



THE GREATER CINCINNATI ORCHID SOCIETY

November/December 2025 Newsletter

CincinnatiOrchids.org

Kristen Uthus 7:00 pm November 11 ***Masdevallias and Draculas:*** ***Not as Scary as You Think***

Masdevallias and Draculas are a subset of the Pleurothallid Alliance and have long been beloved by orchid growers. However, Kristen hears the refrain "I can't grow them" way too often. You would be surprised at the success the average grower can have under "normal" growing conditions. She will talk about what makes these two genera so attractive, how to grow them in intermediate to warm conditions and some great species to try if you are still hesitant.

Dr. Kristen Uthus studied both plant and animal ecology and evolution at Virginia Commonwealth University and Ohio State University. She then taught biology and ecology at VCU, OSU, University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University.

After growing orchids for over 20 years, a long time dream to make orchids a full-time commitment was fulfilled by purchasing New World Orchids in 2014.

Although she enjoys growing many varieties of orchids, miniatures her passion and the weirder the better. New World Orchids specializes in Japanese orchids, particularly Neofinetia falcata, Dendrobium moniliforme, Sedirea japonica, and a variety of other small orchids.



Dracula lotax; New World Orchids website

6:00 November 11 **Beginner's** **Conversation: "Why** **Won't My Orchid** **Bloom" and "Bloom** **Blast" 6pm**

As always, bring your plants, knowledge and questions.

Holiday Celebration Time!!

Sunday 2-5pm December 7, 2025

At the Scout Achievement Building
10078 Reading Road

ORCHID BINGO! GAMES! GOOD FOOD!

\$20 each adult, collected at the door, will cover main dishes, utensils, soft drinks and prizes. Bring a side or dessert to share.

RSVP is not required but appreciated.

Please use the SignUpGenius link to record the number attending, and if you are bringing a side or dessert.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0948AEAC2AA7FFC16-53137003-2025>



Tol. Jairak Flyer 'Lady in Red'
By Shirlev Holt

Membership ***Renewal for*** ***2026 before*** ***January 1st is*** ***appreciated.***

Our finances depend largely on membership fees. Since emails, addresses and other information change at times, please fill out a membership form when renewing, even though your data is current. Checks, credit or cash accepted.

GCOS Exhibit at the Central Ohio Orchid Society Show in Columbus



Congratulations Joel and Stephanie!
GCOS 1st Place Exhibit

Orchid	Grower	Award
GCOS exhibit	Setup by Joel and Stephanie	1st
Ctt. Choris var coerulea	MaryAnne Foss	1 st and Trophy
Bc. Star Ruby 'Xanadu' AM/AOS	Shirley Holt	1st
<i>E. cochleata</i>	Stephanie Kimberlin	1st
<i>Zns. Cynosure</i> 'Blue Birds'	Stephanie Kimberlin	1st
<i>Paph. Josito x Paph lowii album</i>	Stephanie Kimberlin	1st
<i>Phal.</i> 'Capricious Lucifer'	Stephanie Kimberlin	1st
<i>Paph. prinulinum</i>	Stephanie Kimberlin	1st
<i>C. My Special Angel</i>	Stephanie Kimberlin	1st
<i>Paph. QF Hoyt</i>	Stephanie Kimberlin	1st

Photography by Kris Mason



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Orchid Show March 21 and 22

The GCOS Orchid Show March 21 and 22, 2026. Setup is on March 20, 2026.

Five of Our Favorite Venders have confirmed their attendance, and possibly another will join them.

Flask & Flora

Anything Orchids

Windswept in Time

Mei's Creations

Karen Eberhardt Ceramics

Announcements: Bits and Pieces

- **Jennifer DePillo helps manage social media for GCOS!** Send photos of your orchids with their names, preferably in the jpeg format. **Text: (707) 672-2226 or Email: depilloj@gmail.com**
- **Refreshment treats** at our meetings have been such a joy! Sweet or savory. The variety has been appreciated. Sodas and water are furnished.
- **MAOC January 25, 2026**, Ron Parsons will show us Orchids in Madagascar. GCOS members are also MAOC members, so we all will receive the link to tune in to hear this excellent speaker for free!
- **Memberships**, whether new or renewed, are good for the rest of 2025 as well as for ALL of 2026. Registration forms are available at meetings and on the next page.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Speaker/Event	Date	Speaker	Topic/Information
Judging Center	November 9	Civic Garden Center	Judging Starts at 1 pm
GCOS Annual and Regular Meeting	November 11	Kristen Uthus, on Zoom at the Scout Building	Masdevallias and Draculas
Board Meeting	November 25	Madeira Library	6:00-8:30 and on Zoom
<i>Holiday Celebration Potluck</i>	<i>December 7</i>	<i>Scout Building</i>	<i>2:00-5:00</i>
Judging Center	December 14	Civic Garden Center	Judging Starts at 1 pm
Judging Center	January 11	Civic Garden Center	Judging Starts at 1 pm
GCOS Meeting	January 13	Scout Building	TBA
MAOC Zoom Lecture	January 25, 2026	Ron Parsons	"Orchids in Madagascar"
Board Annual Meeting and January BOD Mtg	February 9	Blue Ash Library and Zoom	6:00-8:30 and on Zoom
February Members meeting	February 10	Scout Building	TBA
GCOS Board Meeting	February 24	Madeira Library	6:00-8:30 and on Zoom
<i>GCOS ORCHID SHOW</i>	<i>March 21 and 22, 2026</i>	<i>Setup March 20</i>	<i>5 Venders are Confirmed</i>

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2026 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	
PHONE Secondary	
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: Dave 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.