



NEWS

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Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Orchid Species Preservation Foundation

Yes, it's been 20 years since the OSPF was formed. It all started when Lorne Stewart of Vancouver donated his entire orchid collection to the Muttart Conservatory. Gordon Heaps was instrumental in obtaining this valuable collection and the Foundation was formed by local orchid enthusiasts from the Orchid Society of Alberta. They brought their knowledge, expertise and willing hands to help ensure the survival of the collection and to support it's growth and diversity over the years ahead.



It's time to reflect on all the people that have been involved over the 20 years and thank each and every one of them for their participation, support, and donations. For without their volunteer enthusiasm we would not have accomplished the success we have in place today!

We've come a long way Baby!!!

The OSPF invites you to help Celebrate this success by attending to our Anniversary Event, ***“Orchids: Mystery & Romance”***, October 8th to 23rd at the Muttart Conservatory. Enjoy displays, courses and activities, there is something for everyone.

Orchids: Mystery and Romance

October 8th - 23rd

Feature Pyramid Show - Orchids: Mystery and Romance

From cannibalistic to curative, the stories of the orchid are surpassed only by their beauty, color and variety. Explore the legendary past of these amazing species through drop-in tours, art displays, classes and a stunning Feature Pyramid display. Explore some of the lore and legend surrounding the centuries of orchid cultivation including the man-eating orchids, Victorian orchid mania, the medicinal uses of orchids and the orchid's influence in Asian culture.

Weekend Drop-in Tours - Orchids: Nature's Masterpiece

Saturdays and Sundays at noon, 1:30 p.m., and 3 p.m.
Orchids are the largest group of flowers with over 25,000 species. Their fascinating history that includes Darwin and orchid hunters.

Special Event Day - Orchids, Orchids, Orchids

Monday, October 10th

Join us as we celebrate the beauty and variety of orchids. There will be a drop-in art courses, demonstrations, displays and art exhibits inspired by these fascinating plants. Please see the city website for details: <http://www.edmonton.ca/>

Art Wall - Orchids

October 7th - 29th

This juried exhibit showcases some of the most spectacular, delightful and varied artwork inspired by orchids.

Adult orchid classes (call 311 to register):

Orchid Adoption \$35 +\$25 supplies
Saturday, Oct 22 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Advanced Orchid Care \$30 + \$25 supplies
Saturday, Oct. 29 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

OSPF's 20th Anniversary Orchid Culinary Gala

Thursday, October 13th, 7:00pm

An unforgettable night of orchids, champagne, food, music and entertainment. Enjoy an orchid-inspired menu by Chef Heather Dosman of Culina, while the ladies of Capital City Burlesque premiere dance numbers inspired by the mystery and intrigue of orchids. Enjoy the rare opportunity to tour the Muttart at night, including the fabulous OSPF orchid display in the Feature Pyramid. Tickets are \$120 per person (tax receipt provided) and may be purchased by calling 780-496-5939 or by emailing: tandie.mcleod@edmonton.ca



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From the President

Hi all. Hope you had a productive summer. The fall Orchid Show season is upon us. Please remember to report on your society show results to our editor so we can all share with you. Report especially on who or what gets the COC show trophy with a picture if possible.

At the Toronto Artistic Orchid Association Show last spring in Toronto, the judges selected a *Paphiopedilum* Liberty Taiwan for AOS Award consideration. They decided to recommend the wonderful flower pictured

here for an award of merit, of 82 points. This is a cross of *Paph. micranthum* x *Paph. hangianum*, several of which have been previously awarded. As the U.S. government considers *Paph. hangianum* an illegally exported plant under CITES rules, the AOS cannot recognize this award and it was therefore rescinded. The plant was submitted by Wilson Ng and received the clonal name Wilson's Choice. It is unfortunate that the same rules that have resulted in a dramatic increase in seed propagation of desirable plants, and therefore hopefully reduced wild collection, also continue to cause needless other difficulties.

Those of you who are members of AOS will have noted a special supplement with your August Orchids magazine. This supplement deals with the genus *Sarcochilus*, its species and hybrids and was researched and written by Jean Allen-Ikeson as her probationary paper for the Toronto Judging Centre. Jean is now an accredited AOS judge. She has been active in orchids in societies in Nova Scotia and Ontario. AOS will be publishing some more excellent papers produced by Toronto probationary judges. Look for them in Orchids!



On the COC home front I am happy to see that the conversion of our slide programs is going forward. Vice-president Barbara Bowmar, her husband and Ingrid Ostrander are working hard on Ingrid's slide programs. Ed Cott in Windsor, Ontario is putting the finishing touches to the late Ken Girard's Species *Cattleya* program. The digitized programs have been very popular with society program chairs so far this year. We are looking for more new ones for our program library.

