



Newsletter Editor: Melissa Lee

## Central Ohio Orchid Society Reporter



May 2019

### May Meeting

**Topic: Mary Gerritsen, Miniature Orchids and How to Grow Them**

**Thursday, May 16th at the Franklin Park Conservatory, **\*\*Veridian Room\*\*****

**Beginner's Corner 7:30pm – Meeting starts at 8pm**

**Speaker's Dinner 5:00 PM at the Rusty Bucket in Bexley**

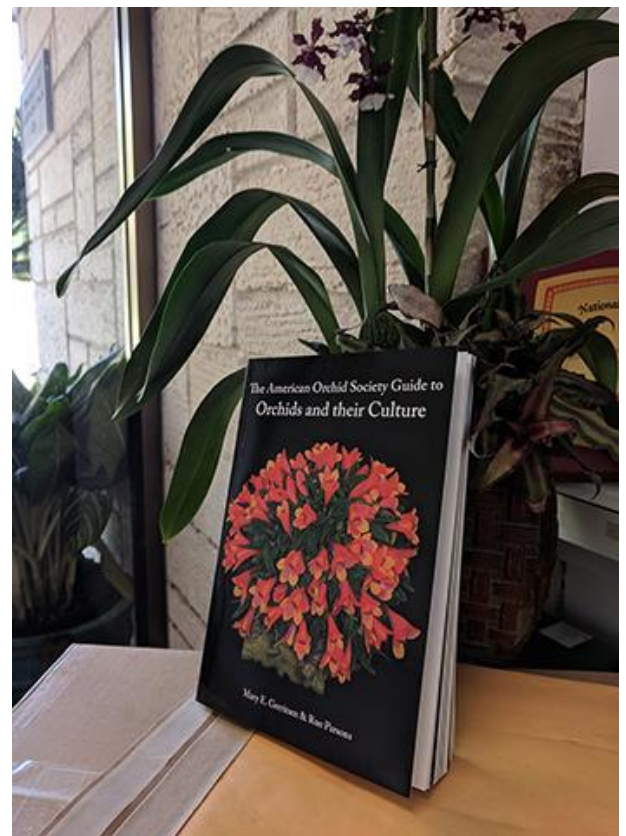
*We have another exciting program this month, with published author and orchid expert Mary Gerritsen speaking on "Miniature Orchids and How to Grow Them."*

*As a special opportunity, we will also have a few remaining copies for sale of Mary's latest book, the American Orchid Society Guide to Orchids and Their Culture. This book is crammed with nearly 250 pages of valuable information on orchid culture, paired with stunning full-color images from cover to cover! With co-author Ron Parsons, Mary has delivered a quintessential guidebook for facilitating a blossoming interest in orchids!*

*This book is so exclusive it has not even been released to the general public yet! The book will retail on the AOS webstore for \$24.95 (\$22.46 with 10% AOS member discount), but we have arranged a special price for our orchid society – **Only \$15!!!***

*Demand for the book has been high, and we only have a few left.*

*For those of you who have pre-ordered with Nancy, please bring payment to the meeting.*



Mary Gerritsen, Ph.D. is an independent biotechnology consultant who has been growing orchids (mostly species) on and off for more than 30 years, and since relocating to the San Francisco Bay area in 1997 started to a collection of small cool growing miniature species such as *Masdevallias*, *Porroglossums*, *Lepanthes* and other assorted tiny gems. She also has a second intermediate greenhouse, filled with larger species such as *Angraecoids*, *Dendrobiums*, *Oncidiums*, *Laelias*, *Phalaenopsis* and *Bulbophyllums*. She loves to see orchids growing in situ, and has made it her mission over the last few years to see as many as possible, with trips to see and photograph orchids (and other flora as well) in Canada, many parts of the USA and Mexico, and countries in Central America (Costa Rica, Panama), South America (Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela), South East Asia (Borneo, southern and southwestern China, Sulawesi, northern Thailand, Papua New Guinea), western Australia, Europe (Crete, Cyprus, Germany, Mallorca, Rhodes and Sicily) as well as South Africa and Madagascar.



She is the co-author of several botanical books: *Masdevallias, Gems of the Orchid World; Calochortus, Mariposa Lilies and their Relatives; A Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species; A Bay Area Guide to Orchids and their Culture; and the American Orchid Society Guide to Orchid and their Culture*, with fellow San Francisco Orchid Society Member and well known photographer, Ron Parsons.

Mary frequently lectures to orchid societies in the San Francisco Bay area, and on occasion, nearby Southern California, Oregon, Nevada, Arizona and sometimes even further afield (Missouri, Kansas, Canada). She is on the board of directors of the *Orchid Digest*, the chief operating officer and treasurer of the *Orchid Conservation Alliance*, and is also a member of the *American Orchid Society*, the *San Francisco Orchid Society*, the *Peninsula Orchid Society* and the *Pleurothallid Alliance*.

