

WEST SHORE ORCHID SOCIETY

NOVEMBER 2013

NEXT MEETING Wednesday, November 13, 2013

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

 6:30 p.m. Culture Corner: Edgar Stehli will speak on winter care of your orchids and the needs of the different genera at this slow time of the year.

 7:00 p.m. Program: Our November speaker will be Alex Challis from Ann Arbor, Michigan. Alex has his Masters Degree in Botany from the University of Michigan and has been growing orchids since 1981. He is an AOS judge since 1992 and has sold orchids and judged at many of our past shows. Alex worked at Great Lakes Orchids in the mid 80's, at Hoosier Orchids from 1989 to 1993 and has been working at New World Orchids since 1997 and currently, also works for Little Frog Farm. He will be bringing plants for sale. Alex will be speaking on Orchids of the Caribbean.

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

PROGRAM

SHOW TABLE We had another beautiful show table with 48 orchids on it at the October meeting and there are two more show tables left this year so it is still anyone's race to win in the different categories. Remember, you can't win if you don't bring your plants to the show table for judging, so if it is blooming, bring it in to the November show table. Everyone in attendance enjoys seeing the different orchids in everyone's collections and besides that you earn points for the annual contest. We will continue with the change in how the best orchids in each class are chosen. Instead of having two judges (usually our guest speaker with a second West Shore member) picking 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class, we are going to let our membership in attendance be the judge. Here are the rules again as explained by our Secretary, Bob Galaska: *It is your turn to decide which orchid is the best in each category. Categories are: (1) Red Group-- Less than 20 orchids--Vote with red ticket. (2) White Group--Under Lights--Vote with white ticket. (3) Blue Group-- Amateur Green House--Vote with blue ticket. (4) Yellow Group--Professional Green House--Vote with yellow ticket. Upon entry to the hall, you will be given a packet of four tickets, one of each color. These colored tickets will match a cup marked with tape that is placed in front of each entry plant, for that group. You will then deposit ONLY that color ticket in that colored tape cup for your choice for each group. (You can only vote once for each category and yes, you can vote for one of **Your** orchids). After voting is over, Bob Galaska will count the number of tickets in front of each plant and give the results of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd for that group. Each group will have a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place award given out. At the end of the presentation the final judging of Species and Miniature will be by our guest speaker.*

We had one problem at the October show table. We had 48 orchids, but only 44 registration tags. Members did not get credit in the annual contest for the 4 unregistered plants. If you have never registered before, ask someone at the show table or one of our officers and we will be glad to show you what needs to be done.

The registration process is supposed to be a learning tool to help everyone in the society learn how to register plants for the upcoming show season. If you think one or more of the unregistered plants is yours, bring it to my attention at the November meeting and we will make adjustments in the contest standings.

ORCHID CALENDER

Open House - Robert's Flower Supply

When Friday & Saturday Dec. 13 – 14

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

Next WSOS Meeting

When Wednesday Dec 18, 2013 – 6:00 PM, Dinner 7:00 PM

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

Description We will have our annual holiday dinner and give out plants to all memberships in attendance. We will have a sign-up sheet for sides and dessert at the November meeting, or better yet, email Elaine Galaska, part of our hospitality committee, with what you will be bringing at emglaska@hotmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCTOBER SHOW TABLE WINNERS

GREENHOUSE Professional	First	Bulb. rothschildianum	Edgar Stehli
	Second	Monn. Millenium Magic	Edgar Stehli
	Third	Bulb. Hirundinis	Edgar Stehli
GREENHOUSE Amateur	First	Cattleya No Name	John Rini
	Second	V Molay Razzmatazz	John Rini
	Second	Blc Cornerstone Compass	John Rini
	Third	Cattleya No Name	John Rini
WINDOWSILL & UNDER LIGHTS	First	Monn Millenium Magic 'Witchcraft'	Allan Lund
	Second	Phal No Name	Bob Galaska
	Third	Neofinitia Manjushige	Bob Lum-King
FEWER THAN 20 PLANTS	First	C Ann Morning Paradise	Wilma Kelch
	Second	Den crocatum	Jerry Echols
	Third	Onc Sharry Baby	Keith Alexander
	Third	Phal No Name	Wilma Kelch
BEST SPECIES		Bulb. rothschildianum	Edgar Stehli
BEST MINATURE		Den laevifilium	Wayne Roberts

