



THE GREATER CINCINNATI ORCHID SOCIETY

October 2025 Newsletter

CincinnatiOrchids.org

October 14TH Meeting Sarah Hurdel 7:00 pm *"What's Eating Your Orchids?"*

Not just another pest talk! She will begin by looking at a newly acquired plant and share in the horror of what can be found in an otherwise healthy-looking plant. You'll learn the importance of identifying pests at different life stages, the damage they cause and how to choose the least toxic, yet most effective treatment. And also understand why some are so difficult to get rid of!

Sarah is the owner of Needmore Orchids. She is an artist, accredited AOS judge and blogs *"Something About Orchids"*. Having grown orchids for over 20 years, she regularly speaks to orchid societies with authority, humor and experience. Although she has no greenhouse, she specializes in award winning *Habenaria* species and hybrids growing under lights in her basement.

*Sarah Hurdel will present over Zoom at the Dan Beard Scout Building, 10078 Reading Rd, Cincinnati.
She is sending plants available for sale.*



Paph Little Charlie 'Miss Faye'
Photo by Kris Mason

Beginner's Conversation 6:00

Topic: *"Bringing Your Orchids Back Indoors"* and *"Winter Rest"*.

As always, bring your plants, knowledge and questions.

MAOC Explains Orchid Show Registration Oct 19, 7:30

The **Mid-America Orchid Congress (MAOC) Affiliated Societies Zoom meeting on Sunday Oct 19th 7:30 pm Eastern time** will be reviewing the **MAOC Show schedule**. The "Show Schedule" is the list of categories you choose among when registering your orchids for judging. In 2021, **cheat sheets for Dendrobiums and Paphiopedilums** were added following requests from societies for help with identifying those classes. Also the **MAOC Classification Document** helps direct you to the proper class for the genus, species, and hybrid. The **MAOC Intergeneric Makeup List** explains which genus make up the intergeneric name. All these documents are available on the MAOC website under the education tab. Members of GCOS, as members of MAOC, are invited to tune in.

Join Zoom Meeting Sunday Oct 19th 7:30 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86316023090?pwd=U5LZQ8QUjG7jEk5QlbaRoEfSR5sbS.1>

GCOS Exhibit at the Kentucky Orchid Society Show in Louisville



GCOS 1st Place Exhibit

Orchid	Grower	Award
GCOS exhibit	Setup by Kris Mason	1 st
<i>Paph Little Charlie</i> <i>'Miss Faye'</i>	Stephanie Kimberlin	1 st , Trophy AOS award with HCC 79!
Artistic Floral Display, "Crown Jules"	Stephanie Kimberlin	1 st and Class Trophy!
<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> <i>Jerri Ann Richards</i>	Stephanie Kimberlin	1 st
<i>Dendrobium</i> <i>Biggibum</i>	Stephanie Kimberlin	1 st
<i>Dendrobium</i> <i>schuiteman</i>	Barry Jones	1 st
<i>Procatavola Key Lime</i> <i>Stars</i>	Mary Anne Foss	2 nd
<i>Paph Jocito x delenatii</i>	Stephanie Kimberlin	3 rd

Photography by Kris Mason



Paph Little Charlie 'Miss Faye'

Rhyncholaeliocattleya Jerri Ann Richards



Artistic Floral
Display, "Crown
Jules"



Dendrobium schuitemanii



Dendrobium Biggibum



Procatavola Key Lime Stars



Paph Jocito x delenatii



Native Orchid Conference Lectures

Last webinar: It is amazing what citizen Scientists are contributing! Using GPS marked site locations, Stephanie Varnum kept a record of orchids at sites in Texas for over 25 years. This

data was overseen by a series of PhD scientists, and continues with her retirement as part of a University study.

Next webinar: October 28 “*Sarcoila lanceolata*: My 21-year Passion Project”. Jennifer Reinoso received the AOS prestigious Philip E. Keenan Conservation Award in 2020 for her work over 20 years to protect this orchid. Time: Oct 28, 2025 08:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) Join Meeting Here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84493810050?pwd=d7br8GO42bvXk7KTGe8nC3A6NAyRyt.1>

Meeting ID: 844 9381 0050

Passcode: 031858

Jennifer DePillo is managing social media for GCOS!

Please send your photos to Jennifer. She will display them on Facebook and Instagram. Text or email photos of your orchids with their names, preferably in the jpeg format.

Text: (707) 672-2226 or Email: depilloj@gmail.com

Orchid Show March 21 and 22: Update

The GCOS Orchid Show March 21 and 22, 2026. Setup is on March 20, 2026.

Five of Our Favorite Venders have already confirmed their attendance:

Flask & Flora

Anything Orchids

Windswept in Time

Mei's Creations

Karen Eberhardt Ceramics

Announcements: Bits and Pieces

- **Refreshment treats** at our meetings have been such a joy! Sweet or savory. The variety has been appreciated. Sodas and water are furnished.
- **MAOC January 25, 2026**, Ron Parsons will show us Orchids in Madagascar. GCOS members are also MAOC members, so we will receive the link to tune in to hear this excellent speaker!
- **Memberships**, whether new or renewed, are good for the rest of 2025 as well as for ALL of 2026. Registration forms are available at meetings and on the next page.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Speaker/Event	Date	Speaker	Topic/Information
Judging Center	October 12	Civic Garden Center	Judging Starts at 1 pm
GCOS Meeting	October 14	Sarah Hurdell	"Who's Eating My Orchids?"
MAOC Zoom Lecture	October 19	MAOC Affiliated Societies	Show Registration; Review of the Schedule Sheets
Board Meeting	October 28	Madeira Library	6:00-8:30
Judging Center	November 9	Civic Garden Center	Judging Starts at 1 pm
GCOS Meeting	November 11	Kristen Uthus	Masdevallias and Draculas
Board Meeting	November 25	Madeira Library	6:00-8:30
<i>Holiday Celebration Potluck</i>	December 7	Scout Building	2:00-5:00
MAOC Zoom Lecture	January 25, 2026	Ron Parsons	"Orchids in Madagascar"
<i>GCOS ORCHID SHOW</i>	March 21 and 22, 2026	Setup March 20	5 Venders are Confirmed

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2026 Membership Application

Please Print

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

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.