



THE GREATER CINCINNATI ORCHID SOCIETY

June 2026 Newsletter

CincinnatiOrchids.org

June 9 Meeting, 7:00 pm

A Panel of Expert Growers Will Answer All Your Questions

Rick Noel, Brian Spitler and Barry Jones are expert AOS judges with experience growing, showing and keeping alive a wide variety of orchids.

Collectively they have special interests in Dendrobiums, Cattleyas, Paphiopedilum, and small, tiny or unusual orchids.

Too shy to ask questions during the meeting? Questions can be anonymously emailed in advance to

luna6551np@gmail.com

Or hand your written questions to Mary Gardner.

Member Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month except in July, August and December at the Scout Achievement Building, 10078 Reading Rd, Cincinnati

Treats for the Monthly Membership Meetings: Changing the System

We are going to resume a former method of providing treats at the monthly Members Meetings. It worked well in the past. There will be a signup sheet at the meeting asking for 2 people each month to volunteer to provide and set up Hospitality, starting on June 9th.

June 9 Meeting: We thank Mary Gardner and Jacque Warner for volunteering to supply us with edibles for this meeting.

- Volunteers provide sweets (cookies, cakes, candies) or savories (cheese/crackers, breads, nuts, popcorn) for our monthly members meetings. Finger foods work well.
- GCOS provides cups, plates, napkins, flatware, a small soda selection and bottled water.

Thanks to all who have brought treats to meetings!



Stanhopea Nicholas Swett 'Aidan'. Photo by Ann T

Beginner's Conversation

6:00 pm June 9

Continuing "Words of Wisdom for the Orchid Grower"

More tips will be shared from an AOS article by orchid growing expert Sue Bottom. Sue's articles in Orchids Magazine on culture are often quoted.

Meet in the smaller room at the end of the hall on the left in the Scout Achievement Building.

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GCOS/MVOS PICNIC AND AUCTION June 21st

Held at the Scout Achievement Building

Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society and

Miami Valley Orchid Society Annual Joint Picnic and Auction SUNDAY June 21, 2026

Dan Beard Council Scout Achievement Center
10078 Reading Road, Cincinnati OH 45241

(Inside location with air conditioning)

Come for the company, stay for the food.

Sell those unruly plants and replace them with new ones

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share

Other picnic items supplied by societies

Schedule

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Seller/Plant registration

11:30 AM

Buyer registration starts

12:00 AM – 1:30 PM

Silent Auction and Lunch

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Live Auction

Proceeds split between
seller and society



- Upon arrival the orchids you are offering for auction are to be registered, then are sorted for either live or silent bidding.

- You may assign a minimum starting bid for your orchid. If the minimum bid is not met the plant returns to you.

- **ONLY after 12:00 pm** may Silent Auction bids be made in writing.

- Our lively auctioneers Jim France and Kris Mason will open the live auction at 1:30 pm.

- 10 special orchids have also been ordered

- Sellers receive 80% of their orchids' sale price; 20% goes to the society of the seller's choice (GCOS or MVOS) or 10% to each.

- Attendees bring a side or a dessert. MVOS will furnish the main dish of delectable, prepared chicken pieces. GCOS supplies sodas, iced tea, water, and utensils. And paper plates used during bidding.



Photos from the 2025 Picnic

Ohio Valley Orchid Fest August 21-23

www.ohiovalleyorchidfest.com

OHIO VALLEY ORCHID FEST

AUGUST 21-23 2026

REGISTER & INFO: www.ohiovalleyorchidfest.com

**Miami Valley Orchid Society &
Emmanuel Lutheran Church**

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KETTERING, OHIO

**INTERNATIONALLY
KNOWN SPEAKERS**
FRANK CERVERA
MONSTER ISLAND ORCHIDS

ROSS HELLA
DEERWOOD ORCHIDS

BARRY WOOLF
TEN SHIN ORCHIDS

GREAT FOOD

LEARNING
LECTURES
REPOTTING
DEMONSTRATIONS

PLANT SALES
ORCHIDS, CERAMICS
& AROIDS
LOCAL, REGIONAL &
INTERNATIONAL VENDORS

ORCHID SHOW
AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY JUDGING
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
MID AMERICA ORCHID CONGRESS



OVOF is open to the public on Saturday 9-5, and Sunday 12 till 3:00. There will be ticketed events including 2 keynote speakers and the Preview Party on Friday, August 21.

Tickets can be purchased in advance on the website for individual speaker lectures (2 lectures on Fri, 2 on Saturday), Preview Party Friday, and even meals.

The full registration for the entire weekend is a bargain, even if attending only one day! It includes Preview Party, 4 Keynote Lectures (2 on Fri, 2 on Saturday), snacks all weekend, a goody bag, dinners at the Preview Party and prior to Saturday Activities... all for \$80 before August 1 or \$100 after or at the door.

Two internationally known MAOC Sponsored Keynote Speakers during the weekend:

[Frank Cervera](#)— Monster Island Orchids and Tropical Plants
[Ross Hella](#) - Deerwood Orchids
Plus Barry Woolf—Representing Ten Shin Gardens—on Sunday

ORDER ORCHIATA ORCHID BARK

Orchid Fest is placing a group pre-order for Full and Half Bags of Orchiata Orchid Bark. Orders may be placed **until July 10th** on the [Square Registration Site](#). Bags may be picked up at Orchid Fest. We will have additional Orchiata available at Orchid Fest for purchase.

ORCHIATA GRADE	PRODUCT SIZE
PRECISION - Fine	1/4" (3-6mm)
CLASSIC - Small	3/8" (6-9mm)
POWER - Medium	1/2" (9-12mm)
POWER+ - Medium Plus	3/4" (12-18mm)
SUPER - Large	1" (18-25mm)

Orchid Fest costs

Listed on the OVOF website

Full Registration: \$80 before August 1,
\$100 after August 1.

