

WEST SHORE ORCHID SOCIETY

APRIL 2014

NEXT MEETING Wednesday, April 16, 2014

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

6:30 p.m. Wayne Roberts will have a hands on class on mounting orchids. He will bring various items to mount on and talk on how to mount your orchids. People are welcome to bring a small item to mount. All supplies will be free. (tree fern, cork, & others) Separate plants for mounting will be available.

7:00 p.m. Program: Francisco Miranda, owner of Miranda Orchids, will speak on Cattleya Orchids. Mr. Miranda went through a variety of different interests before he finally got into orchids. Until his last year of college he was going to be a Marine Biologist and at that time was a semi-professional diver. His interest in orchids began when diving near rocky slopes, he started noticing the very interesting and showy flowered plants rooted directly to the rocks quite close to the water. As he climbed on the rocks he observed the different colors and shapes of these plants and of course collected a few to try growing at home. From that point on, he was infected with the orchid virus and as every orchid person knows, there is rarely a cure or way out. He went into a career in Botany and received his masters in Orchid Taxonomy. In 1985 he started Miranda Orchids in Rio de Janeiro and in 1988 opened a second business in Haines City, Florida. His interest in different groups of orchids shifted quite a bit back and forth, but he currently deals mostly with the Cattleya alliance. He will be bringing orchids to the meeting for sale. You can visit his website at:
<http://mirandaorchids.com/listVGA.htm>

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

PROGRAM

SHOW TABLE Our show table was again fabulous in February. We had 55 plants brought in for display. April's meeting is the second show table of the New Year and we are starting a new contest, 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. As mentioned before we had about a third of our membership bring in plants for the show table in 2013. Our goal for 2014 is to get 100% participation. 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.

ORCHID CALENDER

Our membership year is January to December. If you joined West Shore and paid your dues in August thru December, 2013, or renewed at our December or February meetings, you are covered for 2014. 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.

Orchid Society of Northwestern Pennsylvania Show

When Saturday & Sunday May 10th & 11th

Where JMC Arena, 423 W 38th St., Erie, PA

Description Contact: Susanne Lester 814-838-2522 lesters@velocity.net

Roberts Flower Supply Open House

When Friday, Saturday & Sunday May 16th, 17th & 18th

Saturday & Sunday May 24th & 25th from 10 AM to 5 PM all 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 17th & 18th

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 May 21, 2014 – 6:00 PM Conversation, 7:00 PM Main Speaker

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

Description We will have as of now an un-named speaker which will be announced in our next newsletter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is still show time and we are looking for plants to display at the Orchid Society of Northwestern Pennsylvania show setting up on Friday 5/9. If you have something nice which you would like to show, please contact me to make arrangements to get the plants to any of the shows, 330-467-3731, or reply by email to kieliszekc@ferro.com.

FOR ALL: Those people bringing plants to any of our displays we will be setting up at the various shows 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 with no identification tags or labels can still be displayed as unknown. 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. Better yet, make out one of the registration tags we will have available at the February meeting for each plant similar to what we have been doing for the plants on the show table over the last several months. 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.

FEBRUARY SHOW TABLE WINNERS

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| GREENHOUSE Professional | First | Lyc Shoalhaven | Edgar Stehli |
| | Second | Pleurothalis racimeflora | Edgar Stehli |
| | Third | Paph fairrieatum x Stone Lovely | Edgar Stehli |
| GREENHOUSE Amateur | First | Den Amnesia | John Rini |
| | Second | Paph St. Swithin | Bill Cruce |
| | Third | Phrag bessae | Bill Cruce |
| WINDOWSILL & UNDER LIGHTS | First | Phrag Fritz Schomberg | Bob Lum-King |
| | First | Paph villosum x spicerianum | Katherine Binder |
| | Second | Cym Mad Irishman 'New Horizon' | Pam Everett |
| | Second | Paph Hsinying Maru x Hampshire Raven | Katherine Binder |
| | Third | Den Spring Bird Kurashiki | Debbie Gotsch |
| | Third | Phal Chiada Stacy 'Chocolate Drop' | Bob Lum-King |
| FEWER THAN 20 PLANTS | First | Phal Amnesia | Joyce Shramo |
| | Second | Phal Amnesia | Joyce Shramo |
| | Third | Den To My Kids Fantastic Story | Terri Hudak |
| BEST SPECIES | | Phrag bessae | Bill Cruce |
| BEST MINATURE | | Gastrochilus bellinus | Edgar Stehli |

