



THE WINDSOR ORCHID SOCIETY

La Société des Orchidophiles de Windsor

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Congratulations WOS/SOW on your 28th year of service to orchid enthusiasts.

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Next Meeting: Sunday, Jan 27, 2013 Time: 1:30 p.m.

Location: St. Clair College, Room 192A (Horticultural Building), Guests are Welcome

Topic: A Cultural Question and Answer by Mario Ferrusi, Marsh Hollow Orchids.

Mario will have plants for sale.

The Windsor Orchid Society continues to meet from September to May on the last Sunday of each month since its beginnings in 1985.

Note the occasional exception when we are participating at Orchid Shows that are scheduled for the same weekend as our meeting.

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Topic: The AOS 2012 Special Annual Awards and an open forum on culture:

Mario has been growing orchids since 1980. Since then he has won a multitude of AOS awards for the quality of his flowers, the culture of his plants and his astounding orchid displays. He became an accredited AOS judge in 1998 and is a Past-President of the Southern Ontario Orchid Society (SOOS). He has also been the Chair of the Toronto Judging Centre and is currently a Trustee of the American Orchid Society. His love of orchids has largely focused on those that grow under cooler conditions including Masdevallias, Draculas, Odontoglossums and Lycaste. Mario has been a long-time supporter of the Windsor Orchid Society having visited us on many occasions over the years. He and his wife Conni hosted our visit to his greenhouses in Fenwick, Ontario in June of 2012. They are the 2012 recipients of the prestigious Dugger Award from the AOS, which



is awarded to the grower of the most outstanding example in the Odontoglossum Alliance. Their Odontoglossum Stroperry 'Twilight Treat' was awarded an AM/AOS 81 pts at the London Orchid Society Show in March of 2011.

As part of our forum on orchid culture, members are encouraged to bring their culture questions to the meeting. Don't be shy. Note: Mario will also have orchids for sale at the meeting. **Odontoglossum Stroperry 'Twilight Treat' AM/AOS 81 pts.**

Fund Raising Ideas for Next Year: It is always difficult to come up with new ideas to raise funds each year. We have had auctions of plants, OrchidWiz, raffles, calendar sales, etc. but we'd like your ideas and input. Many of you are involved with other organizations and have seen how they raise funds. One thought is to host a dinner (Friday Night Spaghetti Dinner) through one of the local Italian clubs or to raffle off prizes gifted from local retailers. Let Mary know what you think. Maybe there are some fund raisers that you would like to see again.

A special thank you for contributing food and raffle items at the October meeting: Rudi and Julia, Eunice, Pam, Betty, Renee, Mark, Tony, Chuck, Bernie, and your Society. Please remember to sign the sign-in sheets to be recognized for your contributions.

Welcome new members: Alan and Karen Batke, Kathleen and Matt Fekete.

Orchid Supplies: Bark, Physan, sphagnum, sponge rock, fertilizer, totes, etc. Check with our Special Orders and Supplies committee chair - Ed Cott.

Bizarre Bazaar: This is an important auction and fundraiser sale for our Society and it depends on member contributions of orchid plants or divisions, orchid related items and other desirable objects. Please remember to set aside those items during the year. Your contribution will help assure your Society's continued success.

Parking: Members can park in Lot "L" behind the greenhouse building & walk to the meeting room. (Enter through the exit - the gate will be open).

What's in a Name? It is funny how names seem to suit people. When you hear a name, your mind will conjure up images of what you expect that person to look like and what their disposition might be – and so often, they meet your expectations. I remember being told by a fellow classmate of mine in Elementary School that the new principal's name was Mr. Bruette. When an announcement was made over the loudspeaker that we were all to assemble in the gym to be introduced to our new principal, I could just imagine what a menacing figure I was about to come face to face with. Sure enough, his stature, demeanor and threatening stare did not disappoint me. Sadly, this was not my one and only close encounter with Mr. Bruette who also taught boys physical education. That's a story for another time. This phenomenon of supposition isn't limited to people. When I look at my division of Slc. Hazel Boyd, it just looks like what I imagine a "Hazel Boyd" would – though I have never seen an image of the person.

I think the opposite can be true also. Anyone winning an AOS award has to provide a cultivar name to identify their award winning beauty and the names, of course, often tell you something about the flower that has been awarded. "Apricot Glow" or "Black Pearl" tell us something about the flowers' colouration and hybrid names, like Paph. Egret's Flight, give us an image of the stature and form of the flower.

