



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](http://www.windsororchidsociety.ca)

No.4 2015/2016

**Next Meeting: Sunday, January 31, 2016 Time: 1:30 p.m.**  
**Location: St. Clair College, Room 192A (Horticultural Building)**



Guests are welcome

**Guest Speaker - John Curtin – Michigan Orchid Society**

**Topic – Dealing with Orchid Pests**

John has been growing and hybridizing orchids for over 35 years. He is a member of the Michigan Orchid Society and The American Orchid Society. He is a frequent speaker at various orchid meetings as well as special community events. His current collection totals over 1000 orchids. His plants have won numerous local and national awards.

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.

**Dues are PAST Due!!! See Betty Levar at the meeting.**

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**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**



## **Alan Koch's Murphy Oil recipe for Pests (BY REQUEST)**

**Murphy Oil Soap is a cleaning product marketed by Colgate-Palmolive. It is available in a thick liquid form, as well as a trigger spray bottle. Commercials for the product state that the product is ideal for cleaning wooden surfaces.**

**Despite the name, oil soap does not contain oil; it contains potassium soap manufactured from vegetable oil. The other constituents of Murphy Oil Soap are sodium EDTA, propylene glycol, fragrance, surfactants, and water.**

**Oil soap is commonly used to clean and polish horse tack, such as bridles and saddles. The oil soap is also an excellent lubricant to use with water when throwing clay on a potter's wheel**

**Use the Basic Mix described for light cleaning – 60mL of Murphy Oil to 4 L of warm water. You can keep this as a stock solution and mix it as follows:**

**An old time formula for mites and pests is**

- 1/3 70% isopropyl alcohol (to dry the critters),**
- 1/3 Murphy Oil Soap (to suffocate them) and 1/3 distilled water to spread it out.**

**The Murphy Oil Soap should be diluted as per label instructions for light cleaning before measuring the 1/3 into the mixture. Use distilled water as to not affect the oil. (Victoria water is pure enough to use, distilled water is not necessary.) For the mites that cause sheaths to dry Alan said we should use it at night in the bracts covering the pseudobulbs of plants, not on the leaves.**

### **WARNINGS**

**If it has contact with eyes, rinse thoroughly with water**

**If swallowed, drink a glass of water to dilute**

**Taken from the Victoria Orchid Society November Newsletter.**



## Upcoming Shows 2016

Southern Ontario Orchid Society  
**ORCHID SHOW & SALE**  
FEB. 13 & 14, 2016  
Sat & Sun 11am - 5pm

**\$2. off**  
general admission  
one coupon  
per person

**Toronto  
Botanical  
Garden**

**Admission:  
\$12.00 cash only**  
supervised children under 12 free  
no large backpacks or tripods

**for Photographers only: limited admission \$20**  
Sat 5:30-7:30 pm Sun 9-11am

Royal Botanical Gardens  
**ORCHID SOCIETY**

35<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Spring  
*Orchid*  
Show & Sale

*Thousands of  
orchid blooms  
to see!*

Orchid Cultural Seminars,  
Orchid Sales & Art Displays  
Admission free with admission to RBG.

Royal Botanical Gardens  
680 Plains Rd. W., Burlington, ON

Saturday, February 27, 2016  
Noon - 5pm

Sunday, February 28, 2016  
10am - 5pm

Photographers Sunday  
8am - 10am

Visit our website for additional information  
**www.osrbg.ca**


Receive **\$3 OFF** an adult or  
senior admission to the RBG.\*  
\*Not to be used in conjunction with any other offers or  
discounts. No cash value. Limit one \$3 discount per  
coupon. Valid only February 27 & February 28, 2016.

