



# The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society

<https://cincinnatiorchids.org>

## October 2020 Newsletter

The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society hopes everyone is staying healthy. Be sure to catch all the changes to our activities as we social distance. While we normally meet at the Civic Garden Center, we plan, at present, to meet online with Zoom. We will be emailing Zoom meeting information for our society and for other societies as they offer their meetings to our members. We are also sharing members' orchids with an online Show-and-Tell.



Cattleya harrisoniana 'Volcano Queen' AM/AOS  
Photo by Rick Noel

### President's Note

Greetings

I hope everyone has had a safe and healthy summer. We are continuing Zoom meetings for the rest of this year and into next year if we have to. We will keep you posted for updates.

We have some great speakers lined up for the rest of the year. If you have any thoughts on future presenters, please let me know and we will try and make it happen. Zoom meetings will allow us to go far and wide for presenters and topics we have never heard at our society meetings in the past.

Please read the upcoming newsletters, emails and website for society updates. Let's hope we get back to normal ASAP. Until next time, Happy Orchid Growing and Good Health.

John Jaworski

## **GCOS Mini Show and Sale October 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Krohn Conservatory**

Since the usual fall shows have been canceled, the society is encouraging members to support two of its regular vendors and see some members' blooming plants at Krohn Conservatory, Friday October 17<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The vendors are Littlefrog Farm (Rob Halgren) and Windswept in Time (Edward Stehli).

Sales tables will be set up in Krohn's lobby as usual – masks and social distancing required which means ten people will be in the sales area at any one time. If you have your eyes on specific plants from either vendors, you can contact Rob ([www.littlefrogfarm.com](http://www.littlefrogfarm.com)) or Edgar ([www.windsweptorchids.com](http://www.windsweptorchids.com)) in advance. And if you know of friends who have empty window or bench space for plants, tell them about our vendors.

Orchid displays will all be tabletops – we thank Krohn for providing the tables and entries will be ribbon judged by a team of society members. If you have a fine plant to show, email your plant's name (and species/hybrid info) to Dana White [dlw@zoomtown.com](mailto:dlw@zoomtown.com) by Thursday evening and have your plant(s) at Krohn by 5 p.m. Friday October 16<sup>th</sup>. An alternative is to drop plants off before Friday at Jan Yates's, 4110 Rose Hill Avenue (in the vestibule between the pair of front doors) or at Jeanne Rhinehart's, 6222 LeRoy Place.

All setup is Friday October 16<sup>th</sup> after 5 p.m. when Krohn closes to the public. It will be much simpler than usual. We need a few volunteers to cover vendor tables, help Rob and Edgar get plants in and set up the society table displays. Teardown is Sunday at 5 p.m. and we do everything in reverse. Masks are required for both.

We will be feeding the vendors Friday night and over the weekend so donations welcome.

Email Jeanne Rhinehart [jeanws@me.com](mailto:jeanws@me.com) if you can bring in food, help with set up, tear down, displays or if you will have plants. A plant count is especially helpful so Krohn sets up enough tables.

## **GCOS October Zoom Meeting**

**October 6, 6:30 pm – business meeting**

**7:00 pm – Fred Clark**

The business meeting for October is very important. Dana White will be presenting the 2021 Budget for consideration and discussion. Nominated directors are David Allen, Ann Tsui, and Christa Speights. Voting on budget and slate of directors will be at the society business meeting in November.

## **Fred Clark speaking on "Becoming an 80 Percentile Grower"**

Ever wonder what the most important requirements are for growing the best orchids?

Learn about the underlying reasons of how and why orchids grow as they do. Then explore the fundamentals and advanced growing techniques to best grow them. Orchid plant culture is explained as you have never heard it before. Learn how to become an 80 percentile grower, expect to be wowed by this talk!

The presenter will be Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids in Vista. Fred has been growing orchids for 42 years and has been hybridizing for 38 of those years. With over 34 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery; Sunset Valley Orchids, located in San Diego, California.

He is a passionate orchid grower whose curiosity in orchids is broad and varied. Although developing Cattleya hybrids has been his sustaining interest, he is also actively creating new Paphiopedilum and Aussie Dendrobium hybrids plus some others to be named if they work out!

His pioneering work in Catasetum intergeneric hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids, most recently the grex, Fredclarkeara After Dark, which produced “the blackest flower ever witnessed”. This grex has received over 100 awards worldwide with nine FCC’s and thirty AM’s from the AOS judges!

Fred is an Accredited Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region. His plants have received hundreds of quality awards from the American Orchid Society.

