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# FEBRUARY 2025 COOS REPORTER



## *Plant of the Month*

***Laelia anceps dawsonii* 'Figment' x Marble King grown by Naila Caruso**

Naila received this as a bare root plant. She potted it up in a Hydrofarm large black pot with about 1" Leca (Lightweight Expanded Clay Aggregate) for great drainage and then utilized an open mix (Repot Me Cattleya mix) which contains fir, charcoal and perlite. She kept it in a shallow tray which collected water as she watered her plants, but dried by the evening. She believes this helped keep the plant cool during the very hot summer as she moved the plant outside for the summer. It came inside in November. She fertilized it during the growing season with Well Water MSU fertilizer.

**Photo taken by Robert Dudley**

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## *President's Message*

At last month's meeting, Nicholas Rust gave us a zoom presentation about Jewel orchids. This is a subject that I don't think we've had a speaker on since I've been a member. It was interesting to see the different genera that fit in the jewel orchid category. We might be able to have a discounted group order later from him. Stay tuned for that.

You probably noticed that there was a parking issue at last month's in-person meeting. Unfortunately, the night of our meeting fell on the same night as the Cocktails at the Conservatory event. Because of the popularity of this event, parking was scarce. These events don't happen every third Thursday like our orchid meeting, but occasionally they do overlap. The last time this will happen this year will be in May. We can ask the conservatory if they would try to avoid scheduling it on our meeting nights next year, but my best advice for the May meeting is to try to come early, if possible.

If you haven't already done so, please pay your dues for 2025. It's still only \$20 per individual and \$25 per couple/family. The money raised is needed to pay the expenses for the excellent speakers we have planned as well as other operating expenses.

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

Dave Markley

## *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.

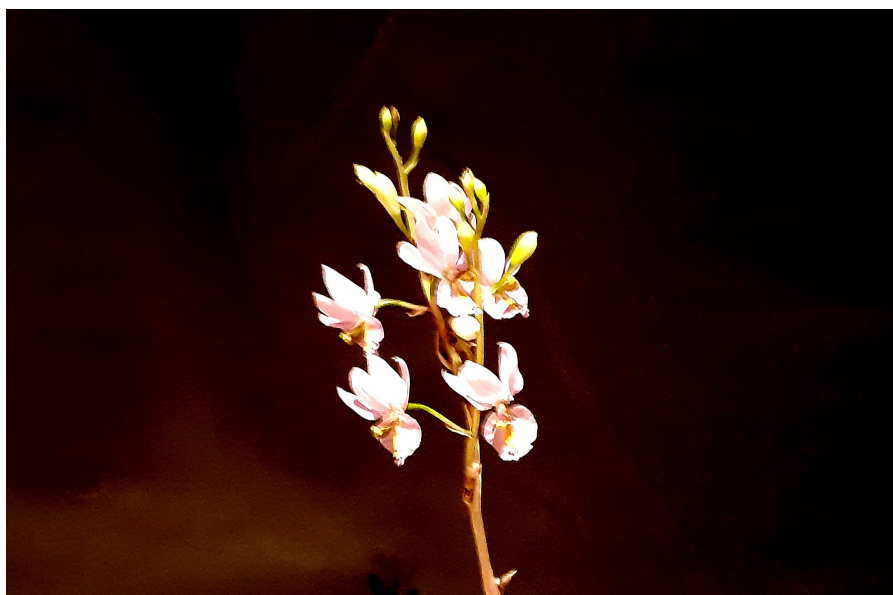
Annual Dues are only \$20 for an individual membership and \$25 for a family membership

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

## *January Show Table First Place Winners*

### *Cattleya Hybrid*

Blc. Burdekin Wonder 'Lakeland'  
grown by Megan Osika-Gartland



### *Barkeria*

Barkeria whartonia grown by  
Ken Mettler

All show table photos taken by Robert Dudley



# *January Show Table First Place Winners*

## *Oncidium*

Osp. Brazillian Sun 'Samba' grown by  
Ken Mettler



## *Paphiopedum*

Paph. Arabesque grown by Megan  
Osika-Gartland





## *February Show Table First Place Winners*

### *Other*

Vanda Urairan Belle "Varinta" grown  
by Jan Miller



### *Other*

Cym. Dame Catherine 'Spring  
Day' HCC/AOS grown by Ken  
Mettler

# *January Show Table Second and Third Place Winners*

ORCHID	GROWER	PLACE
Paph. fairieanum	Megan Osika-Gartland	2nd
Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'	Beth Malley	2nd
Coelogyne grandulosa	Dave and Edna Markley	2nd
Cym. Ming 'Emperor'	Ken Mettler	2nd
Laelia anceps	Ken Mettler	2nd
Rhyncholaeliocattleya Hsing Dream 'Violetgreen x C. Love Castle x Rlc. 'Birthday Dream'	Jan Miller	2nd

