



Newsletter Editor: Melissa Lee

## Central Ohio Orchid Society Reporter



February 2019

### February Meeting

**Topic: Franklin Park Conservatory's Orchids – Behind the Scenes**  
**Thursday, Feb. 21st at Franklin Park Conservatory**  
**Beginner's Corner 7:30pm – Meeting starts at 8pm**

*We have a very special speaker and event for our February meeting. Gareth Martin of Franklin Park Conservatory will give a behind the scenes view of the Conservatory's annual orchid exhibition.*

*"Orchids: Behind the Scenes" will cover what is involved with designing, installing and maintaining the orchids exhibition--as well as some insight into the current incantation of the show (which Gareth says has been somewhat challenging). As a special treat, Gareth will provide the society with a personal tour of the exhibition!*

*Those of you who are familiar with FPC's annual exhibition know it is a joy to behold, and this year they have really raised the bar, focusing on orchids hanging from elevated baskets! This is your chance for a free, private after-hours tour!*

*Gareth Martin serves as the Horticulture Exhibitions Designer at Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens. In this role, he has the honor of creating the seasonal exhibitions visitors experience throughout the calendar year. From selecting poinsettia varieties for the annual holiday exhibition, Conservatory Aglow, to creating unique layouts and hanging devices for the Orchid exhibition. Gareth's extensive background in fine arts as well as his love--and knowledge--of plants makes him uniquely qualified to fill such a diverse and dynamic role. Gareth received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Arts from Shawnee State University (Portsmouth, Ohio) and a Master of Fine Arts in Painting from Purdue University (West Lafayette, Indiana). Prior of taking on the position of Horticulture Exhibitions Designer, Gareth worked in the realm of Higher Education, teaching Drawing, Painting, Printmaking and Installation Art at both Purdue University and Drake University (Des Moines, Iowa).*

*We will not have a Speaker's Dinner this month.*

#### **WE WILL HAVE A MEMBER'S PLANT SALE**

*We have several great vendors scheduled to speak this year (more on that below), so you will have lots of opportunities to add special, one-of-a-kind orchids to your collection this year. Our own members also have incredible plants to share, so please bring those spare divisions, seedlings, or plants in need of a new home. Please remember for anyone selling plants, 20% of the proceeds are due to the society. You can pay our Treasurer Cheryl Early.*

#### **Show Table**

*Please remember to bring your blooming orchids for our meeting display table and ribbon judging. Earn those ribbons for rewards at our November pot luck meeting! And you might even get Plant of the Month!*

## President's Message

*Spring is coming and your orchids should hopefully be budding up for a great blooming season! And pretty soon we will be repotting and eventually putting some plants out for summer. Now is a great time to think about repotting, and our March meeting will be a demonstration of how to mount orchids, so for those miniature orchids or other types suitable for mounting, this information should be just in time!*

*We will also be gearing up for our annual Spring Show, March 30-31. Watch for more from Dave Markely as he will need lots of help to make it a success!*

### **2019 Program:**

*Just another reminder of our Program schedule this year (calendar below). Nancy has done a tremendous job setting up our 2019 Program. (Thank you Nancy!) Some key highlights include Russ Vernon of New Vision Orchids (April), Author Mary Gerritsen (May), Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids (June), and Sam Tsui of Orchid Inn (October). This is going to be a great year for speakers and vendors!*

*A couple key reminders for this year.*

- *Membership Dues: We still have outstanding membership dues for 2018. Dues are \$20 for an individual and \$25 for a family. This is an important way for us to provide the great speakers and events that make our society successful. So if you have already paid 2018, THANK YOU! Please talk with Cheryl to get your 2019 dues in early. And if you still owe for 2018, please be sure to catch up. Society membership also makes a great gift, so consider sponsoring membership for someone you know. Our membership form is available at each meeting, so just connect with Cheryl.*
- *Volunteer Opportunities: We had great turnout with help for our 2018 Spring Show, and I am sure this year will be the same. One area we can always use more help is travel for setup and teardown of our display at our Away Shows. See the Away Show Calendar below. Ken Mettler is our Away Show Chair, so please talk with Ken about how you can help support our fellow societies. THANK YOU Dennis Eiffel, and everyone who sent their plants to Dayton for the Miami Valley Orchid Society show. And as mentioned above, we will be circulating sign-up sheets for our own Spring Show at the end of March.*



