

WEST SHORE ORCHID SOCIETY

FEBRUARY 2012

NEXT MEETING Wednesday, February 15, 2012

TIME 6:00 p.m. Conversation: WSOS will provide drinks for the meetings. We will be looking for volunteers to bring in snacks or goodies for each meeting. If you would like to volunteer for one of the meetings, please contact Chester Kieliszek at 330-467-3731.

6:30 p.m. Edgar Stehli will talk a little about how to make your plant presentable for the up coming shows. More of the discussion will be a question and answer session. Bring questions about your plants or a problem you have been having. If you like, bring your plant, a picture is worth a thousand words and the real thing is better yet. If you are bringing bugs or a sick plant, please keep it in a clear plastic bag.

7:00 p.m. Program: The program will be a power point presentation of **Unusual Orchids Visible with the Naked Eye** rarely seen orchids, that don't require a hand lens to view -- bizarre, beautiful and big. You've heard about many of these, but never seen 'em — here's your chance!

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

PROGRAM

SHOW TABLE One of your New Years Resolutions should be to bring your blooming plants to the show table and share your skills and the beauty of your plants with your fellow members. This is the first show table of the New Year and we are starting a new contest, so bring in your plants for judging. As you can see we had about a third of our membership bring in plants that were chosen for awards in 2011, which is some kind of record for West Shore. So bring in your plants and let the competition begin.

DECEMBER SHOW TABLE WINNERS

GREENHOUSE Professional	First	Stelis superbiens	Edgar Stehli
	Second	Den amethystioglossum	Edgar Stehli
	Third	Max. schunkiana	Wayne Roberts
GREENHOUSE Amateur	First	Lc Orglades Grand	John Rini
	First	Vanda Margaret Mabbs 'Pink Cloud'	John Rini
	Second	Cattleya Unknown	John Rini
	Third	Paph Tempo x Kimberly Szabo	R. J. D'Alessio
WINDOWSILL & UNDER LIGHTS	First	Bc. Moksi	Teressa Nemeth
	First	Angracum (vetchii x sesquipedala)	Alan Lund
	Second	Paph delanatii	Alan Lund
	Second	Blc Momilani Rainbow 'The Gypsy'	Teressa Nemeth
	Third	Dtps Chien Xen Pearl 'Ming-Ho'	Pam Everett
	Third	Lycaste Shoalhaven cross	Bob Galaska

FEWER THAN 20 PLANTS	First	Vanda "Amnesia"	Rene DouBrava
	Second	Phalaenopsis "Amenesia"	Carol Bedy
	Third	Den Himezakura 'Fujiko'	Karen Nader
BEST SPECIES		Stelis superbians	Edgar Stehli
BEST MINATURE		Liparis nutans	Debbie Gotsch

FINAL SHOW TABLE STANDINGS FOR 2011

STANDINGS FOR 2011	Greenhouse: Pro	Points
	Edgar Stehli	146
	Wayne Roberts	62
	Greenhouse: Am	
	John Rini	136
	Mel Goldstein	24
	R. J. D'Alessio	4
	Under Lights/Windows:	
	Teressa Nemeth	52
	Debbie Gotsch	22
	Alan Lund	22
	Mary Beth Mansour	20
	Chester Kieliszek	18
	Colleen Croniger	14
	Jane Stroomer	6
	Chester Gordon	6
	Dan Dolney	4
	Pam Everett	4
	Mary Jo Marshall	4
	Joseph Hruby	4
	Less Than 20 Plants:	
	David Less	26
	Barbara Brandon	18
	Anita Vergili	16
	Lyn Michaels	10
	Gina Moore	10
	Rene DouBrava	10
	Carol Bedy	6
	Christine Knott	4
	James Croniger	4
	Marolyn Smith	4
	Karen Nader	4

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.

THE GREAT BIG HOME & GARDEN EXPO
FEB. 4-12 We will have a 10' x 20' area. We are tentatively set up to be at Booth 841. We have plants for sale and have a lot of information to hand out. This is one of the best opportunities we have to promote our show. Edgar and Kim Stehli and Wayne and Nancy Roberts will bring in most of the plants we are selling. Any member is welcome to bring plants to sell if they are in bud or bloom. The society gets 20% percent of the price. Please call Nancy Roberts for further instructions for selling them @ 440-236-5571.

GCOS
ORCHID SHOW
FEB 11-12

The Greater Cleveland Orchid Society show. This will be held at the South Euclid Community Center, 1070 Victory Drive, South Euclid. The building is located just north of Mayfield Road, behind the Giant Eagle Supermarket. West Shore will set up a display at this show.

MVOS
ORCHID SHOW
FEB 18 – 19

Miami Valley Orchid Society Show. This will be held at Cox Arboretum, 6733 Springboro Pike, Dayton, Ohio. Contact: Michele Little, 2503 Halifax Ct., Middleton, Ohio 45014 – (513) 423-8937 my3snakes@yahoo.com

GL ORCHID SHOW
FEB 25 – 26

Greater Lansing Orchid Show. This is at Michigan State University Crop & Soil Sciences Conservatory, Corner Bogue St. & Wilson Rd., East Lansing, MI. Contact: Jim Leaman, 7315 Jeffrey Ct., Linden, MI 48451 – (810) 735-5495 lindenjim@frontier.com

GAOS
ORCHID SHOW
MAR 3-4

The Greater Akron Orchid Society show. This will be held at Donzelle Garden Center, 937 East Waterloo Rd., Akron OH Contact: Cathy Green at 330-492-4534 or at orchid lady50@hotmail.com West Shore will set up a display at this show.

WEST SHORE
ORCHID SHOW
MAR. 10-11

We **NEED PLANTS** for our display. Last year we fell short of our needs. 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 11 AM and 4PM on Friday 3/9/11. 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.

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. 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.

COOS
ORCHID SHOW
MAR 31 – APR 1

The Central Ohio Orchid Society Show. This will be held at Franklin Park Conservatory, 1777 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio. Contact: Dave Markley, 906 N. Stygler RD., Gahanna, OH 43230 – (614) 471-5437 dmarkley5868@comcast.net West Shore will set up a display at this show.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALANDER

Our membership year is January to December. If you joined West Shore and paid your dues in August through December, 2011, or renewed at our December meeting, you are covered for 2012. For the rest of us, its time to renew and we do hope you renew as where else can you see beautiful orchids on our show table, 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. As an added bonus again this year is the fact we will be having two additional meetings, in May and November. 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.

Meeting dates in 2012:

Weds. February 15th

Fri. March 9th – 11th WSOS show at the Strongsville Rec Center

Weds. April 18th

Weds. May 16th

Weds. June 20th

Sun. August 19th Annual picnic

Weds. October 17th

Weds. November 14th (Note: moved up a week due to Thanksgiving)

Weds. December 19th Christmas dinner and gift plants

I would like to welcome the following new member to West Shore, Megan Murphy. 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 95 members.

It is with great sadness that I bring the news of Al Gugeler's passing. Al passed away suddenly on December 13, 2011 after successfully battling cancer for a brain tumor for 6 months over the summer. He was a long time West Shore member and past President and helped a great deal with our shows serving as judging chair and helping with registration as well as set ups and tear downs. He loved growing orchids in his green house. Al was past President of the Greater Cleveland Orchid Society, a former Trustee of the American Orchid Society, a former Chair of the Great Lakes Judging Center and a world renowned Orchid Judge. He will be missed by everyone he came in contact with.

It is show time again and we are looking for plants to display at the Greater Cleveland Orchid Society show setting up on Friday 2/10, the Greater Akron Orchid Society show setting up on Friday 3/2 and for our show at the Strongsville Rec Center with set up on Friday, 3/9/12. 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.

We are again looking for sponsors for the trophy awards at our show, we still have a few classes without a sponsor, (\$20.00 to sponsor with your name going on the class award as the sponsor). Contact me if you are interested at 330-467-3731 or kieliszekc@ferro.com.

We are also looking for more of our members to clerk at our show in March. Clerking is a great way to see & hear the qualities meriting a plant to receive ribbons and awards. Any interested members not already signed up call Mary Beth Mansour @ 440 333-5364

Roberts Flower Supply is looking for part time help for the up coming season. Learn the orchids direct from the grower. Discounts on plants and supplies offered.

Contact: Wayne & Nancy Roberts, Roberts Flower Supply
12390 Root Rd
Columbia Station Ohio 44028
440-236-5571, www.orchidmix.com

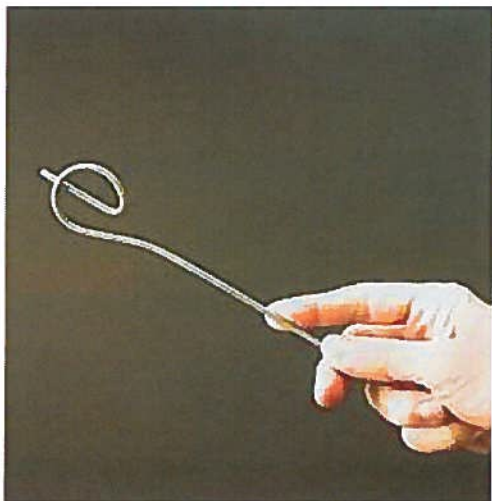
The following is an article taken from the American Orchid Society website The AOS@aos.org. At this time of year, *Phalaenopsis* should be in bloom or in spike. If you have not yet staked the inflorescences you should. Flowers present themselves much better on a staked inflorescence. There are many different approaches including metal or bamboo stakes and wire, floral tape or plastic clip fasteners. Use whatever is comfortable for you.

Grooming spray-type orchids

Grooming Phalaenopsis and other spray-type orchids involves the same principles. Dead material should be carefully removed and leaves should be cleaned. Diane Davis of [The Orchid Plantation](#) offers these suggestions on staking Phals. for best flower presentation---->



"For showing I stake all my Phals, even the ones with short spikes. I start staking when the inflorescence is about 12" or when the bottom internode is firm enough to be tied. Subsequent ties are added as the inflorescence grows taller. Bamboo stakes are used because they give more support than wire. Inflorescences are staked straight. The last tie is placed at one to two nodes from the first flower to open, to allow for a graceful arch. The first flower to open on a standard Phal., should be the highest point of the inflorescence. This allows for all flowers to be seen. It is rather unsightly and distracting to see a section of spike higher than the flowers. Phalaenopsis spikes grow towards the strongest light source, so the plants should be oriented accordingly. In my greenhouse all the Phals. face the light source which is south. Changing the direction of the light will twist the inflorescence resulting in crooked flowers."



Sometimes it may be necessary to use a stake that offers more support. Special stakes that slip over the edge of the pot meet this requirement as do bamboo or other wooden stakes.



The left inflorescence on this Oncidium was properly staked whereas the stake used for the right-hand inflorescence was too short. It can be impossible to correct these type problems after all the flowers are all open.



Dead leaf tips should be cut off soft-leaved Oncidiums by gently bending the leaf before making the cut with a clean pair of scissors.



This technique will produce a cut that is more in keeping with the natural appearance of the plant.