### ***Speaker's Dinner***

*We will have a speaker's dinner at the Rusty Bucket in Bexley (2158 E. Main St) at 5:00 PM. All are invited!*

### ***WE WILL HAVE A SPECIAL BLOOMING ORCHID SALE and 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.*

*We also have **blooming orchids** left over from our Art Museum sale, and will make these available to members for around our cost, \$15. See photo below for a sample of some of these beautiful plants!*





### ***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!*

### ***Mother's Day Orchid Sale***

*As part of the Columbus Museum of Art's 2019 Designer Showcase, the Central Ohio Orchid Society spent two weekends selling orchids. Thank you to everyone who assisted with this important fundraiser: Cheryl Early, Nancy Shapiro, David Markley, Nanette Kendall and Maddie, Kathy Koontz, Troy Timbrook, and Alan Fetters.*

### ***President's Message***

*We are getting into the prime orchid growing season, and I hope everyone is enjoying lots of beautiful blooms! Now is the time to repot and move some plants outside. Lots of work, but just think how great your plants will look with some nice sun and humidity!*

*Thank you to Ken Mettler and Dave and Edna Markley for helping with our display at the West Shore show. And thanks to all helped with our Art Museum sale!*



Central Ohio Orchid Society Display, West Shore Orchid Show, April 2019



## 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 Author Mary Gerritsen (April), Russ Vernon of New Vision Orchids (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.*

### COOS Board Members/Appointed Chairs

President – Justin Pepperney	
Vice President – Dennis Eifel	
Secretary – Jennifer Sonnenberg	
Treasurer – Cheryl Early	
Trustee – Gary Walker	
Trustee – Scott Bever	
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Program Chair	Nancy Shapiro
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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 “Cycnoches, 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)

## Hospitality

**May** - Jennifer Sonnenberg  
 Paul L'Herrou  
 Scott Bever

**June** - Nanette Kendall-Tracy  
 Pat Stinson



## Show Table Results : April 2019

<b><u>Plant of the Month:</u></b> <b>Dennis Eifel</b>	<b>Maxillaria Tenuifolia</b>	
<b><u>Phalaenopsis Species and Hybrids:</u></b> Tom Stinson Tom Stinson Courtney W.	Phal. Hybrid NOID Phal. Hybrid NOID Phal. Hybrid NOID	1st 2nd 3rd
<b><u>Miltoniopsis Species &amp; Hybrids:</u></b> David & Edna Markley David & Edna Markley	Milt. Arnold Linsman 'Hot & Spicy' Milt. Arthur Cobbledick 'Springtime' HCC/AOS	1st 2nd
<b><u>Oncidium Species &amp; Hybrids:</u></b> Tom Stinson David & Edna Markley David & Edna Markley	Cochlioda Louis Pasey Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' Mtdm. Pacific Paragon 'Honey Butter'	1st 2nd 3rd
<b><u>Paphiopedilum Species:</u></b> Tennis Maynard Tennis Maynard Tennis Maynard	Paph. bellatulum Paph. volonteatum Paph. hirsutissimum	1st 2nd 3rd
<b><u>Paphiopedilum Hybrids:</u></b> Tom Stinson David & Edna Markley David & Edna Markley	Paph. Fred's Ruby Paph. Zycleon Paph. Eureka AM/AOS x Paph. Raisin Pie 'Hsinying'	1st 2nd 3rd
<b><u>Trichopilia Species &amp; Hybrids:</u></b> Tennis Maynard Tennis Maynard Tennis Maynard	Trichopilia crispa Trichopilia maduroi Trichopilia Charles x crispa	1st 2nd 3rd
<b><u>Cattleya Species &amp; Hybrids:</u></b> David & Edna Markley Ken Mettler Tennis Maynard David & Edna Markley	Jackflowiera Apple Blossom Leptotes bicolor Epi. stamfordianum album Epi. Green Hornet	1st 2nd 3rd 3rd
<b><u>Dendrobium Species:</u></b> Tennis Maynard Tennis Maynard	Den. farmeri (pink form) Den. trantuanii	2nd 3rd
<b><u>Dendrobium Hybrids:</u></b> Ken Mettler Ken Mettler Sandra & Terry Stohr	Den. Lucky Bird 'Memory' Den. Love Memory 'Fizz' Den. Love Memory 'Fizz'	1st 2nd 3rd
<b><u>Others:</u></b> Dennis Eifel Tracy Strombotne Tom Stinson	Maxillaria tenuifolia Zygopetalum Rhein Moonlight Masd. coccina alba 'Greentree' AM/AOS	1st 2nd 3rd