

WEST SHORE ORCHID SOCIETY

AUGUST 2015

NEXT MEETING	Sunday, August 16, 2015
TIME	12:00 p.m. Conversation, opportunity to check out plants for sale. 12:30 p.m. Plant sale begins. This is a great opportunity to acquire plants at bargain prices. 1:00 p.m. Picnic 2:00 p.m. Auction. We will have about 30 plants from Hawaii in bud or in flower. These will include a very broad range of genera – something for every taste. Donated plants in bud or flower are usually auctioned as well.
PLACE	Columbia Park – Rte. 82 and W. River Road
MENU	Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, prepared by Chef John Rini.
MEMBERS BRING	Last names: A through K: appetizer, vegetable or salad L through Z: cheese, fruit dish or dessert
CLUB PROVIDES	Table settings, hot dogs, hamburgers, pop, water, condiments and bread.
COST	FREE to members, \$2.00 for guests. Pick up your bidding number for the auction.
RESERVATIONS	Call Clara or Chester Kieliszek at 330-467-3731 or email kieliszec@aol.com by Thursday August 13. Give the number in your party. We need to know how many people to prepare for.

PROGRAM

SHOW TABLE Our show table was again fabulous in June. We had 78 plants show up for judging. Remember there is NO show table at the picnic. We will have our next show table at the September meeting. Again, you earn 10 points for 1st, 6 for 2nd and 4 for 3rd 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. Remember, our goal for 2015 is to get 100% participation.

Due to the large number of plants entered in the windows and under lights category, we divided this section into the following divisions:

Cattleya Alliance	Classes 10 – 26
Cypripedium Alliance	Classes 27 – 42
Phalaenopsis Alliance	Classes 59 – 60
Vanda Alliance	Classes 60 – 69
Oncidium Alliance	Classes 70 – 78
Cymbidium Alliance	Classes 79 - 81
Dendrobium Alliance	Classes 82 – 88
Miscellaneous	Classes 89 – 99

There was a card for each of the sections on the show table and everyone did a great job putting their plants in the correct categories. This made judging easier and we gave out a lot more points to plants that rightfully so should have been awarded.

ORCHID CALENDER

The Chicagoland Orchid Growers Association presents the 23rd Annual Chicagoland Orchid Festival

The festival takes place simultaneously at two different orchid greenhouse locations within the suburbs of Chicago. Spanning a three day period, the greenhouses of Orchids by Hausermann and Natt's Orchids will be open to the public during the festival.

Friday, September 25th 8am-5pm
Saturday, September 26th 8am-5pm
Sunday, September 27th 10am-3pm

The festival features a vast array of plants for sale by "guest growers," presentations by world-renowned orchid specialists, refreshments, special bargains, and the opportunity to stroll among the most exotic and beautiful plants found in nature. The festival is sponsored by two well-known growers and certified members of the Chicagoland Orchid Growers Association (COGA). Both sites are within a 40-minute drive of each other and are run by experts in the field of orchid horticulture. To find out more about the flowers and events available at each location, contact the COGA members.

Orchids by Hausermann

2N 134 Addison Road
Villa Park, IL 60181-1191

Located in the heart of America near Chicago is the complex of the Hausermann-owned greenhouses, one of the world's largest orchid ranges. At present, orchids are grown exclusively by means of highly automated and specialized methods.

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Guest Growers at Hausermann's for 2015:

Orchid Trading Co.

Terry Partin

Gendale Heights, Il

Phragmipediums and Paphiopedilums plants and flasks

Ecuagera

Huge selection of beautiful and unusual species from Ecuador

We are accepting Pre-Orders that we can bring along to the show.

info@ecuagera.com

Fox Valley Orchids
Tom Kalina
Naperville, IL
Paphiopedilums and Phragmipediums

Natt's Orchids
24645 W. 103rd St.
Naperville, IL 60564

Located in Naperville, IL Natt's specializes in Vanda, Ascocenda and Oncidium Alliance. Natt's also offers varieties of Phalaenopsis, Paphiopedilum, Dendrobium and Masdevallia.

