



*Central Ohio Orchid Society*  
*Reporter*



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Nov 2017

**November Meeting**  
**Annual Holiday Potluck and Awards Banquet**  
Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm start time  
Franklin Park Conservatory



It's that time again...the annual Holiday Potluck and Awards Banquet! Please bring in a dish you'd like to share...side, main, or dessert. We'll also be announcing the winners of the Annual Growers' Contest.

Please note the time is different than our usual meetings...we'll start at 6:30 this month.

As per the usual, we'll have our show table so be sure to bring along those blooming orchids!

Hope to see you all there!

## Grower's Contest Results:

### September show table:

Tennis Maynard	Bulb Jersey	1st
<b>Nancy Shapiro</b>	<b>Trt Ollie Palmer - PLANT OF THE MONTH</b>	<b>1st</b>
Terry and Sandra Stohr	Bc Binosa 'Lynn' AM/AOS	2nd
Justin Pepperney	Paph sukhakulii	2nd
Scott Bever	Habenaria medusae	3rd
Harold Blazier	Calanthe vestita	3rd
Tennis Maynard	Miltonia spectabilis	3rd

### October show table results:

*We tracked down the show table forms and the Cincy results - all points are in!*

#### Cattleya

Tennis Maynard	Laelia perinnii var semi-alba	1st
Tennis Maynard	C maxima	2nd
Harold Blazier	Coilostylis ciliaris	3rd

#### Paph species

Tennis Maynard	Paph coccineum	1st
Tennis Maynard	Paph wenshanense	2nd
Tennis Maynard	Paph charlesworthii	3rd

#### Paph hybrid

Naila Caruso	Paph Ruby x charlesworthii	1st
Dave and Edna Markley	Paph Supersuk 'Eureka' x Raisin Pie 'Hsinying'	2nd
Tennis Maynard	Paph Transvaal	3rd

#### Habenaria

Harold Blazier	Habenaria dentata	1st
Ken Mettler	Hab medusae	2nd
Tennis Maynard	Hab Tracey x cernua	3rd

#### Other

<b>Harold Blazier</b>	<b>Calanthe vestita - Plant of the Month</b>	<b>1st</b>
Nancy Shapiro	Holcoglossum wangii	1st
Tennis Maynard	Stanhopea anfracta	2nd

#### Oncidium

Dave and Edna Markley	Mtssa Kauai's Choice 'Tropical Fragrance'	1st
Nancy Shapiro	Odcdm Wildcat 'Bobcat'	2nd
Nancy Shapiro	Onc Mendenhall 'Hildos'	3rd

## Cincy Show/MAOC

COOS Display	2nd place	
Ken Mettler	Guarianthe bowringiana	3rd
	Leptotes	2nd
Harold Blazier	Calanthe vestita	1st
Naila Caruso	Paph Ruby x charlesworthii	3rd
Tennis Maynard	Paph coccineum	3rd
	L perinnii semi alba	3rd
	Blc Pisgah King	2nd
Nancy Shapiro	Odcdm Wildcat 'Bobcat'	1st
	Holcoglossum wangii	2nd

## COOS 2017 Calendar:

General meetings:

November 16<sup>th</sup> – holiday potluck and awards banquet

*Board meetings – 7pm start time*

Nov 14

<b>COOS Board Members 2016-2017</b>	
President	Dave Markley
1st VP / Program Chair	Justin Pepperney
2nd VP/ Home Show Chair	Acting - Dave Markley
3rd VP / Away Show Chair	Ken Mettler
Secretary	Suzanne Cavazos
Asst Secretary/Newsletter	Katrina Heap
Treasurer	Edna Markley

Asst Treasurer/Membership Chair	Acting- Edna Markley	
Immediate Past President	Tennis Maynard	

COOS Trustees	
Elly Campbell	2017
Don Weber	2017
Bill Cavanaugh	2017
Susan Allison	2017



***The New Board and Chair***

Board Members:

President - Justin Pepperney  
 Secretary - Jennifer Sonnenberg  
 Trustee - Gary Walker  
 Trustee - Scott Bever  
 Immediate Past President - Dave Markley

***appointees for 2018/2019:***

Vice President - Dennis Eifel  
 Treasurer - Cheryl Early

Appointed Chairs:

Program Chair - Nancy Shapiro  
 Home Show Chair - Dave Markley  
 Away Show Chair - Ken Mettler  
 Newsletter - Melissa Lee  
 Social Media - Wendy Chrisman

## ***Membership ~ Friendly reminder.....***

Time to renew your membership! Click [HERE](#) to download the membership form and either mail it, along w/your check, to the address listed OR save yourself the postage and bring it to the next meeting.



