



# SEPTEMBER 2024 COOS REPORTER

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*Plant of the Month and 1st Place Other*

***Gastrocicis humblotii* 'Orchid Court' AOS/HCC**

**Grown by Tennis Maynard**

Tennis grows this beautiful orchid cool, in a terrestrial mix (in this case a fine bark/perlite mix with added pro-mix), in cattleya light, kept moist but a little drier in the winter. It also is in the path of the mister which comes on every day for 1/2 hour, sometimes twice a day in the summer.

Our speaker in August was a judging seminar led by Barry Jones. This plant was awarded an HCC which is described on Page 6.

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## *President's Message*

At last month's meeting our speaker was Barry Jones who led a discussion about American Orchid Society (AOS) judging with support from Teresa Huesman, Kris Mason, and our own Ken Mettler. They explained the various criteria used to judge orchids and how each candidate orchid had to be researched in the AOS database to see what attributes had earned awards in the past. The whole process was quite involved and impressive.

During the meeting we also had a silent auction of orchids donated by Justin Pepperney. It was very successful with proceeds totaling \$392. Thank you, Justin!

I hope you had a chance to attend the Ohio Valley Orchid Fest in Kettering, OH. For those who signed up for the entire weekend there were several good speakers including Peter T. Lin of Diamond Orchids. For those who just drove over for the day, there were quite a few local, regional, and international orchid vendors in attendance.

**The COOS picnic will be Saturday, September 21, beginning at 1:00 PM**, in the back yard of Amy and Will Stanley (6728 Rocky Den Rd., Reynoldsburg). Parking is available in the rear of the CrossWalk Church located at 751 Rosehill Rd. The Stanley's rear yard abuts the church parking lot. Everyone should bring a lawn chair. People with last names beginning with **A through N should bring a side dish or salad**, and last names beginning with **O - Z should bring a dessert**. The society will be providing burgers (including veggie burgers), buns, condiments, soft drinks, water, cups, plates, utensils, and napkins. **We will have a show table and a members plant sale.**

Our annual show is Saturday and Sunday, October 19 and 20. Stanchions, tables and drapes setup will be Thursday evening the 17th. Vendors and societies will set up on Friday, 18th. We'll need workers and food donations. I'll try to get some people signed up at the picnic and follow up with on-line sign-ups like last year.

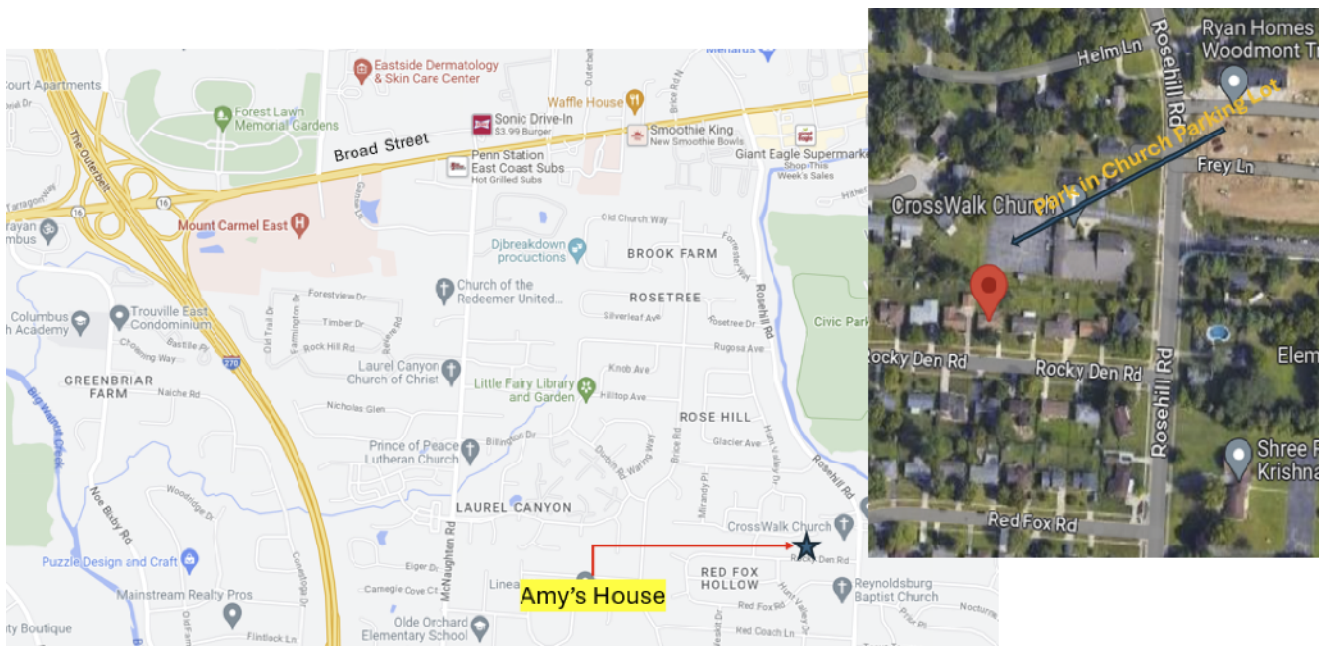
I look forward to seeing all of you at our picnic on September 21.

