



THE GREATER CINCINNATI ORCHID SOCIETY

October 2026 Newsletter

CincinnatiOrchids.org

October 13th Rick Burian: "Orchids of South Africa"

Rick Burian Orchids of South Africa

Rick Burian is a prominent orchid enthusiast, photographer, and active member of the orchid conservation community, currently serving as vice president of the Native Orchid Conference an organization focused on the study and conservation of native North American orchids.

He is most widely recognized for providing the definitive photograph of *Gastrodia agnicellus*—a species described in 2020 from Madagascar famously dubbed "the world's ugliest orchid" by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. His photograph accompanied the species' official scientific description and was circulated globally by major science publications like New Scientist. Rick is active in the Orchid Conservation Alliance (OCA): As an active member, Burian captured his famous photograph during an OCA "Orchids in the Wild" tour to Madagascar.

Rick is active in the Oregon Orchid Society and frequently presents educational lectures for the Oregon Orchid Society YouTube Channel, covering specialized topics such as the Orchids of Papua New Guinea and iPhone Orchid Photography. Check out his videos they are fantastic.

Rick is an Oregon Orchid Society Life Member. Rick is a past board member, Vice President, President and Show Chair among other roles over the past 35 years. Rick contributed to the Oregon Orchid Society's publications of *An Orchidist's Lexicon* and *Native Orchids of Oregon*. Rick takes many international trips to observe and understand the complexities of the orchid world.



Rick Burian photo of
Disa uniflora on Table
Mountain in Cape
Town.



Huge "Donation" Sale at the Meeting

October 13th! Orchids! Two Catasetums in spike!

Clean clay pots! A Homemade Indoor Lighted Plant Stand!

**New ceramic "Plant-Misters" as well as Pre-bloomed
Rescued Phals from Lowe's! And More!**



Above are the plant misters. The spike on this Catasetum is forming 12+ buds!

Since the 2026 Financial Report and 2027 Budget Proposal will be explained to the Membership at this meeting, "Show and Tell" orchids may be reviewed during the Hospitality Time if we need to limit meeting length.

Orchid Basics Conversations 6:00 pm "Grocery Store Orchids"

(Formerly **Beginner's
Conversation**) The
discussion begins with a
look at culture for
orchids commonly
found at the Grocery
and Big Box Stores.

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Pop Up Orchid Sale at the Krohn Conservatory!



GCOS is hosting an Orchid Sale at the Krohn Conservatory on November 14!

Dennis from Flask and Flora will sell his wonderful variety of orchids!

This sale coincides with the famous annual Krohn Conservatory Christmas Display. Their event includes “Intricate model railway displays weaving through handcrafted miniature replicas of iconic Cincinnati landmarks...”

GCOS helpers are needed to chat with attendees and to hand out Bookmarks, Show Postcards, Culture Sheets and information about GCOS. A sign-up sheet will be available at both October 13th and November 10th meetings.

GCOS Members get into Krohn FREE when they come to help at the Pop Op Orchid Sale!

The time for 2027 membership renewal begins!

Hello Orchid Fans! Thank you for your continued support for GCOS!!

As GCOS membership is for a calendar year, your membership may be up for renewal on December 31, 2026. If so, please take a moment to renew, and you won't have to think about it over the holidays. Yes, we allow waiting until the Show, but earlier is helpful.

This link makes renewal convenient and easy:

[Link to Membership](#)

Tap “Pay online” AND please fill in the Google Doc membership form. Be sure to Submit!

If you prefer to pay by check, tap the link, fill out and print either of the online forms and mail with check to:

Stephanie Kimberlin
877 Maker Rd Walton, KY 41094

Our memberships are SO important. Without YOU, we would not have a Society. Let us continue our mission of education, conservation and helping each other, grow and nurture our orchids. ☺

Report on the Ault in Bloom Event

Nicole negotiated with the Greater Cincinnati Rose Association for a GCOS informational presence at their Show in Ault Park. Kris, Mary and Bob provided Show Postcards and information about GCOS and growing orchids.



Kentucky Orchid Society in Louisville September 26: Report

Several judges used GCOS setup to teach how to arrange and complimented the style

GCOS display



Ribbon Awards Won at the Show:

Ashlee Williams: NOID phal—Received a 1st and best in class trophy rosette!

