

GREATER AKRON ORCHID SHOW
MAR. 6-7

This will be held at Donzell's Garden Center, 937 E. Waterloo Rd, Akron, OH. Contact: Cathy Green: 330-492-4534 for information. Chester Kieliszek will put up the WSOS display. Please bring plants to Edgar Stehli's house, 8066 Skyline Drive, Broadview Hts., OH 44147, Phone 440-838-5757 on Thursday March 4th where they will be picked up at 7 PM for travel to the Akron show. We need plants for this show, so if you have something nice in bloom, please bring it.

WEST SHORE ORCHID SHOW
MAR. 13-14

We NEED PLANTS for our display. Last year we fell short of our needs due to some long time members moving on. We always have a lot of nice plants on the show table at our meetings. Let's see some of those going to our show as well as the other shows we will be participating in. Drop off your plants at the Strongsville Rec. Center between 12 PM and 5PM on Friday 3/12/10. Again, if you can not participate in the activities taking place that weekend, we do need food items for the vendors and WSOS workers, **especially on Friday** during set up which starts at 9:30 AM.

MID-AMERICA SPRING MEETING
MAR. 19-21

The Mid-America Orchid Congress Spring Meeting held in conjunction with the Greater Omaha Orchid Society's annual orchid show and sale. Mid-America meeting location: Omaha Marriot, 10220 Regency Circle, Omaha, NE 68114, Phone 402-399-9000. The Greater Omaha Orchid Society Orchid Show location: Lauritzen Gardens, Omaha's Botanical Center, 100 Bancroft Street, Omaha, NE 68108. For more details and registration forms, visit the Mid-America Orchid Congress website: www.midamericanorchids.org.

CENTRAL OHIO ORCHID SHOW
MAR. 20-21

This will be held at Franklin Park Conservatory, 1777 East Broad St., Columbus, OH. Contact: Dave Markley: 614-471-5437 for information. West Shore plans on putting up a display and will need flowers for this show also.

PITTSBURGH ORCHID SHOW
MAR 20-21

Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania Show, Phipps Garden Center, Pittsburg, PA. Contact: Barbara Tisherman, phone: 412-683-0207.

GCOS SHOW
MAR. 27-28

The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Show will be held at Krohn Conservatory, 1501 Eden Park Drive, Cincinnati, OH. Contact Stephen Helbling at 513-321-3702 for information.

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

Our membership year is January to December. If you joined West Shore and paid your dues in November or December, 2009, or renewed at our December meeting, you are covered for 2010. For the rest of us, its 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 \$15.00. To renew you can pay your dues at the February 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.

The original speaker we had for February cancelled out at the last minute, so we are having our panel of experts answer any orchid questions you may have. The 6:30 talk will show you what you need to do and answer any questions you may have on preparing your orchids for display in any of the up coming shows.

Some of our up coming meetings will feature the following speakers and by April we should be back at the North Olmsted Community Cabin:

April 21, 2010 – 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*.

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

DECEMBER SHOW TABLE WINNERS

GREENHOUSE	First	Mediocalcar decoratum	Edgar Stehli
	Second	Den harveyanum	Edgar Stehli
	Third	Adaglossum summit x Brassia spiderfeast	Edgar Stehli
	Miniature	Stelis superbiens	Edgar Stehli
	Species	Mediocalcar decoratum	Edgar Stehli
WINDOWSILL & UNDER LIGHTS	First	Paph. Raisin Pie	Dan Dolney
	Second	Onc. No name	Teresa Nemeth
	Third	Den. No name	Chester Kieliszek
FEWER THAN 20 PLANTS	First	Lc Frosty Pink	Anita Vergilii
	Second	no entry	
	Third	no entry	
SHOW TABLE WINNERS FOR 2009	Greenhouse:		Points
	Edgar Stehli		92
	Wayne Roberts		42
	Barbara Nuernberger		18
	R. J. D'Alessio		12
	John Rini		10

Under Lights/Windows:

Teressa Nemeth	30
Chester Kieliszek	26
Dan Dolney II	26
Dennis Borchert	18
Karen Sater	12
Welma Kelch	10
Emiko Custer	10
Debbie Gotsch	10
Natalia Joyce	6

Less Than 20 Plants:

Barbara Brandon	34
Anita Vergili	20
Darryl & Pam Everett	16

First, second and third place finishers in each division won \$25, \$15 and \$10 gift certificates respectively to be used at our show, Robert's Flower Supply or Windswept in Time Orchids. These were handed out at the end of our December meeting. 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.