



# THE GREATER CINCINNATI ORCHID SOCIETY

## March 2025 Newsletter

[www.Cincinnatiorchids.org](http://www.Cincinnatiorchids.org)



Ctt. Candy Corn  
Photo by Joel Mattes

### **Exciting Events in March:**

March 10: Carson Whitlow on *The World of Cypripediums*

March 11: Peter T. Lin, *Compact Vandaceous Species and Hybrids*

March 11: Beginner's Meeting: Shirley Holt "Basic Nutrients 101"

March 22-23: The GCOS SHOW, with setup March 21

Link to sign up to help with the Show or to bring Food Items:

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

### **Tuesday March 11, 7:00 pm: Peter T. Lin of Diamond Orchids Speaking on *Compact Vandaceous Species and their Hybrids***



Peter started growing orchids over 40 years ago but then stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about 20 years ago that the orchid "bug" came back, and he is now heavily involved once again! He is an avid orchid hobbyist, hybridizer, AOS accredited judge, and a hybridizer of mini-catts. He enjoys meeting with other orchid enthusiasts and can often be found at various orchid shows and societies around the country.

Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS awards. His interests in orchids include Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and Neofinetias. He

maintains a collection of several thousand orchids at his home in Southern California in 3 small greenhouses, outdoors, as well as an offsite greenhouse. Peter will be speaking to us over Zoom at the Scout Building. The Board has ordered a few of his orchids which will be available to purchase at the March 11 meeting.



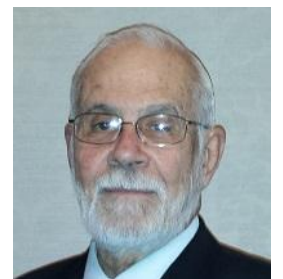
Neofinitia falcata 'Tomokongo', from Peter T. Lin Diamond Orchids Website

### **Monday, March 10, 6:30 pm: Carson Whitlow *The World of Cypripediums***

**Free to GCOS members compliments of MAOC.** View a Live online seminar over Zoom from your home.

Be sure to see an amazing lecture by one of orchid's legendary orchid hybridizers, author and speaker. Carson Whitlow has spent a lifetime studying blue cattleyas and Cypripediums and the internet. His accounts are pleasantly humorous and often incredulous as he tells of natural and artificial Cypripedium propagation and hybridization, and the incredible length of time to observe the resulting blooms.

There are over 40 native Cypripedium species in the world. This presentation covers those mainly in North/Central America plus many of those from the rest of the world. This program is about 45 to 60 minutes in length, according to the number of questions asked.



**Here is the Zoom Link** to Carson Whitlow's Presentation on Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm Eastern Time:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84773924438?pwd=uF8Frir8DikXMdWkdH1DCscj7jCsX.1>

Put GCOS in the Zoom chat to be part of a raffle for a free talk to one of the MAOC affiliated societies in attendance.

**Carson Whitlow Bio:** Carson started working with the hardy terrestrial orchids, primarily the Cypripediums and Calopogons in 1967. His work resulted in the first registered artificial hybrids of Cypripedium in 1987 and Calopogon in 1991. Carson's interest in the internet and an easier means of finding orchid related sites on the world wide web brought about the birth of "[The Orchid Mall](#)," which today has become the definitive index site for orchids on the internet. In addition, the "[unClassified Ads](#)" offers everyone an opportunity to share their plants and/or find things they are looking for. You may click on these links to view.

**It is Showtime!** Spread the word about our fascinating Show!

Pick these cards up at the March 11 meeting. Give them to friends, family, and post them at libraries and other venues!

The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society Presents:

# Orchid Show!

**Award-winning flowers on display!**  
**Find new plants, how-to-grow info, & supplies!**

**LOCATION:**  
 The Boy Scouts of America Center, 10078 Reading Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45241  
 ADMISSION - \$5 single. Under age 10 free. FREE PARKING.

**March 22, 2025 10:00-5:00 & March 23, 2025 10:00-4:00**



Phal. MS Sweet Baby Photo by Richard Noel

**ALSO: POTTING BEE!**  
 Bring your own Orchid. Learn how to repot it!  
 Both days 1:00-3:00pm.  
[cincinnatiorchids.org](http://cincinnatiorchids.org)

*The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society's*  
**2025 ORCHID SHOW**  
 SATURDAY & SUNDAY • MARCH 22 & 23

**See** many award-winning, beautiful, and exotic orchids

**Buy** a wide variety of orchids and repotting supplies on-site

**Enjoy** a show that is suitable for orchid viewers, beginners, hobbyists, and experts

**Get** orchid information and advice from experts, renowned growers, and American Orchid Society Orchid Judges

**Use** our Potting Bee: **1 - 3pm | Daily** | Bring one plant and get help from experienced re-potters to repot your plant. Potting media and a simple black plastic pot will be provided, but bring your own for special or unusual size plants.

