

WEST SHORE ORCHID SOCIETY

JUNE 2010

NEXT MEETING Wednesday, June 16, 2010

TIME 6:00 p.m. Conversation
 6:30 p.m. Edgar Stehli will demonstrate deflasking orchids from an orchid flask.
 7:00 p.m. Program: James Rose from Cal-Orchids, Inc of California will talk on species orchids. James owns and operates Cal-Orchids with his wife Lauris. The Rose's began their orchid careers in the early 1970's and purchased their nursery in 1987. They have always been active in the orchid world, traveling for shows, sales or, as in our case, lecturing. James will bring plants for sale. He has long been known to have a sharp eye for the unusual and these are featured in the Cal-Orchids website. If you are looking for something in particular, it pays to call or email (calorchids@cox.net) and ask. Plants maybe available, but in quantities too small to list.

PLACE North Olmsted Community Cabin

PROGRAM

SHOW TABLE We had a large number of beautiful plants on the April show table. There are three more show tables left this year and as the standings show, anyone can still win a prize. Remember, you can't win if you don't bring your plants to the show table for judging.

ORCHID CALENDER

MAOC The Fall Mid-America Orchid Congress will be held September 24-26, 2010 at
SEPT 24-26 The Fern Valley Hotel, 2715 Fern Valley Rd., Louisville, KY 40213. MAOC will be held in conjunction with the Kentucky Orchid Society annual show. MAOC information: Beth & Doug Martin: 913-248-8669, or Jim McCulloch, Show Chair – KyOrcSoc@aol.com, 502-245-5605

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALENDAR The annual picnic is tentatively set for Sunday August 15th. We are looking for plants for the auction and plant sales. We would like society members to donate repotted divisions, plants that have not bloomed, or plants that are not wanted anymore. We had a large selection of plants at last years picnic and hope to see the same this year.

APRIL SHOW TABLE WINNERS

GREENHOUSE	First	Den. spectabile	John Rini
	Second	Cym. Black Sambo	R. J. D'Alessio
	Third	Lycaste Unknown	John Rini
	Miniature		
WINDOWSILL & UNDER LIGHTS	First	Sedirea Japonica	Emiko Custer
	Second	Cat. Green Emerald 'Emerald Queen'	Debbie Gotsch
	Third	Psychopsis	Karen Sater
	Species		
FEWER THAN 20 PLANTS	First	Phal. Equestris x P Chin Shangs	Anita Vergilii
	Second	Blc Bundekin	Christine Knott
	Third	Phal	Anita Vergilii

STANDINGS FOR 2010	Greenhouse:	Points
	John Rini	14
	Edgar Stehli	14
	Wayne Roberts	10
	R. J. D'Alessio	10
	Under Lights/Windows:	
	Dan Dolney II	22
	Emiko Custer	10
	Teressa Nemeth	6
	Debbie Gotsch	6
	Karen Sater	4
	Less Than 20 Plants:	
	Anita Vergilii	14
	Barbara Brandon	10
	Christine Knott	6

Thank you to all who brought in their blooming plants for our members to enjoy on the show table. If you think you had a plant that was recognized that we have not mentioned, please let me know.

We had a nice turnout of plants for the West Shore display at the Greater Cleveland Orchid Society show and as you can see we brought home a number of ribbons. Now is the time to start grooming and pampering your orchids for next years shows. For those people not entering any of their flowers into a show you should try it next year. There are a number of orchids that I see on our show tables that are better than a lot of the ribbon winners at the various shows. You don't have to have an entire display to entire them for judging. You can enter one orchid or as many as you have blooming. There is always room for orchids at our displays, especially at our show in March. If we have too many orchids, every show has an overflow table where an over abundance or extra ordinarily large orchid that will not fit into a display can be displayed and judged. Last year we had a non orchid society person entire two of their orchids into our show on the overflow table and one of them won a ribbon. You may think that your orchids are not worthy of a ribbon, but if they are not judged, you will never know, try entering them next year at one of the local shows.

GREATER CLEVELAND SHOW WINNERS

	Display	Red
Teresa Nemeth	Phal Taisuco Kachidian x Hisa Nasa	Blue
	Sedirea Japonica	White
Katherine Binder	Phal Mary Brooks 'Mendenhall'	Blue
John Rini	Iwanagaara Apple Blossom	Blue
	Den Burana White	Red
	Lycaste ^o	Red
	Paph Robinianum	White
	Den spectabile	White
Mary Beth Mansour	Phrag Don Wimber	Blue
	Paph Rosy Dawn	Red
	Paph Dellaina	White
	Phal Ho's Black Cherub	White
R. J. D'Alessio	Cym Black Sambo	Blue
	Den Stardust	Blue
	Chamaeangis hastwuna	Red
Chester Kieliszek	Cym Rincon Fairy	Blue
	Cym Unknown White	Red

Greater Cleveland has invited the West Shore Society members to join them at their (Greater Cleveland) upcoming meetings. There may be a \$5.00 admission fee to cover the cost of their speakers. Up coming meetings include:

June 21- Sam Tsui from Orchid Inn will be speaking on Paphs...he has some great plants!

August 16- Eric Sauer from River Valley Orchids will be speaking on Phrags.

I would like to welcome three new members who joined West Shore at our April meeting. Robert Lum-King, Marilyn Myerson and Patricia Talbot.

With the end of May comes warmer weather and the unlikely event of frost. For those of us not having a greenhouse, we can begin putting out our orchids for the summer. There they can recover from their time indoors where conditions are less than perfect. Brighter light and higher humidity will benefit your orchids and reward you with nicer blooms when they flower. The great outdoors also makes some of your chores easier and quicker as you can water and fertilize in mass without worrying about spilling water in the house. I have my orchids on some plastic shelving where the hose or a watering can is used to water the entire collection in a few minutes. This is only done to supplement water when Mother Nature fails to supply enough rainfall naturally.

You do have to be careful if you place your Phalaenopsis outside. For one thing, you have to slug proof them as slugs can devour your plant in one night. If you hang your plants from a tree limb or a porch in a shaded area you should be able to keep the slugs off of them. You also have to be wary of cool evening rains, when water does not have enough time to dry from the crown of the plant crown rot will occur and it does not take long to lose the entire plant. Unfortunately I found this out through experience the hard way. If you don't care about a particular plant and want to purchase some new orchids for your limited space, there are easier ways to get rid of it, like donating it to the plant sale at our picnic in August. If you do summer your phals outdoors, the fall cool down will benefit them as the temperature drop will induce them to set spikes for flowering. With phals you should avoid temperatures above 95 F or below 50 F. A happy Phalaenopsis has its newest fully grown leaf (the top leaf) as large as or larger than the leaf below it. If the newest leaf is thinner than the one preceding it, then the light is inadequate. An east facing windowsill when not outside is ideal.

Included with the news letter is our current membership list. If there are any errors, please contact me at the meeting and I will make the necessary corrections.