The next meeting of the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society will be on Tuesday, January 5, 2009. Note that this is usually the first Tuesday of the month. The meeting will be held at the Civic Garden Center on Reading Road across from Bethesda Hospital. The meeting is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m. There will be time to socialize from 7:00 to 7:30.

Program
This month’s program is by Alexa Noel and is on Dendrobiums.

2010 Membership
It is time to renew your GCOS membership. We have maintained our dues at the same rate as last year. A single membership is $18 and a family membership is $25. We have added a new student membership category with options for reduced dues when combined with volunteer hours (such as helping at shows or potting bees). If you know any young people or students who may be interested in this opportunity, please pass it on. Membership form at the end of newsletter.

A Word from the President – January 2010
As the incoming President, I would first like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and lots of blooming orchids in the coming years. January marks the end of Alexa Noel’s two year term as President and the start of my two year term.

We begin the year as a fairly young 501(c)(3) organization while retaining many of our past programs and traditions. 2010 will continue the focus on plant culture as well as the growing and flowering of miniature and compact orchids that dominate so many of the collections of windowsill growers. Alexa is the guest speaker for a January with a presentation on Dendrobiums. If there is a topic that you would like discussed, please contact Larry Sanford or myself.

January is a very busy month with our first meeting of the year on January 5th followed by a field trip to Michel’s Orchids scheduled for January 16. This is followed by the February 2nd Society meeting with Steve Helbling speaking on growing intermediate to warm growing Oncidiums. The first orchid show of the new year is on February 21-22 when the Miami Valley Orchid Society hosts their orchid show at the Cox Arboretum in Dayton. If you haven’t participated in an orchid show before just let one of the officers know and we’ll connect you with the right people. Then you can go it again for our Spring show in March.

The Conservation Committee will continue to stay active in 2010. Interested individuals should contact Alexa or Jeanne Rhinehart if you want to participate. Also, a new Committee will be established this year for the sole purpose of marketing our shows, Seminars and other activity that attracts new membership and revenues. Interested parties should contact myself.

Ron Miller

Happy Holidays from the American Orchid Society!
We really appreciate the support we have been receiving from our AOS Affiliated Societies! Thank you so much. We appreciate our orchid friends all year, but especially at these tough times – both societies and individuals continue to be generous in their support of the American Orchid Society – if you would like to make a donation, either as a gift or in honor of someone, you can mail it to American Orchid Society %Susan Wayman 16700 AOS Lane, Delray Beach, FL 33446 or call 561-404-2031. You’ll receive a thank you letter for your tax records and your donation will be listed, however you please, in the magazine.
AND, please consider an AOS gift membership for an orchid lover – they will love getting the wonderful Orchids magazine each month. To give a membership contact Terri Rivera, Dir. of Membership trivera@aos.org. If you ask, Terri will put a gift postcard into the new member packet that is sent out with the new membership. Membership starts at $65 for one year mailed in the US. Check out the AOS website www.aos.org for details on other memberships or an application.

I support the American Orchid Society with my donations and there are a few other orchid related non-profits that I am personally interested in supporting:

The Orchid Conservation Coalition – they raise money and awareness for orchid conservation.
http://www.orchidconservationcoalition.org/
Orchid Mania - they support HIV/AIDS related education and care giving efforts.
http://www.orchids.org/
Orchid Mania Florida – they raise money for pediatric patients with HIV/AIDS.
http://www.orchidmania.org/

And AOS is on Facebook now – check it out. We would love to have you join our Facebook page – it’s free! Sign on and let us know you joined.

Have a great holiday season!

Carol Holdren
affiliated_societies@aos.org
AOS Affiliated Society Committee
AOS Trustee

GCOS Refreshments – 2010
Refreshments are needed for society meetings are needed!! We ask for 2 members/families each month bring food, ice and drinks.

Nearby Shows/Events

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Next Meetings

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Board of Directors Meeting
The next Board of Directors meeting will be at the Panera on Winton Road. Date to be announced. Officers for 2010 should attend: Ron Miller, Elaine Better, Pat O’Connor, Margaret Cullen, Pat June, Jeanne Rhinehart, Larry Sanford, Alexa Noel, and Dana White.

Plant Judging
AOS Judging of plants is done at the shows listed under Nearby Shows as well as at the regularly scheduled judging sessions listed immediately at right. These sessions begin at 1:00 p.m. at the Civic Garden Center. You are welcome to bring a plant to be judged or just to observe the judging. Be a little early; plant registration is from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Internet The GCOS web site is http://www.gardenersutopia.com/GCOS/.
The MidAmerica Orchid Congress Website: http://www.midamericanorchids.org/

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Dues help to pay expenses for the meetings, shows and website. Please remember to join. Email
addresses are needed for better communication. Many horticultural businesses honor your
membership cards for discounts. Membership cards and calendar will be available at meetings
starting in April based on membership as of February meeting.

May we include the above information on a membership roster to be sent only to other members & the
American Orchid Society? YES_____ NO_____

Please make your check payable to “GCOS” & bring to meeting or mail along with this form to:

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