



# THE GREATER CINCINNATI ORCHID SOCIETY

## February 2026 Newsletter

*CincinnatiOrchids.org*

**7:00 pm February 10, 2026: Jim France:**

### ***"Catasetums"***

**Jim France Of Oakwood Orchids is our speaker!**

He will present in person and will bring a few orchids for sale.

Jim's adventure in orchids began in 1993. After viewing a customer's orchid collection he bought a cymbidium. As Jim tells many a beginner, everyone kills at least one. Jim has a passion for species and the weird and wonderful.

In 2000, Jim and Yvonne opened Oakwood Orchids. It is located in Dayton, Ohio where they focus on quality and customer satisfaction. They offer a selection of healthy, vibrant orchids. They are dedicated to assisting customers with advice to ensure the longevity of their orchid plants. Jim and Yvonne have traveled all over the United States attending many orchid shows and enriching many an orchid collection.

Jim has since retired from his day job and is devoting more time to his beloved orchids. Jim is an American Orchid Society Judge with more than 35 AOS awards. Jim's humor, enthusiasm and knowledge of orchids is not to be missed.

**6:00 pm February 10  
Beginner's  
Conversation**

**Stephanie will lead with the topic  
*"Beginners and More"***

*As always, bring your plants,  
knowledge and questions.*



## **Orchid Show March 21 and 22, 2026; Setup March 20**

***The SignUpGenius for the GCOS Orchid Show is ready!***

**Use this link to sign up for your favorite volunteer activities and hospitality items to provide!**

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0948AEAC2AA7FFC16-61359945-copy>**

**Prefer to sign up on paper?** Come to the February 10 or March 10 meetings. An updated paper copy will be available.

## Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Speaker/Event	Date	Speaker/Place	Topic/Information
<b>Judging Center</b>	<b>February 8</b>	<b>ToolBank - 1682 E Seymour Ave, Cincinnati OH 45237</b>	<b>Judging Starts at 1 pm</b>
Board Annual Meeting and January BOD Mtg	February 9	Blue Ash Library	6:00-8:30 and on Zoom
February GCOS Meeting	February 10	Jim France in Person Scout Building	<i>"Catasetums"</i>
Board Meeting	February 24	Madeira Library	6:00-8:30 and on Zoom
March GCOS Meeting	March 10	Eric Sauer in Person Scout Building	<i>"Phragmipediums"</i>
<b>GCOS ORCHID SHOW</b>	<b>March 21 and 22, 2026</b>	<b>Scout Building</b>	<b>SignUpGenius is available. Help is appreciated!</b>
April GCOS Meeting	April 14	Kristen Uthus in Person Scout Building	<i>"Neofinetia"</i>
May GCOS Meeting	May 12	Cheryl Erins in Person Scout Building	<i>"Converting IKEA cabinets into Growing Spaces"</i>
GCOS Picnic	June 20	GCOS Hosts MVOS at the Scout Building	

**Membership Renewal for 2026 is appreciated.** Our finances depend largely on membership fees. Since emails, addresses and other information change at times, please fill out a membership form when renewing, even though your data is current. Checks, credit cards, cash or PayPal accepted.

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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 <b>PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY</b>	

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: Jeanne Rhinehart, 6222 Le Roy Place, Cincinnati, OH 45230**
- 2) Take a photo of the form and email to [jeanws@me.com](mailto:jeanws@me.com)

If you want to make a donation or pay for membership, you can send a check to Jeanne Rhinehart 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.