

WEST SHORE ORCHID SOCIETY

MAY 2014

NEXT MEETING Wednesday, May 21, 2014

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

 6:30 p.m. Edgar Stehli will discuss putting your plants outside for the summer and how to control insects while they are outside.

 7:00 p.m. Program:, Dr. Kristen Uthus (pictured with her husband Kevin)who recently assumed the business responsibilities for New World Orchids from Glenn and Maria Lehr, will speak on Neofinetia Orchids. New World specializes in orchids from Japan and will have orchids for sale. Check out their website at newworldorchids.com. I am sure they can bring preorders.



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

PROGRAM

SHOW TABLE Our show table was again fabulous in April. We had 82 plants brought in for display which is some kind of record as I have never seen that many well grown plants on the show table before. Our contest is heating up, so bring in your plants for judging at the May 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. As mentioned before we had about a third of our membership bring in plants for the show table in 2013. Our goal for 2014 is to get 100% participation. So bring in your plants and let the competition begin. We will have our speaker and a second volunteer do the show table judging at this meeting.

ORCHID CALENDER

Our membership year is January to December. If you joined West Shore and paid your dues in August thru December, 2013, or renewed at our December or February, or April meetings, you are covered for 2014. For the rest of us, it's 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 \$20.00. To renew you can pay your dues at the May 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.

Orchid Society of Northwestern Pennsylvania Show

When Saturday & Sunday May 10th & 11th

Where JMC Arena, 423 W 38th St., Erie, PA

Description Contact: Susanne Lester 814-838-2522 lesters@velocity.net

Roberts Flower Supply Open House

When Friday, Saturday & Sunday May 16th, 17th & 18th

Saturday & Sunday May 24th & 25th from 10 AM to 5 PM all days.

Where 12390 Root Road, Columbia Station, Ohio.

Description Contact: Feel free to call Nancy or Wayne if you need directions, 440-236-5571. See information below.

Windswept in Time Orchids Open House

When Saturday & Sunday May 17th & 18th

Where Kim & Edgar Stehli's greenhouse, 8066 Skyline Drive, Broadview Hts. This is just west and north of the Wallings Rd. and I-77 interchange

Description Contact: Feel free to call Kim or Edgar if you need directions, 440-838-5757.

WSOS Meeting

When Wednesday June 18, 2014 – 6:00 PM Conversation, 7:00 PM Main Presentation

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

Description We will have as of now an orchid topic at 6:30 followed by a **Panel Discussion** which will cover any questions or problems you are having with your orchids.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is still show time and we are looking for plants to display at the Orchid Society of Northwestern Pennsylvania show setting up on Friday 5/9. If you have something nice which you would like to show, please contact me to make arrangements to get the plants to the show, 330-467-3731, or reply by email to kieliszekc@ferro.com. Start grooming your plants for this fall, as West Shore will be setting up a display at the Mid-America Orchid Congress Show in Columbus this November 7th, 8th & 9th. More details to follow.

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 any of our meetings 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.

APRIL SHOW TABLE WINNERS

GREENHOUSE Professional	First	Max tenuifolia	Edgar Stehli
	Second	Onc Sherry Baby	Wayne Roberts
	Second	Slc Rockette x Slc Circle of Life	Wayne Roberts
	Third	Bulb falcatum	Edgar Stehli

GREENHOUSE Amateur	First	Paph rothchilianum	Bill Cruce
	First	Epl veloscriptum	John Rini
	Second	Paph lowii	Bill Cruce
	Second	Pot Rubescens x Jillian Lee	Bill Cruce
	Third	Vanda Hybrid	John Rini
WINDOWSILL & UNDER LIGHTS	First	Phrag Grande x caudatum	Mary Beth Mansour
	First	Onc maculatum x Odont chemene	Jerry Echols
	Second	Paph primulinum x Stone Lovely	Katherine Binder
	Second	Pot Pop City 'NN'	Chester Kieliszek
	Third	Phrag Rosalie Dixler x longifolium	Mary Beth Mansour
	Third	Phal Sogo Grape 'Fireball'	Bob Galaska
FEWER THAN 20 PLANTS	Third	Den griffithianum	Allan Lund
	First	Phal Sogo Pearl	Bob Heidelbergman
	Second	Paph Hybrid	Joyce Shramo
BEST SPECIES	Third	Phal Hybrid	Joyce Shramo
		Lyc Brevispatha Costa Rican	John Rini
BEST MINATURE		Sedirea japonica	John Rini

