



# THE WINDSOR ORCHID SOCIETY

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

No.6 2013/2014

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

**Location: St. Clair College, Room 192A (Horticultural Building),**

**Guests are Welcome**

### Program: The Orchid Hunter



In 1901, eight orchid hunters went on an expedition to the Philippines. Within a month one was eaten by a tiger, another was drenched with oil and burned alive, five vanished and were never seen again, and one walked out of the forest with 7,000 orchid specimens. More recently, a botanical party in New Guinea was held hostage by insurgents for four months, and two of their members were beheaded when the Indonesian army attempted a rescue.

The close relationship to insects and fungi makes orchids vulnerable to extinction, which is why Hart Dyke's first order of business on arriving in Irian Jaya is to hire a local forester with a permit to collect orchids. (All wild orchids are protected by CITES, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species.) Hart Dyke also enlists the services of Papua's two leading orchid experts. The program chronicles his discoveries in one of the last intact rainforest wildernesses left on Earth.

For nine months in 2000, Tom Hart Dyke was a captive of guerrillas who seized him while he was collecting wild orchids in the Colombian rain forest. Now Hart Dyke is at it again in the most orchid-rich and one of the most politically unstable parts of Irian Jaya, the western half of the island of New Guinea.

**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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#### Society Representatives

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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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Program:	Ed Cott
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Webmaster:	Mark Whelan



**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 Jeannie & Gary, Pam, Betty, Eleanor, Mary, Tony and Eunice.

**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.*

## Upcoming Orchid Shows

**ORCHIDEXPO 2014**  
EXPOSITION INTERNATIONALE D'ORCHIDÉES  
PRÉSENTÉE PAR  
Les Orchidophiles de Montréal

Samedi 29 mars 12h à 18h  
Dimanche 30 mars 9h à 17h  
ENTRÉE : Adultes \$10 | Enfants et aînés \$8

CÉGEP DE MAISONNEUVE  
2700 rue Bourbonnière  
Montréal, Métro Pie IX

[www.orchidophilesmontreal.ca](http://www.orchidophilesmontreal.ca)

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Ann Arbor Orchid Society  
**Ann Arbor Orchid Festival**  
March 22-23, 2014

**Location:**  
University of Michigan  
Matthaei Botanical Gardens  
1800 N Dixboro, Ann Arbor

**FREE** admission to the  
Orchid Festival

**Show Hours:**  
Sat: Noon to 4:30 pm  
Sun: 10 am to 4:30 pm  
*Sales open at 10 am both days*

**Photographers' Hour:**  
Sunday 9 am to 10 am

Matthaei Botanical gardens  
and Nichols arboretum

MICHIGAN ORCHID SOCIETY

**60<sup>th</sup> Annual Palm Sunday Orchid Show**  
United Food & Commercial Workers Union Building  
876 Horace Brown Dr  
Madison Heights, MI 48071

Saturday April 12, 2014 11am - 5pm  
Sunday April 13, 2014 10am - 11am Photographer's Session  
11am - 4pm

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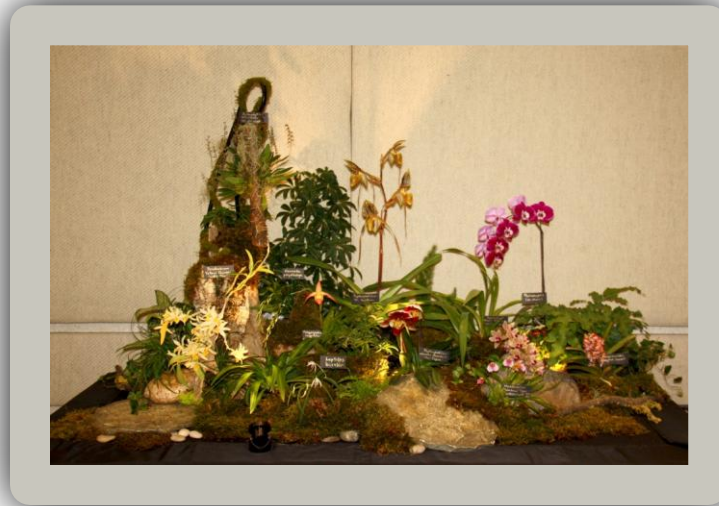
### Orchids A Growing Obsession April 30th - May 4th, 2014

The Orchid Society of Minnesota is very pleased to host the Spring 2014 American Orchid Society Members Meeting and Show April 30th through May 4th, 2014. This event will be held in conjunction with meetings and events of the Mid-America Orchid Congress, Slipper Orchid Alliance, International Phalaenopsis Alliance, Pleurothallid Alliance and Angraecoid Alliance. The website is up with full information at [www.orchidsagrowingobsession.com](http://www.orchidsagrowingobsession.com).



### The Orchid Show at the Royal Botanical Gardens (RBG) - March 1 & 2, 2014

Many thanks to those members who had plants to enter in the display including Deb Boersma, Ray Savoie, Betty Levar, Mario Ferrusi and Jeannie Gascoigne. The WOS placed first in its Classification!



