



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, Sept 23, 2012 Time: 1:30 p.m.

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

Topic: Brassavolas by Peter and Inge Poot. Peter and Inge are both AOS Judges.

Peter is also the COC (Canadian Orchid Congress) President. There will be 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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Inge and Peter Poot are both Accredited AOS Judges and very active in the Southern Ontario Orchid Society (SOOS), the Toronto Judging Centre, as well as the Canadian Orchid Congress (COC) and other organizations. Their last 'visit' (Feb. 2012 General Meeting) was by way of an informative and well-illustrated slide presentation on Stanhopeas that they had prepared for the Canadian Orchid Congress.

The latest AOS Bulletin, *ORCHIDS* (Vol. 81 No. 9 SEPTEMBER 2012), contains an extensive and excellent article written

by Inge and Peter on *Stanhopeas* subtitled *A Never-Ending Passion for these New World Orchids*. Many stunning photos accompany this article that highlights many species, hybrids and intergeneric crosses. It concludes with suggestions on how



best to grow these enticing plants with ephemeral, strange to some, alluring to most, flowers. All Members of the Windsor Orchid Society congratulate Inge and Peter for this tremendous publishing achievement.

This month our guest speakers are here to speak on Brassavolas, a more familiar genus from tropical America. Inge and Peter Poot, who grow in a greenhouse but also in their home, grow a wide variety of orchids for which they have won AOS Awards.

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 us know what you think. Maybe there are some fund raisers that you would like to see again.

Parking: Parking lot is now completed and members can park in Lot "L" behind the greenhouse building and walk to the meeting room. (Enter through the exit – the gate will be open).

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

UPCOMING COOS SHOW: If you have orchids in bloom for the Sept 29–30 COOS Orchid Show in Cambridge, please bring them to the Sunday Sept 23rd WOS General Meeting or leave them with Eunice during the week, Sept 23-27. No 28th drop offs (show travel and setup). Please call Eunice between 10:00am and 5:00pm at (519)253-4751 to make arrangements with her. Try to avoid lunch hour and no after hours calls please.

May meeting show table:

*** indicates best in show.



Exhibited by Louise (Best Species) ***



Exhibited by Chuck



Exhibited by Bernie



Exhibited by Norma (Best Hybrid) ***



Exhibited by Norma



Exhibited by Ed

Congratulations Louise: The July/August/September issue of the **Orchid Digest** honours you as a recent recipient of the ORCHID DIGEST Diamond Award with a well deserved write up.

A special thank you for contributing food and/or raffle items at the May meeting: Ed, Renee, Chuck, Jeannie, Betty and Norma. Don't forget to bring goodies to share if you think of it and please remember to sign the sign-in sheets to be recognized for your contributions.

A special thank you to all those involved in making our May Meeting run so smoothly.

New Member: Welcome Mark.



Exhibited by Jeannie



Exhibited by Renee

2012 Meeting of the new Executive: Ruth Neily, our gracious and generous hostess for this event provided us with an ideal outdoor setting under back yard trees where



we enjoyed our pot luck lunch before getting down to the work at hand, a too-long list of reports, recommendations, motions and resolutions, with more business left unfinished, to be tackled at the next Executive meeting. The following are key elements of the decisions made.



1. A Treasurer's report is forthcoming, our fiscal year ending only August 31. Signing authorities were established.
2. A small donation to the London Orchid Society was approved in appreciation for the invitation to WOS members to attend the excellent Fred Clarke presentation, refreshments provided.
3. The Website Committee report and recommendations were approved. (see: Report from the Chair of the Website Committee, p. 4 of this [*Newsletter*](#).)
4. There were no changes to the Society representation to the COC, AOS, MAOC and O.D. But do note the expanded list of Committees and some changes in personnel as listed on p. 1 of this [*Newsletter*](#). Take special note of Membership, Fund Raising, Web Master, Orders/Supplies, Conservation Liaison/Native Orchids. (see article below.)
5. Ed will be preparing the new criteria for the COC Award of 2012-13. Stay tuned.
6. Our Winter Social date is established as Sunday Dec.02, 1-4 p.m. Thanks Sue. (More information in due time).
7. From a motion tabled by Laurie, it was decided to move the annual Photo Contest from the busy May Annual Meeting date to the April General Meeting, a sensible proposal.
8. The May 2013 'Silent Auction' (overseen by Bernie in the other room) has been canceled in favour of sales tables. The actual auction with 'auctioneer' held in our meeting room will continue as usual. It is way too much fun and it is a very successful fund raiser. No messing with success, here.

