



# THE WINDSOR ORCHID SOCIETY

La Société des Orchidophiles de Windsor

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No.2 2014/2015

**Next Meeting: Sunday, October 19, 2014 Time: 1:30 p.m.**

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## **Program: Orchid Culture Tips and Tricks** **Speaker: John Marcotte of Orchids Canada**



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| OD Rep.:   | Ed Cott     |

### Committee Appointments

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| Archives:     | Eunice Bragg          |
| Budget:       | Ed Cott - Betty Levar |
| Conservation: | Mary Caspers          |

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| Fund-raising:      | Mary Caspers - Ed Cott               |
| Hospitality:       | Eunice Bragg                         |
| Library:           | Louise Holt                          |
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| Program:           | Ed Cott                              |
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| Orders / Supplies: | Ed Cott                              |
| WebSite:           | Mark Whelan                          |
|                    | Ed Cott                              |
| Welcoming:         | Renee Gignac                         |
| Winter Social:     | Sue Alexander                        |
| Webmaster:         | Mark Whelan                          |



**A special thank you for contributing food and raffle items:** Thanks so much to everyone who brought in snacks for the refreshment table and raffle items at the September meeting. Please remember to sign the sign-in sheets to be recognized for your contributions. This month's contributions came from Jeannie Gascoigne, Marj Djockich, Betty Levar, Lily Le, Mary Welacky, Mark Whelan and Carol Pavlov.

**Orchid Supplies:** Potting mix, sphagnum, pots, fertilizer, totes, etc., are available at the meeting. Special requests? See our Special Orders and Supplies Committee Chair – Ed Cott or contact him by e-mail. 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.*

## **The Central Ontario Orchid Society Show**

The Windsor Orchid Society participated in the Orchid Show of the Central Ontario Orchid Society which was held September 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. Our display received a second place ribbon in the Orchid Society class. Congratulations to the London Orchid Society for placing first in this category. Of the 15 plants entered in our display, 11 received ribbons. The results are summarized below:

### **First Place**

Zygopetalum Hybrid (no name) - Renee Gignac  
Cattleya Caudebec 'Linwood' - Renee Gignac  
Coryhopea hybrid - Ed Cott

### **Second Place**

Vanda hybrid (blue) - Jeannie Gascoigne  
Rlc. Village Chief North - Deb Boersma  
Potinara Orlade's Tradition - Deb Boersma  
Vanda Pachara Delight - Renee Gignac  
Habenaria rhodocheila - Mary Welacky  
WOS Display (Orchid Society class)

### **Third Place**

Ascocenda Veeraphal - Deb Boersma  
Blc. Valhalla - 'Frog Level' - Renee Gignac  
Phalaenopsis cornu-cervi - Ray Savoie



## **Volunteers Needed:**

The WOS is still looking for volunteers to assist during our Orchid Show October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Duties include Hospitality, Security, Admissions, Membership Table and the Plant Check. Volunteers are needed for about 2-3 hours on either the Saturday or Sunday (or both). If you can help, call Eunice 519-253-4751 (before 6pm).



**Orchid Show & Sale**

American Orchid Society Judged Show



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**Teutonia Club**      **October 25–26, 2014**

55 Edinborough St.  
Windsor, Ontario

**ADMISSION**

Adults \$ 6.00  
Children 12 & under free (with adult)

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Sunday 11am – 4pm  
(Hand-held Cameras Only)  
**PHOTOGRAPHERS ONLY** (tripods permitted)  
Sunday 9am – 11am

Southern Ontario Orchid Society

**ORCHID SHOW & SALE**

**Feb. 14, 2015**  
Sat 11am - 5pm  
**Feb. 15, 2015**  
Sun 11am - 5pm



**\$2.00 off**

general admission  
one coupon  
per person

**Toronto Botanical Garden**

**Admission: \$12.00 cash only**  
supervised children under 12 free  
**Photographers only: limited admission \$20**  
Sun 9-11am tripods permitted

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

## CASH FOR BEST ESSAY

The Mid-America Orchid Congress essay contest is now closed. Entrants were invited to write an essay on “My problem with orchids is...” -- and win up to \$100.00! The winners will be announced at the Congress’ Sunday Business Meeting in Columbus, OH, November 9, 2014. 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. Our very own Eunice Bragg entered the contest – Good luck Eunice!!

### Raffle Tickets

Members are reminded to bring any ticket stubs, proceeds (\$) and any unsold tickets (unless you expect to sell them before the show) to Jackie Hay at the October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Under our raffle license, all tickets sold and unsold must be accounted for and reconciled BEFORE the draw at 4:30pm on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. The winner need not be present to win. You can also contact Jackie by e-mail: [jackie.hay@hotmail.com](mailto:jackie.hay@hotmail.com)







## Collector's Item:

*Brassavola cucullata* (L.) R.Br. Greg Allikas, October 2009



Weird and wonderful, *Brassavola cucullata* will add a conversation piece to any collection of orchids. Visitors often comment, "that's an orchid?". *B. cucullata* is the type species for the genus, yet unique with its fringed lip with its long, tapered tip. The species passed through several genera since it was first known as *Helleborine floribus albis, cucullatis* Plum. (1703) based on a drawing of a plant from Haiti. In 1813 this species was used by R. Brown to establish the genus *Brassavola*.

