

WEST SHORE ORCHID SOCIETY

DECEMBER 2015

- NEXT MEETING** Wednesday, December 16, 2015
- TIME** 6:00 p.m. Conversation, Show Table plant registration.
- 6:30 p.m. Show table judging.
- 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, Chicken, and Sausage & Sauerkraut.
Sides - Sweet Potatoes, Scallop & Au gratin Potatoes, cauliflower, mixed green salad, fruit salad and rolls.
Appetizers – Shrimp Cocktail, meatballs
Beverages – Coffee, Tea, Pop, & Water
- RESERVATIONS** Elaine and Bob Galaska will be the contact for the December 16th meeting. Email to: emgalaska@hotmail.com as the preferred response if you are coming or Elaine's cell phone as a second means - **330-842-7097**. Quantity decisions will be made on Dec. 14th, 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 (\$10 per person) and dues (\$20.00 per single or family membership) together. This makes it easier on the treasurer.
- 2016 SURVEY** Please fill out and return the attached survey for 2016 along with your membership dues for next year and we do hope everyone renews
- PLACE** North Olmsted Community Cabin, 28114 Lorain Road, North Olmsted

PROGRAM

SHOW TABLE Our show table was again fabulous in October. We had 53 plants show up for judging. We will have our next and final show table of the year at the December meeting. 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.

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
Cypripedium Alliance	Classes 27 – 42
Phalaenopsis Alliance	Classes 59 – 60
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 was a card for each of the sections on the show table and everyone did a great job putting their plants in the correct categories. This made judging easier.

ORCHID CALENDER

WSOS Meeting

When Wednesday February 17, 2017 – 6:00 PM Conversation, 7:00 PM Speaker – Dave Miller

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

Description We will have all the details for our meeting in the February newsletter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCTOBER SHOW TABLE WINNERS

GREENHOUSE Professional	First Second Third	Ornithophora radicans Ceratostylus retisquana Aerangis luteo alba	Edgar Stehli Wayne Roberts Edgar Stehli
GREENHOUSE Amateur	First Second Third	C. bowringiana Lyc. Gladys Eljuri Aerangis ellisii	John Rini John Rini John Rini
CATTLEYA Classes 10 – 26	First Second Third	Blc Ruth Davis 'Paradise' C. gaskelliana No Entry	Bob Galaska Bob Galaska
CYPRIPEDIUM Classes 27 - 42	First Second Third	Paph Envy Green Paph Niveum x Via Vulcan Verde Paph Magic Leopard x fairricanum	Katherine Binder Bob Galaska Katherine Binder
PHALAENOPSIS Classes 43 – 59	First Second Second Third	Phal White Dream Phal Hybrid Angracum didieri Phal violacea	Bob Galaska Bob Heidelman Bob Lum-King Bob Lum-King
VANDA Classes 60 – 69	First Second Third	Vanda Sansai Blue 'Acker's Pride' None Haraella retrocalla	Allan Lund Katherine Binder
ONCIDIUM Classes 70 – 78	First Second Third	Miltoniopsis Bnfd. Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze' Howeara Lava Burst 'Puanani'	Becky Cotterill Allan Lund Katherine Binder

CYMBIDIUM Classes 79 – 81	First	No Entry	
	Second	No Entry	
	Third	No Entry	
DENDROBIUM Classes 82 – 88	First	Den Aussies Pixie	Brenda Kammer
	Second	Den Hibiki	Bob Lum-King
	Third	Den kanburiense	Katherine Binder
MISCELLANEOUS Classes 89 - 99	First	Masd. Cherry Sholan 'Red Hot Mama'	Bob Galaska
	Second	Lyc Athanacia	Bob Galaska
	Third	Pleurothallis leptotifolia	Katherine Binder
FEWER THAN 20 PLANTS	First	Blira Tahoma Glacier	Keith Alexander
	Third	Wils Aloha Sparks	Keith Alexander
BEST SPECIES		Phal. Violacea	Allan Lund
BEST MINATURE		Pleurothallis leptotifolia	Katherine Binder

SHOW TABLE STANDINGS FOR 2015

STANDINGS FOR 2015	Greenhouse: Pro	Points
	Edgar Stehli	173
	Wayne Roberts	153
	Greenhouse: Am	
	John Rini	125
	Bill Crus	20
	Under Lights/Windows:	
	Patty Conrad	253
	Bob Galaska	171
	Katherine Binder	116
	Allan Lund	105
	Bob Lum-King	81
	Pam Everett	74
	Chester Kieliszek	56
	Bob & Marilyn Heidelman	50
	Debbie Gotsch	27
	Jerry Echols	26
	Gloria Wilder	23
	Mary Beth Mansour	22
	Brenda Kammer	12
	Becky Cotterill	11
	Diane Kofskey	11
	Ron Matty	11
	Regina Stopper	8
	Dave Miller	6
	Mary Bartos	3
	Pat Corbett	3
	Marolyn Smith	3
	Less Than 20 Plants:	
	Keith Alexander	45
	Meredith Dreshar	18
	Teressa Nemeth	17
	Ingrid Tuxhorn	12
	Anita Vergilii	12
	Helen Brooks	11
	Mike Kieliszek	11
	Megan Murphy	5

From the President's Potting Bench,

Hello My Friends,

Being that October was our first Octoberfest meeting, we did have a very enjoyable time. We had kielbasa & kraut, German potato salad, pierogis, stuffed cabbage, fruit and desserts. Of course, I thank everyone who brought a dish to share.

