



NEWS

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COOS Show/COC AGM 2010

Stanhopea
wardii

Best
Lycaste/
Misc -

Orchids
Primeval



Phrag Coral Jewel
(sargentianum x
schlimii)

Best Phragmid-
pedium &
COOS Award -
Best in Show

Ottawa Orchid
Society



Prn. Joan Sze (Paraphalaenopsis laycockii x Renanthera Yen)
COC Presidents Trophy - COOS



Best Society Display - Southern Ontario Orchid Society

Notice Board

2011 Membership and Insurance Fees Due Dec 1, 2010

Membership fees (\$1.00 per member in the society) and insurance fees (\$1.50 per member in the society) are due to the COC Treasurer, Andre Couture by December 1. A late fee of \$25 will be charged for late insurance payments as the premium must be paid to the insurer by January 1, 2011 to assure coverage for 2011. The increase in insurance fees was approved at the 2009 AGM to help meet real costs of insurance being offered to societies and will rise again in 2013 to approach cost recovery. The cost of the additional insurance coverage for library and other equipment remains the same as last year. Explanation of coverage, and insurance and membership forms can be found on the COC web site under Services/Group Insurance

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Next COC AGM

Orchid Fair, the Orchid Society of Alberta's Annual Show and Sale, will take place Friday to Sunday, February 25 to 27, 2011 at Grant MacEwan College South Campus, 7319-29 Avenue, Edmonton. The show will feature spectacular orchid displays, orchid vendors from Canada, the United States and Asia, and free seminars on orchid growing and related topics. This year, we are also proud to host the Canadian Orchid Congress Annual Meeting in conjunction with our show. For more information, e-mail info@orchidsalberta.com, or check the OSA website, <http://www.orchidsalberta.com/>

Lynne Copeland
Advertising Chair, Orchid Fair 2011
Orchid Society of Alberta

Travel Grant for FVOS

We received the \$200.00 travel grant from the COC in March 2010. We used it to bring in Howard Ginsberg from Ontario to speak at our four Western Societies. It was used to offset some of the expenses of his flight. Mr. Ginsberg was billeted in Abbotsford with Bev Hansen who took him to Taisuco orchid nursery in Abbotsford before the meeting. He had a Power Point presentation on mini catts which our members thoroughly enjoyed. He also sold many plants and flasks at the meeting. Thank you again for the subsidy as it helps for us as a

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smaller Society to be able to participate in bringing in speakers.

Dianne Gillis, Fraser Valley Orchid Society

2011 COC TRAVEL GRANT

We will be accepting applications for the 2011 Travel Grant from Jan. 3/11 until March 16/11. The application form and instructions/conditions are on the COC website. We don't need a signature on the application form this year, only a name and contact information, so you can e-mail me your application.

ONLY FIVE SOCIETIES WILL RECEIVE THE GRANT THIS YEAR SO GET YOUR APPLICATIONS IN EARLY. PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO SOCIETIES WHO DIDN'T RECEIVE THE GRANT LAST YEAR. -Gail Schwarz

COC CULTURE SHEETS

We have two new culture sheets on the website:

Pleurothallids and Catasetsums.

IF YOU CAN HELP WRITE OTHER CULTURE SHEETS, PLEASE LET ME KNOW. -Gail Schwarz

COC SPEAKERS LIST

We currently have 17 people on our COC Speakers List. If you would like to be added to the list, or if you are on the list and your contact information changes, please let me know.

Gail Schwarz, Education Chair
rschwarz@hfx.eastlink.ca

Innovative Societies Report

In Fall 2009, the Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania and the American Orchid Society, through its Affiliated Societies, decided to ask you to share some of the most innovative, fun-filled and challenging things that local affiliates were doing across the nation. Read this report to learn how you can supercharge your local orchid society to add value and fun activities for your members.

