



THE GREATER CINCINNATI ORCHID SOCIETY

March 2026 Newsletter

CincinnatiOrchids.org

March 10th Eric Sauer “*Phragmipediums*”

Eric has been growing orchids for over 35 years and specializes in South American Species. He has spoken internationally and across the United States.

Eric recently had a culture chapter published with Guido Braem in his book on *Paphiopedilums* and his book on *Phragmipediums*. He also has several of his *Maxillaria* photos published in Eric Christenson’s book on *Maxillaria*.

Eric has received over 125 awards from the American Orchid Society and has four orchids named after him including two species from Ecuador. He regularly works with other *Maxillaria* aficionados around the world to better understand the genus.

Eric’s real job is as a registered landscape architect and is the planning manager for Five Rivers MetroParks in Dayton, Ohio.

Eric gives an entertaining address and will bring orchids to sell.



Paph Apple-Master ‘On the Shelf’ AM/AOS



Dressleria dodsoniana ‘Ecuadorian Fencepost’ CHM/AOS



Phragmipedium Jason Fischer ‘River Valley Red’ AM/AOS

SPECIAL MEMBERS MEETING March 10

The Board of Directors is delighted that **Spencer Chroninger** and **Nicole Kendle** have volunteered to join the Board as Directors!

Our Bylaws require a vote from the Membership to elect Board members. So, on March 10 at 7 pm, a brief Members Meeting will be held before Eric’s presentation.

Beginner’s Conversation 6:00 pm March 10

Topic: “Bringing Your New Orchids Home” and “How to Register Your Orchids for Our Show”

Mary Gardner will begin, then Kris Mason, a certified Orchid Judge with extensive experience, will explain the process of registering orchids before the Show.



Surprise Raffle Drawing Epilaelia Beverly Shea

A lovely orchid has been donated as a Raffle Drawing plant for the March 10 meeting.

Tickets are 2 for \$3, and 3 for \$5. Cash purchases only. Must be present to win.



2026 GCOS Orchid Show: March 21,22; Setup March 20.

These large postcards will be available at the meeting. Take some and give to anyone who is interested in seeing gorgeous orchids at our Show. Feel free to email these photos to your groups and friends. Word of mouth is powerful marketing!



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2026 Orchid Show and Sale

Saturday March 21 10 AM - 5 PM Sunday March 22 10 AM - 4 PM



Photographer Stuart Fleishaker

LC Joanne Rose 'Mary's Frosty Ice'
HCC / AOS Owner Mary Anne Foss

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

Potting Bee 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Bring your own Orchid
Learn how to repot

Entry \$5.00
(10 and Under Free)

Raffles
Door Prizes
Potting Supplies

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New Member Show Special!

Lots of fabulous artistic orchid displays
Orchids and orchid related items for sale
Educational displays
Free Kids activities

Door Prizes 12 PM and 3:00 PM
Guided tours 1 PM and 3:30 PM
Native Orchid Talks 1 PM and 3:30 PM
Photographers Tripod Time Sunday 10 AM - 12 PM

Potting Bee 1 PM - 3:30 PM
Need Help repotting your orchids? Bring a few in. We will guide you.
Potting materials available for purchase.

Raffle Drawings Sunday 2:00 PM
You do not need to be present to win! Multiple items available

Show us your finished Orchid scavenger hunt and win a free prize

The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society's goal is to promote and educate our members and the public in the appreciation, conservation and culture of the Orchid Family. 501(c)(3) nonprofit

GCOS meetings are open to the public.
Come join us! Learn more at www.cincinnatiorchid.org

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Show Preparation Status

Please consider filling empty slots in the signup link. Or sign up on paper printouts on March 10.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0948AEAC2AA7FFC16-61359945-copy>

Signups are coming along with 45% of the slots filled on SignUpGenius. However, consider helping with the 55% remaining slots. New slots "Help Maryanne in the Kitchen" for only 1-3 hours at a time, have been added.

