



The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society

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June 2022 Newsletter

The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society hopes everyone is staying healthy. Our April meeting will be in person and over Zoom. We meet in person at our new meeting site in the Scout Achievement Center of the Dan Beard Council, Boy Scouts of America, 10078 Reading Road, Cincinnati, OH 45241. Meetings start at 6:15 pm with our beginners' class. The main meeting will start at 7:00 pm. We are also sharing members' orchids with an online Show-and-Tell.

President's Message

June is busting out all over and I hope that your orchids are doing the same, whether they're outside for the summer or inside. If outside take care to avoid leaf burn from sun, or heat. The leaves should not be hot to the touch. Like us, they might benefit from an occasional shower. This month also provides us with a great talk by one of our intrepid native orchid experts, Jeanne Rhinehart, at our June 14th meeting. Also, we have the return of our annual picnic/auction with the MVOS on the 18th at the BSA—not to be missed! Details follow. See you soon.

Roger

GCOS June 14 Meeting

Beginners group: Phalenopsis and Oncidiums Q & A
Jeanne Rhinehart is speaking on "Native Orchids of Ohio"
Jim France (Oakwood Orchids) will be selling plants.

GCOS/MVOS ANNUAL PICNIC RETURNS!

On Saturday, June 18 at 11 am we shall resume a very popular tradition: our annual picnic/ auction with the Miami Valley Orchid Society. Always a lot of fun with great food and auctions (silent and



Habenaria medusa photo by Rick Noel

traditional). This year GCOS is the host of the event at the Boy Scouts of America (10078 Reading Rd, 45241 [Evandale]) ...where we had our spring show. This is a money raising event for sellers and societies.

DETAILS—FOOD:

- MVOS will bring grilling items (dogs, burgers, etc.)
- GCOS provides beverages, plates, utensils, etc.
- all attendees please bring a dessert or side item to share entire event is inside!

AUCTIONS:

- Silent-books, potting media, plants (struggling, marginal condition, ok))
- will end when the traditional auction ends

Traditional: For those new to the auction(s), 80% of sales go to the seller, 20% to the society to which you belong. Sellers will receive their funds in the form of a check from GCOS treasurer, David Allen with 2 weeks following the auction.

- Rick and Alexa Noel will handle the financial transactions
- We will have our credit card reader up and going, but checks and cash are ok, too.
- Please, plants in clean condition.
- Sellers and buyers register before auction
- Barry Jones and Jim France will be auctioneers
- NO chicken auction
- Great opportunity to acquire a variety of plants, some unusual, rare.
- Plants will be auctioned in blocked sequences (e.g. when all sellers have one plant auctioned, that sequence of sellers starts over, etc.)

ADDITIONALLY:

- There will be some freebies
- You may bring a comfortable chair of your liking, but BSA chairs will be provided.
- There will be bark and perlite in the silent auction
- Volunteers: needed for food presentation on tables, set-up and tear-down, plant/auction set-up.
- 11 am to noon set-up, plant registration
- Noon to 1pm EAT!
- 1 pm auction begins

VOLUNTEERS:

- sign up at June 14 meeting, or
- e-mail to rogermilleroboe@gmail.com or agtsui@zoomtown.com (Ann Tsui)

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Ohio Valley Orchid Fest	August 26-28	Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Trip to Chicagoland Orchid Festival	September 22 nd – 25 th	Chicago, IL - Natts Orchids, Hauserman Orchids and others

Hospitality for Meetings

June	Joel Mattes & Jan Yates
September	Needed
October	Needed
November	Needed

Cedar Bog Nature Preserve Trip Report Conservation Committee

The Cedar Bog Nature Preserve Trip on Saturday June 11 was a SUCCESS! Excellent weather was enjoyed by 8 participants. A light wind even kept the mosquitoes away.



Abundant Showy Lady's Slippers (*Cypripedium reginae*) were blooming alone or in bushy clumps, often close enough to the boardwalk for excellent photo opportunities.