SHOW TABLE STANDINGS FOR 2014

| STANDINGS FOR 2014 | Greenhouse: Pro | Points |
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| | Edgar Stehli | 32 |
| | Wayne Roberts | 6 |
| | Greenhouse: Am | |
| | Bill Cruce | 22 |
| | John Rini | 18 |
| | Under Lights/Windows: | |
| | Katherine Binder | 22 |
| | Bob Lum King | 18 |
| | Darryl & Pam Everett | 14 |
| | Debbie Gotsch | 5 |
| | Pat Corbett | 3 |
| | Bob Galaska | 1 |
| | Chester Kieliszek | 1 |
| | Less Than 20 Plants: | |
| | Joyce Shramo | 19 |
| | Terri Hudak | 8 |
| | Wilma Kelch | 2 |

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 members to West Shore since the last newsletter went out, Irene Diritsky, Jeanne Griebing, Michael & Charlene Kiehl and Mark Puskar. 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@ferro.com and I will put you on the email list.

Current Officers for 2013 – 2014 Contact Information

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| President: | Teressa Nemeth | gardenguru@centurytel.net | 440-233-8757 |
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| Trustee: | Edgar Stehli | edgarstehli@sbcglobal.net | 440-838-5757 |
| Newsletter: | Chester Kieliszek | kieliszekc@ferro.com | 330-467-3731 |
| Librarian: | Allan Lund | allan.lund320@gmail.com | |
| Show Chairs: | Wayne Roberts & Chester Kieliszek | | |
| Immediate Past President | Chester Kieliszek. | | |

The current officer's terms will expire at the end of this year and new officers will be elected at the December meeting. Anyone interested in running for office can let one of the current officers know and we will add your name to the December ballot.

Edgar Stehli's *Aerangis mystacidii* "Windswept's White Waterfall", which won the Fred Hillerman Award for most outstanding Angraecoid awarded in 2012, is pictured in AOS ORCHIDS on page 216. CONGRATULATIONS, EDGAR!

From the President's Potting Bench,

Greetings Friends,

What a Spring Show! Over 2000 visitors were awed by the beauty, fragrance, and artistic displays of orchids. Many thanks to all who contributed time, talent, food, plants, and muscle! A special thank you to Ron Matthey for the beautiful arbor he designed, built, and donated to the WSOS display and Jim Thompson who managed all the pavers in and out for the display. I hope you had the chance to see the display as the judges awarded it "Best of Show" and a crystal trophy.

WSOS has been blessed with an awesome group of people who make our Spring Show run so smoothly. To make things even better, we would like to organize a 'show committee' that would add specialty areas like advertising, display, and ribbons (the judges would like to add honorable mention in the large categories). If you would like to be a part of this show-committee, please contact me at gardenguru@centurytel.net or see me after the meeting.

To keep our membership strong, we would like to develop a position of Membership Chair. This individual(s) would develop a packet for new members to introduce them to the wonderful world of orchids and all that WSOS has to offer. If interested, please see me...

We are happy to welcome the return of Francisco Miranda as featured speaker at our April 16th meeting. You loved his presentation on Brazilian Orchids, come to learn about the genus *Cattleya*. Wayne Roberts will demonstrate "mounting your orchids" in the 6:30pm culture corner. Please bring an orchid you wish to mount for a hands on experience.

I can't wait until Wednesday. Social time begins at 6pm, see you then.

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It is with great sadness that I bring the following news:



Josephine M. 'Jody' McCullough, age 80, of Medina, passed away March 12, 2013. She was born in Kittanning, PA, on November 28, 1932, to the late Joseph and Grace Storey. Jody attended the Art Institute of Pittsburgh and enjoyed painting animals. Along with her love of Arabian Horses, she also enjoyed raising Russian Wolfhounds and peacocks. She was the past president of the West Shore Orchid Society and collected a greenhouse full of orchids from around the world. Jody hiked almost every day, and enjoyed all the wildlife along the trail. She also liked to read. Jody is survived by her husband, Thomas C. McCullough, of 57 years.

