



# The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society

<https://cincinnatiorchids.org>

## January 2024 Newsletter

January and February meetings will be only over Zoom. Meetings will resume in person at the Scout Achievement Building in March.

### January 9, 2024 Zoom Meeting:

**Russ Vernon: *Hybridizing at New Vision Orchids***

The meeting will begin at 6:30 with time to show off your orchids and ask questions. When done, at 7:00 or a little after, our guest speaker will be Russ Vernon who will be speaking on his specialty “Hybridizing at New Vision Orchids”.

Russ grew up in Cleveland, Ohio. Early on he had an interest in plants, helping in the yard and growing cacti purchased with his allowance. His parents and grandparents were all interested in various aspects of horticulture. When Russ was 12 years old, his uncle arrived with 6 orchids saying, “If you can grow those darned cacti, you ought to be able to grow these.” And a career was launched.

Russ is a graduate of Ohio State University majoring in horticulture/floriculture. He has worked for Orchid by Hausermann, A&P Orchids, Ball State University’s Wheeler Orchid Collection and Species Bank, and Jim Davis, the creator of Garfield the Cat.

In 2004, Russ and his wife Anita started New Vision Orchids. The company specializes in Phalaenopsis, Odontoglossums and their intergenerics, Miltoniopsis, Cattleyas, and Lycastes. The biggest area of focus is hybridizing, and retail sales. Russ also lectures to various orchid societies across the country and conducts workshops on orchid culture.

Russ is a judge of the American Orchid Society and is past President of the International Phalaenopsis Alliance, and Past President of the Mid-America Orchid Congress and serves on their Conservation Committee. He and Anita have two daughters.

### Sunday January 21 Zoom Lecture Guido Braem 2 pm EST

The Mid America Orchid Congress is sponsoring an online zoom presentation by world renowned taxonomist and orchid expert Guido Braem who will present the Genus Phragmipedium. The presentation will be Sunday January 21, 2024 at 2:00. GCOS paid \$30 for an access code so all of our society members can tune in without buying tickets! This is too good to miss!



*Phal Queen Beer 'Mantefori'*  
Bloomed and Photo by Mary Anne Foss  
Best Phalaenopsis at the COOS Show

In addition, we will be doing a group order for Guido Braem's books to have them shipped as a bulk order to the US and then shipped to their final address. Books can be signed and personalized as well. Book orders are due January 10<sup>th</sup> and will ship around the end of January. His books on Paphs and Phrags include information on each of the species, local habitat information and photos as well as cultural information. His book on Darwin is a great read and quite interesting and includes many details I am sure you have never heard about.

Here is our link to order books: [Home | Mid America Orchid Congress \(square.site\)](https://www.square.site/organization/mid-america-orchid-congress)

Below is a flyer with more information:



## The Genus Phragmipedium- An Online Live Presentation

January 21, 2024, 2 PM Eastern Standard Time

Join fellow Mid America Orchid Congress members for this incredible opportunity to hear one of the world's foremost experts on the Genus Phragmipedium present the current species including many photos of plants in their native habitats.

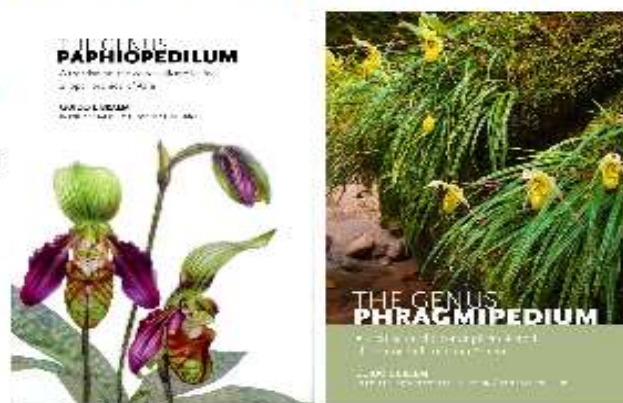
### Tickets:

Online tickets are available at: [Home | Mid America Orchid Congress \(square.site\)](https://www.square.site/organization/mid-america-orchid-congress)

Individual and Society tickets are available to purchase and the link to the online event will be emailed before the event. Tickets are \$30 for member Societies, \$45 for non-member societies and \$25 for individuals.

### Books:

The Mid America Orchid Congress is also handling a discount book order for Professor Braem's amazing three recent books. Books can be personalized and signed and will be shipped to the US to save on shipping and sent to you or your society in late January. Book Orders are due January 10, 2024. Books can be ordered online at the link above.



### Bio:

Guido Jozef Braem was born in Ghent, Belgium in 1944. He had a structured but extremely varied academic career, starting in Brussels with studies in Chemistry and Pharmacology. Professor Braem then worked in virus research in Canada and Belgium. In 1970 he moved to Germany, where he married his wife Gudrun, and studied Biology and English at the Justus Liebig University in Giessen. He then earned his doctorate in Plant Biology at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne in England, traveling to the Caribbean to do research for his doctoral dissertation that focused on orchid taxonomy. Afterward, he worked in Germany as an independent scientist and translator, and taught biology for the European divisions of the City Colleges of Chicago and the University of Maryland. His studies have led him to many foreign lands both in the eastern and western tropics to research his studies and to be able to write from a knowledgeable

For more information, email [info@midamericanorchids.org](mailto:info@midamericanorchids.org)

## Report on the December Holiday Potluck

On Sunday December 3, 2023 at the Haile Planetarium at Northern Kentucky University GCOS members provided a large spread of delicious foods, drinks and a large collection of silent auction plants. After much eating and conversation, they were treated to a special planetarium show of laser lights and holiday music followed by a space program provided by our Christa Speights, Planetarium Director.

