



*Central Ohio Orchid Society*  
*Reporter*



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September 2014

***September Meeting - Russ Vernon***  
***Growing Odontoglossum***

***Thursday, Sept 18, 2014***

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

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

Russ Vernon will be our speaker this month and he will be talking to us about Odontoglossum.

Many of you know Russ as he is a former member of our Society and a frequent vendor at our orchid shows. I'm sure you've all seen some of the very impressive plants that he's had in his displays over the years and many of those plants have been Odontoglossum. This is a group of orchids that is known for being show stoppers and a well grown plant can certainly steal the show. Along with being beautiful...they also have a reputation for being fairly difficult to grow but Russ feels this is largely untrue. Lucky for us...Russ has agreed to share with us how he grows this wonderful group of orchids!

He will be bringing plants for sale so have your wallet or checkbook handy. He will be taking pre-orders but asks that you have your order to him by Weds – his catalogue is on the website. [www.newvisionorchids.com](http://www.newvisionorchids.com)



## President's Message

### The Human Side of Orchids

Orchids have captivated us all as they have captivated people for centuries. We pot them, water them, look at and take pictures of them, talk about them, show them, share them, and baby them. We do research, worry over taxonomy, seek sources for those specific ones we simply must have. We judge them, travel for them, and plan our lives around them. But there is so much more to the passion than just the plants.

The recent passing of long-time member and grower Jim Harper set me thinking along a path I'll sharing with you now. It's the other side of the hobby, the people. I have met many, many people through the hobby, and most of them are great people, though they are as varied as the colors of the rainbow. Growing orchids is so much more than just the plants.

For people are what make the hobby go. People we buy from, people we show to, people we ask advice from, people we share plants with, people we just talk with about our plants. They can touch you in ways you never expected.

And what people they are! Eric Christensen, one of the foremost orchid taxonomists, who passed away recently, was a real card! He could (and did) regale you all night long with endless funny and touching stories about orchids and their people. He was a funny, live wire who could down an entire bottle of bourbon in one sitting.

Then there was Michael Kovach, after whom *Phragmipedium kovachii* is named. A nervous, intriguing person with great knowledge of orchids in their habitat, paranoid to be sure, but interesting and funny to boot.

From speakers at meetings, to people whose faces you slowly begin to recognize from seeing them time after time at meetings or shows and finally say hello to, people become an integral and important part of the hobby.

A vendor sent me a note a couple years back about some plants he thought he had heard me say I was interested in ten years before!! So thoughtful, so kind! Even the 'greats' of the orchid world can surprise and touch you with their kindness, their interest. Andy Easton, world-famous *Cymbidium* breeder and long an influential person in the orchid world, when he heard in an online group I was thinking of trying to grow cymbidiums, sent me a box of free plants just to get me started! What a swell thing to do!

And the things you learn from these people, sitting around the dinner table or over drinks after a meeting. Things about the world, culture, history, movies, people, and all sorts of things you never imagined, not just orchids.

Then there are the true friends we make through the hobby, both in person and perhaps long-distance or online. I have made many cherished friends through orchids, friendships which started over a simple





conversation about the merits of some now-forgotten plant at a show or meeting, or over the best potting method. Friends I've travelled with, flown with, bought with, shared plants and worries with, and so much more than just orchids. People who call from a far-away show just to say they saw a plant they thought you might like, or others who just had to pick up a plant they saw at a show for you because they knew you'd love it!

I'm grateful for all the people who have come into my life from such an unexpected source - just growing orchids. Who knew???

And Jim Harper, who gave unstintingly and unselfishly of himself to all in the hobby, of his time, of his plants, his humor and knowledge. We'll miss you, Jim!

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.



Welcome New Members

*I'm happy to report that we have 2 new members!! Welcome to our merry band of orchids addicts, Diane Faridad, and Katherine Clouse!*

## 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 31st of the Year Shown

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

## Show Table Results

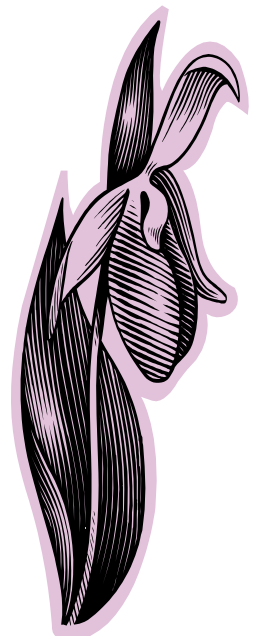
To be updated in the next newsletter. I will cover July and September.

