



The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society

<https://cincinnatiorchids.org>

January 2022 Newsletter

The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society hopes everyone is staying healthy. The Civic Garden Center is closed for in person meetings. Our January meeting will be over Zoom. We are also sharing members' orchids with an online Show-and-Tell.

Presidents Message

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Many thanks to our now past president, John Jaworski, and the board for their work and guidance of GCOS. We are all aware of the challenges going forward and I am working with the board to meet these.



Phragmipedium Barbara LeAnn photo by Rick Noel

For January's meeting (1/11 6:30, on ZOOM) we will hear from Bill Goldner of Woodstream Orchids, a business largely dealing with slipper type orchids (Paphiopedilums, Phragmipediums). His talk will be on the cutting-edge topic of mini "Phrags". Looking ahead to February's meeting (on ZOOM), Kelly McCracken (High Desert Orchids) will provide us with information on the sometimes confusing, and extensive subject of growing under lights. She penned a series of articles, recently, for the American Orchid Society's publication *ORCHIDS*.

Very soon we will be announcing dates and location for our spring show, as well as the annual joint picnic with MVOS...friendly reminder: we always need volunteers for these activities! Dates and a possible venue change for our monthly meetings are also in the works.

GCOS is on the move with education and conservation activities being developed with your generous help. We never have too many volunteers for our shows, including our "Ohio Valley Orchid Fest"

May all of your orchids bloom profusely this year!
Take good care, Roger Miller

GCOS January 11 Meeting

Our speaker for January is Dr. William (Bill) Goldner, Woodstream Orchids. He will be speaking on “Miniature Phragmipediums and Other New Lines of Breeding”.

Our Zoom meeting will start at 6:30 with society members Show-and-Tell and Q & A. The presentation will start at 7.

We will be emailing a list of plants that can be ordered.

Bill Goldner, Ph. D.
Woodstream Orchids <https://www.woodstreamorchids.com/index.html>
Woodstream3@verizon.net



Dr. Bill Goldner is best known in the orchid world as the owner of Woodstream Orchids with his wife Lynn Evans-Goldner.

A life-long outdoorsman, Bill’s current mid-life crisis is fly fishing for trout, steelhead, and salmon, a passion he shares with Lynn and their son Zane. Many of the hybrid and cultivar names registered and used by Woodstream Orchids are names of the many places they have fished.

Now Zane (age 12) is part of the pack which includes golden retrievers Luna and Leo. In fact, at age four Zane and Bill started a jungle cactus and succulent business for Zane. Zane’s Orchid Companion Plants now grows over 100 species of epiphytic cactus (or soft cactus as Zane call’s them). He propagates the cacti from seed and cuttings.

Woodstream Orchids (WSO) is a leading hybridizer and producer of Phragmipediums, Paphiopedilum species, and Epidendrums. They are well known for their innovative miniature Phrag hybrids. They are currently upping their game to include white and yellow Phrag hybrids.

Please email Bill for updated lists of Phrags, Paphs, and Epis. He will be glad to bring pre-orders to the meeting.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

January Judging	January 9	Zoom Barry Jones
January GCOS meeting	January 11	Zoom Dr. William (Bill) Goldner, Woodstream Orchids, Miniature Phragmipediums and Other New Lines of Breeding
February GCOS Board meeting	February 1	Zoom
February GCOS meeting	February 8	Zoom Kelly McCracken, High Desert Orchids, Indoor Lighting
March GCOS meeting	March 1	At present planned as in person. Speaker to be announced
GCOS Spring Show		Date probably in April or early May TBA
GCOS / MVOS picnic		Date TBA
Ohio Valley Orchid Fest	August 26-28	Emmanuel Lutheran Church

In Memoriam

Longtime orchid society member Franco Abrami passed away December 26. Roger was born in Italy July 2, 1936. He immigrated from Italy to the United States in 1963 to marry his childhood sweetheart Lelia. They married in 1963. She preceded him in death in 2018. He is survived by one son and a sister and brother-in-law Debbie and Renato Leonardi.