SHOW TABLE STANDINGS FOR 2013

STANDINGS FOR 2013	Greenhouse: Pro	Points
	Edgar Stehli	113
	Wayne Roberts	75
	Greenhouse: Am	
	John Rini	143

Under Lights/Windows:	
Allan Lund	72
Bob Lum King	64
Pat Corbett	35
Debbie Gotsch	31
Darryl & Pam Everett	27
Bob Galaska	27
Katherine Binder	23
Chester Kieliszek	18
Dave Miller	6
Mel Goldstein	1
Cheryl Nader	1
Jim Thompson	1
Teressa Nemeth	1
 Less Than 20 Plants:	
Anita Vergilii	22
Jerri Echols	19
Keith Alexander	17
Marc Rothenberg	16
Wilma Kelch	16
Barb Brandon	5
Robert Catino	5
Joyce Shramo	1

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: Gloria Wilder and Regina Stopper become our 95th and 96th members of the year joining at our October meeting.

We now have 76 of our 96 members on email. 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.

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.

From the President's desk,
Greetings members,

Many of us have swam and snorkeled the beautiful beaches of the Caribbean and probably admired the wildflowers growing there. This month WSOS will continue our Around the World tour of Orchids with Alex Challis enlightening us about Orchids of the Caribbean.

Now that our orchids are inside; you will want to hear about the necessary REST PERIOD they need to take...less water, less fertilizer, less heat. Edgar Stehli will share tips on winter care in the Culture Corner at 6:30pm.

The People's Choice awards were a big hit at the October meeting. We will do it again at the Nov. show table. To help the count go smoothly, please have your voting completed by 6:45pm.

The Great Big Home and Flower Show at the I-X center is February 8-16th, 11-9pm. We have used this event in the past to advertise our Spring Show in Strongsville. This is a great opportunity for you to "talk orchids" and share your passion with the public. We will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting or if you are unable to attend, please e-mail or call Wayne Roberts to express your desire to participate in this event. We need to have 25 time slots filled to make this project a "GO". Wayne can be reached at rfs@orchidmix.com or 440.236-5571.

That was a terrific hospitality table last month! Thank you to all who contributed something. If you haven't brought a snack in recently, please consider bringing one to our November meeting. It is always appreciated.

Remember our meeting is moved up one week...I am looking forward to seeing you on the 13th of Nov. for a little social time at 6 pm. Until then..

Teresa

The following is an article taken from the American Orchid Society website. They have a checklist for what you need to be doing month by month to your orchids as well as a number of orchid related articles.

Growing Healthy Orchids



Lycaste x micheli 'Everglades Amarillo' CHM/AOS grown by Everglades Orchids. Photo © G. Allikas

Healthy orchids are the result of a carefully planned culture regimen in which the plants are observed on a regular basis and grown in a clean environment. Many ailments can be quickly detected and dealt with before they affect other specimens in a collection. A few minutes spent each week checking plants is the best prescription for a clean bill of health.

An effective program begins with the purchase of vigorous orchids. Invest in specimens bearing green leaves devoid of black or yellow marks. The plants should be securely rooted in a mix that is firm, not mushy and acid.

Isolate new purchases for two weeks before adding them to a collection to prevent any insects or diseases from infecting other orchids. If any ill effects are noticed, take the plant back to the seller and ask for advice, or request a replacement.

Maintain a spotless growing area. Remove faded flowers and dead leaves promptly. Water early enough in the day so the plants and flowers dry by night. Do not let puddles of water accumulate. Operate fans or open windows (during warm weather) to provide adequate ventilation. Fertilize enough, but not too much, or weak growth, which is susceptible to insects and diseases, will result.

When an infection is noticed, act swiftly. Identify the culprit. Take the plant (or a sample leaf or flower) to an orchid society meeting, the nursery where the plant was purchased or a county cooperative extension service. Wrap the sick specimen in a plastic bag to prevent it from infecting plants at the destination. However, do not leave it in an unvented car in the summer, or an unheated car in the winter, or additional injury may result. The ailment will most likely be one of four basic kinds.

