

# *WEST SHORE ORCHID SOCIETY*

## *FEBRUARY 2013*

**NEXT MEETING**      Wednesday, February 20, 2013

**TIME**

6:00 p.m.      Conversation, Show Table plant registration.

6:30 p.m.      Edgar Stehli will talk a little about how to make your plant presentable for the upcoming shows in the next few months.

7:00 p.m.      Program: Wayne Roberts will be our speaker this month. Wayne owns and operates Roberts Flower Supply with his wife Nancy which has been in business for over 25 years. He has been a member of West Shore since 1984, is past president of West Shore and is currently our acting vice president. He speaks at societies around the country and has given a number of presentations to West Shore over the years. This time around he will be talking on Dendrobiums - A cross sectional look of this large group of plants, concentrating on types and culture.

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

### **PROGRAM**

**SHOW TABLE**      Our show table was again fabulous in December. We had 44 plants brought in for display. February's meeting is the first show table of the New Year and we are starting a new contest, so bring in your plants for judging. . 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 and registered. As you can see we had about a third of our membership bring in plants for the show table in 2012. Our goal for 2013 is to get 100% participation. So bring in your plants and let the competition begin.

### **ORCHID CALENDER**

Our membership year is January to December. If you joined West Shore and paid your dues in August thru December, 2012, or renewed at our December meeting, you are covered for 2013. 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. Remember, dues increase to \$20.00 on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

**THE GREAT BIG  
HOME & GARDEN  
EXPO  
FEB. 2-10**

We will have a 10' x 20' area. We are set up at Booth 853. 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.

**Greater Cleveland Orchid Society Show**

**When** Saturday & Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

**Where** Cleveland Botanical Garden, 11030 East Blvd., Cleveland, OH

**Description** Contact: Cathleen McBride 440-564-6633 [tcmcbride@windstream.net](mailto:tcmcbride@windstream.net)

**Miami Valley Orchid Society Show**

**When** Saturday & Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

**Where** Cox Arboretum, 6733 Springboro Pike, Dayton, OH

**Description** Contact: Michele Little 513-423-8937 [my3snakes@yahoo.com](mailto:my3snakes@yahoo.com)

**Greater Akron Orchid Society Show**

**When** Saturday & Sunday March 2nd & 3rd

**Where** 937 E. Waterloo Rd., Akron, OH

**Description** Contact: Cathy Green 330-492-4534

**West Shore Orchid Society Show**

**When** Saturday & Sunday March 9th & 10th

**Where** Strongsville Recreation Center, 18100 Royalton Road, Strongsville, OH

**Description** Contact: Chester Kieliszek 330-467-3731 [kieliszekc@ferro.com](mailto:kieliszekc@ferro.com) For those people not able to participate in the activities taking place this weekend, we do need food items for the vendors and WSOS workers, especially on Friday during set up which starts at 9:30 AM.

**Michigan Orchid Society Palm Sunday Show**

**When** Saturday & Sunday March 23rd & 24th

**Where** United Food & Commercial Workers Bldg., 876 Horace Brown, Madison Heights, MI

**Description** Contact: Katherine Slaughter 313-617-6349 [kslaughter@ia-llc.com](mailto:kslaughter@ia-llc.com)

**Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania Show**

**When** Saturday & Sunday March 23rd & 24th

**Where** Phipps Garden Center, 1059 Shady Ave., Pittsburgh, PA

**Description** Contact: Carolyn Bolton 412-638-8728 [boltoncs@gmail.com](mailto:boltoncs@gmail.com)

**Greater Cincinnati Orchid Show**

**When** Saturday & Sunday March 23rd & 24th

**Where** Krohn Conservatory, 1501 Eden Park Dr., Cincinnati, OH.

**Description** Contact: Stan Better 9507 Benchmark Ln., Cincinnati, OH 45242 (513) 745-0014 [stanbetter@stanbetter.com](mailto:stanbetter@stanbetter.com)

**WSOS Meeting**

**When** Wednesday April 17, 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

It is show time again and we are looking for plants to display at the Greater Cleveland Orchid Society show setting up on Friday 2/15, the Greater Akron Orchid Society show setting up on Friday 3/1 and for our show at the Strongsville Rec Center with set up on Friday, 3/8/13. 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](mailto:kieliszekc@ferro.com).