<http://www.aos.org//AM/Images/pdf/AffSoc-survey-edited7-20-10.pdf>

From the President

First of all a big thank you to the outgoing officers of the Congress. Under the very capable leadership of Past president Jean Hollebhone you have worked hard and got a lot done during your terms. The reports presented at the AGM in Cambridge are a credit to your work. You will be a tough act to follow.

Also a big thanks to the Central Ontario Orchid Society and its organisers for hosting a successful and fun Annual General Meeting and Show weekend. We could have all wished for greater attendance from other orchid societies, but we understand that travel costs are a problem in this large country of ours. It was good to see representatives from PEI, NS, Manitoba and Ontario. All of our modern communication technology is no match for a face to face meeting.

Speaking of which, our next AGM is just around the corner in Edmonton, February 24-27, 2011. That is not very far off. Book your transportation now, the folks in Edmonton are counting on you. We also need a host society for a 2012 AGM, preferably but not necessarily from the centre or east of the country. Please give this some attention, we need dates and place for ratification at the Edmonton 2011 AGM. This need not be a big deal, minimally a meeting room for about three to four hours for the officers and delegates to review the Congress business. Further suggestions are on the website.

The new officers are introduced elsewhere in this newsletter. As most of them are brand new it will take some time to sort out their responsibilities other than those mandated by the bylaws. They are all keen to serve.

Much has happened and much has changed since COC first came into being through the efforts of Dr. Wally Thomas and the Vancouver Orchid Society in the late 1980's. At that time there was a fledgeling Canadian Orchid Society headquartered in Winnipeg, the geographical centre of the country. It was envisioned as an American Orchid Society like organisation for Canada with a Canadian Orchid Journal and a Canadian as well as an international membership. They published several editions of an ambitious Canadian Orchid Journal that had been started in Newfoundland. This effort ran into money and subscription problems.

Dr. Thomas wanted to attract a World Orchid Conference to Vancouver and understood that such an endeavour required broad support from orchid clubs across Canada and some kind of national organisation. He organised a meeting of Canadian Orchid Societies at the Vancouver International Orchid Show on March 27, 1988. Delegates from 16 socie-

ties across Canada attended and it was agreed to organise the Congress of Canadian Orchid Societies with the objectives of promoting communication and mutual cooperation between Canadian orchid societies. At the subsequent meeting in Ottawa in 1989 a constitution and bylaws were passed and an executive was elected.

There has been considerable progress since then. Vancouver had its successful World Orchid Conference. The Congress has been incorporated. The early COC website has been upgraded and enlarged to its present status. COC officers and volunteers have spent much time dealing with official Ottawa on the CITES and plant importation rules and regulations. Educational slide and digital programs produced by Canadian growers have been made available to societies. Speaker tours have been promoted and funded. Culture sheets have been produced, updated and translated into French. Promotional material has been produced and distributed. A reasonable group insurance for society meetings and shows has been made available to member societies.

Your latest president and her team have been active in renewing and consolidating COC programs and policies. This is a continuous ongoing process that does not end. There will be more culture sheets. We can use more programs, preferably in digital format that can be easily distributed. If you have such a program or can produce one, and are willing to let COC copy it to member societies, please get in touch with me.

COC is about communicating with one another. It is about learning from each other and it is about doing things together. At the AGM in Cambridge I challenged those present to share and describe something their local society does for publication in our newsletter. I challenge all member societies to send their contributions to our editor/webmaster, Jerry Bolce. We can all use ideas to keep our clubs fresh and vigorous.

Finally, I would appreciate your feedback, suggestions, questions. You can reach me at

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or 905-640-5643
or Peter Poot, Box#241, Goodwood, ON L0C 1A0.

Good growing, Peter Poot.

Society Membership Renewals

At the Annual General Meeting of COC in Cambridge, Ontario I issued a challenge to the delegates to each write a note for the COC newsletter telling the rest of us of an event at their local society. Well, here is my own event description.

