



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

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Next Meeting: Sunday, February 23, 2014 Time: 1:30 p.m.

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

Guest Speaker: MGS Horticultural Inc.

Topic: Biological Pest Control

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.



Starting at 1:00pm., members will have an opportunity to buy plants and divisions from fellow members. The regular meeting will convene at 1:30 but members will have further opportunity at the break to purchase. If you have some plants you would like to sell, be sure to clearly price the plant, identify yourself on the pot and be sure the plant has a name tag. If your plant is a "No Name" variety, mark the tag as such but identify the genus (Paphiopedilum, Phalaenopsis, etc.) You should bring in the plants you have for sale between 12:30 and 1:00 pm so they can be properly placed in the sales room. One member will be assigned to collect all monies from the sales and the proceeds will be distributed at the end of the meeting.

Plants should be free of any pests or diseases (to the best of your knowledge). Based on your sales, the Society asks that you consider a donation of some portion of your proceeds to the Society – the amount is at your discretion. **NO SALES WILL TRANSACT BEFORE 1PM** to be fair to all members.

When buying plants, be aware:

- The WOS cannot be held accountable for the health and condition of plants sold. Transactions are between the Seller and the Buyer.
- When you get your new acquisitions home, isolate them from your collection for a period of 2-3 weeks and monitor them for pests.
- You may want to use an application of insecticidal soap (Bronner's or Safer's) every 4-5 days as an extra precaution.
- If plants have been newly transplanted or divided, roots may not be fully established so be cautious of your watering, feeding and staking habits.



A special thank you for contributing food and raffle items at the January meeting: Thanks so much to everyone who brought in snacks for the refreshment table – including Eunice, Betty, Norma, Deb, Jackie, Mary and Louise. Please remember to sign the sign-in sheets to be recognized for your contributions. Raffle items were contributed by Kathleen.

Orchid Supplies: Bark, Phyan, 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.*

The January Meeting Plant Table (photos courtesy of Ed Cott and Lynn O'Shaughnessy)

Unfortunately, due to the weather, our Society photographer, Hung Le, was unable to attend the meeting. The plant table was one of the most extensive we have ever had but, unfortunately, we have no photos. The photos presented are facsimiles of the winning flowers and have been obtained from OrchidWiz software.

Pictured below are the "Best Hybrid" – *Rossioglossum Rawdon Jester* (grown by Deb Boersma) and the "Best Species" – *Dendrobium speciosum* (grown by Louise Holt).



Attention Aspiring Writers!! - CASH FOR BEST ESSAY

The Mid-America Orchid Congress (MAOC) 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, 2014 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).



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

Date	Speaker / Event	Topic	Plants for Sale?
March 1-2	Orchid Show of the Royal Botanical Gardens	680 Plains Rd.W., Burlington, Ont.	Yes
March 15-16	Orchid Show of the London Orchid Society	Mother Teresa Catholic Secondary School 1065 Sunningdale Road East, London, Ontario	Yes
March 30	Windsor Orchid Society General Meeting	Pat Vuurman – Growing Phragmipediums	Yes
April 27	Windsor Orchid Society General Meeting	Orchid Photography	Yes
May 25	Annual General Meeting	Bizarre Bazaar	Yes
Oct. 25 th & 26 th	Windsor Orchid Society Show – 2014	Teutonia Club of Windsor 55 Edinborough Street Windsor, Ontario N8X 3C3	Yes



Southern Ontario Orchid Society Show

SOOS held their annual Valentines Orchid Show on February 8 & 9th at the Toronto Botanical Gardens. With plants contributed by Renee Gignac, Ray Savoie, Deb Boersma, Jeannie Gascoigne, Mario Ferrusi and Ed Cott (and some foliage plants from Eunice Bragg), Jeannie and Ed spent the Friday afternoon, before the show, to assemble the WOS display pictured here. Many thanks to all those who contributed. As usual, it was a great show and the warm hospitality of the SOOS was greatly appreciated.

Membership

Send your contact information along with payment to:

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

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

Wanted – Newsletter Editor

The WOS is seeking a volunteer to take over the duties of Newsletter Editor. The position requires someone who is very adept at using Microsoft WORD and who can meet tight deadlines for the printing, mailing, publication and e-mailing of the monthly Newsletter.

The editor is responsible for seeking all Newsletter content, photographs, announcements, program schedule, etc., from the responsible members of the Society, for inclusion in the Newsletter.

Interested members should contact Deb Boersma, Society President (e-mail DBoersma@stclaircollege.ca).