Wayne Roberts only found out recently about Jody's passing which came as a shock to all who new her. A longtime member of West Shore, she always had plants for our show displays and helped set up the various shows. In her memory, West Shore set up a Trophy Award for Best of Vanda, Ascocenda, Classes 58 – 69 at our March Show.

Those of you who know Martha Bell may have wondered why she has not been at our meetings lately. I saw Martha at our show and she mentioned that she suffered a stroke. She had to have someone drive her to the show as she is not able to drive yet. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Meeting dates in 2014:

Weds. April 16th

Weds. May 21st

Weds. June 18th

Sun. August 17th Annual picnic

Weds. October 15th

Weds. November 19th

Weds. December 17th Christmas dinner and gift plants

CASH FOR BEST ESSAY

The Mid-America Orchid Congress invites you to enter their essay contest. Write an essay on "My problem with orchids is..." (Writer fills in the blank) -- and win up to \$100.00! The essay should be no more than 500 words in length and submitted no later than October 1st to Doris Asher (asherdoris@juno.com) – winners will be announced at the Congress' Sunday Business Meeting in Columbus, OH, November 9, 2014. You do not need to be present to win. First prize wins \$100.00; second, \$50; third, \$25. All three prize-winning essays will appear in future issues of the Congress's newsletter, The Mid-American.

For more information or if you have questions, contact Doris Asher via email or by phone (517-332-0004).

Orchids A Growing Obsession

April 30th – May 4th, 2014

The Orchid Society of Minnesota is very pleased to host the Spring 2014 American Orchid Society Members' Meeting and Show April 30th through May 4th, 2014. This event will be held in conjunction with meetings and events of the Mid-America Orchid Congress, Slipper Orchid Alliance, International Phalaenopsis Alliance, Pleurothallid Alliance and Angraecoid Alliance. The website is up with full information at www.orchidsagrowingobsession.com.

The event headquarters is the Doubletree by Hilton located at I-494 and Hwy 100 in Bloomington, Minnesota. They offer complimentary airport shuttle service to and from the Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport (MSP Terminals 1 and 2). All events are located in this hotel which has free guest parking. Guest rooms will be available at a reduced rate of \$99 while they last in the reserved room block prior to the cutoff date of April 8, 2014. This rate is available for three days before and three days after the show dates for those who wish to extend their stay. There are numerous restaurants near the hotel including TGIFridays (in the same parking lot). The hotel is located on the "494 Strip" of Bloomington with restaurants and shopping nearby... including the Mall of America. The hotel does offer complimentary shuttle service to the Mall of America for its registered guests. Following is the hotel reservation link. No password or code is needed: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/OSM2014> If you prefer to call, their number is 952-835-7800.

The keynote address will be given by Chris Purver of the Eric Young Orchid Foundation. The speaker line-up includes Jerry Fischer, Alan Koch, Carlos Fighetti, Jason Fischer, Russ Vernon, Cordelia Head, Harry Phillips and Kathy Creger. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to hear the top names in orchids share their knowledge.

Our Exhibition Chair is Joe Acebo. Exhibitor setup will begin Wednesday morning at 7:00 a.m., April 30th. Plant and Exhibit Registration will be open on Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Space is limited. Please contact Joe directly at joeacebo@charter.net.

Our Vendor Sales Chair is Ross Hella. Sales will open Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. with the Preview Party. As of January 2014, our vendor spaces are full; however you may contact Ross at hellapad@dishmail.net with inquiries. Vendors include Andy's, Deerwood, Cal-Orchids, Gold Country, Ingram's Better Books, J&L, Natt's, New Vision, Orchids Ltd, Orchidabilia, RK Gems, and art work by Jacque Rosenau & Kathy Creger.