SOOS has a hard time each year getting its membership renewals in in a timely fashion. The society normally has about 200 plus memberships. Renewals come in by mail and in person at the fall and winter meetings over the end of the year and the beginning of the new year. Usually this process drags on well into February and even into early summer.

Last year we ran a plant raffle for those renewing prior to the January meeting as an incentive to get members to renew. Did it work? We don't know because we had no benchmark data. However, judging by the level of participation, the membership enjoyed the opportunity to win a plant.

Peter Poot.

Society Events Display

At our meetings at SOOS we have copied a feature we noticed being used by some of the local horticultural societies. We use a laptop computer and a digital projector to run a continuous series of screens on the meeting room screen in the period before the start of the meeting. The screens include the meeting program including start and finish times, membership information, upcoming programs, shows, events, recent AOS awards, judging center information, beginners meetings and show committee info. It is a convenient way of providing a rolling bulletin board. It works well for new people who may wish to know what is going on and are too shy to ask. It also works for some of our members who may have missed reading our newsletter. Because in our case the content comes from several sources we put it all together in the master file at the beginning of our meeting just before the sales hour. For most societies the info could probably be put together from an electronic copy of your newsletter well ahead of the meeting.

Peter Poot

Thank You

At the COOS AGM, the presidential gravel was turned over to Peter Poot who will make a very good president. At this time I would like to thank the Board that worked with me so energetically for over two years: Elsie Gerdes, 1st Vice President, Peter Poot 2nd Vice President, Carole Gert, Secretary, Margaret Hewings, Treasurer, Lynne Cassidy, Insurance Chair, Valerie Tribes, Membership Liaison, and Faithe Prodanuk, Past President, all of whom are retiring after much work on behalf of your Congress. It was a team effort with good accomplishments.

Jerry Bolce, Webmaster and Newsletter Editor, Gail Schwarz, Education Chair, and Marilyn Light, Conservation Chair will be continuing in their respective roles. To these folks I also owe a great debt of thanks for their efforts from which you all have profited.

Finally, thank you to all the COC society presidents, COC reps and treasurers who approved the new policies and procedures and supported the move to greater fiscal responsibility. I enjoyed working with you and getting to know many of you personally.

In closing, thank you all. I will continue to serve and support the new Board and the COC as best I can. Marilyn Light and I are working on finalizing import and CITES guidelines for orchids coming from Singapore and the 20th World Orchid Congress. We hope to have these ready for you early in 2011 and posted on the web site.

Jean Hollebhone, Past President COC

Hello from Nova Scotia

Hello to members of the Canadian Orchid Society from the Orchid society of Nova Scotia. This past summer, with the help of a travel grant from the C.O.C., we were able to have John Doherty (Zephyrus Orchids) and his lovely family visit our province for our summer picnic. The weather could not have been better for the event. We started off with a wonderful and informative lecture on *Paphiopedilum sanderianum* given by John. Later we went to my home, on the shore of St. Margaret's Bay, for a BBQ and lobster feast. John and his lovely wife, Nicole, experienced true Nova Scotia flavour with a lobster eating lesson. Although his little girls Jordyn and Madelyn did not partake in the lobster meal, they watched with wide eyes, enjoying the BBQ side to the meal. These children were so bright and mannerly, both during supper and the lecture, that they were truly a delight.

I encourage all societies to have summer socials, as it seems to restore enthusiasm and friendliness to the group.

Good growing to all, yours, Pam Ferro

COC 23st Annual General Meeting

The 23rd COC Annual Meeting was called to order on Sunday Sept 27 at 9:05AM by the President, Jean Hollebhone, with a quorum of delegates present. Previous minutes were adopted with minor corrections.

Reports of the Officers had been previously emailed to the societies.

