



The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society

November 2023 Newsletter

<https://cincinnatiorchids.org>

President's Message

Our November meeting, on the 14th, includes the election for board positions. Not being on the board does not preclude the possibility of your input, suggestions, and you attending a board meeting. We always need to come together and pitch in for all of our activities. Speaking of coming together, we've got our ever popular holiday party at 3 pm on Dec. 3 at the Haile Planetarium of NKU. There is a \$20 fee which covers the main dishes (we will need a head count). Everyone brings a dish to share, Lindsey and Dave will coordinate the main course, and there will be door prize and/or raffle plants, and a special planetarium show given by director Christa Speights.

After several discussions, it has been decided for GCOS to sever formal ties with the OVOF, which will now be an MAOC/MVOS show. This amicable decision leaves both societies to volunteer/attend that event, as well as participating in GCOS events...as in the past. We wish MVOS well in their new venture.

Our November speaker is the world famous Leon Glicenstein speaking to us about the wonderful jewel orchids. Leon is a living fount of knowledge of all things orchid...not to be missed!

And, lastly please bring in your lovingly cared for show and tell plants for all of us to enjoy (I am keeping my fingers crossed for one of the spectacular orchids in the orchid kingdom blooming for me now, to stay in bloom for Tuesday's meeting...truly one of a kind). Eric Sauer will be bringing his great plants for sale.

Thank you,

Roger

PS: FOR OUR NOVEMBER MEETING, BSA HAS ASKED US TO ENTER THE BUILDING VIA THE DOORS TO THE BAKER ROOM (where we meet).

GCOS Tuesday, October 14 Meeting

Beginner's Group, 6 PM: The focus of the beginner's group is to provide education on the basic care and culture of growing orchids that are common in the hobby. The topic of our upcoming meeting is yet to be determined. Plants can be brought in to address specific questions you might have. Meeting is very casual, and questions are always welcome.



Den. Hidden Money Bloomed by Lindsey Pertuset
Photo by Lindsey Pertuset

Guest Speaker, 7 pm: Leon Glicenstein

About Leon:

Leon Glicenstein Ph. D. began growing orchids in 1954, and became assistant to the curator of orchids at the Brooklyn Botanic Gardens, from 1957 to 1960. He has advanced degrees in Chemistry and Horticulture, with an emphasis on plant breeding, cytology, and cytogenetics. Many GCOS members knew him when Leon worked at the Hoosier Orchid Company in Indiana starting in 1998 as a breeder as well as a grower of orchids. Leon specialized in Pleurothalidaceae, Zygopetalinae, Gongorinae, Angraecoid, Jewel and Painted-leaf orchids, as well as other groups. Since leaving the Hoosier Orchid Company Leon has been consulting with other orchid companies on growing orchids from seed. A strong conservationist, he has photographed native orchids in Costa Rica, California, Florida and the northwestern United States, has received many awards and published numerous articles.

Help! Hospitality Snacks for November: Only Jennifer DePillo signed up for a dessert snack. Would others help out by bringing another dessert, a savory or one bag of ice? Use of the SignUpGenius link would help us plan.

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



COOS SHOW

Congratulations to the many GCOS Members who received awards at the Columbus Show on October 28!

Display - 1st, Best Society Exhibit, Show Trophy
Steve Helbling - 3 1sts, 2 2nds, and "Sophie's Choice" best Cypripedium
Dave Allen - 2 1sts, 1 2nd
Lindsey Pertuset - 2 1st, 1 2nd, 1 3rd and Best Dendrobium
Barry Jones - 1 1st, 2 2nd, 1 3rd
Mary Ann Foss - 2 1st and Best Phalaenopsis
Jan Yates - 3 3rds
Roger Miller - 3 1st, 2 2nds

Upcoming Meetings and Events

December Holiday Potluck

Sunday December 3, 2023, Starting at 3 pm

At the Haile Planetarium at Northern Kentucky University

\$20 each to cover main dishes, utensils, soda.

Bring a side or dessert to share

Special planetarium show is included, provided by Christa Speights, Planetarium Director

RSVP: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0948AEAC2AA7FFC16-46094365-holiday>

November Judging Center	November 12	Cincinnati Judging Center
Annual Members Meeting, No Zoom	November 14	Leon Glicenstein, Jewel Orchids Vote on 2024 Officers/Directors and 2024 Budget
December Judging Center	December 10	Cincinnati Judging Center
No December GCOS Meeting		
Holiday Potluck	December 3	NKU Planetarium Potluck (bring a side, salad or dessert). The Society will supply the main dish, and drinks. Starts at 3 pm. \$20 each. See above.
January Zoom Only Meeting	January 9	Presenter to be confirmed
February Zoom Only Meeting	February 13	Ken Cameron, Vanilla expert
March In-person and Zoom	March 12	Jan Yates, Planning and Prep for Show display
GCOS Spring 2024 Show	March 23 - 24	BSA

GCOS Board Meeting

The next in-person board meeting will be 6:00 pm Tuesday, November 28th at the Madeira Library and on Zoom. Anyone can attend board meetings. If interested in attending contact Roger Miller rogermilleroboe@gmail.com

Cincinnati Judging Center

Orchids bloom when they decide to, often between shows. If you have a glorious untimely bloom, you may bring it to the Cincinnati Judging Center at the 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.

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

You can follow us on Instagram @cincinnatiorchids.

Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society Board of Directors

President	Roger Miller	Director	Syndi Wilhelm
Vice President	Joel Mattes	Director	Pat O'Connor
Secretary	Ann Tsui	Director	Steve Helbling
Treasurer	David Allen	Director	Christa Speights
Past President.	John Jaworski	Director	Lindsey Pertuset
Director	Kristen Mason		

Membership Renewal Time

Please use the following form:

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.

DATE	
NAME	
Names in family membership	
STREET ADDRESS	
CITY, STATE, ZIP	
PHONE Primary	
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.

	1 Year RATE	2 Year RATE	YOUR PAYMENT
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP	\$30	\$55	
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP	\$35	\$65	
STUDENT MEMBERSHIP	\$15	\$25	
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: David 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.