

# WEST SHORE ORCHID SOCIETY

## NOVEMBER 2014

NEXT MEETING    Wednesday, November 12, 2014

TIME            6:00 p.m.        Conversation: WSOS will provide sandwiches and drinks for the meeting.

6:30 p.m.        Edgar Stehli will demonstrate how to deflask and pot up baby orchids.

7:00 p.m.        Program: Our November speaker will be Thomas Sampliner. And I quote his biography “retired since the millennium I now employ lifelong self-taught hobbies to make a mini post retirement business as: nature guide, writer and photographer, instructor for seniors at Tri-C eastern campus in: wildflowers, mushrooms and nature photography; volunteer for several departments at the botanical garden; contributor to: several native plant society journals, journal of the Native Orchid Conference, and several Facebook blog pages”

Tom has taken the liberty to prepare a brand new best of talk featuring the orchids of the Mediterranean area based upon two trips to Crete and one to Sicily. He will educate and interpret the rapidly radiating genus known as the Bee Orchids, genus *Ophrys*, and also show a nice survey of other handsome regional orchid species. Some history, culture and scenery will be added to both interest and give a more complete picture of the region.

Wayne Roberts and Edgar Stehli will bring in plants for sale.

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

### PROGRAM

SHOW TABLE    Our show table was again fabulous in October. We had 68 plants brought in for display. We will need many of these gorgeous plants for our show display in Columbus setting up on November 7th. Our display will be 50 square feet so if you have something really nice you would like to show, please contact me to make arrangements to get them to the show. Our Show Table contest is entering the home stretch with two show tables left this year, so bring in your plants for judging at the November meeting. 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. We will have our speaker and a volunteer do the show table judging at this meeting.

### ORCHID CALENDER

#### Mid-America Orchid Congress Fall Meeting

When Nov 7 – 9, 2014

Where Franklin Park Conservatory, 1777 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio

Description More Information Contact; Tom Bell-Games at [Tom.Bell-Games@burgessniple.com](mailto:Tom.Bell-Games@burgessniple.com)

**Events** All events (preview party, speakers, auction, sales, exhibits, banquet, affiliated societies breakfast, and business meeting) will be held at the historic [Franklin Park Conservatory](#).

**Guest Speakers** for the Mid-America Orchid Congress: The Shirley Burr Moore Keynote Speaker, Andrea Niessen will be speaking on Colombian Maxillarias. Patricia Harding will be speaking on the Species Identification Task Force on which she sits for the American Orchid Society. Gustavo Aguirre will be discussing Colombian Cattleyas: Morphology, Color Variations, and Biogeography. In addition, Patricia Harding will be sharing experiences at the World Orchid Conference during the banquet.

**Vendors** Scheduled vendors include Bexley Orchids, Ecuagenera, Michel's Orchids, New World Orchids, Orchid Inn, Orquideas del Valle, Orchideas Katia, Peruflora, Roberts Flower Supply, Schordje Orchids, Ten-Shin Orchids, and Windswept in Time.

**Hotel** A rate of \$99 per night was negotiated at the affiliated hotel, the newly opened Fairfield Inn and Suites Columbus Airport. This rate is good through October 12, so registrants need to reserve rooms as soon as possible at 614-237-2100 with group name Fall 2014 MAOC.

### **Open House - Windswept in Time Orchids**

**When** Saturday & Sunday Nov 1 – 2, 2014 - 10:00 to 5:00 both days

**Where** Edgar and Kim Stehli's greenhouse, 8066 Skyline Drive, Broadview Hts. Tel. 440- 838-5757.

**Description** This is just west and north of the Wallings Rd. and I-77 interchange.

**November 12** – Added West Shore meeting. Note: **This meeting will be a week earlier than normal due to the North Olmsted Cabin being booked for a community function.**

### **International Phalaenopsis Alliance, Region 10 Meeting**

**When** Dec 6, 2014

**Where** New Vision Orchids in Yorktown, Indiana

**Description** All International Phalaenopsis Alliance members are welcome. We will discuss Phal culture and possibly growing Phals from seed and how to coax them out of flask. There will be a small auction to benefit region 10 activities and IPA in general. The event may include a guest speaker, pending arrangements. Contact Russ Vernon: [newvisionorchids@aol.com](mailto:newvisionorchids@aol.com) if you plan on attending the meeting. All Phalaenopsis enthusiasts are welcome.

### **Winter Plant Sale - Robert's Flower Supply**

**When** Friday & Saturday Dec. 12 – 13, 2014

**Where** Wayne & Nancy Robert's greenhouse, 12390 Root Rd., Columbia Station, OH Tel. 440-236-5571. Lots of new items. Always open, just call ahead of time.