**EDUCATIONAL TALKS AND TOURS**

**1 - 3:30pm | Announced Daily** | Guided tours of exhibits  
**1 - 3:30pm | Announced Daily** | Native orchids talk

**ADDITIONAL FEATURES**

**1 - 3:30pm | Daily** | Kids' orchid activities  
**12pm & 3pm | Daily** | Orchid raffles - including mature in-bloom plants  
**10am - 12pm | Sunday** | Recommended time for expert photographers.  
 Tripods permitted 10am - 12pm Sunday.

**New Membership Bonus Special Package Available**  
**Free Parking** with ample space, handicap accessible, & easy access from I-75 & I-275

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS SHOW**

Select Spring Show  
 at the top of our home page  
<https://cincinnatiorchids.org>

Volunteers are greatly appreciated and make our Show fun and successful. **Choose from the opportunities to assist with setting up the Show on March 21, and to help at the Show on March 22nd and 23<sup>rd</sup>:**

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Prefer to sign up on paper? The sign-up sheet with remaining empty slots will be ready for you to fill in at the March 11 meeting. Another option is monetary donation. Donations help cover the cost of trophies, food items and other Show expenses.

For more information visit or direct others to our expanded, beautifully informative GCOS website at <https://cincinnatiorchids.org> and click on the tab "Spring Show".

## My Favorite Orchid: Ctt. Candy Corn

By Joel Mattes

Registered by Stewart Inc. in 1982. Cross of *C. Dubiosa* (syn *C. Dubiosa* (1980)) and *Ctt. Trick or Treat*. The species that make up this cross are: *C. harrisoniana*, *C. trianae*, *C. cinnabarina*, *Gur. aurantiaca*, *C. crispata* and *C. harpophylla*.

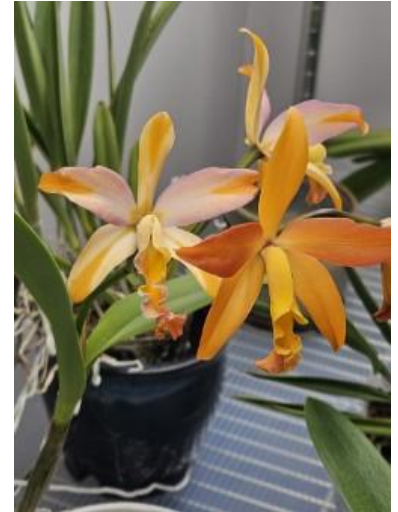


Ctt. Candy Corn  
Photos by Joel Mattes

A few society members know that I have a thing for flared cattleyas and boy does this hybrid deliver on the flares! The flowers open mostly orange and slowly the orange fades and only remains at the tips of the petals and sepals. The rest of the petals and sepals fade into rosy pink. The pink then fades to a creamy white. At the end of the color change, the flowers have a base color of creamy white and the petals and sepals are tipped with a golden orange.

Unfortunately, this hybrid isn't fragrant.

This was the first blooming from this plant. I purchased it from Sunset Valley Orchids.



Everyone has a favorite orchid. To include writeups on your favorite orchid in our Newsletter, submit photos and interesting facts or stories about your orchid to [anntsui26@gmail.com](mailto:anntsui26@gmail.com) or to any Board Member.

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*We sincerely thank* those who have renewed their Membership for 2025. Membership fees are critical to our programming. The list of current paid members is used to send out GCOS information including Zoom links for meetings. Although membership ends on December 31, we have included the 2024 members in this email, expecting more renewals at the March meeting and Show. Renewal may be done on the Website, by mail or in person using cash, check or credit card. Membership forms are available at meetings and on the website.

## Meetings and Events

| SPEAKER                 | DATE         | ORGANIZATION                   | TOPIC                              |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Carson Whitlow          | March 10     | Compliments of MAOC            | The World of Cyripediums           |
| Peter T. Lin            | March 11     | Diamonds Orchids               | Compact Vandaceous Species/Hybrids |
| GCOS 2025 SHOW          | March 22, 23 | Greater Cincinnati Orchid Soc. |                                    |
| Ray Barklow             | April 8      | First Rays                     | Demystifying Orchid Fertilizer     |
| Nicholas Rust           | May 13       | Rusty Exotics                  | Artificial Lighting                |
| Open House              | May 27       | Shirley Holt                   |                                    |
| Sarah Hurdel            | October 14   | Needmore Orchids               | Orchid Pests                       |
| Ohio Valley Orchid Fest | August 23-26 | MVOS, MAOC, AOS                |                                    |