### **Virus Test Kits**

*I am still working on the virus test kit order. Please watch for an email from me to take further orders for a potential virus test kit purchase for the society.*

## COOS Board Members/Appointed Chairs

President – Justin Pepperney	
Vice President – Dennis Eifel	
Secretary – Jennifer Sonnenberg	
Treasurer – Cheryl Early	
Trustee – Gary Walker	
Trustee – Scott Bever	
Immediate Past President – Dave Markley	
Program Chair	Nancy Shapiro
Home Show Chair	Dave Markley
Away Show Chair	Ken Mettler
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## COOS Calendar

January 17	AOS Webinar “Dendrobiums Demystified”
February 21	Garrett Martin of Franklin Park Conservatory – “Behind the Scenes of the Franklin Park Orchid Show”
March 21	Ken Mettler – “Mounting Orchids” (Participate and take home a mounted orchid!)
March 30-31	COOS Annual Orchid Show and Plant Sale – Franklin Park Conservatory
April 18	Russ Vernon of New Vision Orchids – “Miltoniopsis”
May 16	Author Mary Gerritsen - “Miniature Orchids”
June 20	Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids “Cynoches, Mormodes, & Catasetums”
July TBA	Annual Picnic and Pot Luck
August	No Meeting
September 19	Orchids 101
October 17	Sam Tsui of Orchid Inn – “Paphiopedilums”
November 21	Annual Awards Banquet and Pot Luck
December	No Meeting

## Away Show Schedule

March 2-3	Akron
March 9-10	Cincinnati
March 16-17	Western PA (Pittsburgh)
April 27-28	West Shore (Cleveland)

## Show Table Results : January 2018

<u>Plant of the Month:</u> Tennis Maynard	Cycnodes Jumbo Puff	
<u>Phalaenopsis Species &amp; Hybrids:</u> Jessica Badger Jennifer Sonnenberg Jennifer Sonnenberg	Phal NOID (Phal. Baldan's Kaleidoscope??) Phal NOID Phal NOID	1st 2nd 3rd
<u>Cattleya Species &amp; Hybrids:</u> Tennis Maynard Tennis Maynard Jennifer Sonnenberg	Laelia Canariensis 'Golden Glow' Encylcia vitellina Cat. Pot. Fairyland	1st 2nd 3rd
<u>Paphiopedilum Species &amp; Hybrids:</u> Dave & Edna Markley Dave & Edna Markley Jessica Badger Dave & Edna Markley Tennis Maynard Dave & Edna Markley  Dave & Edna Markley  Dave & Edna Markley Justin Pepperney	Paph. fairrieianum Paph. Green Gold 'Inviro Oro' x Paph. Ruth Wright 'Aurora' Paph. villosum var. annamense Paph. Hybrid Complex Paph. venustum var. album Paph. Winston Churchill 'Indomitable' FCC/AOS x Paph. Don Egger 'Spots' Paph. Forestville 'Golden Globe' x Paph Sorcerer's Stone 'Moonshine' Paph. King Arthur Paph. Sukhakulii	1st 1st 1st 2nd 2nd 2nd  2nd  3rd 3rd
<u>Phragmipedium Species &amp; Hybrids:</u> Megan Oska Tennis Maynard	Phrag. Dick Clements Phrag. lutz rollke	1st 2nd
<u>Dendrodium Species &amp; Hybrids:</u> Tennis Maynard Dave & Edna Markley	Den. moniliforme x. raizan Den. love memory 'fizz'	1st 2nd
<u>Others:</u> Tennis Maynard Dave & Edna Markley Tennis Maynard Tennis Maynard Tennis Maynard Naila Caruso	Cycnodes Jumbo Puff Coelogyne nossaic 'mendenhall' ? Warczewiczella candida Fdk. After Dark 'SVO Black Pearl' FCC/AOS Psychopsis Kalihi 'yellow bird' Cym. coraki	1st 1st 2nd 2nd 3rd 3rd

## Hospitality

February	LaRoija Vannon and Dave & Edna Markley
March	Naila Caruso and Jessica Badger

