

WEST SHORE ORCHID SOCIETY

APRIL 2010

NEXT MEETING Wednesday, April 21, 2010

TIME 6:00 p.m. Conversation
 6:30 p.m. Edgar Stehli will demonstrate how to repot and divide your orchids. Now is the time to repot your orchids if they have gone two or more years without repotting.
 7:00 p.m. Program: Steven A Frowine will talk on fragrant orchids. Mr. Frowine is the author of several books including: *Orchids for Dummies*, *Fragrant Orchids*, *Gardening Basics for Dummies*, *Miniature Orchids*, *Moth Orchids* and *The Complete Guide to Phalaenopsis*.

PLACE **PLEASE NOTE:** We will again be back at the North Olmsted Community Cabin as the renovations to the bathrooms have been completed.

PROGRAM

SHOW TABLE We had 9 beautiful plants on the February show table which was the first one this year. There are four more show tables left this year and as the standings show, anyone can still win a prize. Remember, you can't win if you don't bring your plants to the show table for judging.

ORCHID CALENDER

GCOS
ORCHID SHOW
APR. 24-25 This will be held at the South Euclid Community Center, 1070 Victory Drive, South Euclid. The building is located just north of Mayfield Road, behind the Giant Eagle Supermarket. Mary Beth Mansour & Chester Kieliszek will put up the WSOS display. Please bring plants to either Mary Beth Mansour's house, 20780 Valley Forge Dr. on Thursday, April 22nd, or bring them to our meeting on Wednesday the 21st and Mary Beth will take them at that time. Anyone dropping off plants at Mary Beth's house should call ahead to set up a time – 440-333-5364. We need plants for this show, if you have something nice in bloom, please bring it.

OSNP
ORCHID SHOW
MAY 8-9 Orchid Society of Northwestern Pennsylvania Show, JMC Arena, 423 West 38th St. Erie, PA. Contact Marion Morton, 21607 Teepleville Flats, Cambridge Springs, PA,. Telephone – (814) 838-2522.

OPEN HOUSE
MAY 14 - 16
MAY 23 Roberts Flower Supply, 12390 Root Rd., Columbia Station, OH. 44028 440-236-5571. All 4 days from 10 AM to 4:30 PM. Orchid plants & Supplies. Bloom size Dend.-\$8, Onc \$8, Cats \$10, Paphs \$13, Phals \$10, special blooming Paphs \$18. Largest private display of native orchids in Ohio. American Cyps – Pubescens, Regina, Kentuckiense. Asian Cyps – Tibeticum, Macranthes, other hardy Calopogons, Orchis. Native orchids for sale, lunch/snacks provided. See www.orchidmix.com for map.

OPEN HOUSE
MAY 29 & 30

Windswept in Time Orchids, Memorial Day Weekend, Saturday & Sunday, 11 AM to 5 PM both days. Kim & Edgar Stehli's greenhouse, 8066 Skyline Drive, Broadview Hts. Tel. 440-838-5757. This is just west and north of the Wallings Rd. and I-77 interchange.

FOR ALL SHOWS: Those people bringing plants please include a sheet of paper with your name, the plant's name and the cross if you know it. The plants name and cross should be found on its label. Orchids without proper identification may be displayed, but not entered for judging. This information written down on paper makes it easier for the person setting up the display to fill out the registration forms and labels for all the plants in the display. Also put your name on the pot. This can be an address label somewhere on the pot making it easy to get the plants back to their owners.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALENDAR

June 16, 2010 – James Rose from Cal-Orchids, Inc of California will talk on species orchids.

FEBRUARY SHOW TABLE WINNERS

GREENHOUSE

First	Rhynchostylis giganteum	Wayne Roberts
Second	Oerstedolla centradinia	Edgar Stehli
Third	Blc Momilani Rainbow	R. J. D'Alessio
Miniature	Oerstedolla centradinia	Edgar Stehli

WINDOWSILL &
UNDER LIGHTS

First	Stenorrhchus	Dan Dolney
Second	Phal. (Taisuco Kachidian x Hisa Nasu) 'Symphony White'	Teressa Nemeth
Third	Scaphyalottis grandiflora	Dan Dolney
Species	Stenorrhchus	Dan Dolney

FEWER THAN
20 PLANTS

First	Phal. Sogo Lit Angel	Barbara Brandon
Second	no entry	
Third	no entry	

STANDINGS
FOR 2010

Greenhouse:	Points
Edgar Stehli	14
Wayne Roberts	10
R. J. D'Alessio	4
Under Lights/Windows:	
Dan Dolney II	22
Teressa Nemeth	6
Less Than 20 Plants:	
Barbara Brandon	10

Thank you to all who brought in their blooming plants for our members to enjoy on the show table.

