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MARCH 2025 COOS REPORTER



Plant of the Month

Mtdm. Pacific Paragon 'Honey Butter' grown by Edna and Dave Markley

Edna grows her orchid under LED lights on a shelf next to a west facing window. There are fans that keep the air moving. The lights and fans are on usually between 8:30 AM and about 8:30 PM most days and off at night. She waters weekly with a sprayer with a long wand. That helps me keep water out of the crown. She uses mostly rain water. If using tap water, she generally fills containers and let it stand for a few days to let the chlorine evaporate. She adds fertilizer usually with every watering, using Michigan State or other orchid specific fertilizer. This oncidium is potted in Orchidata. During the summer Edna brings all of her orchids outside in the backyard where there is a lot of shade. The orchids get very little direct sunlight. While outside she waters with tap water weekly depending on the amount of rain received.

Photo taken by Dave Markley

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President's Message

Fellow Central Ohio Orchid Society members,

Last month we were treated to a zoom presentation from Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids on the topic of Australian Dendrobiums. Fred started off sharing some entertaining Aussie terminology and a little bit about the culture there. He then shared some very detailed information about the various types and species of Dendrobiums native to Australia. In order to be considered for a prize, these orchids have to have an extreme abundance of blooms - much more than what we would consider prize worthy in the US. His photos showed how his Australian guide took him on some hikes in the bush to see some of the dendrobiums in their native habitat. One photo he shared was a dendrobium in a public park that was incredibly blue. Unfortunately, these cerulean dendrobiums are not available for hobbyists to grow.

I want to apologize for the mix-up with the meeting venue last month. Franklin Park Conservatory had said we would be in the Wells Barn, but instead they had set up the Veridian Room for us. We still don't know how this mix-up occurred, but we believe it was due to a communication issue within FPC. Everyone was a good sport about relocating to the Veridian Room and the meeting started on schedule. Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting for being flexible, especially since we had no prior notice about this venue change.

If you've already paid your dues - thank you. If you haven't, please do so. It's really a pretty good bargain - \$20 for a single and \$25 for a family for the year. Dues are our single biggest source of revenue and we need that to pay for our speakers, venue, and other operating expenses.

We haven't had very many people signing up to bring in food for our monthly meetings. Please consider bringing in something to share at our meeting. Sign-up is easy to do. We have the sign-up online now at the following link: [Hospitality Sign Up](#)

Thank you for being members of the Central Ohio Orchid Society

Dave Markley

February Show Table First Place Winners

Cattleya

Leptotes pohlitinocoi grown by Ken Mettler



Other

Ludochilus Dominyi grown by Beth Makley

All show table photos taken by Dave Markley

February Show Table First Place Winners

Dendrobium

Den. scheutzii grown by Ken Mettler



Paphiopedilum/Slippers

Paph. niveum grown by Megan
Osika-Gartland

February Show Table Second and Third Place Winners

ORCHID	GROWER	PLACE
Phrag. Ackers Fu Manchu	Dave and Edna Markley	2nd
Bsdm. Kenneth Bivin "Santa Barbara' HCC/ AOS	Dave and Edna Markley	2nd
Cym. Sarah Jean Ice Cascade	Ken Mettler	2nd
Den. aberrans	Nancy Shapiro	2nd
Lc. Koolou Treat	Troy Timbrook	2nd

ORCHID	GROWER	PLACE
Onc. Heaven Scent 'Redolence	Dave and Edna Markley	3rd
Den. Nagasaki	Ken Mettler	3rd
Phal. NoID	Beth Makley	3rd
Brassavola nodosa 'Remar' x Nodosa 'Mas Major'	Halie Miller	3rd

March 20, 2025 Society Meeting

The next meeting of the Central Ohio Orchid Society will be held on Thursday, March 20, 2025 at Franklin Park Conservatory in the Veridian Room. The beginners corner will start at 6:30 pm, followed by the meeting and presentation at 7 pm. You can get to the Veridian room by entering the front doors of the conservatory and taking the elevator behind the front desk to the second floor. Walk through the second floor (toward the Palm House) to the back and take another elevator (or steps) back to the ground floor and follow signs to the Veridian Room.. Don't forget to bring your plants for the monthly Show Table, results will be announced after the presentation.

NATIVE ORCHIDS

Native Orchids will be the topic of our March presentation. Jeanne Rhinehart of the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society will speak on Native Orchids of Ohio and the surrounding area. Jeanne is active in the Mid-America Orchid Congress and the Native Orchid Preservation and Education Society (NOPES),

as well as the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society, and has led many groups on tours of native orchids in situ, as well as sharing her knowledge on the topic with many orchid societies and garden clubs

March 2025 Meeting Zoom Link

Topic: COOS March 20, 2025 Meeting

Time: Mar 20, 2025 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88157281542?pwd=T8AVVpp3UzJFRzbqCo2zHTEs3ZadYS.1>

Meeting ID: 881 5728 1542

Passcode: 275481

We will also be having a member plant sale, bring your new divisions and plants you would like to share with others

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](#)

March Hospitality

Thanks to Nancy Shapiro, Naila Caruso and Frances Marshall for signing up to bring snacks to our March Meeting!

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

Location	Dates	People Responsible
Western Pennsylvania Orchid Society	March 15 – 16	Amy Stanley
Greater Cleveland Orchid Society	March 22 – 23	Beth Makley
Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society	March 22 – 23	Set up: Troy Timbrook Tear down: Edna and Dave Markley
West Shore Orchid Society	April 28 – 29	Ken Mettler

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).

Naomi Stewart

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

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Two Upcoming COOS Opportunities

The Central Ohio Orchid Society is planning 2 special events. The first, will be an Orchid sale that will be coordinated by Dave Markley. Both members and non members will be able to order the sizes they need, however members will receive a special members price and non members will also be required to prepay for their order. Our second event will be an orchid and other (stay tuned) sale which will be held at the upcoming Cactus and Succulent Society sale taking place on Saturday, May 10th at the Franklin County Fair Grounds. Stay tuned for additional details which will be coming soon.

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, Thursday April 3rd at 8:30 pm (open to all)**
- **Growing Orchids Indoor and in Terrariums with Chris Satch, Wednesday, April 16th at 8:30 pm (AOS Members Only)**
- **Greenhouse Chat, Thursday May 8th at 8:30 pm (open to all)**
- **Calming Your Fears About Repotting Your Orchids with Janeil Payne, Thursday, May 15th at 8:30 pm (AOS Members only)**
- **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:

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	Jeanne Rhinehart	Native Orchids	Member Plant Sale
April 17	Jim and Yvonne France	Phragmipediums	Yes
May 15	Fred Bess	Pest and Disease Management	
June 19	Edgar Stehli	Tolumnia	Yes
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
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Trustee	Jan Miller
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