

WEST SHORE ORCHID SOCIETY

JUNE 2016

NEXT MEETING Wednesday, June 15, 2016

TIME

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

6:30 p.m. Edgar Stehli will speak on watering and fertilizing orchids.

7:00 p.m. Program: Jim Rose's talk has been delayed.

For this month's speaker we will have Demetria Marsh speak on Paphiopedilum culture plus the OSWP (Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania) Slipper Project at Phipps Conservatory. Demetria Marsh has been growing orchids for 40 years in a greenhouse, under lights and on windowsills. As a commercial vendor, she has traveled and sold plants all over the world . . . and bought them, too.

A life member, past president of the Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania and long time member of the American Orchid Society, she has received many national orchid awards and has two orchid hybrids named for her.

In 1990 she initiated and organized the Orchid Society to resurrect the failing orchid collection at Phipps. Currently she is spearheading an orchid society effort to help rebuild Phipps' orchids into a noteworthy collection as well as build a living museum of Slipper Orchids, The Barbara Tisherman Slipper Orchid Collection at Phipps Conservatory in Pittsburgh.

In the past, she has also served as orchid consultant to Kentucky Knob in Chalk Hill for several years.

Demetria is active in the Pittsburgh theater scene as an actress, director and voice-over artist. She is married to Brien Marsh and now lives in a high rise condominium in downtown Pittsburgh and grows her orchids on windowsills . . . again.

Edgar and Wayne will bring plants for sale.

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

PROGRAM

SHOW TABLE Our show table was again fabulous in May. We had 65 plants brought in for display. May's meeting is the third show table of the New Year, 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. 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.

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
Paphiopedilums	Classes 27 – 39
Phragmipedium	Classes 40 - 42
Phalaenopsis Alliance	Classes 43 – 59
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.

ORCHID CALENDER

The Amazing Oncidiums

When Saturday & Sunday June 18th & June 19th

Where Washtenaw Community College, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Description Contact: www.gljc.org or Dave Miller – 330-307-7189, dcmjpasmil@aol.com

Ohio Valley Seminar

When Saturday July 9th

Where Civic Garden Center, 2715 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 44229

Description Contact: Janice Yates at jyates11@earthlink.net.

WSOS Meeting

When Sunday August 21, 2016 – 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

The Niagara Frontier Orchid Society Presents “Orchids Under Glass”

When Saturday & Sunday November 12th & November 13th

Where Buffalo Botanical Gardens

Description Contact: www.niagarafreerorchids.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS APRIL SHOW TABLE WINNERS

GREENHOUSE Professional	First	Phrag giganteum	Edgar Stehli
	First	Den wassellii	Edgar Stehli
	Second	Max tenuifolia	Wayne Roberts
	Third	Iwanagara Apple Blossum	Wayne Roberts
	Third	Paph Black Cherry Candor cross	Wayne Roberts
GREENHOUSE Amateur	First	Onc sphacelatum	John Rini
	Second	Gran spectabilis	John Rini
	Third	Milt spectabilis var moorliana	John Rini
	Third	Den Nobile	Keith Alexander

CATTLEYA Classes 10 – 26	First Second Third	Pot Love Passion Epic Golden Sunburst Epi stamfordianum	Dave Miller Bob Heidelman Pam Everett
PAPHIOPEDILUM Classes 27 - 39	First Second Third	Paph Delrosi Paph henryanum Paph Mystic Isle	Allan Lund Dave Miller Dave Miller
PHRAGMIPEDIUM Classes 40 -42	First Second Third	Phrag LaVingtaine Phrag Allison Strohm No Entry	Allan Lund Bob Lum-King
PHALAENOPSIS Classes 43 – 59	First Second Third	Phal Ox Firebird Phal Snow Leopard x Chain Xen Pearl Phal Mini Hybrid - Purple	Allan Lund Chester Kieliszek Chester Kieliszek
VANDA Classes 60 – 69	First Second Third	No Entry No Entry No Entry	
ONCIDIUM Classes 70 – 78	First Second Third	Oncidium Cross Odontocidium Wildcat Hwra Lava Burst 'Puanani'	Pat Sutherland Pam Everett Katherine Binder
CYMBIDIUM Classes 79 – 81	First Second Third	No Entry No Entry No Entry	
DENDROBIUM Classes 82 – 88	First Second Third	Den Little Sweet Scent Den cariniferum Den Hamana Smile	Dave Miller Diane Kofskey Helen Brooks
MISCELLANEOUS Classes 89 - 99	First Second Third	Masd Machu Pichu Masd amplexa Lepanthes helgae	Bob Lum-King Diane Kofskey Katherine Binder
FEWER THAN 20 PLANTS	First Second Third	Encyclia boncana Phal Hybrid white w/spots Onc Twinkle 'Red Fire'	Ingrid Tuxhorn Carol Lalonde Meredith Dreshar
BEST SPECIES		Den wassellii Onc sphacelatum	Edgar Stehli John Rini
BEST MINATURE		Den trantuanii Lepanthes calodictyon	Edgar Stehli Patty Conrad

