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Central Ohio Orchid Society Reporter



September 2019

September Meeting Speaker: Jeanne Rhinehart- “Experiencing Native Orchids Thursday September 19th Franklin Park Conservatory EDUCATION PAVILION at 7:30 PM

We all think of orchids as the exotic tropical flowers that we would never dare to leave out during our cold Ohio winters. But did you realize that many species of orchids are native to North America and even grow in Ohio?

This month, we have a special speaker who will teach us about these wonderful plants, Jeanne Rhinehart from the Native Orchid Preservation & Education Society (NOPES). Jeanne will present on “Experiencing Native Orchids,” including many of the orchids that grow right here in our region!



Jeanne Rhinehart is a retired math, biological science and computer teacher having taught junior and senior high school 41 years. Jeanne says “I have always been interested in growing plants as my parents were local florists. My husband and I are members of various societies – Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society, Miami Valley Orchid Society, American Orchid Society, Native Orchid Conference Cincinnati Wildflower Society, Cincinnati Herpetology Society, Cincinnati Nature Center, the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens and Krohn Conservatory. My husband and I have traveled all over to view plants in situ including most US states, Canada, London, Peru, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand.”

Jeanne’s group focuses on conservation of native orchids, in situ observation of native orchids, and working with interested people in the area providing displays and presentations of native orchids and their habitats. NOPES has worked with Cranberry Bog in Ohio to improve and preserve the orchid habitat and the Grass Pink (*Calopogon tuberosus*) and Rose Pogonia (*Pogonia ophioglossoides*). They also sponsor educational visits to various locations to observe in situ native orchids while protecting orchids and their habitats.

You can learn more about NOPES at <https://nativeorchidpreservationeducationsociety.com/>

Figure 1*photo courtesy of NOPES website.

Jeanne will also be bringing a special native orchid AND a carnivorous plant for a silent auction! In addition to Jeanne's plants for auction, we still have about **10 large Cattleyas** that were donated earlier in the summer (Many of you picked some of these up during our July Picnic!). We have been growing these all summer, and they are looking great and some even have nice sheaths! There is also an Oncidium type and large Cymbidium we will include for auction.

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

LOCATION CHANGE: This month we are in the Education Pavilion, on the South End of Franklin Park Scotts Miracle Grow Campus. The Pavilion is accessible via Broad Street (park in parking lot) and Franklin Park South (you can park in the circle).



We will have member plant sales this month. Please bring any extra plants or divisions to sell and remember 20% of proceeds are due to our treasurer.

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.

President's Message

What a great summer! I hope all of your plants grew well and you are getting ready to start enjoying some great fall bloom! 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.



Figure 2 *Paph rothschildianum* 'Sheila' HCC/AOS

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 “Cycnoches, 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

September: Tracy Strombotne
Jessica Badger

Show Table Results : September 2019

<u>Plant of the Month:</u> Tennis Maynar	Huntleya wallisii or burtii	
<u>Paphiopedilum Hybrids & Species:</u> Tom Stinson Tom Stinson Tom Stinson	Paph. (Mod Maude x wilhelminiae) Paph. Magic Lantern Paph. Ho Chi Minh	1 st 2 nd 3 rd
<u>Phragmipedium Hybrids & Species:</u> David & Edna Markley David & Edna Markley	Phrag. Wossner super grande Phrag. Hybrid Eric Young	1 st 2 nd
<u>Cattleya Species & Hybrids:</u> Tennis Maynard Tom Stinson	Blc. Sea Swirl 'Whirlpool' Lc. Tanya Duncan 'Seattle Blues'	1 st 2 nd
<u>Others:</u> Tennis Maynard Jennifer Sonnenberg Tom Stinson Ken Mettler Tom Stinson	Huntleya wallisii or burtii Ctsm. Susan Fuchs. 'Sunrise' Encyclia radiata Bletilla ochracea 'Rockbridge' AM/AOS Masd. Peach Melba	1 st 1 st 2 nd 3 rd 3 rd