### **Sunset Valley Orchids ZOOM Meeting Discount**

Sunset Valley Orchids offers a 20% discount on all plant orders from your club members. The special voucher code is **ZOOM**. When you check out, type **ZOOM** into the voucher code box on the shopping cart page and click 'RECALCULATE' to apply the discount. This special discount is additive to the existing discount schedule, making for an excellent opportunity.

**You can find his available plants at:**

<http://www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com>

### **Zoom Meeting Login**

Topic: GCOS October Zoom Meeting

Time: Oct 6, 2020 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

## **Miami Valley Orchid Society October Zoom Meeting**

Wednesday October 14th, 2020 7:00 PM Social and Culture Questions 6:30 PM Zoom Meeting

Speaker: Hadley Cash- Marriott Orchids

Topic: Cutting Edge Complex Paphs and How to Grow Them

Here is the meeting login information:

Topic: October MVOS Meeting- Hadley Cash

Time: Oct 14, 2020 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81869927683>

Meeting ID: 818 6992 7683

## **Future GCOS Zoom Meetings**

**November 3:** Kristen Uthus of New World Orchids

**December 1:** Our Zoom December Activities

## **GCOS Board Meeting**

The next Zoom board meeting will be 7:00 pm Tuesday, October 27.

## **GCOS Membership 2021**

By GCOS Board decision, all 2020 members will automatically have their memberships extended through 2021. Although dues for 2021 are optional, regular dues and/or contributions are gratefully accepted. Judicious management of GCOS funds over the years has provided adequate fiscal stability to carry us through these “bumpy” times. We do ask that every member complete the 2021 form with updated information.

Membership form is below.

## **Your Orchid Photos on Our Web**

If you want to send to send your photos with a short description and the name of the plant and your name to Jeanne Rhinehart [jeanws@me.com](mailto:jeanws@me.com).

## **Cincinnati Judging Center**

It looks like Sunday, October 11th will be the next session of the Cincinnati Judging Center at the Civic Garden Center. The doors will open at 12:30 and we will begin judging at 1:00. We will use the same procedures that we used in September. These are the guidelines from Alexa Noel [alexa.h.noel@gmail.com](mailto:alexa.h.noel@gmail.com)

1. We will not have training.
2. Masks are required for everyone (Ohio requires masks in all public places.)
3. Social distancing of 6 plus feet between individuals is required.
4. Judges that opt not to attend will not be penalized for the absence.
5. There will be no food, therefore no eating in the venue. Drinks are okay as long as the masks stay in place. (straws etc.)
6. Please do not come if you feel sick, have a fever or if someone in your household is ill.
7. Please advise me if you plan to attend so that team layout and furniture plans can be made.
8. The public will be allowed to attend. They must comply with mask and social distancing procedures. They must also notify me ahead of time so that we can make sure there is ample space for everyone. We must have a safe distance between individuals. If Hamilton County stays red, check the website or contact Alexa to see that judging is still on.

## **Budget**

At first glance there is a lot of red on the 2020 budget to date and the 2021 budget proposal and there is. But these two years are very different than any other in history. I hope this helps. An explanation follows:

We are hoping that 2021 will be a more normal year with a few exceptions:

We are offering a year of free membership if wanted to everyone who paid their membership for 2020.

We are hoping for a “vendors’ day” for the vendors who have been so loyal to us at our shows to help them with some excess inventory. It is supposed to be a break-even event.

To save money in the long run, we will pay 2 years dues for MAOC and AOS.

We are adding in \$500 for “Member Benefits” including no charge for the Holiday party and a couple meetings a year where we have food brought in like pizza or something.

We have a storage space to pay for this year. MVOS will pay a part of this cost but not known how much at this time so I am deducting the entire amount.

There is another new category this year called “Capital Expenses”. The biggest part of this is to rehab the backdrops used at our shows. MVOS should chip in on this amount, too, but using \$2000.00 as a base.

I left the 2019 budget on here for some comparison.



