

WEST SHORE ORCHID SOCIETY

MAY 2016

NEXT MEETING Wednesday, May 18, 2016

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

 6:30 p.m. Edgar Stehli will speak on alternate ways to grow your orchids.

 7:00 p.m. Program: Steven A. Frowine, who has been a speaker at West Shore before, will speak on 'Miniature Orchids' this time around. He will be bring books to sell. Edgar and Wayne will have plants for sale.



Steve Frowine is a self-proclaimed "plant nerd." Ever since he was a kid he's loved plants. "I started helping my neighbor, 'Miz' Connell weed her garden when I was a youngster," says Steve. "I've had my nose in plants ever since." His dad, a successful lawyer in Portsmouth, Ohio, wasn't sure that horticulture was a field his son should study. To test him, he got young Steve a job at a local florist, instructing the owner to "pay him a Pepsi a day and work him hard." It backfired. Steve loved the job so much he was bent on studying horticulture in college and making it his career.

His fixation with orchids started in junior high school when his dad brought one back as a present from Florida. Steve resided in Ajijic, Mexico where he grew a wide range of orchids outdoors. After spending eight very interesting and enjoyable years in Mexico, Steve and his wife Sascha, returned to the U.S. and now reside in the beautiful mountains of Asheville, North Carolina. Usually Steve has little patience for plants that don't bloom, but not so with orchids. "I've been growing a division of a lady slipper orchid (*Paphiopedilum* Langley Pride 'Burlingame' HCC/AOS) for 26 years. It finally bloomed for the first time this winter," he says. Now that's obsession!

Mr. Horticulture

Steve's resume reads like a list of the top organizations and companies in the U.S. horticultural world. He has worked at the Missouri Botanical Garden, National Tropical Botanical Garden in Hawaii, Cleveland Botanical Garden, Pittsburgh Civic Garden Center, W. Atlee Burpee, White Flower Farm, Etera, International Garden Products, and Dutch Gardens. He's written articles for most major gardening magazines and has been on the boards of the Garden Writers Association (GWA), National Gardening Association (NGA), and American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta (AABGA) and on the Visiting Committee of Longwood Gardens. Steve has written four orchid books, *Orchids for Dummies* published by Wiley and *Fragrant Orchids*, *Miniature Orchids*, and his forthcoming book, due out in August 2008, *Moth Orchids, the Complete Guide to Phalaenopsis*, by Timber Press.

Through all these changes and years in horticulture, one area that has remained constant is Steve's love of growing orchids. Now, the passion for orchids has caught on with amateur and professional gardeners alike.

PLACE

North Olmsted Community Cabin, 28114 Lorain Road, North Olmsted

PROGRAM

SHOW TABLE

Our show table was again fabulous in April. We had 89 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

Our membership year is January to December. If you joined West Shore and paid your dues in August thru December, 2014, or renewed at our December February, or April meetings, or at our show, you are covered for 2016. For the rest of us, it’s time to renew and we do hope you renew as where else can you see beautiful orchids to admire, hear speakers from around the country and talk to growers who are happy to share their knowledge, along with a gift orchid at our December meeting all for the small sum of \$20.00. To renew you can pay your dues at the April meeting or send a check made out to the West Shore Orchid Society to our treasurer, John Rini, 6490 E. Vancey Dr., Brookpark, Ohio 44142.

Roberts Flower Supply Open House

When Saturday & Sunday May 28th, 29th from 10 AM to 5 PM both days.

Where 12390 Root Road, Columbia Station, Ohio.

Description Contact: Feel free to call Nancy or Wayne if you need directions, 440-236-5571. See information below.

Windswept in Time Orchids Open House

When Saturday & Sunday May 28th & 29th

Where Kim & Edgar Stehli's greenhouse, 8066 Skyline Drive, Broadview Hts. This is just west and north of the Wallings Rd. and I-77 interchange

Description Contact: Feel free to call Kim or Edgar if you need directions, 440-838-5757.

