



THE WINDSOR ORCHID SOCIETY

La Société des Orchidophiles de Windsor

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31st year of service to orchid enthusiasts

No. 6 2016/17

Next regular general meeting: Sunday, March 26th

Time: 1:30 pm

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

Topic: ***“A celebration of the diversity of orchids through stunningly beautiful photography, with an emphasis on cultural techniques” by JOHN MARCOTTE***



Cattleya gaskelliana v. alba 'Charlie'

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

- **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 "February Thank you" to: Eunice Bragg, Kathleen and Matthew Fekete, Hans van Leeuwen, Renee Gignac, Felicia Cheng, Shari Clarke, C.N. Gibbons,

- **No ID?**

If you acquired a no-name cymbidium at the **Bizarre Bazaar** last May, you may have [(VIA IRELAND 'DELIGHTFUL' x (PENDRAGON x CAMELIARD) 'YELLOW SUNSET')] 'SHAMROCK'

- **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.

REMINDER Call for help: 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.

WOS 2017 Annual Show & Sale Updates

- **Dates:** Saturday, October 21 and Sunday, October 22.
- **Call for help:** Show Venue Committee formed, chaired by **Mark Whelan**, email **hscman1@gmx.com**

Members are asked submit suggestions for venue to Mark with comments according to the checklist:

4-day availability (October 20-23) ample parking; 1 floor facility; easy unloading/loading access; kitchen facility/WOS supplied food/food storage; coat check; room for judging; size; rental cost; accessibility.



Plant Table – General Meeting February 26, 2017



BEST HYBRID: *Tulomnia*, Mary Walecky



BEST SPECIES: *Chiloschista viridiflava*, C.N. Gibbons



Paph Fred's Lady, Kathleen Fekete



Blc Golf Green Hair Pig,
 Deb Boersma



Papa Hsinying Compensa x Hampshire Zoo, Renee Gignac



Guarianthe aurantiaca 'Gold Country'



Masdevallia constricta, C.N. Gibbons

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



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Tips, Tricks and Techniques



Cattleya Orchid Care



These South American orchids are familiar to many as corsage orchids or in wedding bouquets. Plants vary from 10 cm in height to almost a meter in some cases. The flowers are large and come in many colors and in some cases with contrasting lips or multicolored petals (splash petals). More difficult to grow well than some orchids, they are tough, resilient plants which will survive some mistakes and once growing well provide rewarding displays.

Healthy Cattleya start with healthy roots:

- Pot in a coarse medium. Fir bark mixtures are best, with 1.5 to 2.5 cm chunks of bark, perlite and charcoal.
- Repot when medium starts to decompose or new growths have reached the edge of the pot. Repotting must be done while roots are growing (green tips on roots, or new roots just emerging from plant). Avoid repotting if new roots are 0.5 cm to 5 cm in length as roots may be lost if damaged at this size.
- Remove old medium if it is loose and any rotting roots; choose a plastic pot that will allow for two years (typically 2 to 4 growths) growth in the new pot.
- Roots should dry out somewhat between watering. When the plant is actively growing, water when medium has just begun to dry out but is still somewhat damp. When the plant is dormant, typically in winter, do not water until medium is almost completely dry. Water thoroughly, with a volume of water at least equal to that of the pot.
- Do not use water softened in salt-consuming water softeners. Low mineral water is preferred, such as naturally soft water or rain water. If hard water is used, water very heavily to flush minerals.
- Fertilize weakly and frequently with a balanced fertilizer. One-eighth to one-quarter strength recommended by manufacturer for house plants every week while the plant is in active growth (spring and summer) and not at all while plant is dormant (typically autumn and winter).

Healthy leaves produce more and bigger flowers:



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- High light levels are appropriate. Leaves should be a light green, not yellowish (too much light) or dark green (too little light). They should be firm, not long and floppy (more light needed). Any more red than the slightest blush on the leaves indicates too much light.
- Four hours of sunshine on a windowsill (West or South) or 15-30 cm under an eight tube fluorescent fixture or under an HID sodium or metal halide lamp. *Laelia pumila* hybrids do not require as much light.
- Leaves and newest pseudobulbs should be firm; if wrinkled, check roots for rot, and repot if necessary. High humidity (such as enclosing the plant in a plastic bag) will aid recovery if most or all of roots lost, but be careful of rot.
- Cattleyas do best with 50-60% humidity but will grow and bloom, although more slowly and with smaller flowers in lower humidity. Use humidifier to raise humidity – humidity pans and misting minimally effective. Enclosing plant growing areas is effective but ensure fresh air and air movement to avoid mold and rot.
- Grow Cattleyas in intermediate temperatures with 14°C minimum winter nights and 29°C summer day maximum. Ensure 6-12°C day/night difference to aid flower formation.

Cattleyas usually bloom annually although some bloom spring and fall or frequently through the year:

- Orienting plant with new growths towards light source results in best display. Windowsill growers may need to stake new growths as they may grow too horizontally as a result of growing towards the light source.
- Flowers typically last about two weeks.

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WOS 2016-2017 Programming Guide – mark your calendar!

