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Central Ohio Orchid Society Reporter



October 2019

October Meeting

Speaker: Sam Tsui – Multifloral Paphiopedilums and Their Culture

Thursday October 17th

Franklin Park Conservatory at 7:30 PM

Many of you are familiar with Paphiopedilums, the unique Lady's slipper orchids from Asia. Paphs, as they are called, come in a range of show-stopping shapes, sizes, and colors, but they all have the unique pouch that resembles a slipper. Paphs are a favorite among orchid connoisseurs, and because they are typically only propagated by seed or division each one is unique! This month, Sam Tsui, owner of Orchid Inn and one of the world's most respected breeders of Paphs, will help us all better understand how to grow these remarkable plants!



Orchid Inn, Ltd is owned and operated by Sam Tsui and his wife Jeanie. They started growing orchids in the early 1980's and it has always been their passion! Sam started breeding/hybridizing in the early 1990's and eventually started our home-commercial business "Orchid Inn" in our basement and greenhouses attached to our house. As the business grows, we purchased a six acre property and built our first commercial 6,000 square greenhouse in 2004. Currently we make over 300 crosses, produce 4,000 to 5,000 flasks or approximately 100,000 seedlings annually.

In the past 25 years, Sam has been very active in the orchid world by traveling to shows, promoting sales, and lecturing. Sam currently fills orders from around the world and attends over 20 orchid shows/conferences a year. He also does approximately 25 Paphiopedilum programs/lectures to orchid conferences, societies and groups annually in the USA, Canada, Japan, Australia and Europe. Over the past 24 years, he has judged at the Japan Grand Prix, the world's largest orchid show.

Hybridizing is Sam's passion. He emphasizes Paphiopedilum species, Brachypetalum,

Parvisepalum and Multifloral hybrids. He only selects the best, most vigorous parent plants in his collection for breeding/hybridizing. He continues to improve his breeding stock by selecting plants or flasks from his fellow orchid growers that he believes are outstanding examples of their type.

As a result of Sam's breeding program, his orchids have been honored with approximately two hundred and Seventy-five awards (as of May 6, 2017) from the American Orchid Society, Cymbidium Society of America and European Orchid Congress. His most prestigious awards include Fifteen First Class Certificate (FCC/AOS) awards; four Cultural awards including a 93 points Certificate of Cultural Excellence (CCE/AOS) award; and seven breeder Award of Quality (AQ/AOS) awards. All these awards are from American Orchid Society. Last but not the least, one of our recent Paphiopedilum rothschildianum sibling cross have been awarded with two GM/DOG and also the Grand Champion at the 2017 Dresden International Orchid Show in Germany.

Speaker's Dinner: Please join Sam and his wife Jeanie for dinner at the Rusty Bucket on Main Street in Bexley, Thursday at 5:30 PM. All are invited!

Pre-orders: if you pre-ordered plants from Sam, you can pay and pick up at the meeting.

Sam will also be bringing plans for sale, so come ready to bring home a special plant!

Because our speaker is bringing plants for sale, we will NOT have member plant sales this month.

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!

One important note – when displaying orchids, it is important that they be checked beforehand for pests or disease. Pests can disqualify a plant from AOS judging at shows, and at our meetings we uphold the same standard.

Cincinnati Fall Show:

The Cincinnati show is October 19-20. Set up is on Friday the 18th, which is the day after our meeting. Ken Mettler will be picking plants from the showtable to take for our exhibit. As always, if anyone is interested in helping out with setup and learning how to put in an exhibit, (please!) you can talk to Ken at the meeting.

