



# The Mid-American

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## From President Cheryl Erins

Greetings from the President, Mid America Orchid Congress

Hello all, by now you are enjoying a bit of summer weather and I hope your orchids are too. Now is the time to get them outdoors if you can, under a tree, or shade cloth just to give them a breath of fresh air which they love. Most of our societies are wrapping up meetings for the summer to meet again in the fall. Your MAOC officers and Board members are also thinking about the fall, and of course our BIG meeting coming up August in Dayton. Please be on the lookout for new details about our ORCHID EXTRAVAGANZA, the Ohio Valley Orchid Fest, held at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church on Wilmington Pike, Dayton, Ohio from August 25<sup>h</sup> for a Meet n Greet Picnic Dinner 6:00-8:00 with registration 12-5. Come on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> 9:00-5:00 and August 27<sup>th</sup> 7:30-3:00. Come join your friends! We have lots of vendors, talks during the day, and lots of food and fun. All will be inside this year, no standing in the heat. Talks by David Edgely and Carol Klonowski will help you grow better Phalaenopsis and Dendrobiums. Come and talk to others about problem plants. AND the MAOC meeting of the members will be held at 7:30 am with breakfast. Learn about your MAOC and what it can do for you. Find out who won awards from orchid judging and see what plants were in the running!!! We welcome if you are new or established growers. We await you coming to meet us and tell us what is new in your society. What do you want us to do for you? How can we help you grow and thrive? I will be the one with the Cubs and Ivy hat!! Talk soon. Cheryl Erins, President

***MAOC Members Meeting!***  
**Sunday August 27, 2023**  
**7:30-9:30 am, with Breakfast!**  
**In Person During Orchidfest and on Zoom**  
*The Zoom login for this meeting will be sent later.*

## Slate of Officers to be Voted on at the August 27 Members Meeting

Eric Sauer	President
Donna Lipowicz	1st Vice President (Continuing)
Vacant	2nd Vice President
Kris Mason	Secretary
Jeanne Rhinehart	Treasurer

## Ohio Valley Orchid Fest - August 25-27

Mark your calendars for the third annual Ohio Valley Orchid Fest August 25-27 in Kettering Ohio. We have another really fun weekend planned of everything orchids! Make sure to plan to arrive Friday to enter your plants for exhibit and AOS judging. The show will again be a class bench show, so if you need to leave before the show is over, you can gather your plants early if needed! Make sure to also take part in the Friday evening preview party and picnic dinner! Come see old friends and make new ones, pick up new orchids for your collection, and join in the Mid America Dinner and Auction Saturday night. We are featuring David Edgley from Seattle, Washington as our keynote speaker. He will be presenting on novelty Phalaenopsis Hybrids and a second talk on Phalaenopsis culture. This year, most meals are included with a full registration. We will be having the MAOC Annual meeting Sunday morning followed by a great talk on Multi-Floral Paphiopedilums. There are lots of other fun activities to take part in, so please plan to join us in August! Registration is now open at [www.ohiovalleyorchidfest.com](http://www.ohiovalleyorchidfest.com) along with more information.



## Free MAOC \$500 Scholarships for the 2023 Orchid Fest and MAOC Meeting

There are 3, \$500 Scholarships available! If interested, submit an entry for your society by email to MAOC at [info@midamericanorchids.org](mailto:info@midamericanorchids.org) by July 15, 2023. If your society is one of the three drawn you will receive a \$500 prize (minus the registration fee) that one member or a group of your members could share to cover travel expenses, motel expenses, food at the numerous food trucks, or orchid purchases from the vendors. Your society must be a dues paid in full MAOC member who has not won the scholarship in the past 5 years. Winners will be chosen July 30 and contacted immediately by email. They have until August 5 to accept.

## Conservation

David Remucal, PhD from the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, is unable to use the awarded MAOC money to build a new area as originally requested.

He asks to use the grant instead to install a new misting system in the existing facility. The MAOC Conservation Committee decided to honor his request.

## Affiliated Societies: MAOC Speakers List

MAOC has compiled a list of speakers with the topics each is willing to present. This list is published on the MAOC website, under "Education". Please feel free to contact those listed to arrange lectures and seminars.

## From The Archives: Christine M. Chowning Award

**Jan Yates**

It was always easy to find Christine Chowning at an orchid show. Just wander among the sales tables and listen for a broad New England accent, a feature as a Connecticut native she never lost, even though she spent decades as a Lexington, KY resident. She was diminutive too, in other words, very short, for which she took a lot of good-natured ribbing when, at a Congress meeting, she would disappear behind a podium and a somewhat disembodied voice would announce which plants and owners received MAOC Special Trophies or other awards.

Christine, while traveling world-wide, was on the lookout for various specimens of orchids. She was a good grower personally, raising lovely orchids for family anniversaries and other occasions, and received numerous AOS awards. She was active in the Central Kentucky Orchid Society for years and was a well renowned judge at orchid competitions.

So it was only natural that she eventually was endowed an MAOC Trophy for an alliance she loved - *Angraecoids*.