SHOW TABLE STANDINGS FOR 2016

STANDINGS FOR 2016	Greenhouse: Pro	Points
	Edgar Stehli	116
	Wayne Roberts	68
	Greenhouse: Am	
	John Rini	80
	Keith Alexander	11
	Under Lights/Windows:	
	Patty Conrad	157
	Allan Lund	102
	Pam & Darryl Everett	88
	Bob Galaska	81

Dave Miller	60
Bob Lum-King	46
Pat Corbett	42
Marilyn & Bob Heidelman	38
Katherine Binder	30
Chester Kieliszek	28
Brenda Kammer	21
Marolyn Smith	18
Diane Kofsky	14
Pat Sutherland	12
Nancy Moore	5
Jerry Echols	5
Helen Brooks	5
Linda Miller	4

Less Than 20 Plants:

Meredith Dreshar	53
Ingrid Tuxhorn	26
Carol Lalonde	14
Marybeth Costello	6

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 member to West Shore since the last newsletter went out, Nancy Moore. 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 kieliszekc@aol.com and I will put you on the email list. Note: A number of the new members did not give an email address probably due to the fact the email line on the form was partial cut off during coping. If you have an email address either email it to me at the above address or give it to me at our meeting. Thank you.

Current Officers for 2015 – 2016 Contact Information

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Show Chairs:	Wayne Roberts & Chester Kieliszek		
Immediate Past President	Teressa Nemeth	gardenguru@centurytel.net	440-233-8757

From the President's Potting Bench,

Hello My Friends,

As we part with the month of May with its hot days and cooler nights, I will say that our May meeting was a pure delight, with our guest speaker Steven Frowine talking on mini orchids and the girls with their Mexican theme at the hospitality table, of which was a great success. Also I would like to thank the members who brought in a dish to share, which they always seems to complete our table. Now with June here, the girls are

going Italian, so we ask that the members bring in a side dish to share, of-course anything you bring would be greatly appreciated. Now this should be interesting! Our guest speaker was to be Jim Rose of Cal Orchids, but we had troubles with his traveling plans, so we are trying to get him scheduled at a later meeting. On the brighter side as you probably read, we will have Demetria Marsh speak on Paphiopedilum Culture. Everyone is welcomed, bring in a guest, and maybe a new potential member. Hope to see you all at the meeting, until then, have a good week.

Thank you, and God Bless
Elaine Galaska

MID-AMERICA ORCHID CONGRESS' 2016 ESSAY CONTEST

The essay topic opener for this year is: "Why I would like to know more about . . ." (fill in the blank with an orchid person, place or thing). Essays are to be no more than 500 words in length. Deadline for submission is Oct 1, 2016. Prizes are \$100 for first place, \$50 for second, and \$25 for third prize.

Send submissions to the Essay Committee at Lois.Holmes68@gmail.com or you can mail to 6813 Dupont Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55430

"The Amazing Oncidiums"

Get the scoop on the Oncidium Alliance by finding experts all in one place. The Great Lakes Judging Center will be hosting its annual educational seminar on Saturday June 18 and Sunday June 19 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Presentations will be on Odontoglossums, miniature Oncidiums, Tolumnias, Brassias, Trichocentrum, Miltoniopsis and Psychopsis among others. The keynote speaker will be Mark Chase presenting "The Five-year-old Child Test: How Well Does It Really Work to Distinguish Odontoglossum from Oncidium?". Mark Chase is the co-author of "Orchids: The Pictorial Encyclopedia of Oncidium" and currently with the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew.

In addition to these great talks there is an auction which will include orchid memorabilia, plants (orchids and other), sportswear, flasks/compots and books. Refreshments are provided at no cost. There will be also orchid sales tables as well. Come and visit with us and get up to speed on the Oncidium Alliance.

The only expense for the seminar will be an optional \$20 dinner fee for those desiring to eat right at the facility at Washtenaw Community College before the Saturday night talk by Mark Chase. RSVP for the free seminar and also dinner reservations by contacting Doris Asher at asherdoris@juno.com.

Specific details on location can be obtained at www.gljc.org or for the seminar agenda at www.thegaos.com or for lodging or directions contact Dave Miller at 330-307-7189 or dcmjpasmil@aol.com.

