



THE WINDSOR ORCHID SOCIETY

La Société des Orchidophiles de Windsor

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Next Meeting: Sunday, Nov 25, 2012 Time: 1:30 p.m.

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

**Topic: Travel Adventure in South America, by Doug and Terry Kennedy, Orchid In Our Tropics.
Doug and Terry 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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Terry and Doug Kennedy from Orchids in our Tropics, Gormley, Ontario, will speak on Terry's recent trip to South America. Terry is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society. She is Chair of the American Orchid Society Toronto Judging Centre. Both Doug and Terry have served on the executive of the Southern Ontario Orchid Society in every capacity including several terms as president and show chairman. The Kennedys will be bringing plants for sale at the meeting.

Kennedy's best in show LOS March 1986



Our Best Wishes to Dr. John Doherty: Many of you know Dr. John Doherty who is a founding member and the first President of the Windsor Orchid Society. His son, John Doherty of Zephyrus Orchids (John Jr.), has spoken to our Society members on a few occasions. I recently had a call from and met with our long-past President and during our discussion, he told me that he was going to be having surgery on November 5th for an aortic valve replacement. I just received an e-mail from John Jr. and we are told that the surgery went well but he is still recovering and being monitored closely for any complications. On behalf of the Society, I want to wish him a very speedy recovery. John Jr. has promised to keep me apprised of his father's progress and we'll relay that news to you as I hear it. Ed Cott

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.

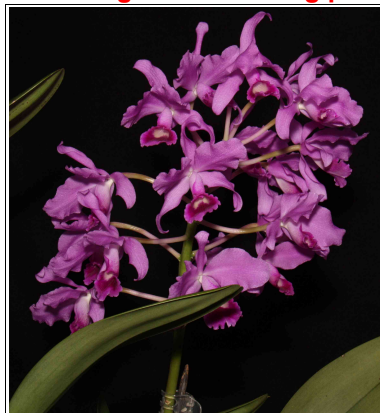
Parking: Members can park in Lot "L" behind the greenhouse building & walk to the meeting room. (Enter through the exit – the gate will be open).

Membership dues - \$20 single/ \$25 family



October general meeting plant table:

*** indicates best in show.



Guarianthe [Gur.] bowringiana
Exhibited by Ruth *** Best Species



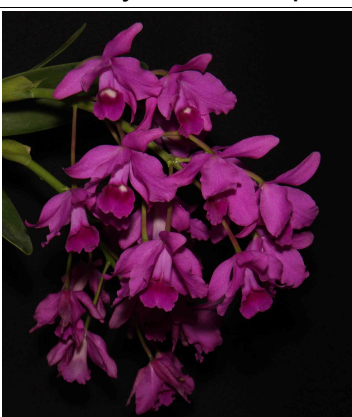
Catasetum [Ctsm.] laminatum
Exhibited by Chuck & Bernie



Cattleya [C.] forbesii
Exhibited by Chuck & Bernie



Galeandra [Gal.] batemanii
Exhibited by Louise



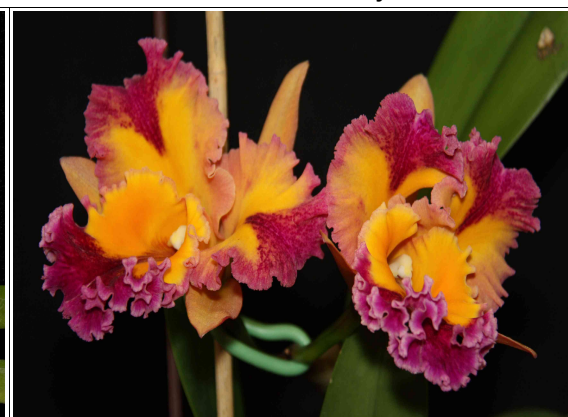
Guarianthe [Gur.] bowringiana
Exhibited by Jeannie



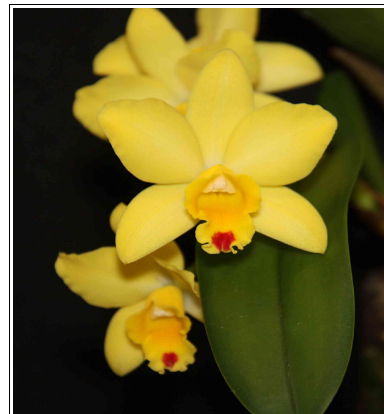
Prosthechea [Psh.] cochleata
Exhibited by Louise



Rhynchostylis [Rhy.] coelestis
Exhibited by Jeannie



Rhyncholaeliocattleya [Rlc.] Paradise Jewel 'Flare'
Exhibited by Renee *** Best Hybrid