GCOS 2021 Budget Planning												
	Income	2019 Budget			2019 Actual	2020 Budget			2020 Actual	2021 Budget		
		Expense	Net	Income		Expense	Net	Income		Expense	Net	
<b>Programs</b>												
Speakers	\$0.00	(\$2,000.00)	(\$2,000.00)	(\$844.51)	\$0.00	(\$2,000.00)	(\$2,000.00)	(\$150.00)	\$0.00	(\$2,000.00)	(\$2,000.00)	
Spring Show	\$2,200.00	(\$1,430.00)	\$770.00	\$1,482.76	\$2,110.00	(\$600.00)	\$1,510.00	\$595.38	\$2,110.00	(\$1,000.00)	\$1,110.00	
Fall Show	\$2,200.00	(\$1,430.00)	\$770.00	(\$130.00)	\$2,110.00	(\$1,100.00)	\$1,010.00	\$0.00	\$2,110.00	(\$1,100.00)	\$1,010.00	
Potting Bees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$69.00	\$0.00	(\$100.00)	(\$100.00)	(\$53.00)	\$100.00	(\$20.00)	\$80.00	
Picnic	\$200.00	(\$200.00)	\$0.00	\$263.80	\$400.00	(\$200.00)	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	(\$200.00)	\$200.00	
Holiday Party	\$400.00	(\$300.00)	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	(\$300.00)	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Conservation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	(\$500.00)	(\$250.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Plant Sales	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	
Summer Seminar	\$1,800.00	(\$1,800.00)	\$0.00	\$386.15	\$2,000.00	(\$2,000.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	(\$2,000.00)	\$0.00	
Vendor's Day									\$400.00 <sup>2</sup>	(\$400.00)	\$0.00	
<b>Membership</b>												
GCOS	\$1,500.00	(\$400.00)	\$1,100.00	\$1,277.14	\$1,500.00	(\$400.00)	\$1,100.00	\$897.02	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	
Civic Garden Center	\$0.00	(\$35.00)	(\$35.00)	(\$45.00)	\$0.00	(\$45.00)	(\$45.00)	(\$45.00)	\$0.00	(\$45.00)	(\$45.00)	
MAOC	\$0.00	(\$60.00)	(\$60.00)	(\$98.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 <sup>1</sup>	\$0.00	(\$60.00) <sup>4</sup>	(\$60.00)	
AOS	\$0.00	(\$120.00)	(\$120.00)	(\$125.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$153.00) <sup>4</sup>	(\$153.00)	
Krohn Membership									\$0.00	(\$75.00)	(\$75.00)	
member benefits									\$0.00	(\$500.00)	(\$500.00)	
<b>General</b>												
CGC Rent	\$0.00	(\$1,100.00)	(\$1,100.00)	(\$974.00)	\$0.00	(\$974.00)	(\$974.00)	\$	\$0.00	(\$974.00)	(\$974.00)	
Insurance	\$0.00	(\$900.00)	(\$900.00)	(\$850.00)	\$0.00	(\$900.00)	(\$900.00)	(\$869.00)	\$0.00	(\$900.00)	(\$900.00)	
US and Ohio Fees	\$0.00	(\$50.00)	(\$50.00)	(\$100.00)	\$0.00	(\$100.00)	(\$100.00)	\$	\$0.00	(\$100.00)	(\$100.00)	
Recognition Gifts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$105.95)	\$0.00	(\$200.00)	(\$200.00)	\$	\$0.00	(\$200.00)	(\$200.00)	
Donations	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$170.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	
Misc	\$0.00	(\$20.00)	(\$20.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Storage Space					\$0.00	(\$331.45)	(\$331.45)		\$0.00	(\$1,023.48)	(\$1,023.48)	
Capital Expense <sup>3</sup>									\$0.00	(\$2,000.00)	(\$2,000.00)	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,000.00</b>	<b>(\$9,845.00)</b>	<b>(\$845.00)</b>	<b>\$376.39</b>	<b>\$9,420.00</b>	<b>(\$9,750.45)</b>	<b>(\$332.45)</b>		<b>\$7,970.00</b>	<b>(\$13,050.48)</b>	<b>(\$5,080.48)</b>	
								\$875.40				
<sup>1</sup> Paid for 2 years in 2019												
<sup>2</sup> Charge only to cover cost of venue												
<sup>3</sup> Backdrop rehab, cost of possibly renting venue												
<sup>4</sup> Cost of membership for 2 years												

## Orchid of the Month Pleione(plee-OH-nee) maculata

(click on link above for pronunciation)

Known as The Spotted Pleione. *Pleione maculata* (Pln) is also referred to as a 'Windowsill' plant that to many. They are easy to grow.

The genus *Pleione* is in the Tribe Coelogyneae and is closely related to the genus *Coelogyne*. *Pleione* contains 24 species and 8 natural hybrids. *Pleione maculata* has been awarded 11 times and used in creating 10 registered crosses.

*Pleione maculata* is a cool to cold (warmest-growing *Pleione* species) growing small sized sympodial terrestrial orchid species that is found from Taiwan west through China to Nepal, including parts of Thailand, Myanmar, Laos and Vietnam at 1968 to 5248 ft. elevations. They are usually found growing in highland primary cloud forests.

