



The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society

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May 2020 Newsletter

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The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society hopes everyone is staying healthy and hoping for an orchid fix! We are hoping to find some activities to interest and educate our group. 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. Please check our website for updates.

President's Note

Greetings

I hope everyone continues to be doing well during the pandemic. I have not heard otherwise. In-person orchid related events for many societies continues to be on hold because of health safety restrictions. Places such as the Civic Garden Center and Krohn Conservatory where we meet and hold our events follow these restrictions and will ultimately decide how their operations will go forward. They will let us know when it is safe to meet again at these locations. However, even if it is "Safe" to meet some of our members out of caution will not attend until they feel it is safe for them to do so.

Miami Valley Orchid Society (MVOS) volunteered to take preorders from Wayne Roberts, Roberts Flower Supply and preorders for Orchiata Bark. Supplies received were held for members to pick up and has been a great way to help our members with much needed supplies, especially during this time of repotting our orchids. Kudos to MVOS for thinking about us when setting this up.

Attached is a document with orchids being offered for sale from Russ Vernon, New Vision Orchids. Edgar and Kim Stehli, Windswept in Time Orchids recently did the same thing and

many of us purchased some outstanding plants. This is a great way to support our local orchid vendors that help make our events a success and give us an orchid fix at the same time.

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.

GCOS May Meeting Plans

For our May meeting we will join with MVOS to hear our planned speaker, Doug Martin, over Zoom. The information for this meeting is included below. For those of you who have never used Zoom before and all other members who want to participate, we will hold two GCOS meetings on Monday May 11th, 2020 7:00 PM and Tuesday May 12th 7:00 PM as practice sessions and a time to talk to some of our friends. It will be a Q & A for using Zoom and try to answer any orchid questions that may come up. You can view Zoom on any computer, laptop, tablet or smart phone that has a microphone. A camera allows all to see each other. Most smart phones have a Zoom app available for download. Please see that your machine has the microphone and camera turned on. When you log in, it helps to mute your volume except when you want to speak. The information for Monday evening and Tuesday evening logins are listed below that of Wednesday's meeting information. If anyone has a problem setting up Monday, Jeanne Rhinehart will work with you as the meeting goes on and if necessary, will host a second practice session on Tuesday. We want everyone to be able to hear Doug! Jeanne's email is jeanws@me.com. If you have any questions her cell is 513-383-3805 and you can call before the meeting with questions.

Wednesday May 13th, 2020 7:00 PM
Social and Culture Questions 6:30 PM
Zoom Meeting

Speaker: Doug Martin, Ph.D.

Topic: The Birds, The Bees and the Orchids

Join us for our May meeting to learn about how orchids reproduce! We will again be using the Zoom online meeting format.

Doug lives in a suburb of Kansas City with his wife and fellow orchid lover, Beth. He started growing orchids in 1991. He grows a mixed collection of about 200 tropical orchids in a basement light room. He also grows about 40-50 species and hybrids of *Cypripediums* and other hardy orchids in his outdoor growing area and 50+ species of winter green Mediterranean orchids under lights in his garage. He has published articles on growing *Cypripediums* in the Slipper Orchid Alliance Journal and the North American Native Orchid Journal. Doug is a student AOS judge and also serves as Treasurer of the Slipper Orchid Alliance. He has been of the President of the Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City and the Mid-America Orchid Congress and previously served as chairman of the Mid-America Conservation Committee for seven years. Doug has a Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry. Before retiring in 2016 from teaching chemistry at Penn Valley Community College in Kansas City, Missouri he worked in biomedical research and ran an orchid lab.

Here is the meeting login information:

Topic: May MVOS Meeting with Doug Martin

Time: May 13, 2020 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Monday May 11th, 2020 7:00 PM

GCOS Q & A Zoom Meeting

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Tuesday May 12th, 2020 7:00 PM

GCOS Q & A Zoom Meeting

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Ohio Valley Seminar

Due to Covid-19 concerns, the Board has decided to postpone the July seminar until the summer of 2021. The Civic Garden Center is not large enough to handle social distancing for our lectures and at present meeting sizes are still limited.

The Joint GCOS and MVOS Picnic

The Board is looking into the possibility of rescheduling the picnic for some time in August. Plans for this will depend on our ability to have a group this size at a given location and determine how food can be safely served.

Future Society Meetings and the Beginners' Group

The Board is looking at getting more presenters with Zoom for our June society meeting and Beginners' meeting and may have other Zoom meetings throughout the summer along with another hike to see native orchids if permitted in the state.

Vendors' Day Orchid Fest

A group of members are working with MVOS to organize a Vendors' Day at a local outdoor venue to help support our great vendors. We have a joint planning committee and hope to have information available to use as soon as possible. Late August to early September is the timeline at present. Our vendors have taken large losses with the shows being canceled after they had purchased plants to sell. Without our vendors our orchid habits would be hard to support!

