



The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society

<https://cincinnatiorchids.org>

October 2023 Newsletter

The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society meets in the Scout Achievement Center of the Dan Beard Council, Boy Scouts of America, 10078 Reading Road, Cincinnati, OH 45241. Meetings start at 6:00 pm with our beginners' class. The main meeting will start at 7:00 pm, followed by snacks, a short Business Meeting, and a chance to show off your orchids.

President's Message

As 2023 winds down, we gear up with 2 wonderful speakers and the Christmas party on Dec. 3 at the NKU planetarium. Our November 14th speaker is renowned orchid expert, Leon Glicenstein with a talk about the wonderful jewel orchids. In a few days (Oct 10) Edgar Stehli will present a talk on Epidendrums and Encyclias, and bring a nice selection of plants for sale. If you have a particular plant you are looking for, contact him through his website Windswept in Time Orchids and if he has it he will bring it with him. www.windsweptorchids.com



See you October 10th at the BSA at 10078 Reading Rd, with your show and tell orchids!
—Roger Miller

GCOS Tuesday, October 10 Meeting

Beginner's Group, 6 PM:

The focus of the beginner's group is to provide education on the basic care and culture of growing orchids that are common in the hobby. At our upcoming meeting we will be discussing care and culture of the summer blooming or novelty phalaenopsis and some of the species that are used in breeding them. Plants can be brought in to address specific questions you might have. Meeting is very casual, and questions are always welcome.---Joel Mattes

Guest Speaker, 7 pm: Edgar Stehli from Windswept in Time

About Edgar: My interest in orchids began when I was just six or seven years old. I found a plant growing in the roadside ditch near our house in North East Ohio. When my father got home from work, I dragged him over to see my discovery. He said "Oh! That's an orchid." My first orchid find

was a *Spiranthes* (probably *cernua*). A few years later my family drove to Alaska and back. On that trip, I found a *Calypso bulbosa* in Wyoming and several other orchids in Alaska and Canada.

While in high school, I began growing some tropical orchids, and soon had a small collection. While in my final year at Case Western Reserve University my orchid collection moved to Florida with my parents. Sadly, I never saw them again (the orchids that is!). Also in my last year, I met Kim Sante who was working at the Cleveland Garden Center, now known as the Cleveland Botanical Garden. Eventually Kim and I were married in Kenya Africa. Shortly after we were married we built a sun room on the corner of our house. This of course allowed my orchid collection to get a little out of hand. Finally in 1999 we began selling our plants to area florists, then through the orchid shows. We called our new business – Windswept in Time Orchids. We now attend close to fifteen shows a year, where our plants and exhibits have won many awards. ---Edgar

The **Zoom link** will be sent out to members before the meeting.

Hospitality Snacks for October will be provided by Mary Gardner, Lindsey Pertuset, and Roger Miller. For November's snacks we will use the SignUpGenius link or on paper at the October meeting, to sign up to help out:

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

Upcoming Meetings and Events

October Judging Center	October 8	Cincinnati Judging Center
October Members Meeting	October 10	Edgar Stehli, Windswept in Time, Epidendrums and Encyclias
October MAOC Affiliated Societies Meeting	October 15	Harold Koopowitz, 7:30 Zoom, MAOC Affiliated Societies Meeting
November Judging Center	November 12	Cincinnati Judging Center
November Members Meeting	November 14	Leon Glicenstein, Jewel Orchids
Holiday Potluck	December 3	NKU Planetarium Potluck (bring a side, salad or dessert). The Society will supply the main dish, and drinks.
GCOS Spring 2024 Show	March 23 - 24	BSA

MAOC Affiliated Societies Zoom Meeting with Harold Koopowitz

MAOC is delighted and privileged to have Harold Koopowitz during the Affiliated Societies Meeting. As a GCOS member, you are also a member of MAOC, so tune in. Do you have orchids with Koopowitz in their names? A Professor Emeritus at the University of California, he is an avid orchid hybridizer, and has written books on conservation and orchids. A rare treat!

Time: Oct 15, 2023 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83503257964?pwd=L3Vnc0N2N1lFckVxT3FqOG9UNVdpQT09>

Meeting ID: 835 0325 7964

Passcode: MAOC

GCOS Conservation Committee

Report of the Possum Creek Metropark Walk

Saturday September 16, 2023 was a perfect day for an outing. Amid calls of blue jays and sightings of goldfinches on coneflower seed heads, *Spiranthes* bloomed along the ½ mile trail. Since this park is relatively close to Cincinnati, is an easy level walk, and has good restrooms and water available, the Conservation Committee plans to offer a walk there again next year. Many members had scheduling conflicts this year, and everyone should have the opportunity to experience this prairie. ---Ann



Photos by Christa Speights

GCOS Board Meeting

The next in-person board meeting will be 6:30 pm Tuesday, October 24th at the Madeira Library and on Zoom. Anyone can attend board meetings. If interested in attending contact Roger Miller rogermilleroboe@gmail.com

Cincinnati Judging Center

Orchids bloom when they decide to, often between shows. If you have a glorious untimely bloom, you may bring it to the Cincinnati Judging Center at the 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.

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