

# WEST SHORE ORCHID SOCIETY

## SEPTEMBER 2015

NEXT MEETING      Wednesday, September 16, 2015

TIME                      6:00 p.m.              Conversation, Show Table plant registration.

                                 6:30 p.m.              Wayne Roberts will demonstrate removing Orchid babies from a flask to care for in small pots. Everyone will have an opportunity to pot up a seedling from flask that they can take home with them.

                                 7:00 p.m.              Program: Wayne Roberts has been asked a number of times, so he is going to explain with Edgar Stehli's and Dave Miller's help just what you need to look for when buying an orchid.

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

### PROGRAM

**SHOW TABLE**              There was no show table at the picnic. We will have our next show table at the September meeting. Again, you earn 10 points for 1<sup>st</sup>, 6 for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4 for 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

PICNIC                      Our annual picnic and auction was held on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. Everyone enjoyed a beautiful summer day with an abundance of food and orchids. We had 55 people attend and Chef John Rini grilled hamburgers, hot dogs and turkey burgers prepared by the Lund's. Bob Galaska boiled some delicious sweet corn. Everyone else provided us with an assortment of great food. A number of orchids were

donated for the sales table. Thanks to all who donated plants especially Bill Schumann who brought 5 flats of his paphiopedilum seedlings and donated 100% of the sales to West Shore. A thank you also goes out to Wayne Roberts for obtaining the impressive orchids for the auction and to Edgar Stehli for handling the plant sale as well as both Wayne and Edgar handling the auction. Again, thanks to all who attended.

## **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.

Contact Info

PHONE: 630.543.6855

FAX: 630.543.9842

Email - Website

**Guest Growers at Hausermann's for 2015:**

**Orchid Trading Co.**

Terry Partin

Gendale Heights, IL

Phragmipediums and Paphiopedilums plants and flasks

**Ecuagenera**

Huge selection of beautiful and unusual species from Ecuador

We are accepting Pre-Orders that we can bring along to the show.  
[info@ecuagenera.com](mailto:info@ecuagenera.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  
[email](#) - [website](#)

#### **Guest Growers at Natt's for 2015:**

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

Website: [www.littlefrogfarm.com](http://www.littlefrogfarm.com)

E-mail: [alex@littlefrogfarm.com](mailto:alex@littlefrogfarm.com) Phone: 734-971-6186

[rob@littlefrogfarm.com](mailto:rob@littlefrogfarm.com) Phone: 517-256-5693

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

Website: [www.newvisionorchids.com](http://www.newvisionorchids.com)

E-mail: [newvisionorchids@aol.com](mailto: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](http://www.tenshinorchids.com)

E-mail: [info@tenshinorchids.com](mailto:info@tenshinorchids.com)

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

Website: [www.billkobe.com](http://www.billkobe.com)

E-mail: [billcoyote@comcas.net](mailto:billcoyote@comcas.net)

### **Notice!!!!**

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

## WSOS Meeting

When Wednesday October 21, 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 October 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](mailto:goldrosey@att.net)

## 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](mailto: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

[huesmantj@aol.com](mailto:huesmantj@aol.com)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS SHOW TABLE STANDINGS FOR 2015

STANDINGS FOR 2015	Greenhouse: Pro	Points
	Edgar Stehli	113
	Wayne Roberts	110
	<b>Greenhouse: Am</b>	
	John Rini	75
	Bill Cruce	20
	<b>Under Lights/Windows:</b>	
	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
	<b>Less Than 20 Plants:</b>	
	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

*From the President's Potting Bench,*

Greetings My Friends,

I want you to know that our August picnic turned out to be the best ever. Chef John Rini and Bob Galaska did a wonderful job in making the burgers, brauts, hot dogs, and corn. All the sides made by our talented members was just as outstanding. Our auctioneers Wayne Roberts and Edgar Stehli did a great job on the plants that were auctioned off, of which the society did very well. A special thank you to Dr. William Schumann who brought in many Paphiopedilum to sell at our picnic, and for the hammer which really came in handy to bring order to the picnic. I loved that hammer. All in all, I think that the picnic went well. See you in September for some more fun in the orchid world.

Your president, Elaine Galaska

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Show Chairs:	Wayne Roberts & Chester Kieliszek		
Immediate Past President	Teressa Nemeth	<a href="mailto:gardenguru@centurytel.net">gardenguru@centurytel.net</a>	440-233-8757

Meeting dates in 2015:

- Weds. September 16<sup>th</sup> – Wayne Roberts, Edgar Stehli & Dave Miller will explain buying orchids
- Weds. October 21<sup>st</sup> Unnamed Speaker
- Weds. December 16<sup>th</sup> Christmas dinner and gift plants

Meeting dates in 2016

- Weds. February 17<sup>th</sup>
- Weds. April 20<sup>th</sup>
- Weds. May 18<sup>th</sup>
- Weds. June 15<sup>th</sup>
- Sun. August 21<sup>st</sup> – Picnic
- Weds. September 21<sup>st</sup>
- Weds. October 19<sup>th</sup>
- Weds. December 21<sup>st</sup> Christmas dinner and gift plants

I would like to welcome the following new member to West Shore since the last newsletter went out, Linda Miller. If you have a friend who likes growing things bring them to our next meeting and introduce them to the wonderful world of orchids. John Rini believes he had a second person join the society at the picnic, but misplaced the paperwork during the picnic teardown. If you brought someone to the picnic to join the society, please tell them about the meeting and have them contact one of the board members to relay all the needed information.

