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Plant of the Month and 1st Place Other

Thunia alba

Grown by Ken Mettler

Thunias are large terrestrial plants (typically around three feet tall) that have a pronounced seasonal growth habit, similar to Catasetums. They are deciduous for about half of the year, and remain as leafless canes during this time. I barely water them while dormant, except for light misting and a few trickles of water, so they don't completely desiccate.

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When the new growth appears, I start to mist a little more, but too much water will rot the new growth. When the growth is about four inches tall, I start to give them water, fertilizer and bright light, nearly full sun. The growth is very rapid, and resembles a corn stalk. As the growth reaches maturity, I move the plant to half sun (mimicking closure of the forest canopy in the wild), and continue to feed and water heavily. After blooming, I eliminate feeding, and reduce water as the leaves drop. Intermediate temperatures are fine year-round.

My *Thunia* plants don't seem to pay attention to the calendar, and one seems to want to be on about a 14 month growth cycle. I don't really care what time of year it is, I let the plant tell me what stage of the growth cycle it wants to be in, and I react accordingly.

I repot when the plants are dormant, preferably just as they initiate new growth. All or most of the roots are dead at this time, and can be removed. The new roots start to appear when the new shoot is about four inches tall.

Individual canes only live for up to two years. In the second season, the leafless cane will sometimes produce keikis. The second year cane can be removed and placed on sphagnum moss, similar to *Phalaenopsis* stem propagation. Alternatively, I have also air layered keikis by wrapping the base in sphagnum moss while it's still attached to the mother plant.

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President's Message

Thank you very much to everyone who helped with our annual fall show. I really appreciate all of you who came out to help. Thank you also for the delicious food that you contributed. Needless to say, we could not have a show without all the work that you put into supporting it. Despite having an added obstacle this year with a hospitality room somewhat distant from the show area, everyone seemed to manage, adapt, and make it work. A big thanks to Tom Hart for making all the arrangements with the mall, securing the table rental and procuring insurance for the event. Thank you Ken Mettler as show chair for coordinating and managing the judging which is the official and critical part of the show. Thank you Sandra and Terry Stohr for all the last minute hospitality work. I heard a lot of positive comments from vendors, judges, and our own volunteers about how they appreciated all the good food.

On Thursday, 11/21, we have our annual awards banquet/potluck. You will find more information about it elsewhere in this newsletter (Pages 5 and 6). We'll be giving out the grower awards for the year, but more importantly, it's a fun social event and we usually have a full show table of beautiful blooming orchids to enjoy and we will have a member's plant sale. I really hope you will attend.

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

Dave Markley



COOS Show Display

October, 2024

**Photo taken by
Tom Hart**

November 21, 2024 Meeting
Our Annual Awards and Holiday Banquet

Location:

Linworth United Methodist Church
7070 Bent Tree Blvd.
Columbus, OH 43235

Setup at 6:00 pm, starts at 6:30

In an effort to have a variety of foods please bring the following if your last name begins with:

A-F: an appetizer or side dish.

G-Sh: an entree.

Sh-Z: a dessert.

COOS will provide paper plates, cups, utensils, napkins, ice, bottled water, and pop

And we will have a member's plant sale and our monthly show table!

Remember that this is the event where we provide grower awards for those who both brought in and won ribbons during the monthly show table

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*November 21, 2024 Meeting
Our Annual Awards and Holiday Banquet*

DIRECTIONS:

From the east:

**Take 270 to Sawmill Road.
Exit to the south which is a left turn onto Sawmill Road.
Make a left on federated Blvd, which is the second light.
LUMC is at the corner of Federated and Bent Tree.
There are entrances to the parking lot from both Federated and Bent Tree.
Enter from the second door on the west side of the building.**

From the west:

**Take 270 to Sawmill Road.
Exit to the south which is a right turn onto Sawmill Road.
Make a left on federated Blvd, which is the second light.
LUMC is at the corner of Federated and Bent Tree.
There are entrances to the parking lot from both Federated and Bent Tree.
Enter from the second door on the west side of the building.**

From the south:

**Take 315 south to SR161, Dublin Granville Rd.
Exit to the west, which is a left turn onto 161.
Make a right on federated Blvd, about 3 miles.
LUMC is at the corner of Federated and Bent Tree.
There are entrances to the parking lot from both Federated and Bent Tree.
Enter from the second door on the west side of the building.**

