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Many months of hard work came together into another wonderful show at the Cleveland Botanical Garden. Many thanks to the officers, especially President Cas McBride and Show Chair Margaret Evans. The Akron show has come and gone as well, just leaving us with one more show to participate in—West Shore Orchid Society's show which has been moved this year to the weekend of April 29th and 30th.

For the past several years our spring show has taken place at the CBG during their 5 week Orchid Mania show. On the evening of the last day of the show their exhibited orchids are sold to CBG members. For the second year in a row the CBG has donated the unsold, generally out of bloom orchids to our club for us to use as a fundraiser. This year we have approximately 300 plants to sell, which leads me to . . .

March Meeting

Plant sale! Our next meeting will be **Monday, March 20st** at the South Euclid Community Center at 1370 Victory Drive, South Euclid <https://goo.gl/maps/CTN1oL679CQ2> and will be a bit different than our usual meetings.

The plant sale will open to members at 5 **pm** and non-members at 6:30 pm. At approximately 7 pm the meeting will start, and Edgar Stehli of Windswept in Time Orchids will talk about "what to do with those new orchids you just bought." There will be no show table this month. Refreshments will be available.

Nearly all of the orchids are out of bloom and should be repotted. Some will need a bit of TLC. Most still have name tags, though we cannot guarantee their accuracy. The majority are cattleyas, dendrobiums, oncidium intergenerics, and paphiopedilums, with some zygopetalums, cymbidiums, phrags, and a few neostylis, vandas, clowesia, comparettia and

miltoniopsis. Prices will range from \$5 to \$10. Representative photos of many of the flowers will be available to give you a better idea of what you are buying. We will accept cash and credit cards (with a \$1.00 processing fee).

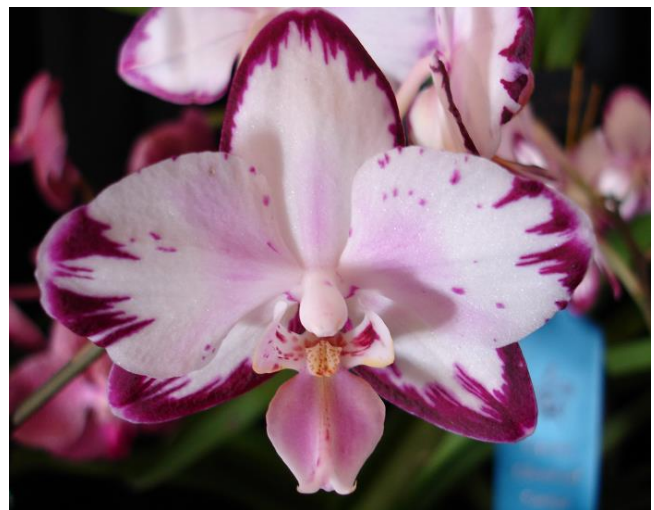
Dr. Bill Schumann will also be donating some very nice, in bloom paphs and phals to the club to sell. Prices on these will be higher.

President's Corner by Cas McBride

"When I first chaired the GCOS show committee with Margaret about five years ago, someone told me I should visit the Ann Arbor show since it always "runs like a well-oiled machine". That's what our show felt like this year.

Everything went well" setting up, hospitality, membership tables, exhibits, vendor support, raffle, speakers, judging and clerking, and tear down. If I started listing individuals, I would have to include every one of our members who worked before, during and after the show but I want to especially thank those who stayed to do tear down. Also appreciated was the warmth of all our members who were friendly and helpful to vendors, fellow club members and the public. I enjoyed talking to members about green-eyed frogs, son-in-laws, make-up, and many other topics. Second I was excited to see so many members seeing something that needed doing and took the initiative and did it. The food everyone brought was great; personally I loved the fried rice!

Perhaps I should finish before I become too mushy. Thanks to all of you!"



Phal Ever Spring Prince: owned by Albert McMillan of Three Rivers Orchid Society. It received a Judges Commendation award from the AOS



Carole McLaren's Peruflora's Cirila Alca



Cynthia Druckenbrod's Clowesia Grace Dunn 'Chadd's Ford'

Show Report by Margaret Evans

What an outstanding show this year!! The weather was great (for a change!), the venue, beautiful, as always, our vendors sold almost everything and our members were outstanding! Thank you to everyone who volunteered and helped make this one of the best shows we have had. Everyone responded to the call for food and water donations; we had so much food there was no chance of anyone going hungry and Karen Schlote did her usual great job of keeping everything clean and organized. Mark Druckenbrod did his usual superb job of organizing and delivering interesting talks and demonstrations and Bob Petersen and Frank Feysa's walking tours were very well attended.



Our clerks did a great job keeping up with the judges and the judging was finished in record time. Unfortunately, Sharen Branham couldn't be at the show and handle the raffle table this year, but Daniel Chen and Dave Findak did a superb job filling in, in fact the raffle table brought in over \$600.00 this year! Eileen Findak, Karen Walker, Jenni Maravola, Laura Wilkins to name but a few of our membership table teams did an absolutely superb job in signing up a whopping 42 new members! We hope to meet our new members at our March meeting and plant sale.