In my last message I suggested that this issue be about conservation. I asked that member societies report about conservation initiatives in their area. My home society, the Southern Ontario Orchid Society, has a report from its conservation committee in this issue. I hope it will cause other societies to report on their efforts. We can all benefit from each other's experiences to help all of us to do better.

Conservation starts at home. Better care of your personal plants and a more selective approach to adding to your plants can help preserve precious material.

We need to very seriously look to the preservation of our native orchids and orchid habitats. We need to increase public awareness of what will be lost if we don't act to preserve and protect habitat both abroad and at home.

The August "Orchids" has some excellent orchid conservation articles as well as some new AOS Conservation Committee strategies.

There is a Proposal to begin the process of acquiring *Phragmipedium kovachii* habitat. For more information on this proposal check out:

<http://www.orchidconservationcoalition.org/pr/ecoanperu.html>

Madagascar Student Studies Conservation

Most of us have heard of the famed *Angraecum sesquipedale* with its very long spur which Darwin suggested would have a moth pollinator with a tongue long enough to reach the reward. Likewise, hobbyists have likely heard of the conservation challenges facing Madagascar where 90% of the 148 known species of *Angraecum* Bory are endemic (Stévant et al., 2010; Govaerts et al., 2009). Orchid conservation in Madagascar is particularly challenged by loss of habitat and orchid collection. The taxonomy of the genus *Angraecum* is also complex especially considering that there are more than 200 species throughout its range which includes not only Madagascar but tropical Africa and adjacent regions. For example, *A. subulatum* Lindl. is found from Ghana to the Democratic Republic of Congo in lowland, often swampy forest while lithophytic *A. eburneum* Bory and its several subspecies are variously restricted to Madagascar, Comoros, Mauritius, Réunion, or the Seychelles, or in Kenya and Tanzania. In order to assess correctly the conservation status of a species or to employ conservation methods such as reintroduction, practitioners must first have advanced knowledge of the genus.



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Tahiana (Herinandrianina Notahianjanahary Andriananjamanantsoa), is a Madagascar student and PhD candidate at the Dépt. Sciences Biologiques, Institut de Recherche en Biologie Végétale, Université de Montréal, who tells us in his own words of his interest in orchids and conservation. The title of his research is *Phylogeny and Biogeography of Malagasy Angraecum (Orchidaceae)*. We look forward to seeing Tahiana at some shows and society meetings and wish him all the best with his studies and research.

The Conservation Committee of the Southern Ontario Orchid Society (SOOS) has generously assisted Tahiana with his project. We thank Rachel Gottesman, her committee, and the SOOS membership for their contribution. - Marilyn Light

Tahiana recounts his experience with orchids in Madagascar

My interest to orchids started when I was a graduate student at the University of Antananarivo working on my Master's degree in 2005. Before that, my knowledge on orchids was very little, and limited to cultivated orchids in a greenhouse and in market place only. When I did my field work at Ranomafana National Park (a national reserve located in the Eastern Part of the Malagasy rain forest), I was amazed when I saw *Aerangis macrocentra* in bloom. I couldn't believe how such beautiful plants exist in the wild. Since that time, I never forgot this orchid species and each individual plant at Talatakey (one of the trails at Ranomafana National Park), because the time I was in the field in June 2005, all

A. macrocentra were in bloom giving a new look to the forest.

After my graduation in 2007, I worked as research assistant at Madagascar Biodiversity Partnership (MBP) and led a field collection team for *Angraecum*. Within 3 years, we've been collecting over 600 orchid samples from 10 different sites from the North to the South Eastern part of Madagascar. My team and I got familiarized with *Angraecum* species, every time we go to an orchid expedition and we work with local guides, because that's the rule, locals got "orchid fever" too (we call it orchid fever syndrome, because everybody working on orchids loves orchids no matter what). And now, I'm a Ph.D candidate at the University of Montreal, working on the "Phylogeny of *Angraecum*", and really enthusiastic about its conservation.



Picture captions (all photos by Michael MacConaill)
Angcm. subulatum
Angcm. eburneum
Tahiana



Mario Ferrusi at Pier 21 pointing to the Ferrusi plaque showing the year they landed in Canada from Italy.

OSNS Welcomes Mario Ferrusi

On July 30, the members of the Orchid Society of Nova Scotia welcomed Conni and Mario Ferrusi, of Marsh Hollow Orchids to our summer picnic meeting. Mario treated us to a lovely talk on "Mario's Orchids A-Z", which featured lots of interesting plants we usually don't see grown by our members. Mario gave a relaxing insight into his growing conditions and daily regimen. After the talk, much to the delight of our members, Mario had some of his "plant goodies" for sale.