Date	Speaker / Event	Topic or Location	Plants for sale?
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 - Exposition Internationale D'Orchidees De Montreal	College Maisonneuve 2700 Bourbonniere Montreal, QC	
Mar. 26	WOS General Meeting	John Marcotte "A celebration of the diversity of orchids through stunningly beautiful photography, with an emphasis on cultural techniques".	Yes
Apr. 22/23	Orchidophilia Ottawa Orchid Show	RA Centre - 2451 Riverside Dr. Ottawa, ON	
Apr. 30	WOS General Meeting	Marilyn Lee AOS Accredited Judge and Michigan Floral Designer "Designing a Floral Exhibit"	Yes
Apr. 29/30	Toronto Artistic Orchid Society Show	CICS - 2330 Midland Ave. Toronto, ON	
May 13	CREW: Spoil Mom	Details to follow	Yes
May 28	WOS General Meeting	<i>Bizarre Bazaar</i> - Annual Plant Auction	Yes

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

Web: windsororchidsociety.ca

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Congratulations to our Member/Volunteers, Jeannie Gascoigne & Mark Whalen, who prepared these winning Show Displays!



**WOS display at SOOS Feb 11/12 – 3rd Place
Designers: Jeannie Gascoigne & Mark Whalen**



**WOS display at RBG Feb 25/26 – 1st Place
Designer: Mark Whalen**



**WOS display at LOS Mar 18/19 – 2nd Place (2 views)
Designers: Jeannie Gascoigne & Mark Whalen**



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Plant Ribbon Report Congratulations to our growers!

Orchid Society of the Royal Botanical Gardens (OSRBG), February 25/26, 2017

1 st	Brassolaelia Morning Glory "Valentine Kiss"	Deb Boersma
1 st	Paphiopedilum Julius \ Talor Emperor HCC/AOS	Deb Boersma
1 st	Paphiopedilum Gina Short Pinnocchio x delenata	Mary Welacky
1 st	Phalaenopsis Sogo Fragrance	Mark Whalen
1 st	Neostylis Lou Sneary (Neof. Falcate x Rhy. Coelestis)	Mary Welacky
1 st	Monniera Millenium Magic Withcraft AM/AOS	Mary Welacky
2 nd	Paphiopedilum gratixianum	Mary Welacky
2 nd	Paphiopedilum Vedanta (glaucophyllum x victoria-mariae)	Mary Welacky
2 nd	Paphiopedilum (Hsinging Inspiration x Robert de Veer)	Deb Boersma
3 rd	Rhyncattleanthe Tsiku Lily (Rth. Fuchs Orange Nugget x Ctt. Trick or Treat)	Deb Boersma
3 rd	Paphiopedilum Deperle (Primulinum x Delenati)	Mary Welacky
3 rd	Vascostylis Midnight Velvet "Black"	Deb Boersma
3 rd	Dendrobium Oriental Smile "Fantasy" AM/AOS	Deb Boersma

Southern Ontario Orchid Society (SOOS), February 11/12, 2017

1 st	Vanda Kultana White Will (Asca Krailerk Whit x Kultna fold)	Deb Boersma
2 nd	Paphiopedilum delenatii album#2	John Doherty
2 nd	Paphiopedilum Chiara (lawrencianum x sukkhakulii)	Deb Boersma
2 nd	Paphiopedilum Green Envy (malipoense x primulinum)	Deb Boersma
2 nd	Paphiopedilum lowii	Mark Whelan
2 nd	Vanda NOID	Jeannie Gascoigne
2 nd	Vanda Richard Peterson (Gordon Dillon x Madame Rattana)	Deb Boersma
3 rd	Cattleya Slc Ann Komine "Breathless" AM/AOS	Deb Boersma
3 rd	Lycaste Rakuhoku	John Doherty
3 rd	Paphiopedilum Gina Short	Jeannie Gascoigne
3 rd	Phragmipedium Mem Dick Clemens (sargentianum x besseae)	Deb Boersma
3 rd	Phragmipedium Court Jester (bois x caudatum)	Deb Boersma

London Orchid Society (LOS), March 18/19, 2017

1 st	Dendrobium Green Lantern (Dawn Maree x cruentum)	Mary Welacky
1 st	Phalaenopsis World Class	Mary Welacky
1 st	Phalaenopsis NOID	Mary Welacky
1 st	Paphiopedilum Presiden Fred	Deb Boersma
1 st	Tolumnia RedBerry	Deb Boersma
1 st	Masdevellia constricta	C.N.Gibbons
1 st	Vanda Pachara Delight	Jeannie Gascoigne
2 nd	Tolumnia NOID	Mary Welacky
2 nd	Paphiopedilum Enzan. Liza Festival x Enzan Joyful	Jackie Hay
2 nd	Ryncattlenathe Shingon Dawn "Orange"	Deb Boersma
2 nd	Paphiopedilum venustum	C.N. Gibbons
3 rd	Bc. Glorious My (C. Gene May x Morning Glory)	Mary Welacky
3 rd	Paphiopedilum Booth's Sand Lady	Deb Boersma
3 rd	Paphiopedilum Via Exacto "Lemon Stick" x Paphiopedilum Stone Lovely "200"	Deb Boersma
3 rd	Dendrobium normanbyense	C.N. Gibbons
3 rd	Chiloschista viridiflava	C.N. Gibbons