VP2 Report

Peter Poot reported that there had been no progress on the digitizing of old programs as all need extensive updating, and he concluded that new programs were the way to go. Marilyn Light and Terry Kennedy concurred and indicated that technical problems often occur with old programs and equipment. After much discussion, it was agreed to not digitize the old programs but to develop new ones as volunteers can be found, to provide the programs on a cost recovery fee basis, and to continue promotion through the newsletter. Marilyn Light stressed that a number of presentation options need be provided, e.g. slide shows, CD's and flash drives.

Secretary's Report

In Carole's absence, Jean reported that a letter of appreciation had been sent to Brighthouse with our thanks for producing the COC certificate.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported both income and expenditures to date for 2010 and indicated that there would still be some additional expenses to be paid after the AGM and before the end of the year. Expenses are within the projected budget for 2010. The Auditor's report for 2009 was tabled, discussed and approved. All were in favour. Jean thanked Margaret Hewings for her careful accounting of the books and indicated due to Margaret's action in investing excess revenues in GICs the Congress made over \$500 in interest.

Newsletter and website report.

Jerry indicated all his mailings are now by email and that five newsletters are produced per year. He occasionally has trouble with society email boxes which are full and cautioned societies that have society mail boxes to be more diligent in emptying them regularly. He indicated he is always looking for feedback to improve the web site which is constantly being expanded and updated and urged societies to make greater use of the site. He also indicated that archives of the COC are on a controlled access location for use by the executive. Jerry indicated he would welcome more submissions from contributors and thanked those who provide articles to him, in particular Marilyn Light. He outlined his plans for further articles and indicated he would like to have more material for beginners on the website. He indicated that most of the culture sheets had been translated in an attempt to make the COC site more useful to francophones and indicated Julie Mertens is working on expanding French language capability on the site.,

Education report

Gail Schwarz elaborated on her earlier report, indicating that a pleurothallid culture sheet had just been produced and others were expected before the end of the year. She confirmed that five societies had taken advantage of the education grant and outlined the schedule for applying for 2011 grants which will be posted in a newsletter early in January. In the general discussion that followed, she indicated that all information including criteria and applications forms are on the web site and referred societies to them.

Conservation Report:

Marilyn began her report by indicating that she had addressed the previous AGM request for more information on native orchids by providing this to Jerry Bolce and both concurred this was now available on the web site. She indicated that she believed orchid conservation is both conservation of orchids in collection and conservation of native plants and she addresses both. She briefly discussed her field work aimed at promoting orchid conservation and native rescue. She emphasized it is important to understand orchids in your collection and referred to a recent presentation she has made on *Understanding what your orchids are telling you* which provides tips for recognizing the needs of orchids in a collection.

She also indicated that she and Jean Hollebhone continue work to clarify requirements for the WOC in Singapore in 2011. However she cautioned that Canada can only act within the world CITES requirements. Jean indicated that she has been meeting with CFIA and new guidelines for Singapore will be available in early January. She also indicated that CFIA is considering additional reductions in their requirements for soil pest declarations for bark grown orchids and that these should be available shortly. Both Marilyn and Jean agreed to continue to report on import requirements.

COC awards

COC awards were given to Jerry Bolce of COOS and Lynne Cassidy, Fraser Valley Orchid Society for distinguished national service to Canadian orchid societies and growers. Both citations will be published in the newsletter.

Jerry's citation read:

*Awarded to **Jerry Bolce**, Central Ontario Orchid Society In recognition and thanks for outstanding national service to the Canadian orchid growing community as webmaster and newsletter editor extraordinaire of the Canadian Orchid Congress*

Lynne's citation read:

*Awarded to **Lynne Cassidy**, Fraser Valley Orchid Society In recognition and thanks for outstanding national service to the Canadian orchid growing community as a founding organizer and executive of the Canadian Orchid Congress and active supporter of world orchid conservation.*

Our congratulations to these two deserving winners.