This will be an AOS judged show with Ribbon Judging on Thursday morning, May 1st followed by the AOS Judges' Luncheon at noon and AOS Judging at 1:00 pm. The Preview Party will be Thursday evening beginning at 7:00 p.m. This year's theme is "tropical casual"... so wear your favorite Hawaiian orchid shirt and relax!

The Show & Sales area will be open to the public Friday, Saturday and Sunday (May 2-4) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. We are offering the public a \$1 off general admission coupon at numerous locations and on our web site. Beginners' Lectures will be offered on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Full Participant Registration includes the Preview Party, AOS & MAOC Auctions and access to all lectures and meetings as well as the show and sales areas. There will be a Banquet following the Auction on Saturday evening at the hotel. This promises to be a pleasurable & entertaining evening and we certainly hope you will join in the fun.

For show registration, go to www.orchidsagrowingobsession.com and click on the Registration tab. Please be sure to read the instructions/hints before beginning your registration process.

Come join us at this don't miss event!

Kim Livingston

Show Chair

GREATER CLEVELAND SHOW WINNERS

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| Exhibit | | Red |
| Allan Lund | Psychopsis Kalihi alba 'Green Valley' | Blue |
| | Phal Hybrid | Red |
| | Paph Dalla | Yellow |
| | Masd Red Panda | Red |
| John Rini | Aerangis leonis | Blue |
| | Vf White Crane | Red |
| | Den Hamana 'Smile' | Yellow |
| | Ida lata | Red |
| Terri Hudak | Phal Hybrid | Blue |
| | Neost Pinky 'Starry Night' | Yellow |

GREATER AKRON SHOW WINNERS

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| Exhibit | | Red |
| Allan Lund | Rhy gigantea 'Orange Star' | Blue, Best of Class |
| | Paph venustum | Red |
| | Ang sesquipedale | Yellow |
| | Phrag sedsnii | Yellow |
| | Lyc Michael & Sharon | Yellow |
| Bob Galaska | Zygo Advance Australia 'HOF' | Blue |
| Pat Corbett | Den Enobi Purple 'Purple' | Yellow |
| John Rini | Ascda Kulvadee Fragrance | Blue |
| | Vandofinetia White Crane | Red |
| | Den Love Memory 'Fizz' | Red |
| | Eplc Volcano Trick 'Paradise' | Red |
| Marolyn Smith | Otara Burgundy Splash 'Paradise' | Red |
| Chester Kieliszek | Cym Hybrid | Yellow |

WSOS SHOW WINNERS

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| Exhibit | | Blue, Best of Class, AOS Trophy |
| Mary Bartos | Cym Hybrid | Red |
| | Cym Hybrid | Red |
| Karen Schlote | Milt Lennart Karl 'Gottling Red' | Blue, Best of Class |
| | Lc Loog Tones 'D' | Yellow |
| | Phal I-Hsin 'Black Spot' | Red |
| Bill Crus | Den tetragonum | Blue, Best of Class, Best of Show, Best Specimen Plant in Show |
| | Paph St Swithin | Blue, Best of Class |
| Pat Corbett | Den Enobi Purple 'Purple' | Red |
| Marolyn Smith | Lc Gold Digger 'Orglades Mandarin' | Red |
| Bob Galaska | Phal Sogo Grape 'Fireball' | Blue |
| | Zygo Advance Australia 'HOF' | Red |
| | Rlc Dick Smith 'Paradise' | Red |
| | Lyc Always 'Breath of Spring' | Yellow |
| | Paph In-Charm White x Niveum | Yellow |
| John Rini | Ascda Kulvadee Fragrance | Blue |
| | Eplc Volcano Trick 'Paradise' | Blue |
| | Onc Lemon Heart 'Baby Face' | Yellow |
| | Bnfd Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze' | Blue |
| | Vandofinetia White Crane | Blue |
| | Den Love Memory 'Fizz' | Blue |
| Jim Thompson | Brassavola Fairy Queen | Blue |
| | Den aggregatum 'D Lindley' | Yellow |
| Katherine Binder | Paph Mr. Wonderful | Blue |
| | Paph villosum x spicerianum | Red |
| | Phal Balden's Kaleidoscope 'Golden Treasure' | Red |
| | Paph President Fred | Yellow |
| | Encyclia bractescens x hematocaulon | Blue |
| Allan Lund | Rhy gigantea 'Orange Star' | Blue, Best of Class |
| | Paph venustum | Red |
| | Phrag sedenii | Blue |
| | Phal Sogo Grape 'Fireball' | Red |
| Cheryl Nader | Den anosmum | Blue |

