

# WEST SHORE ORCHID SOCIETY

## DECEMBER 2012

- NEXT MEETING**      Wednesday, December 19, 2012
- TIME**
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| 6:00 p.m. | Conversation,   |
| 6:30 p.m. | Show table judging. Election of officers.   |
| 7:00 p.m. | Dinner.   |
| 7:30 p.m. | Program: Distribution of plants, show table, & distribution of show table awards for this year. |
- MENU**
- Due to the many volunteers who have offered to share their cooking talents, the buffet will include:  
Main dishes - Spiral Sliced Honey Ham, Vegetable Meatless Loaf, Chicken, and Kielbasa & Sauerkraut.  
Sides - Sweet Potato Soufflé, Scalloped Potatoes, Sweet Corn Bake, Green Salad, Fresh Fruit Salad, and Homemade Rolls.  
Appetizers – Shrimp Cocktail, Stuffed Mushrooms, Cheese & Crackers.  
Beverages – Medium Roast KONA Coffee, Tea, Pop & Water
- RESERVATIONS**      Wayne and Nancy Roberts will be the contact for the December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Email to: [wer@orchidmix.com](mailto:wer@orchidmix.com) as the preferred response if you are coming or their phone as a second means - 440-236-5571, with an answering machine available around the clock. Quantity decisions will be made on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, Monday afternoon, so please contact them before then.
- COST**
- The cost of dinner will remain \$10 per person. We need members with last names starting with A – H to bring an appetizer, I – P to bring a veggie side dish and Q - Z a dessert. Each dish should feed 8 - 10 people, which should take care of our needs. If you are writing a check, please include dinner and dues (\$15.00 per membership) together. This makes it easier on the treasurer.
- PLACE**
- North Olmsted Community Cabin, 28114 Lorain Road, North Olmsted

### PROGRAM

- SHOW TABLE**
- Our show table was again fabulous in November. We had 34 plants brought in for display. There is one show table left in the year, so bring in your blooming plants for the December meeting. The results from the judging are listed below. If there are any errors, please let me know and adjustments will be made before the final standings for the year are announced.

# ORCHID CALENDER

## Open House - Robert's Flower Supply

**When** Friday & Saturday Dec. 7 – 8 & Saturday Dec 15, 2012

**Where** Wayne & Nancy Robert's greenhouse, 12390 Root Rd., Columbia Station, OH Tel. 440-236-5571.

## Next WSOS Meeting

**When** Wednesday Feb 20, 2013 – 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

I X Center

As discussed at our October meeting, the Great Big Home and Garden Show, which West Shore has attended as an exhibitor in years past, will charge all exhibitors a fee starting next year. Prior to this coming year, non-profit organizations were given exhibit space at no cost. This event is our best avenue for advertising our March show as we give out a number of our show flyers. It also brings in between \$700.00 to \$1,000.00 for the society to cover costs for the speakers we bring in during the year as well as monies to run the society. The I X Center will charge us \$659.00 for the exhibit space. A vote was taken at the November meeting and it was unanimous to pay the fee and attend the February show for advertising our show to the public

It was also voted on by the executive committee to raise dues next year starting on February 21, 2013 from \$15.00 to \$20.00 per individual or family membership. Anyone renewing or joining at the December or February meetings will still only have to pay \$15.00 for their 2013 membership. If you can not make it to one of the meetings, you can mail you dues to our treasurer, John Rini. Make out checks to West Shore Orchid Society and mail to John Rini, 6490 E. Vancey Dr., Brookpark, Ohio 44142. Please include a copy of the 2013 survey.

## NOVEMBER SHOW TABLE WINNERS

GREENHOUSE Professional	First	Coelogyne rockhussinii	Edgar Stehli
	Second	Bulbophyllum blumii	Edgar Stehli
	Third	Bulbophyllum discolor	Edgar Stehli
GREENHOUSE Amateur	First	Coelogyne cochussenii	Dr. Erin
	Second	Den Nemorale	John Rini
	Third	Vanda Dr. Anek 'Bai'	John Rini
WINDOWSILL & UNDER LIGHTS	First	Cyod Golden Shower King x Momd revolata Yellow	Bob & Elaine Galaska
	Second	Lc Green Veil	Chester Kieliszek
	Third	Paph Saigon Pearl	Teressa Nemeth
FEWER THAN 20 PLANTS	First	Phal Unknown	Anita Vergilii
	Second	Phal Unknown	Anita Vergilii
	Third	No Entry	