**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. Better yet, make out one of the registration tags we will have available at the February meeting for each plant similar to what we have been doing for the plants on the show table over the last several months. 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.

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](mailto: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.

## DECEMBER SHOW TABLE WINNERS

GREENHOUSE Professional	First Second Third	Lycaste macrophylls Pot Paradise Rose 'My Valentine' Den rigidum	Edgar Stehli Wayne Roberts Wayne Roberts
GREENHOUSE Amateur	First Second Third	Paph Magic Lantern Crytochilum micranthum Ang eichlerianum	Bill Crocs Bill Crocs John Rini
WINDOWSILL & UNDER LIGHTS	First Second Second Third Third	Monn. Millenium Magic 'Witchcraft' Lc Puppy Love 'True Beauty' Paph Canticle x Hsinying Maru Ang. eichlerianum Onc Pacific Paladium 'Pacific Lava'	Katherine Binder Chester Kieliszek Daniel Dolney Allan Lund Teresa Nemeth
FEWER THAN 20 PLANTS	First Second Third	Paph. Blood Raven No Entry No Entry	Marc Rothenberg
BEST SPECIES		Lycaste macrophylls	Edgar Stehli
BEST MINATURE		Dockrills rigida	Edgar Stehli

## FINAL SHOW TABLE STANDINGS FOR 2012

STANDINGS FOR 2012	<b>Greenhouse: Pro</b>	<b>Points</b>
	<b>Edgar Stehli</b>	198
	<b>Wayne Roberts</b>	90
	 <b>Greenhouse: Am</b>	
	<b>John Rini</b>	126
	<b>Bill Cruce</b>	72
	<b>Dr. Erin</b>	12
	Mel Goldstein	1
	 <b>Under Lights/Windows:</b>	
	<b>Katherine Binder</b>	61
	<b>Teressa Nemeth</b>	45
	<b>Chester Kieliszek</b>	37
	Pat Corbett	27
	Alan Lund	22
	Dan Dolney	20
	Bob Lum King	17
	Jim Thompson	17
	Marolyn Smith	16
	Bob Galaska	12
	Debbie Gotsch	11
	Pam Everrett	10
	Martha Bell	9
	Amanda Hill	7
	Bruce Boyden	2
	Sharen Branham	2
	Mary Beth Mansour	2
	Colleen Croniger	1
	Rene M Doubrava	1
	Dave Miller	1
	 <b>Less Than 20 Plants:</b>	
	<b>Anita Vergilii</b>	55
	<b>Marc Rothenberg</b>	26
	<b>Barbara Brandon</b>	22
	Karen Nader	18
	Wilma Kelch	14
	Christine Knott	5

**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.

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 [kieliszec@ferro.com](mailto:kieliszec@ferro.com) and I will put you on the email list.

December marked the end of the terms our officers served. A vote was taken at the December meeting and Teressa Nemeth was elected our new President for the next 2 years. Congratulations Teressa.

## Current Officers for 2013 - 2014

President:	Teressa Nemeth
Vice President:	Wayne Roberts
Treasure:	John Rini
Secretary:	Bob Galaska
Trustee:	Edgar Stehli
Newsletter:	Chester Kieliszek
Librarian:	Allan Lund
Show Chairs:	Wayne Roberts & Chester Kieliszek
Immediate Past President	Chester Kieliszek.

### ***The Presidents Corner:***

On March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, WSOS will host the largest judged orchid show in Ohio.

This event is YOUR show and you can make it really awesome. People come from near and far to admire and marvel at these gorgeous orchids. We cannot let them down. WSOS needs YOUR plants to display in our large, in-the-round booth. I have seen what you bring to the 'show table', I need you to bring your fabulous blooms to the Strongsville recreation center on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, and register them for judging. Who knows? You just might go home with a few ribbons.

