



Central Ohio Orchid Society Reporter



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June 2019

June Meeting

Topic: Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids “Cycnoches, Mormodes, & Catasetums”
Thursday, June 20th at the Franklin Park Conservatory @ 7:30 PM
Speaker’s Dinner 5:30 PM at the Rusty Bucket in Bexley - All are invited!

This month we have one of our marquee speakers of the year, Fred Clarke! Fred will be speaking on his area of specialty, Catasetums, known as “The Black Orchid.” Fred will also have plants for sale, so please come ready to buy his one-of-a-kind orchids!



Here is some information about Fred and the Sunset Valley Orchids nursery:

Sunset Valley Orchids is dedicated to the breeding of new orchid hybrids. Our breeding lines are focused on three primary areas: 1) vigorous, robust, and compact growing plants; 2) new flower colors and shapes; and 3) AOS award quality flowers.

Our primary efforts are focused on hybridizing of Cattleya Alliance, Catasetinae, Australian Native Dendrobiums and Paphiopedilums. We also are working with several other groups, like Sarcochilus, Zygopetalum Alliance, and Stanhopea and their relatives.

In recent years, orchid hobbyists from around the world have realized how rewarding the Catasetinae can be. Sunset Valley Orchids is the top breeder of this group, and our plants are being grown by orchid enthusiasts worldwide. The development of the “blackest orchid seen,” Fredclarkeara After Dark (Mo. Painted Desert x Ctsm. Donna Wise), captured a great deal of attention, and the next generations of Catasetinae hybrids will be even more spectacular!

Our Cattleya breeding program has been developing for over 35 years, and our efforts have developed many new and unique hybrids, resulting in hundreds of AOS awards. At Sunset Valley Orchids we take a different approach: we hybridize for the orchid hobbyist, not the mass market. This strategy requires that we stay at the forefront, breeding the newest and most promising hybrids available. Our specialty is compact sized cattleyas, plants that are less than 12” tall at maturity and bloom in 4” pots. We also breed miniature and standard sizes, specializing in easy-growing plants that produce flowers in new and exciting color combinations.

All of our orchid hybrids are grown from seed, and we raise them to maturity in our 45,000 sq. ft. of greenhouse space (just over an acre). At Sunset Valley Orchids we take pride in offering only the best grown plants. We have a rigorous selection process, and only the strongest plants are advanced through each phase of the production cycle. This process starts in the lab with replating, deflasking, and up-potting, and carries through to maturity.

We will not have member plant sales this month.

Speaker's Dinner

We will have a speaker's dinner at the Rusty Bucket in Bexley (2158 E. Main St) at 5:30 PM. All are invited!

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!

July Annual COOS Picnic

Our annual picnic will be hosted at Justin and Wendy's house, Sunday July 7 at 12PM. More info will be sent over email. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

President's Message

2019 is an election year for our organization, and we will soon be starting a nomination committee for board members and appointed chairs. If you are interested in serving, please let Justin or one of the board members know. A great way to learn about the society's business is to attend a board meeting – they are open to all! Our next board meeting is Tuesday, July 9 at the Columbus Public Library in Whitehall. Hope to see you there!

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.

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!



Figure 1 *Paphiopedilum Armeni*
White 'Supreme' AM/AOS



Figure 2 *Laelia purpurata*

COOS Board Members/Appointed Chairs

President – Justin Pepperney	
Vice President – Dennis Eifel	
Secretary – Jennifer Sonnenberg	
Treasurer – Cheryl Early	
Trustee – Gary Walker	
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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)

Show Table Results : May 2019

<u>Plant of the Month:</u> Ken Mettler	<u>Cattleya mendelii</u>	
<u>Oncidium Species & Hybrids:</u> Tennis Maynard Tom Stinson Tennis Maynard Nancy Shapiro	Brassia Rex 'Waiomao spotless' AM/AOS Milt. Morris Chestnut 'H171' Milt. Spectabilis alba 'Frosted Pearl' Psychopsis Cove'd Canary x self	1st 2nd 3rd 3rd
<u>Paphiopedilum Species:</u> David & Edna Markley David & Edna Markley Tennis Maynard	Paph. lowii 'Princehouse x sib' Paph. Mount Avalon Paph. delenatii album	1st 2nd 3rd
<u>Phragmidipedium Hybrids & Species:</u> Tom Stinson Larioja Vannoy Troy Timbrook	Phrag. Jason Fischer Phrag. schlimii Phrag. Cardinale 'Wilcox'	1st 2nd 3rd
<u>Cattleya Species:</u> Ken Mettler Don Weber Tennis Maynard	Cattleya mendelii Laelia purpurata 'Oculata' Cattleya warneri concolor	1st 2nd 3rd
<u>Cattleya Hybrids:</u> Amy Stanley Troy Timbrook Ken Mettler	Cattleya White Reception NN Pot. Eye Candy 'Mellow Yellow' Pot. Cape Scarlet Glow	1st 2nd 3rd
<u>Epidendrum Species & Hybrids:</u> Tom Stinson Tennis Maynard David & Edna Markley	Epi. jasminosmum Epi. prismatocarpum Epic. Golden Sunburst	1st 2nd 3rd
<u>Vanda Species & Hybrids:</u> Tennis Maynard Jennifer Sonnenberg Tom Stinson	Vanda Sanderiana x Ascda. Fuchs spotted orange Phal. NOID Phal. Hybrid NOID	1st 2nd 3rd
<u>Masdevallia Species & Hybrids:</u> Tom Stinson Tom Stinson	Masd. Redwing Masd. Infrecta 'Gunpowder Falls' HCC/AOS	1st 2nd
<u>Others:</u> Ken Mettler Tracy Strombotne Tennis Maynard	Eulophia andamanensis Zygo. Advance Australia 'HOF' Bulbo. lobbii	1st 2nd 3rd



Hospitality

June- Nanette Kendall-Tracy
Pat Stinson
Brenda Vannoy