Anyone not receiving a newsletter email and wanting one can request it by emailing Chester Kieliszek at [kieliszekc@aol.com](mailto:kieliszekc@aol.com) and I will put you on the email list.

Each year Carter & Holmes gives away \$50 gift certificates to local orchid societies in exchange for updated copies of their membership rosters that include email addresses. They only add these to their email list. They do not and will not ever share them with other companies. West Shore would use the gift certificate as a raffle prize which can be used for purchases of plants at Carter & Holmes regular prices. Carter & Holmes emails out 2 emails every week with their specials for the week. If you do not want your email address given to them, please email me and I will take your name off the list. If enough people object to giving out our membership roster, it will not be forwarded to Carter & Holmes.

Lou Borlin of Borlin's Orchids in Mentor is going out of business. No other information is available.

Roberts Flower Supplies is now on Facebook.

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**Q.**

#### **Night Length**

I have been growing orchids for about two years, and have rebloomed evergreen dendrobiums and oncidiums with no problem. My cattleyas are in the same growing area - a large south-facing window where the light is also supplemented by a Wonderlite, especially in winter. None of my cattleyas have rebloomed. I realize lack of light is the usual reason for failure to flower, but I'm puzzled by my success with the dendrobiums if light is the factor. Could it be light duration? I do reduce the duration in winter but perhaps not enough. The area gets warm temperatures, rarely below 62 F on winter nights. — *Aline M. Kuntz*

**A.**

Since you have pre-empted my first guess, which would be lack of light (it sounds like they receive plenty), I would then suspect that your plants are receiving insufficient day-night differential. Especially if you have selected plants that bloom in winter into spring, long nights are particularly necessary for blooming. Unless the plants receive at least 10 to 12 uninterrupted hours of night, they may not bloom. Lack of uninterrupted darkness may be the key. If the room in which they are grown has even so much as a reading light close to the plants, it will interrupt their night and provide a short-night treatment. The warmer winter nights may also be a contributory factor, but a minor one. — *Ned Nash*

# JUDGES CORNER – AOS Awards

Dave Miller, Great Lakes Judging Center

September 2015

I know how confusing the American Orchid Society award system seems to be. Add the Taiwan Orchid Growers Association (TOGA), Australian Orchid Society (AOC) and other countries as well and the label on your new orchid can look like a well-used passport.

Let's focus just on the AOS award system. Explanations of AOS awards can be found on its website at [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org). From there, click on the "Judging" link, then click on "Judging Handbook". The entire handbook is public information. Once there, sections VI and VII explain all of the awards and then explain the point system which is used by all judges at AOS sanctioned events. It even shows all of the scoresheets.

AOS awards are divided into "Awards for Individual Plants", "Awards for Display of Plants, Flowers and Educational Material" and "Special Annual Awards". If there a point count required for an award, it will be 100-points. Some awards do not require pointing and are awarded based on the judging team agreement.

## 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.

**CCM (Certificate of Cultural Merit)** - 80 to 89 points on the Cultural Merit Scoresheet.

**CCE (Certificate of Cultural Excellence)** - 90 to 100 points on the Cultural Merit Scoresheet.

**CHM (Certificate of Horticultural Merit)** - 80 to 100 points on the Horticultural Merit Scoresheet.

**CBR (Certificate of Botanical Recognition)** – no scoring; two-thirds affirmative of the judging team.

**JC (Judges' Commendation)** – no scoring; 75% affirmative of the judging team.

**AD (Award of Distinction)** – no scoring; awarded unanimously by the judging team.

**AQ (Award of Quality)** - no scoring; awarded unanimously by the judging team.

## EXHIBIT AWARDS

**AOS Show Trophy** - 80 to 100 points on the Show Trophy Scoresheet.

**Silver Certificate** - 85 to 89 points on the Show Trophy Scoresheet.

**Gold Certificate** - 90 to 100 points on the Show Trophy Scoresheet.

**Educational Exhibit Certificate** - 80 to 100 points on the Educational Scoresheet.

**Artistic Certificate** - no scoring; awarded unanimously by the judging team.

Next month: A closer look at the AOS Flower Quality awards.

*HAPPY ORCHIDING*

## **ROBERTS FLOWER SUPPLY**

**12390 ROOT RD COLUMBIA STATION, OH 44028**

**440-236-5571 [www.orchidmix.com](http://www.orchidmix.com)**

### **Special Fall Sale**

**Fri Oct 2 1-7 Sat Oct 3 10-4 2015**

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**Buy a blooming size plant get**

**\$5.00 off another plant or**

**½ cu or larger mix, bark or CHC**

**Over 2000 new plants**

**Many just repotted using over 50 cu ft of mix.**

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## **Windswept in Time Orchids**

**Kim & Edgar Stehli**

8066 Skyline Drive

Broadview Heights, Ohio 44147

(440) 838-5757 – Call first for an Appt.

### **2015 OPEN HOUSE EVENT**

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