



THE WINDSOR ORCHID SOCIETY

La Société des Orchidophiles de Windsor

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Congratulations WOS/SOW on your 29th year of service to orchid enthusiasts.

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

No.7 2013/2014

Next Meeting: Sunday, April 27, 2014 Time: 1:30 p.m.

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Ted Kloske is the Manager of the Henry's Photography Store on Howard Avenue. Ted will take us through the basics of photography and focus on the issues to consider when photographing orchids.

Members are encouraged to bring their cameras and to participate in a photo workshop if you choose.

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A special thank you for contributing food and raffle items at the February meeting: Thanks so much to everyone who brought in snacks for the refreshment table and raffle items. Please remember to sign the sign-in sheets to be recognized for your contributions. Thanks to Jackie, Eunice, Lily, Pam, Betty and Mark .

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.*

Congratulations Mario & Conni Ferrusi!

At the April 5, 2014 orchid judging held Toronto Centre, Mario and Conni Ferrusi received both an FCC (First Class Certificate) and a CCE (Certificate of Cultural Excellence) for their *Dracula navarrorum* 'Marsh Hollow Magic'. These are the highest and prestigious awards to achieve. Our congratulations!



(Photos courtesy of Jay Norris @ RavenVision)



The Orchid Show of the London Orchid Society - March 15 & 16, 2014

Many thanks to those members who had plants to enter in the display including Deb Boersma, Renee Gignac, Ed Cott, Mario Ferrusi and Jeannie Gascoigne.



Show Results:

- First Place –
 - Dendrobium Hybrid (Jeannie Gascoigne)
- Second Place -
 - Phal. schilleriana (Ed Cott)
 - Lepanthopsis astrophora 'Stalky' (Ed Cott)
 - Dpts. Chain Xen Pearl x Phal. Da Chien Spider Beauty (Deb Boersma)
 - Leptotes bicolor (Jeannie Gascoigne)
 - Encyclia codigera (Deb Boersma)
 - Masd. Copper Dust 'Angel Face' AM/AOS (Mario Ferrusi)
- Third place
 - Lycaste Jackpot x Pemberley (Renee Gignac)
 - Wilsonara Eye Candy 'Penny Candy' (Renee Gignac)

Pictures from the March 2014 Meeting (Photos by Hung Le)



(L-R) – Ed Cott reviews the plant table; President, Deb Boersma presiding over the meeting; Mary Welacky is surprised to be one of the lucky raffle winners.



***Maxillariella tenuifolia* (Lindl.) M.A.Blanco & Carnevali**



Like *Brassavola nodosa*, *Maxillaria tenuifolia* is one of those orchids that belongs in every collection. While small plants remain compact, it may also be grown into a specimen in a rather short period of time. The grasslike foliage makes an attractive houseplant even when not in flower. Being a widely distributed species, it is adaptable to a broad range of growing conditions. Also known as the "coconut orchid", this *Maxillaria* will perfume the home or greenhouse with its coconut-scented flowers and delight family and visitors.

The genus as we have accepted it in the past has undergone considerable transformation. A new classification system proposed by Mark Whitten PhD and Mario Blanco in the February 2011 issue of *ORCHIDS* should lend clarity to what was once a large and diverse genus. While the names change, the orchids stay the same for us to enjoy in our collections. If you are one who likes to be on the cutting edge of orchid taxonomy, you may change your nametags for this species to *Maxillariella tenuifolia* which is fortunately, not a major name change to remember. It is a pity that this group of orchids is not better known outside a dozen or so popular members. There are many fine species, both large and small, well worth growing and suited to all types of culture from cool to warm, shady to bright.

Flowers are produced from the base of the pseudobulbs in the spring. This photograph shows the typical coloration.



This species was discovered near Veracruz, Mexico by Karl Theodore Hartweg and described by Lindley in 1837 in the *Botanical Register*. It is primarily a low elevation species found from Mexico to Costa Rica at elevations up to 1500m (4921ft). The best temperature range for cultivation is warm to intermediate, providing temperatures no lower than 50 ° F (10° C) day or night. The long rhizome makes for a somewhat straggly plant that wants to "climb" out of a pot, but a good sized plant can be easily kept in a six inch pot. It will eventually start to droop over the edge as it grows up but by that time, you should plan to repot it anyway as it will take a couple of years to reach that stage by which time the media will need replacing. Basket culture is an optimal solution to accommodate this growth habit and a slab of tree fern will work equally well, although not offer as tidy a presentation.