### **Culture Corner:**

*Courtesy of AOS website – Beginner's Newsletter*

## **An Orchid by any other Name**

You will have more fun with orchids when you know some basic names.

The reason is practical: your success as a grower will be helped a lot by knowing some basic names. Locating information on your plants can depend on correctly recognizing its type. There is a lot of information out there: online is expanding resources exponentially. Getting to what you need without wading through reams of technical and specialist information will be helped along by knowing the type of orchid you have

Knowing some names can bring personal satisfaction: being able to communicate about your orchids can lead to greater knowledge and, thus, greater satisfaction. Part of the fun of orchids is talking to other growers about mutual experiences and learning from the errors of others. Vendors will like knowing what type you are interested in because they can guide you to better choices for your collection. Orchid judges know a lot of species by their scientific names, but for most hybrids, they just refer to their type (until they get the detailed information they need to make a judgment). In other words, the type of an orchid goes a long way in communicating. Go to a local society and ask about or comment on an orchid type by name and you will get the ball rolling on a real conversation.

Learning names can be daunting: the scientific naming system is complex and, to everyone's chagrin, changing. This is one of the most intimidating aspects about orchids. There are a lot of names because there are a lot of orchids. There are more orchid species than any flowering plant except the daisy family. And the number of hybrids from these species is remarkably large.

First of all, learn the name of any orchid you own. You need this to be sure you are providing the right growing conditions for the plant. Secondly, learn to recognize major types of orchids. I will list the five I think will be most useful to know.



### ***Cattleya***

Cattleyas were at one time the standard by which all orchids were judged. Remarkable in size, richly colored, with lips large and redolent with markings, these were the choice for corsages. Now, with careful breeding, size has been cut down and the number of flowers increased.



### ***Dendrobium***

Dendrobiums come in an amazing array of sizes, colors, and growing conditions. There are about 1500 species, mainly from tropical Asia and Australia. The common ones have relatively tall canes and take abundant light. They produce lovely sprays of flowers. The most easily available ones that are sold in big-box stores are hybrids of what are called phalaenopsis "types" because they vaguely resemble phalaenopsis.



### ***Oncidium***

Oncidiums, often called Dancing Ladies, are extremely popular because they lend themselves to indoor culture. The best hybrids produce



colorful sprays which are fragrant. From the New World, native to Mexico, the Caribbean, South America, and Florida!

### ***Phalaenopsis***

Phalaenopsis orchids have become the standard for orchids because they have become so widely available and inexpensive. Their classic presentation, in long, arching sprays with one flower just touching the next, is seen in luxury settings (in magazine, hotel lobbies, etc.) The white ones are very popular in weddings. As pot-plants, they are sold in all sorts of places, from grocery stores to high-end florist shops. They do very well in home conditions.



### ***Paphiopedilum***

Paphiopedilums are the most easily recognized because of their characteristic pouch. There are closely related orchids with pouches, some of which are native to North America. The ones available commonly for sale are paphiopedilums, however. Spotted, warted, hairy, shiny, or striped, they are all intriguing and extremely popular as house plants, particularly in Europe but also in North America.



scientific names of orchids are real tongue-twisters. Fortunately, the five main types are not so difficult and you should learn to say them. Do not be over-concerned with absolutely correct pronunciation. First of all, in the English-speaking world there are differences in pronunciation. More importantly, if you just get the beginning approximately right, orchidists will know what you mean. The following will help get you started:

Cattleya —— CAT-lee-ah

Dendrobium —— den-DRO-bee-um

Oncidium —— on-SID-dee-um

Paphiopedilum —— paff-ee-oh-PED-ih-lum

Phalaenopsis —— fail-eh-NOP-sis

Depending on your location, you may want to be sure you know the local popular orchids. For example, if you live in Florida you will want to recognize and know *Vanda* (VAN-duh). If you live in California you may want to recognize and know *Cymbidium* (sim-BID-ee-um). As your experience grows, you will naturally learn others.

**Greg Truex**  
**AOS Education Committee**