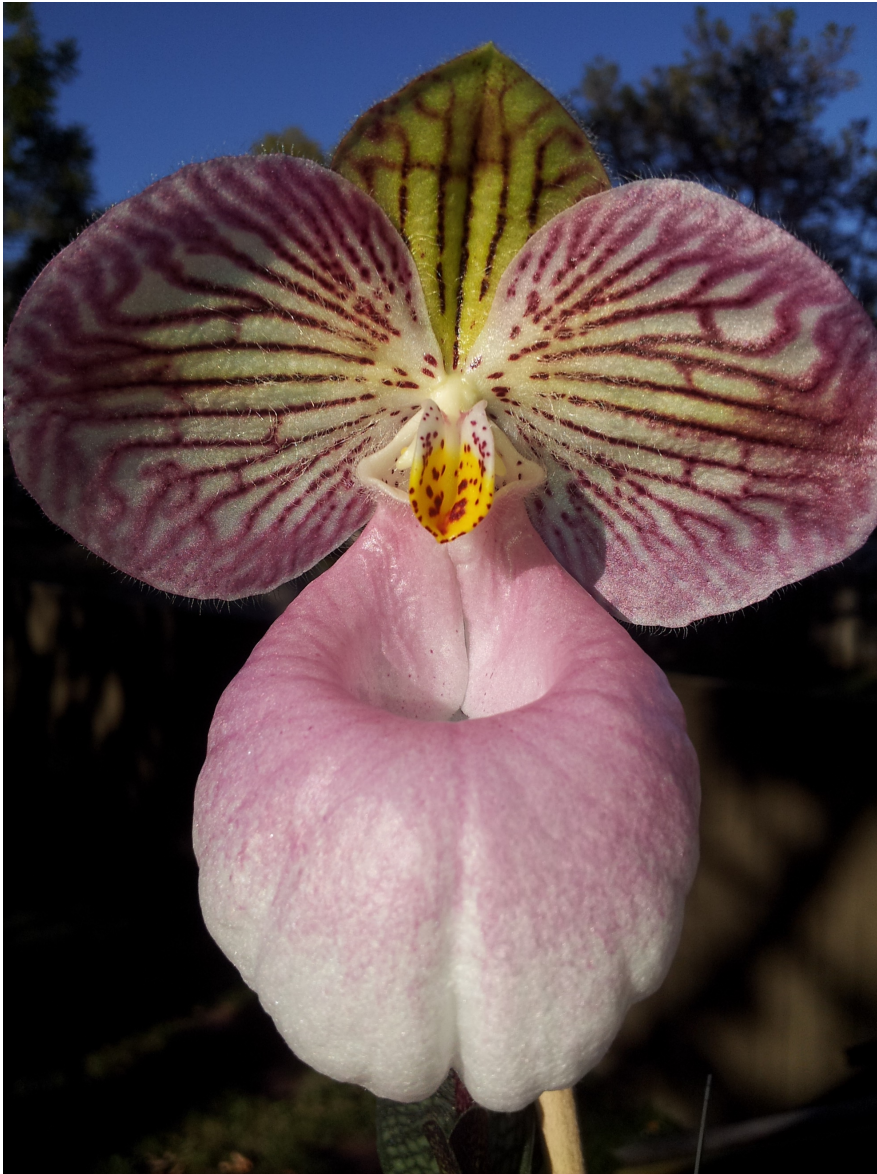


President's Message

This is a busy time of year for orchid growers! If you haven't already it is definitely time to bring those plants inside. Be careful to check for insects and treat appropriately if needed. It is a great time to take stock of your collection, and think about what worked well and what you can improve next year for the summer growing season. And hopefully you are seeing lots of new buds and spikes starting for the blooming season to come!

As a reminder, 2019 year is an election year for Central Ohio Orchid Society, and we will vote on the 2020-2021 board at our October meeting. Here is the slate of nominees. I want to say THANK YOU to our current board who have worked so tirelessly to make sure our society runs well. Also many thanks to the appointed

chairs who have served so well (more info on the 2020 appointed chairs forthcoming). And THANK YOU to the nominees who have volunteered their time and energy to make this important commitment!



President - Nancy Shapiro
Vice President - Dennis Eifel
Treasurer - Megan Osika
Secretary - Tom Hart
Trustee – Cheryl Early
Trustee - Troy Timbrook
Immediate Past President - Justin
Pepperney

Please remember we can all get involved with the leadership and governance of our society. Board meetings are open to all members. We meet the second Tuesday of odd-numbered months, at the Columbus Public Library in Whitehall, from 7-8 PM. Hope to see you at a board meeting

Membership Dues: We still have outstanding membership dues. 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.

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 (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!

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	Jeanne Rhinehart – “Experiencing Native Orchids”
October 17	Sam Tsui of Orchid Inn – “Paphiopedilums”
November 21	Annual Awards Banquet and Pot Luck
December	No Meeting

COOS Board Members

President – Justin Pepperney
Vice President – Dennis Eifel
Secretary – Jennifer Sonnenberg
Treasurer – Cheryl Early
Trustee – Gary Walker
Trustee – Scott Bever
Immediate Past President – Dave Markley

Hospitality

October: Tennis Maynard
 Tracy Strombotne
 Joel and Minda Harris

Show Table Results : September 2019

<u>Plant of the Month:</u> Tennis Maynard	Mokara Chao Praya Sunset	
<u>Paphiopedilum Hybrids & Species:</u> Tennis Maynard Tennis Maynard	Paph. Transvaal Paph. dianthum	1 st 2 nd 3 rd
<u>Phragmipedium Hybrids & Species:</u> Tennis Maynard Tennis Maynard	Phrag. Cardinale 'Westonbirt' Phrag. Sedenii	1 st 2 nd
<u>Oncidium Hybrids & Species:</u> Terry and Sandra Stohr Tennis Maynard	Oncidium –NOID Alcra. Hilo Ablaze 'Hilo Gold'	1 st 2 nd
<u>Cattleya Species & Hybrids:</u> Tennis Maynard Tennis Maynard	Blc. Alma Kee Tipmalee C. Brabantiae	2 nd 3 rd
<u>Others:</u> Tennis Maynard Amy Stanley Tennis Maynar	Mokara Chao Praya Sunset Phalaenopsis Talsveo Jasper Sogo Medal x pulcherrima Habenaria Raingreen's Pink Paw	1 st 1 st 2 nd 3 rd 3 rd