WSOS Meeting

When Wednesday June 15, 2016 – 6:00 PM Conversation, 7:00 PM Speaker – Jim Rose

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

Description

ANNOUNCEMENTS APRIL SHOW TABLE WINNERS

GREENHOUSE Professional	First	Leptotes bicolor	Edgar Stehli
	First	Paph rothschildianum	Wayne Roberts
	Second	Lyc. Pixie	Edgar Stehli
	Second	Paph Chin Hua Dancer	Wayne Roberts
	Third	Phrag Olaf-Grus	Edgar Stehli
GREENHOUSE Amateur	First	Cat. Hausermann	John Rini
	Second	Lyc brevispatha	John Rini
	Third	Onc Sharry Baby	Keith Alexander
CATTLEYA Classes 10 – 26	First	Eplc Jackie Bright 'Hilostar'	Pam Everett
	Second	Blc Michael's Charm	Patty Conrad
	Third	Epi stamfordianum	Pam Everett
PAPHIOPEDILUM Classes 27 – 39	First	Paph Wossner Bellarmi	Bob Galaska
	Second	Paph primulinum	Patty Conrad
	Third	Paph Makuli Green x sib	Bob Galaska
PHRAGMIPEDIUM Classes 40 – 42	First	Phrag Allison Strohm	Bob Lum-King
	Second	Phrag Don Wimber	Bob Galaska
	Third	Phrag LaVingtaine	Allan Lund
	Third	Phrag Hanna Popow	Bob Galaska
PHALAENOPSIS Classes 43 – 59	First	Phal Hybrid	Bob Heidelman
	Second	Phal Hybrid	Brenda Kammer
	Third	Phal schilleriana	Bob Heidelman
	Third	Phal Snow Leopard x Chain Xen Pearl	Chester Kieliszek
VANDA Classes 60 – 69	First	Ascocentrum curuifolium	Bob Lum-King
	Second	Schoenorchis scolopendric	Patty Conrad
	Third	Aerangis fastriosa	Bob Galaska
ONCIDIUM Classes 70 – 78	First	Burr Sunkissed 'Butter Cup'	Pat Corbett
	Second	Odontocidium Wildcat	Pam Everett
	Third	Psychopsis Kalihi 'Green Valley'	Marolyn Smith
CYMBIDIUM Classes 79 – 81	First	Cym Sunshine Falls	Pat Corbett
	Second	Cym Dorothy Stockstill	Marolyn Smith
	Third	Cym Hybrid	Nancy Moore
DENDROBIUM Classes 82 – 88	First	Den trantuanii	Patty Conrad
	Second	Den Proud Appeal 'Ace'	Pat Corbett

	Third	Den Green Lantern	Jerry Echols
	Third	Den jenkensii	Patty Conrad
MISCELLANEOUS Classes 89 - 99	First	Pleuro grobyi	Patty Conrad
	Second	Chysis bractescens	Allan Lund
	Third	Maxillaria variabilis	Allan Lund
FEWER THAN 20 PLANTS	First	One Sharry Baby	Meredith Dreshar
	Second	Phal Hybrid white w/spots	Carol Lalonde
	Second	Phal Hybrid	Meredith Dreshar
	Third	Odtna My Dog Spot	Meredith Dreshar
BEST SPECIES		Leptotes bicolor	Edgar Stehli
		Paph rothschildianum	Wayne Roberts
		Chysis bractescens	Allan Lund
BEST MINATURE		Maxillaria variabilis	Allan Lund
		Pleuro grobyi	Patty Conrad

SHOW TABLE STANDINGS FOR 2016

STANDINGS FOR 2016	Greenhouse: Pro	Points
	Edgar Stehli	73
	Wayne Roberts	49
	Greenhouse: Am	
	John Rini	46
	Keith Alexander	5
	Under Lights/Windows:	
	Patty Conrad	145
	Bob Galaska	81
	Pam & Darryl Everett	72
	Allan Lund	67
	Pat Corbett	42
	Marilyn & Bob Heidehman	30
	Dave Miller	26
	Bob Lum-King	26
	Brenda Kammer	20
	Katherine Binder	19
	Marolyn Smith	18
	Chester Kieliszek	13
	Nancy Moore	5
	Jerry Echols	5
	Linda Miller	4
	Pat Sutherland	1
	Less Than 20 Plants:	
	Meredith Dreshar	46
	Ingrid Tuxhorn	14
	Carol Lalonde	7
	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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From the President's Potting Bench,

Hello My Friends,

You know, April's meeting was quite over-whelming, with the number of members we had, the hospitality exceptional, and all the new members that attended. Then two of our new members donated the plants for the raffle. Thank you Nancy Morris and Ina Bailey for your generosity. Also I wish to say thank you to Pam Everett, Patty Conrad, and of course Pat and Marolyn for the outstanding buffet. I also wish to say thank you to our panel of experts, Wayne Roberts and Edgar Stehli for their information on how to trans-plant your plants, and help eliminate the diseases that appear on your plants. If I missed anyone who had helped with the meeting, I apologize, and I thank you. With the amount of members that we have attending our meetings, all and any help is so appreciated, and the donations are quite appreciated, but this is what makes our society strong, and I for one am blessed with the best society of members whom are willing to work alongside with us all. I so thank each and every member for their time and for bringing a plate to share with us all.