Following the meeting, we adjourned to the home of Gail and Bob Schwarz, the Ferrusi's hosts, for a lobster/BBQ combination dinner. As usual, members feasted on salads and delicacies supplied by the membership.



During the Ferrusi's stay, they visited Pier 21 where Mario's family had immigrated through in his early childhood. They also took a short jaunt to the Annapolis Valley region, lunching at the home of members, Juta and Paul Cabilio, and later visited Canning Daylily Gardens, owned by past president Wayne Ward.

We wish to thank the COC for the Ferrusi's visit, made possible with COC speakers travel subsidies. This monetary contribution is very helpful to remote clubs, such as ours. Many speakers find it difficult to leave the usual show and judging circuit during the September to May calendar year and find a trip this way in the summertime more inviting. Small clubs need this exposure to keep interest alive in our hobby. We therefore suggest other clubs take advantage of these generous subsidies.

Your friend in growing,
Pam Ferro COC Rep OSNS

The Southern Ontario Orchid Society Conservation Committee

The Southern Ontario Orchid Society (SOOS) has steadfastly promoted its mandate of worldwide orchid preservation through education, information and financial support of conservation efforts. The launch of the Society's Conservation Committee came a result of a call to its membership for volunteers to focus on this aspect of orchid ecosystems from then President Wayne Hingston in 1990.

Perhaps the greatest challenge facing native and exotic orchid species alike is the destruction of their habitats. One of the Conservation Committee's (CC) primary roles has been to advise the SOOS Executive on a number of land acquisition donations that directly address this critical issue. In 2008, SOOS financially supported the Bayview Wetland purchase in Kingston Township, a linchpin-connecting habitat of wetlands and an orchid fen (7 species). Early in 2010, the CC recommended that SOOS turn its attention to a Nature Conservancy of Canada's (NCC) effort on the Bruce Peninsula known as the McClennan Property. This area featured coastal fen wetlands harbouring a wide range of significant plant life including orchids such as Rose Pogonia (*Pogonia ophioglossoides*), Loesel's Twayblade (*Liparis loeselii*) and various Ladies' Tresses (*Spiranthes romanzoffiana* and *S. Cernula*). SOOS made a contribution to assist with the purchase of that parcel of land. Most recently, last June the CC presented the Executive with an opportunity to save and preserve orchid habitat in support of another NCC initiative. The Tasker Property on the southern portion of Lake Huron's Manitoulin Island is a stunning example of globally significant biodiversity including 18 documented orchid species. SOOS in helping to finance that land purchase consolidated the organization's commitment to habitat preservation of our native species and prompted an NCC executive to suggest that SOOS should also stand for 'Save Our Orchids Soon' a worthy interpretation of our organization's acronym and one that should be adopted by the Conservation Committee. Upholding the organization's commitment to all orchids, in June SOOS also supported the CC's recommendation of funding the education of a Malagasy student who is doing post-graduate work on conserving what's left of Madagascar's beleaguered angraecum orchid populations.

In an effort to actively broaden our knowledge of local orchid habitats, CC members have gone on day trips to Crieff Bog, the Toronto Islands, the Humber River

environs, to the Alliston area north of the city and to the Koffler Scientific Reserve at Jokers Hill (the area is blanketed by a mosaic of wetlands and is an internationally recognized site for research and education in biodiversity, ecology and conservation biology. It is affiliated with the University of Toronto). Some members travelled to the Bruce Peninsula and witnessed miles of yellow lady's slippers at the side of the highway in what appeared to be the most challenging of soils. A few years ago the CC decided to attempt to introduce two of our native species (*Cypridium calceolus* and *Cypridium reginae*) into areas we felt aligned with their needs and planted within the city at Roycroft Park and the Toronto Brick Works. We also put a couple of specimens into the Alliston property. The success has been mixed. What we have learned however is that this pursuit is not a viable way to increase orchid numbers by any substantial degree and that efforts should be concentrated on understanding the science of the soils that support orchid colonies. To that end the CC intends to encourage the enlisting of a graduate student to assist with DNA testing of soil, identification of fungus, etc. and return to the Koffler Scientific Reserve where we have been invited to follow-up on their interest in sustainable, permanent orchid beds.