Pseudobulb is 1 " long, glossy, dark green and barrel shaped. A well-grown pseudobulb will produce two more each year. Two 4 – 10 in. long leaves. A spike arises from the base of the bulb in the autumn after the leaves have fallen off. Later blooms follow on a rather short 2.5 – 3.5 in. two flowered inflorescence.

Large showy flat flowers are 1.6" to 2.5" across with creamy white sepals and petals that are sometimes streaked with pink. The lip is wavy margined with white, yellow and purple in the center with side lobes yellow with burgundy flares. Flowers can last up to 4 weeks and have the scent of apple. There are several varieties of this species.

*Pleione maculata* is typically grown in a clay pot. Media should retain moisture but drain rapidly after watering. Media is made up of sphagnum or peat mixed with perlite at a 1:1 ratio. Repot after leaves have dropped. Summer temperatures average from 70-76°F during the day and 55-68°F during the night. Winter days average 55-64°F and nights average 39-48°F. Grow in dappled light conditions between 2400-3000 ft. candles. Plenty of air movement is recommended. Water and fertilizer frequency will depend on when it is actively growing and its growing conditions. Relative humidity should be between 85-95% depending on the time of year.

Happy Growing

John Jaworski

## **Puzzle for October**

Find the Orchids!





There are 6 orchids in the photo below. Some are in bud and none are fully open.



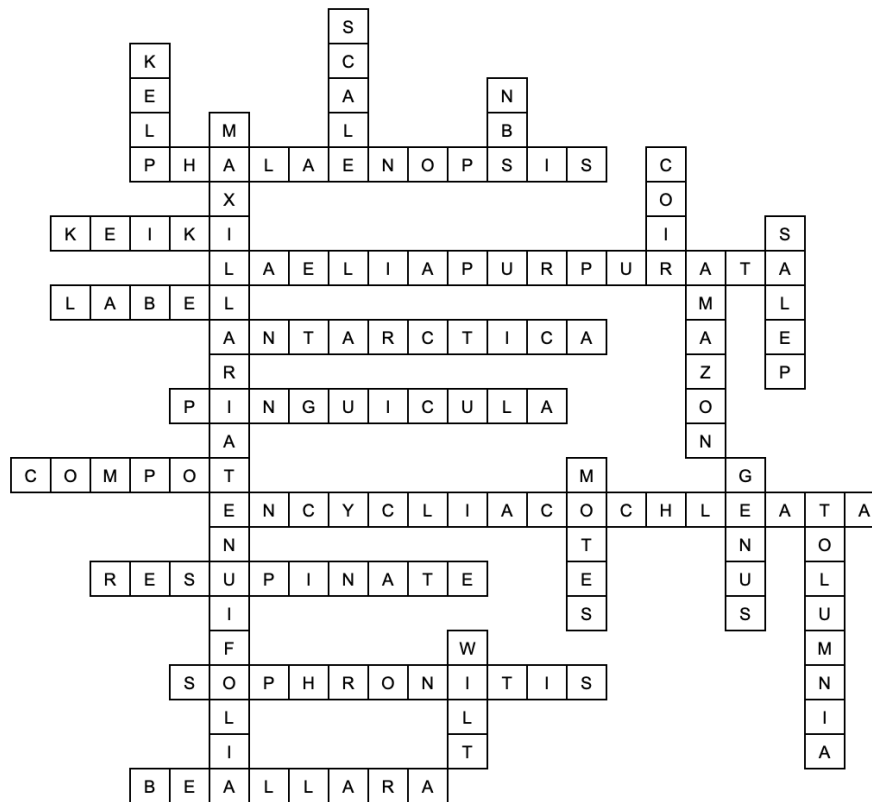
*Spiranthes magnicamporum* or Great Plains Ladies'-Tresses is presently in bloom at Lynx Prairie. If you go to see them, be sure to smell them as they have a pleasing fragrance. Only one was in full bloom. They are one of the five or six species of *Spiranthes* in bloom in the fall.

The photo at right is the most completely open specimen at present.





