March 2012 Newsletter

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The next meeting of the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society will be on Tuesday, April 03, 2012. Note that this is the first Tuesday of the month. The meeting will be held at the Civic Garden Center (CGC) on 2715 Reading Road. The formal meeting starts at about 7:30 PM. There will be time to socialize earlier. There will also be a Beginners Class at 6:30 PM in the CGC Library. You can bring your plant(s) in and ask any of the Society's experts any question that you have.

Our Web Site – Go to: [http://www.cincinnatiorchids.org](http://www.cincinnatiorchids.org). Contact our Publication Chair, Brian Spitler, at publicationschair@cincinnatiorchids.org if you would like to add to the site.

Beginners Class – Starts in the Library at 6:30 PM. This month’s topic is on pest and disease control. You don’t have to be a beginner to attend.

April Speaker: Ken Mettler will be talking about “Native Ohio Orchids”. In addition, there will be an announcement and signup for a nature hike to observe native orchids.

May Speaker: Eric Sauer will be talking about “His Favorite Orchids”.

April Refreshments: Jan Yates and Teresa Huesman

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Talk to Diana Dwight mal1@cincinnatiorchids.org about signing up for 2012.

A Word about our show - Our show at Krohn was very well attended. The vendors, societies, and visitors to our exhibits and information sessions were very pleased. Thank you to the many, many members who volunteered. We can’t do it without you all.

We continue with our last two shows of the spring season in Columbus (COOS) and Indianapolis (Spring MAOC). We need a few more volunteers for tear down at both shows so let us know if you can help. In addition, we could use a few more members (at our April 1 Potting Bee) to help teach repotting or just talk orchids with people who are waiting and have questions. This is an enjoyable time. Members can also bring one orchid for repotting.

Potting Bee – The next Potting Bee will be on April 1st, from 1 to 4 PM at the Krohn Conservatory. Attendees are encouraged to bring one plant and a pot to put it in.

COOS Spring Show – We will be putting in a display at the Central Ohio Orchid Society spring show in Columbus, Ohio. Setup is on March 30 and tear down is on April 01. Contact info@cincinnatiorchids.org if you would like to put a plant in the display. We are desperately in need of someone (with a nice size vehicle) to bring the plants back from Columbus on the 1st.
**Newsletter Circulation Policy** - The newsletter is sent to all members whose membership is current and to other orchid societies by reciprocal agreement.

**2012 MAOC** – The Spring 2012 MAOC meeting and show will be in Indianapolis on April 13 -15. If you want to put a plant in the display contact info@cincinnatiorchids.org.

**Fall 2013 MAOC** – The next planning meeting will be at the Union Center Marriott on May 25th at 4:00 PM. Contact Eric Sauer eric@cypstudios.com if you wish to volunteer.

**Tax Information (Margaret Cullen)**
Your dues and donations are tax deductible. Contact Margaret Cullen treasurer@cincinnatiorchids.org or at the April meeting if you have questions about your 2011 donation information with GCOS.

**Budget Amendment** – The Board of Directors is proposing to add another $300 to the annual budget to cover additional expenses associated with printing and graphics. This will be voted on (for membership approval) at the April membership meeting. Previously the materials were donated and no longer are.

**Orchid of the Month** – This month features Paphiopedilum Eagle’s Nest. This complex hybrid is grown by Margaret Cullen. The following are her comments on growing this plant in her windowsill environment.

The photo is Paphiopedilum Eagle’s Nest (Pat Rowland ‘Silver Creek’ x fairrieanum album). It is growing in a tall narrow pot in bark-based mix. Paphs don’t bloom for me consistently so I’m excited when it comes together. I believe my success this spring is due largely to doing some long overdue repotting last fall. I grow indoors on windowsills and under lights. My small collection is organized so that plants with specific light/water requirements are grouped together. The orchids sit on gravel humidity trays, in addition I have a large aquarium in that room. I run a ceiling fan and small supplemental fans 24/7. I keep my thermostat low in the winter 58 low/66 high. My T5 fluorescent lights are on timers and they throw off heat and boost the daytime temps giving me a good night/day differential. In the summer the paphs are out on my north facing front porch with my phalaenopsis.

If you have a good orchid photo that you would like featured in the Newsletter, send it along with cultural information to info@cincinnatiorchids.org.