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

Dave Markley

# September 21, 2024 Annual Picnic

The COOS picnic will be Saturday, Sep. 21, beginning at 1:00 PM in the backyard of Will and Amy Thomas' (6728 Rocky Den Rd., Reynoldsburg.) Parking is available in the rear of the CrossWalk Church located at 751 Rosehill Rd. - the Thomas' rear yard abuts the church parking lot. Everyone should bring a lawn chair. **People with last names beginning with A through N should bring a side dish or salad, and last names beginning with O - Z should bring a dessert.** The society will be providing burgers (including veggie burgers), buns, condiments, soft drinks, water, cups, plates, utensils, and napkins. **We will have a show table and a members plant sale.** For those setting up we will start at noon.



Join COOS Members for the annual picnic which will be held in lieu of our regularly scheduled Thursday meeting. Hope to see everyone there!

# *August Show Table First Place Winners*

## *Cattleya Species*

Sophranitis brevidunculate grown  
by Nancy Shapiro



## *Cattleya Hybrid*

Prosthechea Green Hornet grown  
by Tracy Stombotne



All show table photos taken by Robert Dudley

## *August Show Table First Place Winners*

### *Phalaeonopsis*

Phal. KS Passion Queen  
grown by Bob and Tricia  
Dudley



### *Oncidium*

Oncidium Hilo Firecracker  
'Lucky Strike' grown by Tracy  
Stombotne



# *August Show Table First Place Winners*

*Paphiopedilum*

Paph. MT Toro grown by Tennis  
Maynard



*Congratulations to all of our first place award  
winners and to Tennis for receiving an  
HCC award for the month of August!*



*Award Description of Jennis's Grastrochis  
humblotii 'Orchid Court'*

**The HCC is the Highly Commended Certificate which is given to an orchid which receives 75 to 79 points for its flower quality.**

“Six full flat consistent flowers and thirty one buds nicely displayed on three inflorescences up to 65cm; sepals and petals white heavily overlaid magenta; lip white, keel bright canary yellow, side lobes suffused tangerine orange, midlobe deep magenta distally; column green; substance average; texture sepals and petals diamond dust, lip sateny" [sic] ("satiny" is the correct spelling)



# *August Show Table Second and Third Place Winners*

<b>ORCHID</b>	<b>GROWER</b>	<b>PLACE</b>
Mad. Peach Daiquiri 'Anita'	Tom Hard	2nd
Den. Sunday FCC/AOS	Dave and Edna Markley	2nd
Paph. Prime Child x lowii alba	Tennis Maynard	2nd
Phal. NoID	Roxanne Kmetz	2nd
Brassavola perrinii	Ken Mettler	2nd
Mtssa. Shelob 'Okika'	Jan Miller	2nd
Slc. Angel's Fantasy x Bl. Richard Mueller	Tracy Stombotne	2nd

## *August Show Table Second and Third Place Winners*

<b>ORCHID</b>	<b>GROWER</b>	<b>PLACE</b>
Phal. Tetrapsis x Yaphon Oh Mygod	Bob and Tricia Dudley	3rd
Prosthechea livida	Dave and Edna Markley	3rd
Blc. Goldenzelle 'Orange Pumpkin'	Tennis Maynard	3rd
Paph Wanshananense	Tennis Maynard	3rd
Renantanda (UNIK)	Tennis Maynard	3rd
Coelogyne nitida	Ken Mettler	3rd
Mps. Molten Lava	Tsa Shelton	3rd

## *Meeting Hospitality and Our Need for a New Coordinator*

We are so fortunate that Sandra and Terry Stohr have continued to coordinate our meeting hospitality. However, they have been doing this for a long time and would love to have someone assist the Society with this important task. If you would like to help coordinate our major hospitality events (annual picnic, annual show and our banquet) Please let Dave Markley know at our next meeting. Tracy

Stombotne and Dave have agreed to assist the new coordinator with what needs to be done, along with receiving the documented details of these tasks.