ORCHID	GROWER	PLACE
Paph. Niveum	Megan Osika-Gartland	3rd
Den. Susie Gallis x antennatum	Dave and Edna Markley	3rd
Tolumnia Jairak Flyer 'Gules'	Dave and Edna Markley	3rd
Catasetum Jumbo Eagle 'Orchid Court'	Dave and Edna Markley	3rd
Laelia anceps alba	Ken Mettler	3rd
Barkeria obovata	Ken Mettler	3rd
Bc. makai	Amy Stanley	3rd

## *February 20, 2025 Society Meeting*

**The next meeting of the Central Ohio Orchid Society will be held on Thursday, February 20, 2025 at Franklin Park Conservatory in the Wells Barn. The beginners corner will start at 6:30 pm, followed by the meeting and presentation at 7 pm.**

**Our Speaker will be Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids, speaking on Aussie Dendrobiums and their Cultivation, and the presentation will be available via Zoom. Don't forget to bring your plants for the monthly Show Table, results will be announced after the presentation.**

### **"AUSSIE DENDROBIUMS AND THEIR CULTIVATION"**

Our friends down under have been breeding their native Dendrobiums and creating some fantastic flowers, the word is out! Aussie Dens are easy to grow, tolerant of heat and cold, have fragrant flowers, and re-bloom from the old bulbs!!! They grow well in a wide variety of conditions, they are perfect plants for summering in the shade house and then bring in doors once night are in the low 40's or stay outside year-round in frost free areas. In conclusion we cover the 'best growing practices' for cultivating these remarkable plants.

The presenter will be Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids in Vista. Fred Clarke has been growing orchids for 42 years and has been hybridizing for 38 of those years. With over 34 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery; Sunset Valley Orchids, located in San Diego, California. He is a passionate orchid grower whose curiosity in orchids is broad and varied. Although developing Cattleya hybrids has been his sustaining interest, he is also actively creating new Paphiopedilum and Aussie Dendrobium hybrids plus some others to be named if they work out!

His pioneering work in Catasetum intergeneric hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids, most recently the grex, Fredclarkeara After Dark, which produced "the blackest flower ever witnessed". This grex has received over 100 awards worldwide with nine FCC's and thirty AM's from the AOS judges!

Fred is an Accredited Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region. His plants have received hundreds of quality awards from the American Orchid Society.



# *February 2025 Meeting Link Featuring Fred Clarke*

Topic: Central Ohio Orchid Society February Meeting  
Time: Feb 20, 2025 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82701839951?  
pwd=UNxF1qJCLbFLNHbpHdJRaUt09B8vSl.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82701839951?pwd=UNxF1qJCLbFLNHbpHdJRaUt09B8vSl.1)

Meeting ID: 827 0183 9951

Passcode: 227781



**Photo of Den. Peewee x Den. Karen Nair  
"SVO" from Sunset Valley Orchids**

*Please Bring Plants for a Member  
Plant Sale!*



## *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](#)

## *February Hospitality*

**Thanks to Andi Yates and Beth Makley for signing up to bring snacks to our February Meeting!**

*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).**

**Andrea Weaver**

**Halie Miller**

**Catherine Carney**

**LaRioja and Brenda Vannoy**

**Cynthia Duke**

## *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**

## *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:

- **Inorganic Potting Media: Never Repot Again with Harvey Brenneise, Part 2 Wednesday February 12, 2025 at 8:30 pm**
- **Why Won't It Bloom, Wednesday March 5th at 8:30 pm with Ron McHatton**
- **Greenhouse Chat, Thursday April 3rd at 8:30 pm**
- **Greenhouse Chat, Thursday May 8th 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).**



## *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:

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

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

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