



THE WINDSOR ORCHID SOCIETY

La Société des Orchidophiles de Windsor

Congratulations WOS/SOW on your 30th year of service to orchid enthusiasts in Windsor and Essex County.

Visit us on the web at: www.windsororchidsociety.ca

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Next Meeting: Sunday, April 24, 2016 Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: St. Clair College, Room 192A (Horticultural Building)

Guests are welcome

Guest Speaker: Doug and Terry Kennedy
Orchids In Our Tropics (plants will be available for sale)

Topic: Growing Oncidiums



The Windsor Orchid Society continues to meet from September to May (excluding December) on the last Sunday of each month. Occasionally meetings are re-scheduled when we are participating at Orchid Shows that are scheduled for the same weekend as the General meeting or if the regular meeting date falls on a holiday. Watch the Newsletter and website announcements for these changes.

Executive Members

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Society Representatives

COC Rep.:	Ed Cott
AOS Rep.:	Ed Cott
MAOC Rep.:	Doris Asher
OD Rep.:	Ed Cott

Committee Appointments

Archives:	Eunice Bragg
Budget:	Ed Cott - Betty Levar
Conservation:	Mary Caspers

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Fund-raising:	Mary Caspers - Ed Cott- Jackie Hay
Hospitality:	Justine Cloutier
Library:	Open
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Program:	Ed Cott
Publicity:	Deb Boersma
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Orders / Supplies:	Ed Cott
WebSite:	Mark Whelan
	Ed Cott
Welcoming:	Renee Gignac
Winter Social:	Sue Alexander
Webmaster:	Mark Whelan

March Plant Table

Best Species



Cattleya skinneri
John Doherty



Best Hybrid (?)



Paph haynaldianum
Deb Boersma



Laleiocattleya Mini-Quinee
Mary Welacky



Scaphosepalum breve
Shari Clark



Bifrenaria harrissonae 'Ruth'
Deb Boersma



Cochleanthes amizonica
Mary Welacky





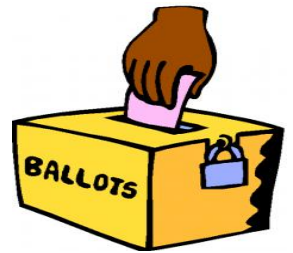
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Elections!!

May is around the corner, have you put more thought into or Executive elections? All of the positions are open for nominations. If you would like to nominate someone for an Executive position, submit it in writing to Renee Gignac, Society Secretary. The elections are held during the Annual Meeting in May. This is your opportunity to participate in the planning and organizing of the Society – please consider allowing your name to stand.

Positions:

President, Vice-President, Secretary, Assistant-Secretary, and Treasurer



Nominations to date:

Shari Clark has been nominated for Treasurer and has accepted this nomination



Bizarre Bazaar

The May meeting is our Annual Meeting which means we take care of some of the administrative issues of the Society including the elections and the presentation of awards.

One of the best parts of the meeting is the traditional plant and “Orchid stuff” auction. For this, we rely on the generous contributions of members and others. This is the time to start thinking about making those plant divisions and consider an auction donation. Plants with No ID are generally put in the raffle. Plants labeled are usually put into the auction. To prepare adequately, we like to have the donations in advance of the May meeting.





Phrag Potting Mix

- Aliflor - 2 parts
- Grow Stone – 2 parts
- Diatomite – 1 part



Isopropyl Alcohol/409 Mixture

- 1 pint Isopropyl Alcohol
- 1 pint Formula 409 cleaner
- Pour both in 1 gallon jug
- Fill remainder of jug with water
- Mix thoroughly
- Pour into hand sprayer

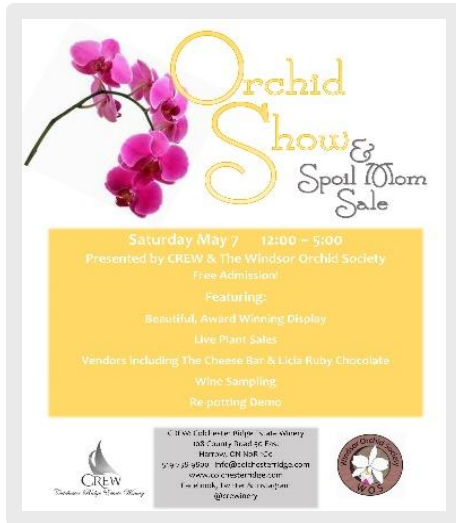


*see page 646 Orchid Magazine – Nov. 2015

The WOS was pleased to have John and Penny Curtin visit earlier in the year. In his presentation, John discussed the formula for his Phragmipedium potting mix he uses semi-hydroponically and also a formula for a handy bug spray.



Mark your calendars for this exciting event! Please share this poster on Kijiji and all Social Media



Saturday May 7th. Noon to 5pm
Presented by Crew Winery and Windsor Orchid Society
Free Admission
Beautiful award winning display
Live plant sale
Vendors and activities include:
The Cheese Bar and Licia Ruby Chocolate
Wine sampling
Repotting Demo



The WOS display, designed and set-up by Mark Whelan At the 2016 Orchid Show of the Toronto Artistic Orchid Association (Toronto Chinese Society). The display placed Third among all Society displays. Well done!! Thanks Mark and to everyone contributing plants and materials - Mark, Jeannie, Renee, Deb, Felicia, Ed and John D.





A special thank you for contributing food and raffle items at the March meeting: Thanks so much to everyone who brought in snacks for the refreshment table and raffle items. Please remember to sign the sheets to be recognized for your contributions. Thanks to Eunice, Lily, Justine, Mary W and Dr. John Doherty

Orchid Supplies: Potting mix, Physan, sphagnum, pots, fertilizer, totes, etc., are available at the meeting. Special request? See our Special Orders and Supplies Committee Chair – Ed Cott. Supplies can also be ordered through the website.

Parking: Members can park in Lot "L" behind the greenhouse building & walk to the meeting room. (Vehicles enter through the exit gate - it will be open). Although the spaces indicate it is for Handicap Parking, this is not enforced on Sunday. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE DRIVEWAY ADJACENT TO THE BUILDING**

Windsor Orchid Society 2016 Programming Guide! - Mark your calendar

Date	Speaker / Event	Topic	Plants for Sale?
April 23 – 24	<u>Michigan Orchid Society Show</u>	United Ford & Commercial Workers Union Bldg876 Horace Brown St. Madison Heights, Michigan	Yes
Apr 24	<u>WOS –General Meeting</u>	Doug and Terry Kennedy Orchids in our Tropics – Growing Oncidiums	Yes
May 7	<u>Orchid Show and Spoil Mom Sale</u>	Crew Winery 108 County Rd 50 East Harrow, On	Yes
May 29	<u>WOS –General Meeting and Auction</u>	 ST.CLAIR ROOM TO BE ANNOUNCED	Yes
June, July, August	<u>Summer Field Trips</u>	TBD	

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Membership – Dues are Now PAST Due!

Send your contact information along with payment to:

The Windsor Orchid Society, C/O Betty Levar, 1822 Chilver Road, Windsor, Ontario. N8W 2T8 (or see Betty at the meeting)

Annual Dues are \$20.00 single and \$25.00 family/joint membership.