**September** – Annual Picnic, bring a side dish or dessert

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**Last names beginning with O – Z please bring a dessert**

## *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).**

**David Heilman**

**Sarah Atkinson**

## *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](mailto:strombotne@gmail.com).

# August 2024 Orchid Fest Winners

The annual Ohio Valley Orchid Fest was held on August 24 – 25, 2024. Unlike many shows, this one has orchid judging of individual plants rather than exhibits installed by Orchid Societies. This year we requested that anyone who won any awards at the show, let us know in order that we could celebrate their success. Only one member, **Qianchu He (Himchor)** responded that he won a number of ribbons and awards. They are listed below. **CONGRATULATIONS Himchor!!**

ORCHID	PLACE
Phal. Blue Star 'Summer Rose'	1st and Trophy
Phal. Mituo Equalacea	1st, AOS AM
Phal. Mituo Purple Dragon 'Phalax'	1st
Phal. Mituo Blue Moon	1st
Phal. Hsinying Blueberry	2nd
Phal. SWR Snowflake	2nd
Phal. Joy Chameleon	2nd
Phal. Tzu Chiang Sapphire	3rd
Phal. pulcerrima 'pink'	3rd



## *Mid America Orchid Congress' Upcoming Guido Braem Tolumnia Talk*

The next event that the Mid America Orchid Congress is sponsoring an online zoom presentation by world renowned taxonomist and orchid expert Guido Braem who will present the Genus Tolumnia. Attached is a flyer with more information.

The presentation will be October 20, 2024. Registration is available online and will be paid for by the Central Ohio Orchid Society. If you are a COOS member you will be emailed a link prior to the event. We will be recording the talk so you will be able to re-watch it or see it if you are unable to join live for a couple weeks after the talk.

In addition, we will be doing a group order for Guido Braem's books to have them shipped as a bulk order to the US and then shipped to their final address. Books can be signed and personalized as well. Book orders are due October 15th and will ship around the end of October. His books on Paphs and Phrags include information on each of the species, local habitat information and photos as well as cultural information. His book on Darwin is a great read and quite interesting and includes many details I am sure you have never heard about. For those that ordered books early, we have a shipment on the way already and will be mailed to you as soon as we received them. I will email you with the tracking number.

Here is the link to register or order books: [Home | Mid America Orchid Congress \(square.site\)](https://www.square.site?domain=midamericaorchidcongress.com)

Don't miss this opportunity to hear Guido Braem and order one or more of his incredible books!

We hope you can join us! Thanks!



# *Mid America Orchid Congress Meeting Report by Bob Dudley*

The annual MAOC member's meeting took place on Sunday August 25 during the Ohio Orchid Fest.

The minutes from the August 27, meeting was approved and the Treasurer's Report was then discussed.

As of July 1<sup>st</sup> MOAC has a total balance of \$62,955.25. The total income for 2023 was \$9,359 and total expenses were \$10,816.22 for a loss of **\$1,456.72**. It was noted that last year's auction earned \$2451 of which 50% went to MAOC. Saturday's Auction earned even more money, the total was not available at the time of the meeting. In addition there was also a silent auction this year.

As of August 1 there were 41 paid members (Orchid Societies) of MOAC. The member societies geographically range from Alabama to Southern Ontario.

There were a number of Committee reports, the most important was the President's Report and the AOS Liaison report. Eric Sauer, President of MOAC stated that the Annual Meeting Committee is looking for a new chair or chairs along with societies to host upcoming MOAC meetings.

The AOS Liaison Committee is chaired by Cheryl Erins who is also the Current President of the AOS. She talked about changes in the AOS (check out the new AOS webpage if you have not done so). Like all organizations the AOS is trying to bring in younger members. Also discussion have starting about the possibility the next years Ohio Valley Orchid Fest will not only host the annual MOAC meeting but also the AOS annual meeting

Finally a committee was setup to rewrite the Constitution of MOAC. A handout with proposed change of the Constitution was handed out. A report will be made at the next meeting.

Before adjournment it was announced that next years member meeting will be, in all probability, a Zoom meeting.

## *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 October 15, 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!**

## *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**



## 35th Annual Orchid Show and Sale

**September 28, 2024**

**September 29, 2024**

**10:00 am-5:00 pm**

**12:00 pm-4:00 pm**



**St. Matthew's Episcopal Church**

330 N. Hubbards Lane, Louisville, KY 40207

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*or visit [www.kyorchidsociety.com](http://www.kyorchidsociety.com)*



## *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:

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

# *2024 Central Ohio Orchid Society Board and Committee Chairs*

President	Dave Markley
Vice President	Troy Timbrook
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Trustee	Jan Miller
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