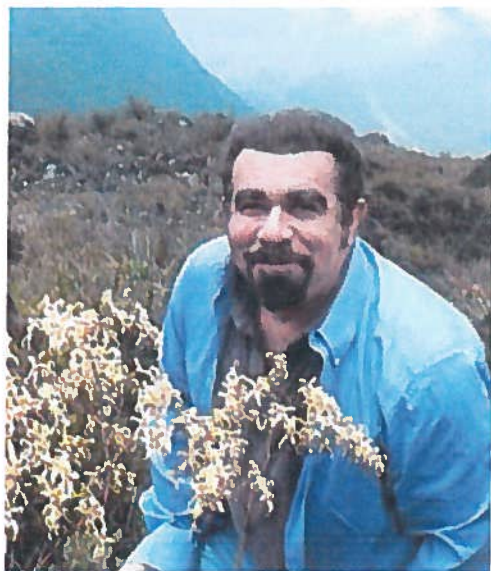


WEST SHORE ORCHID SOCIETY

JUNE 2015

NEXT MEETING	Wednesday, June 17, 2015	
TIME	6:00 p.m.	Conversation, Show Table plant registration. Wayne and Edgar will be bringing in plants for sale.
	6:30 p.m.	Edgar Stehli will not be speaking this meeting at the beginners corner as our main speaker may need more time for his presentation.
	7:00 p.m.	Program: Thomas Mirenda will speak on The Judging and Breeding of Miniature Art-shade Cattleyas
PLACE	North Olmsted Community Cabin, 281 14 Lorain Road, North Olmsted	

PROGRAM



Tom Mirenda has been the Orchid Collection Specialist at the Smithsonian Institution for the last 10 years. There he cares for and curates an extremely diverse collection of orchid species and hybrids from all over the world. His position includes developing and producing huge educational exhibits using the collection plants that last up to 4 months and visited by hundreds of thousands of visitors.

Trained originally as a Marine Biologist, Tom made the switch to plants and orchids in his late 20s while living in Hawaii. Since then he has worked with orchids at NY Botanical Garden, Brooklyn Botanic Garden and an extensive private collection at Greentree Estate in Long Island. Tom was also the floor manager at the New York International orchid Show for many years during this period. For the last 6 years, Tom has contributed two columns each month for ORCHIDS magazine and is developing a new book based on those writings. Tom travels frequently around the US and internationally making presentations to diverse audiences, from scientists to the general public, about orchid ecology, pollination biology, strategies for orchid conservation. He is passionate about seeking collaboration between the worlds of Botanic Gardens, the hobbyist community, commercial growers and scientists to work together toward the goal of protecting orchids and their habitats. Currently working on a project to coordinate and centralize North American orchid conservation efforts, Tom hopes to extend the influence to other parts of the world where orchids are imperiled.

SHOW TABLE We had another great show table with 75 plants brought in for display. June's meeting is the fourth show table of the year and we are still early in the new contest, so bring in your plants for judging. 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. As mentioned before we had about a third of our membership bring in plants for the show table in 2014. Our goal for 2015 is to get 100% participation and with 19 different people bringing in plants in May, we are well on our way. So bring in your plants and let the competition continue. We will have two volunteers do the show table judging at this meeting.

As we brought up at the May meeting, due to the large number of plants entered in the windows and under lights category, we will try breaking 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 will be a card for each of the sections on the show table. The classes were taken from our show schedule, so when you fill out the plant tag the proper class should be on the form. Put the plant in its designated class. This should be a little fairer as plants will be judged in the various classes and not as one of 50 plus plants.

ORCHID CALENDER

WSOS Picnic

When Sunday August 16, 2015 – 12:00 PM Conversation, 1:00 PM Picnic, 2:00 PM Plant Auction

Where Columbia Park – Rte. 82 and W. River Road

Description We will have all the details for our annual picnic and plant auction in the August newsletter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAY SHOW TABLE WINNERS

GREENHOUSE Professional	First	Paph Prime Child 'Roberts'	Wayne Roberts
	Second	Leptotes bicolor	Edgar Stehli
	Third	Bulbo frostii	Wayne Roberts
GREENHOUSE Amateur	First	Onc sphacelatum	John Rini
	Second	Vanda Ratchabupi	John Rini
	Third	Epi jasminosmum	John Rini
WINDOWSILL & UNDER LIGHTS	First	Phal Romance	Jerry Echols
	First	Phrag longifoilium x d'alessandro	Bob Galaska
	First	Den antennafum	Debbie Gotsch
	First	Ascocentrum ampullaceum	Patty Conrad
	Second	Elc Jackie Bright 'Treasure'	Pam Everett
	Second	Paph Norito Hasegawa	Allan Lund
	Second	Paph Cam's Cloud	Allan Lund
	Second	Den convexipes	Patty Conrad
	Third	Phal bastiani	Pam Everett