SHOW TABLE STANDINGS FOR 2014

STANDINGS FOR 2014	Greenhouse: Pro	Points
	Edgar Stehli	49
	Wayne Roberts	31
	Greenhouse: Am	
	John Rini	58
	Bill Cruce	50
	Under Lights/Windows:	
	Katherine Binder	34
	Bob Lum King	19
	Mary Beth Mansour	17
	Allan Lund	16
	Darryl & Pam Everett	14
	Jerry Echols	11
	Bob Galaska	11
	Chester Kieliszek	9
	Debbie Gotsch	7
	Pat Corbett	6
	Patty Conrad	5
	Dave Miller	2
	Less Than 20 Plants:	
	Joyce Shramo	32
	Bob Heidelbergman	11
	Terri Hudak	8
	Wilma Kelch	2
	Keith Anderson	2
	Anita Vergilii	1

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, Patty Conrad, and Diane Kofskey. If you have a friend who likes growing things bring them 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@ferro.com and I will put you on the email list.

The current officer's terms will expire at the end of this year and new officers will be elected at the December meeting. Anyone interested in running for office can let one of the current officers know and we will add your name to the December ballot.

Current Officers for 2013 – 2014 Contact Information

President:	Teresa Nemeth	gardenguru@centurytel.net	440-233-8757
Vice President:	Wayne Roberts	rfs@orchidmix.com	440-236-5571
Treasurer:	John Rini	jrini16@gmail.com	216-538-5537
Secretary:	Bob Galaska	emgalaska@hotmail.com	330-562-2943
Trustee:	Edgar Stehli	edgarstehli@sbcglobal.net	440-838-5757
Newsletter:	Chester Kieliszek	kieliszekc@ferro.com	330-467-3731
Librarian:	Allan Lund	allan.lund320@gmail.com	
Show Chairs:	Wayne Roberts & Chester Kieliszek		
Immediate Past President	Chester Kieliszek.		

A big **Thank You** goes out to Ron Matty who rescued a large number of phalaenopsis out of bloom from a local florist who was going to discard them. They acted as auction plants and a number of our members took home at least one if not several well grown phals at the April meeting.

From the President's Potting Bench,

Have you ever met an orchid you didn't like? If you're like most of us, probably not. If space becomes a premium you may want to consider miniature orchids. On the other hand, no collection is complete without a few mini's in it. The very fragrant Sedirea Japonica and the neofinetia falcata were favorites of mine. Both of these plants are native of Japan.

Early on, the neofinetias were so highly prized they were owned only by people of "high rank". Their foliage is always neat looking and when in bloom, their delicate, long lasting flowers fill your room with a scent reminiscent of vanilla, honeysuckle, and orange blossoms.

If you would like to experience the large fragrance of small plants, don't miss our May 21st meeting. Dr Kristen Uthus of New World Orchids (Manchester, MI) will be our guest presenter. New World Orchids specializes in Japanese and miniature orchids.

The weather is warming up and you may be moving your plants outdoors for all the wonderful light and humidity it offers. Learn what insects to be wary of and how to control them. Edgar Stehli will share his insect prevention and control in the "Culture Corner" at 6:30pm.

Come early, enjoy fellowship, and learn a lot. See you then.

Teresa

WSOS has started planning for next year's show in March. To make things better, we would like to organize a 'show committee' that would add specialty areas like advertising, display, and ribbons (the judges would like to add honorable mention in the large categories). If you would like to be a part of this show-committee, please contact one of the officers listed above or talk to one of them at our meeting.

