

WEST SHORE ORCHID SOCIETY

FEBRUARY 2014

NEXT MEETING	Wednesday, February 19, 2014
TIME	6:00 p.m. Conversation, Show Table plant registration.
	6:30 p.m. Nancy & Wayne Roberts will talk about the seedlings that they purchased and the upcoming contest to see who can get their phalaenopsis seedling to bloom first.
	7:00 p.m. Program: Barbara Tisherman, an AOS judge out of the Pittsburg area will be speaking on what judges are looking for in an orchid while conducting AOS judging. This is tentative based on our northern Ohio weather and the road conditions as she is driving in from Pittsburg.
PLACE	North Olmsted Community Cabin, 28114 Lorain Road, North Olmsted

PROGRAM

SHOW TABLE	Our show table was again fabulous in December. We had 32 plants brought in for display. February's meeting is the first show table of the New Year and we are starting a new contest, so bring in your plants for judging. Again, you earn 10 points for 1 st , 6 for 2 nd and 4 for 3 rd place winners. You also can win 8 points each for best species or best miniature. Anyone bringing in a plant receives 1 point for each plant brought to the show table and registered. As you can see we had about a third of our membership bring in plants for the show table in 2013. Our goal for 2014 is to get 100% participation. So bring in your plants and let the competition begin. We will have our speaker and a second volunteer do the show table judging at this meeting.
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ORCHID CALENDER

Our membership year is January to December. If you joined West Shore and paid your dues in August thru December, 2013, or renewed at our December meeting, you are covered for 2014. For the rest of us, its time to renew and we do hope you renew as where else can you see beautiful orchids to admire, hear speakers from around the country and talk to growers who are happy to share their knowledge, along with a gift orchid at our December meeting all for the small sum of \$20.00. To renew you can pay your dues at the February meeting or send a check made out to the West Shore Orchid Society to our treasurer, John Rini, 6490 E. Vancey Dr., Brookpark, Ohio 44142.

THE GREAT BIG HOME & GARDEN EXPO FEB. 8-16 We did not have enough people volunteer to staff a booth so we will not participate in this year's show.

Greater Cleveland Orchid Society Show

When Saturday & Sunday February 15th & 16th

Where Cleveland Botanical Garden, 11030 East Blvd., Cleveland, OH

Description Contact: Margaret Evens, 330-656-1798 mopggymate@gmail.com

Miami Valley Orchid Society Show

When Saturday & Sunday February 15th & 16th

Where Cox Arboretum, 6733 Springboro Pike, Dayton, OH

Description Contact: Michele Little 513-423-8937 my3snakes@yahoo.com

Greater Akron Orchid Society Show

When Saturday & Sunday March 1st & 2nd

Where 937 E. Waterloo Rd., Akron, OH

Description Contact: Cathy Green 330-492-4534 orchidlady50@hotmail.com

West Shore Orchid Society Show

When Saturday & Sunday March 8th & 9th

Where Strongsville Recreation Center, 18100 Royalton Road, Strongsville, OH

Description Contact: Chester Kieliszek 330-467-3731 kieliszekc@ferro.com For those people not able to participate in the activities taking place this weekend, we do need food items for the vendors and WSOS workers, **especially on Friday** during set up which starts at 9:30 AM.

Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania Show

When Saturday & Sunday March 15th & 16th

Where Phipps Garden Center, 1059 Shady Ave., Pittsburgh, PA

Description Contact: Carolyn Bolton 412-714-0263 boltoncs@gmail.com

Greater Cincinnati Orchid Show

When Saturday & Sunday March 15th & 16th

Where Krohn Conservatory, 1501 Eden Park Dr., Cincinnati, OH.

Description Contact: Alexa Noel, 513-469-8767 alexa.h.noel@gmail.com

Ann Arbor Orchid Society Show

When Saturday & Sunday March 22nd & 23rd

Where Methaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 North Dixboro Rd., Ann Arbor, MI

Description Contact: Alex Challis, 734-971-6186 alex@newworldorchids.com

Central Ohio Orchid Society Spring Show & Sale

When Saturday & Sunday March 29th & 30th

Where Franklin Park Conservatory, 1777 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH

Description Contact: Dave Markley, 614-471-537 dmarkley5868@wowway.com

WSOS Meeting

When Wednesday April 16, 2014 – 6:00 PM Conversation, 7:00 PM Main Speaker

Where North Olmsted Community Cabin, 28114 Lorain Road, North Olmsted

Description We will have as of now an un-named speaker which will be announced in our next newsletter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is show time again and we are looking for plants to display at the Greater Cleveland Orchid Society show setting up on Friday 2/14, the Greater Akron Orchid Society show setting up on Friday 2/28 and for our show at the Strongsville Rec Center with set up on Friday, 3/7/14. If you have something nice which you would like to show, please contact me to make arrangements to get the plants to any of the shows, 330-467-3731, or reply by email to kieliszekc@ferro.com.