BEST SPECIES

Coelogyne rockhussinii

Edgar Stehli

BEST MINATURE

Aerongii luteo - alba

Edgar Stehli

## SHOW TABLE STANDINGS FOR 2012

STANDINGS FOR 2012	<b>Greenhouse: Pro</b>	<b>Points</b>
	Edgar Stehli	169
	Wayne Roberts	73
	<b>Greenhouse: Am</b>	
	John Rini	118
	Bill Cruce	54
	Dr. Erin	12
	Mel Goldstein	1
	<b>Under Lights/Windows:</b>	
	Katherine Binder	47
	Teressa Nemeth	39
	Chester Kieliszek	26
	Pat Corbett	25
	Bob Lum King	17
	Jim Thompson	17
	Alan Lund	16
	Marolyn Smith	15
	Bob Galaska	12
	Debbie Gotsch	11
	Dan Dolney	11
	Pam Everrett	10
	Martha Bell	9
	Amanda Hill	7
	Colleen Croniger	1
	Rene M Doubrava	1
	Mary Beth Mansour	1
	Dave Miller	1
	<b>Less Than 20 Plants:</b>	
	Anita Vergilii	55
	Marc Rothenberg	26
	Barbara Brandon	22
	Karen Nader	18
	Wilma Kelch	14
	Christine Knott	5

Bring in your blooming plants to our last show table in December. First, second and third place finishers in each of the four categories will win \$25, \$15 and \$10 gift certificates respectively to be used at our show in March or at Windswept in Time Orchids or Roberts Flower Supplies. Our 2013 contest will start all over again with our first show table at the February meeting. Again, you earn 10 points for 1<sup>st</sup>, 6 for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4 for 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

I would like to welcome the following new members to West Shore since the last newsletter went out, but again we don't have any, so get out there and bring a friend who likes growing things to our next meeting and introduce them to the wonderful world of orchids.

We now have 69 of our 94 members on email. Anyone not receiving a newsletter email and wanting one can request it by emailing Chester Kieliszek at [kieliszekc@ferro.com](mailto:kieliszekc@ferro.com) and I will put you on the email list. I am having difficulty with a new email system being used. The last newsletter went out to all members registered on email, but I know for a fact that even though I did not receive any undeliverable messages, some people did not receive their emails. I am requesting everyone on email to reply to the December

newsletter to me, that you did receive your newsletter. Those people I do not hear from will be assumed that they did not receive a newsletter and actions will be taken to get a copy of the newsletter to them. My apologies and thank you for your patience in this matter.

This is the last call for people interested in running for office to take over some of the West Shore leadership as the two year term for the current officers' ends at the end of the this year. If you are interested, contact one of the current officers, or Edgar Stehli, head of our nominating committee. We will take candidates for office up to meeting time and voting will take place at around 6:30 PM. As of this newsletter, we have Teressa Nemeth nominated for President and Wayne Roberts for Vice President. This is your society, if you feel the need for change, this is your opportunity to promote your ideas to make the society better.

The following is an article taken from the Peoria Orchid Society newsletter.

### **Questions about Phalaenopsis**

**Q.** My phalaenopsis plant grows well, but doesn't bloom. Why?

**A.** One reason could be too high temperature. We find that phalaenopsis flower quite well at 62 degrees F. If you are growing the plants indoors, artificial lights nearby might cause long days and thus inhibit flowering. If the plants seem to be growing well, water and fertilizer applied as directed, temperature ideal, and still no flowers, then not enough light is probably the answer. Gradually increase the light intensity until you have about 1000 to 1500 footcandles, or roughly all the light the plants can take without burning. If growing in the home, move the plants to a nice, bright windowsill that receives an hour or two of direct sun in the very early morning or late afternoon.

**Q.** My phalaenopsis never quits blooming, and is badly in need of repotting. What should I do?

**A.** Repot it – now! We repot year round as the plants need it. If the plant is healthy and robust, you can leave the spike on. If, on the other hand, the plant is a seedling, is weak, has a poor root system, or if you are apt to damage a goodly number of roots in repotting, then sacrifice the spike to force growth energy into the plant.

**Q.** My phalaenopsis has a bloom spike arising out of the apical crown of the plant. What effect will this have on future flowering?

**A.** Probably this means that your plant has reached full maturity, and it will cease to grow and flower after this spike is finished. However, we've seen some plants resume growth, and thenceforth act in a normal manner. Some say this atypical flowering results from too much light; others blame insecticides, especially the systemics. A plant that does not resume normal growth will usually throw one or more new plants or "keikis" from the base of the plant, so don't throw it away. Until it does produce new plants, continue to treat it in a normal manner.