To keep our membership strong, we would like to develop a position of Membership Chair. This individual(s) would develop a packet for new members to introduce them to the wonderful world of orchids and all that WSOS has to offer. If interested, please see Teresa

Meeting dates in 2014:

Weds. May 21st

Weds. June 18th

Sun. August 17th Annual picnic

Weds. October 15th

Weds. November 19th

Weds. December 17th Christmas dinner and gift plants

CASH FOR BEST ESSAY

The Mid-America Orchid Congress invites you to enter their essay contest. Write an essay on “My problem with orchids is...” (Writer fills in the blank) -- and win up to \$100.00! The essay should be no more than 500 words in length and submitted no later than October 1st to Doris Asher (asherdoris@juno.com) – winners will be announced at the Congress’ Sunday Business Meeting in Columbus, OH, November 9, 2014. You do not need to be present to win. First prize wins \$100.00; second, \$50; third, \$25. All three prize-winning essays will appear in future issues of the Congress’s newsletter, The Mid-American.

For more information or if you have questions, contact Doris Asher via email or by phone (517-332-0004).

WINDSWEPT IN TIME ORCHIDS OPEN-HOUSE

Our open-house is set for May 17th and 18th, from 11:00 to 5:00 both days. Some of you may know that our sun-room has seen better days. This summer we will be tearing it down to rebuild it, in a different, hopefully better fashion. This means we will be moving all the plants in the sun-room out for the summer. In an effort to reduce the amount of time required for plant maintenance, we will have some great bargains in the tents. There will also be some divisions of awarded plants available. As usual, there will be refreshments available for our guests. Please come visit with us and see some of the plants we don't take to the shows. Perhaps you can find that perfect plant, to add to your collection. Windswept in Time Orchids is located just south of Cleveland, at 8066 Skyline Drive in Broadview Heights, OH 44147. To get there, get on Route 77, and exit at Wallings Road (exit # 151). Go west on Wallings Road until you get to the top of the hill, where you will turn right (at the flashing yellow light), onto Skyline Dr. Windswept in Time Orchids is at our home, the fifth house on the left side of the street. Should you need additional information, we can be reached at (440)-838-5757.

Thank you,
Edgar Stehli
Windswept in Time Orchids
8066 Skyline Dr.
Broadview Heights, OH 44147
(440)-838-5757

Roberts Flower Supply 2014 OPEN HOUSE
12390 Root Rd. Columbia Station OH 440-236-5571

Come on over to our place to see native orchids in bloom throughout our yard!

Our greenhouse/grounds will be open for public viewing on two weekends – May 16, 17, & 18, and the 24th & 25th, from 10 am to 5 pm all days. Not possible? Call ahead to come at your convenience.

We will have specials on tropical plants as well as hundreds of native cypripediums in pot and bare root for sale, as usual. **SEE YOU THERE!**

10% off potting supplies with this flyer.

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Why are my orchid's leaves wrinkled and leathery?



This orchid has lost its roots, probably due to overwatering, and cannot take up water.

Shriveled leaves indicate a lack of water to plant tissue. The next step is to determine why the plant is not getting sufficient water. First, look at the roots. If they appear a healthy white or green and are plump, and the medium is in good shape, suspect underwatering, especially if the roots are white and the pot is very light. If, on the other hand, the roots are in poor condition, suspect root loss. If the plant has no roots, it cannot take up any water, no matter how much you give it. In this case, the cause may be root loss owing to overwatering or medium deterioration, or a recently repotted and poorly established plant. The immediate solution is to raise humidity in the plants' vicinity to reduce stress on whatever roots there may be, and then deal with whether to repot or to simply wait until the plant establishes in the fresh medium.

Edgar Stehli's *Aerangis mystacidii* "Windswept's White Waterfall", which won the Fred Hillerman Award for most outstanding Angraecoid awarded in 2012, is pictured in AOS ORCHIDS on page 216. CONGRATULATIONS, EDGAR! If you do not receive the Orchids magazine, the picture is shown below. The following photo is reprinted from the April 2014 issue of *Orchids* -- The Bulletin of the American Orchid Society. Copyright American Orchid Society -- www.aos.org

