



# Central Ohio Orchid Society Reporter



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## April Meeting

**Speaker – Janet Lamborn**

**Topic: “Orchid Viruses”**

**Thursday, April 19th at Franklin Park Conservatory**

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

*One of the challenges of orchid growing is the possibility of disease in our wonderful plants. And one of the most harmful is the dreaded orchid virus! Although it can be deadly and irreversible, it is also sometimes difficult to know if one of our plants is infected.*

*But never fear, there are tools to help us! Janet Lamborn of Agdia, Inc. will be speaking on Orchid Virus testing at our April meeting. Agdia specializes in plant pathogen diagnostics, and Janet will talk about what they do. Although Janet will not be bringing test strips for sale, she will provide a discount code at our meeting to order tests from the Agdia website: <https://orders.agdia.com/pathogen-tests/immunostrip-tests>*

*Speaker’s Dinner: We will meet at 5:30 at the Rusty Bucket in Bexley. 2158 E. Main Street. Please come join us and spend some time meeting Janet!*

*Silent Auction: We will also have a silent auction at our meeting. Come prepared to get some good deals on orchids!!!*



## President’s Message

*Happy Spring everyone! This is a great time to be an orchid grower. Hopefully you have lots of colorful flowers right now to enjoy. And it will soon be time to repot everything and start moving some plants outside for those of us who grow indoors.*

*We have a lot to celebrate, including a fantastic spring orchid show! This year was really successful, and it was due to all the amazing volunteer work from the society. I especially want to thank Dave Markley, our Home Show Chair Extraordinaire! Dave does such an amazing job managing all the planning, people, details to make sure we have a great show for our fellow societies, judges, and the public. I also know many of the visiting societies and appreciated all the food we had on offer, so also many thanks to all who donated food and for the Stohr’s for coordinating hospitality. There are too many others to thank here but we will be sure to have some recognition at the April meeting.*

*My personal favorite part of our annual show is the judging on Saturday morning. If you have never volunteered as a judging clerk, think about it for next year. It is really easy, and a wonderful way to learn about orchids and see these wonderful flowers through the trained eyes of orchid judges!*

*Great show! I am already looking forward to next year!*

*Justin Pepperney*



*Central Ohio Orchid Society – Spring Show Exhibit*

*We had a great show last month and I want to say thank you to everybody that pitched in. People volunteered in many ways. They donated food for hospitality, and brought in blooming orchids for our display. Thank you to Justin Pepperney, Wendy Chrisman, Dennis Eifel, Scott Bever, Jerry Markley, Dylan Sedmak, Gary Walker, Katrina Heap, Ken Mettler, Sandra Stohr, Terry Stohr, Edna Markley, Tom Stinson, Pat Stinson, Cheryl Early, Melissa Lee, Sam Darnall, Jennifer Sonnenberg, Susan Allison, Jessica Badger, Tennis Maynard, Don Weber, Chase Leibold, and Nancy Shapiro.*

*I also want to recognize volunteers in three key areas.*

*First, one of the most important functions is hospitality. As usual, Sandra and Terry Stohr did a wonderful job overseeing and organizing this for the three days we had it open. Edna Markley also helped a lot with the judges and clerks breakfast on Saturday morning.*

*Second, Katrina Heap handled orchid registration. This is huge task that takes a lot of time and focus. This includes putting in entries from all the vendors and orchid societies the night before set-up, printing and distributing labels, entering in the COOS exhibit info during set-up, and making changes on the fly as needed. Katrina did an amazing job and I am very grateful for her help in this area.*

*Third, Ken Mettler coordinated and managed the judging. As you know, the ribbon judging and AOS judging are important parts of the show. There were five AOS awards given out during our show. I think this is an unusually high number for our show. Ken also did the arrangement of our society's display.*

*Thank you, everyone!*

*Dave Markley  
Home Show Chair*

## 2018 COOS Calendar of Meeting and Events

Thursday, January 18	Meeting: Scott Bever & Member Grow Spaces
Thursday, February 15	Meeting: Jan Yates of the Cincinnati Judging Center – Orchid Conservation
Thursday, March 15	Repotting Clinic– Part 1 Demonstration and Discussion
Apr 7-8	Annual Spring Show, Franklin Park Conservatory
Thursday, April 19	Janet Lamborn of Agdia – Orchid Virus Testing
May 10* NOTE NEW MEETING DAY, second Thursday in May	Brenda Oviatt of Botanica Ltd
Thursday June 21	Repotting Clinic Part 2 – Bring in plants, media and pots and repot with assistance from more experienced members
July (Date TBD)	Annual COOS Picnic
August – No Meeting	
Thursday, September 20	TBD
Thursday, October 18	Edgar Stehli – Oncidiums and Tolumnias
Thursday, November 15	Annual Pot Luck and Awards Banquet
December – No Meeting	