By now, 4:30 pm, it was time to go home. We cannot thank Ruth enough for her thoughtfulness and staunch support of our Society. Ruth has been a member since our Society's first public meeting in 1985. Her home and gardens made the work needing to be done so relaxing that time just flew by. Chuck

Conservation Liaison/Native Orchids: The Executive approved a motion to participate in the '1% for Orchid Conservation', a commitment to budget 1% or more of our Society's net revenue towards in situ conservation projects of our choice. We have now become part of a network orchid societies and businesses, under the sponsorship of the Orchid Conservation Coalition (<http://www.orchidconservationcoalition.org>), promising this level of support for the same cause. The Orchid Conservation Coalition will charge us no fee, collect no donation, distribute no money. It exists to promote '1% for orchid conservation' and to record the donation of the participants and to what cause. Mary has agreed to Chair this Committee, with the help of some other volunteers. This Committee will oversee our involvement in the 1% project and other conservation endeavors.



(Editors' note: the photo above (right) is a native orchid that persisted in growing between the boards of Ruth's deck.)

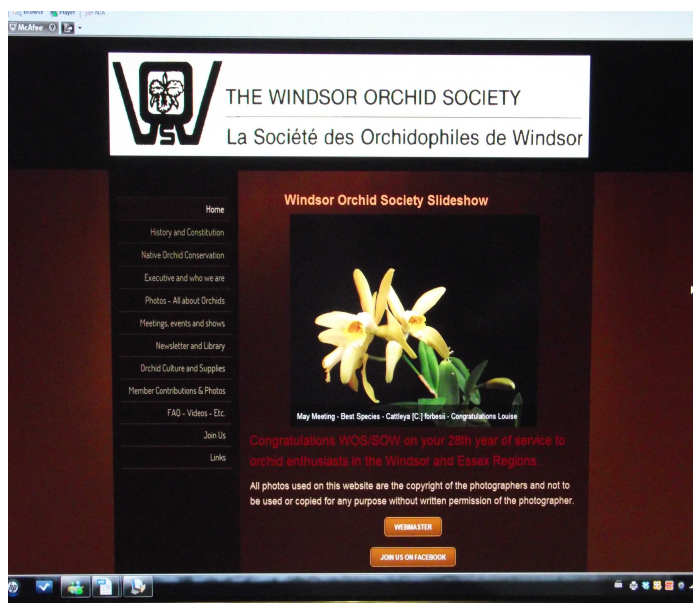
Photo Contest: We will have our fourth annual photo contest at the APRIL Meeting, new month, same rules as in the past. Take many great photos of your beautiful orchids and participate.

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

Report from the Chair of the Website Committee: This Summer in August, the Website Committee (Ed, Bernie, Louise, Eunice, Chuck, Mary absent) met again, this time to finalize plans long in the making for setting up a new, expanded Society Website that would meet all or most identified needs in a visually exciting but still very practical and useful format.

The Committee made the decision to contract with a certain Website Hosting Service whose programs and set of templates appeared best to meet our needs at a very reasonable cost. To further limit the costs and to maintain control over design and content, the Committee assigned Bernie Butts the task of actually designing, ready for publishing, this Website. The work is technical and Bernie has experience in the field. He agreed to follow as best he could our written directives that did provide him with a great element of independence to be creative. And... his services were free! Bernie was given a discretionary budget of up to \$100 (not used) and agreed to report to the Committee his accomplishments by mid-September.

