



The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society

<https://cincinnatiorchids.org>

September 2023 Newsletter

The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society meets in person at our meeting site in the Scout Achievement Center of the Dan Beard Council, Boy Scouts of America, 10078 Reading Road, Cincinnati, OH 45241. Meetings start at 6:00 pm with our beginners' class. The main meeting will start at 7:00 pm.

President's Message

It's Labor Day morning, I get up, walk down the hall and smell the wonderful aroma of a purple Cattleya in full bloom. I snared a great one at the Ohio Valley Orchid Fest, and I hope that many of you were able to attend and acquire a wonderful plant for yourself. We have a great line-up of guest speakers this fall, beginning with Doug Martin on Sept. 12 discussing native *Cypripedium* culture in containers.

Please come and bring your blooming plants for show and tell.---
Roger

GCOS Tuesday, September 12 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. At our upcoming meeting we will be discussing care and culture of *Paphiopedilums* and also *Phragmipediums* if time permits. Plants can be brought in to address specific questions you might have. Meeting is very casual, and questions are always welcome.---Joel Mattes

Members Meeting 7 PM:

Guest Speaker: Doug Martin on Growing Terrestrials in Pots

Doug started growing orchids in 1991. He grows a mixed collection of about 200 tropical orchids in a basement light room. He also grows about 40-50 species and hybrids of *Cypripediums* and other hardy orchids in his outdoor growing area and 50+ species of winter green Mediterranean orchids under lights in his garage. He has published articles on growing *Cypripediums* and *Ophrys*. Doug lives in a suburb of Kansas City with his wife and fellow orchid lover, Beth. Both Doug and Beth are AOS judges. He has been of the President of the Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City and the Mid-America Orchid Congress and served as chairman of the Mid-America Conservation Committee for seven years. Doug has a Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry. He worked in biomedical research and ran an



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orchid lab and taught chemistry at Penn Valley Community College in Kansas City, Missouri. He retired in 2016.

The **Zoom link** will be sent out to members a day or two before the meeting.

Thanks to Jane and Barry Jones for signing up for Hospitality. Use the Signupgenius link if you can help them out:

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

Upcoming Meetings and Events

September Judging Center	September 10	Cincinnati Judging Center
September GCOS Meeting	September 12	Doug Martin, Growing Terrestrials in pots
October Judging Center	October 8	Cincinnati Judging Center
October	October 10	Edgar Stehli Windswept in Time
November	November 12	Cincinnati Judging Center
November	November 14	Leon Glicenstein, Jewel Orchids
Holiday Potluck	December 3	NKU Planetarium Potluck (bring a side, salad or dessert). The Society will supply the main dish.
GCOS Spring 2024 Show	March 23 - 24	BSA

GCOS Conservation Committee

September 16 Possum Creek Metropark

Spiranthes lacera are in bloom at a nearby park! Possum Creek Metropark was once degraded farmland but is now one of Ohio's best examples of a tall grass prairie. Species include compass plant, prairie doc, big blue stem, Indian grass, prairie rosinweed and, although neither tall nor a grass, the stars of the prairie for us are the spiranthes! Join us to view these small white native orchids at Possum Creek Metropark only 45 minutes from BSA. We will meet at 10:00 am September 16 in the Hickory Tree parking lot at 4790 Frytown Rd, Dayton OH.

Anyone wishing to carpool can meet at 9:15 am at the West Chester Meijer parking lot off I75 and Tylersville Rd (7390 Tylersville Rd, Wetherington, OH).

Please let Ann know if you plan to carpool or to meet us at the park so we will know to look for you and in case of changes.

Contact Ann at 513 470-4507 or at agtsui@zoomtown.com



Report of the Ohio Valley Orchid Fest - August 25-27

The third annual Ohio Valley Orchid Fest took place August 25-27 in Kettering Ohio. We had another really fun-filled weekend of orchid sales, ribbon and AOS judging, and the pure enjoyment of spectacular orchids! This year most meals were included with a full registration which was unusual.

The speakers were amazing. David Edgley from Seattle Washington was the keynote speaker. His fascinating presentation on Novelty Phalaenopsis Hybrids defined them as having short spikes, smaller

lips, a glossy almost waxy surface and *fragrance*. One orchid even smells like Fruit Loops. His second talk on Phalaenopsis culture contained many new concepts such as an Orchids Magazine article which noted that any fertilizer is better than nothing to a starving orchid; it will take what it can use. Carol Klonoski gave a great talk on Multi-Floral Paphiopedilums. Their characteristic multiple blooms make this type of orchid distinctive and a welcome addition to any collection.

Congratulations to Eric Sauer from MVOS who received the MAOC “Orchidist of the Year” award for his outstanding work! And at the MAOC Annual meeting he was voted in as next year’s MAOC President.

To summarize, at this year’s OVOF gorgeous orchids were bought and sold, attendees made new acquaintances by playing a game, orchids were repotted, and a large number of community members, as well as volunteers and Society members, enjoyed the Show.



Keynote Speaker David Edgley on Phalaenopsis Hybrids and Culture

Carol Klonoski spoke on Multi Floral Paphiopedilums

Jan Yates presents Eric Sauer with the Orchidist of the Year Award

GCOS Board Meeting

The next in-person board meeting will be 6:30 pm Tuesday, September 26th 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.

American Orchid Society

<https://www.aos.org>

The American Orchid Society's website is a great resource for orchid growers. We want to encourage membership. Even nonmembers can find information to help them become better orchid growers. Information at right.



Webinars - Coming Attractions!

REGISTRATION IS EASY <https://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>
 Cannot make it on the scheduled date and time? No need to worry.
 Register now and view on your time schedule.
 Send Your Greenhouse Chat Questions and Photos to: greenhousechat@aos.org
 Greenhouse Chat webinars are recorded and indexed by topic for future viewing.

When	Sept. 19, 2023 8:30 pm EDT Tuesday	Sept. 21, 2023 8:30 pm EDT Thursday	Oct. 12, 2023 8:30 pm EDT Thursday	Oct. 17, 2023 8:30 pm EDT Tuesday
Topic	Virtual Judging Used as a Training and Educational Exercise	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by Sept. 18</i>	Lycaste Current Trends in Hybridizing and Judging	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by Oct. 14</i>
Presenter	Sergey Skoropad AOS Judge - NE Judging Center	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Tim Culbertson Historian, AOS Judge, Hybridizer for SVO, SOA Board Member	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer

Check Out the Timeless Collection of Recorded Webinars on the AOS Website

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