FOR ALL: Those people bringing plants to any of our displays we will be setting up at the various shows please include a sheet of paper with your name, the plant's name and the cross if you know it. The plants name and cross should be found on its label. Orchids with no identification tags or labels can still be displayed as unknown. This information written down on paper makes it easier for the person setting up the display to fill out the registration forms and labels for all the plants in the display. Better yet, make out one of the registration tags we will have available at the February meeting for each plant similar to what we have been doing for the plants on the show table over the last several months. Also put your name on the pot. This can be an address label somewhere on the pot making it easy to get the plants back to their owners.

We are again looking for sponsors for the trophy awards at our show, we still have a few classes without a sponsor, (\$20.00 to sponsor with your name going on the class award as the sponsor). Contact me if you are interested at 330-467-3731 or kieliszekc@ferro.com.

We are also looking for more of our members to clerk at our show in March. Clerking is a great way to see & hear the qualities meriting a plant to receive ribbons and awards. Any interested members not already signed up call Mary Beth Mansour @ 440 333-5364.

If anyone picked up flyers at our December meeting and has not distributed them yet, please bring them to the February 19th meeting. We have gone through our supply and could use more to distribute at the Greater Akron Orchid Society show. If our supply is exhausted, we will have more printed up.

DECEMBER SHOW TABLE WINNERS

GREENHOUSE Professional	First Second Third	Lc Mini Purple Oda Lahogue Onc Sweet Sixteen	Edgar Stehli Wayne Roberts Wayne Roberts
GREENHOUSE Amateur	First Second Third	Vanda Margaret Mabbs Blc Ports of Paradise Lyc Memoria Olga Anton	John Rini John Rini John Rini
WINDOWSILL & UNDER LIGHTS	First First Second Second Third Third	Phrag Fritz Schomberg Paph Conticle x Hsinying Maru C. percivaliana Phrag Alison Strom Paph Stone Lovely x Gege Hughes Lc C.G. Roebling Coerulea	Bob Lum-King Dan Dolney Pam Everett Bob Lum-King Allan Lund Chester Kieliszek
FEWER THAN 20 PLANTS	First Second Third	Paph spicerianum Phal No Name Paph No Name	Keith Alexander Anita Vergilii Keith Alexander
BEST SPECIES		Aerangis luteo - alba	Edgar Stehli
BEST MINATURE		Paph spicerianum	Keith Alexander

FINAL SHOW TABLE STANDINGS FOR 2013

STANDINGS FOR 2013	Greenhouse: Pro	Points
	Edgar Stehli	161
	Wayne Roberts	103
	Greenhouse: Am	
	John Rini	196
	Under Lights/Windows:	
	Bob Lum King	101
	Allan Lund	93
	Bob Galaska	49
	Darryl & Pam Everett	38
	Pat Corbett	35
	Katherine Binder	35
	Debbie Gotsch	31
	Chester Kieliszek	25
	Dan Dolney	13
	Fred Hetzel	7
	Dave Miller	6
	Mel Goldstein	1
	Cheryl Nader	1
	Jim Thompson	1
	Teressa Nemeth	1
	Less Than 20 Plants:	
	Keith Alexander	46
	Anita Vergilii	37
	Wilma Kelch	27
	Jerri Echols	19
	Marc Rothenberg	16
	Barb Brandon	5
	Robert Catino	5
	Joyce Shramo	1

First, second and third place finishers in each division won \$25, \$15 and \$10 gift certificates respectively to be used at Our Show, Robert's Flower Supply or Windswept in Time Orchids. These were handed out at the end of our December meeting. Thank you to all who brought in their blooming plants for our members to enjoy on the show table and good luck with this years contest.

I would like to welcome the following new members to West Shore since the last newsletter went out, but again we don't have any, so get out there and bring a friend who likes growing things to our next meeting and introduce them to the wonderful world of orchids.

