



THE WINDSOR ORCHID SOCIETY

La Société des Orchidophiles de Windsor

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31st year of service to orchid enthusiasts

No. 5 2016/17

Next regular general meeting: Sunday, February 26th

Time: 1:30 pm

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

Topic: **Repotting Demo Presented by Renee Gignac**



Don't forget to wear your UGLY SWEATER!



Prizes will be awarded

for the best (ugliest) Gal and Guy Ugly Sweater!

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 scheduled for the same weekend as the Regular General Meeting, or, if it falls on a holiday. Check the Newsletter, website, Facebook or Twitter for these changes.



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Announcements



Members can **park** in Lot "L" behind the greenhouse building and walk to the meeting room. Although the spaces indicate "Handicap Parking", this is not enforced on Sunday. PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE DRIVEWAY ADJACENT TO THE BUILDING. Your cooperation is appreciated.

- ***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.

- ***Orchid Supplies and Special Orders***

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

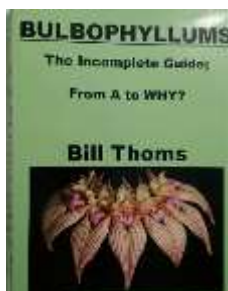
- ***Thank you, Thank you, Thank you***

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 "January Thank you" to: Eunice Bragg, Kathleen Fekete, Renee Gignac, Shari Clarke, Susan Alexander, Mary Welacky

- ***Publications***

"*Bulbophyllums* – "The Incomplete Guide from A to Why?" by Bill Thoms is available through Brenda Gillespie Aarts, London Orchid Society, by contacting her at brenda10@xplorennet.ca for details. Bill is the scheduled speaker for the LOS's September meeting.





Plant Table – General Meeting Sunday, January 29, 2017



Best Species
Sp. *Anathallis linerifolia*, C.N.Gibbons



Best Hybrid
Hy. *Phrag Court Jester*, Deb Boersma



Rhyncho.*Gigantea* Var. *Alba* (R Gignac)



Paph. *Alice Doherty* (J Doherty)



B.C. *Maikai Spotted Star* (D Boersma)



Paph. *Delanatu* (J Doherty)

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



Paph. *Venustum* (C.N.Gibbons)



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WOS 2017 Annual Show & Sale Updates

- **February General Meeting Agenda:** Membership approval and volunteer support commitment
- **Proposed dates and location:** Saturday, October 21 and Sunday, October 22. Discussion of new location.
- **Call for help (January newsletter):** Jeannie Gascoigne chaired the Society's display committee for the last two years for which displays the AOS Show trophy was awarded. We have been fortunate for her work on the Show Committee. Jeannie has decided not to work on the display for the proposed 2017 show. Thus, this call for a talented member of our Society to head the committee to design and assemble the WOS display. These are big shoes to fill. But it is a rewarding task and one that contributes to the success of the show. If you are interested, please contact Ed Cott as soon as possible.

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Tips, Tricks and Techniques

“Orchids Need To be Labelled” by Anu Dharmani, Originally published in *BellaOnline*

Source: <https://www.orchids.org/articles/orchids-need-to-be-labelled> retrieved February 3, 2017

Labelling your orchids is very important. Every experienced orchidologist, or rather anyone working with plants in general, will advise beginners as well as old hands to always label the plants. Why is labelling of orchids so important? After all, what's in a name? Let it be known that for orchids at least, it is all in the name.

A beginner would ask then, "Really but how?" Experts clarify that each plant, especially the orchid, has specific needs. To grow the orchids successfully and to see them bloom to splendour, you need to know these specific needs, which can be known only if you know the orchid's name. For it is the name that will provide all the information about that orchid: its life history, its natural habitat *etc.* Even the tiny bits of information helps like the type of tree or where on the tree does an epiphyte normally grows on, or the accompanying flora (plant life) growing nearby.

With this information, the grower can determine how to grow it, as in whether in hanging baskets or in pots. Kind of growth medium required for that orchid will also be decided from the above information, whether highly porous which dries out quickly or that which retains some moisture. You can also come to know about the water necessities of your orchid if you know the name of your orchid. Orchid's name will help you in deciding what kind of light requirements has to have, whether it can tolerate bright light or you need to keep it in shade/diffused sunlight. Even the nutritional details can be worked out which are specific to your orchid, depending on whether it is an epiphytic, terrestrial or a mycotrophic.

It is also helpful to label the orchids as soon as you get them because it is possible that postponement might lead to forgetting the name. This can be bad news for the orchid if some infection occurs or the orchid stops flowering or any other problem that might crop up later on. It is easier to leave care instructions with labelled orchids left under the care of others when you go for vacations.