It was evident at SOOS's Annual Show last February that the public is hungry for knowledge about native orchid species and how to conserve them. Huge interest was garnered by a borrowed display detailing North American native orchid species. The CC hopes to acquire a permanent, portable desktop display that can be used to take advantage of numerous community fairs and public education events that occur every weekend during the spring, summer and fall within Toronto. Our new interest is educating the public to both the beauty and plight of our native species and we see the portable display as a great vehicle for getting the conservation message out there. The Toronto Botanical Garden (TBG) has expressed genuine interest in a seminar the CC is planning to offer in their Spring 2012 Event Calendar tentatively titled 'An Introduction to Native Orchids'. The portable display would be used in the seminar to reinforce the information presented on the computer. The Committee not only sees the display as of way to disseminate information on native orchids at the Annual Show and as a booster for our Committee's educational outreach component, but also as an implement that could potentially have a fundraising application.

The CC just went through a planning session with a third party facilitator in an effort to clearly outline new directions for the group. It was extremely worthwhile and has further invigorated the Committee by suggesting tangible methods to achieve both immediate and long-term goals. We are looking forward to implementing these recommendations in the weeks ahead.

SOOS Conservation Grants

Last June, The Southern Ontario Orchid Society (SOOS) cemented its commitment to both exotic and native orchid species by making two donations to conservation efforts.

The Executive supported the Conservation Committee's recommendation of a \$1000 grant to a Malagasy student at the Universite de Montreal who is doing PhD work on conserving Madagascar's *Angraecum* orchid species. The monies are to be used to offset his cost of shipping samples for the school years 2012 and 2013.

The Executive also approved a \$10,000 donation for the Tasker Initiative, a land purchase spear-headed by The Nature Conservancy of Canada. Located on the southern shore of Manitoulin Island, the Tasker property is not only part of the richest ecological district within the Canadian part of the Great Lakes basin but also boasts globally significant biodiversity in its support of an exceptional abundance of species and communities. It is the habitat of 18 species of orchids including:

- Long-bracted Green Orchid (*Coeloglossum viride* var. *virescens*)
- Pink Moccasin Flower (*Cypripedium acaule*)
- Ram's-head Lady's Slipper (*Cypripedium arietinum*)
- Large Yellow Lady's Slipper (*Cypripedium calceolus* var. *pubescens*)
- Showy Lady's Slipper (*Cypripedium reginae*)
- Alaska Orchid (*Piperia unalascensis*)
- Club-spur Orchid (*Platanthera clavellata*)
- Tall White Bog Orchid (*Platanthera dilatata*)
- Tall Northern Green Orchid (*Platanthera hyperborea* var. *Hyperborea*)
- Ragged-fringed Orchid (*Platanthera lacera*)
- Blunt-leaf Rein Orchid (*Platanthera obtusata*)
- Small Round-leaf Orchid (*Platanthera orbiculata*)
- Small Purple-fringed Orchid (*Platanthera psycodes*)

Mexican Orchids

In September, T. J. Hartung, President of the Vallarta Orchid Society will be speaking on the subject of Mexican Orchids. He will focus on those orchids found ONLY in Mexico. Three orchid societies in the San Francisco Bay area have invited him to speak during the first week of September. He will speak at the Santa Cruz Orchid Society on September 2nd, the Carmel Orchid Society on September 5th, and the Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society on September 7th.

He will also speak at the Oregon Orchid Society meeting, on September 20, in Portland Oregon. His topic there will be "Vanilla - History, Culture and Interesting Facts."

More information on these talks can be found on the Vallarta Orchid Society web site

<http://www.pvorchids.com/>

Donation

Special thanks to the Manitoba Orchid Society, of Manitoba Canada for their generous donation in support of the National Conservatory of Mexican Orchids, being built by the Vallarta Botanical Gardens in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. This will house the only collection of Mexican National Orchid in the entire country.

Phragmipedium CD

Ingrid Schmidt-Ostrander's COC slide program on *Phragmipedium* has been converted to a Powerpoint program with accompanying Word notes. The notes have been upgraded to August 25, 2011 nomenclature. The new CD which includes both the Powerpoint program and the notes is available from the COC.
Barbara Bowmar



An Orchid Oasis

The greenhouse doors slide open, and I am welcomed by a beautiful display of colour, earthy aromas, and high humidity. I close my eyes and momentarily imagine being immersed in the mist-laden ecosystems of Central America.



This is the first of our three temperature-controlled areas in the greenhouse, mentions Tandie McCloud, a staff member with the Orchid Species Preservation Foundation. Her voice interrupts my tropical reverie and reminds me I am in Edmonton, Alberta, on a cloudy and cool June afternoon. Longing to escape the rainy spring season, I am visiting Edmonton's iconic Muttart Conservatory for a much-needed dose of summer foliage and color. I am also here to learn first-hand about the Orchid Species Preservation Foundation, a community of orchid enthusiasts dedicated to developing and conserving a world-renown orchid species collection.

