



# The GCOS Newsletter

November 2005

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The next meeting of the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society will be on Tuesday, November 1, 2005. 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 from 7:00 to 7:30.

## Program

This month's program will be by Steve Benjamin on "Mini and Compact Cattleyas". Refreshments by Steve Helbling and Pat June. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. Raffle plant will be from the MAOC -Den. (Burana white x Thanaid Stripes) 'Hawaii'.

## MAOC Orchidfest

When visitors to 'Orchidfest' started using their cell phones to call friends because "you wouldn't believe how big the show is!" and the vendors had "cool stuff," we knew the show was a success.

Attendance was steady throughout both rainy Saturday and Sunday and visitors left carrying lots of orchids to new homes. By most accounts, the display of red phrags by Chris Purver, Curator of the Eric Young Foundation, was the traffic stopper. Most were Phrag. Jason Fischer, their quality so high that two plants received FCC's during AOS judging, of 97 and 93 points respectively, as well as the Frank Gastright Cypripedium Alliance Trophy and the MAOC Class Trophy. A 97 point FCC is unheard of! (The flowers were extraordinary. All the more remarkable because the phrags were cut flowers which traveled across the Atlantic Ocean in a box!) In all, 9 orchids in the show received a total of 12 AOS awards.

The AOS Show Trophy went to the display from Hoosier Orchids and the Orchid Digest Show Trophy went to the Central Kentucky Orchid Society. Photographs of the winning exhibits, the AOS awarded plants and class winners will be on the society's web page with highlights in the next newsletter.

Since Orchidfest was held in conjunction with the Mid America Orchid Congress, there were speakers Saturday afternoon for Congress registrants and a business meeting Sunday. Highlights from the business meeting will be posted on the MAOC web site, including updates on conservation efforts and education that the MAOC is funding.

As a special feature of 'Orchidfest,' beginners lessons were offered twice Sunday afternoon, both sessions taught by Elaine Better, who brought some of her plants (thanks Stan) and some tips on 'how not to grow orchids.' Combined attendance was nearly 40 people, many of whom also picked up information on joining either the Greater Cincinnati or Miami Valley Orchid Societies. The societies' information table was very busy offering handouts on both societies, cultural information from the American Orchid Society, and information about joining the AOS and subscribing to Orchid Digest.

## Images from Orchidfest





## Thank You

Everyone deserves congratulations for outstanding effort and skills in putting on an outstanding MAOC!!!!

From venue choice and meals, to exhibits, to logo, to booklet, to vendor selections, to email registration, to the layouts, to the greeters, to the riderboard, to setup and teardown, to hospitality, to unloaders and loaders, to judging and clerking, to beginners lessons, to 12 awards to nine awarded plants, to speakers (Wilma was fortuitous !), to the banquet music and flowers and much more importantly, to the spirit of thoughtful cooperation and friendliness demonstrated by everyone involved.

We can be pleased that it was one of the best MAOC in recent times. Again Congratulations! Serious Congratulations !!!

Thank you! Thank you!!!

Larry Sanford, Barry Rhinehart

If you attended 'Orchidfest,' as a registrant you already know that the 'goody bag' was stuffed with interesting items, including a *Catasetinae* alliance seedling from both GCOS and MVOS. Thanks to the following individuals and companies who graciously donated other items: Krohn Conservatory, Cincinnati Visitors Bureau,

Dayton Visitors Bureau, Kings Island Amusement Park, Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden, U.S. Air Force Museum, National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, Warren County Convention & Visitors Bureau, Carillon Historical Park, Cox Arboretum & Gardens Metropark, Worms Way, Procter & Gamble, Oak Knob Orchids & Soaps, Esther Price Fine Chocolates, Dr. Caroline Miller, Associate Vice-President, Enrollment Management, University of Cincinnati, Staples, Glier's Goetta, Fox Farm Soil & Fertilizer Co., Crystal Co., Warren & Carolyn Sipos, Iron's Fruit Market, and Lora Thompson, Hair Etc.

Both societies would also like to thank the following individuals and companies who donated items to the MAOC auction: Wildcatt Database Co., Trader Joe's, Jo Boudinot, Paul Groneck, Fox Farm Soil & Fertilizer Co. as well as society members and vendors who contributed items Saturday afternoon for auctioning later that evening.

Kudos also go to Furst Florist which designed orchid arrangements for the show, some of which were in the lobby at the Kings Island Resort, in hospitality and on the banquet tables Saturday night, each arrangement on a pedestal. (The orchid arrangements were highly sought after - after the meal was over, the arrangements were sold to some happy buyers.) Furst Florist prepared the flowers at virtually no charge and donated the riser rental, a very generous contribution. Thanks also to Orchids by Hausermann which donated almost all the orchids for the arrangements and which has been a strong support of the Mid America Orchid Congress and to Jim France, a member of both GCOS and MVOS, who arranged this.

### Nearby Shows/Events

October 30	<b>Potting Bee 1- 4 P.M.</b>	<b>Krohn Conservatory, Cincinnati, OH</b>
November 5	<b>Potting Bee 1- 4 P.M.</b>	<b>Krohn Conservatory, Cincinnati, OH</b>
December 2	<b>Christmas party</b>	<b>Lois Conyers has agreed to Chair</b>
February 18 -19	Miami Valley OS Show	Cox Arboretum, Dayton OH
March 4- 5	<b>Greater Cincinnati OS Show</b>	<b>Krohn Conservatory, Cincinnati, OH</b>
March 25 - 26	Central Ohio OS Show	Franklin Park Conservatory, Columbus, OH
April 1 - 2	Central Indiana OS Show	Indianapolis, IN
April 22 - 23	Kentucky OS Show	Louisville, KY
October 21 - 22	<b>Greater Cincinnati OS Show</b>	<b>Krohn Conservatory, Cincinnati, OH</b>

Porter's Orchids invites you to our annual Holiday Open House: When? Saturday, December 3, 2005 Time? 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Where? Porter's Orchids Greenhouse, 10868 Royston Road, Grand Ledge MI 48837  
Printable map available on our website: <http://portersorchids.com> Or Contact us at: [orchidsuzi@aol.com](mailto:orchidsuzi@aol.com)  
(517) 622-4188 A few special prices, and holiday delights! Don't miss this opportunity to boost your collection of quality orchids, and think about orchids as gifts for your family and friends.

### Next Meetings \* Speaker brings plants for sale. No silent auction plant.

January 3, 2006 Pat June - Sophronitis

### Steering Committee:

The next Steering Committee meeting will be held at 6:pm. on Tuesday, September 13, 2005 at the Grand Buffet at Ridge and Highland. Officers 2005 should attend: Roni Adkins, Jim France, Steve Helbling, Pat June, Jeanne Sanders, Larry Sanford, Toni Doty and Dana White.

### Hospitality List – to bring snacks, ice (in cooler) and drinks for the meetings

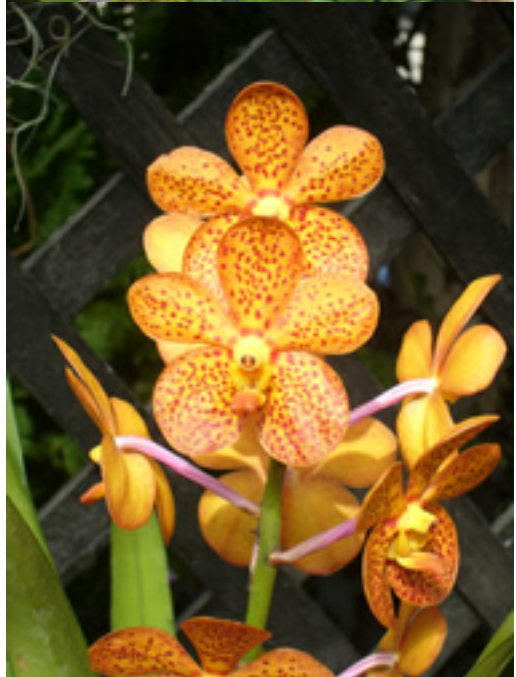
November	Steve Helbling & Pat June	December	Christmas party
January	needed	February	needed
March	needed	April	needed
May	needed	June	needed

### 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.

November 13, 2005  
December 11, 2005

Images from the Central Indiana Show



## Orchidfest Results MAOC Kings Island Conference Center October 22-23

Society Exhibit, more than 50 sq ft – white

### Steve Helbling

Lycaste skinneri alba blue + trophy  
Sc. Calypso 'Crestwood' HCC/AOS blue  
Phal. Tarifa white  
Phal. Da-Chien Spider Beauty white  
Paph. Dr. Jack  
Habenaria carnea  
Stenocoryne (Bifrenaria) aureo-fulva  
Phrag Pink Panther red  
Ctism. expansum white  
Ctism. Jumbo Eagle  
Dend. Mingle's Sapphire red  
Ctism. bergoldii  
Paph Susan Tucker blue  
Slc. Love Fresh  
Spa. Nuuanu Gold red  
Mtdm. Rosey Sunset  
Slc. Barefoot Mailman red  
Pot. Hawaiian Charisma 'Hawaii'

### Stan & Elaine Better

Pyp. Mendenhall 'Monarch'  
Cptra. Sydney Smith 'Yuki'  
Blra. Tahoma Glacier 'Wilma' red  
Blc. Haw Yuan Beauty 'Pearl' red  
Oerstedella Hybrid red  
Ottera Haw Yuan Bay  
Blc. Copper Queen  
Paphiopedilum Macabre  
Miltonia Hybrid red

### Toni Doty

Brassavola cordata  
Dendrobium Ise blue  
Mkra. Charh Kudn  
Roger Habertheir  
Cattleya Sapphire

Paph. villosum white  
Burrageara Stephan Isler 'Red'  
**Ed & Dana White**  
Hexisea bidentata white  
Doritis pulcherrima  
Bulbophyllum Emly Siegerist  
Renanthera monachica white  
Micropera (Camarotis) apiculata  
Dendrobium bigibbum var. compactum white  
Ascofinetia Peaches white  
Darwinara Hybrid  
Neostylis Lou Sneary red  
Brassoepidendrum Janette Reder blue

### Larry Sanford

C. labiata var cooksonia 'Patience' CHM red  
Monn. Millenium Magic 'Witchcraft' AM blue  
Cal. vestita 'Illia's White Dove' HCC/AOS  
Slc. Bright Angel 'Redgold' HCC/AOS blue  
Phcal Kryptonite 'Ursula' AM  
Ctism Truly Treasure 'Patience' AM/AOS blue  
Masd. Hana Nguyen 'Melissa' HCC/AOS  
Masd. macura 'Patience' HCC/AOS red  
Masd. Peach Melba  
Onc. crispum white

### Rick & Alexa Noel

Sophronitis cernua blue  
Blc. Rugeley's Mill 'Mendenhall' HCC/AOS blue  
Phragmipedium Ruby Cascade  
Zygopetalum Hybrid

### Jeanne Sanders

Blc. Hybrid  
Phragmipedium Bouley Bay  
Phragmipedium Saint Peter  
Phragmipedium Cardinale

## Indiana Orchid Society Show Results, September 24-25, Indianapolis, IN

50 ft Exhibit Blue and Trophy – Larry Sanford and Steve Helbling

### Larry Sanford

Ascda. Su Fun Beauty 'Orange Bell' AM/AOS  
Cyr. Andersonii blue and trophy  
Masd. Golden Sun blue  
Brs. Spider's Gold blue  
Brsdm. Fantastic Bob Henley red  
Oda. Shirley Norman white  
Mps. Jolene Carlson 'Doug Kennedy' HCC/AOS red  
Masd. Theresa Hill 'Paolina Ferrusi' AM/AOS red  
Oda. Merry Measure X Shelly red  
Mps. Bellingham X Blackberry Cream blue  
Ascda. Barbara Hanck  
V. Doner Deva red  
Slc. Bright Angel HCC 79 points

### Jeanne Sanders

Paph. robsonii red  
Prag. cardinale red

### Steve Helbling

Cyc. Iodigeesii 'Thanks Eric' AM/AOS blue and trophy  
Den. Minglis Sapphire blue  
Paph. Doctor Jack blue  
C. labiata semi alba red  
Slc. Jungle Beau red  
C. labiata blue  
Lc. Angel Hart X Love Knot white  
Phal. Tarifa white  
**Rick and Alexa Noel**  
Masd. floribunda blue and trophy  
Ascda. John De Biase 'Angela' AM/AOS blue  
Paph. charlesworthii blue  
Clo. Dragon Whiskers red

Internet The GCOS web site is <http://www.gardenersutopia.com/GCOS/>.

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**GCOS CHRISTMAS POTLUCK**  
AT THE CIVIC GARDEN CENTER  
6:30 PM, Friday, December 2, 2005

Get your reservations in early. \$7.00 per person plus one dish of your choice. The entrée, drinks and gift plant will be provided.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of people attending @ \$7.00 per person \$\_\_\_\_\_

Type of dish each person or couple is bringing, just check type of dish:

\_\_\_\_Appetizer    \_\_\_\_Salad    \_\_\_\_Side dish    \_\_\_\_Dessert

Please make your reservations early by sending this form with the appropriate payment to:

Lois Conyers  
5706 Onondago  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45213

Make checks out to the GCOS.

Or you can give it to Lois or Steve at the October or November Meeting. Reservations will not be accepted after November 26<sup>th</sup>.

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GREATER CINCINNATI ORCHID SOCIETY  
MEMBERSHIP FORM

**SINGLE MEMBERSHIP (\$18)**\_\_\_\_\_ **FAMILY MEMBERSHIP**  
**(\$25)**\_\_\_\_\_

**NEW MEMBER**\_\_\_\_\_

**RENEWAL**\_\_\_\_\_

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