

# THE GREATER CINCINNATI ORCHID SOCIETY

## May 2025 Newsletter

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### Nicholas Rust on Artificial Lighting, *Simplified*

May 13, 2025 Meeting 7:00 pm, *In Person*



The boom of new, effective, and inexpensive grow lights has filled many hobbyists with an excitement to expand their growing area into previously unusable spaces. However, the technology and terms behind these grow lights has created an equally large flood of confusion about "which light is right?" This talk explains how to navigate this newer method of growing *without* all the confusing terms and graphs. We also discuss several ways to use your new lights, ranging from organized, efficient setups to aesthetic, home-grown displays.

**Plants for sale will be provided with this talk** as well as links and discount codes for some of his favorite grow lights!

May 13, 2025

6:00 pm

### Beginners' Meeting

#### *Topics:*

*Where to Find Reliable Orchid Information on the Web*

#### *How to Read Plant Tags*

And, of course, there will be time for general questions and answers.

## Native Orchid Fieldtrip, This Saturday May 10, Shawnee State Park in Eastern Ohio



*Cypripedium pubescens*,  
photo by Ken Mettler

The spring orchids in southwestern OH are going strong and you can see them this Saturday, May 10, from about 9:00-4:00.

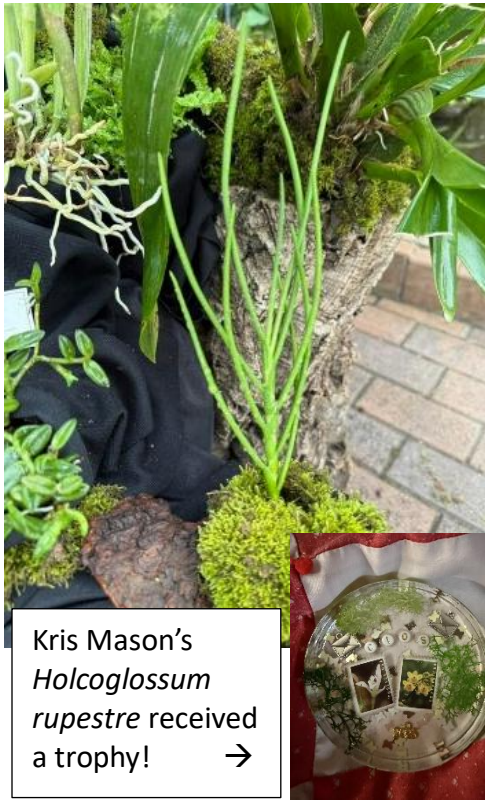
The Native Orchid Preservation and Education Society (NOPES) has invited GCOS to share their fieldtrip to Shawnee State Park near West Portsmouth, Ohio. Hiking is minimal but it's been wet enough, the ground may be muddy in places, and a trekking pole is a good friend. Pack a lunch and water. Don't forget insect and sun protection too. The pink and yellow lady's slippers are abundant right now. This is the perfect area to view them as well as other wildflowers.



*Cypripedium acaule*  
photo by Ken Mettler

**If you are interested, text or email Teresa Huesman and she will give you the location to meet up with her at 9 a.m. to carpool Saturday. Her email is [huesmantj@aol.com](mailto:huesmantj@aol.com) or text/call 513-673-5434.**

## Report of GCOS at the Central Indiana Orchid Society Show



**Thirteen ribbons** were awarded to the GCOS entrants at the Central Indiana Orchid Show on April 26.



A Blue Ribbon for Kris's  
*Cymbidium Spark Sprite*

*Rhynchobrassoleya Copper Queen* was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place for Joel Mattes.



## Report of the Open House April 27:

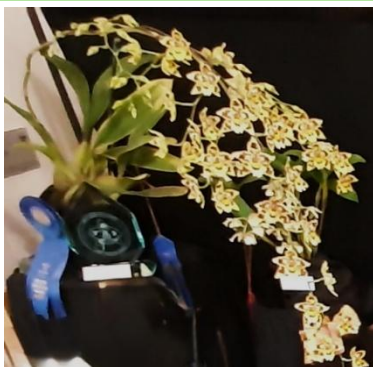


**Seventeen guests** attended the first Open House of the year on Sunday, April 27. Among them were several of Shirley Holt's neighbors who were delighted to receive information about GCOS and orchid growing.

The growing area in the dining room featured various lighting setups. In response to questions, a variety of culture techniques were discussed and demonstrated.



## Ann Tsui's Favorite Orchid: *Odcdm Derek Cotton*, 'John's Chuzpah' HCC/AOS



*Odcdm Derek Cotton*, 'John's Chuzpah' HCC/AOS is a fantastic orchid. On a 6-foot-long curving inflorescence, 70 perfect 2-inch blooms eventually were open at the same time. At our Show it received the Larry Sanford Award for Best Oncidium. But the best part is its history.

This is an old plant. It originated from John Dougherty in Ontario Canada. I bought this orchid from Russ Vernon. It was given to Russ by Larry Sanford, an avid Odont grower. So...Larry Sanford's plant received the Larry Sanford Award!

## Upcoming Meetings and Events:

SPEAKER/EVENT	DATE	ORGANIZATION	TOPIC
Fieldtrip to Shawnee, Eastern Ohio	May 10	Conservation Committee	Join NOPES Fieldtrip
Nicholas Rust	May 13	Rusty Exotics	Artificial Lighting
Jan Yates	June 10	GCOS Meeting	Orchids on the Australia and New Zealand Trip
GCOS/MVOS Picnic	June 14	Emmanuel Church, Dayton	Orchid Auction, Food, Fun
Ohio Valley Orchid Fest	August 23-26	MVOS, MAOC, AOS	Speakers! Venders! Judging!
Members and Beginners Meetings	September 9	GCOS Meeting	Speaker to be Arranged
Sarah Hurdell	October 14	Needmore Orchids	Orchid Pests
Annual Members Meeting	November 11	GCOS Meeting	Speaker to be Arranged

