

WEST SHORE ORCHID SOCIETY

AUGUST 2012

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| NEXT MEETING | Sunday, August 19, 2012 | | |
| TIME | 12:00 p.m. | Conversation, opportunity to check out plants for sale. | |
| | 12:45 p.m. | Plant sale begins. This is a great opportunity to acquire plants at bargain prices. | |
| | 1:00 p.m. | Picnic | |
| | 2:00 p.m. | Auction. We will have about 30 plants from Hawaii in bud or in flower. These will include a very broad range of genera – something for every taste. Donated plants in bud or flower are usually auctioned as well. | |
| PLACE | Columbia Park – Rte 82 and W. River Road | | |
| MENU | Hot Dogs, Hamburgers & Veggie Burgers, prepared by Chef John Rini. | | |
| MEMBERS BRING | Last names: A through K: appetizer, vegetable or salad L through Z: cheese, fruit dish or dessert | | |
| CLUB PROVIDES | Table settings, hot dogs, hamburgers, pop, water, condiments and bread. | | |
| COST | Free to members, \$2.00 for guests. Pick up your bidding number for the auction. | | |
| RESERVATIONS | Call Clara or Chester Kieliszek at 330-467-3731 by Friday August 17. Give the number in your party. We need to know how many people to prepare for. | | |

PROGRAM

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| SHOW TABLE | Our show table was again fabulous in June. We had 48 plants brought in for display. October will be the next show table. The results from the judging are listed below. If there are any errors, please let me know and adjustments will be made. |
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JUNE SHOW TABLE WINNERS

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| GREENHOUSE Professional | First | Bulbophyllum lobbii 'Different' | Edgar Stehli |
| | Second | Tolumnia sylvestre 'Elgato' | Edgar Stehli |
| | Third | Paph Roth x | Wayne Roberts |
| GREENHOUSE Amateur | First | Gram scriptum | John Rini |
| | Second | Den filiorne | John Rini |
| | Third | V Margaret Mabbe 'Pink Cloud' | John Rini |
| WINDOWSILL & UNDER LIGHTS | First | Lc mem Robert Strait x Blc Haw Wizard 'Hawaii' | Teressa Nemeth |
| | Second | Paph niveum x In-Charm White | Katherine Binder |
| | Third | Paph superbiens | Dan Dolney |
| FEWER THAN 20 PLANTS | First | Phalaenopsis Lava Glow | Barbara Brandon |
| | Second | Phal Unknown | Marc Rothenberg |
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| BEST SPECIES | Gram scriptum | John Rini |
| BEST MINATURE | Macroclinium Manabinum | Edgar Stehli |

SHOW TABLE STANDINGS FOR 2012

| STANDINGS FOR 2012 | Greenhouse: Pro | Points |
|--------------------|------------------------------|--------|
| | Edgar Stehli | 92 |
| | Wayne Roberts | 65 |
| | Greenhouse: Am | |
| | John Rini | 93 |
| | Bill Crus | 27 |
| | Under Lights/Windows: | |
| | Katherine Binder | 38 |
| | Pat Corbett | 21 |
| | Teressa Nemeth | 19 |
| | Bob Lum King | 17 |
| | Jim Thompson | 17 |
| | Chester Kieliszek | 17 |
| | Alan Lund | 16 |
| | Debbie Gotsch | 11 |
| | Pam Everett | 10 |
| | Martha Bell | 8 |
| | Marolyn Smith | 7 |
| | Amanda Hill | 7 |
| | Dan Dolney | 6 |
| | Colleen Croniger | 1 |
| | Rene M Doubrava | 1 |
| | Bob Galaska | 1 |
| | Mary Beth Mansour | 1 |
| | Less Than 20 Plants: | |
| | Marc Rothenberg | 22 |
| | Barbara Brandon | 21 |
| | Anita Vergilii | 18 |
| | Karen Nader | 17 |
| | Wilma Kelch | 7 |
| | Christine Knott | 5 |

Thank you to all who brought in their blooming plants for our members to enjoy. For those of you who missed bringing in plants for the June Show Table you get another chance at the October meeting, **there is no show table at the August picnic.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chicagoland Orchid Growers Association presents the 2012, twentieth 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. For a map of these locations, [click on this link](#).

Friday, September 21st 8am-5pm
Saturday, September 22nd 8am-5pm
Sunday, September 23rd 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.

Guest Growers at Hausermann's: **Orchids Garden Centre & Nursery**
Orchid Trading Company
Ecuagenera
Michel Orchid Nursery
Fox Valley Orchids

Guest Growers at Natt's: **Andy's Orchids** from Encinitas, California.
Specializing in species. Website: andysorchids.com E-mail: info@andysorchids.com Phone: 888-514-2639 Fax: 888-632-8991
New Vision Orchids from Indiana.
Specializing in Phalaenopsis, Odontoglossums and Lycastes.
Website: newvisionorchids.com E-mail: newvisionorchids@aol.com
Phone: 765-749-5809
New World Orchids from Manchester, Michigan.
Specializing in orchids from Japan.
Website: newworldorchids.com E-mail: newworldorchids@aol.com
Phone: 734-428-8182
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 E-mail: info@tenshinorchids.com

Illinois Orchid Society Show

When Oct 13 – 14, 2012

Where Chicago Botanic Gardens, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, IL ([map](#))

Description Contact: Rose Matchen 38374 N. 9th St. Spring Grove, IL 60081 847-587-6525
goldrose@att.net