Your assistance with the following is particularly appreciated:

- 1) Hospitality: Help MaryAnne in the Kitchen. *Note: The confirmation sent automatically after signing up will list 2 time intervals. You are only responsible for the time interval you chose.*
Saturday: 11:00-2:00 Help with Lunch; or 4:00-5:00 Wrap up
Sunday: 9:00-10:00 Morning setup; 11:00-12:00 Help with lunch; or 3:00-4:30 Cleanup.
- 2) Welcome/Admission (Collecting admissions). There will be at least one other person at the Society/Membership Table and a new computerized system of recording and taking credit cards. These time slots are open: Saturday 2:30-5:00, and Sunday 9:45-12:00, 12:00-2:00 and 2:00-4:00.
- 3) Saturday hospitality (food for lunch): still has 10 empty slots. This is easy, like water, desserts, and so on. The items can be brought anytime Friday or Saturday morning. They cover Saturday's lunch and Sunday.

The Show Raffle Items

1: This amazing Cypripedium hybrid is hardy outdoors! Yes, here! In Cincinnati!



3: Remember the Kelpak and K-Lite? Other potting supplies also included with these.



A new Raffle method will be introduced at the Show.

Record your name and contact number ONCE for multiple tickets. \$5 for 5 tickets, \$10 for 15. Distribute tickets as desired among 5 incredible choices. You do not need to be present to win.

2: This exquisite bead on a bracelet has a delicate Phalaenopsis in silver.



4: The fourth will be an exotic pottery creation, similar to this sample.

5: A strikingly beautiful flowering orchid will be chosen from among our vendors for the fifth raffle

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Speaker/Event	Date	Speaker/Place	Topic/Information
Judging Center	March 8	Civic Garden Center	Judging Starts at 1 pm
GCOS Members Meeting	March 10	Eric Sauer	" <i>Phragmipediums</i> " He will have plants to sell.
<i>GCOS ORCHID SHOW</i>	<i>March 21 and 22, 2026</i>	<i>Setup March 20. At the Scout Building</i>	<i>Use SignUpGenius Help is appreciated!</i>
Board Meeting	March 24	Madeira Library	6:00-8:30 and on Zoom
Judging Center	April 12	Civic Garden Center	Judging Starts at 1 pm
GCOS Pizza Party and April Meeting	April 14	Kristin Uthus	" <i>Neofinetia</i> "
Board Meeting	April 28	Madeira Library	6:00-8:30 and on Zoom
Judging Center	May 10	Civic Garden Center	Judging Starts at 1 pm
GCOS Members Meeting	May 12	Cheryl Erins	"Converting an IKEA Cabinet into a Growing Space"
Board Meeting	May 26	Madeira Library	6:00-8:30 and on Zoom
GCOS Members Meeting	May 9	A panel of Experienced Growers	Discussion of Previously Requested Topics
<i>GCOS Picnic and Auction</i>	<i>June 21 (Note the Date Change!)</i>	<i>GCOS Hosts MVOS at the Scout Building</i>	

Is your membership renewed for 2026?

2025 unrenewed memberships have been extended until March 31, 2026. Since some of us forget if our 2-year membership includes 2026, this can be checked on March 10 and at the Show.

Renewals for 2026 are easy at the meetings or at the Show, or on the website. Credit cards, checks or cash are gladly accepted.

2026 Officers and Directors

President	Joel Mattes
Vice President	Kris Mason
Treasurer	Jeanne Rhinehart
Secretary	Ann Tsui
Director	Mary Gardner
Director	Shirley Holt
Director	Jennifer Depillo
Director	Stephanie Kimberlin
Prospective Director	Nicole Kendle
Prospective Director	Spencer Chroninger

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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: Jeanne Rhinehart, 6222 Le Roy Place, Cincinnati, OH 45230**
- 2) Take a photo of the form and email to jeanws@me.com

If you want to make a donation or pay for membership, you can send a check to Jeanne Rhinehart 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.