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| Daniel Dolney | Paph sulchukulii x venustum | Yellow |
| | Stenosarcos 'Vanguard' | Yellow |
| Chester Kieliszek | Phal I-Hsin 'Black Spot' | Blue |

CENTRAL OHIO SHOW WINNERS

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|-------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Exhibit | | Blue |
| Allan Lund | Paph. Spicerianum | Red |
| | Epc Hanna Roberts 'Gold' | Red |
| | Milt Hajime Ono 'Early Bird' | Red |
| | Milt Morris Chestnut 'H171' | Yellow |
| Bob Galaska | Lyc Always 'Breath of Spring' | Red |
| | Phal Sogo Grape 'Fireball' | Red |
| | Paph In-Charm White x Niveum | Blue |
| | Paph delenatii 'Pink Elephant' | Red |
| | Phrag longifolium 'Black as Night' | Yellow |
| | Phrag besseae | Blue |
| | Phrag pearcei 'Cloud' | Red |
| Pat Corbett | Den Micro Chips | Yellow |
| | Ceramic Pot | Blue, Best of Class |
| | Ceramic Pot | Red |
| | Ceramic Pot | Yellow |
| Bill Cruce | Paph Saint Swithin | Red |
| | Lyc Shonan Bright x Chita Sunset | President's Award |
| John Rini | Lc Bryan Wheeler 'Grandson' | Blue |
| | Lyc Always 'Breath of Spring' | Red |
| Wayne Roberts | Cyp Henry I | Blue, Best of Class |
| | C. Spring Squall | Blue |
| | C. gaskelliana | Red |
| Joyce Shramo | Cym Hybrid | Blue |
| | Cym Mini Pink | Yellow |
| Chester Kieliszek | Phal I-Hsin 'Black Spot' | Blue |

Below is a picture of our AOS Show Trophy display. The judges described it as 'A ten square foot, well balanced, walk through island display with a brick path, flanked by patio lights and leading to a garden arbor. Many orchid genera are represented with high quality orchid plants artfully intermixed with driftwood, moss, rocks and foliage plants.' They scored it at 83 points. We had 16 members enter a total of 58 plants into the display. Thank you to all the members who brought in their beautiful plants that made up our award winning display!

Our spring show was held on March 8th & 9th and went very well thanks to all the volunteers that turned out to help with all the various needs the show required. It takes a lot of people to make a show as large as ours successful and again, as in the past, our members came through. A special thanks goes out to the Jim Thompson who brought in the brick pavers and patio lights and Ron Matty who built the new trellis and donated it to the Society. Another big thanks goes out to Pat Corbett, Marolyn Smith, Sue Echols, Elaine Galaska and Karen Schlote who handled hospitality along with all of our members who brought in food over the three day event. We had a number of compliments from the vendors and other societies on the amount and variety of food available. And on top of all this we had a great turn out as the vendors sold a lot of orchids. Again, THANK YOU to all those that contributed to our show which made it another huge success.

On behalf of the society, Mary Beth Mansour thanks each person who volunteered to clerk at the show. Clerks are very important in the judging process. Each volunteer clerk was an integral part of the judging team.



Roberts Flower Supply 2014 OPEN HOUSE
12390 Root Rd. Columbia Station OH 440-236-5571

Come on over to our place to see native orchids in bloom throughout our yard!

Our greenhouse/grounds will be open for public viewing on two weekends – May 16, 17, & 18, and the 24th & 25th, from 10 am to 5 pm all days. Not possible? Call ahead to come at your convenience.

We will have specials on tropical plants as well as hundreds of native cypripediums in pot and bare root for sale, as usual. SEE YOU THERE!

10% off potting supplies with this flyer.