Cattleya [C.] Angel Song
Exhibited by Renee



Cattleya [C.] Hybrid
Exhibited by Tammy



Encylia [Enc.] Hybrid
Exhibited by Louise



Oncostele [Ons.] Saint Anthony of Egypt 'Fragrant Beauty'
Exhibited by Renee



Vanda [V.] Pachara Delight
Exhibited by Deb



Vanda [V.] Sansai Blue
Exhibited by Laurie



Vanda [V.] Sansai Blue 3N
Exhibited by Renee

A special thank you for contributing food and raffle items at the October meeting: Ruth, Eunice, Deb, Jeannie, Pam, Betty, Chuck, Bernie, your Society and our guest speaker, Eric (Crystal Star Orchids). Please remember to sign the sign-in sheets to be recognized for your contributions.

Winter Social: Please remember to set aside December 2, 1-4 p.m., for a cheerful and friendly Sunday afternoon get together at the Lake Erie Country Club. Warm hearts and hearth, a festive mood, orchids nevertheless still on the mind, Society members at this annual event will mostly talk and laugh, eat, drink, possibly win the door prize, participate in raffle draws and enjoy our game 'in-the round', introduced two years ago and proving to be much fun. So, everyone, bring a small \$10.00 'gift' for the game. This is again a true "pot luck" and please bring your own plates, cups and utensils (including serving spoons) and, of course, a pot luck dish. See you there: 175 Lake Erie Country Club Drive, Harrow, ON. N0R 1G0.

Photo Contest: We will have our fourth annual photo contest at the APRIL Meeting, new month, same rules as in the past. Take many great photos of your beautiful orchids and participate.

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

Bizarre Bazarre: 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.

Thanks Eric: Our October speaker, Eric Lee, after a long morning driving to Windsor, set up an outstanding sales display of orchids of many types and mostly in wonderful bloom, some whose exotic scents permeated the air. For this service and for his presentation on Crystal Star award winning plants, the result of years of careful study of orchids followed by much hard work, we would like to again thank Eric.



From the President: Accolades and "Thank you"; we should give these often. And they are especially 'nice' to receive – as when an e-mail was sent to us expressing admiration for our RBG Society display that also got 'like' reviews in the show hall; as with the numerous positive remarks received for our interactive and ground-breaking new Website and the 'thank you' we often get for putting together an excellent Newsletter every month and organizing interesting monthly general meetings. We all try our best – but a pat on the back is really 'nice'.

Our Past-President, Ed, is to be congratulated for having won the second prize for an essay submitted for competition to the Mid-America Orchid Congress (MAOC) in October. The topic was on a favourite orchid, orchid species or genera. Ed's essay will appear in a future issue of the Mid-American, the newsletter of the MAOC.

All those who submitted orchids for the Society display at the RBG Show (Oct. 27-28) and for competition, are thanked and are also recognized on p. 4 of this Newsletter along with their plants and awards. Bernie has 'written' a fun photo-essay of the 3 day-long event, the work and distractions of setting up a Society orchid show display. There was a lot of preparatory organizing before reaching the Show hall. Early Saturday morning there was judging and clerking. Saturday night a dinner and fund raising auction was attended. Sunday morning, the Canadian Orchid Congress (COC) Annual General Meeting was not neglected. And Sunday at 5 pm was the tear-down and the return trip. Work yes. But also fun and rewarding with meeting other orchid enthusiasts and buying more orchids!

A special thank you to the 'crew': Eunice, Ed, Renee, Jeannie, Bernie, Louise and her attendants Pam and Julie. Tammy, Ernie and Tate were there for the tear-down and plant transportation.

See you at the general meeting next week, Sunday Nov. 25. Can't wait for Terry Kennedy's great orchid travel adventure presentation.

Your President.

P.S. We have neglected to announce the winner of the two \$50.00 raffle prizes drawn at the May Annual General Meeting. Tammy was the very very lucky winner of both draws.

Canadian Orchid Congress (COC) Report: Four members of the WOS were in attendance at the COC AGM: Louise, Ed, Bernie, and Chuck. (Details will be in the next Canadian Orchid Congress Newsletter, with highlights of the meeting in the next WOS/SOW Newsletter).