	Third	Paph Winston Churchill x In-Charm	Bob Galaska
	Third	Lc Mary Ellen Carter 'Dixie Hummingbird'	Bob Lum-King
	Third	Masd Malcom Adams	Bob Lum-King
	Third	Phal Trident Peach	Chester Kieliszek
FEWER THAN 20 PLANTS	First	Phal Mini Purple	Meredith Dreshar
	Second	Phal Hybrid	Meredith Dreshar
	Third	No Entry	
BEST SPECIES		Phal bastiani	Pam Everett
		Violacea Indigo	Bob Lum-King
BEST MINATURE		Lepanthes telipogoniflora	Katherine Binder
		Phal Sogo Vivien	Chester Kieliszek

SHOW TABLE STANDINGS FOR 2015

STANDINGS FOR 2015	Greenhouse: Pro	Points
	Edgar Stehli	79
	Wayne Roberts	74
	Greenhouse: Am	
	John Rini	75
	Bill Crus	20
	Under Lights/Windows:	
	Patty Conrad	110
	Pam Everett	52
	Bob Galaska	46
	Katherine Binder	41
	Allan Lund	37
	Bob Lum-King	32
	Gloria Wilder	23
	Jerry Echols	22
	Chester Kieliszek	21
	Debbie Gotsch	11
	Ron Matty	11
	Regina Stopper	8
	Bob Heidelberg	6
	Dave Miller	6
	Mary Bartos	3
	Pat Corbett	3
	Marolyn Smith	2
	Less Than 20 Plants:	
	Keith Alexander	21
	Meredith Dreshar	18
	Anita Vergilii	12
	Helen Brooks	11
	Mike Kieliszek	11
	Teresa Nemeth	11
	Megan Murphy	5
	Joyce Shramo	2

Thank you to all who brought in their blooming plants for our members to enjoy on the show table and good luck with this year's contest.

I am happy to say that we probably had our largest away show ever. Our president has been asking everyone to bring their show table plants to the shows and the Erie show is proof that everyone is listening. We had 10 members bring a total of 52 plants to the Erie show. There were 58 class entries and we came home with 48 ribbons. We had a 50 square foot display pictured below. Marolyn Smith with help from Pat Corbett, Allan Lund, Bob & Marilyn Heidelman, Elaine Galaska and John Rini set up our display and we took a blue ribbon and Best of Class ribbon. John Rini, Allan Lund and Patty Conrad also took Best of Class awards for their orchids. Also, congratulations goes out to Allan Lund who had his Sarcophilus Yvette pulled for AOS judging. A big thanks goes out to Bob Galaska, Bob & Marilyn Heidelman, Pat Corbett and Marolyn Smith who went up to Erie on Mother's Day to tear down and bring everything home. Thank you to all those who entered plants.

ORCHID SOCIETY of NORTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SHOW WINNERS

Exhibit		Blue, Best of Class
Bob Galaska	Onc Mendenhall 'Hildos'	Yellow
	Paph Black Brier x Grand Master	Yellow
	Phal I-Hsin Venus Sweet	Red
	Paph delenatii 'Pink Elept'	Red
	Paph delenatii x liemianum	Yellow
	Paph Winston Churchill x In-Charm White	Yellow
John Rini	Chysis Langleyensis x Limminghei	Blue, Best of Class
	V Katsura Manuvadee	Blue
	Epi bractescens	Blue
	V Ratchabupi	Red
	Chysis bractescens	Red
Allan Lund	Phal Sogo Grape 'Fireball'	Red
	Angraecum leonis	Blue
	Den findleyanum	Yellow
	Sarcophilus Yvette	Blue, Best of Class
	Anguloa ruckeri x Lyc Auburn 'Semper Fidelis'	Yellow
Pat Corbett	Phal Mini Hybrid	Blue
	Wils Dangold	Red
	Masd Highland Fling 'Orange Burst'	Red
Bob Heidelman	Phal Hybrid	Blue
	Paph Avalon Mist	Red
	Den Mini Snowflake	Blue
	Phal Hybrid	Yellow
Marolyn Smith	Epi cordigera	Yellow
Bill Cruce	Lc Tokyo Magic '6-1'	Yellow
	Cat mossiae	Yellow
	Chysis langleyensis	Yellow
	Masd Maui Dean	Blue
	Odcdm Tiger Hambuhren x Oda Jubilee Volunteer	Blue
Mary Beth Mansour	Phrag Sorcerer's Apprentice	Yellow
	Paph Depeche Mode x delenatii dunkle	Red
Patty Conrad	Ren monachica	Blue
	Sederia japonica	Blue
	Enc Green Hornet	Red
	Leptodes bicolor	Red
	Macroclinium manabinum	Red
	Macroclinium manabinum miniature class	Red
	Paph liemianum	Red
	Pths brighamii	Red
	Pths wagnerii	Blue, Best of Class
	Pths wagnerii miniature class	Blue
	Den cuculatum	Blue
	Enc bractescens	Red
Chester Kieliszek	Dtps Trident Peach	Red
	Phal (Brother Supersonic x Krulls Red Hot) x	
	New Vision Variable	Yellow
	Phal Silver Pear	Red