Proposed Bylaw changes

Proposed changes to the Bylaws were circulated for comment on August 21 and one editorial comment was received. However, each proposed change was re-read, and further changes were agreed upon as follows:

- 2a Change the wording to *Society membership shall mean any not-for-profit orchid organization in Canada* .
- 4a, 4m, 5b, 5o, 6f, 6j 7b Accepted as proposed
- 5l Insert at the beginning of l "While the usual form of communication by the Board shall be through electronic means..."
- 6i the wording re the Seal of the Congress shall be left in unchanged in the Bylaws

Election of officers

In the absence of Faithe Prodanuk, past President, Jean Hollebhone read the proposed slate of officers as follows:

President: Peter Poot, SOOS

1st Vice president: Barbara Bowmar, Okanagan Orchid Society

2nd Vice president: Julian Hnatiw, Orchid Society of Alberta

Treasurer: Andre Couture, Ottawa Orchid Society.

Claudia Lister, PEI Orchid Club, was proposed as Secretary from the floor and agreed to accept the nomination.

There were no further nominations from the floor.

Congratulations to the new executive.

New Business

Appointment of the auditor.

Andre Couture proposed Helen Martin, Chartered accountant, Ottawa as auditor for 2010. Accepted. No objections

Annual Meeting

2011 Edmonton, Feb 25-27, 2011

2012 Eastern societies to be canvassed as a first priority

Proposal by the Essex County Orchid Society to extend the terms of the Educational Grant

The Essex Orchid Society proposed *that the Education Travel Grant be extended to include the purchase of audiovisual equipment for small and isolated orchid societies*. In the discussion that followed it was suggested that the term AV equipment was too broad and unspecific so the motion was modified to include the purchase of a digital projector. Much discussion ensued. Juliette St Pierre proposed the revised motion, *That the Education Travel Grant be extended to include the purchase of a digital projector for small and isolated orchid societies*.

The vote was 2 for and 9 against. Not carried.

New Executive Business

Peter Poot assumed the floor as new President. He thanked Jean and the outgoing Executive for work done and COOS, and in particular, Jerry Bolce for putting on and organizing such a great meeting. He then outlined the changes he sees affecting orchid hobbyists in the long term: fewer resources, fewer larger greenhouses, increase in windowsill and miniature orchids, changes in Societies. Both members and societies may need help to successfully deal with and surmount change. This is a role for the COC. The purpose of the COC as Peter sees it is to help members talk to each other, e.g. improved communication. He then asked those present to suggest ideas to deal with these issues. Jerry asked who will provide information between meetings on what societies are doing? Jean suggested a way to cut costs and improve communication might be to look into audio conferencing between the Board and the Board/COC reps. Marilyn indicated experience with on line Orchid Safari chat group as a way of disseminating information to hobbyists. The recent initiative by Foothills Orchid Society to determine what other societies did about visitors was cited as an excellent initiative and more like this should be encouraged. Peter challenged all present to share something about your society that makes it work for your members.

A second suggestion Peter raised was whether Canada should develop a COC award system for plants grown legally in Canada but which are illegal in the USA. He asked whether these plants could be recognized by the COC after having gone through the standard AOS judging process. It as suggested to look into this further to determine mechanisms and any possible ramifications.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 P.m.

Many thanks to Terry Kennedy for taking notes of the meeting in the absence of the Secretary who could not come due to family illness.

[Note: These are unofficial notes on the AGM; the official minutes of the AGM will be distributed later.]



New COC Executive

President: Peter Poot

B.E., M. Sc. Peter retired from 30 years of community planning some 15 years ago. He has grown orchids for over 45 years and is a past president of SOOS, COC, the Mid American Orchid Congress, and the Eastern Orchid Congress. He is currently an accredited AOS judge, the editor of the SOOS Newsletter and the Chair of the Toronto Judging Centre of the AOS. Peter has been SOOS show chair for many years and has been involved in organising orchid congresses in Toronto that included the COC, AOS, MAOC and EOC. He is currently a member of the AOS judging committee.