### **International Phalaenopsis Alliance, Region 10 Meeting**

**When** Mar 1, 2015 - 2:30 to 3:30 PM.

**Where** Greater Lansing Orchid Society show in Michigan. The location is Michigan State University, East Lansing. Check their web site for the exact location but I believe it is the Soil Science and Horticulture Greenhouses.

**Description** All International Phalaenopsis Alliance members are welcome. Culture and an auction will be the activities. The event may include a guest speaker, pending arrangements. Contact Russ Vernon: [newvisionorchids@aol.com](mailto:newvisionorchids@aol.com) if you plan on attending the meeting. All Phalaenopsis enthusiasts are welcome.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **HOSPITALITY**

The hospitality committee would like a vote of what the congregation thought about the hot food we had at the October meeting. Elaine Galaska would like to know if those in attendance liked the change, or would you want the sandwiches back? If you would prefer hot food, every-month the committee would have something different. If you could email Elaine at [emgalaska@hotmail.com](mailto:emgalaska@hotmail.com) or just

drop her a line at 330-562-2943 as to what you would like to see, it would be appreciated.

### OCTOBER SHOW TABLE WINNERS

GREENHOUSE Professional	First	C bowringiana	Wayne Roberts
	Second	Lc Green Veil 'Dressy'	Wayne Roberts
	Third	Paph henryanum	Edgar Stehli
GREENHOUSE Amateur	First	V. Margaret Mabbs	John Rini
	Second	L Pumila	Bill Crucs
	Third	C Penang 'Black Caeser'	John Rini
WINDOWSILL & UNDER LIGHTS	First	Phrag Fritz Schomburg	Bob Lum-King
	First	Lc Rosie's Sunrise x Lc Mem Robert Strait	Katherine Binder
	First	Phrag Tupalamaru	Bob Lum-King
	Second	Paph Pinocchio	Bob Galaska
	Second	Lc Ackers Madison-Kyle	Larry Schroll
	Third	Vanda Manuvadee	Pam Everett
	Third	C gaskelliana	Bob Galaska
FEWER THAN 20 PLANTS	First	Onc. Shelob Tolkein	Irene Diritsky
	Second	Phal Hybrid	Anita Vergilii
	Third	Phal Hybrid	Fred Hetzel
BEST SPECIES		Phal. violacea	Bob Lum-King
		Pleurothallis niveoglobulum	Patty Conrad
BEST MINATURE		Oeceoclades rosioverigata x macrophylla	Edgar Stehli

### SHOW TABLE STANDINGS FOR 2014

STANDINGS FOR 2014	<b>Greenhouse: Pro</b>	<b>Points</b>
	Edgar Stehli	117
	Wayne Roberts	89
	<b>Greenhouse: Am</b>	
	Bill Crucs	119
	John Rini	103
	<b>Under Lights/Windows:</b>	
	Patty Conrad	91
	Allan Lund	71
	Katherine Binder	68
	Bob Lum King	55
	Bob Galaska	48
	Darryl & Pam Everett	40
	Mary Beth Mansour	29
	Debbie Gotsch	20
	Chester Kieliszek	14
	Jerry Echols	13
	Larry Schroll	7
	Pat Corbett	6
	Dave Miller	2
	Marolyn Smith	2
	Charlene Kiehl	1

<b>Less Than 20 Plants:</b>	
Joyce Shramo	50
Irene Diritsky	12
Bob Heideleman	11
Anita Vergilii	9
Terri Hudak	8
Fred Hetzel	6
Wilma Kelch	2
Keith Alexander	2

Bring in your blooming plants to our next show table in November.

I would like to welcome the following new members to West Shore since the last newsletter went out, Brenda Kammer and Marybeth Costello.

One way to grow our society is to invite a friend interested in beautiful flowers to our meetings.

Anyone not receiving a newsletter email and wanting one can request it by emailing Chester Kieliszek at [kieliszekc@ferro.com](mailto:kieliszekc@ferro.com) and I will put you on the email list.

Show season will be here before you know it and this is a time to show off your orchids. I hope more people will bring their blooming plants to the now 5 events we are looking forward to entering. With that said, we would like to get more people involved with the setting up and tear down of our displays. The more people you have, the quicker things get done. It is a lot of fun and can be rewarding as we took several first place ribbons in the display judging this past show season. If you are interested in participating in any one or all of the display set ups, let one of our officers know and we will be sure to keep you informed on the various shows. And no, you don't have to have any orchids entered into the display to help assemble it.

