



THE WINDSOR ORCHID SOCIETY

La Société des Orchidophiles de Windsor

31st year of service to orchid enthusiasts

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COC: Adele Beitler

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Committees & Appointments

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Library – open

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Photographer – open

Program – Ed Cott

Publicity – Deb Boersma

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Orders/Supplies – Ed Cott

Welcoming – Renee Gignac

Winter Social – Sue Alexander

Webmaster – Mark Whelan

No. 7 2016/17

CHANGE OF DATE:

Next general meeting:

Sunday, April 23rd

Time:

1:30 pm

Location:

St. Clair College, 192A
(Horticultural Building)

Topic:

Canadian Orchid Congress Webinar



**Native orchids - worthy of
our conservation efforts and
no time like the present to start**

Dennis Whigham

Senior Botanist

Smithsonian Environmental Research Center



Smithsonian
Institution



UNITED STATES
BOTANIC GARDEN

The Windsor Orchid Society meets from September to May (excluding December) on the last Sunday of each month except for February, September and October when meetings are scheduled for the third Sunday to allow for participation in Orchid Shows. A meeting may also be rescheduled if the date falls on a holiday. Check the Newsletter, website, Facebook or Twitter for changes to any of these dates.



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Message from the President

I would like to thank **Ed Cott** for accepting the position of Show Chair for the 2017 WOS Show & Sale. This position requires a tremendous amount of time, energy and patience. We are fortunate to have Ed with all of his experience.

We will be looking for **volunteers** to fill the many roles required to execute a successful show. Please think about what you can do to help. I would like to thank **Mark Whelan** and **Scott Hitchins** for all their efforts in securing a venue. The show will be held at St. Cyril's Slovak Center, 1520 Chandler Rd., Windsor, ON, N8Y 4P7

Thanks to **Mark Whelan** who has responded to the call to chair the Show Display Committee.

I would also like to announce the appointment of **Adele Beitler** as the new COC Representative. I know Adele will do a great job and represent the Society with pride. Thanks to **Jeannie Gascoigne** who previously served in this role.

Shari Clarke has kindly agreed to take over Hospitality for our general meetings. Thank you **Justine Cloutier** for your past service.

Deb Boersma

Announcements

- **Calling for plant donations – May's Bizarre Bazaar**

Please consider thinning out your plant collection to make room for some new additions by contributing named plants for auction and NOID (no ID) plants for raffle.

- **Memberships are due!!**

Please mail your contact information along with payment to:

The Windsor Orchid Society, c/o Shari Clarke, 1403 Pierre Ave., Windsor, ON N8X 4P4,
or, see Shari at the meeting. ☺

Annual Dues are \$20 for a single membership or \$25 for a family/joint membership.

- **Thank you, Thank you, Thank you**

A special *Thank you* to those who provided snacks for the refreshment table or plants and items for the raffle table. Please remember to sign the sheets to be recognized for your generosity.

A "March Thank you" to: Betty Levar, Eunice Bragg, Shari Clarke, Mark Whelan, Mary Welacky, Michelle Paterson, Peter Smith, Lily Nguyen

- **Orchid Supplies and Special Orders**

Potting mix, Physan, sphagnum, pots, fertilizer, totes, etc. are available at meetings. Special request? Plant hoops? See Ed Cott. Supplies can also be ordered through the website.



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WOS 2017 Annual Show & Sale Updates

Dates: Saturday, October 21 and Sunday, October 22.

Location: St. Cyril's Slovak Center, 1520 Chandler Rd., (at Seminole Rd.) Windsor, ON, N8Y 4P7

A message from the Chair of the 2017 Annual Show & Sale

It is my honour and privilege to act on behalf of the WOS/SOW as Chairman of the 2017 Orchid Show & Sale. In this capacity, I am a conductor working with the various sections of an orchestra to produce a memorable event.

Some members have already come forward to volunteer their time, skills and input as we plan the event and work toward making it as successful as the four preceding it. Shari Clarke has again offered to handle hospitality. Mark Whelan and Scott Hitchins worked on the Venue Committee to find our new venue and Mark has also put his name forward to design, organize and construct the 2017 WOS/SOW display. Al and Adele Beitler have volunteered to take on the art and photography display again this year. Thank you to everyone who have committed their time and energy already.

But as you know, for the show to be successful, we need the help of every member in some way, shape or form. I'm asking each member to sign up to assist in some way, whatever way you can. We will be soliciting your commitment to help with hospitality, registration, staging, admission, security, display, etc.

