



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.

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No.8 2013/2014

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Bizarre Bazaar

The May meeting is the Annual Meeting of the Society. During the meeting we will present our annual awards to some of our members, discuss our accomplishments of the past year and try to raise some operating funds. A variety of orchids will be sold and auctioned at the event. So come prepared to BUY.

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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, Betty, Kathleen and Deb.

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.*

Cymbidium Kiwi Midnight – Plants Available!



Some of you will recall the beautiful Cymbidium hybrid that Deb brought for the Show Table back in February. Many of you indicated an interest in obtaining one of these plants. With Deb's help, we tracked down the source and managed to acquire 5 plants available to the WOS Members. The plants will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis at a price of \$65. If you are interested in obtaining one of these beauties please let Ed know by e-mail or by phone. (laelia@aol.com / 519-252-7342).

Plants are bare root and this is the perfect time to get them potted up and established over the spring and summer.

New Item in Our Supply Emporium!



For some time I have been getting requests from members for humidity trays for the windowsill. There are elaborate versions out there in the market but not really affordable. We have acquired a few of the basic 2' trays that you can purchase at \$15 each. Just fill the bottom with pebbles or clay beads, set on the windowsill and place your orchid pots (above the waterline) in the tray. Trays are water proof, washable and durable. We only have a limited quantity.





Pictures from the April 2014 Meeting (Photos by Renee Gignac)



Ted Kloske was our guest speaker at the April 2014 meeting. During his presentation, Ted outlined some very simple techniques you can use to make your orchid photos more stunning and dramatic. Lighting is critical. Ted is the Manager of Henry's Photography on Howard Avenue and an instructor of Continuing Education classes, on the subject of Photography, at St. Clair College. Ted conducted a Photography Workshop at our Orchid Show last October and we hope to have him back again for the event in 2014.

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).

NOTE: Doris Asher is a member of the WOS and represents us at the Mid-America Orchid Congress meetings. Doris is currently receiving chemo treatments as part of her fight against cancer. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. I am sure she'd be happy to receive your e-mails of support and encouragement.



Summer Orchid Growing Tips

Cattleya Alliance Plants

In most areas of the country, higher light and higher temperatures require more fertilizer and water for Cattleyas. If you are in one of the areas with extremely high temperatures cut back on the fertilizer since your plants will be stressed from the heat and will go into a period of very little growth until the temperatures moderate in the fall. Be sure to watch for fungal diseases as well as scale since both proliferate in higher temperatures.



Phalaenopsis or Moth Orchids

Phals are one of the warm growing orchids and as such are happiest during our summer months. They should be fertilized every week during these months so that they can achieve maximum growth to support spikes in the fall. Very high temperatures (over 90F) will cause leaf loss. So if possible try to keep your plants in areas where they are not exposed to these high temperatures. Be very careful of water in the crowns of plants to avoid rot and provide good air circulation.



LEFT: Heat stress is usually a function of, or accompanied by excessive light. Early signs are a bleached, withered appearance of leaves (top) followed by cell collapse (bottom). Additional shade and air movement can help prevent these summer problems.

Paphiopedilums or Slipper Orchids

Paphs generally like a little cooler temperatures than some of the other orchids. Even the so-called "warm growers" will not like temperatures above about 85F. Good air circulation is a must for these plants especially during warmer weather. Make sure that they do not dry out and that high humidity is provided if the plants are in warm areas.

Watch for fungal infections

Fungus infections are especially prevalent during the hot and humid summer months, especially on thin leafed orchids. If you notice spotting on the leaves of your plants, spray with a good fungicide such as Physan to keep the problem from getting worse. Be sure to spray both the bottom and the top of leaves for best results. Increase your air circulation around that specific plant if possible since poor air circulation is one of the causes of fungal infections.

Watch for new growth and stake inflorescences

Stake new inflorescences on most of the summer growing orchids such as Epidendrum, Dendrobium, Brassavola, Oncidiums and Phrags. It is a good idea to put in the stake as soon as you notice the inflorescence so that you can keep track of where it is and stake when the growth has reached about 4 inches. Be careful not to pinch the inflorescence because all the growth and flower development is nourished through the stem.



In Memorium

SINCLAIR, Winifred Joyce (Win) (nee Auld), RN, CRNA , 84 years. Passed away, peacefully at home, on February 5, 2014. Wini was a long time member of the WOS who attended the WOS Orchid Show in October of last year. She called soon afterward to congratulate our Society on the success of the show and stated her intention to rejoin. Sadly, she passed away before we could enjoy her company once again.

The April Plant Table (Photos courtesy of Ted Kloske)



Photos (L to R)

Best Hybrid - Vanda Robert's Delight 'Red Berry' (Renee Gignac)

Best species - Phragmipedium lindenii - 2 photos (Eleanor Sfalcin)

Renanthera citrina (Deb Boersma)

Lepanthes caprimulgus - no photo (Michael Gawne)



Summer Field Trips - The WOS may not be holding *General Meetings* in the Summer but we aren't sitting still. The following dates have been established for a variety of trips. If you would like to go on any or all events, please let Eunice know (253-4751) as soon as you can.

- Crystal Star Orchids - Sunday, June 22
- Marsh Hollow Orchids and John Marcotte - Sunday, July 27
- SOOS Orchid Fest - Sunday, August 10 (Roy Tokunaga of H&R Orchids)



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

Date	Speaker / Event	Topic	Plants for Sale?
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!
June 22	Trip to Crystal Star Orchids	Vehicles will meet at the Manning Rd. Car Pool Parking lot and depart at 7:30 am (bring snacks, drinks and lunch)	Yes
July 27	Trip to Marsh Hollow Orchids and Greenhouse of John Marcotte	Vehicles will meet at the Manning Rd. Car Pool Parking lot and depart at 7:30 am (bring snacks and drinks. We are hoping to have a potluck lunch with Mario and Conni)	Yes
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.