From the north:

**Take 315 to SR 161, Dublin Granville Rd.
Exit to the west, which is a right turn onto 161.
Make a right on federated Blvd, about 3 miles.
LUMC is at the corner of Federated and Bent Tree
Enter from the second door on the west side of the building.**

**DOORS WILL BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH SIGNAGE FOR CENTRAL OHIO ORCHID
SOCIETY**

October Show Table First Place Winners

Paphiopedilum

Paph. Harrisianum grown by Dave
and Edna Markley



Phragmipedium

Phrag. Cardinale grown by Dave
and Edna Markley

All show table photos taken by Tom Hart

October Show Table First Place Winners

Other

Coelogyne usitana
grown by Ken Mettler



Phalaenopsis

Phal. NoID grown by Tsa
Shelton

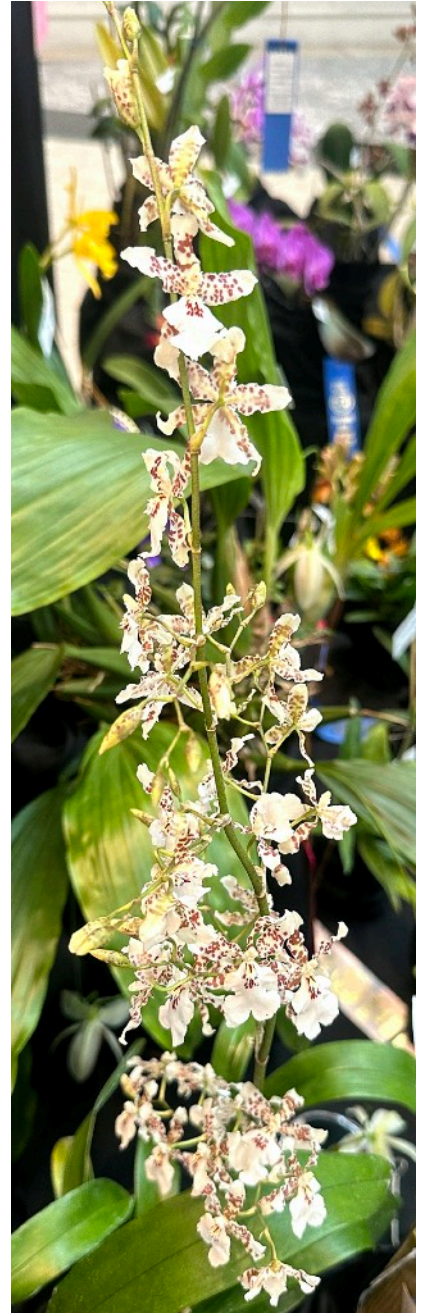
October Show Table First Place Winners

Oncidium

Onc. Speckle Spire grown by Jan Miller

Cattleya

Blc. Golden Tang grown by Tracy
Stombotne



October Show Table Second and Third Place Winners

ORCHID	GROWER	PLACE
Paph. Sheldrake x Beverly Rhodes 'Cmira x Amada Invasion	Tom Hart	2nd
Den. TuTone	Tom Hart	2nd
Phrag Hanne Popow	Dave and Edna Markley	2nd
Coelogyne Unchained Melody	Ken Mettler	2nd
Blc. Hawaii Leopard 'Mei- Ling'	Amy Stanley	2nd
Bnfd. Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze'	Tracy Stombotne	2nd
Phal. NoID	Tsa Shelton	2nd

October Show Table Second and Third Place Winners

ORCHID	GROWER	PLACE
Phrag. Magdalene	Dave and Edna Markley	3rd
Catasetum Expansum	Dave and Edna Markley	3rd
Bulbophyllum Daisy Chain	Andi Yates	3rd
Catt. Laura Newton	Amy Stanley	3rd
Paph. Mint. Chocolate	Megan Osika Gartland	3rd
Cochleanthes amazonia	Tennis Maynard	3rd
Onc. Tsiku Marguerite "HOF"	Beth Markley	3rd

Celebrating the 2024 Central Ohio Orchid Society Show



The Central Ohio Orchid Show 2024 Display



Miami Valley Orchid Society Display

Photos by Tom Hart and Bob
Dudley



Kentucky Orchid Society Display



Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society Display



The 2024 Central Ohio Orchid Society Show
from above



HC Orchids Display



Flask and Flora Display



BarTrop Plant Display



Little Frog Farm Display



Congratulations to Tracy Stombotne and Ken Mettler for receiving Best of Class trophies for their *Blc. Golden Tang* and *Thunia alba* (species)