Contact Info

(630)904-0947
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Guest Growers at Natt's for 2015:

Littlefrog Farm from Michigan. Specialize in Species, Paphiopedilums and Phragmipedium

Website: www.littlefrogfarm.com

E-mail: alex@littlefrogfarm.com Phone: 734-971-6186

rob@littlefrogfarm.com Phone: 517-256-5693

New Vision Orchids from Indiana. Specialize in Phalaenopsis, Odontoglossums and Lycastes.

Website: www.newvisionorchids.com

E-mail: newvisionorchids@aol.com

Phone: 765-749-5809

Ten Shin Gardens Co., Ltd from Taiwan. They are specialized in exotic and rare orchid species and also intergenetic hybrids.

They offer a wide range of orchid selection from Taiwan, Southeast Asia to Central and South America.

Website is www.tenshinorchids.com

E-mail: info@tenshinorchids.com

Turtle & Raven Clay Studio from Minnesota. Specialize in Clay pots.

Website: www.billkobe.com

E-mail: billcoyote@comcas.net

Notice!!!!

Our November Meeting has been moved from Wednesday, November 11th to Wednesday, September 16th. This was done to prevent scheduling conflicts with the North Olmsted Community Cabin during November.

WSOS Meeting

When Wednesday September 16, 2015 – 6:00 PM Conversation, 7:00 PM Speaker

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

Description We will have all the details for our meeting in the September newsletter.

Illinois Orchid Society Fall Show 'Spotlight on Orchids'

When Oct 10 – 11, 2015

Where Chicago Botanic Gardens, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, IL ([map](#))

Description Contact: Rose Matchen 847-587-6525

goldrosey@att.net

Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society Fall Show

When Oct 24 – 25, 2015

Where Krohn Conservatory, 1501 Eden Park Drive, Cincinnati, OH

Description Contact: Teresa Huesman 513-673-5434

huesmantj@aol.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS JUNE SHOW TABLE WINNERS

GREENHOUSE Professional	First Second Second Third Third	Paph Bel Royal Neofinetia falcata Lyc suaveolens Xylobium leontoglossuri Euchile mariae	Wayne Roberts Edgar Stehli Wayne Roberts Wayne Roberts Edgar Stehli
GREENHOUSE Amateur	First Second Third	No Entry No Entry No Entry	
CATTLEYA Classes 10 – 26	First Second Third	C bactia 'Grape Wax' Blc Toshie Aoki 'Pizzaz' Enc tampensis	Bob Galaska Bob Lum-King Patty Conrad
CYPRIPEDIUM Classes 27 - 42	First First Second Third	Phrag Grande Phrag wallisii Phrag longifolium Paph Winston Churchill x In-Charm	Mary Beth Mansour Mary Beth Mansour Bob Galaska Bob Galaska
PHALAENOPSIS Classes 43 – 59	First First Second Third Third	Phal Trident Peach Phal Sogo Pearl Phal Hybrid – Purple Spots Phal Sogo Vivian x Sogo Golden Phal Hybrid	Chester Kieliszek Bob & Marilyn HeideIman Bob & Marilyn HeideIman Bob & Marilyn HeideIman Bob & Marilyn HeideIman
VANDA Classes 60 – 69	First Second Third	Aerides houletiana V Dachara Delight #2 No Entry	Patty Conrad Patty Conrad
ONCIDIUM Classes 70 – 78	First Second Second Third	Odont Jungle Monarch 'Everglades' Lockhartia oerstedii Odont Wildcat 'Golden Red Star' Onc Mendenhall 'Hildos'	Pam Everett Patty Conrad Pam Everett Bob Galaska
CYMBIDIUM Classes 79 – 81	First Second Third	No Entry No Entry No Entry	
DENDROBIUM Classes 82 – 88	First Second Second Third	Den unicum Den Royal Wings Den Little Green Apples Den Spring Bird 'Kurashiki'	Allan Lund Allan Lund Allan Lund Debbie Gotsch