**Q.** My phalaenopsis plant has grown quite tall. How can I "top" it?

**A.** Select where you will cut the plant by examining it carefully, and determining a point where the cut will leave the top half with an ample root system to sustain it until it becomes established. You can remove the bottom part and repot it, or leave it "as is". To pot the top, be sure to cut off any leaves that will be below the potting media, and of course, use only a sterile knife. Remove any flower spikes to force growth energy into the division. Seal all wounds and cuts with a tree-seal paint. Withhold water from the bottom half for a few days to allow the injured roots to heal. Then keep it slightly on the dry side until one or more "keikis" appear – from one to six months. They can be removed when the roots are one to two inches long. As long as the bottom half remains alive, it will continue to produce, perhaps as many as six or more "keikis". You can give slightly more water than usual to the top half until it is well established.

**Q.** When buying phalaenopsis seedlings, what kind of shape and color should I look for in the leaves and root tips to assure fine flowers?

**A.** We know of no correlation between flower shape and size, and the shape of the leaves or color of the root tip. On our bench of stud and award plants, you can find every type of leaf shape: pointed, rounded, long, short, etc. Certainly, in buying seedlings with color expectancy, you'll want a plant with some pigmentation in the leaves and/or root tips. But, again, there doesn't seem to be any correlation between the amount of color visible in the plant, and the intensity of color in the flowers. From our experience, the only assurance of fine progeny comes from the use of fine parents. Of course, there is no hard-and-fast guarantee of success, but the odds are in your favor.

# ***ROBERTS FLOWER SUPPLY***

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## **Winter orchid sale**

**Dec. 8, 2012 10-4 Dec 14-15, 2012 10-4**

Or by appointment

**Bring this for 10% off your purchase –NO  
LIMIT!**

**In Bloom, Bud or Spike, Limited Supply  
Many new hand picked plants from Hawaii**

Roberts Flower Supply will provide Kona coffee, pop and cookies

**Cattleyas, Paphiopedilums, Cymbidiums, Dendrobiums,  
Oncidiums,**

**Miniatures. Crosses, Meristems and Species**

Supplies and new Seedlings also available starting at \$2.50

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## *West Shore Orchid Society - Annual Survey – 2012*

Please fill out and return at the December meeting with your renewal dues of \$15.00 per year per address or send to: John Rini, 6490 E. Vancey Dr., Brookpark, OH 44142. Please include this questionnaire.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Please check areas where you would be willing to help. This isn't a commitment, but it is helpful to those organizing the events and making the phone calls.

Staff the WSOS booth at the Great Big Home & Garden Expo at the IX Center, Sat. Feb 2 through Sun. Feb 10. Shifts are 3 to 4 hours long. We schedule beginners with experienced growers. This is a fun event. Bring a friend and see the show.

Preferred times: \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening

Preferred days: \_\_\_\_\_ Weekday \_\_\_\_\_ Weekend

Help with the WSOS Orchid Show, Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, Saturday & Sunday, March 9-10 at the Strongsville Recreation Center.

- \_\_\_ Set-up backdrops & sales tables, **Friday 9:30 AM March 8**
- \_\_\_ Help exhibitors carry material \_\_\_ in on Friday, \_\_\_ out on Sun.
- \_\_\_ Help with West Shore display on Friday – begins at 11AM
- \_\_\_ Organize food for Friday
- \_\_\_ Contribute a food item, especially on Friday
- \_\_\_ Organize food for Saturday morning (juice, rolls, coffee)
- \_\_\_ Clerking Saturday, 7:30 AM to about 10 AM. Educational as well as fun.
- \_\_\_ Entrance table \_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_ Sunday
- \_\_\_ Tear down Sunday evening 4 PM – about 2 hours

Help with the WSOS Displays:

Greater Cleveland Orchid Society show at the Cleveland Botanical Garden on February 16-17

\_\_\_ Set up on Friday, Feb 15, \_\_\_ Tear down on Sun, Feb 17

Greater Akron Orchid Society show at Donzell's in Akron on March 2-3

\_\_\_ Set up on Friday, March 1, \_\_\_ Tear down on Sun, March 3

Central Ohio Orchid Society show at Franklin Park, Columbus, April 6-7

\_\_\_ Set up on Friday, April 5, \_\_\_ Tear down on Sun, April 7

Orchid Society of Northwestern Pennsylvania show in Erie, PA, May 11-12

\_\_\_ Set up on Friday, May 10, \_\_\_ Tear down on Sun, May 12.