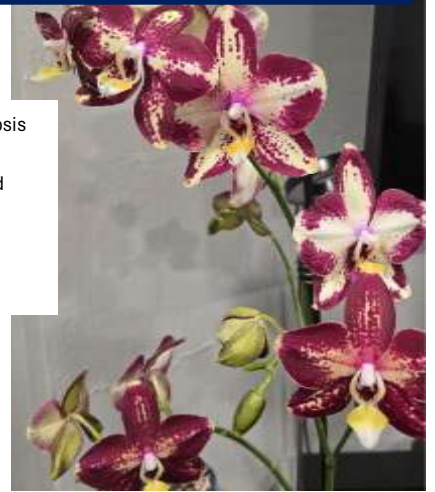
Spencer Chroninger: 1st

Stephanie 1st, 2 2nd, 3rd

Kris 2nd and 3rd.

Photos by Kris Mason

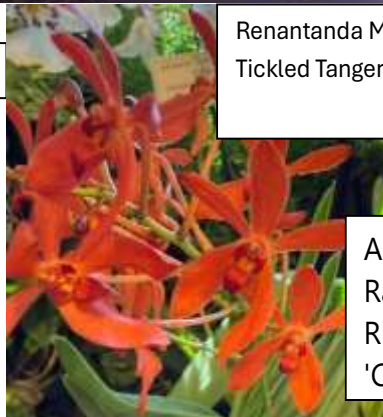
Phalaenopsis
NOID
Grown and
photo by
Ashlee
Williams



Zygopetalum Midnight Jack



Renantanda MD's
Tickled Tangerine



Above: Tolumnia Jairak
Rainbow
Right: RC Hawaiian Passion
'Carmela'



Dendrobium digibbum



Aliceara Ysabella
'Lunar Eclipse'



Catasetum Corinne's Frilly Spots
'Memoria Lindsey Pertuset'



Grammatocymbidium Memoria Nathan Newman



Mark Your Calendar for these Important Events!



The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society

Holiday Celebration

Tuesday December 8, 2026
6-8PM

Scout Achievement Center
10078 Reading Road
Cincinnati, OH 45241

ORCHID BINGO! GAMES! GOOD FOOD!
\$20 each collected at the door;
covers main dish, utensils, soft drinks
and prizes.

Bring a side dish or dessert to share.
RSVP is not required but appreciated.



The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society

2027 Orchid Show and Sale

April 3 and 4th 2027

Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM **Sunday** 10 AM – 4 PM



Photographer: Kelli Paylor Orchid: Maritza Sotochi 'Tidy Cress' AM CCIM
Grown: Stephen Harding

Location: Dan Beard Council, Scout Achievement Center
10078 Reading Rd, Cincinnati OH 45241

Entry \$5
Potting Bee (10 and Under Free)
1:00 – 3:00 PM www.cincinnatiorchids.org

Bring your own Orchid **Raffles**
Learn to repot **Door Prizes**
Potting Supplies

Upcoming Meetings and Events Calendar:

Speaker/Event	Date	Speaker/Place	Topic/Information
Judging Center	October 11	Civic Garden Center	Judging Starts at 1 pm
Members Meeting	October 13	Rick Burian	<i>Orchids of South Africa</i>
Board Meeting	October 27	Symmes Township Library	6:00-8:30 and on Zoom
Judging Center	November 8	Civic Garden Center	Judging Starts at 1 pm
GCOS Annual Members Meeting, then Regular Members Meeting	November 10	David Sorokowski	<i>Paphiopedilums</i>
Board Meeting	November 24	Symmes Township Library	6:00-8:30 and on Zoom
MAOC Annual Members Meeting	December 9	Zoom	7:30 EST
Judging Center	December 13	Civic Garden Center	Judging Starts at 1 pm
<i>Holiday Celebration</i>	<i>Tuesday, December 8</i>	<i>Scout Achievement Building</i>	<i>6:00-8:00 Dine and Games (Place reserved 5:00-9:00)</i>
<i>GCOS 2027 Orchid Show</i>	<i>April 3,4 2027</i>	<i>Scout Achievement Building</i>	<i>Mark Your Calendars!</i>