MISCELLANEOUS Classes 89 - 99	First	Lepanthes telipogoniflora	Katherine Binder
	Second	Pleurothallis niveoglobula	Patty Conrad
	Second	Lyc deppeii	Patty Conrad
	Third	Pleurothallis prolif	Cristine Knott
	Third	Kefersteinia pellite	Patty Conrad
FEWER THAN 20 PLANTS	First	Onc. Hybrid - Colmanera	Ingrid Tuxhorn
	Second	Phal Minho Princess	Keith Alexander
	Third	Paph liemianum cross	Teressa Nemeth
BEST SPECIES		Coel pandurata	Wayne Roberts
		Den antennatum	Debbie Gotsch
BEST MINATURE		Stenoglottis macloughini	Edgar Stehli
		Chiloschiita species	Edgar Stehli

SHOW TABLE STANDINGS FOR 2015

STANDINGS FOR 2015	Greenhouse: Pro	Points
	Edgar Stehli	113
	Wayne Roberts	110
	Greenhouse: Am	
	John Rini	75
	Bill Crus	20
	Under Lights/Windows:	
	Patty Conrad	166
	Bob Galaska	78
	Pam Everett	74
	Allan Lund	65
	Katherine Binder	54
	Bob Lum-King	39
	Bob & Marilyn Heidelman	35
	Chester Kieliszek	33
	Debbie Gotsch	27
	Jerry Echols	25
	Gloria Wilder	23
	Mary Beth Mansour	22
	Ron Matty	11
	Regina Stopper	8
	Dave Miller	6
	Mary Bartos	3
	Pat Corbett	3
	Marolyn Smith	3
	Less Than 20 Plants:	
	Keith Alexander	29
	Meredith Dreshar	18
	Teressa Nemeth	17
	Ingrid Tuxhorn	12
	Anita Vergilii	12
	Helen Brooks	11
	Mike Kieliszek	11
	Megan Murphy	5
	Christine Knott	5
	Joyce Shramo	2

WANTED: divisions of plants, unwanted orchids, orchids that need a new home!

Every year at the picnic, there is the auction of blooming, budded, or collector's plants. If you would like to donate a plant to the auction, please bring it! There is also a "BARGAIN TABLE" where we sell divisions and other donated plants at very reasonable prices. If you have a plant that is not doing well in your growing area, or have multiples of a plant, please donate it to the WSOS. Monies raised are used for general expenses such as speaker fees, room and storage locker rental, and all the other costs of running the society.

This year we have a good selection of orchids for the bargain table, donated by Dr. William Schumann, (Bill). Most of you know Bill from our show, he is one of the vendors there. Bill will be bringing a variety of Paphiopedilum, many are his own crosses and you will not find them anywhere else.

Please bring your extra plants to make room on your bench, and be prepared to go home with some new additions to your collection. THANK YOU!!!!

Edgar Stehli
Windswept in Time Orchids
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From the President's Potting Bench,

Greetings My Friends,

Our June meeting was a pure delight. We enjoyed our special guest speaker (Mr. Tom Mirenda) who gave such an interesting talk on Cattleyas.

Then our hospitality, as usual, was amazing. I would like to say 'Thank You' to all who brought a dish to share and of course to Miss Marolyn Smith for such a wonderful meat-loaf, and Pat Corbett for her specialty dishes she brought. Pam Everett, your potato salad was very good.

Oh, by the way, hospitality received a very warm thank you from Tom Mirenda. He loved the meat-loaf and said 'he never enjoyed such a full buffet snack'. Great job to all who put up the table.

Our show table was also amazing, let's pray that when our show comes around, our orchids will be in bloom.

August is around the corner, 'Its Picnic Time', so get ready to enjoy good food, friends, and the excitement of a great plant auction.

Happy Bidding, your president, Elaine Galaska

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From Nancy Roberts:

FIRST TO BLOOM PHAL CONTEST UPDATE: We had 3 members who have bloomed their plant from the Feb. 2014 meeting. Don't give up, since there are still many prizes left to win! Bring your plant to the picnic and we can all compare ours with the winner's plants to see if there are differences in leaf color, etc. Any who have bloomed it since July, 2014 will receive their prize money at the picnic. To the winners: Please bring your plant to convince any skeptics!!