The above motions and recommendations passed in Committee unanimously. The Website Committee's report with proposals were in turn passed unanimously at the August 16 WOS/SOW Executive meeting.



By the last week of August, in a little more than two weeks, Bernie had a stunning Website ready for viewing, testing and critiquing by Committee and Executive members. After a bit more tweaking, the new Website was 'published' for all Society members to visit, appreciate, enjoy and use. With the link www.windsororchidsociety.ca, Bernie announced the official launch of our Society's new Website. Members are encouraged to bookmark the site and if you have not yet navigated it from start to finish, please do so. You will be impressed. If you have any suggestions to make for improvements, any additions you would like to see, let the Web Master (Bernie of course) know and he may agree. And remember, this is primarily a 'working' site not only to be visited but also used and you are encouraged to contribute to it. Submissions such as your best orchid photos, your orchid related experiences and observations or orchid articles of interest are welcome. Of course, any questions you might have can be asked. Please use and enjoy the site. Chuck

Remembering Bob Erdelan: Many Society members will remember former WOS/SOW member Bob Erdelan who passed away August 05 at the age of 84. Orchids were only one of his many 'environmental passions' (animal rights, horticulture and conservation). Bob was also active in drama and music and had taught in Detroit. Our condolences to his family and friends, especially to our fellow Society member, Eleanor.

Enter to win:

Write an essay on "Why _____ Is My Favorite Orchid Genus" – you fill in the blank -- and win up to \$100.00! If you prefer to write about your favorite orchid or species within a genus, that will be fine, too. The essay should be no more than 500 words in length and submitted no later than October 1st to Doris Asher, Chair, Mid-America Communications Committee (asherdoris@juno.com) – winners will be announced at the Congress' Sunday Business Meeting in Independence, MO, October 28, 2012. 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 Mid-American, the newsletter of the Mid-America Orchid Congress.

President's Message: Ramblings of your new President

Thank you Society members for your confidence. I will do my best to carry on what our dedicated and effective immediate Past President along with his hard working Executive Members began a few years back, the revitalization of our WOS/SOW. They have provided all of us interesting and worthy monthly programs, with many orchids for sale. Our traditional and often fun activities, our fabulous refreshments, the organized trips, the displays at shows, a dependable and informative monthly Newsletter, many successful events, contests, and all those memorable social moments, they were all there. To all who have contributed in so many other ways, volunteering, participating, donating, you are thanked. You are what this Society is all about, a collegial group of orchid-lovers with friendly manners. So that all these good and great things may continue, the new Executive will need much assistance from all of you.

A noteworthy announcement at the start of this new orchid season is the launching of our excellent new website. We thank the Website Committee for its decisions and proposals and Bernie, the Web Master, for making it happen.

The results are outstanding. www.windsororchidsociety.ca





Monthly Checklist for September and October:

Cattleya

Despite the shortening days and lowering angle of the sun, September can still be one of the hottest months. Water and fertilizer need to be in balance with heat and light. The alert grower will notice, however, that his or her plants are beginning to slow down a bit. Growths are maturing, and the sheaths are giving the promise of the next six-months' bloom.

Check plants for potting needs for the last time this season. Any in dire need should be potted, even some that may be on the cusp, as there is just enough of the growing season left to allow the plants to establish before the days start to get really short and cold.

This is the month for purples derived from *Cattleya labiata* breeding to flower. If you are short on flowers, look into this group. There is nothing that can quite match this type for beauty and fragrance. They are easy to grow, too.

Plants summered outdoors should begin to be prepared to be brought back into the winter growing area. Clean the plants up and be on the lookout for any pests they may have picked up during the summer. Treat as necessary.