Roger was a barber in downtown Cincinnati. He and Roger Haberthier had a local orchid business together until Roger's death several years ago. He grew cattleyas in his greenhouse many times bringing plants to sell at our summer auctions. He also enjoyed photography, stamp and coin collecting, fishing and gardening.



Christmas Party

Our GCOS Christmas party was held December 5 at the City of Mason Golf Center. A fun time was had by all! Photos by Alan Wolfson.







Thank you to Jan Yates

GCOS presented Jan Yates with a thank you gift for all her years of dedication and support. Jan has organized the Summer Seminar for 23 years. She has represented GCOS at many orchid shows around the region with her spectacular displays. She has always been available to help and educate new orchid growers. The gift was a stained glass hanging representing Jan's cat "Mighty Mouse" and her awarded *Cattleya* she named for her beloved cat "Bronson".



The Conservation Committee Survey Results

Thanks to everyone who participated in the online survey by voting for the recipient of the GCOS Conservation donation for 2021! Your input was greatly appreciated in deciding between the 3 excellent options.

The winner is the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust!

Highly recommended by Brenda Oviatt during Orchid Fest, the Trust's focus is on "Rewilding Our World". In other words, by restoring biomes or habitats, species are best preserved. Brenda was distressed that her favorite orchids, Angraecoids, are regularly becoming extinct in Madagascar. Lee Durrell from American Friends of Durrell wrote to GCOS: "Madagascar is our biggest field program. We are working on species and habitats in at least six sites, all of which have wild orchids, so they will certainly be benefiting from our activities."

Since the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust (DWCT) is based in Britain, donations are collected in British pounds. American Friends of Durrell is the non-profit organization that accepts donations in US dollars for the work of DWCT. GCOS sent the donation in December 2021.

Again, we appreciated your involvement in the decision.

Ann Tsui, Christa Speights, Joel Mattes
GCOS Conservation Committee

Facebook

For society members that are interested, GCOS has a public Facebook page and also a private group that members can join and contribute to. The public page helps with marketing society events like Orchid Fest and other shows the society puts on throughout the year. The private group is for members to share pictures of their plants, ask questions to other growers in the group and to socialize between meetings. Links are listed below. Joel Mattes

GCOS Board Meeting

The next Zoom board meeting will be 7:00 pm Tuesday, February 1. Anyone can attend board meetings. If interested in attending contact Jeanne Rhinehart at jeanws@me.com.

GCOS Membership 2022

Membership forms are found at the end of the document. Membership prices are listed there. Payments can be made by check or on our website with PayPal. After February's newsletter, only members will receive newsletters by email. For all others the newsletter can be found on our website.

Your Orchid Photos on Our Web

If you want to send your photos with a short description and the name of the plant and your name to Jeanne Rhinehart jeanws@me.com.

Cincinnati Judging Center

There will be a meeting on the second Sunday of each month at 11 am. For information, contact Glenn Evans at glenn.f.evans.09@gmail.com.

Orchid of the Month *Bulbophyllum medusae*



Bulbophyllum bulb-oh-FILL-um medusae

The genus *Bulbophyllum* is in the Tribe Dendrobieae. *Bulbophyllums* are closely related to the genus *Cirrhopetalum*. *Bulbophyllum* has currently over 2000 accepted species. The genus has been separated into 120 sections and subgenera. The genus was described by Louis-Marie Aubert Du Petit-Thouars in 1822. The name *Bulbophyllum* comes from the ancient Greek words bulbos (bulb) and phyllon (leaf).

Bulbophyllum medusae has been awarded 28 times by the American Orchid Society. There have been 15 crosses made using *medusae*. Named after the mythological Medusa's hair head full of snakes. Most *Bulbophyllums* are found in Asia. *Bulbophyllum medusae* is found in Southeast Asia growing in lowland forests in upper and lower areas of the canopy. They grow in shaded to dappled light conditions.

Bulbophyllum medusae has ovoid to pear shaped sometimes slightly curved pseudobulbs that are spaced far apart on the rhizome. Each pseudobulb has a rigid leathery leaf which can be up to 8" long. The inflorescence emerges from the base of the pseudobulb. *Bulbophyllum medusae* is named for its threadlike tails at the tips of the lateral sepals. Flowers have a yellowish lip and can be up to 6" long. Blossoms are yellow to white with scattered pink to red spots and have a give off a musty odor. Well grown specimen plants can have over 6000 flowers.

