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June 2014 Newsletter

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The next meeting of the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society will be on Tuesday, June 3, 2014. 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 are a few announcements then the program. 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.

Beginners Class – June – Starts in the Library at 6:30 PM. At the May meeting the group decided that the program topic this month should be Dendrobiums. This is a huge group of species so we'll probably focus on the more commonly group varieties.

Beginners Class – September – Starts in the Library at 6:30 PM. The program this month will discuss the care of young plants - flasks, compots and young seedlings. Like people baby orchids need different care than the old guys. Since sometimes you can only find your next favorite orchid as a seedling this could be good to know.

June Speaker – Program will be presented by Ken Mettler. Many of us have visited Ken at his home in the Hocking Hills area to see native orchids. Program topic is still TBA but I'm sure it will be interesting.

September Speaker – The program this month will be on rupicolous Laelias and will be presented by Greg Allikas. Greg is publications chair for the AOS and photographer for two Florida judging centers. In addition, he has an outstanding personal collection of orchids.

Annual Picnic – The annual picnic and plant auction in conjunction with the Miami Valley Society will be held on June 7th at Clearcreek Park in Franklin, Ohio. Meat and drink will be provided. Please bring some sort of potluck dish to wow the gang with your culinary expertise. If you'd like to sell some plants, just bring them along (please not too many). Decide if there's a minimum bid you'll accept or you get whatever the auction brings. Society keeps 20%. Plants usually go for less than the vendor rate so its a good opportunity to expand your collection. We eat about noon & the auction usually starts at 1PM. Come and have a good time, meet some new (& old) friends & bid high & often. PLEASE not too many deserts. Veggie skewers will be there again but we need lots of salads, potato, macaroni, 3 bean, etc. See attached map.

Annual Ohio Valley Seminar – The Seminar is scheduled for Saturday July 12, 2014. As always it will be held at the Civic Garden Center from 9AM to 4PM. We will have two great speakers. Roger Cole of Orchids Dominica will speak on Equitant Oncidiums (those of you that prefer the “new” names will know these as “Tolumnias”) & Oncidium Onustum Hybrids. Brenda Oviatt of Botanica Ltd will present on Angraecoid Orchids: Keeping a Piece of Nature Alive. There will be lots of plants for sale. Plant sales begin at 9AM with first lecture at 10AM. There will also be an auction of select plants to benefit the Cincinnati Judging Center. If you have plants to donate, please contact Jan Yates. Cost for the seminar is $15 per person. Lunches can be preordered at $6.75 to $7.50 per meal. To ensure a box lunch, orders must be received by July 7, 2014. For registration information contact Jan Yates. There will also be registration forms available at the meetings in May & June.

GCOS Fall Show – The GCOS Fall Show will be on October 18th & 19th, and has been confirmed with Krohn.
Conservation Committee: Teresa Huesman wants to remind us of the June 28 Cranberry Bog trip with GCOS’s own dedicated boat and time on the bog. On August 2, a native orchid trip to Shawnee Park is scheduled.

Here's an up-date for Cranberry Bog.

We will meet at 8:00AM in the parking lot of Rivers Crossing Community Church. 5937 Kings Island Dr. Mason Ohio 45040. We will car pool from there. We will drive two hours to Buckeye lake state park, where we will have time for a bathroom break before we head to the boat. We board the boat at 11:00 and have an hour on the bog. After we return to our cars we will go to Papa Boos for a lakeside lunch. We normally have to pack a lunch because there’s no where to eat, so this will be a nice change. Depending on how long we hang out at Papa Boos what time we get back. I'm thinking the earliest would be 3:00. Questions or to sign up please contact me huesmantj@aol.com or 513-673-5434.

Look for an update for our trip to Shawnee (scheduled for Saturday August 2nd) in the next newsletter.

Also: Teresa said The Conservation Committee purchased native Cypripedium seedlings from a grower. With permission from the Cincinnati Nature Center, these were planted in 6 CNC locations. In August the committee may gather Tipularia seeds for reintroduction to other CNC areas. Coral root orchids are on the CNC property.

Purchase from Robert’s Flower Supply: Amy conferred with those in charge of past Potting Bees. The $30 coupon plus $85 earmarked at the last meeting for purchase of Potting Bee supplies may be insufficient. Amy asked if it would be OK to go over as much as $50 if needed. After much discussion the decision was made to invite members to place orders for Robert’s also. This will be announced at the next meeting, orders will be collected at a later meeting, and then the trip will be made to Robert’s for pickup.