Labelling should be such that it does not fade away or get washed off. Metal tags will last the longest and



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can be even be made out of aluminum foil. Fold the foil three to four times and then write the name with any pen such that an impression is formed on the foil sheet. This way the name will be visible even if the ink gets washed off. Labels can be struck in the growth medium or tied to the orchid or can also be painted/written on the container. The only thing to be kept in mind is the label should be long lasting and placed such that it does not get removed easily. Remember this and enjoy orchid growing.

Enjoy this article? Would like to see more? What topics would you like to see covered? Let us know by email or speak to Deb Boersma, Ed Cott or Adele Beitler at the meeting.

Hit the refresh button by Jean Allen-Ikeson



The late Mario Ferrusi in his element — discussing orchids at a local orchid society meeting. (Deb Boersma, left) Photograph courtesy of Ed Cott.

This article examines ways that societies can maintain member interest and participation. To read the full article, see ORCHIDS, the magazine of the American Orchid Society's February, 2017 (Vol. 82 NO.2 February) issue. Reprinted, with thanks, by permission of the AOS.

“The Windsor Orchid Society, located in Canada just across the river from Detroit, is a little society that could, like the children’s fable about the little train that could. Windsor city is just recovering from its main staple of automobile manufacturing moving south and losing its allied industries. Yet the orchid society is one of the most vibrant around. In the last five years, they have added an AOS judged show where nearly every member is involved. And they show a little chutzpah by inviting vendors that you would not normally see at a small show. Because they take displays on the road to a number of other Ontario societies’ shows, they are rewarded by displays, even if small, from many of those societies. It enriches their show. Many of their members take the plunge and put in small displays. When you are a small society, you are not intimidated by professional display makers that you see at large shows. You get a chance to learn and try in an accepting environment.

Windsor also has a vibrant Facebook site and readily corresponds with growers both within the society and without. When people try the society for the first time, they have made friends before they even arrive. That connection makes a huge difference and helps retain new members.

Rather than one person doing hospitality or raffle tickets or the show table for years, they rotate volunteers at least quarterly. That way they all hit the refresh button, do not burn out and learn how to do a variety of jobs.

Because Windsor is not close to most Ontario vendors or shows, society members eagerly pore over orchid catalogues and do group orders together. They also rent large vans or buses with drivers to go to out-of-town shows as a group or to visit two or three vendors in a day during the summer when there are no shows. Of course, when members bring their new conquests to the next meeting and put them on the show table, it makes the rest of the group want to go as well. As much as anything else, it engenders camaraderie. I can just imagine the chat and bubbling on the bus when they are headed back home and



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sharing what they have seen and bought. The bus drivers are saints as members squeeze large bags and boxes into seats that are a couple of sizes too small. Windsor is a society that has learned the value of keeping it fresh". — Jean Allen-Ikeson, AOS Editorial Board Co-Chair (email jean.ikeson@gmail.com)

WOS 2016-2017 Programming Guide – mark your calendar!

Date	Speaker / Event	Topic or Location	Plants for sale?
Feb. 11/12	SOOS Orchid Show & Sale	Toronto Botanical Gardens 777 Lawrence Ave. E. Toronto, ON M3C 1P2	Yes
Feb. 26	WOS General Meeting	Topic to be determined	Yes
Feb. 25/26	Orchid Society of the RBG Annual Orchid Show & Sale	The Royal Botanical Gardens 680 Plains Rd. W. Burlington, ON	Yes
Feb. 25/26	Greater Lansing Orchid Society Show	Plant & Soil Science Conservatory Michigan State University Lansing, MI	
Mar. 18/19	London Orchid Society 38 th Annual Show & Sale	Mother Teresa Catholic Secondary School 1065 Sunningdale Rd. E. London	Yes
Mar. 25/26	Michigan Orchid Society Show	United Food and Commercial Workers' Bldg 876 Horace Brown St. Madison Heights, MI	
Mar. 25/26	Orchid Expo 2017 Expositon Internationale D'Orchidees De Montreal	College Maisonneuve 2700 Bourbonniere Montreal, QC	
Mar. 26	WOS General Meeting	John Marcotte – Culture tips (tentative)	Yes
Apr. 22/23	Orchidophilia Ottawa Orchid Show	RA Centre 2451 Riverside Dr. Ottawa, ON	
Apr. 29/30	Toronto Artistic Orchid Society Show	CICS 2330 Midland Ave. Toronto, ON	

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

**WOS display at SOOS Orchid Show – 3rd place
Thanks to Jeannie, Mark & the team**



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