Gordon W. Dillon - Richard C. Peterson Memorial Essay Contest: The deadline for submissions to his annual contest is November 30, 2012. The theme for the 2012 essay is: The Orchids I Want But Can't Really Find (Real or Imagined). More information on essay submissions and rules may be found on the AOS website. A bit of history on the award (from the AOS website): The contest was established in 1985 by the AOS Northeast Judging Center to honor the memory of two former editors of the AOS Bulletin (now Orchids). Gordon Dillon served as editor from 1943 through 1968 and again from 1970 through 1973. Richard Peterson's name first appeared on the masthead of the AOS Bulletin in April 1971 as associate editor. In 1973, he was named editor and, upon Dillon's retirement in 1977, he became the executive director, retaining his position of editor through 1984.

News from the American Orchid Society: 2013 AOS conservation calendars are available: Photographs are of orchids in their natural habitat. This large 11x22", full-color calendar contains 14 months so you can keep dates into 2014. Enjoy the beauty of orchids in the wild as you support conservation, with \$2 of each calendar purchase going to fund AOS conservation projects. Wholesale pricing for groups available for boxes of 12. They make great holiday gifts for your orchid loving friends and family!

RBG Orchid Show Display, Oct. 2012: Great Group Dynamics! Great Display!



The set-up crew arrives and materials unloaded.



More arrive.



The concept is taking shape



The plants arrive and registration to start.



Oops, another arrives and is put to work.



Did someone need a shopping break?



Final discussions and display study.



Final touches.



Display is ready and registration tags in place.



Display after judging Saturday morning.



RBG/COC diner and auction.



Exhausted & ready to travel on Sunday. (RBG Trophy inset).

Windsor Orchid Society Display – 1st Best in Class.

Cattleya [C.] Hybrid – Mary

Prosthechea [Psh.] cochleata – Louise

Epidendrum [Epi.] diffusum – Ed

Coryanthes [Crths.] speciosa – Ray

Tolumnia [Tolu.] Di Cionmo Giuseppe – Ed

Vascostylis [Vasco.] Crownfox Red Gem – Renee

Cattleya [C.] Angel Song – Renee

Haraella [Hal.] retrocalla – Ray

Phragmipedium [Phrag.] hirtzii – Ray

2nd

2nd

3rd

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1st

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Lycaste [Lyc.] Always x Lycaste [Lyc.] Auburn 'Semper Fidelis' - Jeannie

Rhyncholaeliocattleya [Rlc.] King of Taiwan 'Ta Hsin #1' – Renee

3rd

Vanda [V.] Rasri Gold x Vanda [V.] Doctor Anek #1 – Deb

Vanda [V.] Panchera Delight - Jeannie

Cattleya [C.] walkeriana – Ed

3rd

Cycnoches [Cyc.] Cooperi – Ray

2nd

Cattleya [C.] Cariad's Mini-Quinee 'Angel Kiss' – Jeannie

2nd

Oncidesa [Oncsa.] Aloha Iwanaga - Renee

Brassocatanthe [Bct.] Little Mermaid - Renee

Congratulations to the Society and all those able to participate! Well Done!



Things to do in the Fall:

We just returned from the AOS Members Meetings in Wilmington, Delaware and for us Floridians, it was refreshing to see autumn colors and feel some cool air. A frost was expected for the night we were leaving.

Like spring, fall is an important transitional season and orchid growers should be making preparations for the coming winter. As days get shorter and cooler, orchid growth will slow and in some cases, cease altogether. Unless a plant is in a crisis situation, put off any repotting until the lengthening days of spring. For many orchids, it is this change of seasonal conditions that begins flower initiation. As we move into November, be on the lookout for developing inflorescences on *Phalaenopsis*, *Cymbidium* and certain hybrids and species in other genera, and begin staking when spikes reach 6-8 inches.

If you have been summering some or all of your orchids outside, now is a good time to get your indoor growing area cleaned up and ready to welcome the returning orchids. Whether it is windowsill carts, a basement light setup or greenhouse, use diluted chlorine bleach (1:10) or Physan to clean off any accumulated algae. It is easier to make repairs when there are no plants, so make sure that your growing area is in top condition for the trying conditions of winter. Make sure that heaters are working and that you have plenty of fuel. If you use backup devices or alarms, test them too. Be sure to check plants thoroughly for pests before returning them to the close quarters of your indoor growing area or greenhouse.

For more detailed seasonal culture information on specific genera see Tom Mirenda's excellent monthly "Orchid Checklist" in Orchids magazine.

Some Orchids That Flower In The Winter Months:

The names below are derived from the Latin and Greek languages and can, at first, be daunting to pronounce. It's easier if you remember that, with few exceptions all letters are pronounced. You will often hear names pronounced somewhat differently than indicated below as a result of regional differences. There are also pronunciations that are not technically correct but have found their way into common useage. The common pronunciation, stan-HOPE-ee-ah rather than the technically correct stan-HOPE-ah for *Stanhopea* is an example. This pronunciation has no doubt evolved because of the "pronounce every letter rule" although that would sound more like stan-HOPE-AY-ah.