Cycnoches

This little-known and under-appreciated genus, which can have male or female flowers, is at its best in the autumn. Two of the spectacular varieties are *Cycnoches loddigesii*, with its large brown flowers resembling a prehistoric bird, and *Cycnoches chlorochilon*, the swan orchid. This last one has large, fragrant green flowers. The biggest problem, culturally, will be red spider mite infestations that require immediate attention. Plants are quite seasonal, requiring heavy watering in the growing season and then a drier dormant winter season.

Cymbidium

Summer can be the most rewarding season for cymbidiums. Growths should be coming strong now. The leaves of the new growths are best when they are broad and fairly stiff. The color should be a light green to nearly yellow. Early flowering varieties should be showing flower spikes, so move the plants into a cooler area with lower light. For mid-season varieties, lower the dosage of nitrogen to assist in spike initiation.

Dendrobium

This is a good season for hybrids of the *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* and *Dendrobium canaliculatum* types. Both are capable of putting on tremendous shows of long-lasting flowers. Fertilize with a low-nitrogen formula to promote the best flowers. *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* can get tall and top heavy, suggesting an attractive and heavy container would be appropriate for this type.

Rhynchostele bicktoniensis

Both *Rhynchostele bicktoniensis* and its hybrids bloom in this season. *Rhynchostele bicktoniensis*, formerly known as *Lemboglossum*, *Odontoglossum*) is a showy species from Mexico that has three different color forms: sulphureum (green with white lip), album (brown with white lip) and roseum (brown with a pink lip). It is a vigorous grower with tall inflorescences of many flowers, and imparts to its progeny (as seen in *Odcdm*, *Bittersweet* and *Odm. bicross*) ease of culture, warmth tolerance and eye-catching patterns. They make a prime candidate for *odontoglossum* beginners and advanced alike.

Paphiopedilum

Standard, green-leaved *paphiopedilums* begin to show their bloom sheaths this month. Late-season heat waves can blast these early sheaths, so be observant about proper cooling and air circulation. As with the rest of your plants that may have been summered outdoors, it is time to prepare for their move inside. Clean each plant and implement pest-control practices. Repotting, if necessary, is appropriate.

Phalaenopsis

The bulk of this season's growth is being ripened this month, with growers in cooler climates seeing the first emerging inflorescences. Some night heating may be necessary in the cooler areas. Begin to watch watering more carefully, and reduce feeding proportionately with reduced watering needs. An extra dose of phosphorus and potassium, such as a bloom-booster or high-acid-type fertilizer, is beneficial.

Rossioglossum grande

Once known as *Odontoglossum grande*, this is a spectacular orchid with six to eight flowers up to 8 inches across. Often known as the tiger orchid, it has bright golden yellow flowers heavily marked with chestnut brown barring. The plants are beautiful with a grey-green cast to the foliage, which is borne on succulent pseudobulbs. It prefers hot and wet summers with cooler, even down to 40 F, dry winters. Grow under filtered light. Watch for snails and slugs that eat the flowers, pseudobulbs and leaves.

The WOS/SOW and The AOS thanks Ned Nash and James Rose for this essay.

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

Date	Speaker / Event	Topic	Plants for Sale?
Sept 23	Peter and Inge Poot	Brassavolas	Yes
Oct 21	Crystal Star Orchids Eric and Ellen Lee	Awarded Plants	Yes
Nov 25	Orchids in Our Tropics Doug & Terry Kennedy	TBA	Yes
Dec 02	Winter Social Lake Erie Country Club	1-4 Potluck	TBA
April 28	Photo Contest	Orchids	

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Show / Event Location and contact Info if available

- Sept 29-30: [The Central Ontario Orchid Society](#), Cambridge Hespeler Arena, 640 Ellis Road, Cambridge.
 Oct 13-14: [Eastern Canada Orchid Society](#), Hotel Espresso & Conference Center, 1005 rue Guy, Mtl.
 Oct 19-21: [Fraser Valley Orchid Society](#), George Preston Rec. Centre, 20699 42nd Ave, Langley, BC
 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: [The Southern Ontario Orchid Society](#) Toronto Botanical Garden, Edwards Gardens.

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: _____

