

WEST SHORE ORCHID SOCIETY

OCTOBER 2015

NEXT MEETING	Wednesday, October 21, 2015
TIME	6:00 p.m. Conversation, Show Table plant registration.
	6:30 p.m. Edgar Stehli will talk about what to look for when buying an orchid.
	7:00 p.m. Program: Wayne Roberts will be showing "The Wonderful World of Orchids" from the American Orchid Society. There will also be a small plant auction of some of the remaining plants from Dr. Loops donated plants. Edgar and Wayne will also have plants for sale.
PLACE	North Olmsted Community Cabin, 28114 Lorain Road, North Olmsted

PROGRAM

SHOW TABLE Our show table was again fabulous in September. We had 51 plants show up for judging. Wayne Roberts, Edgar Stehli and Dave Miller talked about each of the plants on the show table and gave some cultural tips on each plant. We will have our next show table at the October 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

Notice!!!!

There will NOT be a meeting in November.

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

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Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania Fall Festival

When Saturday & Sunday Oct 17th & 18th, 2015

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

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

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

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WSOS Meeting

When Wednesday December 21, 2015 – 6:00 PM Conversation, 7:00 PM Dinner

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER SHOW TABLE WINNERS

GREENHOUSE Professional	First	Paph transvaal	Wayne Roberts
	Second	Ascocentrum christensonianum	Edgar Stehli
	Second	Paph godefroyae	Edgar Stehli
	Third	Lc Green Veil x C aelandiae	Wayne Roberts
	Third	Stenoglottis longifolia	Edgar Stehli
GREENHOUSE Amateur	First	Den Hybrid	John Rini
	Second	Miltonia spectabilis	John Rini
	Third	Den Magnum Suwada	John Rini
CATTLEYA Classes 10 – 26	First	Lc Hausermann's Sultan	Chester Kieliszek
	Second	Enc Green Hornet	Patty Conrad
	Third	Bc Binosii 'Wabash Valley'	Patty Conrad
	Third	C. bowringiana x labiate	Bob Galaska
CYPRIPEDIUM Classes 27 - 42	First	Paph Spectrum x Sonagillis	Bob Galaska
	Second	Paph godefroyae	Allan Lund
	Third	Phrag Eumelia	Bob Lum-King
PHALAENOPSIS Classes 43 – 59	First	Aerangis luteo-alba	Patty Conrad
	Second	Phal Golden Peoker x Taida	Chester Kieliszek
	Third	Phal Mini Hybrid	Chester Kieliszek
VANDA Classes 60 – 69	First	Neofinetia falcate 'Fukiman'	Patty Conrad
	Second	V Fuchs Delight	Patty Conrad
	Third	No Entry	
ONCIDIUM Classes 70 – 78	First	Onc Mendenhall 'Hildos'	Bob Galaska
	First	Lockhartia linifera	Patty Conrad
	Second	Burr Nelly Isler	Bob Lum-King

CYMBIDIUM Classes 79 – 81	First	No Entry	
	Second	No Entry	
	Third	No Entry	
DENDROBIUM Classes 82 – 88	First	Den Hibiki	Bob Lum-King
	First	Den filiforme	Patty Conrad
	Second	Den faciferum	Patty Conrad
	Second	Den Hybrid	Patty Conrad
MISCELLANEOUS Classes 89 - 99	First	Zygo Port Vincent	Diane Kofskey
	Second	Stellis superbiens	Katherine Binder
	Third	Lyc Red Jewel	Allan Lund
FEWER THAN 20 PLANTS	First	Billra Tahoma Glacier	Keith Alexander
	Third	Wils Aloha Sparks	Keith Alexander
BEST SPECIES		Ceratostylas retisquana	Wayne Roberts
		Habenaria medusa	Edgar Stehli
		Miltonia spectabilis	Patty Conrad
BEST MINATURE		Oecl macrophylla x roseovariegata	Edgar Stehli
		Paph godefroyae	Bob Galaska
		Den kanburiense	Katherine Binder

SHOW TABLE STANDINGS FOR 2015

STANDINGS FOR 2015	Greenhouse: Pro	Points
	Edgar Stehli	153
	Wayne Roberts	140
	Greenhouse: Am	
	John Rini	100
	Bill Crus	20
	Under Lights/Windows:	
	Patty Conrad	253
	Bob Galaska	114
	Allan Lund	78
	Pam Everett	74
	Katherine Binder	71
	Bob Lum-King	62
	Chester Kieliszek	56
	Bob & Marilyn Heidelman	35
	Debbie Gotsch	27
	Jerry Echols	25
	Gloria Wilder	23
	Mary Beth Mansour	22
	Diane Kofskey	11
	Ron Matty	11
	Regina Stopper	8
	Dave Miller	6
	Mary Bartos	3
	Pat Corbett	3
	Marolyn Smith	3
	Less Than 20 Plants:	
	Keith Alexander	45
	Meredith Dreshar	18
	Teressa Nemeth	17
	Ingrid Tuxhorn	12

Anita Vergilio	12
Helen Brooks	11
Mike Kieliszek	11
Megan Murphy	5
Christine Knott	5
Joyce Shramo	2