## 2014 COOS Calendar

- Sept 18 Meeting – Russ Vernon - Odontoglossum
- Oct 16 Edgar Stehli of Windswept in Time Orchid - Angraecum
- Nov 6-9 Mid America Orchid Congress
- Nov 11 Annual potluck and awards dinner

**Board Meetings** Board meetings will be held the second Tuesday of odd numbered months.  
7:00- 8pm

- Nov 11



## Annual Growers Contest Results for 2014

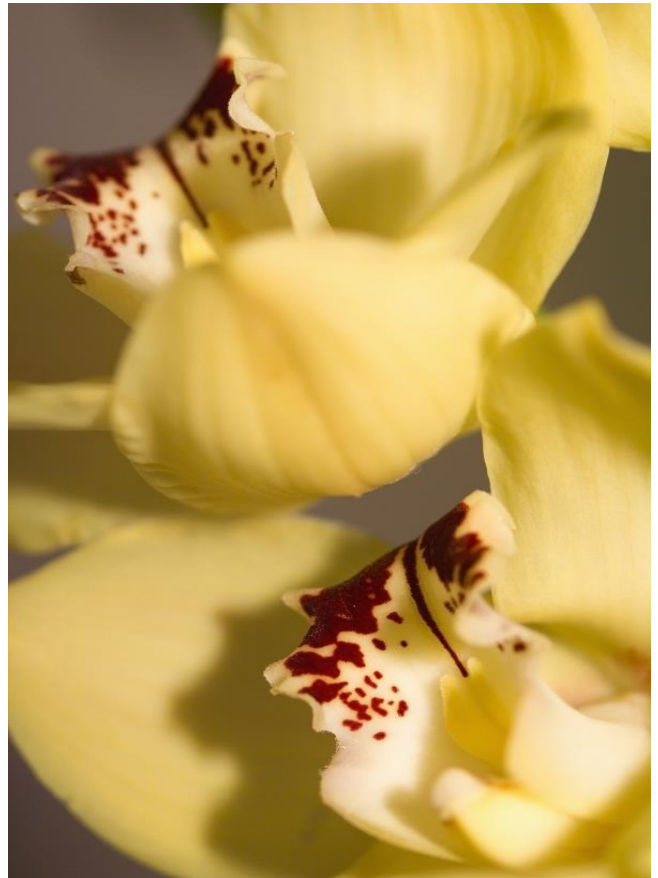
Tallied through the June meeting only...will be updated w/July and Sept meeting results next newsletter...

### Greenhouse Division:

Tom & Pat Stinson	580
Tennis Maynard	438
Tessie Steelman	85
Don Weber	49
Screll Jones	1

### AYO (all you others)

Dave & Edna Markley	180
Ken Mettler	152
Katrina Heap	176
Justin Pepperney	76
Scott Bever	66
Tom Bell-Games	46
Terry & Sandra Stohr	22
Gary & Deb Walker	13
Naila Caruso	13
Bill Cavanaugh	12
Suzanne Cavazos	26
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. If you haven't volunteered in 2014 yet...please Talk w/Terry and/or Sandra at the next meeting – we still need volunteers for October.

### September:

Suzanne Cavazos  
Elly Campbell  
Sandra & Terry Stohr

**October: 3 volunteers needed!**



Orchid Sales!!

# Andy's Orchids

**\*California Drought Special\***

Looking to cut-back your watering.....see our list of "Drought Friendly" plants and save 25%  
You don't need to live in CA to take advantage of this special  
\*Sale ends October 9, 2014

## Genus

## Species

Brassavola	Cucullata
Brassavola	Grandiflora
Dendrobium	Antennatum
Dendrobium	Lichenastrum
Calanthe	Cardioglossa
Maxillaria	Picta
Laelia	Anceps V. Dawsonii
Oncidium (Tolumnia)	Guianensis (yellow)
Tetramicra	Elegans
Holcoglossum	Wangii
Ascocentrum	Garayi
Dendrobium	Kingianum v. album
Ascocentrum	Ampullaceum var. aurantiacum
Cattleya	Intermedia v. amethystina
Laelia	Purpurata
Psychilus (Epidendrum)	Truncata
Encyclia	Profusa
Dendrobium	Nobile (India)
Epidendrum	Ellipticum purple
Encyclia	Pyriformis

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*Offer Expires 10/9/2014.*

***Tropical Orchid Farm - 26th Annual Fall Sale!!***

Our Fall Sale is the event that our customers enjoy the most - and we enjoy it too! It is a win-win for everyone and a win for orchid conservation as well.

Prices are reduced by 10 - 30%!!

<http://www.tropicalorchidfarm.com/>



*Plant of the Month for July ~ Laelia tenebrosa alba  
~ grown by Screll Jones*