GCOS Fall Show

At present the Society is going ahead with plans for our fall show. Planning must start now to ensure success. We will follow state and local health and safety guidelines in our plans. If we are to have a fall show on October 17th and 18th, we need volunteers! We need volunteers to organize hospitality for the show, to oversee the society display, to oversee the beginners' group display, to organize the society table volunteers. We also need volunteers to support each of these along with setup and tear down and clerking. As we are not having in person meetings with signup sheets, we need you to email that you are volunteering for any of these. We must have volunteers to even consider having the show.

Email to the Show Chair Jeanne Rhinehart jeanws@me.com.

Trip to see Native Orchids

GCOS is rescheduling the trip to Shawnee State Park with NOPEs

<https://nativeorchidpreservationeducationsociety.com>. The trip will be a car drive around the park and short hike to see *Cypripedium acaule* the Pink Lady's-Slipper, *Cypripedium parviflorum* var. *pubescens* Large Yellow Lady's-Slipper, and *Galearis spectabilis* Showy Orchis and some other wildflowers and maybe another orchid or two. Most are along the road and only require stepping out of the car. Shawnee State Park is about 2 hours east of Cincinnati. To keep up with social distancing we expect to not carpool. I was there the last two weeks, and the orchids are up and open! There is also a beautiful field of Indian Paintbrush in a field along State Route 125. We are looking at Saturday May 16 and meeting at the UDF in West Union 735 E Main St, West Union, OH 45693 around 10:30 AM. We would spend a couple of hours and go to 3 areas. You would need to pack a lunch and bring water and insect repellent. Boots would not be necessary. Restrooms may be limited although there are gas stations nearby. On Route 41 in West Union there is a McDonalds, Wendy's and Taco Bell.

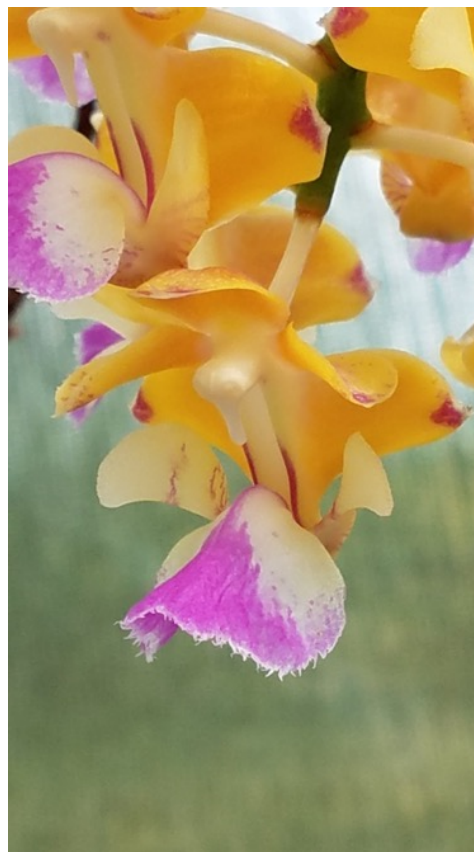
Email me if you are interested jeanws@me.com.

Your Orchid Photos

We have a page on our website to show what our members are growing. If you want to send to send your photos with a short description and the name of the plant and your name, my email is jeanws@me.com.



Orchid of the Month *Aerides* (AIR-eh-deez) *houlettiana*



Known as Houlet's *Aerides* and named for Houlet, a 19th Century French gardener who was Director of Plant Conservatories in Paris, France.

The genus *Aerides* is in the Vanda Alliance. The species *houlettiana* has been awarded 30 times and used in creating 37 crosses.

Aerides houlettiana is an epiphytic warm to hot growing medium to large sized orchid species that is native to Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos (Southeast Asia) at 0 to 700-meter elevations. Habitat is evergreen, semi-deciduous and deciduous forests under bright indirect light conditions (2500-3500-foot candles during summer months).

There are up to 20 or more yellow with reddish-purple fleshy flowers of *Aerides houlettiana* found on pendulous inflorescences. Flowers are 1½" to 2" and very fragrant reminiscent of citrus and spice.

Aerides houlettiana is usually grown hanging with or without baskets, mounted, or in pots. Summer temperatures on average range from 70-95°F and 60-70°F during the winter. Plenty of air movement needed. Watering frequency will depend on how it is grown.

Hanging/mounted plants may need watering daily to every third day with some influence from sunlight levels. Potted plants should be watered at least twice a week during the summer. Type of media may also influence watering schedule. *Aerides* are heavy feeders. Relative humidity should be between 50-70°. Spanish moss may be draped over roots to help retain moisture for absorption.

Happy Growing
John Jaworski