I recently acquired a collection of hybrid Cattleyas. They are a cross of Cattleya Starting Point x Cattleya Memoria Robert Strait. Many of our members have acquired this plant. It is a plant of slight stature but its regal blooms command attention. It has beautiful pristine white flowers with a contrasting deep magenta lip. On the petals, and also faintly on the sepals, there is a thin streak of the same magenta shade that nicely sets off the familiar shape of the Cattleya flower but also gives it an flair of defiance. My plant bloomed with four flowers on one spike and others held 2-3 flowers. I wanted to determine the background of this un-named cross and so I got in touch with the hybridizer I had acquired them through. It turned out that this was a cross he had originally acquired from an Asian supplier and not a product of his own hybridizing. After further research, I was unable to identify the original grower who had produced this hybrid.

It was disappointing to think that a flower as beautiful as this one had never been given a name. And so, I started the process of registering the hybrid with the Royal Horticultural Society. But first, I had to determine what I would name it – keeping in mind that the name had to suit the flower. And so, with little thought, it came to me – I knew exactly what it should be. I proceeded to register the cross and, as a Christmas gift, I presented a blooming plant to its namesake, Ruth Neily. As our Society's matriarch, Ruth, along with her late husband Ron, has been a member virtually from the time of our origins. Fully supporting the activities of our Society and an impeccable grower who is always willing to share her cultural secrets with us, I could not think of a name more appropriate. All of our members who acquired one of these plants will need to amend your plant tag to identify the hybrid now as Cattleya (C.) Ruth Neily.

Ed Cott

Thank you, Terry and Doug: From the moment our special guests started to set up their 'Orchids In Our Tropics' sales tables, Society members were eye-ing and selecting from the great variety of orchids. Terry's power point presentation of "**Brazil, more than orchids**" was fascinating, a captivating tour of orchid judging in Brazil as experienced by our dynamic speaker who continued with a series of nature adventures seeking opportunities for viewing and photographing native orchids *in situ*. Later, Terry graciously reviewed our excellent orchid table with helpful comments and meaningful observations. Thank you Terry and Doug for your enduring support of our Society since its formation in the mid-1980s.

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Winter Social 2012: Bernie has prepared two 'photo essays' of our very well attended December 02, Winter Social, one for the Website and one here for the *Newsletter*. We had a relaxed, fun time, ate way too much from the long food table 'selections' of excellent variety and tastes. We sat around a beautifully decorated centre table reflecting the skillfully arranged 'winter theme' highlighted by Sue and in a room warmed by the glow of a hearth and gleeful Society members. We roared as we won or lost playing our now traditional 'circle game with dice and vice'. Many prizes were won – door prizes and raffle prizes. The sought-after afghan so thoughtfully crocheted and donated by Julia was won by Ed's sister, Heather. Thank you, Julia and congratulations Heather. Thank you and congratulations to everyone involved.

Chuck.





November general meeting plant table:

*** indicates best in show.



Lycaste [Lyc.] (Auburn x Always 'Semper Fidelis')
Exhibited by Deb *** Best Hybrid



Cynodes [Cycd.] Wine Delight
Exhibited by Chuck & Bernie



Dendrobium [Den.] Maiden Charlotte
Exhibited by Deb



Dendrobium [Den.] Hybrid
Exhibited by Norma



Laeliocattleya [Lc.] Puppy Love 'True Beauty' HCC/AOS
Exhibited by Renee



Oncidesa [Oncsa.] Aloha Iwanaga
Exhibited by Renee



Oncidium [Onc.] Sharry Baby
Exhibited by Deb



Vanda [V.] Robert's Delight 'Black' AM/AOS
Exhibited by Renee



Vanda [V.] Pachara Delight
Exhibited by Renee



Rudi and Julia with fundraising afghan



Sue accepting AOS Affiliated Society Award



Terri Kennedy during Power Point presentation.

Monthly Checklist for January and February:

Cattleya: Watering and fertilizing will be at a minimum, as will potting. Be on the lookout for senescing sheaths on your winter-into-spring bloomers. Careful removal of the dying sheaths will still allow buds to develop without the danger of condensation-induced rot. Low light will lead to weak spikes, so, and as noted above, staking is critical. If you have a chance to get out to nurseries, there may still be a chance to acquire good plants in sheath for spring bloom. Getting them now not only ensures that you'll have them, but allows them to acclimate to your conditions and bloom at their best.