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## Affiliated Societies Websites

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Alabama OS	<a href="https://facebook.com/alabamaorchidsociety">facebook.com/alabamaorchidsociety</a>
Ann Arbor OS	<a href="http://aaosonline.org">aaosonline.org</a>
Atlanta	<a href="http://atlantaorchidsociety.org">atlantaorchidsociety.org</a>
Batavia	<a href="http://bataviaorchidsociety.org">bataviaorchidsociety.org</a>
Blue Grass	<a href="http://bluegrassorchidsociety.org">bluegrassorchidsociety.org</a>
Central Indiana	<a href="http://centralios.org">centralios.org</a>
Central Iowa	<a href="http://centraliowaorchidsociety.org">centraliowaorchidsociety.org</a>
Central Missouri	<a href="http://centralmissouriorchidsociety.com">centralmissouriorchidsociety.com</a>
Central Ontario	<a href="http://coos.ca">coos.ca</a>
Central Ohio	<a href="http://centralohiorchidsociety.org">centralohiorchidsociety.org</a>
Essex County	<a href="http://essexcountyorchidsociety.webs.com">essexcountyorchidsociety.webs.com</a>
Eastern Iowa	<a href="http://easterniowaorchidsociety.org">easterniowaorchidsociety.org</a>
Grand Valley	<a href="http://grandvalleyorchidsociety.org">grandvalleyorchidsociety.org</a>
Greater Akron	<a href="http://thegaos.com">thegaos.com</a>
Greater Cincinnati	<a href="http://cincinnatiorchids.org">cincinnatiorchids.org</a>
Greater Cleveland	<a href="http://gcoc.org">gcoc.org</a>
Greater Lansing	<a href="http://greaterlansingorchidsociety.com">greaterlansingorchidsociety.com</a>
Greater Omaha	<a href="http://greateromahaorchidsociety.org">greateromahaorchidsociety.org</a>
Greater Pensacola	<a href="https://facebook.com/GreaterPensacolaOrchidSociety">facebook.com/GreaterPensacolaOrchidSociety</a>
Greater Toledo	
Gulfcoast	<a href="http://gcorchids.org">gcorchids.org</a>
Huntsville Orchid Society	<a href="https://facebook.com/groups/huntsvilleorchidsociety/permalink/740378676648807/">facebook.com/groups/huntsvilleorchidsociety/permalink/740378676648807/</a>
Illinois	<a href="http://ciorchidsociety.org">ciorchidsociety.org</a>
Illowa	<a href="https://facebook.com/growersoforchids">facebook.com/growersoforchids</a>
Kentucky	<a href="http://kyorchidsociety.com">kyorchidsociety.com</a>
Kingwood	<a href="https://facebook.com/KingwoodCenter">facebook.com/KingwoodCenter</a>
London Ontario	<a href="http://londonorchidsociety.com">londonorchidsociety.com</a>
Memphis	<a href="http://memphisorchids.org">memphisorchids.org</a>
Miami Valley	<a href="http://miamivalleyorchidsociety.com">miamivalleyorchidsociety.com</a>
Michiana	<a href="http://michianaorchidsociety.org">michianaorchidsociety.org</a>
Michigan	<a href="http://miorchidsociety.com">miorchidsociety.com</a>
Mobile Area Orchid Society`	<a href="http://mobileareaorchidsociety.org">mobileareaorchidsociety.org</a>
Native Orchid Preservation Education S	<a href="http://nativeorchidpreservationeducationsociety.com">nativeorchidpreservationeducationsociety.com</a>
Niagara Frontier Orchid Society	<a href="http://niagarafrontierorchids.org">niagarafrontierorchids.org</a>
Northeast Alabama	<a href="https://facebook.com/NEAOS">facebook.com/NEAOS</a>
Northland Orchid Society	<a href="http://northlandorchidsociety.org">northlandorchidsociety.org</a>
Northeastern Wisconsin	<a href="http://newisos.org">newisos.org</a>

Northwestern Michigan	<a href="http://nmorchid.org">nmorchid.org</a>
Orchid Growers Guild of Madison	<a href="http://orchidgrowersguild.org">orchidgrowersguild.org</a>
OS of Greater Kansas City	<a href="http://osgkc.org">osgkc.org</a>
OS of Greater St. Louis	<a href="http://osogsl.org">osogsl.org</a>
OS of Middle Tennessee	<a href="http://tnorchid.org">tnorchid.org</a>
OS of Minnesota	<a href="http://orchidsocietyofminnesota.org">orchidsocietyofminnesota.org</a>
OS of the Royal Botanic Gardens	<a href="http://osrbg.ca/wp">osrbg.ca/wp</a>
Orchid Society of the Ozarks	<a href="http://oso-web.org">oso-web.org</a>
Peoria	<a href="https://facebook.com/Peoria-Orchid-Society-224849760918419">facebook.com/Peoria-Orchid-Society-224849760918419</a>
Prairie State	<a href="http://prairiestateorchids.org">prairiestateorchids.org</a>
Saginaw Valley	<a href="http://sagvalleyorchids.org">sagvalleyorchids.org</a>
Smokey Mountain	<a href="http://smokyntnorchidsociety.com">smokyntnorchidsociety.com</a>
South Metro	<a href="#">FB South Metro Orchid Society</a>
Springfield MO	
Three Rivers	<a href="https://facebook.com/pages/category/Nonprofit-Organization/Three-Rivers-Orchid-Society-374952799184040">facebook.com/pages/category/Nonprofit-Organization/Three- Rivers- Orchid-Society-374952799184040</a>
West Shore OS of Northern OH	<a href="http://westshoreorchidsociety.org">westshoreorchidsociety.org</a>
Windsor Orchid Society	<a href="http://windsororchidsociety.ca">windsororchidsociety.ca</a>
Wisconsin Society	<a href="http://wisconsinorchidsociety.com">wisconsinorchidsociety.com</a>



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**I. ACTIVE SOCIETY DUES 2023**

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(If membership is greater than 30 members) (If membership is fewer than 30members)

**II. NAME OF SOCIETY:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE**