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Plant of the Month and 1st Place Cattleya Species

Laelia splendida

Grown by Tennis Maynard

Tennis grows this Cattleya in chopped tree-fern in a clay pot, hung high in the GH for maximum light, and outdoors from early spring til late fall for full sun and cool/cold nights in spring and fall (to 40°), watered weekly in winter, every couple days when in spike. Congratulations, Tennis, on growing another beautiful orchid!

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President's Message

Last month we had our annual Awards Banquet. The details of the growers awards are listed elsewhere in this newsletter so I won't repeat them here. We had a good turn-out for the banquet. It was a lot of fun visiting with everyone. There was a lot of delicious food that we all enjoyed. We had an amazing show table with quite a lot of blooming orchids to admire. I also gave out two special American Orchid Society awards which I explain below. I want to extend a big thank you to Tracy Strombotne for arranging the venue which was the meeting area of her church. It was just the right size for our group. Thanks also to everyone who attended and helped make it a memorable evening.

One of the special American Orchid Society awards was given to Nancy Shapiro. Nancy does a fantastic job with the newsletter every month and she puts a lot of time and effort into it. It isn't easy getting people to send her all the many inputs, photos, and details that go into it. The result is a very professional looking newsletter that is an essential element of our society. I think we all appreciate the work she does and it was nice to formally recognize it with this award.

The other special American Orchid Society award went to Tom Hart. It's a challenge to remember all the things that Tom does for our society because there are so many. As most of you know, Tom arranges for the venue of our fall show, acts as our liaison with the mall, and procures the liability insurance that we are required to have. Tom is our society secretary which means he takes notes at our board meetings and puts together the minutes of those meetings. Tom, with occasional help from Bob Dudley, takes the photos of our show table first place winners each month and sends the photos to Nancy for the newsletter. Tom collects the show table entry forms at each meeting and keeps a running tally of the points earned for each category. That allows us to award the winners at our fall banquet. Complicating the point tally is that we now also include away shows and our own show. That's a lot of things to keep track of, but Tom does a great job and we are very lucky to have him in our society.

Thank you for being a member of the Central Ohio Orchid Society.

Dave Markley

Congratulations to the 2024 Grower Award Winners

Annually we award members who bring blooming orchids to the meetings and those who win ribbons at both our meetings and home and away shows. First place winners, in each category, receive a \$25 gift certificate to use at our next show; while 2nd place winners receive a certificate for \$20. This year we added a new category called Intermediate Growers, for those who are growing orchids for 2 – 5 years. Remember, you earn points just for bringing a blooming orchid to our show tables.

	New Grower	Intermediate Grower	Non Greenhouse Grower	Greenhouse Grower
1st Place	Beth Makley (32 points)	Jan Miller (113 points)	Ken Mettler (347 points)	Tennis Maynard (483 points)
2nd Place	Kat Royal (4 points)	Bob and Tricia Dudley (70 points)	Edna and Dave Markley (203 points)	Tom Hart (106 points)



The Next Meeting of the Central Ohio Orchid Society will be held on January 16, 2025 at the Franklin Park Conservatory

Our speaker will be Nicholas Rust from Rusty Exotic Orchids. The program will be on beautiful Jewel Orchids. The meeting will take place in person and will also be available on Zoom. Stay tuned for additional information which will be available in the January COOS Reporter



It's Time to Pay Your Annual Dues

Please remember to submit your 2025 Dues Payment as soon as possible. Your dues helps pay for our program speakers, meeting space at the Franklin Park Conservatory, Annual Show Expenses and other Society activities.

Annual Dues are only \$20 for an individual membership and \$25 for a family membership

It's easy to pay by PayPal by following this link: [Join Us](#) or print out the membership form found by clicking the link above

November Show Table First Place Winners

Paphiopedilum Species

Paph. coccineum grown by Tennis Maynard



Paphiopedilum Hybrid

Paph. Shun Fa Golden
(malipoense x hangianum grown
by Tennis Maynard)

All show table photos taken by Tom Hart

November Show Table First Place Winners

Other

Coelogyne ruchussenii
grown by Ken Mettler



Cattleya Hybrid

C. Mark Jones 'SVO x C.
Chocolate Drop 'SVO'
grown by Amy Stanley



November Show Table First Place Winners

Oncidium

Onc. Twinkle 'Oro' yellow grown by
Dave and Edna Markley



Cattleya Hybrid

Blc. Goldenzell 'Orange
Pumpkin grown by Tennis
Maynard

November Show Table Second and Third Place Winners

ORCHID	GROWER	PLACE
Paph. Venustum v. album	Tennis Maynard	2nd
Rlc. Takeshi Akatsuka 'Volcano Sunshine'	Jan Miller	2nd
Blc. Yen Surprise 'Seiko	Tennis Maynard	2nd
C. maxima	Tennis Maynard	2nd
Trichocentrum Ollie Palmer	Tennis Maynard	2nd
Paph. Lathamianum	Dave and Edna Markley	2nd

November Show Table Second and Third Place Winners

ORCHID	GROWER	PLACE
Paph. curtsy album	Tennis Maynard	3rd
Den. Lowing Nioka	Dave and Edna Markley	3rd
Otarra Hidden Gold	Dave and Edna Markley	3rd
Rlc. Chyong Guu Linnet 'Smile'	Jan Miller	3rd
Leptons pauloensis	Ken Mettler	3rd
Enc. dichromate	Tennis Maynard	3rd
Tol. Jairak Firm 'Carnival'	Dave and Edna Markley	3rd
Paph. Windrush	Dave and Edna Markley	3rd

Monthly Meeting Hospitality

We are starting a new tradition in utilizing Sign-Up Genius to schedule our monthly meeting hospitality. This will make it easier to sign up to bring tasty snacks and you will also receive automated reminders that you did sign up!

Please volunteer by clicking the link below:

[COOS Monthly Meeting Hospitality Sign Up](#)

Start Planning to Attend or Help Set Up 2025 Shows at the Following Locations:

Location	Dates
Greater Akron Orchid Society	March 1 – 2
Western Pennsylvania Orchid Society	March 15 – 16
Greater Cleveland Orchid Society	March 22 – 23
West Shore Orchid Society	April 28 – 29

Welcome New Members

We are always excited to have new members to welcome into our Orchid Society.

Please say “hello and what do you grow” to all our new member(s).

Ray Welty

Jill Knapp

Katherine Noblet

Sam and Margaretta Moon

Do You Have Ideas for Future Speakers?

It's getting to that time of year where our Program Chair needs to begin planning for the 2025 calendar year. Each year we strive to have the best speakers possible. Learning about how to grow and what to grow is one of the best things about being a member of the Central Ohio Orchid Society. If you have any ideas for speakers that you have always wanted to hear or would love to hear from again, please contact our Program Chair, Tracy Stombotne at strombotne@gmail.com.



AOS Events/Webinars

While some events are for members of the American Orchid Society, many are open to all. Greenhouse chats are usually held twice per month (less in the summer) and are open to all. Other webinars and informational offerings are also available. If you are a member of the AOS, don't forget their easy to use catalog of previous webinars are available to view at any time. Upcoming webinars:

- **Greenhouse Chat Tuesday, January 2, 2025 at 8:30 pm**
- **Inorganic Potting Media: Never Repot Again with Harvey Brenneise, Part 1 Thursday January 9, 2025 at 8:30 pm**
- **Greenhouse Chat Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at 8:30 pm**
- **Inorganic Potting Media: Never Repot Again with Harvey Brenneise, Part 2 Wednesday February 12, 2025 at 8:30 pm**
- **Hundreds of recorded webinars available for viewing for all AOS members (get more orchid information when we don't have a meeting).**

Have You Considered Joining the American Orchid Society

BENEFITS OF AOS MEMBERSHIP

- Receive Orchids Magazine and have access to the Digital Archive
- Receive Exclusive Discounts and Savings on Orchids, Supplies and More
- OrchidPro Online Orchid Software
- Hundreds of Orchid Webinars

Go to [AOS.org](https://www.aos.org) for more information

2025 Program Calendar

Tracy Stombotne is continuing as our Program Chair and has developed another wonderful group of speakers. Each month we will update the calendar as some changes are always expected as people's schedules change. Below is the current slate of programs which may be modified:

MEETING DATE	SPEAKER	TOPIC	VENDOR PLANT SALE
January 16	Nicholas Rust	Jewel Orchids	Possible, at a later date
February 20	Fred Clarke	Aussie Dendrobiums	Possible as a group order
March 20	TBD		
April 17	Jim and Yvonne France	TBD	Yes
May 15	Fred Bess	Pest and Disease Management	
June 19	TBD		
July	No Meeting		
August 21	TBD		
September	Picnic		
October 16	TBD		
November 21	Annual Banquet and Awards		Member Plant Sale
December	No Meeting		

2024 Central Ohio Orchid Society Board and Committee Chairs

President	Dave Markley
Vice President	Troy Timbrook
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Immediate Past President	Nancy Shapiro
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Trustee	Jan Miller
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