### Pictures from the February 2014 Meeting



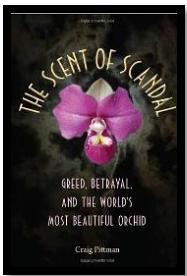
Top (L-R) – Ed Cott reviews the plant table and CN Gibbons' unique way of growing this unusual species (*Epibator ximenesae*); President, Deb Boersma, thanks our guest speaker, Joanna Dawson, with a small gift of appreciation; Joanna Dawson, Biological Service Manager at MGS Horticultural Inc., talking about, and passing around, some beneficial predatory 'bugs' to an attentive but jittery audience.





### Jerry Fischer of Orchids Limited, talks to the Ann Arbor Orchid Society

Some of you will be familiar with the name 'Jason Fischer' a very famous and highly awarded hybrid of *Phragmipedium besseae* that was registered by Orchids Ltd. In 1996. Jason is Jerry Fischer's son who I had the pleasure of meeting and sharing conversation with a couple years ago while attending the Toronto Artistic Orchid Society appreciation dinner. If you have a chance to search on YouTube, Jerry has a number of helpful instructional videos he has prepared and posted there.



Jerry had been invited to speak to the Ann Arbor Orchid Society on March 9<sup>th</sup> about some of the new hybrids of *Phrag. kovachii* that are now becoming available. *Phrag. kovachii* is the Peruvian orchid species that has so much controversy surrounding its discovery, identification and naming and the subject of a book entitled "The Scent of Scandal". Jerry was one of the first people to be allowed to propagate the species and has hybridized some amazing crosses using this new discovery.

Members of the WOS have a unique opportunity to take advantage of these events and speakers that our neighbouring societies in Michigan organize. In October, four Michigan societies will be co-hosting a special meeting where the guest speaker will be Norito Hasegawa, a renowned *Paphiopedilum* breeder from California (see the calendar at the back of the Newsletter).

### Congratulations to Ray Savoie!

The Windsor Orchid Society congratulates, WOS member, Ray Savoie, who received a Certificate of Cultural Merit (CCM) of 86 points at the West Shore Orchid Society Show in Strongsville, Ohio on March 8th. Ray gave his beautifully grown *Bulbophyllum saltatorium* var. *albociliatum* the cultivar name of 'Leo'. Ray focuses his collection on species from a variety of genera and studies the natural environments in which the species grow. Great job Ray! Our congratulations. A CCM is awarded, not to the plant but, to its grower.





## The February Plant Table - What a Display!



**Row 1 (L-R):** *Denrobium anosmum* (Deb Boersma), *Den. delicatum*\* (Louise Holt), *Phal. Schilleriana* (Eleanor Sfalcin), *Epibator ximenae* (C N Gibbons) **Row 2 (L-R):** *Brassavola Little Stars* (Louise Holt), *Clowesia Rebacca* Northen (Renee Gignac), *Cym. Kiwi Midnight*\*\* (Deb Boersma), *Cymbidium Mary Green 'Nifty Guy'* (Deb Boersma) **Row 3 (L-R):** *Cymbidium Hybrid* (Louise Holt), *Paph. St. Swithin* (Deb Boersma), *Rhynchorides Bangkok Sunset* (Deb Boersma), *Miltoniopsis Lenmart Karl Gottling 'Red Rim'* (Mary Welacky) **Row 4 (L-R):** *Lycaste Gladys Eljuri* (Deb Boersma), *Phalaenopsis Hybrids* (St Clair College – Horticultural Program – Michael Gawne) \*Best species \*\*Best Hybrid



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

Date	Speaker / Event	Topic	Plants for Sale?
<b>2014</b> March 23	<b>WOS - General Meeting</b>	<i>The Orchid Hunter</i> – the story of a crazed orchid collector (Hmmm, sound familiar?)	YES
March 30	<b>Montreal OrchidExpo 2014</b>	See page 2 for details	YES
April 26&27	<b>Toronto Artistic Orchid Association Show</b>	Multipurpose Hall of Center for Information and Community Services, 2330 Midland Avenue, Toronto, Ontario	YES
April 27	<b>WOS - General Meeting</b>	Speaker – Ted Kloske (Henry's Photography) Topic: <i>Photographing Orchids</i>	YES
May 25	<b>WOS - General Meeting</b>	Annual Meeting, Awards and Auction <b>Bizarre Bazaar</b>	YES
<b>Oct 18</b>	<b>Michigan Societies Co-Host a Special Meeting with Norito Hasegawa</b>	<i>Multifloral Paphs and their Breeding</i> Presbyterian Church of Okemos 2258 Bennett Road, Okemos, Mich	YES (subject to border clearance)
Oct 25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Windsor Orchid Society Show and Sale</b> <b>"Falling for Orchids"</b>	Teutonia Club of Windsor 55 Edinborough, Windsor, ON	YES

**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](mailto: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).

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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.**