This is Pat Larson's BLOOMING seedling.

Meeting dates in 2015:

- Sun. August 16th Annual picnic
- Weds. September 16th Unnamed Speaker
- Weds. October 21st Unnamed Speaker
- Weds. December 16th Christmas dinner and gift plants

LAST CALL - CASH FOR BEST ESSAY

The Mid-America Orchid Congress invites you to enter their essay contest. Write an essay on "My Most Exciting Orchid-Related Experience" -- and win up to \$100.00! The essay should be no more than 500 words in length and submitted no later than September 1, 2015, to Doris Asher (asherdoris@juno.com) – winners will be announced at the Congress' Sunday Business Meeting in the fall of 2015 – date and place to be announced. You do not need to be present to win. First prize wins \$100.00; second, \$50; third, \$25. All three prize-winning essays will appear in future issues of the Congress's newsletter, The Mid-American. For more information or if you have questions, contact Doris Asher via email or by phone (517-332-0004).

As of July 7th there were only 3 entries. If you enter the odds are in your favor!

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Novice Culture Sheet Watering Know-how

More orchids are killed by incorrect watering than by any other reason. There are two separate components to proper watering; when and how. The vast majority of orchids grown by hobby growers are

naturally found on trees above the ground where the light is more plentiful. These plants (epiphytes) are adapted to having their roots exposed to light and air so in addition to water, orchid roots need air.

When do I water? Orchids should be watered just as they begin to dry out. This rule applies to all orchids with slight variations depending on whether your plant has the ability to store water or not. Orchids such as cattleyas and oncidiums should be allowed to dry completely between waterings while orchids such as phalaenopsis and paphiopedilums that have no water storage organs should be watered before dryness occurs.

There's is no magic formula for how often to water. This is because your growing area is different from anyone else's. Temperature, humidity, air movement, potting mix (type and age), and light levels all play a role. There are several ways to determine when a potted orchid is almost dry: 1) the surface of the potting mix will appear dry when the potting mix is moss; 2) dry pots will feel lighter when lifted. After a few watering, you will be able to tell by the weight of the pot whether or not it is time to water again. If in doubt, wait a day. 3) clay pots feel dry; 4) a pencil or wooden skewer inserted into the potting mix will come out almost dry. If in doubt, a finger inserted into the potting mix is perhaps the best tool to determine the moisture content of the potting mix; it causes no harm to the plant. A bark mix dries out faster than a moss potting mix.

It is best to water your plant in the morning to give the moisture on the leaves time to dry during the day. If any water remains in the crown (where the leaves join in the center) use a paper towel to blot the water to avoid crown rot.

You should water more frequently when the temperatures are warm and decrease watering when temperatures are cool. Keep in mind that temperatures close to the window on a windowsill will be colder or hotter than your general house temperature. Avoid having the plant in the direct line of the heat or air conditioning ducts.

How do I water? When orchids are watered, they should be watered copiously. Place your plant into the sink and let the water run freely from the drainage holes for about a minute. Do not use salt-softened or distilled water. Allow the plant to drain completely. This is an opportunity to examine how the potting mix behaves. If you cannot pour water rapidly through the pot, the potting mix is too dense and you run the risk of starving the roots for air. If you see finely divided material that looks like coffee grounds in the water coming from the drainage holes, your potting mix is breaking down and it's time to repot into fresh mix.

Finally a couple of notes about mounted plants and plants grown in baskets without additional potting mix. Avoid dunking the plants in buckets of water. This practice very easily spreads diseases. Two short waterings a few minutes apart are much more effective than one long watering. Once water runs off the plant, the roots will have absorbed essentially all they can at that time and excess water simply runs off to the ground. Water your plants and then a few minutes later water them again, always beginning with the first plant you watered. This allows time for the roots of the last plant watered to finish absorbing water before you wet them again. Roots that are completely saturated will be a solid color while those that are not will appear mottled.

You will find lots of specific information regarding growing orchids at the American Orchid Society's website at www.aos.org.

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