The IX – Center show did not do very well as in years past as it appears a lot of people went to the Garden Show in Euclid with its free parking. The Greater Cleveland Orchid Society, who worked that show, said they had great sales for the show's first year at that facility. West Shore only sold about 25% of the orchids as we did in past shows at the IX Center.

West Shore put up a display at the Greater Akron Orchid Society Show. We had 19 plants in our display and as you can see, came home with a number of ribbons. I would like to thank Ralph D'Alessio who came down to Akron to help take down our display, it made tear down a lot faster.

Our spring show went very well for the most part and the society should show a small profit. We did have some problems on Sunday with people waiting in line to get tickets to see the president on Monday at that facility. The line extended around most of the building the entire day with the line finally disappearing just before the show closing at 4 PM. Parking was a hassle with some people parking in the target lot and walking down to the show. Some of the people in line Sunday were telling others that there was no orchid show at the Rec Center that day. We had a very good turnout of members helping with all the various tasks involved with putting on the show and as show co-chair, I would like to thank everyone for all their time and effort. Because of the large turnout, everything went a lot quicker than in years past. We also signed up 17 new members and would like to welcome them to the society. Hopefully all our new members will be at the April meeting and we can introduce them to everyone there.

GREATER AKRON SHOW WINNERS

Exhibit		Yellow
Allan Lund	Paph. Unknown	Red
	Masd triangularis 'Makawao'	Yellow
	Masd Maui Prince	Yellow
John Rini	Phaiocalanthe Kryptonite 'Red Streak'	Blue
	Den farmeri	Red
	Zygopodium Unknown	Yellow
	Miltoniopsis Unknown	Yellow
Edgar Stehli	Chdrh amazonica 'White Face' HCC/AOS x	
	Chdrh candida 'Cole' CBM/AOS	Red
	C. trianae	Red
R. J. D'Alessio	Lc Golddigger 'Fuch's Mandarin'	Blue
	Den Janya Ukon x Den Janya Maloness	Red
	Den Unknown	Yellow
Chester Kieliszek	Lc Love Knot	Blue
	Cym Rincon Fairy	Red

WSOS SHOW WINNERS

Exhibit		Blue
R. J. D'Alessio	Iwan. Apple Blossom 'Golden Elf'	Red
	Lc Golddigger 'Fuch's Mandarin'	Yellow
Mary Beth Mansour	Phal. Taipei Gold	Yellow
Teressa Nemeth	Phal. 'Happy Girl'	Blue
	Phal. 'Symphony White'	Red
	Lc Puppy Love 'True Beauty'	Yellow
	Phal. California Glow	Yellow
Allan Lund	Paph. Unknown	Yellow
	Cym. Mighty Sunset 'Tangerine'	Yellow
John Rini	Ang. Sesquepadele	Blue & Trophy
	Zygopetalum Unknown	Blue
	Lyc. Absolutely Stunning	Red
Edgar Stehli	Maxillaria tenuifolia	Blue
Wayne Roberts	Arana woleco	Blue
	Den. Oriental Smile	Yellow
Chester Kieliszek	Lc Love Knot	Red

Greater Cleveland has invited the West Shore Society members to join them at their (Greater Cleveland) upcoming meetings. There may be a \$5.00 admission fee to cover the cost of their speakers. Up coming meetings include:

April 19 - Ray Barkalow from First Rays will be speaking on growing semi-hydro.

May 17- Eric Christenson -well know botanist will be speaking on oncidiums/oncidium relatives, and how they are classified.

June 21- Sam Tsui from Orchid Inn will be speaking on Paphs...he has some great plants!

August 16- Eric Sauer from River Valley Orchids will be speaking on Phrags.

