



The GCOS Newsletter



February 2003

Officers

President:	Dan Faught	Treasurer:	Dana White
Vice-president :	Steve Helbling	Program director:	Larry Sanford
Secretary:	Jeanne Sanders	Members-at- large:	Jim France & Roni Adkins

The next meeting of the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society will be on **Tuesday, February 4, 2003**. Note that this is the first Tuesday of the month. The meeting will be held at the Civic Garden Center on Reading Road across from Bethesda Hospital. The meeting is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m. There will be time to socialize between 7:00 and 7:30.

Program

This month's program will be Your Orchid Water and Fertilizer Needs, presented by Larry Sanford. Bring a small vial (30cc) as a sample of your water/fertilizer to be measured for pH and electrical conductivity (salts).

Meeting

Refreshments will be provided by Larry Sanford and Jan Yates.
The raffle plant will be provided by Jan Yates.
Members are encouraged to bring plants for door prizes.
Members may bring in plants for Silent Auction.

Silent Auction

For clarification; the policy for Silent Auction is as follows:

1. GCOS receives 20% of each sale.
2. Seller has the option of requiring a minimum bid or not.
3. Payment should be made to GCOS Treasurer (Dana White).

Sign Up!! Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society Show, Krohn Conservatory, March 22,23

Come prepared to sign up Tuesday. We need people to work the hospitality table, to be clerks, handle the trophies, set up and tear down. Sign up sheets will be available at the meeting

Orchid Display at the Civic Garden Center

We will have the Lobby Exhibit at the Civic Garden Center. The set up for the exhibit will be starting at noon on Monday. Steve Helbling, Pat June, and Bob Wolf will be setting up.

Important Dates:

Meetings

February 4, 2003	GCOS Monthly meeting	Larry Sanford	"Your Orchid Water and Fertilizer Needs"
March 4, 2003	GCOS Monthly meeting	Panel Discussion:	"Spike Training and Preparing Your Orchids for Show / Judging"
April 1, 2003	GCOS Monthly meeting	Russ Vern	"Mini-Cats" *
May 6, 2003	GCOS Monthly meeting	Steve Helbling	"Cycnoches"
June 3, 2003	GCOS Monthly meeting	Steve Benjamin	"Cold Hardy Orchids** 7 PM panel "Summering Out Your Plants"

* Speaker brings plants for sale. No silent auction plant.

Plant Judging

AOS Judging of plants is done at the shows listed below under Nearby Shows as well as at the regularly scheduled judging sessions listed immediately below.

These sessions begin at 1:00 p.m. at the Civic Garden Center. You are welcome to bring a plant to be judged or just to observe the judging. Be a little early; plant registration is from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

February 9, 2003	Civic Garden Center	Cincinnati
March 9, 2003	Civic Garden Center	Cincinnati

Steering Committee:

The next Steering Committee meeting will be held the home of Larry Sanford on February 12, 2003. (931-2295) Officers 2003 should attend: Roni Adkins, Dan Faught, Jim France, Steve Helbling, Pat June, Jeanne Sanders, Larry Sanford, and Dana White.

Nearby Shows

February 15, 16	Miami Valley Orchid Society	Wegerzyn Horticulture Center, Dayton, OH
March 1, 2	Hoosier Orchid Society	Glenway Mall Indianapolis, IN
March 15, 16	Kentucky Orchid Society http://ourworld.cs.com/cycadite/	Bashford Manor Mall, Louisville, KY
March 22, 23	Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society	Krohn Conservatory, Cincinnati, OH
March 29, 30	Three Rivers Orchid Society	Ft. Wayne, IN
April 4, 5	MAOC http://midamericanorchids.org/	Toronto, Canada
May 31, June 1	Central Ohio Orchid Society	Columbus, OH

Ann Arbor Seminar May 17, 18

Ohio Valley Seminar - Civic Garden Center Cincinnati, Ohio July 12

Alan Koch, Gold Country Orchids

Lincoln, CA

<http://www.goldcountryorchids.com/>

Dendrobiums, Mini-cats Compact-cats, Phalaenopsis

Other GCOS Activities

February 8	Open Greenhouse Larry Sanford*	"Oncidinae" 1 - 4 PM
February 23	Karen Cochran & Shirley Kriener	"Window Sill Culture" 2 - 5 PM
March 29	Open Greenhouse Rick & Alexa Noel*	"Paphiopedilums"
April 6	Spring Potting Bee	Krohn 1 - 4 PM

* maps attached

Summerfield Orchid Trip

Petersburg, Michigan

<http://www.summerfieldorchids.com/>

Six of our members braved the elements and visited the Summerfield Orchid Greenhouses on January 19. The temperature in the greenhouses, beautiful orchids and friendliness of the Harigs made the trip well worth while. As you can see below, we were tempted by beautiful plants and all came back with new additions to our collections.



Internet

The GCOS web site is <http://w3.one.net/~vcn/GCOShome.htm>. Please note that the upper case GCOS is needed.

Newsletter Circulation Policy

The newsletter is sent to all members whose membership is current and to other orchid societies by reciprocal agreement. Non-members who request a newsletter will receive a maximum of three issues.

? REMINDER! DUES FOR 2003 WERE DUE BY DECEMBER 31, 2002
membership form is on a separate sheet
Failure to pay by March 31 will result in no receipt of the society newsletter
and loss of other membership benefits! ?

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