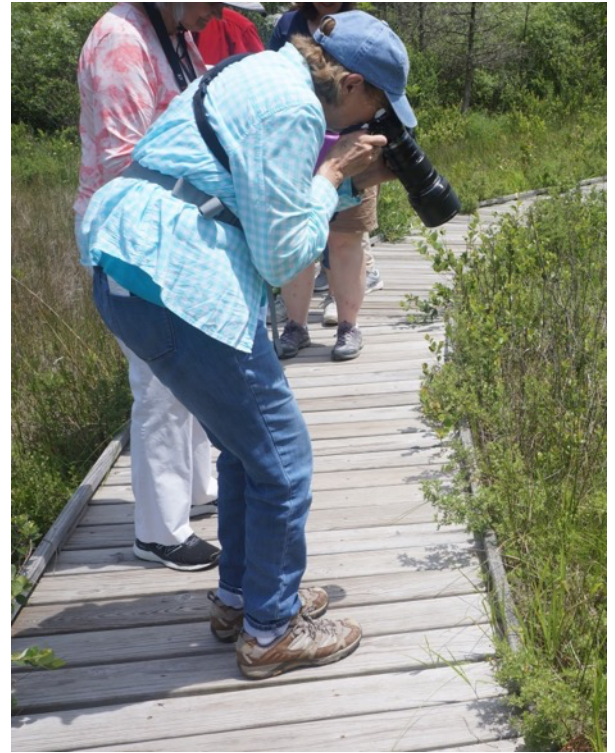


A special treat was to see the first of the season Grass Pink (*Calapogon tuberosus*) in bloom with 4 more buds on the spike. In 2-3 weeks many more will join this one. In 2-3 weeks many more will join this one.

Also delighting us were the tiny sundews and a variety of wildflowers, including a rare type of swamp milkweed.



Dragonflies appeared including the rare Elfin Skimmer dragonfly pictured here and the Common White Tailed dragonfly, as well as damselflies.



In all, the cooperative weather, minimal bugs, stupendous orchids and other lovely wildflowers along with interesting creatures combined to make this a very enjoyable experience.

Photos by Pat O'Connor, Ann and Dan Tsui

Ann Tsui

Orchid of the Month – June

Dendrobium aphyllum

The genus *Dendrobium* is in the Tribe Dendrobieae. *Dendrobium* has currently over 1800 accepted species. The genus has been separated into sections with the main sections being Phalaenanthe, Spatulata, *Dendrobium*, Callista, Latouria and Formosae. These sections are where we find most of the *Dendrobiums* for are collections. The genus was first formally described by Olof Swartz in 1799. The name *Dendrobium* comes from the ancient Greek word dendron meaning “Tree” and Bios meaning “Life”, which has to do with the epiphytic (tree dwelling) habits of many of the *Dendrobium* species. *Dendrobium aphyllum* is in the section *Dendrobium*.

Dendrobium aphyllum has been awarded 38 times by the American Orchid Society. There have been 16 crosses made using *aphyllum*. *Dendrobium aphyllum* is also known as the Leafless Dendrobium.



Dendrobiums are found throughout tropical and subtropical Asia, and the Islands of the south Pacific and into Australia. *Dendrobium aphyllum* is widespread in southeast Asia. and can be found growing from 500 ft to 5900 ft elevations. They usually grow as epiphytes but can be found growing as lithophytes when deforested. They grow in dappled light to bright indirect light conditions *Dendrobium aphyllum* pseudobulbs (also known as canes) are long (over 70" for a well-grown plant) and slender and are slightly swollen at the nodes that are pendent to semierect. New growths start after flowering has ended. Green leaves can be up to 5" long and become smaller at the end of the pseudobulb. The leaves are deciduous (drop off) after each growing season but occasionally can last into a second growing season under the right conditions. Numerous short inflorescences appear at the nodes of the previous year's pseudobulb growth and put on a nice display of blossoms. One to three flowers are up to 2" across and can last up to 3 weeks. Sepals and petals are white to rosey-mauve with a bit of magenta at the tips. The funnel-shaped lip is cream to bright primrose yellow with some purple markings at the base. The flower has the added bonus of smelling like a violet. Well grown specimen plants can have over 3400 flowers. Blooms in North America during April to May.



Dendrobium aphyllum is a cool to warm growing large epiphytic orchid species. Summer day temperatures average 85°F and night temperatures average 71°F. Winter temperatures average 45 - 71°F. Grow in dappled light to bright indirect light conditions between 2500-3500 foot candles. Plenty of air movement is recommended. Relative humidity should be at least 85% during the summer and 75% during the winter months. Water and fertilizer frequency will depend on when it is actively growing and its growing conditions. Water mounted and basket plants every 2 to 3

days or more frequently if humidity is low. Dilute the strength of the fertilizer to about ¼ to ½ the strength recommended and fertilize weekly during the growing season and discontinue fertilizing in winter during the rest cycle.

Dendrobium aphyllum is best grown mounted on tree-fern or cork slab or in baskets. They can be grown in a pot if humidity is difficult to maintain. Media must be fast draining.

Happy Growing
John Jaworski

In Memory of Larry Sanford

This is how many of us in the orchid society remember Larry - surrounded by orchids and his helpers putting in an exhibit at a regional show. I joined the society in the mid 90's and before too long, he was my mentor, training me how to put a good exhibit together - initially doing a trial run in his garage the night before we packed the plants into his van and drove to Dayton or Columbus or Indianapolis to create the exhibit for real. (1st rule of exhibits - turn off the overhead fans in his greenhouse so the best flowers don't lose their heads as they are carried into the garage. 2d rule of exhibits - don't forget rule #1.