Anyone not receiving a newsletter email and wanting one can request it by emailing Chester Kieliszek at kieliszekc@ferro.com and I will put you on the email list.

Current Officers for 2013 – 2014 Contact Information

President:	Teressa Nemeth	gardenguru@centurytel.net	440-233-8757
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Librarian:	Allan Lund	allan.lund320@gmail.com	
Show Chairs:	Wayne Roberts & Chester Kieliszek		
Immediate Past President	Chester Kieliszek.		

The current officer's terms will expire at the end of this year and new officers will be elected at the December meeting. Anyone interested in running for office can let one of the current officers know and we will add your name to the December ballot.

From the President's Potting Bench,

Orchid wise, this is the most exciting time of the year. The orchids on your shelf are in bloom or about to be. If you tend to purchase plants at orchid shows; most of them will be in flower, bud, or spike about now. It may be cold and grey outdoors but it is looking tropical inside.

Barbara Tisherman, our guest speaker for February 19th, is a long-time judge and orchid grower since 1971. Ms. Barbara will share a few judging secrets and how best to display your plants for competition. She will also judge our show table so be sure to bring your blooms in to display.

Our large Spring Show is March 8th and 9th, with set up on March 7th. This is our biggest event of the year and we need your participation. We need your plants to wow the visitors in our large display area. We need you to volunteer your time to set up the display area, help vendors carry in plants, prepare food for the hospitality table, greet visitors at the entrance table, and for a real education; clerk for one of the judging teams. This is YOUR SHOW, your participation will make it an awesome event. It is also a lot of fun.

See you at the February meeting.

Teresa

HELP!

West Shore Orchid Society Silent Auction

March 8 & 9, 2014

That's right! It's a new addition to our annual Orchid Show. All proceeds from the auction will help fund WSOS activities throughout the coming year. But we need your help.

In order to make the auction a success, we are looking for items valued at \$25.00 or more. Perhaps you have an unused item at home that you can donate. Perhaps you patronize a favorite merchant that can donate a gift package or gift certificate. Perhaps you would like to create your own item to donate. We will appreciate anything that will excite and encourage our Show visitors to bid on the items as they are displayed at the Show.

There is little more than a month before the Show in March; so if you can help, we ask that you bring an item suitable for auction to our February meeting.

Remember, all proceeds from the auction will help fund WSOS activities.

If you have any questions, please contact: Darryl Everett 440-308-9127, dweverett@aol.com

Our Show Flyer has been added to the top of our website; www.westshoreorchidsociety.org . Email your friends to visit our website and help advertise our show.

Meeting dates in 2014:

Weds. February 19th

Fri. March 7th – 9th WSOS show at the Strongsville Rec Center

Weds. April 16th

Weds. May 14th

Weds. June 18th

Sun. August 17th Annual picnic

Weds. October 15th

Weds. November 19th

Weds. December 17th Christmas dinner and gift plants

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In January, in Ontario, my furnace is running almost constantly and the air in my home is extremely dry. Although I struggle to keep the humidity up using all the normally recommended methods, there are times when it drops below 40 percent. Can you recommend species, entire genera or hybrids that will do well under my conditions (which surely must be shared by many others)? ' *Gerard Brender*

A.

First, if you are managing to keep your humidity in the 40 percent or higher range, you will be able to satisfactorily grow all but real cloud-forest types. Second, a good place to look for such plants is your local AOS Affiliated Society, where you will meet other local growers who have discovered some of the best solutions to similar problems. I am sure that you will understand, though, that it is nearly an impossible task to list all satisfactory orchid plants for windowsill conditions. That would both be limiting and a disservice to plants that may be good, but were, for whatever reason, not on the list. A much better solution is to look at your conditions and try to match them with orchids that might naturally grow in such seasonally dry conditions. There are many. Quite a few orchids come from areas where rainfall is quite seasonal, and the winter is normally a dry resting time. Look for plants from monsoonal regions or plants that grow in drier climates. For example, I have seen *Aerangis verdickii* growing in open woodlands in Africa where it might not get any moisture but nightly dew for more than six months. *Brassavola nodosa* and various *Schomburgkia* species grow in dry areas. Plants with seasonal growth, pseudobulbs and hard foliage are better candidates than those without one or more of those features. Just a few of the types that would do well for you are Indian dendrobiums, hard-leaved oncidiums, many cattleyas and some of the African angraecoids from drier areas. - *Ned Nash*