C= 50F minimum, I = 55F minimum, W = 60-65F minimum

Cattleya percivaliana (KAT-lee-ah purr-sih-VAL-ee-an-ah) and many of its hybrids (I)

Coelogyne cristata (see-loh-GUY-nee KRIS-tah-tah) (C)

Laelia superbiens (LAY-lee-ah sue-PURR-bee-enz) [also known as *Schomburgkia superbiens*]

Lycaste skinneri (lye-CASS-tee SKIN-er-eye) and many of its hybrids (I)

Trichocentrum cavendishianum (try-koe-SENT-rum cav-en-DISH-ee-an-um) [also long known as *Oncidium* - *Oncidium* is pronounced as on-SID-ee-um] (C)

Phaius tankervilleae (FAY-us tan-ker-VILL-eye) [the Nun's Orchid] (I)

Many *Phalaenopsis* (fail-en-NOP-sis) species and their hybrids (W)

Angraecum eburneum (W)

Angraecum sesquipedale (an-GRAY-kum sess-kwih-PED-ah-lee) (W)

Brassavola nodosa (bra-SAH-voe-lah NOE-dose-ah) (I)

Early flowering *Cymbidium* (sim-BID-ee-um) species and hybrids (C)

Dendrobium nobile (den-DRO-bee-um NOE-bee-lee) and its hybrids (C winter)

Epidendrum ciliare (I)

Laelia anceps (LAY-lee-ah an-SEPS) (I-C)

Many *Masdevallia* (maz-dee-VAHL-ee-ah) species and hybrids (C-I)

Rhynchostylis gigantea (rink-oh-STY-liss jye-gan-TEE-ah) (W)

Cattleya coccinea (KAT-lee-ah COCK-sinn-ee-ah) (C) and many of the miniature cattleyas developed from this species.

American Orchid Society Question & Answer:

Epsom Salts

Q: I have recently learned that Epsom salts work well for getting phalaenopsis to bloom. My questions are:

Does this work for all orchids? If not, which ones should get it, which ones definitely should not get it? How often do I apply Epsom salts? I've read everything from monthly to twice a year. How much do I apply? What does the Epsom salts do? Is magnesium not sufficiently present in fertilizer? So why is the boost from salts particularly important? — **T. Self**

A: You will not read much on this topic in regard to orchids for there has been little research done. As so often is the case, the myths and misinformation get spread widely, often by people selling something. However, this much is true: Magnesium is an essential element in orchid nutrition. In Europe, fertilizer formulas are often expressed as N-P-K-Mg, indicating that it is considered as a macroelement rather than a micronutrient. It can be made available to orchids in many forms. Potting mixes will often contain dolomitic lime for a slow-release source. Growers either top-dress with magnesium sulphate in the spring or they apply it dissolved in water in the autumn as a stand-alone application at 1tbs per gallon. Sophisticated growers will usually add magnesium in a chelated form to their liquid-fertilizer solutions. Plant need can be gauged by tissue analysis but this is probably more complex than most hobby growers can be bothered with.

Magnesium is critical to the flower-initiation process in orchids. Instances of disappointing flower production in *Cymbidium*, for example, have been linked to low levels of magnesium in plant tissue. The recent work with *Phalaenopsis* you have read supports previous studies on *Cymbidium* and it is reasonable to presume that magnesium is a macroelement for most orchid genera. — **Andy Easton**

The WOS/SOW and The AOS thanks Ned Nash, James Rose and Andy Easton for the above content.

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

Date	Speaker / Event	Topic	Plants for Sale?
Nov 25	Orchids in Our Tropics Doug & Terry Kennedy	Travel Adventure in South America	Yes (pre-orders available)
Dec 02	Winter Social Lake Erie Country Club	1-4 Potluck	TBA
Jan 27	Marsh Hollow Orchids Mario Ferrusi	A Cultural Question and Answer	Yes (pre-orders available)
Feb 24	Flora Peculia Terry Kowalczyk	Neofinetia falcata	Yes
Apr 28	Photo Contest	Orchids	TBA

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Show / Event Location and contact info if available

Oct 27-28: [Orchid Society of the R.B.G.](#) 680 Plains Rd., Burlington, also the COC AGM.
Nov 24-25: [Saginaw Valley Orchid Show](#) 1500 Wackerly, Midland, MI lasule@peoplepc.com

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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 16-17: [London Orchid Society Show](#) 1065 Sunnydale Rd., E., London, ON.

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.