Bulbophyllum medusae is a hot growing small epiphytic orchid species. Day temperatures average 85 – 91°F and night temperatures average 71 - 73°F. Grow in moderate shade, filtered or diffused light conditions between 1500–2500-foot candles. Plenty of air movement is recommended. Relative

humidity should be at least 85%. Water and fertilizer frequency will depend on when it is actively growing and its growing conditions. Water mounted plants daily every other day or more frequently if humidity is low. Dilute the strength of the fertilizer to about ¼ to ½ the strength recommended and fertilize weekly during the growing season and otherwise every other week.

Bulbophyllum medusae is best grown mounted on tree-fern or cork slab or baskets/pots if humidity is difficult to maintain. Media must be fast draining. In nature they bloom in Fall-Winter but has been known to bloom during other times in North America and may bloom multiple times during the growing season. Flowers stay open for three or more weeks.

Happy Growing
John Jaworski

American Orchid Society Webinars <https://www.aos.org>

Webinars-Coming Attractions!

				
When	January 11, 2022 8:30pm EST Tuesday	January 18, 2022 8:30pm EST Tuesday	February 15, 2022 8:30pm EST Tuesday	February 23, 2022 8:30pm EST Wednesday
Topic	Miltoniopsis	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) Send in your Questions!	A Guide to Modern LED Lighting How to set up an indoor grow area	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) Send in your Questions!
Presenter	Mark Whelan Retired Professor	Ron McHatten Chief Education and Science Officer	Kelly McCracken Owner High Desert Orchids, Miniature Orchid Specialist	Ron McHatten Chief Education and Science Officer

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>
 Cannot make it on the scheduled date or time? No need to worry. Register anyhow!
 Webinar announcements are posted to Facebook,
 Instagram and in the AOS Corner of your Affiliated Society's newsletter.
 We digitize the webinars and they are available to view at your leisure.
 GREENHOUSE CHAT Webinars are indexed by topic for future viewing.
 Send your Greenhouse Chat questions and photos to: greenhousechat@aos.org

GCOS Social Media

GCOS Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/687922501752919/>

GCOS Facebook Page

https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=greater%20cincinnati%20orchid%20society&epa=SEARCH_BOX

Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society Board of Directors

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THE GREATER CINCINNATI ORCHID SOCIETY

2022 Membership Application

Please Print

Although dues for 2021 are optional, regular dues and/or contributions are gratefully accepted. Judicious management of GCOS funds over the years has provided adequate fiscal stability to carry us through these “bumpy” times. We do ask that every renewing member complete this 2021/2022 form with updated information. We will have a new membership chair and he/she will need it. Thank you.

DATE	
NAME	
Names in family membership	
STREET ADDRESS	
CITY, STATE, ZIP	
PHONE Primary	
PHONE Secondary	
E-MAIL ADDRESS PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY	

Unless you ask us not to, we include your information on a membership roster that is sent to other GCOS members and to the American Orchid Society (AOS). This chapter is an affiliate of AOS.

	RATE	YOUR PAYMENT
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP	\$25	
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP	\$30	
STUDENT MEMBERSHIP	\$10	
DONATIONS, to support GCOS (identify any restrictions)		
	YOUR TOTAL:	

You may join/renew your membership in one of two ways:

- 1) Mail the form to: Dave Allen, 3899 Sandtrap Circle, Mason, OH 45040
- 2) Take a photo of the form and email to dallen47@gmail.com

If you want to make a donation or pay for membership, you can send a check to Dave Allen or pay online via PayPal at the society's website: <http://www.cincinnatiorchids.org>

Our mission is to create and stimulate knowledge and interest in orchids and their culture, to demonstrate orchid culture to the public, and to preserve orchid biodiversity both in nature and cultivation by enthusiasts.

The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society is a 501(C)(3) tax exempt organization. Dues and donations to us are tax deductible for those people who itemize their deductions.