



THE GREATER CINCINNATI ORCHID SOCIETY

September 2025 Newsletter

CincinnatiOrchids.com

SEPTEMBER 9TH Meeting 7:00

Dennis Steinbeck

"Orchids of Colombia"

Dennis Steinbeck is a lifelong gardener, but it wasn't until a friend gave him a struggling Cattleya that he went all in for orchids. After blooming that plant, it kicked off a hobby turned obsession that led to him opening **Flask & Flora**, a dedicated orchid nursery in Columbus, Ohio. Dennis regularly travels around the world to meet with growers and learn more about the specific orchids they grow to provide the best culture here in the Midwest.

Dennis now focuses mostly on breeding Cattleyas, Paphs, and Oncidiums but grows a wide range of odd and interesting genera as well.

Dennis will also have plants for sale! After shipping tens of thousands of plants, he has a VERY good sense for the kind of plants you'll like. Plants may also be ordered on the Flask and Flora website and delivered to the meeting.



Oncidium. Photo off the Flask and Flora Website

Beginner's Meeting

6:00

Topic: Water Quality and pH, courtesy of Pat and Shirley, two of our fabulous growers!

As always, our mission is sharing ups and downs with our orchids. Bring your knowledge, plants and questions.

Jennifer DePillo is managing Social Media for GCOS!

Do you have photos of your best orchids? Especially those that bloomed when there was no Show to show them? Please share with us!

Text or email photos of your orchids with their names, or pictures of your orchid setups.

Text: (707) 672-2226

Email: depilloj@gmail.com

Did you know?

Colombia boasts the world's highest diversity of orchids.

Colombia has over 4,300 orchid species in a vast array of colors, shapes, smells and textures.

Orchids play a vital ecological role; their presence can indicate the health of an ecosystem.

Orchid Fest 2025 August 22-24

The Ohio Valley Orchid Fest last month showcased an abundance of gorgeous orchids.



Masdevallia Othello

MVOS AI May Memorial Trophy
(Pluerothallid Alliance)
MAOC FL Stevenson Memorial trophy
(Pluerothallid Alliance) and
MAOC Delbert Lowell Jacks Memorial
Trophy (Best Specimen)



Dendrochilum magnum

MVOS Pat June trophy



AOS held administrative and planning meetings during OVOF. Attendees heard Ron McHatton (pictured above) and Ron Kaufmann, both well-known orchid experts, give 2 lectures each plus a virus testing demonstration.

Orchid Show March 21 and 22: Update

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

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 Sunday **October 19th, 2025, at 6:00 pm**. GCOS members are invited to online discussions about facilitating Show Registrations and ways to make your society better.
- 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
GCOS Meeting	September 9	Dennis Steinbeck	"Orchids of Colombia"
Judging Center	September 14	Civic Garden Center	Judging Starts at 1 pm
Board Meeting	September 23	Madeira Library	6:00-8:30
Judging Center	October 12	Civic Garden Center	Judging Starts at 1 pm
GCOS Meeting	October 14	Sarah Hurdel	"Who's Eating My Orchids?"
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	TBA	
Board Meeting	November 25	Madeira Library	6:00-8:30
Holiday Celebration	Probably December 7	To be confirmed	
MAOC Zoom Lecture	January 25, 2026	Ron Parsons	"Orchids in Madagascar"
GCOS ORCHID SHOW	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.