Congratulations to the 2024 Central Ohio Orchid Society Members Who Received Ribbons

ORCHID	GROWER	PLACE
Thunia alba (species)	Ken Mettler	1st and Best in Class
Cologne Unchained Melody	Ken Mettler	1st
Enclia Kennedy x prismatocarpum	Andi Yates	1st
Catasetum expanse	Dave and Edna Markley	1st
Cattleya Laura Newton	Amy Stanley	1st
Cattleya Hawaiian Wedding Song	Jan Miller	1st
Oncidium Sparkle Spire	Jan Miller	1st
Phalaenopsis Yu Pin Pearl	Tsa Shelton	1st
Phalaenopsis hybrid	Tsa Shelton	1st
Paphiopedilum hybrid	Tom Hart	1st
Neogardneria murrayana	Tennis Maynard	1st
Bulbophyllum mastersianum	Tennis Maynard	1st
Cattleya labiata v. rubra	Tennis Maynard	1st
Paphiopedilum victoria-mariae	Tennis Maynard	1st
Paphiopedilum Hello Dolly	Tennis Maynard	1st
Trichocentrum Ollie Palmer	Tennis Maynard	1st
Blc. Golden Tang	Tracy Stombotne	1st and Best in Class

Congratulations to the 2024 Central Ohio Orchid Society Members Who Received Ribbons

ORCHID	GROWER	PLACE
Coelogyne usitana species	Ken Mettler	2nd
Phrag. Hanne Popow	Dave and Edna Markley	2nd
Phrag Cardinale	Dave and Edna Markley	2nd
Phalaenopsis NoID	Beth Makley	2nd
Dendrobium Tu Tone	Tom Hart	2nd
Bulbophyllum fascinator	Tennis Maynard	2nd
Cattleya maxima	Tennis Maynard	2nd
Blc. Painter's Brush x Blc. Mary Ellen Carter	Tennis Maynard	2nd
Paphiopedilium liemianum	Tennis Maynard	2nd
Zelenkoa onusta	Tennis Maynard	2nd
Procatavola Key Lime Stars	Tracy Stombotne	2nd
Bnfd. Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze'	Tracy Stombotne	2nd
Paph. Harrisianum	Dave and Edna Markley	3rd
Phrag. Magdalene Rose	Dave and Edna Markley	3rd
Onc. Aka Baby 'Raspberry Chocolate'	Bob and Tricia Dudley	3rd
Blc. Hawaiian Leopard 'Mei Ling'	Amy Stanley	3rd
Paphiopedilium curtisii v. alba	Tennis Maynard	3rd
Cischweinfia onus	Tennis Maynard	3rd

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

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

Monthly Meeting Hospitality

Dave will be setting up a Sign-Up Genius for next year's monthly meetings. This will make it easier to sign up to bring tasty snacks and to receive automated reminders that you did sign up! We'll be providing a link to the sign up sheet soon.

November – Annual Banquet Pot Luck

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).

Gabriel Havice

Shelly Scott

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 November 19, 2024 at 8:30 pm**
- **Six Modules of the Master Gardener Series on Orchid Growing is now available on-line for all AOS members. The series includes Pests and Disease Management, The Care and Culture of Orchids, How to Repot, Divide and Mount Orchids and other topics!**
- **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

2024 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:

MEETING DATE	SPEAKER	TOPIC	VENDOR PLANT SALE
January 18	Dennis Steinbeck	Deflasking	Yes
February 15	Himchor	Novelty Phalaenopsis Breeding	Yes
March 21	Andreas Cardenas	TBD	Yes
April 18	Tom Sampliner	Orchids of Borneo	No
May 16	Stephen Benjamin	Orchid Mounting	Yes
June 20	Eric Sauer	Maxillaria	Yes
July	No Meeting		
August 15	Barry Jones	AOS Judging	No
September	Picnic		
October 17	Dave Markley and Ken Mettler	Setting up a Show at Polaris Mall	No
November 21	Annual Banquet and Awards		No
December	No Meeting		

2024 Central Ohio Orchid Society Board and Committee Chairs

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