



THE GREATER CINCINNATI ORCHID SOCIETY

January 2025 Newsletter



This amazing unusual photo was taken by Andrea Price and published in the Memphis Orchid Society Newsletter and on their Website. Andrea graciously gave permission to share the photo, although she does not remember the name this orchid.

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January 14 Meeting on Zoom Only

6:30 pm join Zoom to chat, to ask questions about orchids and to *Show off Your Orchids!*

7:00 pm “Brassias” by Eric Sauer of River Valley Orchids, *only over Interactive Zoom*, from the comfort of your home!

SHOWTIME SOON WILL BE HERE! The GCOS Yearly Orchid Show will be March 22 and 23, 2025 with Setup on March 21. Click here to sign up to help or bring food:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0948AEAC2AA7FFC16-47012969-orchid>

About the Speaker on January 14: Eric Sauer on *Brassia*

Eric will enlighten and entertain us with his vast knowledge!



Eric has been growing orchids for over 30 years and specializes in South American Species. He has spoken internationally and across the United States. Eric recently had a culture chapter published with Guido Braem in his book on Paphiopedilums and in his book on Phragmipediums. He also has several of his Maxillaria photos published in Eric Christenson's book on Maxillaria. Eric has received over 115 awards from the American Orchid Society and has four orchids named after him including two species from Ecuador. Eric's awards include an FCC and CCM for his *Brassia*. He regularly works with other Maxillaria aficionados around the world to better

understand that genus. Eric's real job is as a registered landscape architect and is the planning manager for Five Rivers MetroParks in Dayton, Ohio. He is also President of the Mid-America Orchid Congress.



Brassia Sunrise Glow 'Lisa's Spiders' HCC/CCM, Photo from GCOS Website

Thank you to GCOS members who renewed for 2025!

We sincerely thank those who have renewed their Membership for 2025 by purchasing 2 year memberships in 2023 or by renewing at the end of 2024. Membership fees are an important contribution to our programming. Also the list of current paid members is used to send out GCOS information including Zoom links for meetings. Although membership is by calendar year, officially ending on December 31, we have included the 2024 members in this first email of the year. Renewal may be done on the Website, or by mail, and Dave is always ready to accept cash, check or credit card at the in-person meetings. 2025 Membership form is at the end of this newsletter.

How Are Your Friends Growing Their Orchids? Visits to Member Homes in 2025



Would you like to see how other members are growing their orchids? A lot can be learned from each other. This year, we will set up Open House Times to explore various setups in members' homes. Our first visit will be an Open House in April at Shirley Holt's.

Burr. Nelly Isler Swiss Beauty is to the left.
Tolumnia Jairak Flyer Sahara is to the right.

Photos by Shirley Holt



Report on the GCOS December Holiday Potluck



On Sunday December 1, 2024 21 members met at Northern Kentucky University's Haile Planetarium for a rollicking good time. After consuming a fantastic potluck meal highlighted by the scrumptiously prepared beef tenderloin, a silent auction consisting of some of Fred Clarke's orchids, more of Roger Miller's orchids as well as some from other members.

After time for socializing, all were treated to a laser show featuring a few Seasonal songs, followed by a new Planetarium feature "A Tour From Earth to the Universe" guided by Christa Speights, Planetarium Director.

All told, it was a truly unforgettable experience that filled our hearts with the warmth and joy of the holiday season.

Report of the 11-12-2024 Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting, the 2025 Budget was passed as emailed prior to the meeting. The 2025 Officers and Directors were established by vote as listed on the next page. The GCOS Bylaws were amended, essentially to make the presence at meetings and voting using electrical devices (like Zoom) legal. The "AMENDED BYLAWS, November 12, 2024 of The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society" are published on our website, www.CincinnatiOrchids.org. Choose the tab "More", then "Governance" then "Amended Bylaws 11-12-24".



Our sincere appreciation goes to Vice President Lindsey Pertuset and Joel Mattes for guiding the meetings during 2024 in Roger's absence. We also commend Jeanne Rhinehart for her tireless help managing Zoom and making the audio loud and clear over Zoom in the Scout Building.

2025 GCOS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND OTHERS

President	Joel Mattes
Vice President	Lindsey Pertuset
Treasurer	Dave Allen
Secretary	Ann Tsui
Director	Kris Mason
Director	Pat O'Connor
Director	Mary Gardner
Past President	Roger Miller
Member Meeting Hospitality	Syndi Wilhelm
Newsletter Editor	Ann Tsui
Webmaster	Kris Mason
Show Chair	Joel Mattes

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2025 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.