Thank you, and God Bless
Elaine Galaska

Meeting dates in 2016:

Weds. May 18th – Speaker: Steven Frowine
Weds. June 15th – Speaker: Jim Rose
Sun. August 21st – Picnic
Weds. September 21st
Weds. October 19th
Weds. December 21st Christmas dinner and gift plants

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

SPRING – May 28 & 29 (Sat & Sun) 11am-5pm

FALL – Nov 5 & 6 (Sat & Sun) 11am-5pm

Roberts Flower Supply

2016 30th Anniversary OPEN HOUSE

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

Our greenhouse/grounds will be open for public viewing this weekend – May 28th & 29th,
from 10 am to 5 pm all days.

Not possible? Call ahead to come at your convenience May 25- June 5.

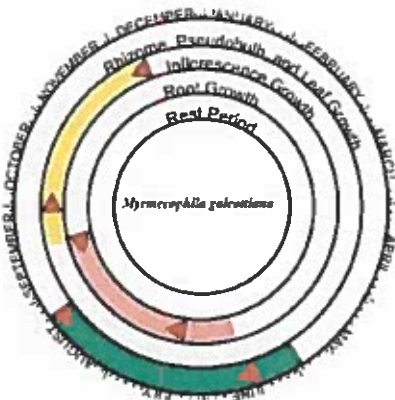
See our face book page for other deals through the summer

We will have specials on tropical plants as well as native cypripediums in pot as usual.
SEE YOU THERE!

10% off potting supplies for orchid society members with this flyer. WSOS, GCOS, GAOS, OSWP, OSNWPA, 3 Rivers OS, COOS, MVOS, MOS, Ann Arbor OS and Cinci OS!
And any other society we may have omitted! Wear an orchid shirt, hat, dress, pants or shorts, & get a free gift!

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The Orchid Clock



We continue to receive requests for information about the "orchid clock" written about by T.J. Hartung in the January, 2011 issue of ORCHIDS magazine. This simple device makes it easy to keep track of your orchids annual growth cycles. With the first day of Autumn occurring this week, we thought it timely to reprint his explanation of how to use the device. Click the clock at left to download a printable template.

Orchids have a cycle of life. The key to understanding the annual life cycle of a plant, and knowing how to respond to it, can be depicted visually as a clock.

Orchid growers know their plants will produce flowers at a certain time of year, and will grow new leaves and rhizomes at another. By charting these on a clock face, we can better respond to the needs of the plant in terms of fertilization, watering, etc.

Every species of orchid is different. Some orchids bloom in May and June, others flower in time for certain holidays. Some have blossoms that last for only a few days, while others last for months. Also, exact timing can depend on a number of factors, including the region of the world in which the plant lives.

This orchid clock should be duplicated for each species that you have. Here's how to chart a time cycle chart for every species in your collection. Begin by placing an arrow, pointing clockwise, at the time of year when a new inflorescence appears, and another arrow, pointing counterclockwise when the blooms fade. Place both arrows in the ring marked "Inflorescence Growth." Repeat this for the leaf growth ring and the root growth ring.

By seeing the times of the year when each of the significant growth patterns occur, we can now plan to fertilize our plants in a timely manner. To better visualize the fertilization patterns, I use three different colors of highlighter marker pens: green for growth, yellow for blooms and pink for roots.

Start the highlighted area of the ring two–four weeks before the beginning and continue it to almost the end of the particular growth pattern. (There may be some overlap in ring colors.)

Fertilizers are identified with three numbers, which I refer to as "Shoots," "Fruits" an element needed for plant growth. The second number is phosphate (P_2O_5), a chemical shown to increase flowering (and fruiting). The third is potash (K_2O), a chemical needed for root growth, overall plant health and stamina.

During the "green" time of year, I recommend a fertilizer that is 20-10-10. During the "yellow" time of year, consider a 10-20-10 fertilizer. The "pink" season calls for a 20-20-20 fertilizer. Any similar fertilizer formulas should be sufficient. The last ring — entitled "Rest Period" — is when your plant needs to rest and muster its strength for the next year's growth. During Rest Period, fertilize and water sparingly.

By looking at your orchid clock (and a calendar) you can now easily see what kind of fertilizer each species of orchid in your collection needs. The colors of the highlighter pens were chosen because they approximate the color of the fertilizer I use.

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The West Shore display at the Central Ohio Orchid Society Show at Franklin Park in Columbus.