This orchid can be found in the West Indies, Mexico, Central America and Colombia, Trinidad, Guyana and Venezuela. As might be expected with such a widely distributed species, it can be adapted to a wide range of cultural environments and generally, is easy to grow. One would also expect such a widely distributed species to display considerable variation in flowers. Surprisingly *B. cucullata* produces relatively consistent flowers regardless of where the plants originate from. The biggest difference one sees from plant to plant is in the color of the flowers. Although generally concolor white, flowers can have more or less golden petals and sepals and I have seen some examples that have almost reddish flowers. I suspect that these colorful variations might be as much due to cultural factors as genetics because the same plant can produce white flowers one year, and golden ones the next. In any event, there is usually more color on the outside surfaces of the flowers than the insides and the color tends to darken as the flowers age.



Like other members of the genus, *B. cucullata* has terete leaves that are even more pencil-like than its popular cousin, *Brassavola nodosa*. Whereas the latter species produces mostly upright plants, the subject of this essay often displays a semi-erect or drooping nature. This drooping habit makes *B. cucullata* well suited for growing on a mount or in a basket. Not only do the plants droop, but so do the flowers. It is precisely these droopy flowers that draw you to, or repel you from this orchid. Either you like the total departure from the full & round standard, or you find it distasteful.

*Rhynchovola* David Sander (*Brassavola cucullata* x *Rhyncholaelia digbyana*)

Relatively little hybridizing has been done with *B. cucullata*. The best-known hybrid is *Rhynchovola* David Sander (*Brassavola cucullata* x *Rhyncholaelia digbyana*). The frilly lip of both parents combines to make a large exotic flower with grace and beauty. A few other successful hybrids are being registered as breeders begin to recognize the species' desirable, although dominant, characteristics. As with other members of the genus, *B. cucullata* has a sweet fragrance at night which is passed on to its hybrids.

Being a low-elevation species from the tropics, *B. cucullata* can be grown within an intermediate temperature range of 55° to 60° F at night and 70° to 85° F during the day. It will easily tolerate higher temperatures during the summer. Here in South Florida our summer daytime highs will be in the low 90's from July into October. Plants will also tolerate occasional low temperatures below 50° F as long as it is not for prolonged periods and plants are dry. If you choose to grow *B. cucullata* mounted you will probably need to water it three or more times per week depending on other cultural factors and seasonal growth patterns. Potted plants will need less water but you will need to contain the long terete leaves with a ring stake. If you apply a half-strength solution of balanced fertilizer every week or two, your orchids will grow and flower better.

## References:

- Withner, Carl. 1992. *The Cattleyas and their Relatives*, Volume V. Timber Press. Portland  
I. McLeish, N.R.Pearce & B.R.Adams. 1995. *Native Orchids of Belize*. A.A.Balkema. Rotterdam



## The September Plant Table (Photos by Hung Le)

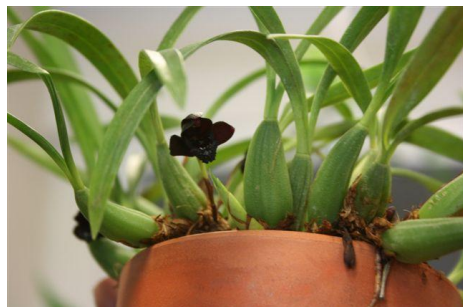


### Photos (L to R)

Habeneria rhodocheila (Mary Welacky) – **Best species**

Cattleya Hsinying Max Walker (Eleanor Sfalcin) – **Best Hybrid**

**Note:** There were eleven plants brought in for the September plant table. We could have put on a display with these alone. Those pictured were voted as "Best" by the members and guests present. Those not shown include: Cynodes Wine Delight (Mary Welacky); Psychopsis Mehdenhall 'Hildo', Masdevallia hybrid, Phalaenopsis hybrid (Jackie Hay); Cattleya amethystoglossa hybrid (Foeke); Miltonia Jean Imouye 'Kalapana', Catasetum (Frilly Doris x lucius), Cattleya Exima 'Sea God' (Jeannie Gascoigne).



*Maxillaria schunkeana* 'Black Queen', grown by Jeannie Gascoigne, is said to be the "blackest" of all orchid species.



Windsor Orchid Society 2014-2015 Programming Guide! - mark your calendar

| Date         | Speaker / Event   | Topic   | Plants for Sale?                  |
|--------------|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| Oct 18       | Michigan Societies Co-Host a Special Meeting with Norito Hasegawa | <i>Multifloral Paphs and their Breeding</i><br>Presbyterian Church of Okemos<br>2258 Bennett Road, Okemos, Mich | Yes (subject to border clearance) |
| Oct 19       | WOS - General Meeting   | John Marcotte – Culture Tips and Tricks   | Yes                               |
| Oct 25 & 26  | Windsor Orchid Society Orchid Show<br>“Falling for Orchids”       | Teutonia Club of Windsor<br>55 Edinborough St., Windsor, ON   | Yes                               |
| Nov 30       | WOS - General Meeting   | Growing Phragmipediums – Pat Vuurman  | Yes                               |
| Dec TBD      | Winter Social   | Watch for details   |                                   |
| Jan 25, 2015 | WOS - General Meeting   | Mario Ferrusi - Repotting Your Lycastes and Masdevallias  | Yes                               |
| Feb 14 & 15  | Southern Ontario Orchid Society Orchid Show                       | Toronto Botanical Gardens<br>Leslie St & Lawrence Ave<br>Toronto, Ontario                                       | Yes                               |

**Your Dues for 2014 - 2015 are now due! Please see Betty at the meeting or mail your renewal to the address below**

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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.**