 **ORCHIDEXPO 2016**  
EXPOSITION INTERNATIONALE D'ORCHIDÉES

Collège de Maisonneuve  
2700 Bourbonnière, Mtl  
Métro Pie IX

Samedi-19 mars  
12h à 18h  
Dimanche-20 mars  
9h à 17h

Adultes \$10  
Enfants et aînés \$8



**www.orchidophilesmontreal.ca**

Photo: Coelogyne gaudibosa par A. Proquin

by John Marcotte..... [www.OrchidsCanada.com](http://www.OrchidsCanada.com)

Something that I've noticed lately being discussed online is the use of Concentrated Lemon Juice in the irrigation water as a means to add Citric acid and Malic acid, which is beneficial to the plants ability to take up nutrients and be a healthy green. There is an interesting discussion on SlipperTalk. Here is a link:

<http://www.slippertalk.com/forum/showthread.php?t=38369>

I am not endorsing this. I merely present it as some food for thought for those of you who like to keep up with the latest thinking on how to grow our plants well. I will be playing around with this idea in the months to come to see if I find that I get the same results. Being able to green up stubborn, yellowing plants sounds great! So, I hope it works



### An Update on Our Friend (and Honourary Member) Mario Ferrusi

As many of you are aware, Mario was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma last summer and has been undergoing chemotherapy up until just before Christmas. This week, I received an e-mail from him and I want to share the contents with you. It is an update on Mario's status as written by his daughter Ilia:

*"His latest CT scan showed that the chemotherapy did not get rid of his lymphoma. In some places the tumours were shrunk or eliminated but he has new tumours on his liver. It turns out that the return of his fever last week actually was due to the lymphoma and not due to after effects of chemotherapy.*

*Dad's doctor is treating this seriously, and he will be starting preparation for a stem cell transplant next week. The first step of preparation is for dad to do a 2 rounds of intense chemotherapy, and he'll start that next Thursday. The intense chemotherapy is intended to kill any tumours in his body. Then they will collect a sample of his bone marrow. After his marrow is collected, dad will be staying in the hospital while they give him an extremely intense round of chemotherapy that will completely wipe out his immune system. After that, they will give him back some of his 'cleaned' bone marrow and he will stay in hospital for a minimum of 2 weeks, but it could be longer depending on how long it takes for the transplant to take hold and his immune system to build again. Dad will be in a special section of the hospital because he will be so susceptible to infection, but he will still be able to have visitors.*

*Dad's doctor has told him that he'll either be at the Juravinski Cancer Centre in Hamilton or Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto for the bone marrow transplant. I'll let you know more when I find out.*

*That's as much as I know at this stage. I don't want to frighten you, but I do want you to know that dad's in for a serious fight that's even more difficult than what he's already been through. I will be coming home and working from Canada while he's having his bone marrow transplant so that I can help out."*

So there you have it, Mario's fight is not over and it will not be easy for him. I have expressed our concerns and best wishes but I am sure he would be further encouraged to hear it directly from you. I am glad he has the love and support of Conni and their children to be with him during this phase of his treatment.

## **Christmas Social 2015 – a terrific turnout and great fun**



Many thanks to Sue Alexander for arranging the use of the LECC Club house for our function.



**Windsor Orchid Society 2015-2016 Programming Guide! - Mark your calendar**

Date	Speaker / Event	Topic	Plants for Sale?
Jan 31	<u>WOS –General Meeting</u>	John Curtin – Michigan Orchid Society TBD	Yes
Feb 13 - 14	<u>SOOS Annual Show</u>	Toronto Botanical Gardens Lawrence Avenue, Toronto	Yes
Feb 28	<u>WOS –General Meeting</u>	American Orchid Society - Webinar	Yes
Feb 27 - 28	<u>Royal Botanical Gardens Annual Show</u>	Royal Botanical Gardens Plains Road, Burlington, ON	Yes
Mar 19 - 20	<u>Les Orchidophiles de Montreal</u>	(Info on Page 3 – see coupon)	Yes
Mar 27	<u>WOS –General Meeting</u>	Jean Allen-Ikeson – Topic TBD	Yes
April 9 - 10	<u>Toronto Artistic orchid Association Show</u>	2330 Midland Avenue, M1S 5G5	Yes
Apr 24	<u>WOS –General Meeting</u>	TBD	Yes
May 29	<u>WOS –General Meeting and Auction</u>		Yes

**Membership – Dues are Now 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.**