Natt Orchids' Den Hamana Smile

This year it seemed everything worked so well, all thanks to people like Mary Triest, Tamara Host Jim and Jeanne Finke, Heather

Finke, Susan Dunlap, Anna Melaragno, Megan McBride, Rod Chima to name but a few, who were everywhere helping set up, tear down, help the vendors and anything else that needed to be done. This year we completed tear down from start to finish in one and a half hours! That's a record!!

Glenn Sobola, Carole McLaren and Dave Miller made sure registration went off without a hitch, and Patty Conrad, Diane Kofskey and Rod Chima did a wonderful job putting an outstanding exhibit together. A big thank you to our judges for travelling and giving up their weekend to judge our show; as always they did a superb job. Thanks also to all of our vendors who worked so hard to keep within the set up timetable and are so unflappable dealing with the demands of the public!!

A final thank you to Cynthia Druckenbrod and her wonderful team at The Cleveland Botanical Garden. Everyone was, as always, so helpful and a joy to deal with.

I'm sure I have missed mentioning some people by name but please rest assured your help and enthusiasm was so greatly appreciated. Thank you everyone!

Margaret Evans

Show Chair



GCOS's exhibit at our spring show



Our exhibit at the Greater Akron Orchid Society Show March 4th & 5th. The exhibit won the blue ribbon in its class and the People's Choice Award

Greater Akron Orchid Society show report

This show was held March 4th and 5th at Donzell's Flower and Garden Center and once again GCOS participated, with our display taking 1st place in its class (AOS affiliated society, 25 sq ft max) and the People's Choice Award (determined by votes from visitors to the show). Many thanks to Carole McLaren, Margaret Evans and Joan Taggart for setting up the display. Congratulations to Margaret: her Phrag Fritz Schomberg 'Meredith Lynn' won a JC (Judges Commendation) from the AOS for its unusual raspberry color.



Bill Schumann's Phal Gan Lin Fairy 'New Orchids' won best Phalaenopsis



Edgar Stehli's Phrag schlimii won best phragmipedium



*Patty Conrad's exhibit at the
GAOS show last week*

Welcome to the 42 new members who joined at our show at the Cleveland Botanical Gardens last month. If you haven't yet been to our website please check out www.gcos.org. To log into the members' only content:

Username: (your firstnamelastname all lower case, no spaces)

Password: gcos** (where ** are the initials of your first and last name, all lower case)

We are also on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GreaterClevelandOrchidSociety/>

Free to a good home:

**Four 48", 40 watt, AgroBrite
fluorescent grow tubes.**

**Call Joan Taggart at (440) 382-7374 or
email at joantagg@aol.com**

Membership Renewal Deadline

From our Membership Chair John Byrne:

2017 memberships are now due. If not paid by the end of March you will no longer receive a newsletter. Dues are \$25.00 for those who receive the newsletter by email and \$35.00 for snail mail. This can be paid at the March meeting or you can mail your check to GCOS, P.O. Box 244, Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44022. Thank You.

Regional Spring 2017 Show Schedule:

MARCH 18-19

[Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvannia](#)

Phipps Garden Center 1059 Shady Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15232

March 18-19

Midwest Cactus and Succulent Society Show and Sale at the Cleveland Botanical Garden

MARCH 25-26

[Michigan Orchid Society](#)

United Food & Commercial Workers Union Bldg., 876 Horace Brown Drive, Madison Heights, MI

APRIL 1-2

[Central Ohio Orchid Society](#)

Franklin Park Conservatory 1777 East Broad St. Columbus OH

APRIL 29-30

[West Shore Orchid Society](#)

Strongsville Recreation Center 18100 Royalton Rd Strongsville, OH

Going to be travelling this winter or spring and want to see if there is an orchid show in the area? Check out the event calendar on the American Orchid Society's website: <http://www.aos.org/news-events/event-calendar.aspx>

GCOS Meeting Calendar

Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month unless otherwise noted. Location: South Euclid Community Center at 1370 Victory Drive, South Euclid. Speakers & projects are subject to change. Unless otherwise noted doors open at 6pm, Edgar Stehli's "Beginners' Corner" is at 6:40 pm, and the meeting starts at 7 pm.

March: Plant Sale. Doors open to members at 5 pm; 6:30 pm for non-members

April: Brandon Spannbaumer, Vice President of the Greater Akron Orchid Society, speaking about Pleones.

May: Orchid Repotting Workshop

June: Leon Glicenstein speaking about Habeneria

July: GCOS Summer picnic

August: summer break, no meeting scheduled

September: TBA

October: Wade Hollenback of Wade's Orchids speaking about Bulbophyllums

November: TBA

December: Christmas Party