



THE WINDSOR ORCHID SOCIETY

La Société des Orchidophiles de Windsor

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Next Meeting: Sunday, March 17, 2013 Time: 1:30 p.m.

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

Topic: Paphiopedilum Species – A Presentation from the Orchid Digest

(There will be a selection of Paphiopedilums available for sale)

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.

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Topic: "PAPHIOPEDILUM SPECIES" by Jim Clarkson



Paph. micranthum

The Orchid Digest is one of the leading publications on Orchids in the world. It is noted for its detailed articles on orchid cultivation and the beautiful photography contained in its pages. As a Society affiliated with the Orchid Digest, we are able to acquire unique programs/presentations that have been prepared by some of the top orchid growers in North America and made available exclusively through the affiliation.

This program provides an outline of the three basic categories of Paphiopedilum species, their origins and culture.



Paph. hirsutissimum var. esquirolei



Paph. bellatulum



Special Raffle: The Society is currently selling tickets for an internal raffle to be drawn at the May meeting. There are two \$50 prizes to be awarded to the winning members. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Please see Mary Caspers for tickets.



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 – including Eunice, Betty, Jeannie, Norma, Lily & Hung, Ruth, Pam, Tammy, Kathleen, Julia & Rudy. Quite an assortment. Please remember to sign the sign-in sheets to be recognized for your contributions. Raffle items were contributed by Ed, Norma, Julia & Rudy, Betty, Flora-Peculia.

Orchid Supplies: Bark, 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.

Bizarre Bazaar - This is an important auction and fundraiser for our Society held annually in May and it depends on member contributions of orchid plants or divisions, orchid related items and other desirable objects. Please remember to set aside those items during the year. Your contribution will help assure your Society's continued success at this May event. Funds support costs associated with speaker fees for our visiting presenters.

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.

Collector's Item: *Paphiopedilum malipoense*



A striking green flower, large checkered leaves, spotted purple underneath, tall impressive flower stem and raspberry fragrance; *Paphiopedilum malipoense* has it all! This recently discovered species wasn't described until 1984 and it's hard to imagine how this incredible plant remained unknown for so long. While the best clones of this species exhibit strong, uniform, green color and the petals are overlaid with clear, crisp maroon tessellation, the depth of both background color and tessellation can vary dramatically in intensity.

Paphiopedilum malipoense 'Bronstein-Walsh'
AM/AOS - exhib: Howard Bronstein & Bill Walsh
photo: © C.M.Fitch

The species, currently extremely threatened, is known only from the eroded limestone outcroppings (karst) of southwest Guanxi, southwest Guizhou, and southeast Yunnan provinces of China and similar habitats across the border in northern Vietnam. In Guizhou province it has been found growing with other cool-growing orchids such as *Paphiopedilum concolor*, *Vanilla annamensis*, *Phalaenopsis wilsonii*, *Vanda concolor* and *Cheirostylis sinensis*. As evidence of its rarity, collected plants have sold in the Kunming Flower Market for between 30 and 50 yuan (about \$4.40 to \$7.30) while *Paphiopedilum micranthum* sells for around 10 yuan (\$1.46) per kilo (2.2 pounds)!



Paphiopedilum malipoense 'San Leandro'
HCC/AOS - exhib: Fred D. Jernigan
photo: Buddy Mark

While a very adaptable species in cultivation, the key to best flowering is a rather cool winter rest. In its native habitat, summer days average 80° F or higher and humidity and rainfall are very high. This is followed by a sharply cooler and drier winter with days averaging about 60° F (15° C). Nights can easily drop to 32° F (0° C) or even a degree or two below freezing. Winters in this part of the world are typically very dry and often the only moisture available to the plants is in the form of nightly mists that form on the hills and forests.

In cultivation, plants can be easily grown in pots of any good semi-terrestrial potting mix suitable for other paphiopedilums although extra care should be given to adequate drainage. While these plants are found growing on only limestone, this more likely has to do with available mycorrhizal fungi necessary for seed germination than supplying calcium to the growing plants and its addition to the potting mix is probably not really necessary. Limestone is soluble in cold water and plentiful moisture is available only during the hot summer months. If you do add calcium to your potting mix be aware that, depending on the form you chose, significant increase in potting mix pH can occur. During the spring and summer growing season, the plants should be kept quite warm, shady, humid and not allowed to dry out completely between watering. During the winter months, the plants should be kept on the cool side and much drier; allowing the plants to dry completely between watering much like a succulent. Like all paphiopedilums, these plants require light feeding. Choose a good, complete fertilizer and apply at no more than ¼ the recommended rate.