GCOS hosting the 2016 MAOC Show in the spring: MVOS people expressed willingness to combine efforts with us. Discussion ensued about the possibility of an MAOC/AOS combination show and briefly what that entails. More details will be forthcoming.

Cincinnati Judging Center – The May date is Sunday the 11th. You will note this is the second Sunday of the month. We are lucky enough to have an AOS Judging Center right here in Cincinnati. They meet the second Sunday of every month at the Civic Garden Center. Judging starts at 1:00 PM & observers are always welcome.

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

AOS "Orchids" magazine – "Orchids" magazine is sent to all American Orchid Society members each month and we encourage all GCOS members to join our national affiliate organization (www.aos.org).

April – (Coming to a newsletter near you next month.)

May – There is an article on “Alternatives to Pebble trays to Increase Humidity”. “Establishment of a Center for Conservation of Thai Orchid Species” says that the best conservation method is to make the people living in the area understand the value of the plants in the habitat & the habitat itself. Then there’s the For the Novice article on the “Seasonal Changes in Sunlight”. May is the month when we can put out the cooler-growing orchids & when we need to start clearing out the places where the warmer ones will go outside. Pick the places you put them carefully. The “Collector’s Item” is about a lovely little Angraecoid called Mystacidium capense. Then there is “Paphiopedilum in China, Part IX”. “The Spotlight” is on Cattleya luteola ‘Highjack’ CCE/AOS. This is significant for several reasons, those reasons are the growers, Annette & Jim Lurton, & the photographer, Rick Noel. “First Ladies & Their Cattleyas” is about Cattleya Mamie Eisenhower. “Orchids of Mexico Part IV: Miniatures” is about some of the great littler plants like Barkerias, Epidendrums, & Prosthechea. “Cypripediums of the Northwest” shows off several nice varieties. “Sicily 2013” spotlights some of the terrestrial orchids of Sicily seen on a trip there last year. Call me chicken but they even have a picture of one of them with ash on the flower from an eruption of Mt Etna the day before.

Every month – And if the articles & pictures don’t get you the ads certainly will!!

Volunteer opportunities – just tell us what you’re interested in & we’ll get you plugged in. These are the jobs we need to have filled as soon as we can. You will find a longer list on the back of the 2014 membership form.

Hospitality (those goodies we all love to eat) at meetings and shows
Registering plants for shows – Assisting & learning how to register plants for shows, both at home & away – the biggest qualification for this job is not being afraid of all of those orchid names!
Show Chair – Assisting and learning how to chair/organize an AOS sanctioned orchid show

Wisdom from the Prez – Going to bed listening to the frogs sounding for love. Getting up to the birds saying ‘Hello, daybreak we made it through another night’. The sounds of summer. All the plants are out (right?) in their not too much sun areas. Summer the time grilling. The time for picnics. That’s right it’s time for our annual Picnic in the Park!! This year we will be up near Dayton. Dana will have more info on that in the newsletter and we will give out info at the meeting. June 7th is the date. Noon is the hour. So bring something to share, we know how good the cooks are in Cincy, and your hungry tummies next Sat. There be rumors that the Auctions Twins will be back to make sure all them plants find new homes. The chicken may make another run through the auction floor looking the perfect bid. As always be kind to these auctioneers for they know not what they do. Most close. There are birdes calling from the fairways just as the birds call for food from our feeders. Be good to your friends and to yourself. Take care.
All for now—Da Prez
Take exit #38/US73 off I-75
Turn East on W Central Ave.
Turn Right on S Pioneer Blvd.
Turn Right on W Lower Springboro Road
Clearcreek Park is on the right
23rd Ohio Valley Seminar
Saturday, July 12, 2014

Roger Cole
Orchids Dominica
on
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Civic
Garden Center
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Cincinnati, OH

First Lecture 10 am EDT
Plant Sales 9 am - 4 pm
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http://cincinnatiorchids.org

Seminar Reservations
__________ x $15 = ____________
Box Lunches from Scherpies’ Deli includes 2 sides + bottled water or soft drink

Roast Beef on Croissant
________________________________________ x $ 7.50 = ____________
Chicken Breast on Croissant
________________________________________ x $ 7.50 = ____________
Turkey on Wheat
________________________________________ x $ 7.50 = ____________
Vegetarian
________________________________________ x $ 6.75 = ____________

Name: __________________________________ Name: ______________________________
Email for confirmation: _________________________________________________________

Register and pay by Paypal at http://cincinnatiorchids.org or mail check payable to GCOS to 4110 Rose Hill Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45229. To ensure a box lunch, register by July 7, 2014. Check GCOS web site for travel directions. Questions: jyates11@earthlink.net