From the President's Potting Bench,

Greetings My Friends,

Last month's meeting was very enjoyable, and I can't thank Wayne enough for the little plants he brought in for everyone to plant, and the talk on which orchids are good for beginners. It was also nice of Edgar & Wayne to bring in some of their plants for members to buy, and for Dave in helping on the talk about the plants at our show table. As usual, Miss Pat & Miss Marolyn helped with an outstanding hospitality table, with the fruit salad made by Sue Echols, cake made by Katherine Binder, and oh yes I made the chicken tenders, hope all was pleasing to the members. In all, I think that everything was just fine. Now with October creeping-up on us, Halloween is in the air, so we will be cooking-up something unusual for this meeting. Of-course anyone wanting to bring in a side dish to share, is greatly welcomed. Now we do not have a November meeting, so this gives everyone a chance to think of what they would like to bring for our Christmas dinner. See you all in October and God Bless.

Your president, Elaine Galaska

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Meeting dates in 2015:

Weds. October 21st AOS Video on "The Wonderful World of Orchids"

Weds. December 16th Christmas dinner and gift plants

Meeting dates in 2016

Weds. February 17th

Sat. & Sun March 12th & 13th WSOS Show at Strongsville Rec. Center

Weds. April 20th

Weds. May 18th

Weds. June 15th

Sun. August 21st – Picnic

Weds. September 21st

Weds. October 19th

Weds. December 21st Christmas dinner and gift plants

I would like to welcome the following new members to West Shore since the last newsletter went out, but we didn'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 kieliszec@aol.com and I will put you on the email list.

As our president mentioned above, a thank you goes out to Wayne Roberts who brought in the seedlings of the cross of Lc. Tropical Pointer x c. aelandiae 'D&M' AM/AOS for everyone in attendance to pot up and take home. It will be interesting to see what the flowers look like and everyone could have a different looking flower on their cross.

Note: A copy of the current membership is attached to the newsletter. If there are any corrections, please contact me at kieliszec@aol.com or mention it to me at our October meeting.

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Q. Coconut Chips

I am having good luck growing my orchids in coconut chips. Should I be using a balanced (with a 1-1-1 ratio) fertilizer or a high-nitrogen fertilizer (3-1-1 ratio) as for fir bark? — *J. Jameson*

A. Coconut products are being used, both as chips and as a ground material that has a consistency like peat moss, as potting media for many genera. In discussions with several growers, notably Terry Root of The Orchid Zone, it seems that coconut-husk products are composed mainly, if not entirely, of lignin, rather than cellulose. Lignin requires many more steps to break down than cellulose, the main constituent of wood and bark products, and so would not appear to be subject to the same wood-rot bacterial action that is the reason higher-nitrogen formulas are required for bark culture. In other words, a balanced formula will be best. Coconut products have the added benefits of being a renewable resource as well as being the last remaining unused portion of the coconut. — *Ned Nash*



Coconut husk chips are usually soaked in several changes of clean water before use.

JUDGES CORNER – AOS Awards - part 2 of 3 “Quality Awards”

Dave Miller, Great Lakes Judging Center

October 2015

Continuing on from where we ended in part 1, we look in detail at the AOS Quality Awards. The purpose of judging quality is to reward superiority and extraordinary orchid flowers rather than recognizing commonplace characteristics. There are three quality awards but each are judged by the same rules. The AOS has a “Quality Scoresheet” based on 100 total points for perfection.

Plants are evaluated by a judging team both at monthly judging center meetings and at any AOS sanctioned orchid show. Judges examine nominated plants for their prominent characteristics and if deemed significant, a plant will be scored. A plant may be judged for more than one type of award. Once judged, nominated, or displayed at a show, no plant can be re-judged until a new flowering. All plants exhibited at a show are deemed “been judged” by the AOS once judging has ended even if never pulled for judging. At any time an exhibitor may ask to have their plant judged.

The AOS quality scoresheet is divided roughly into thirds then subdivided into individual attributes. Points in the scoresheet do vary from orchid alliance to another and there is a “General” category with no attributes which allows the most flexible point distribution between the three main sections. Plants are scored on “Flower Form”, “Color of Flower”, and “Other Characteristics”. Even a plant which is scored based on superior flowers will be evaluated for overall plant quality under the “Other Characteristics” section.

Once awarded, the quality award designation is carried forever with that plant. It is a permanent part of its name. For example: Brassocattleya Sunset Glory ‘MoJo’ HCC/AOS is the official name of a plant which has received a Highly Commended Certificate from the AOS. That is not to say that all Brassocattleya Sunset Glory ‘MoJo’ have this designation only the awarded plant, its divisions or its clones own this name.

PLANT AWARDS

HCC (Highly Commended Certificate) - 75 to 79 points on the Flower Quality Scoresheet.

AM (Award of Merit) - 80 to 89 points on the Flower Quality Scoresheet.

FCC (First Class Certificate) - 90 to 100 points on the Flower Quality Scoresheet.

Next month in part 3 we will take a closer look at the AOS Cultural awards.

HAPPY ORCHIDING

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**2015 OPEN HOUSE EVENT
FALL – Nov 7 & 8 (Sat & Sun) 11am-5pm**

Roberts Flower Supply 2015 OPEN HOUSE

12390 Root Rd. Columbia Station OH 440-236-5571

Fall sale dates Dec.12-13 2015