Meeting dates in 2016:

Weds. June 15th – Speaker: Demetria Marsh

Sun. August 21st – Picnic

Weds. September 21st

Weds. October 19th

Weds. December 21st Christmas dinner and gift plants

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Culture of Alba Orchids

Question

Many orchid species have alba varieties. Do these require any different culture (especially light) from normal types? For instance, do alba paphiopedilums require less light and alba cattleyas more light? - *Douglas Pulley*

Answer

It is my understanding that populations of color variants, whether alba, coerulea, semi-alba, aquinii or whatever, are generally the result of population isolation and in-breeding. This would tend to make these populations exhibit some of the other traits that one might expect from in-breeding such as growing poorly, low fertility or other symptoms of weakness. This is not to say that all color variants are poor growers, of course. However, it does explain why there is probably not one common factor that would improve the culture of all alba types. Too, it does seem that there is plenty of anecdotal information about albas, such as the fact that *Paphiopedilum bellatulum* var. alba was, until quite recently, considered one of the most difficult orchids to grow well. *Cattleya guttata* var. alba can be particularly sensitive to when it is repotted, as well as to the condition of its medium. If there was a generalization, it might be that the grower should simply be aware that albas, or other color variants, have the potential to be more finicky, and be accordingly observant of their behavior. - *Ned Nash*

As the year winds down we need to think about our plans for 2017. The President's term is limited to 2 years. All executive positions are open. You do not need to be an orchid expert to run for office, only a desire to serve. You will learn a lot about orchids and you'll get to work with wonderful people who share your passion. To paraphrase President John F Kennedy, ask not what the WSOS can do for you; ask what YOU can do for the WSOS. If you are interested in any office, let any current officer know and you will be on the "ballot", or you may nominate someone else from the floor. Nominations will be taken at the October meeting and voting will take place at the December meeting.

We are also looking for volunteers to chair the different positions for the upcoming shows in both 2017 and 2018, which will be held the fourth weekend in April as opposed to the normal second week in March. Again, if you are interested in any of the positions, let any current officer know and you will be added to the show planning committee.

Windswept in Time Orchids
Kim & Edgar Stehli
8066 Skyline Drive
Broadview Heights, Ohio 44147
(440) 838-5757 – Call first for an Appt.
2016 OPEN HOUSE EVENTS
FALL – Nov 5 & 6 (Sat & Sun) 11am-5pm

COMING IN THE FALL OF 2016

"Orchids Under Glass"

The Mid-America Orchid Congress will hold its Fall 2016 Conference in Buffalo to coincide with the Niagara Frontier Orchid Society's Fall Show!

Mark your calendar now - **NOVEMBER 12 & 13, 2016**

For more information on the Mid-America Orchid Congress, visit their website at www.niagarafrontierorchids.org.

HOTEL for MAOC

Our host Hotel for the Fall MAOC meeting will be the **Hyatt Regency Buffalo Hotel and Conference Center located at Two Fountain Plaza, Buffalo, NY 14202**. The room rate is \$108 per night Nov. 8-16, 2016 use the link above to reserve a room, cut off date for reservations by this link is Oct. 11, 2016.

MAOC Speakers

- **Jose 'Pepe' Portilla** - Ecuagenera - 22WOC Ecuador 2017
- **Bob Snyder** - The Century long history of the Buffalo Botanical Gardens
- **Inge Poot** - Stanhopea
- **Glen Decker** - Phragmipedium kovachii & Hybrids
- **Mario Ferrusi** - TBD tentative & hopeful

MAOC Vendors

- **Ecuagenera Orchids** - Pepe Portilla
- **Piping Rock Orchids** - Glen Decker
- **Marlow Orchids** - Jim Marlow
- **Windswept in Time Orchids** - Edgar Stehli
- **Roberts Orchid Supply** - Wayne Roberts
- **Orchid Artwork** - Carol Koziol Clark
- **Hydroponics of Buffalo**

Our Society members have been invited to hear Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids and Glenn Decker of Piping Rock Orchids at the Ohio Valley Seminar on July 9th. This is a one-day event with both Alan and Glenn speaking and bringing orchids for sale.

**25th Ohio Valley Seminar
Saturday, July 9, 2016**



Alan Koch
Gold Country Orchids

Glenn Decker
Piping Rock Orchids

**Civic Garden Center
2715 Reading Road
Cincinnati, OH**

First Lecture 10 am EDT
Plant Sales 9 am - 4 pm

Noon auction of select plants to benefit the Cincinnati Judging Center

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Seminar Reservations _____ x \$17.50 = _____

Box Lunches from Scherpies' Deli includes 2 sides + bottled water or soft drink

Roast Beef on Croissant	_____ x \$ 8.00 = _____
Chicken Breast on Croissant	_____ x \$ 8.00 = _____
Turkey on Wheat	_____ x \$ 8.00 = _____
Vegetarian	_____ x \$ 7.00 = _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

Email for confirmation: _____

Register and pay by Paypal at <http://cincinnatiorchids.org> or mail check payable to GCOS to 4110 Rose Hill Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45229. To ensure a box lunch, register by July 1, 2016. Check GCOS web site for travel directions. Questions: jyales11@earthlink.net