



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

No.8 2015/2016

Next Meeting: Sunday, May 29, 2016 Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: St. Clair College, Room 192A (Horticultural Building)

Guests are welcome – **NOTE: We are in the Usual Meeting Room**

TOPIC:



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! See you soon!!!



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.

Executive Members

President: Walter Copeland 226-676-0056 wehcopeland@hotmail.ca
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Secretary: Renee Gignac 519-995-2392 rgignac776@hotmail.ca
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Treasurer: Betty Levar 519-253-5531 bettylevar@gmail.com
Past-President: Deb Boersma 519 730-1728 dboersma@stclaircollege.ca

Society Representatives

COC Rep.: Ed Cott
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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Fund-raising: Mary Caspers - Ed Cott- Jackie Hay
Hospitality: Justine Cloutier
Library: Open
Membership: Ed Cott - Betty Levar Eunice Bragg
Newsletter: Jackie Hay (jackie.hay@hotmail.com)
Photographer: Deb Boersma
Program: Ed Cott
Publicity: Deb Boersma
Raffles & Prizes: George Vegh
Orders / Supplies: Ed Cott
WebSite: Mark Whelan
Ed Cott
Welcoming: Renee Gignac
Winter Social: Sue Alexander
Webmaster: Mark Whelan



May Elections are upon us! All Executive Positions are open for nominations. Your input is HIGHLY valuable. Do not hesitate to nominate yourself or someone you feel to be an asset on the Executive. Nominations can remain anonymous if you so choose.

YOUR VOICE Matters

Current Executive Member Nominations

President - Deb Boersma

Vice President - Ed Cott

Treasurer - Shari Clarke

Secretary - Renee Gignac

Assistant Secretary - Eunice Bragg

Past President - Walter Copeland (by default, unless otherwise nominated and elected as President)



Surround yourself with friends, fresh air and beautiful plants, all while being an active member of the WOS!! Your time and effort is always appreciated by ALL!

WOS will have a table and be selling plants at one of the gardens in The Amherstburg Fort Malden Horticultural Society Tour. WOS members willing and able to lend a hand please Contact Deb Boersma, 519 730-1728 dboersma@stclaircollege.ca
Thank you Deb, this is great exposure for our society

Amherstburg Fort Malden Horticultural Society Garden Tour

June 17 – 18, 2016. A tour like NEVER before...musicians, artisans and winery experience! Warm up to new programming! A self-guided tour of eight spectacular homeowners' gardens that have been paired with passionate artisans. Enjoy a sidewalk stroll through an appointed neighbourhood, where the sidewalk will be your vehicle to view the front yards. Finish your day with a relaxing visit to a local winery. Don't miss the added bonus – garden walk and talk in Kings Navy Yard Park by our in house horticulturist.

Fri 4 pm – 8 pm, Sat 10 am – 4 pm, \$10 per person purchased day of tour at Toddy Jones Park
519.730.1309, www.amherstburg.ca or [facebook.com/AmherstburgConnection](https://www.facebook.com/AmherstburgConnection)
Toddy Jones Park - 50 North St., Amherstburg



Best Species

Paph venustum
Eleanor Sfalcin



Best Hybrid

LC Bryan Wheeler 'Grandson'
Renee Gignac



Tolumnia Tequila Sunrise
Deb Boersma



Restrepia guttulata
C.N. Gibbons



Restrepia sanguinea
C.N. Gibbons



Paph Black Diamond
Peter Smith



Lycaste balliae
Deb Boersma



Mps. Breatless Sirah
Jeannie Gascoigne





April Member Plant Table Cont'd

Paph Temptation
Peter Smith



Zygonisia Blue bird
Deb Boersma



Lc Cheryl Mills
Sue Alexander



Phaius Lady Romona
Deb Boersma



Tolumnia Snow fairy
Deb Boersma



Phal NOID
Sue Alexander



Ross Jakob Jenny
Eleanor Sfalcin



**Doug Kennedy – Speaking with and to WOS Members on
“Growing Oncidiums”**





For those of you that have not become a member of the American Orchid Society but may be considering it, below you will find yet another great reason to become a member.

JOIN US FOR WEBINARS IN MAY AND JUNE



Greenhouse chats with Ron McHatton

Join Ron McHatton, American Orchid Society Chief Education/Science Officer for a Q&A session on how to grow and care for your orchids. Everyone is invited! Come to one or both - the more the merrier.

Tuesday, June 14 at 8:30 pm EDT Register at

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6688975018868678915>

Send your questions to Sandra Tillisch Svoboda by June 12th to stillisch@cox.net.

Special Interest Webinars

Specially for our members:

Food, Sex & Alcohol: The Fascinating World of Orchid Pollination

When: Tuesday, May 31 at 8:30pm EDT



Join us for a fascinating glimpse into the world of orchid pollination with Ron McHatton, AOS Chief Education/Science Officer. Ever wonder why these flowers we are so passionate about look and smell the way they do? It's not by accident. Ron will examine how flower form and fragrances are influenced by the need to attract appropriate pollinators.

Register at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3176334435104154883>

North American Orchid Conservation - Open to everyone

When: Tuesday, June 21 at 8:30pm EDT



Join Past AOS President and Education Chair Sandra Svoboda as she talks about the endemic orchids of North America and the conservation efforts and organizations that exist to ensure that our North American native orchids survive

Register at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/700915946744837891>



A special thank you for contributing food and raffle items at the April meeting: Thanks so much to everyone who brought in snacks for the refreshment table and raffle items. Please remember to sign the sheets to be recognized for your contributions. Thanks to Eunice, Jackie, Tony, Kathleen and Shari

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**

Windsor Orchid Society 2016 Programming Guide! - Mark your calendar

Date	Speaker / Event	Topic	Plants for Sale?
May 29	<u>WOS –General Meeting and Auction</u>	 ST. CLAIR ROOM 192A Our Regular Room	Yes - LOTS OF THEM!!
June, July, August	<u>Summer Field Trips</u>	TBD	 <small>shutterstock - 83010226</small>
Oct 22&23	<u>WOS Orchid Show</u>	Columbus Centre of South Windsor	YES

Membership – 2015/2016 Dues are Now PAST 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.



The Colchester Ridge Estate Winery (CREW) Orchid Weekend, held May 7, was a terrific success.