Vice President 1: Barbara Bowmar

Barbara Bowmar has been a member of the Okanagan Orchid Society for ten years and has served at various times as president, membership chair and treasurer. She has a modest, mixed collection of tropical orchids which she grows under lights. She is a member of the Native Orchid Conference. She and her husband, Verne, have located and photographed native orchid species in the Okanagan including a somewhat rare naturally occurring hybrid. A Master Gardener, she serves on the Board of the Central Okanagan Community Garden, co-ordinates a community garden in Westbank BC that contains sixty plots and a school garden. Professionally, she spent most of her career in BC Post Secondary institutions and was a Dean at Okanagan University College prior to retirement. Following retirement, she worked as a private consultant in program evaluation and planning. She looks forward to working with the Canadian Orchid Congress.

Vice President 2: Julian Hnatiw

Julian has been an active member of the OSA for about eight years, on the executive of OSA for three years, currently President. He has been growing orchids for 10 years plus, and has been married/and retired with some time. He belongs to other organizations and has a great amount of experience in trade shows/conventions.

Treasurer: André Couture

André has been a member of the Ottawa Orchid Society for over 25 years serving in a variety of capacities within the society, most recently as treasurer and has actively taken the OOS exhibits to other societies for many years. Now retired, André is a student AOS judge. Professionally André worked for the federal government as Director, Accounting Operations for Citizenship and Immigration Canada and will bring these accounting skills and talents to the position of COC treasurer.

Left: COC Award: Best Amateur Display—Barb Morden, Essex County OS

Manitoba Orchid Society 2010 Show



COC award display by Lorne and Joan Heshka.



Cypripedium Gisela 'Amanda' CCM/AOS 83 pts.

Lorne Heshka received two AOS awards. This may not be anything special for people on other parts of the country, but here we don't get many awards at our shows, and culture awards are rare. On top of that, both of these were won by the same person. Cyps are also very rare at shows in general, and to get a culture award on one was very special. The A.O.S. show trophy was particularly nice too!
Kevin Duerksen

MOS display—AOS Show Trophy
Photo by Rob Kato.

Photos by Lorne Heshka



Paph. Frank Zettle 'Marinda' AM/AOS 81 pts



Cypripedium Gisela 'Amanda' CCM/AOS 83 pts
Photo by Kevin Duerksen

COC Certificates Awarded at AGM

A highlight of the COOS AGM and Show was the presentation of COC Certificates to two special people who have each worked over 10 years for the COC, fulfilling key roles that have provided members and hobbyists with essential information and services. These two outstanding individuals are Jerry Bolce, our hardworking COC newsletter editor and webmaster and Lynne Cassidy, the instigator and operating genius behind the very successful COC insurance program. A presentation was made to Jerry at the meeting and Lynne's certificate was mailed to her society for presentation at their show which is the Oct 22-23 weekend. Congratulations to these two very deserving first recipients of the COC certificate. The citations and certificate contents follow:

Jerry Bolce

Today the COC honours Jerry Bolce, long serving newsletter editor and web master of the Canadian Orchid Congress. In 1999, Jerry agreed to take on the role of webmaster and newsletter editor for two years. Eleven years later he is still doing it, and both newsletter and web site have grown and expanded into the readily accessible, interactive and content packed tools used by societies and orchidists on a daily basis. In these important dual roles, he has played a key role in advancing the dissemination of services, tools and information available to Canadian orchidists. His reach stretches beyond the COC and Canadian borders as it is not unusual for him to receive requests from and give advice to orchidists far beyond our borders. As one of the longest serving members of the present COC board, Jerry also plays an important role as chief archivist of all COC's important history. His judgment, understated humour and sound advice have been appreciated and sought by fledgling Board members and his low key collegial approach has made him a treasured colleague. In his role as webmaster, Jerry has established the COC as an important source of orchid services, culture, education and conservation. As newsletter editor, he has presented breaking news and interesting articles on culture, orchid happenings and COC news His newsletters are eagerly awaited and read by Societies for both engaging style and content. Indeed he has been the sticky glue that in many ways has helped keep the COC together by providing an information and service focal point for Canadian orchid societies and their members. Jerry's activities outside the COC have also been impressive. An orchid grower of some note for over 20 years, he was a founding member of the Central Ontario Orchid Society and continues to be active in executive positions on their executive today. It gives me great pleasure on behalf of the COC to present this award to Jerry Bolce for his long and exemplary service to the COC.