Now that Christmas is around the corner (December 16th) we can see about what side dish to bring for Christmas dinner to share with the society. Thus far, our hospitality ladies and other contributing members have made our society strong in welcoming all old and new members. Let's keep things going and continue doing nice jesters, whether it is a fruit dish, chocolate cake, or just a bag of potato chips. Also, your time in helping set-up and tear downs at our shows, or handing out flyers is welcomed. I am a very fortunate West Shore president to have great board members to work for and for having a great group of society members who really care, giving of themselves, whether it is giving of your time, or a dish to share. God Bless and we'll see you in December.

Your president, Elaine Galaska

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Meeting dates in 2016

Weds. February 17th

Sat. & Sun March 12th & 13th WSOS Show at Strongsville Rec. Center

Weds. April 20th

Weds. May 18th

Weds. June 15th

Sun. August 21st – Picnic

Weds. September 21st

Weds. October 19th

Weds. December 21st Christmas dinner and gift plants

I would like to welcome the following new members to West Shore since the last newsletter went out, but we didn'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.

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.

Need a last minute Christmas gift? We still have our orchid note cards available. \$1.00 for 1 or 12 for \$10.00. They will be available at the meeting.

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Q.Phalaenopsis Spiking

When should my phalaenopsis start putting up spikes? I thought it would be around this time (January), but they are doing nothing. Is there something I can do to coax them into spike? — *James Tinker*

A. In response to short days and cooler temperatures, early winter is generally when phalaenopsis begin to show their spikes in most parts of the country. If your plants are not spiking, it may be the result of insufficient light during the growing season, or the temperatures in the home may be too warm at night. Try providing temperatures in the high 50s into the low 60s for a week or two and see what happens. — *Ned Nash*



Phalaenopsis initiate inflorescences in response to cool fall nights and shortening day length. Photo © 2009 Greg Allikas

JUDGES CORNER – AOS Awards - part 3 of 3 “Cultural Awards”

Dave Miller, Great Lakes Judging Center

November 2015

In part 2 we talked about the “Quality Awards” which are given for superior flower quality. In this final part, we look at the AOS Cultural Awards. The purpose of cultural awards is to acknowledge the exhibitor of a specimen plant with a large number of flowers for its type. Cultural awards are part of the individual plant record only unlike Quality awards and are not carried forward to any progeny, divisions, or seedlings. The plant must have been in exhibitor’s care for the previous twelve months. The AOS has a “Cultural Scoresheet” based on 100 total points for perfection and a “Horticultural Scoresheet” also worth 100 total points. Horticultural awards are to recognize only a species or natural hybrid with aesthetic appeal contributing to the advancement of orchidology.

Plants are evaluated by a judging team both at monthly judging center meetings and at any AOS sanctioned orchid show. Judges examine nominated plants for their prominent characteristics and if deemed significant, a plant will be scored. A plant may be scored for more than one type of award. Once judged, nominated, or displayed at a show, no plant can be re-judged until a new flowering. All plants

exhibited at a show are deemed “been judged” by the AOS once judging has ended even if never pulled for judging. It is the right of any exhibitor to ask to have his/her plant judged.

The AOS Cultural Scoresheet is divided into three sections with “Size and Condition of Plant” worth 50 points, “Floriferousness” is worth another 30 points and “Condition of Bloom” is worth the remaining 20 points. Horticultural Merit Scoresheets have “Flower Characteristics” worth 36 points, “Plant Characteristics” worth another 36 points and “Other Characteristics” (Aesthetic Appeal) worth the remaining 28 points.

The judging team decides to score for a cultural award based on the condition of the plant being evaluated relative to a specimen for its type. A plant can receive both quality and cultural awards at one judging.

CULTURAL AWARDS

CCM (Certificate of Cultural Merit) – 80 to 89 points on the Cultural Scoresheet.

CCE (Certificate of Cultural Excellence) – 90 to 100 points on the Cultural Scoresheet.

CHM (Certificate of Horticultural Merit) – 80 to 100 points on the Horticultural Merit Scoresheet.

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West Shore Orchid Society - Annual Survey – 2016

Please fill out and return at the December meeting with your renewal dues of \$20.00 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.

Help with the WSOS Orchid Show, Friday, March 11th, Saturday & Sunday, March 12-13 at the Strongsville Recreation Center.

- Set-up backdrops & sales tables, **Friday 9:30 AM March 11**
- Help exhibitors carry material in on Friday, out on Sun.
- Help with West Shore display on Friday – begins at 11AM
- Organize food for Friday
- Registration on 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 (2-3 hr. shifts)
 - Saturday (10AM – 12:30PM) (12:30 – 2:30) (2:30 – 5:00)
 - Whenever needed on Saturday
 - Sunday (11AM – 12:30PM) (12:30 – 2:30) (2:30 – 4:00)
 - Whenever needed on Sunday
- Tear down Sunday evening 4 PM – until about 6PM

For all members, please.

FOOD DONATION of side, snack or dessert for show on Friday _____ or Saturday _____

Help with the WSOS Displays:

Greater Cleveland Orchid Society show at the Cleveland Botanical Garden on February 13-14

Set up on Friday, Feb 12, Tear down on Sun, Feb 14

Greater Akron Orchid Society show at Donzell's in Akron on March 5-6

Set up on Friday, March 4, Tear down on Sun, March 6

Mid America Orchid Congress show at Netherland Hotel, Cincinnati, March 19-20

Set up on Friday, March 18, Tear down on Sun, March 20

Central Ohio Orchid Society show at Franklin Park, Columbus, April 2-3

Set up on Friday, April 1, Tear down on Sun, April 3

Orchid Society of Northwestern Pennsylvania show in Erie, PA, May 7-8

Set up on Friday, May 6, Tear down on Sun, May 8.