Cymbidium: We are well into the flowering season now. Outdoor growers should be cautious of freezing temperatures. Damage starts to occur below 30 F. Be diligent about tying the inflorescences for best arrangement of the flowers. Also watch closely for slugs and snails. If weather is quite wet, protect the plants from the rain and this will help to reduce the risk of botrytis spotting.

Lycaste: The most glorious of all orchids, Lycaste, will be moving toward their flowering season. Make sure the palm-like leaves do not interfere with the emerging inflorescences. Tying them loosely together often is helpful. Some growers cut the leaves off at the pseudobulb, but this removes part of the attractiveness of this elegant orchid. Resist picking up the plant to inspect those beautiful buds and then setting it down in all different directions as the flower buds will be forced to re-orient themselves to the light source each time and will not open as nicely as they should. Keep plants a little drier during the shorter days.

Odontoglossums: Odontoglossums and their intergeneric hybrids offer a great splash of color now. Though once thought of as being difficult to grow and requiring cool temperatures due to the emphasis on odontoglossum breeding, the new intergeneric hybrids made using *Oncidium* and *Brassia*, for example, are just the opposite. These plants are quite content in more intermediate conditions. New growths generally emerge in the spring, later forming beautiful plump pseudobulbs. Look for the flower spikes to emerge from the inner sheath of the pseudobulb. If your plant's pseudobulbs are shriveled, then the plants have been kept too dry or too wet. Inspect the roots to determine which condition prevailed. If the lead pseudobulb is large, plump and green (and back bulbs are shriveled) but no flower spike is evident, the plants may have been kept too dry.

Paphiopedilum: The standard *Paphiopedilum* insigne-derived hybrids, which are called "bull dogs" and "toads," are at their peak. Unlike most other orchids, they can even be potted while in bud. There really is no wrong time to pot a *paphiopedilum*, and no other orchid responds so favorably to fresh mix and a cleanup. Keep an eye on watering until roots begin to grow.

Mid-January

Phalaenopsis: Now is the peak of spike development, with the first plants in full flower. Staking and plant preparation is a must for those all-important spring shows. Correct staking now will give a better display and also make it much easier to transport to your society meetings and shows. Care with watering is vital to avoid mechanical damage to the flowers, as well as rot-related problems. Keep spent blooms cleaned up to avoid botrytis inoculation. Do not repot this month. Now you'll be seeing lots of *phalaenopsis* at orchid shows and sales.

Zygopetalum: For the most part, the flowering season will have ended for this group, providing the grower a chance to do some repotting. The plants will then have a chance to become well established before the hotter months of summer arrive. Most growers use bark mixes, but some exceptional results have been seen lately using rock-wool blends. You may want to try this mix, but do not change your whole collection over to this new media until you are sure it is right for you. First, experiment with a few plants to see how they respond.

The WOS/SOW and The AOS thanks Ned Nash for the above content.

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Some Orchid Species That Flower In The Fall Months:

		Fall blooming examples:		Various blooming examples:	
Brassavola	Fall – Winter		Aerangis biloba		Aeranthus grandiflora
Cattleya	Spring / Fall		Bulbophyllum auratum		Ansellia africana
Catasetum	Summer – Fall		Cattleya deckeri		Ascocenda Princess Mikasa
Cymbidium	Fall – Winter		Cattleya labiata rubra		Beallara Patricia
Dendrobium	Fall – Winter		Cattleya maxima		Blc. Chunyeah
Epidendrum	Fall – Spring		Cattleya Portia		Bollea ecuadoriana
Miltoniopsis	Fall		Dendrobium oligophyllum		Brassavola nodosa
Oncidium	Fall – Winter		Epidendrum quisayanum		Broughtonia sanguinea
Phalaenopsis	Fall – Spring		Gomesa recurva		Bulbophyllum Doggy Doo
Phragmipedium	Fall – Spring		Laelia pumila		Burrageara Nelly Isler
Psychopsis	Fall – Spring		Lc. Fiesta Days		Calanthe arisanensis
Sophranitis	Fall – Spring		Ludisia discolor		Cattleya walkeriana
Stanhopea	Summer – Fall		Lycaste lasioglossa		Ceratostylis rubra
Vanda	Spring – Fall		Miltonia clowesii		Cirrhopetalum flabelloversis
			Paph. spicerianum		and many more – Just ask your
			Trichocentrum [Onc.] stacyi		vendor what they may have for you!