## 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
Newsletter	Melissa Lee
Social Media	Wendy Chrisman
Sunshine	Eileen Ansley

## Upcoming Shows

April 28-29	Mid America Orchid Congress Strongsville, Ohio
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## Show Table Results : February 2017

<u>Plant of the Month:</u> Ken Mettler	Cymbidium NOID	
<b><u>Oncidiums- Species and Hybrids:</u></b> Tom and Pat Stinson David and Edna Markley Jennifer Sonnenberg	Wils. Tigersette 'Wild Court' AM/AOS Zygo. Advance Australia Zygo. Advance Australia	1st 2nd 3rd
<b><u>Cattleya-Species and Hybrids:</u></b> Tennis Maynard Melissa and Sam Tennis Maynard Jennifer Sonnenberg Tennis Maynard David and Edna Markley	Cattleya Maxima v. Concolor 'Marie Isabel' Sc. Crystelle Smith 'Hampshire' Cattleya Heathii coerulea (loddigesii x walkeriana) Cattleya NOID Potinara Afternoon Delight 'Magnetism' Epi. Green Hornet (E. cochleatum 'Spy Hill' x E. lancifolium)	1st 1st 2nd 2nd 3rd 3rd
<b><u>Paphiopedilum –Species and Hybrids:</u></b> Tom and Pat Stinson Tennis Maynard Tom and Pat Stinson David and Edna Markley	Paph. Hawaiian Illusion Paph. Armeniacum Paph. Macabre Paph. Windrush	1st 1st 2nd 3rd
<b><u>Phal- Species and Hybrids:</u></b> Stephen Platz Tom and Pat Stinson Jennifer Sonnenberg	Phal. lobii Phal. Timothy Christopher 'Sakura' Phal. NOID	1st 2nd 3rd
<b><u>Phrag- Species and Hybrids:</u></b> Tom and Pat Stinson Tom and Pat Stinson	Phrag. besseae 'Red Baron' x 'Fox Valley' FCC/AOS Phrag St. Ouen	1st 2nd
<b><u>Dendrobium- Species and Hybrids:</u></b> Melissa and Sam Tom and Pat Stinson Ken Mettler	Den. Spring Bird 'Kurashiki' Den. Himezakura 'Sanokku' Den. Bill Tokunaga	1st 2nd 3rd
<b><u>Cymbidium Species and Hybrids:</u></b> Ken Mettler Ken Mettler Ken Mettler	Cymbidium NOID Cymbidium Breakout 'Flame' Cymbidium Tranquility	1st 2nd 3rd
<b><u>Other-</u></b> Nancy Shapiro Ken Mettler Tom and Pat Stinson Tennis Maynard	Aerangis fastuosa Cynorkis guttata Masd. Redwing 'Harford' AM/AOS Lycaste Abou First Spring	1st 1st 2nd 3rd

Hospitality

April

Tracy Strombotne  
Stephen Platz  
Melissa & Sam





**“I never saw an orchid I didn’t like.”**

It is with our great sorrow to announce the passing of **Nancy Wagener**, former President of Central Ohio Orchid Society. Nancy was not just a dedicated orchid lover, but a loyal and tireless presence in our society. In addition to her presidency, she also served as Vice President, Outreach Committee, Hospitality, Trustee, Clerking, Volunteer Coordinator, Home Show Chair, and Nominating Committee. Her extraordinary efforts of outreach kept up the morale of COOS and won praises from judges and members of other orchid societies at annual shows. We offer her husband Richard Wagener our condolences, as well as our appreciation for all the work he has done as officer and member of the society.