Separate Item Tickets:

Only Attend Speakers: \$35

Preview Party \$15

Saturday Dinner: \$20

Half Bag of Orchiata: \$23, Preordered

Full Bag of Orchiata: \$38, Preordered



The Mid-America Orchid Congress invites your society to an evening with Cheryl Erins touring the World Orchid Congress June 8 at 7:30 PM Eastern. The program will be available to view online for 2 weeks after the program. Over the years Cheryl has served the orchid community in many roles including president of MAOC and AOS.

Ever wondered what a World Orchid Conference is like? You might even consider going to one if you get the chance after you see and hear from Cheryl Erins, Past President of the MAOC and the AOS and take a bird's eye tour of Dresden, Germany and the World Orchid Conference. Learn what we do, see the displays from all over the world and a football field full of vendors...Orchids anyone?

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88440049689?pwd=bZ1tyGUCQhMNAFG2Cc7fEbTaOEZb1P.1>

Meeting chat link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/jc/88440049689>

Meeting ID: 884 4004 9689

Passcode: MAOC

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Join instructions

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meetings/88440049689/invitations?signature=yhYw-hQy8p1rGwg-tUJkC50NbZTo4S9DANqQc-9wOJQ>

What is MAOC?

The Mid-America Orchid Conference consists of about 42 societies in middle America. Each pays a yearly fee based on size of membership. Our society, GCOS, is a member.

The goal of MAOC is to encourage and enable communication between orchid societies. MAOC provides lists of speakers, grants especially for conservation projects, and free lectures, like this one, for its members. GCOS newsletters have reprinted, with permission, shared articles and photos from other societies. If a Show, like Orchid Fest, operates "in conjunction with MAOC", then MAOC participates and pays for some of the speakers and trophies.

As stated above in the MINUTE, a recording will be available online for two weeks after June 8th.

Cedar Bog Nature Preserve

980 Woodburn Rd, Urbana, OH

One of our GCOS members visited Cedar Bog last week and reports that the Showy Lady Slipper (*Cypripedium reginae*), is in prime condition this weekend. Just north of Dayton, this Ohio Natural Landmark Preserve is well worth seeing. Can't go this weekend? Soon two native orchids, Grass Pinks (*Calopogon tuberosus*) and Rose Pogonia (*Pogonia ophioglossoides*), will be blooming there.

The boardwalk is fully accessible.
Only \$5 admission.

Summer Hours:
10:00-7:00 Wed, Thu, Fri, Sun;
9:00-4:00 Sat.
Closed Mon, Tues.



Native Orchid Preservation and Education Society (NOPES) Special Project

In collaboration with the Cincinnati Nature Center (CNC), NOPES is setting up bogs to showcase native orchids. Many of the orchids native to Ohio grow in wetlands which historically have been drained in favor of farmland.



CNC with NOPES chose land beside the CNC Greenhouse near the Grosbeck Estate. NOPES procured 3 in-ground bog forms. CNC used their heavy machinery to prepare the site, then placed the forms in the ground and precisely leveled them.



On April 6, NOPES members washed several bags of lava rock before depositing them as a foundation layer.



Prepared soil was mixed with sand. More sand was layered on top. Note the green circle in the photo to the right. This caps a tube extending to the bottom of the form used for flushing water out. Rain or RO water is next.



Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Speaker/Event	Date	Speaker/Place	Topic/Information
GCOS Members Meeting	June 9	A panel of Expert Growers	Addressing topics and questions both previously requested and at the meeting
Judging Center	June 14	Civic Garden Center	Judging Starts at 1 pm
<i>GCOS Picnic and Auction</i>	<i>Sunday June 21</i>	<i>GCOS Hosts MVOS at the Scout Building, 10078 Reading Road</i>	<i>Plant Registration at 11:30, Lunch at 12:00, then Live Auction at 1:30.</i>
(Board Meeting Cancelled)		(No June Board Meeting)	
Judging Center	July 12	Civic Garden Center	Judging Starts at 1 pm
(No July GCOS Member Meeting)		(No July Members Meeting)	
Judging Center	August 9	Civic Garden Center	Judging Starts at 1 pm
(No August GCOS Member Meeting)		(No August Members Meeting)	

<i>Ohio Valley Orchid Fest</i>	<i>August 21, 22, 23</i>	<i>Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Kettering</i>	<i>Visit website www.ohiovalleyorchidfest.com</i>
Board Meeting	August 25	Symmes Library	6:00-8:30 and on Zoom
GCOS Members Meeting	September 8	Ron Parsons	<i>Orchids of Australia and Tasmania</i>
Judging Center	September 13	Civic Garden Center	Judging Starts at 1 pm
Board Meeting	September 22	Symmes Library	6:00-8:30 and on Zoom
Judging Center	October 11	Civic Garden Center	Judging Starts at 1 pm
GCOS Members Meeting	October 13	Speaker To Be Confirmed	
Board Meeting	October 27	Symmes Library	6:00-8:30 and on Zoom
Judging Center		Civic Garden Center	Judging Starts at 1 pm
GCOS Members Meeting	November 10	David Sorokowski	<i>Paphiopedilums</i>
Board Meeting	November 24	Library	6:00-8:30 and on Zoom
<i>Holiday Celebration</i>	<i>December 6</i>	<i>Scout Achievement Building</i>	<i>2:00-4:00 Event (Place reserved 1:00-5:00)</i>
<i>GCOS 2027 Orchid Show</i>	<i>April 3,4 2027</i>	<i>Scout Achievement Building</i>	Mark Your Calendars!



Bulbophyllum mastersianum
Grown and Photo by Nicole Kendle