I am sorry to say that Joseph Hruby a West Shore member passed away on April 1st. Our condolences go out to the Hruby family.

I would like to welcome the following new members to West Shore since the last newsletter went out, Darice McCarthy and Elaine Waddington. If you have a friend who likes growing things bring them 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 kieliszec@aol.com and I will put you on the email list. Also, I had difficulty sending out the May newsletter. I thought everyone received theirs, but one member mentioned that they did not receive the May newsletter email. If you did not receive the May newsletter, please email me and I will send you another copy. Sorry for any inconveniences.

Nancy Roberts asked if anyone was successful in blooming their phalaenopsis seedlings from last year's contest. She said there is still prize money left from the contest, so if your seedling bloomed, bring in some proof and collect your prize (a picture or if plant bloomed, it should have a green flower stem or a brown stub).

From the President's Potting Bench,

Greetings Friends,

The only thing I have to say is that the May meeting went very well, and I want to say thank you to those members that brought in a dish to share. Also, thank you Wayne, Edgar, and Patty for the information on orchids and how to help your plant for the summer. It was nice that Katherine Binder took on the job of Head Show Committee. We have needed this for some time, and it should take some of the burden off of Wayne, and Chester. All though we did not have a regular plant raffle, the fifty-fifty raffle we had went very well. The club made \$48.00. Look forward to the June meeting because we are having a special guest speaker in Tom Mirenda. It would be nice for members to bring in a dish to share as we should have a large turnout.

Thank you all, and God Bless, your president, Elaine

Meeting dates in 2015:

- Weds. June 17th Speaker Tom Mirenda
- Sun. August 16th Annual picnic
- Weds. October 21st Unnamed Speaker
- Weds. November 11th Unnamed Speaker
- Weds. December 16th Christmas dinner and gift plants

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).

If you read the Mid-American sent out to members in April you should have noticed that there is only one entry to date, so pick up your pen and submit an entry. You could be one of the winners!



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Q.

Leaftip Burn

I've noticed the tips of the leaves of some of my orchids are brown, and guessed it was due to over-fertilizing. This morning, I discovered two small (not tiny) brown spots on a dendrobium leaf. The cane has at least seven to eight leaves, and the spotted one is top-most. By looking at the back of the leaf, I found the center of the brown spots became thinner than the leaf. Are the spots an indication of sunburn or fungus? I have the orchid at an east window, so it shouldn't be receiving too much sun. — *Elizabeth Hsu*

A.

The leaf-tip burn you describe is not unusual in orchids grown in the home or under very dry conditions, nor is it necessarily indicative of over-fertilizing, but rather of salt-related damage. This occurs when the salt concentration in the soil solution reaches a certain critical point, either through accumulation by over-dry conditions, or by the excess application of fertilizer. Keeping the plants more evenly moist, and flushing thoroughly with clean water can also help to reduce this sort of injury to orchids. I doubt that the symptom you describe on the top leaf is fungus, and even if it is, it sounds like a type that is the result of a secondary infection that is rarely more than a cosmetic problem. Unusually cold water can bruise the softer tissue of a developing leaf, making it susceptible to infection in the same way that a cut on your hand is liable to be infected. The infection usually stops on its own, leaving the type of lesion you describe. — *Ned Nash*

Q.

Re-Rooting Plants

What is the best way to re-root orchids that have lost their roots for one reason or another? Specifically I'd like to know about re-rooting phals and plants in the *Cattleya* Alliance. — *P.J. Hatcher*

A.

Traditional wisdom dictates that plants can be encouraged to root by providing a moist atmosphere while keeping the medium on the dry side. This enables the plant to remain turgid (not wilted) until the roots naturally come to support the foliage. In practice, this can be done by repotting the plants into the smallest container that will accept the root mass and encasing the entire product in a plastic bag. The bag can be supported off the foliage by making a wire loop and inserting the ends of the wire into the pot. The plant should be watered into the medium, covered with the bag and left in a shady spot until root growth is evident. Depending on the season, this may take days or weeks. As days shorten after late September until January, it will take longer than in spring and summer as days lengthen. — *Ned Nash*

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