#### Current Officers for 2013 – 2014 Contact Information

President:	Teresa Nemeth	<a href="mailto:gardenguru@centurytel.net">gardenguru@centurytel.net</a>	440-233-8757
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Show Chairs:	Wayne Roberts & Chester Kieliszek		
Immediate Past President	Chester Kieliszek.		

Remember, election of new officers will be held at the December meeting. If you are interested in running for office, please speak to one of the current officers and we will get your name on the ballot. Presently we have Elaine Galaska running for President unopposed.

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# What Should I Look for When I Buy an Orchid?



Healthy orchids should have turgid, pest and blemish-free leaves.

Many consumers, both retail and retailer, find themselves in a position today of having to make purchase-oriented decisions about an entirely new -- to them, at least -- class of plants: orchids. What should they be looking for? How can the purchase dollar be maximized? How can the best shelf life -- of vital importance for both the retail and retailing consumer -- be obtained?

## ***Here are three helpful hints:***



### **The Plant**

Should be in proportion to the container, have roots in the media, be clean and unblemished, turgid and medium green, free of visible pests.



### **The Flowers**

Should be lustrous and held well above the foliage on a strong, well-supported spike, be unblemished and free of fungal spotting, have some buds yet to open (never, ever accept a plant with flowers open to the tip of the spike, as it is impossible to judge flower life after all flowers have opened), and have a generally appealing aspect that fits with your decor.



### **The Vendor**

Is the overall aspect one of cleanliness and order? Do the production plants look good? Is the staff attentive and interested in your welfare? Can they answer the most elementary of your questions? Selecting an orchid plant isn't really that different from any other flowering plant purchase, including the satisfaction that comes with the proper decision.

Editor's note, another word of caution: After you make your purchase, it is a good idea to quarantine your plant(s) to make sure it is pest and disease free. Orchid pests are very small and you may not see them with your initial inspection. By doing this you will not expose your entire collection to whatever may be lurking within.

## **Special Fall Sales**

**With many new plants in bud/sheath and blooming, in addition to our normal "open by appointment" arrangement, we will be open the first Saturday in November**

**Open from 9:00 – 4:00 with specials – Come see what's new!**

***ROBERTS FLOWER SUPPLY***

***12390 ROOT RD COLUMBIA STATION, OHIO 44028***

440 236-5571 e-mail [rfs@orchidmix.com](mailto:rfs@orchidmix.com)

In bud or bloom (part list)

*Paph Spotglen* x *moquetteanum*

Mtssa Shelob Tolkien AM/AOS

*Aerides* Robson's Gem

*Rhynchostylis* *retusa*

Pot. Hsinying Pink Doll

LC Michael's Gift

*Lycaste* *Macrophylla* *subsp. nthockilla*

(*Vanda* Rasri Gold x *Vanda* Darres Golden Heritage) x *vanda* ratchaburi sirirattana

*Aerides* *lawrenciae*

*Gongora* *fulva*

Pot Jerry Rehfield 'Red Flare'

*Phragmipedium* *Sedenii*

Pot. Paradise Rose 'Hilo'

*Lnt.* *Wrigleyi* - (*L. anceps* x *Gur. bowringiana*)

*Paph* Black Ruby

*Paph* Iko Iko 'Poe Creek' HCC/AOS x Night Ruby 'Penns Creek'

Neost. Lou Sneary (Neof. *falcata* 'Kokakuden' x *Rhy. coelestis* 'Ching Hua Blue')

(blc Makaka gold x *Walkerina*) x slc Wendy's valentine

slc pat thrall (circle of life x lc bonanza queen)

Lc. Green Veil "Dressy" x *C. aelandiae* "D&M" AM/AOS

Slc. Rockette "OK" x Slc. Circle of Life "Mesmerize"

*C granulosa* x lc nestle

*C. gaskelliana*

*Aerangis lutes-alba* in bud 2 spike

Ctism. Lovena

Brs. Edva Loo

RLc. Volcano Blue 4"

RLC George King Serendipity

(*Vanda dennisona* x (*Ascad* Suksamran Spot x *V* Chao Phaya Sapphire)) x v. Charles Good Fellow

## Windswept in Time Orchids Fall Open-house

Please join us for our fall open-house this weekend, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11:00 until 5:00 both days.

There will be plants on the bargain table that need to go to new homes, as we are tight on room here in the greenhouse.

There are some new plants in the inventory already, as we have begun gathering for the spring show season.

We are located at 8066 Skyline Drive in Broadview Heights, Ohio 44147. Our street is one road west of Rt. 77 at the Wallings Rd. exit. Please call us with any questions at 440-838-5757.

There will be some light refreshments!