Lynne Cassidy

Today the COC honours Lynne Cassidy of the Fraser Valley Orchid Society for her many long and dedicated years of service to orchid societies and orchid growing in Canada. In 2003, when the COC became incorporated as a not for profit corporation, she became one of the 6 founding directors of the corporation. Lynne served COC as vice president in 1999 and president in 2000-2. The duties in 2000 were particularly onerous as the COC and WOC were held in Vancouver, a meeting that took 5 years in the planning and was a brilliant success which established Canada's credibility as serious orchid growers. Since its inception in 2004 Lynne has managed the very important group insurance program adopted by most societies. She has negotiated and established terms of reference, affordable rates such that the program has become a key service offered by the COC. Lynne continues to be active in the Fraser Valley Orchid Society oversees the management of a Canadian fund for orchid conservation research and maintains a large collection of orchids in her personal greenhouse. It gives me great pleasure on behalf of the COC to present this certificate to Lynne Cassidy for her exemplary service to the national orchid community in Canada.

Congratulations to these two very deserving recipients.

Jean Hollebhone
Past President, COC
September 27, 2010



COMING EVENTS

2011

Feb 12-13: The Southern Ontario Orchid Society
The 32nd Annual SOOS Orchid Show at the Toronto Botanical
Garden, Edwards Gardens. "<http://www.soos.ca/>"

Feb 25-27: Orchid Society of Alberta "Orchid Fair", at Grant
MacEwan College South Campus, 7319-29 Avenue, Edmonton.
This year, we are also proud to host the Canadian Orchid Con-
gress Annual Meeting in conjunction with our show.
"<http://www.orchidsalberta.com/>"

March 3-6: Victoria Orchid Society Show in the Student Union
Building, University of Victoria. Show Chair is Svend Munk-
holm redvikingorchids@telus.net.
"<http://victoriaorchidsociety.ca/>"

March 19-20: London Orchid Society at the North London Op-
timist Community Centre, 1345 Cheapside Street at Highbury,
London, Ontario "<http://los.lon.imag.net/>"

March 25-27: The Manitoba Orchid Society Annual Show and
Sale at the Assiniboine Park Conservatory. For more informa-
tion, email: secondvp@manitobaorchidsociety.ca
"<http://manitobaorchidsociety.ca/index.php>"

April 23-24: The Ottawa Orchid Society Show at the
Nepean Sportsplex, 1701 Woodroffe Avenue, Nepean, Ontario.
Contact Dave Cooper (613-256-2853; orchidae@storm.ca)
"<http://www.ottawaorchidsociety.com>">

International Shows

Nov 17-21/2010: First International Exhibition of Orchids
Cuenca City, Ecuador.

Nov 14-23/2011: 20th WOC Singapore 2011
"Where New and Old World Orchids Meet".
Start planning now. "<http://www.20woc.com.sg/site/>"



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COCnews

The purpose of COCnews is to inform members of the meetings, policies of the COC, to profile members, and to provide technical information regarding happenings, trends and techniques in orchid cultivation across the country and around the world.

We welcome your suggestions and contributions. Deadline for each issue is one month before the issue dates previously announced.

Recipients of this newsletter are strongly urged to pass a copy on to other members of their society

COC Web Site - <http://www.CanadianOrchidCongress.ca/>
This newsletter may be found there.
Please send in your show information: date, location, contact, etc.