Oh, and a word about patience. This species takes an excruciatingly long time to develop its inflorescence and for the flower to open. In some cases, it can be months between the time the developing inflorescence is visible in the center of the mature growth to the point the flower opens but the wait is well worth it. Be careful increasing temperatures to speed up the process. You might just be rewarded with bud-drop! *Ron McHatton, March 2009*
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Paphiopedilum malipoense 'San Leandro', HCC/AOS
exhib: Fred D. Jernigan - photo: Buddy Mark



The February Meeting Plant Table (photos by Hung Le)



- Best in Show



Cymbidium Hybrid (Eleanor Sfalcin)



**Epidendrum Hybrid
(Louise Holt)**



**Phragmipedium Don Wimber
(Tammy Siefker-North)**



**Oncidium Twinkle 'Fragrant Fantasy'
(Ruth Neily)**



**Phalaenopsis hybrid
(Louise Holt)**



**Paphiopedilum (parishii x lowii)
(Jeannie Gascoigne)**



Members enjoy the refreshments



A selection of Neofinetia falcata at the Sales Table



London Orchid Society Invitations

Note: The London Orchid Society meetings are held at St. Joseph's Regional Mental Health Care London (The London Psychiatric Hospital), 850 Highbury Avenue, London, Ont. in the amphitheatre. The meetings begin at 2:00 p.m. but the doors are usually open sometime between 1:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. for setup and socializing.



April 21, 2013, London Orchid Society Meeting, Dr. Doris Jensen

(plants available for sale)

Dr. Jensen is from the Hamilton area and will speak on the subject of Bulbophyllums. Doris is an accredited AOS judge who is currently writing a book on the subject of her presentation.

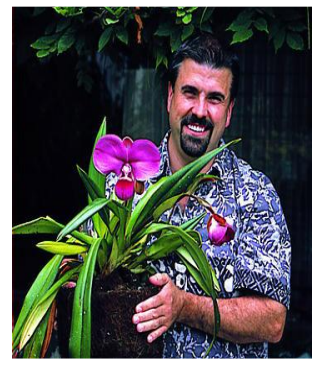


Bulb. sibuyanense
(photo by C T Lefave)

May 19, 2013, London Orchid Society Meeting, Glen Decker of Piping Rock Orchids - New York.

(Note: Glen will only be bringing plants that have been pre-ordered to the event)

Glen Decker of Piping Rock Orchids, New York will speak to us on How to Grow Great Slipper Orchids. This will include a lot of cultural information as well as how to take care of bugs using nontoxic means. While he plans on bringing orders for sale at this special meeting, it is best to pre-order. Further information about how to pre-order will be announced closer to this meeting. Glen Decker began growing orchids at the age of 15 and holds the degree of Associate in Applied Science in Ornamental Horticulture. He was the previous chair of the American Orchid Society's Publications Committee and has served as a Director of the Orchid Digest Corporation. Glen has won numerous AOS awards, including the Butterworth Prize, Nax Trophy, WW Wilson Award and the Carlyle A. Luer Award. He has appeared in Martha Stewart's Better Living Magazine and on a PBS TV special "Orchid Delirium". He rewrote the Slipper section of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden's "The Best Orchids for Indoors" and was the technical editor for the "Orchids for Dummies" book.



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CASH FOR BEST ESSAY

The Mid-America Orchid Congress invites you to enter their essay contest. Write an essay on "Travels with Orchids" -- 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 Dayton, OH, October 20, 2013. 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 2012-2013 Programming Guide! - mark your calendar

Date	Speaker / Event	Topic	Plants for Sale?
Mar 17	Orchid Digest Power Point Program	Paphiopedilum Species by Jim Clarkson	Yes
Apr 21	Dr. Doris Jensen London Orchid Society	Growing Bulbophyllums Society invitation (see page 5)	Yes
Apr 28	Littlefrog Farms Rob Halgren	New advances for growing orchids under lights	Orders taken at meeting
May 19	Glen Decker, Piping Rock London Orchid Society	How to grow slipper orchids. Society invitation (see page 5)	Yes (pre-orders only)
May 26	Annual General Meeting	Bizarre Bazaar	Yes

Date
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Show / Event Location and contact Info if available

Mar 16-17:	<u>London Orchid Society Show</u>	1065 Sunnysdale Rd., E., London, ON.
Apr 13-14:	<u>The Toronto Artistic Orchid Association Show</u>	2330 Midland Ave, Scarborough, Ont, M1S 5G5
Sep 28-29:	<u>The Central Ontario Orchid Society</u>	Hespeler Arena, 640 Ellis Road, Cambridge.
Oct 26-27:	The Windsor Orchid Society Show	Teutonia Club of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario.

Here are a couple photos of our displays at recent Orchid Shows:



SOOS Show – February 2013



RBG Show – March 2013 (Winner of First Place Ribbon)

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.