Spring is coming and with it comes repotting season for your orchids. Edgar Stehli will give a demonstration at our 6:30 session at our next meeting. Below is some helpful information taken from the American Orchid Society's Culture Sheets. You can find more information at www.aos.org.

Cattleya repotting is necessary when the rhizome of the plants protrudes over the edge of the pot or the potting medium starts to break down and drain poorly (usually after two to three years). It is best to repot just before new roots sprout from the rhizome, after flowering or in the spring. Mature cattleyas are usually potted in coarser potting material than are seedlings. Until a plant has at least six mature pseudobulbs, it generally should be put into a larger pot and not divided. If dividing a plant, three to five pseudobulbs per division are required. Select a pot that will allow for approximately two years of growth before crowding the pot. Pile mix against one side of the pot and cut off any dead roots. Spread the firm, live roots over the pile, with the cut rhizome against the side of the pot. Fill the pot with medium, working it around the roots. Pack firmly and stake if necessary. Keep the plant humid, shaded and dry at the roots until new root growth is seen.

Phalaenopsis repotting is best done in the spring, immediately after flowering. Phalaenopsis plants must be potted in a porous mix. Potting is usually done every one to three years. Mature plants can grow in the same container until the potting medium starts to decompose, usually in two years. Root rot occurs if plants are left in a soggy medium. Seedlings usually grow fast enough to need repotting yearly, and should be repotted in a fine-grade medium. Mature plants are potted in a medium-grade mix. To repot, remove all the old medium from the roots, trim soft, rotted roots, and spread the remaining roots over a handful of medium in the bottom of a new pot. Fill the rest of the pot with medium, working it among the roots, so that the junction of the roots and the stem is at the top of the medium.

Paphiopedilum repotting should be done about every two years, or as the medium decomposes. Seedlings and smaller plants are often repotted annually. Mixes vary tremendously; most are fine- or medium-grade fir bark, with varying additives, such as perlite (sponge rock), coarse sand and sphagnum moss. Moisture retention with excellent drainage is needed. Large plants can be divided by pulling or cutting the fans of the leaves apart, into clumps of three to five growths. Smaller divisions will grow, but may not flower. Spread the roots over a small amount of medium in the bottom of the pot and fill with medium, so that the junction of roots and stem is buried 1D 2 inch deep in the center of the pot. Do not overpot; an average plant should have a 4- to 6-inch pot.

Cymbidium repotting is usually done in the spring after flowering, usually every two years or when the potting medium decomposes. Shake all of the old potting mix off the roots, dividing the plant if desired. Pick a water-retentive potting mix; medium-grade fir bark with peat moss and perlite is a common mix. Select a pot that will allow for at least two to three years of pseudobulb growth before crowding the pot, while planning on placing the active growing pseudobulb(s) of the division farthest from the side of the pot. Spread the roots over a cone of the mix in the bottom of the pot and fill the container with medium, working it among the roots, tamping firmly. Single backbulbs need not even be placed in mix until new growth and roots are noted. Keep shaded and warm until new growth sprouts, and pot as above.

Oncidium repotting should be done when new growth is about one-half mature, which is usually in the spring. Fine-grade potting media are usually used with fine-rooted plants and coarser mixes with large-rooted plants; the standard size is medium grade. The plant should be positioned in the pot so that the newest growth is farthest away from the edge of the pot, allowing the maximum number of new growths before crowding the pot. Spread the roots over a cone of potting medium and fill in around the roots. Firm the medium around the roots. Keep humidity high and the potting medium dry until new roots form. Equitant and mule-ear oncidiums, as well as other fleshy-leaved or large-rooted plants, can be grown on slabs of cork bark or tree fern or in pots filled with a coarse, well-drained medium such as charcoal. This allows the drying between waterings that these types need.

Vanda repotting should be done in the spring. Plants in baskets do not need to be repotted often. Leave them unless the potting medium breaks down. Set the plant, with the old basket intact, into a container of water to make the aerial roots more pliable, and then set plant and basket into a larger basket. For plants in pots, repot in a slightly larger pot, positioning the plant in the center. Use a coarse medium, whether fir bark, tree fern or charcoal, and work it around the roots. Keep shaded, humid, but drier at the roots until new root tips grow. Do not overpot.

