



The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society

March 2024 Newsletter

<https://cincinnatiorchids.org>

Greetings from Lindsey Pertuset, Vice President, GCOS.

We are willing to stop and talk to people, at any time, about our orchids. They mean so much to us. Some of them bloom faithfully each year, at the same time. Some of mine grow year after year and then suddenly burst into bloom just as I am getting ready to toss them.

Two wonderful events are on the way: the spring season and our spring show. Nature takes care of its blooming calendar. We have to prepare for the show. There are many areas that must be completed to present the magnificent shows we put on each year. Please volunteer. It's easy: go to SignUp Genius and sign up. Or, sign up at the March meeting.

One last thing. If you have not renewed your membership for 2024, please do it now. We rely on these funds to pay for the show, to rent the meeting room for our monthly meetings and numerous other expenses. Please renew so you can continue to receive the monthly newsletter.

See you at the March meeting!

Lindsey Pertuset

Note: New Members joining at the Show receive a venter voucher for \$10!

The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society Presents:

Orchid Show!

Award-winning flowers on display!
Find new plants, how-to-grow info, & supplies!

LOCATION:

The Boy Scouts of America Center, 10078 Reading Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45241
ADMISSION - \$5 single. Under age 10 and Scouts free. FREE parking.



Bring your own Orchid. Learn how to repot it!
\$5 supplies fee
Both days 1:00-3:00pm.
cincinnatiorchids.org

See many award-winning, beautiful, and exotic orchids
Buy a wide variety of orchids and repotting supplies on-site

Enjoy a show that is suitable for orchid viewers, beginners, hobbyists, and experts

Get orchid information and advice from experts, renowned growers, and American Orchid Society Orchid Judges

Use our Potting Bee: **1 - 3pm | Daily |** Bring one plant and get help from experienced re-potters to repot your plant. Potting media and a simple black plastic pot will be provided, but bring your own for special or unusual size plants. \$5 for materials

1 to 3:30pm daily: Kids' orchid activities

Orchid plant door prizes, drawing 12pm & 3pm
Raffle drawing 3pm Sunday, not necessary to be present to win.

Best time for photographers 10am – 12pm
Sunday Tripods allowed anytime!

March 12 Meeting 7:00pm:

BACK IN-PERSON AT THE SCOUT BUILDING!!

Jan Yates and Joel Mattes will speak on Setting up and Preparing for a Show

Jan and Joel have extensive experience in all aspects of putting on a Show. They have participated in and been in charge of many shows over the years. This presentation is not only specifically about our upcoming March 23-24 Show, but applies to all Shows. They will explain the various volunteer jobs, how to prepare and register your plants, and give helpful hints. No matter how many Shows we participate in there is always something new to learn.

The March 12 meeting is In-Person at the Scout Building 10078 Reading Rd, and also available on Zoom. The Zoom link is on the email accompanying this Newsletter.

About Jan Yates: I have been growing orchids, off and on, since the 1990's initially on windowsills and under lights. No greenhouse for many reasons. Currently, I grow orchids in my basement primarily under LED lights, some purchased commercially and some a hodgepodge of big box lights on a track - these having replaced my (still favorite) mix of high pressure sodium and metal halide lights, although I don't miss the boost to my electric bills in the winter. During the summer, all the orchids move outside to a lath house and I let Mother Nature do most of the watering. Most of my collection is in the cattleya alliance because of the ability of their pseudobulbs' water storing capacity to forgive my worst habits. I am also an AOS judge and member of a variety of orchid hobby organizations which proves that any hobby can get away from you.

About Joel Mattes: Joel is passionate about growing orchids. He is taking the necessary and time-consuming steps to become an American Orchid Society judge. Still he finds time to volunteer for many positions with GCOS, including Show Chair and is in charge of the Beginners Meetings.

Beginners Meeting at 6:00: Joel wants to know how your collection has fared over the past 3 months. His agenda includes answering questions, explaining Show procedures and possibly discussing *Dendrobiums*.

Potluck at our In-person Meetings

There are 7 in-person meetings per year. If each person brings a plate of sweets or savories to only one or two meetings during a year, we will be well fed. Sodas, water and utensils will be provided.

Signups for March 22-24 for the Orchid Show:

Volunteers are always appreciated and make our show a success. To volunteer for setup on March 22, at the Show on March 23 and/or March 24, choose among opportunities by clicking on:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0948aeac2aa7ffc16-orchid#/>

To sign up to bring food, water or soft drinks to the Spring Show please open:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0948AEAC2AA7FFC16-show>

If you aren't able to help in any of these areas please consider a monetary donation to help cover the cost of food items, the cost of the trophies and other Show expenses.

