THE GREATER CINCINNATI ORCHID SOCIETY June 2025 Newsletter

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June 10, 2025 Meeting 7:00 pm Jan Yates: Orchids of SW Australia with an Occasional Koala



Jan will share her recent orchid adventures in SW Australia. This promises to be entertaining and fascinating!

Jan is a long-time member of the Cincinnati Orchid Society, Cincinnati Judging Center of the American Orchid Society, Board member for the Mid-American Orchid Congress, current president of the Native Orchid Conference, Treasurer of the Native Orchid Preservation and Education Society and guru of all things orchids. Jan has a special fascination with native orchids in any country.

June 10, 2025 6:00 pm Beginners' Meeting

Summer Care including care for orchids outside

And, of course, there will be time for general questions and answers.

Picnic and Auction with MVOS June 14

Please RSVP for the Picnic and Auction! The RSVP link includes the number of people with you and what side or dessert you will bring to share.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48AEAC23A2F9C70-57146938-2025

Saturday June 14th, 2025 at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church Picnic Shelter - 4865 Wilmington Pike. Register your plants at 11:30, lunch will be at noon, the auction will start about 12:45 and wrap up about 4:00.

Lots of great food, fun and plants for sale. We will be providing grilled meats, vegetarian options and drinks. Bring a side or dessert to share—please RSVP so we know who is bringing what!

Feel free to bring a more comfortable chair if you would like, but there are plenty of picnic tables.

All items will be entered as silent auction items. We will choose various items for the live auction from the silent auction items and close the silent auction throughout the day. All bids will be in \$1 increments and the owner can set a minimum bid. The societies will keep 20% of the sale price and the owner will choose a home society or to split the 20% proceeds. We will have the entry forms at the auction to enter your items. Non-orchid related items are ok, but they will only be entered as silent auction items. Payment for purchased items must be made at the end of the auction with cash, check or credit cards.

Any help with clean-up will be appreciated!

ORCHID FEST 2025 August 23-26

The Ohio Valley Orchid Fest website is live and ready to take registrations! Lots of details and registration materials are on the website: https://ohiovalleyorchidfest.com/index.htm

Two great speakers, lots of fun, food and vendors!

Briefly, Thursday 8/21- This is an optional fun tour and social, with AOS attendees.

Friday 9-7:30: Orchid show plant Registration, the first two keynote talks, set up for show, and pre-view party! Saturday 7:30-9:00 am: Ribbon Judging, 9:00-8:30 pm: AOS Judging, Beginners Lecture, second two keynote lectures, and a great dinner.

Sunday 12 till 3:00 pm: MAOC Annual Business Meeting, MAOC Society Building Workshop, Orchid Basics Lecture, and finally "Orchid Viruses" Hands-on Workshop.

We will have the opportunity to rub elbows and listen to (MOAC) sponsored well-known keynote lecturers:

Ron Kaufman- American Orchid Society Conservation Committee Chair

Ron McHatton- American Orchid Society Chief Education and Science Officer

Report of the Native Orchid Trip May 10th with NOPES

Perhaps due to our abundant rain this spring, the native Cypripedium blooms were exceptionally abundant in Southeast Ohio and northern Kentucky. The tour on May 10th led by Teresa Huesman involved 3 stops, moderate walking and ample time to view and photograph the lovely treasures.





Photos left to right: The magnificent *Cyp. Kentuckiense* viewed in Kentucky. *Cyp acaule* in southeast Ohio. *Cyp pubescens* growing along the roadsides. The last photo may not be the alba form of acaule, but a hybrid.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:			
SPEAKER/EVENT	DATE	ORGANIZATION	TOPIC/INFORMATION
Jan Yates	June 10	Many	Orchids of SW Australia and an Occaisional Koala
GCOS/MVOS Picnic and	June 14	GCOS and MVOS in	Held outside in the Emmanual
Auction		Kettering	Lutheran Church Shelter.
Sarah Hurdel	October 14	Needmore Orchids	Orchid Pests
Dave Allen Open House	August; Date TBA		
Ohio Valley Orchid Fest	August 23-26	MVOS, MAOC, AOS	Visit Ohiovalleyorchidfest.com
GCOS Orchid Show	March 21-22, 2026		