Our new venue is the St. Cyril's Slovak Centre. I am excited about the facility as it will afford us more space than we had at the Columbus Centre and we will have full access to kitchen and food counter facilities. Everything is at ground level and there is plenty of parking available. I think everyone will be pleased with the selection.

All the best! Ed





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Plant Table – General Meeting March 26, 2017



BEST HYBRID: *Phrag. Mini Grande*, Deb Boersma



BEST SPECIES: *Paph. Gratixianum*, Mary Welacky



Bc. Glorious May c. Gene May x bl. Morning Glory, Mary Welacky



Promenaea silvana, Shari Clarke



Paph. NOID, C.N. Gibbons



Paph. Fowliei, Deb Boersma

We regret that space limits posting pictures of all the specimens on the plant table for March. For a complete list with pictures, visit WOS's Facebook page.



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Tips, Tricks and Techniques

Ah, spring . . . Did you know?

“Genus: *Cypripedium* L. Lady’s Slippers

There are approximately ten species of Lady’s Slippers in the United States and Canada, but only one in Europe. Five species have been found in the Bruce-Grey area. The name of this genus is derived from Cypris, one of the names of Venus, the Greek goddess of love and beauty, and the Greek word *pedilon* meaning “shoe” in reference to the slipper-like lip which is the feature of this group. Hence the name Lady’s Slipper for our most spectacular wild orchids. These are the orchids which attract the attention and admiration of all and this beauty often spells disaster. These orchids have been dug up, vandalized by photographers, picked in great bouquets, and generally abused by people who, in a vain attempt to capture and possess such loveliness, end by destroying it. In all species the column is declined over the opening of the lip with a fertile stamen on each side and a conspicuous staminode (sterile stamen) above which covers the tip of the style. Thus, insects attracted by the staminode and investigating the “slipper” pick up pollen from the fertile stamens.”

Source: Bruce-Grey Plant Committee (Owen Sound Field Naturalists). *A Guide to the Orchids of Bruce and Grey Counties, Ontario*

For more information, go to <http://owensoundfieldnaturalists.ca/publications/orchidsofgreyandbrucecounties/>

Five species found in Bruce and Grey counties named in the Guide are:

Pink Moccasin Flower, *Cypripedium acaule* Aiton. Pink Moccasin Flower, Pink Lady’s Slipper, Stemless Lady’s Slipper.

Ram’s Head Lady’s Slipper, *Cypripedium arietinum* R. Brown. Ram’s Head Lady’s Slipper.

Large Yellow Lady’s Slipper, Variety: *Cypripedium calceolus* L. var. *pubescens* (Willd.) Correll. (*Cypripedium pubescens*) Large Yellow Lady’s Slipper.

Small White Lady’s Slipper, *Cypripedium cadidum* Muhl. Ex Willd. Small White Lady’s Slipper.

Showy (Queen) Lady’s Slipper. *Cypripedium reginae* Walter. Showy Lady’s Slipper, Queen Lady’s Slipper.



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Responsibly sourced cypripediums can be acquired from vendors at this time of year. Some were seen at the London Orchid Show. More recently, **John Marcotte** offered some plants for sale and instructed how to grow them successfully in home gardens.

For informative reading, go to <https://www.ontario.ca/page/small-white-ladys-slipper-recovery-strategy>



Prepared by A. Beitler

WOS 2016-2017 Programming Guide – mark your calendar!

| Date | Speaker / Event | Topic or Location | Plants for sale? |
|---|--|---|------------------|
| Apr. 22/23 | Orchidophilia Ottawa Orchid Show | RA Centre - 2451 Riverside Dr. Ottawa, ON | |
| Change of Date Apr. 23 | WOS General Meeting | Change in program Canadian Orchid Congress Webinar – Dennis Whigham on “Native Orchids” | Yes |
| Apr. 29/30 | Toronto Artistic Orchid Society Show | CICS - 2330 Midland Ave. Toronto, ON | |
| May 13 | CREW: Spoil Mom | Colchester Ridge Estate Winery Inc., Harrow, ON Time: noon to 3 pm | Yes |
| May 28 | WOS General Meeting | <i>Bizarre Bazaar</i> - Annual Plant Auction | Yes |
| Sept. 17 | WOS General Meeting | | Yes |
| Oct. 15 | WOS General Meeting | | Yes |
| Oct. 21/22 | WOS 2017 Annual Show & Sale | St. Cyril's Slovak Centre 1520 Chandler Rd, Windsor, ON N8Y 4P7 | Yes |

Consult <http://canadianorchidcongress.ca/cocshows/> for more details such as times, admissions