**In reading through the *Central Ohio Orchid Society***

**Reporter archives, I found some words of wisdom from Nancy that all society members might take to heart:**

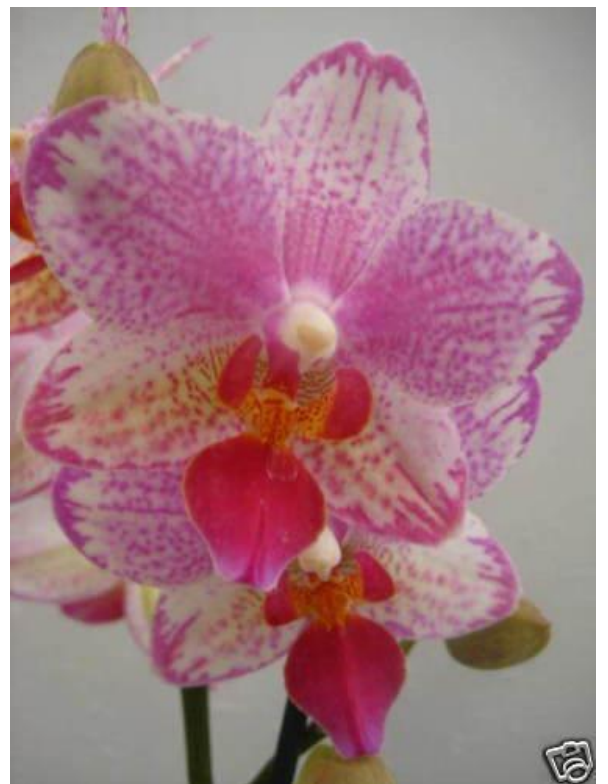
- ~ “I never met a cat, or an orchid that I didn’t want.”
- ~ “Raising Vandas without a greenhouse is not for slackers!”
- ~ “For those of us without greenhouses, I highly recommend the great outdoors as a pick-me-up for your orchids.”
- ~ “The Maytag repairman is not the loneliest person in the world...a volunteer coordinator with no volunteers to coordinate is! Yep, that would be me.”
- ~ “I don’t know about you, but anywhere there are orchid growers selling plants...hey I’m there!”
- ~ “It is a terrible thing to hear your orchids whine, ‘You never take me anywhere.’ Yes, my orchids talk to me, don’t yours?”

**While Nancy’s great love of Vandas was well known, her orchids were awarded many times throughout her membership in COOS, including:**

- Oncidium ornithorhynchum **3<sup>rd</sup>** (Oct. 2004)
- Vanda Mellow Days **2<sup>nd</sup>** (May 2007)
- Ascocentrum ampullaceum **1<sup>st</sup>** (Spring Show – Apr. 2008)
- Mokara Lau Kim Hoe **1<sup>st</sup>** (Oct. 2008)
- Ascda. unnamed **3<sup>rd</sup>** (Oct. 2008)
- Mkra. Chark Huan **1<sup>st</sup>** (Oct. 2009)
- Ascda. Princess Mikasa ‘Pink’ **1<sup>st</sup>** (Oct. 2009)
- Ascda. Viraphandhu **3<sup>rd</sup>** (Oct. 2009)
- Bc. Maikai ‘Mayumi’ CCM/AOS **3<sup>rd</sup>** (Jan. 2010)
- Phal. Nobby’s Amy ‘Wilda’s Pink Butterflies’ **1<sup>st</sup>** (Jan. 2010)
- Phal. Mini Mark ‘Holm’ **2<sup>nd</sup>** (Jan. 2010)
- Vanda Neostylis Lou Sneary ‘Bluebird’ **1<sup>st</sup>** (Nov. 2010)
- Den. Colonial Surprise x Graham Hewitt **1<sup>st</sup>** (Nov. 2010)
- Ascda. Yarnisa Gold **2<sup>nd</sup>** (Nov. 2010)

**As some of you may remember, Nancy and Richard had a house fire in their orchid room a few years ago and lost most of their orchids. Here is one of the survivors, with some others from her collection:**

“I'm so proud of this orchid. It's nothing special, but it is a fire survivor. This is the first time it has bloomed since I nursed it back to health.”



**Richard has graciously donated Nancy's remaining orchids, and there will be a silent auction for them at the April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

**Here is Nancy's Obituary as it appears in [The Columbus Dispatch](#) and [The Toledo Blade](#):**

Nancy Wagener, 66, passed away on April 7, 2018. She was born on November 30, 1951 in Rossford, OH. She was preceded in death by her parents, John V. and Mary Biskupski; first husband, Alan Carson. Surviving family includes husband, Richard; sisters, Sharon Jablonowski, Kathy Thomas and many nieces and nephews. Nancy was the former treasurer of the Ohio Wildlife Center and past president of the Central Ohio Orchid Society. She was an avid birder and naturalist. A green burial will take place on Friday, April 13, 2018 at Foxfield Preserve, 9877 Alabama Avenue, SW, Wilmot, OH 44689 at 11 a.m. Please meet at the Learning Center. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Wilderness Center at [wildernesscenter.org](http://wildernesscenter.org) in Nancy's memory. To leave a message for the family visit [www.NewcomerColumbus.com](http://www.NewcomerColumbus.com).

**Nancy, you will be greatly missed.**

*With gratitude, The Central Ohio Orchid Society*

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