Entry slips will be available at the February meeting and also at the show.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Teressa

### Meeting dates in 2013:

Weds. February 20<sup>th</sup>

Fri. March 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> WSOS show at the Strongsville Rec Center

Weds. April 17<sup>th</sup>

Weds. May 15<sup>th</sup>

Weds. June 19<sup>th</sup>

Sun. August 18<sup>th</sup> Annual picnic

Weds. October 16<sup>th</sup>

Weds. November 20<sup>th</sup>

Weds. December 18<sup>th</sup> Christmas dinner and gift plants

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## **Transporting Blooming Orchids**

**By Susan Jones**

During this time of year unpredictable and often inhospitable winter weather makes transporting flowering orchids a tricky matter. A shock of cold, dry air can quickly damage and even blast an orchid bud or bloom, a particularly heartbreaking event if one is on the way to have the flower judged. When carrying your flowering plant to a show, home from a nursery, to judging or even to give as a holiday gift, taking a little bit of precaution against potential cold damage can prevent a lot of disappointment later on.

An orchid's flowers and buds, as the most vulnerable parts of the plant, are easily damaged by environmental stress. Some of the more cold-sensitive varieties may even drop leaves if the exposure and shock is of sufficient severity. Phalaenopsis and vandaceous orchids (neofinetias are a bit hardier than most, but their blooms are still sensitive) are among the least tolerant of chills. Other orchids that are most often affected include those with flowers of more delicate substance. The thicker, heavier and waxier an orchid's floral tissues are, the more resistant to cold damage they will be.



Be sure to have plenty of boxes and packing material for transporting orchid plants.

### **Tips from a Pro**

Long-time orchid grower, Connecticut Orchid Society member and one of the technical editors of *Orchids* magazine, Ann Jesup provided the following savvy ideas for ways to minimize disaster en route to an orchid society meeting, show or judging at a presentation to the Society.

Start with a good quantity of packing materials, she advises. Have on hand a variety of boxes of different sizes, including some insulated styrofoam boxes to shelter your plants from inclement weather. Padding is also important. she suggests waxed floss paper (also known as "spaghetti"), shredded paper, polyester batting and styrofoam peanuts as useful materials.

For protection against brief exposure to the elements, the plastic bags in which newspapers are delivered make an ideal sleeve to slip over a smaller plant. Dry-cleaning bags supported by wire hoops can help protect larger plants or those with tall inflorescences from freezing or drying out in winter weather.

### **Insulating Plants**

Newspaper is an effective, easily available and inexpensive insulation material. If plants must remain in an unheated area for any length of time during inclement weather, a cardboard box lined with newspaper will help retain heat around the plant. Foam packing peanuts may be added to stabilize and protect the plant in the box, but provide little in the way of insulation or heat retention.

For extreme situations in which prolonged exposure is anticipated, a heat pack can be placed under protective insulation in the bottom of the box. Disposable chemical heat packs are available in different lengths of effectiveness — the most commonly available last six to eight hours, but other durations are available. They can be ordered on line (enter "disposable heat packs" into a search engine to find a vendor). Some orchid vendors who use them for shipping may also be persuaded to sell some of their stock.

Another consideration is staking your plant's inflorescences. This can not only improve the overall appearance of the blooms, but will also help keep the spike and flowers stationary and less susceptible to injury during transportation. The proper time to stake an inflorescence is when the flowers are beginning to develop. This helps ensure that the buds are oriented properly once they open. For aesthetics' sake, Jesup suggests attempting to keep the stake unobtrusive. Placing the thinnest stake possible as close to the foliage as is practical helps to avoid distracting attention from the blooms themselves.

Finally, when the temperature is low, warm up your vehicle in advance of transporting blooming orchids to minimize the length of time your plants will have to endure the chill temperatures. Plan your trip so the plants will spend the shortest possible time in transit, and never leave orchids sitting in a hot or cold car.