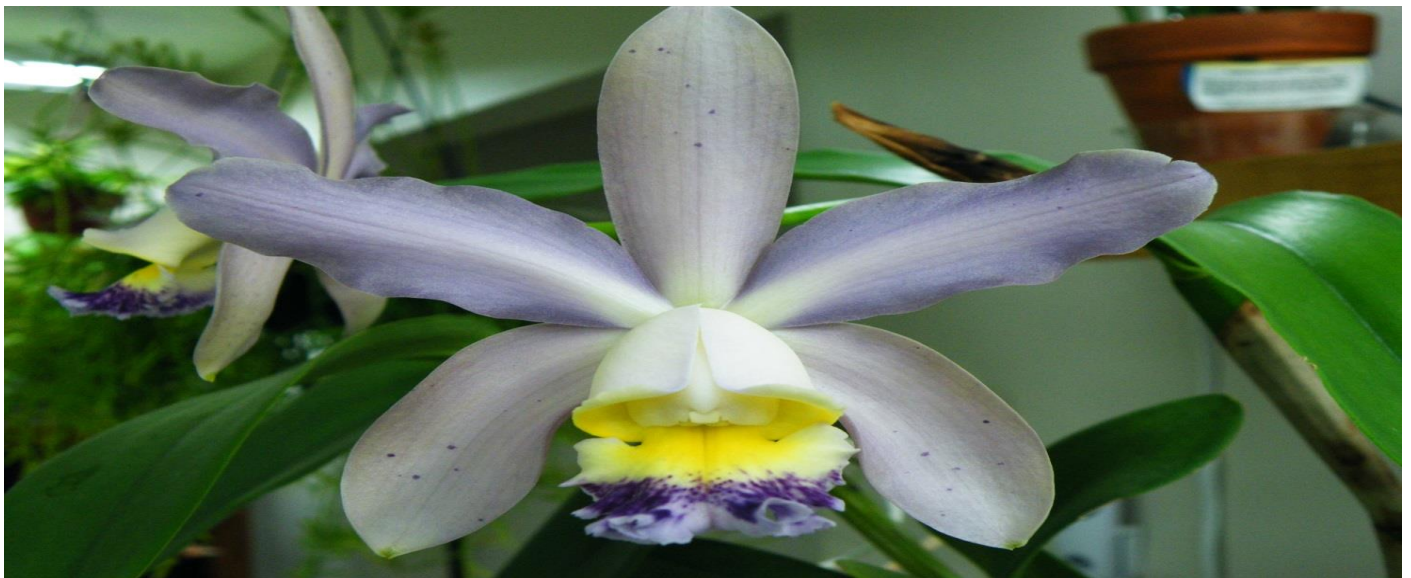
# Annual Growers Contest ~ 2014

Below is a refresher on how points are earned and the rules for the contest.

## How points are tallied:

	<u>at Monthly Meetings</u>	<u>at Away Shows</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	10	20
2 <sup>nd</sup>	5	10
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3	5
No ribbon	1	2
Plant of the Month	20	
Best of Class	20	
Other Special	20	

- The contest year begins with the Annual Awards/Holiday banquet and ends October 31.
- Plants must be free of obvious disease or pests. Plants seen to be harboring mealy bugs, scale, etc. will be disqualified and isolated.
- The flowers should be the result of **your** growing skills, not those of a vendor or previous owner. Accordingly, we ask that you only claim points for plants you have been growing for at least **6 months**. You may exhibit any plant you own and are encouraged to do so however, if you have not owned the plant for at least 6 months it is not to be included in the contest tally on the entry sheet.
- If you submit plants for a COOS exhibit at an away orchid show, the away show chair will report entries and ribbons to the contest coordinator. If you submit plants in your own or any other exhibit at an away orchid show, you must report the entries and ribbons to the contest coordinator.



## *Hospitality*

I would like to offer a big THANK YOU to everyone who brought in the yummy noshes for the January and February meetings. And, another big THANK YOU to those of you who have signed up to bring something to one of the up-coming meetings this year. We still have quite a few openings so please see Terry or Sandra and let them know what month you can help.

Below is a listing of volunteers for the upcoming meetings. Please Talk w/Terry and/or Sandra this Thurs and get your name listed for one of the upcoming meetings.

### March:

Tom Bell-Games  
Elly Campbell  
Naila Caruso

### April:

LaWanda Martin  
**We need 2 more volunteers!**

### May:

Bill Cavanaugh  
We need 2 more volunteers!

### June

Volunteers needed

### July - picnic

### August – no meeting

### September

Volunteers needed

### October

Volunteers needed

### November – Holiday Banquet



### *Editors Corner:*

I'm still working on living up to the standards that Bill set in how he did this newsletter for so many years. It's a work in progress for sure. Once I have the logistics of all of this down (I'm getting there!) then I'll work on being more interesting. And, then maybe, just maybe, I'll be able to fill this little corner with something witty and engaging. For now...I simply use the space to say Thank You All for bearing with me during my learning curve.

**Final note – Francisco Miranda of Miranda Orchids will be our speaker in April. (YAY!) Pre-orders are eligible for a 10% discount (+ no shipping \$!). Due to his travelling schedule, all pre-orders must be submitted by April 1<sup>st</sup>. <http://www.mirandaorchids.com/>**