Kansas City Orchid Expo & Sale and Mid-America Orchid Congress Fall Meeting

When Oct 27 – 28, 2012

Where Hilton Garden Inn, 19677 East Jackson Dr, Independence, MO ([map](#))

Description More details <http://kcorchidshow.org/> Contact; Mark & Joy Prout 816-478-7087
paphphal@att.net

Guest speakers for the Mid-America Orchid Congress:

Ed DeVogel, PH.D. Bulbophyllums of New Guinea, Saturday, October 27th

Dendrobiums of New Guinea, Sunday, October 28th

Mary Gerritsen, PH.D. Selected Masdevallia Species & How to Grow Them, Saturday, October 27th

Thomas Miranda - Orchid Travels in Costa Rica, Banquet lecture, Saturday, October 27th

I would like to welcome the following new members to West Shore since our last meeting – Sharen Branham and Mary Chaitoff. Remember if you have a friend interested in growing plants bring them to one of our meetings to show them what orchids are all about. We are always looking for new members and this is one way to grow our membership which now stands at 93 members for 2012.

We now have 64 of our 93 members on email. 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.

December 31st is the end of the service time for our current officers. We still don't have any volunteers, but if anyone is interested in running for office, please contact Edgar Stehli, who is on the nominating committee Tel. 440-838-5757 and let him know the position you are interested in. Officers will be elected at our December meeting and will serve for two years.

We are again looking for plants for the auction and plant sale. We would like society members to donate repotted divisions, plants that have not bloomed, or plants that are not wanted anymore. We normally have a pretty good selection of plants at bargain prices for sale. Anything in bloom usually is auctioned off. So while you're now repotting, put a few divisions aside for the plant sale. If you do not plan on going to the picnic, but would still like to donate a plant(s), you can drop off any donations at Edgar Stehli's greenhouse and he will transport them to the plant sale.

ENTER TO WIN

Write an essay on "Why _____ Is My Favorite Orchid Genus" – you fill in the blank -- and win up to \$100.00! If you prefer to write about your favorite orchid or species within a genus, that will be fine, too. The essay should be no more than 500 words in length and submitted no later than October 1st to Doris Asher, Chair, Mid-America Communications Committee (asherdoris@juno.com) – winners will be announced at the Congress' Sunday Business Meeting in Independence, MO, October 28, 2012. 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 Mid-American, the newsletter of the Mid-America Orchid Congress.

The following is an article taken from the American Orchid Society website. They have a checklist for what you need to be doing month by month to your orchids.

Monthly Checklist for July and August

Cattleya

Cattleyas this month require careful attention to their watering and fertilizing needs owing to characteristically high temperatures. Evaporative cooling is a must in areas of the country where it is effective. Where it is not (the more humid regions), care needs to be paid to proper venting to keep temperatures within reason. Bottom vents in conjunction with top vents provide enough rising airflow to help keep plants cool. Increased air flow lessens humidity and dries plants out more quickly, necessitating more frequent damping down and watering, in areas where high humidity is not a problem. Higher light and heat indicate more fertilizer. The growths your plants are making now are the source of this autumn, winter and spring's blooms, so applying adequate fertilizer this month is the best way to ensure future blooms. Higher temperatures and humidity may also lead to fungal or bacterial rot problems, so it is important to closely observe your plants for any early indication of problems. Pests are also at a high point this month for the same reason.

Paphiopedilum

Cooling and air circulation are especially critical in these two months to prevent stress and avoid disease problems. Watering needs to be closely monitored to ensure that plants do not dry out. Warmer-growing hybrids will be at the peak of their blooming, with attention needing to be paid to staking of spikes. Look for water lodging in growths, which can rot emerging spikes and lead to the loss of the entire growth.

Phalaenopsis

Most, if not all, potting should be complete by now. This month and next are when these plants achieve their maximum growth. This growth will be that from which they set their spikes for the coming season. The more leaves the plants grow, the better potential for spiking will be realized. Growers in cooler areas such as the Pacific coast have the advantage this month, should they choose, of cooling for early season spikes. Lots of heat and light call for liberal applications of water and fertilizer.



Beallara Diana Dunn 'Newberry' is a good example of the colorful patterns that *Oncidium* intergeneric hybrids offer.

Cymbidium

Summer can be the most rewarding season for cymbidiums. Growths should be coming strong now. The leaves of the new growths are best when they are broad and fairly stiff. The color should be a light green to nearly yellow. Early flowering varieties should be showing flower spikes, so move the plants into a cooler area with lower light. For mid-season varieties, lower the dosage of nitrogen to assist in spike initiation.

High-elevation Plants

For cooler-growing plants, such as masdevallias, other pleurothallids and the like, the next few months will be a challenge. During the hottest times, keep your plants more shaded and be sure to keep the humidity level much higher. Do not let plants dry out. Delay any potting until the weather cools.

Oncidium intergenerics

Many of the intergeneric crosses between odontoglossums and oncidiums, such as Odontocidium, Wilsonara and Colmanara, will be blooming now. Take special care to train the spikes for best floral display. Keep plants under fairly shady conditions. Watch for snails and slugs.

Vandaceous

Plants will be growing quickly now and really enjoying the hot humid days so similar to their native habitat. Watch for pests though, as many of these also enjoy the same conditions as the plants. Check flower spikes so that they can extend unimpeded for the best flower presentation later. .



The Philippine species, *Euanthe sandariana*, rewards growers with massive heads of flowers at the end of summer.