Here is a plant growing in situ on a tree limb in Belize. Note the dappled light.

Most elements of *Max. tenuifolia* culture are quite forgiving with the main consideration being the avoidance of stale or soggy media. We have grown it in all sorts of media including osmunda, fir bark, coconut husk fiber or chunks and of course, fir bark mixes. The paramount quality of the media is that it does not stay consistently wet so sphagnum may be the least suitable choice. Plants should not be watered again until dry, or just approaching dry. Fertilize along with your other orchids every week or two using a half strength solution of balanced fertilizer. Light tolerance is broad for this species and it can be grown in a bright greenhouse, or with "Phals" on a windowsill. Lower light will produce long whip-like foliage and a more straggly plant as it reaches for the light. Should your plant not flower, you will need to give it more light. Flowering season is March-April and flowers last for a week to ten days or longer if kept cool. Flower color is typically oxblood red with a spotted lip, but yellow color forms are known to exist. Plants propagate easily and are always readily available in the trade so there is no excuse to not have one in your collection. **Greg Allikas - April, 2011**



In Memorium – Vern Richards (1928-2014)

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Vern Richards on April 6, 2014 at the age of 85. Vern, along with his late wife 'Dot', was a long-time member and former Executive member of the Windsor Orchid Society who supported our group in many ways over the years. We will miss his sense of humour, his smile and his charming east coast accent.

The March Plant Table



The following plants were also brought in for the plant table:

Paph. fairreanum – Louise Holt
Encyclia cordigera – Deb Boersma
Haraella retrocalla – Deb Boersma
Paph. Winston Churchill – Betty Levar
Lycaste Gladys Eljuri – Deb Boersma



Best species – *Dendrobium anosmum* (Renee Gignac) – left photo

Best Hybrid – *Catasetum Crownfox Voodoo 'SVO' x Catasetum pileatum v. imperiale* (Deb Boersma)

(Note: This hybrid is registered as *Ctsm. Jessie Ang*)

CASH FOR BEST ESSAY

The Mid-America Orchid Congress invites you to enter their essay contest. Write an essay on “My problem with orchids is...” (writer fills in the blank) -- and win up to \$100.00! The essay should be no more than 500 words in length and submitted no later than October 1st to Doris Asher (asherdoris@juno.com) – winners will be announced at the Congress' Sunday Business Meeting in Columbus, OH, November 9, 2014. 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 Congress's newsletter, The Mid-American. For more information or if you have questions, contact Doris Asher via email or by phone (517-332-0004).



Windsor Orchid Society 2013-2014 Programming Guide! - mark your calendar

Date	Speaker / Event	Topic	Plants for Sale?
April 26&27	Toronto Artistic Orchid Association Show	Multipurpose Hall of Center for Information and Community Services, 2330 Midland Avenue, Toronto, Ontario	YES
April 27	WOS - General Meeting	Speaker – Ted Kloske (Henry's Photography) Topic: <i>Photographing Orchids</i>	YES
May 25	WOS - General Meeting	Annual Meeting, Awards and Auction Bizarre Bazaar	YES
May 30 & 31	Annual Orchid Festival in the Bruce Peninsula National Park	www.orchidfest.ca for information	No – Do Not Pick the Flowers!
Aug 10	SOOS Summer Fest	Roy Tokunaga of H&R Orchids	YES – pre-order info to follow
Oct 18	Michigan Societies Co-Host a Special Meeting with Norito Hasegawa	<i>Multifloral Paphs and their Breeding</i> Presbyterian Church of Okemos 2258 Bennett Road, Okemos, Mich	YES (subject to border clearance)
Oct 25 th & 26 th	Windsor Orchid Society Show and Sale "Falling for Orchids"	Teutonia Club of Windsor 55 Edinborough, Windsor, ON	YES

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Membership

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.