Insects

Aphids, scale, mealy bugs, thrips and spider mites are a few of the insects that attack orchids. The first three are easily seen; the last pair require the aid of a magnifying lens. Talk with local orchid growers to learn how to identify these insects and their symptoms. New growth and buds are common attack points. Understand the insects' life cycles and apply repeated doses of a control to eliminate all phases. Soft, cottony mealy bugs on this new paphiopedilum growth will deform the leaves. Prompt action is necessary to eliminate the insects.

Diseases

Fungi and bacteria injure orchids. A warm and humid environment with inadequate ventilation creates the perfect atmosphere in which fungi and bacteria thrive, causing soft spots, sunken areas on leaves, root rot and other ailments. Inadequate air circulation and damp conditions can induce *Botrytis cinera*, which ruins flowers with its fine speckling.

Viruses

Orchids are prone to viruses that can cause flowers to be abnormal. Typical symptoms are streaking of color and deformity of flowers, and irregular light and dark streaks in leaves. When uncertain if a virus is to blame, consult a professional. Businesses exist that will test orchids for the presence or absence of virus. Destroy virus-infected plants; viruses can infect other orchids and cause harm.

Viruses are spread by animal insect vectors, and by improper hygiene, such as ineffective sterilization techniques on recycled pots and clips, and cutting tools. When severing a flower cluster or dividing orchids, always sterilize the cutting tool by passing the blade through a flame or dipping in alcohol. Use disposable gloves on each plant to be divided.

Physiological Disorders

An imbalance of water, light and temperature creates symptoms of problems. For example, overwatering can cause roots to rot, and, because the plant cannot absorb water, the pseudobulbs to shrivel. The effect is noticed on the pseudobulbs, but the cause is in the medium. Frequently, a change in the care program will solve physiological ailments.

Once an insect or disease problem is identified, choose an appropriate solution. Do not reach for the nearest available pesticide. Consider effective options that will not harm the environment. A cluster of aphids on a cattleya shoot can be carefully wiped off with a cloth soaked in sudsy warm water. Dab away mealy bugs lodged in a bloom sheath with a cotton swab dipped in alcohol. Diatomaceous earth sprinkled on the medium discourages snails and slugs.

Occasionally it is necessary to rely on a chemical, especially when many plants are involved. Some growers plan regular spray programs to control insects and diseases. Houseplant insect sprays are handy to spot-check a single plant, especially in the home (but remove the plant from the growing area prior to spraying); more elaborate systems may be employed for larger operations.

Before spraying, be forewarned that some chemicals will damage flowers. The oil carrier (usually xylene) in emulsifiable pesticides can injure flowers or plants, often in conjunction with high temperatures.

Frequently repeated applications are necessary to eradicate all traces of an insect. Be prepared to spray two or three times at seven-to 10-day intervals.

Before applying any chemical:

- Write down the phone number of a physician or a local poison control center.
- Make sure no people or pets are in the area. Keep them away from the spray site for 24 hours.
- Move orchids grown indoors to a well-ventilated area.
- Read the label directions.
- Make sure the substance is recommended for orchids.
- Be certain the toxin is the right one for the job.
- Wear appropriate clothing to protect yourself.
- Know how to dispose of the unused toxin.
- Clean yourself thoroughly after applying any toxic substance.
- Clean the equipment and then store it beyond the reach of curious hands.
- Make sure the area has been replenished with fresh, clean air before family, friends and pets re-enter the area.

Some orchids benefit from being placed outdoors for the summer. Before their return indoors in the autumn, thoroughly inspect each specimen to prevent any unwanted guests from entering the growing area. Once indoors, populations of aphids, mealybugs, spider mites and other insects increase dramatically in the warm and moist environment. Inspect the container's sides, drain hole, developing buds and all of the foliage, especially the undersides of leaves, where insects often lurk.

Spend the time to understand how orchids grow during each season. Then should a problem arise, it can be dealt with effectively in a way that is safe for the plant, the owner and the environment.

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CEO, Gardens by the Bay
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Mr. Munekazu Ejiri
Vice-President & Chair,
Judging Committee, Japan
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(JOGA)

Mr. Fred Clarke
Sunset Valley Orchids
San Diego, California

Meeting Hotel:
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