## GCOS Orchid Show 2024: March 23-24

**It is time to start preparations for our Society Spring Show! Volunteers are always appreciated to help make our show a success.**

To volunteer for setup on March 22 or at the Show on March 23 and/or March 24, choose among opportunities at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0948aeac2aa7ffc16-orchid#/>

To sign up for food, water, soft drinks, etc please open:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0948AEAC2AA7FFC16-show>

If you aren't able to help in any of these areas please consider a monetary donation to help cover the cost of food items, the cost of the trophies we give out or any other expenses we have for the show.

For more detailed information about the Show, visit our website at <https://cincinnatorchids.org> and click on the tab "Spring Show". You may also contact Joel Mattes, Spring Show Chair, at [joel.mattes21@gmail.com](mailto:joel.mattes21@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Meetings and Events:

For Dates of Regional Shows and the Judging Center, Visit <https://cincinnatorchids.org>

January Meeting - Zoom only	January 9	Russ Vernon: <i>Hybridizing at New Vision Orchids</i>
January Board Meeting + Annual Meeting	January 23	Madiera Branch Library, 6:00
February Meeting - Zoom only	February 13	Ken Cameron: <i>History and Culture of Vanilla</i>
February Board Meeting	February 27	Madiera Branch Library, 6:00
March Meeting in-person and Zoom	March 12	Jan Yates, Joel Mattes: <i>Planning and Prep for Show and Show Display</i>
<b>GCOS Show</b>	<b>March 23-24</b>	<b>BSA, Setup on March 22</b>
March Board Meeting	March 26	Madiera Branch Library, 6:00
April Meeting	April 9	Ross Hella: <i>Miniature Phaphiopedilums</i>
May Meeting	May 14	Kristin Uthus:
May Board Meeting	May 28	Madiera Branch Library, 6:00
June Meeting	June 11	Teresa Huesman: <i>Plieone</i>
GCOS / MVOS Picnic	TBA	
<b>Ohio Valley Orchid Fest</b>	<b>August 24 - 25</b>	<b>Kettering, Ohio</b>
September Meeting	September 10	Norman Fang from Norman's Orchids in California
October Meeting	October 8	Tarzan Group: <i>Miniature Orchids</i>
October Board Meeting	October 22	Madiera Branch Library, 6:00
November Meeting	November 12	Fred Clarke: <i>Catasetums</i>



## Conservation Committee

The GCOS Conservation Committee voted to send our donation as part of the Orchid Conservation Coalition (sometimes referred to as the 1% for Orchid Conservation) for 2023 to the Cincinnati Wildflower Preservation Society. CWPS is part of the Ohio Native Plant Society, and is dedicated to sharing passion and information about area native plants. They schedule “Give Back Days” several times a year when members volunteer their time removing invasive plants in parks and nature preserves. This is incredibly important work as invasive plants are out-competing native plants.

## GCOS Board Meetings

The GCOS Board meets the fourth Tuesday of the month except for July, August and December. The next in-person board meeting will be 6:00 pm Tuesday, January 23 at the Madeira Library and on Zoom. Anyone can attend board meetings. If interested in attending contact Roger Miller [rogermilleroboe@gmail.com](mailto:rogermilleroboe@gmail.com)

## Cincinnati Judging Center

The Judging Center meets at Civic Garden Center at 11 am on the second Sunday of each month. For more information, contact Glenn Evans at [glenn.f.evans.09@gmail.com](mailto:glenn.f.evans.09@gmail.com).

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

You can follow us on Instagram @cincinnatiorchids.

## GCOS Board of Directors 2024

President	Roger Miller	Director	Pat O’Connor
Vice President	Lindsey Pertuset	Director	Kristen Mason
Secretary	Ann Tsui	Director	Joel Mattes
Treasurer	David Allen	Director	Mary Gardner
Past President.	John Jaworski		

## Membership Renewal Time

Memberships for 2024 need to be renewed no later than March. The Membership Form is included here and also can be found on the website.

Please print it, complete it and either mail it along with a check for the dues, or email it and pay online at <https://cincinnatiorchids.org>

You may also give it to Treasurer Dave Allen along with dues payment at the in-person meeting on March 12.

Thank you for your continued support!

**THE GREATER CINCINNATI ORCHID SOCIETY**  
**2024 Membership Application**  
**Please Print**

Your Board has decided to offer a two (2) year enrollment option. Get \$5 off a year membership.

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

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.

	<b>1 Year RATE</b>	<b>2 Year RATE</b>	<b>YOUR PAYMENT</b>
<b>INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP</b>	\$30	\$55	
<b>FAMILY MEMBERSHIP</b>	\$35	\$65	
<b>STUDENT MEMBERSHIP</b>	\$15	\$25	
<b>DONATIONS, to support GCOS</b> <b>(identify any restrictions)</b>			
<b>YOUR TOTAL:</b>			

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](mailto: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.