He was also an excellent grower with lots of AOS awards and unfailingly generous in sharing divisions of his plants and his wisdom in growing them. But he pushed himself as well experimenting with abandon to grow orchids better. Many of us copied his every move. Who among us does NOT have, in their garage, remnants of various barks, sponge rock, absorbent rock wool, water repellent rock wool, sphagnum moss, Aliflor, peat pots, Air-Cone pots, chunky coir, fine coir, supplemental light fixtures, plastic pots with home-drilled holes and so on - all purchases we made modeling what Larry did in the hope we could also model his success.



Later he was the driving force in establishing the Ohio Valley Seminar because he thought we deserved to buy quality seedlings and hear growing tips from the nation's best orchid growers. All of that reflects what I think is his legacy - he was superb at doing something he loved and he wanted to help us to do the same.

Jan Yates

When I was in college, I was involved in the local orchid society. My mom came to one of the meetings. She was told at that meeting about an upcoming orchid show at the mall in Cincinnati and to ask for Larry Sanford at the show. This was in 1991. Mom went to the show, met Larry and Steve. They just clicked. Larry and mom complimented each other very well and were friends ever since. They traveled to shows together, planned events, you name it, they did it and did it well. Larry was exactly what she needed. Patience once said they were just meant to be friends, that Larry and mom added so much to each other and that she felt so much better knowing mom was there to travel with him and keep him company.

There are so many wonderful memories it is really difficult to pick a few. Larry taught me a lot about displays. We would practice putting together displays in his garage or driveway. He would pick out plants from his growing area and have me find 3 different ways of putting them together to make an effective display. We would literally spend hours in his home putting together complete displays. After I had kids, Patience would hold my baby or babies and watch them while Larry would teach. Sometimes with my mom, sometimes just the two of us. Larry loved going thru his growing areas and showing me all his many plants, his hybrids and why he made the different hybrids and what he hoped to see. He loved tinkering with his growing area and making adjustments to lighting, I loved watching the birds in their back yard while they would talk about life. Share their love of Arizona and southwest art. Share stories about their kids. When Larry wanted you to figure something out, he wouldn't tell you – he'd have you keep talking until you finally said what he wanted you to say and then he would point at his nose and smile. Larry loved to tell stories and I loved listening to him.

Their 50th wedding anniversary was a dinner and celebration with family and friends where they have each of us these wonderful photos of themselves. I still have mine.

One of the last times I visited with him and Patience, he made the comment that he always thought he would change the world. I told him that he did. He definitely took care of everyone's butts. Between his innovations in toilet paper, paper towels and diapers. We have a lot to thank him for. Me personally, I have even more to thank him for in sharing his humor, wit, meticulous engineering personality, being an incredible friend to my mom, helping her thru some really difficult times in her life, teaching me about orchids, sharing his home, his wife and his lovely nature believing in me as a mother and friend. I couldn't have asked for a better mentor or friend.

Kris Mason

In Memory of Larry Sanford by Russ Vernon

I first met Larry over 40 years ago, probably at an orchid show, probably in Cincinnati. His HAW HAW HAW laugh was endearing and was part of his persona for that entire time. His engineering know how for commercial product development used at Proctor and Gamble, resulted in engineering his orchid greenhouse and orchid displays.

We hit it off from the start and had many orchid adventures together. We made it through the then conservative AOS judging program at Ann Arbor. We helped establish the Judging Center in Cincinnati and we shared many judging sessions.

Larry and I along with several other judging friends made trips to Mario and Conni Ferrusi's home in Ontario to judge the St Catherine's Orchid Show. We had several "interesting" crossings back into the US with orchids on board, including after the World Orchid Conference in Vancouver.

No such problems when we flew to visit the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey, Chanel Islands and then visiting some growers in the UK. Patience, Larry's wife, mercifully included in Larry's luggage, ear plugs for me! I made sure to fall asleep before Larry each night.

I and my wife Anita visited Larry and Patience in their home many times after judging at the center in Cincinnati. I always enjoyed viewing Larry's *Odontoglossum* collection and other orchids he grew. After that, all of us would solve many of the world's problems.

I will miss Larry deeply. I can only hope that all of you will have the good fortune of having such a friend at least once in your life!

GCOS Board Meeting

The next in person board meeting will be 7:00 pm Tuesday, June 28. Anyone can attend board meetings. If interested in attending contact Jeanne Rhinehart at jeanws@me.com.

Your Orchid Photos on Our Web

If you want to send your photos with a short description and the name of the plant and your name to Jeanne Rhinehart jeanws@me.com.

Cincinnati Judging Center

There will be a meeting on the second Sunday of each month at 11 am. For information, contact Glenn Evans at glenn.f.evans.09@gmail.com.

American Orchid Society <https://www.aos.org>

The American Orchid Society's website is a great resource for orchid growers. We want to encourage membership. Even nonmembers can find information to help them become better orchid growers.

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