For more detailed information about the Show, visit our website at <https://cincinnatiorchids.org> and click on the tab "Spring Show".

Update on our President Roger Miller:

Our GCOS President, **Roger Miller**, suffered a stroke. He recently moved to Maple Knoll Village, and is in the Bodmann Pavilion, room 312, to continue intensive rehabilitation.

Although he appreciates visitors, with his busy rehab schedule and need for rest, visits are best kept short. When you visit him, check the orchids in his room under the big window and water them if needed. His orchid collection is currently fostered among several members' homes.

Hospitality Snacks will be potluck-style. Bring a plate of snacks to one of the meetings this year. Sodas, water, utensils are furnished.

Our Vice President, Lindsey Pertuset, is performing the duties of President.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

For Dates of Regional Shows and the Judging Center, Visit <https://cincinnatiorchids.org>

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| March Meeting in-person and Zoom | March 12 | Jan Yates, Joel Mattes: <i>Planning and Prep for Show and Show Display</i> |
| GCOS Show | March 23-24 | BSA, Setup on March 22 |
| March Board Meeting | March 26 | Madeira Branch Library, 6:00 |
| April Meeting | April 9 | Ross Hella: <i>Miniature Phaphiopedilums</i> |
| April Board Meeting | April 23 | Madeira Branch Library, 6:00 |
| May Meeting | May 14 | Kristin Uthus: TBA |
| May Board Meeting | May 28 | Madeira Branch Library, 6:00 |
| June Meeting | June 11 | Teresa Huesman: <i>Plieone</i> |
| June Board Meeting | June 25 | Madeira Branch Library, 6:00 |
| GCOS / MVOS Picnic | TBA | |
| Ohio Valley Orchid Fest | August 24 - 25 | Kettering, Ohio |
| September Meeting | September 10 | Norman Fang from Norman's Orchids in California; in-person on Zoom at BSA |
| September Board Meeting | September 24 | |
| October Meeting | October 8 | Tarzan Group: <i>Miniature Orchids</i> |
| October Board Meeting | October 22 | |
| November Meeting | November 12 | Fred Clarke: <i>Catasetums</i> |
| November Board Meeting | November 26 | |
| December Holiday Celebration | December 1 | Haile Planetarium, Northern Kentucky University |

Cincinnati Judging Center

The Judging Center meets at Civic Garden Center at 11 am on the second Sunday of each month. For more information, contact Glenn Evans at glenn.f.evans.09@gmail.com.

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

You can follow us on Instagram @cincinnatiorchids.

GCOS Board of Directors

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| President, Acting | Lindsey Pertuset | Director | Pat O'Connor |
| Vice President | Lindsey Pertuset | Director | Kristen Mason |
| Secretary | Ann Tsui | Director | Joel Mattes |
| Treasurer | David Allen | Director | Mary Gardner |
| Past President | John Jaworski | | |

Membership Renewal Time

Memberships for 2024 need to be renewed by the end of March. Please fill out a Membership Form to go with your payment, and mail or give to Treasurer Dave Allen, or any Board member at the March 12 meeting or at the Show. This form is included here and also will be available at the March 12 meeting and at the Show.

Thank you for your continued support.

THE GREATER CINCINNATI ORCHID SOCIETY

2024 Membership Application

Please Print

Your Board has decided to offer a two (2) year enrollment option. Get \$5 off a year membership.

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| DATE | |
| NAME | |
| Names in family membership | |
| STREET ADDRESS | |
| CITY, STATE, ZIP | |
| PHONE Primary | |
| PHONE Secondary | |
| E-MAIL ADDRESS PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY | |

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.

| | 1 Year RATE | 2 Year RATE | YOUR PAYMENT |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP | \$30 | \$55 | |
| FAMILY MEMBERSHIP | \$35 | \$65 | |
| STUDENT MEMBERSHIP | \$15 | \$25 | |
| DONATIONS, to support GCOS (identify any restrictions) | | | |
| YOUR TOTAL: | | | |

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

- 1) **Mail the form to: Dave Allen, 3899 Sandtrap Circle, Mason, OH 45040**
- 2) Take a photo of the form and email to dallen47@gmail.com

If you want to make a donation or pay for membership, you can send a check to Dave Allen or 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 those people who itemize their deductions.