# September Orchid Puzzle of the Month by Solution



## Across

- 5 moth orchid
- 7 offshoot from some monopodials
- 9 Brazilian treasure
- 11 easily lost identifier
- 12 orchid-less continent
- 13 carnivorous fungus gnat grabber
- 14 orchid seedling nursery?
- 17 'clamshell' orchid
- 19 upside down
- 21 prominent red contributor to Cattleya hybrids
- 22 four Oncidium alliance members make this up

## Down

- 1 orchid pest
- 2 processed for growth enhancement
- 3 close to blooming size
- 4 cocoanut aroma maker
- 6 orchid medium
- 8 flour from some Orchis species for desserts, beverages, drugs
- 10 orchid rich S.A. region
- 15 Fla. Vanda grower
- 16 like surname in humans
- 18 Caribbean twig dwellers
- 20 rarely exhibited by orchids

# 2020 All State Orchid Societies Meeting

Hosted by the following Orchid Societies:  
 Ann Arbor, Grand Valley, Greater Lansing, Kalamazoo/Dunes,  
 Michigan, Northwestern Michigan, Saginaw Valley  
**Oct 10th, 2020 at 1:00 PM**



**Alexander Hirtz**  
 Quito, Ecuador

**“The Pleurothallis Alliance”**

Zoom meeting information

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81839660746?pwd=UUI3emZINm9La1ZlVUxHdVZscGJkZz09>

Meeting ID 818 3966 0746 Passcode 917272

For more info call or e-mail Ioana Sonea  
 517-614 9120 or isandcmb@sbcglobal.net

Everyone Welcome

## American Orchid Society Webinars

You must register. <https://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>

## Webinars-Coming Attractions!






<b>When</b>	<b>October 06, 2020</b> 8:30pm EDT Tuesday	<b>October 20, 2020</b> 8:30pm EDT Tuesday	<b>November 10, 2020</b> 8:30pm EST Tuesday	<b>December 02, 2020</b> 8:30pm EST Wednesday
<b>Topic</b>	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Paphiopedilums, Their Care and Understanding	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Ron McHatton</b> Chief Education and Science Officer	<b>Dave Sorokowsky</b> Owner Paph Paradise Awarded grower and AOS Judge	<b>Ron McHatton</b> Chief Education and Science Officer	<b>Ron McHatton</b> Chief Education and Science Officer



# Orchid Digest International Speakers Day: A Virtual Experience

Sat, Oct 31, 2020 12:30 PM - 5:30 PM EDT

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**Price: 30.00 USD**

Join us for the Orchid Digest International Speakers Day. Speakers include Lourens Grobler, Afri Orchids, Pretoria, South Africa; Andrea Niessen, Orquideas del Valle, Cali, Colombia; Lou Jost, EcoMinga Foundation, Baños, Ecuador; and Alek Zaslowski, AWZ Orquídeas, Vitória, Brazil. The proceedings will be recorded and all registrants will receive an e-mail the next day with a link to the recording. Thanks to generous donors, all non-members will receive a complimentary one-year subscription to the Orchid Digest!!!! All registrants will be eligible for our Speakers Day raffle. Prizes include gift certificates from our sponsors and memberships (or renewal of your membership) for the lucky winners. Sam Tsui of the Orchid Inn is offering to all registrants a 10% discount on purchases beginning October 17 through November 6. The discount code will be sent to you on October 15th. Sponsors to date include Sunset Valley Orchids, Ecuagenera, Woodstream Orchids, Tropical Orchid Farm, Waldor Orchids, Cal-Orchid, and Paph Paradise, Andy's Orchids, Santa Barbara Orchid Estate.



## GCOS Social Media

GCOS Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/687922501752919/>

GCOS Facebook Page

[https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=greater%20cincinnati%20orchid%20society&epa=SEARCH\\_BOX](https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=greater%20cincinnati%20orchid%20society&epa=SEARCH_BOX)

## Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society Board of Directors

President	John Jaworski	Director	Syndi Wilhelm
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**THE GREATER CINCINNATI ORCHID SOCIETY**  
**2021 Membership Application**  
Please Print

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<b>DATE</b>	
<b>NAME</b>	
<b>Names in family membership</b>	
<b>STREET ADDRESS</b>	
<b>CITY, STATE, ZIP</b>	
<b>PHONE #1</b>	
<b>PHONE #2</b>	
<b>E-MAIL ADDRESS PLEASE PRINT</b>	

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.

	<b>RATE</b>	<b>YOUR PAYMENT</b>
<b>INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP</b>	\$25	
<b>FAMILY MEMBERSHIP</b>	\$30	
<b>STUDENT MEMBERSHIP</b>	\$10	
<b>DONATIONS, to support GCOS (identify any restrictions)</b>		
	<b>YOUR TOTAL:</b>	

You may join/renew your membership in one of two ways:

- 1) Send the form to: Roger Miller, 11566 Rose Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45246
- 2) 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 most people who itemize their deductions.