December 2012 Winter Social:

For more photo's – visit our website www.windsororchidsociety.ca



The beautifully renovated and winter theme decorated – Thank you Sue.



Members and guests begin to arrive.



Without too much delay the food was set up and the taste testing began. Delicious!



First in line and first to start enjoying.



The rest of us follow.



This lasted a while as there was also a delicious dessert table to visit!



The President with some very important announcements.



Standing at the ready during the party game.



A few final words and thank you's before the we finished our party.



Julia's beautiful afghan won by Heather Sullo.



An instrument of the party game.



The party game trophies, something for everyone !



Your Windsor Orchid Society 2012-2013 Programming Guide! - mark your calendar

Date	Speaker / Event	Topic	Plants for Sale?
Jan 27	Marsh Hollow Orchids Mario Ferrusi	AOS Special Awards and A Cultural Question and Answer	Yes (pre-orders available)
Feb 24	Flora Peculia Terry Kowalczyk	Neofinetia falcata	Yes (pre-orders available)
Mar 24	Orchid Digest Power Point Program	Paphiopedilums by Jim Clarkson	TBA
Apr 28	Littlefrog Farms Rob Halgren	New advances for growing underlights Photo Contest	TBA
May 19	Glen Decker, Piping Rock <i>London Orchid Society</i>	How to grow slipper orchids. Society invitation.	Yes (pre-orders available)
May 26	Annual General Meeting	Annual Bizarre Bazaar and Auction	Yes

Date 2013

Show / Event Location and contact info if available

Feb 16-17:	Southern Ontario Orchid Society	Toronto Botanical Garden, Edwards Gardens.
Feb 23-24:	Greater Lansing Orchid Society Show	Pete Ostlund, Show Manager
Mar 02-03:	The Orchid Society of the R.B.G. Show	Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington.
Mar 16-17:	London Orchid Society Show	1065 Sunnyside Rd., E., London, ON.
Apr 13-14:	The Toronto Artistic Orchid Association Show	2330 Midland Ave, Scarborough, Ont, M1S 5G5
Sep 28-29:	The Central Ontario Orchid Society	Cambridge Hespeler Arena, 640 Ellis Road, Cambridge.
Oct 26-27:	The Windsor Orchid Society Show	Teutonia Club of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario.

Membership Application and Renewal Form

Please complete as much as possible as it helps in assessing if there are particular membership needs.

Complete this form and bring to the next general meeting or mail it along with your payment to:

The Windsor Orchid Society, C/O Betty Levar, 1822 Chilver Road, Windsor, Ontario. N8W 2T8

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

How do you prefer to receive your monthly Newsletter? Email: _____ Postal mail: _____

Are you a member of the COC? ____ AOS? ____ Orchid Digest? ____ Other(s)? _____

How many years have you grown orchids? ____ Greenhouse ____ Under-lights ____ Windowsill ____

Favorite genera? _____ Would you like to do a meeting presentation? ____

How did you hear about the Windsor Orchid Society? ([new members only](#)) _____

Annual Dues are \$20.00 single and \$25.00 family.

Your society is based on volunteers for meetings, displays, shows, etc. If you are able to assist, please contact one of the executive members.

Membership needs and wants:

If there is any topic you would like to see discussed at a future meeting and/or have a question you would like discussed, make a note of it here and bring it to an upcoming meeting: _____

Society Invitation: May 19, 2013, London Orchid Society Meeting, Glen Decker of Piping Rock Orchids - New York.

Glen Decker of Piping Rock Orchids, New York will speak to us on How to Grow Great Slipper Orchids. This will include a lot of cultural information as well as how to take care of bugs using nontoxic means. While he plans on bringing orders for sale at this special meeting, it is best to pre-order. Further information about how to pre-order will be announced closer to this meeting. Glen Decker began growing orchids at the age of 15 and holds the degree of Associate in Applied Science in Ornamental Horticulture. He was the previous chair of the American Orchid Society's Publications Committee and has served as a Director of the Orchid Digest Corporation. Glen has won numerous AOS awards, including the Butterworth Prize, Nax Trophy, WW Wilson Award and the Carlyle A. Luer Award. He has appeared in Martha Stewart's Better Living Magazine and on a PBS TV special "Orchid Delirium". He rewrote the Slipper section of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden's "The Best Orchids for Indoors" and was the technical editor for the "Orchids for Dummies" book.