"The Foundation dates back to 1991, following the donation of a large personal collection of orchids by the Lorne Stewart family of Vancouver, BC," notes Doug Bovee, president of the Foundation and a member since the group's inaugural year. Due to the sheer number of orchid species, the Muttart Conservatory was the only facility in Western Canada able to take in the collection as a whole. The desire to preserve the diverse array of orchids was the impetus of the Foundation, and local orchid growers were keen to work in partnership with the Conservatory.

As we tour through the fragrant greenhouse, I am in awe of the variety of colours, shapes and sizes of these

unique specimens. In their natural surroundings, several species of orchids are epiphytes, growing above the ground and deriving their nutrients from the air and precipitation. In the controlled environment of the greenhouse, these epiphytes, suspended above ground level on tiny individual planks, thrive on high humidity and are grown in very little medium. "The roots just drink it all in," explains Tandie.

Built over a number of years and completed in 2004, the state-of-the-art greenhouse has a total of 5000 square ft. of growing space. Of this space, 2600 square ft. are devoted to the warm and humid section, 1200 square ft. to the intermediate section and 1200 ft. to the cool section. Since orchid species are found on every continent except the Arctic poles, the various temperature settings are essential to create growing conditions similar to the natural environment. Several species in the collection are rare or endangered; therefore, special care is taken to ensure ideal growing conditions are established and maintained. Advanced mechanical and electrical devices are computer controlled to monitor the growing conditions, and a misting system maintains the necessary moisture levels for optimum growth.

Since 1991, the Orchid Species Preservation Foundation has been involved in a variety of conservation, education and community-based projects. A significant aspect of the education component focuses on hosting programs and courses on how to care for orchids, as well as recruiting volunteers to facilitate these courses. The Foundation also works with schools to incorporate special projects into the curriculum. Doug elaborates upon a recent

initiative, where the Foundation brought in a high school class and taught them about orchid care and conservation. Following the program, the Foundation donated a number of plants and the school was paired with a seniors complex. The students visited the centre and built a growing stand for the orchids, and worked alongside the elderly residents to assist with re-potting the plants and establishing them in their growing medium.



The successful program is now being used as a prototype for future relationships with other organizations within the community. “We are looking at various avenues for spreading knowledge about orchids and orchid conservation - as well as providing a benefit to the community through connections between youths and seniors,” explains Doug. Orchid care is a topic of conversation relevant to all ages, and sharing these familiar experiences is a valuable way of bridging the generational gap. “Many of the members of the orchid community are elderly, and enjoy acting as ambassadors for sharing their knowledge with the younger generation. Young people are often struggling to establish an identity, and it’s empowering for them to have specialized knowledge,” comments Tandie, who coordinated the project.

We enter the cool section, and I notice a distinct change in temperature from the warm and intermediate areas. These specimens are flourishing under the optimum growth conditions of the greenhouse; however, several species in the Muttart’s collection have an endangered or threatened designation in their natural environment. One of the main reasons for the worldwide decline in orchid numbers is due to habitat loss through human activities such as deforestation and population expansion.

Doug and Tandie explain how the survival of orchids in their natural habitat acts as a flagship to determine the overall health of the ecosystem. Orchids have a symbiotic, or mutually beneficial relationship with a number of species such as pollinators and fungus. Therefore, a healthy population of orchids in a particular environment is an indication that many other plants, animals, insects and microbes are still present. The absence of orchids is a red flag, demonstrating that the entire ecosystem is threatened. In Alberta, 16 of the 26 native orchid species are protected in the Wagner Natural Area, a flora and fauna-rich peatland containing ideal wetland habitat.

As our visit nears a close, I inquire about the organization’s plans and initiatives for the future. Doug enthusiastically mentions an important upcoming event - the twentieth anniversary of the Foundation will be celebrated in October. The three week gala will be a significant milestone for Alberta’s orchid community and the conservation of orchid species. The Foundation also hopes to expand upon their existing repertoire of education programs, build their membership and volunteer base, and establish containers of native orchid species.



I reluctantly leave the beautiful greenhouse oasis, open my umbrella and venture out into the torrential rain showers. I will return to the Conservatory in the future; but for now, I will hold on to the image of the exquisite orchid collection and remember that winter is just around the corner.

-by Bethany Horne, originally published in "Soiled and Seeded"

Essex County Orchid Society Orchid Show & Sale

The Essex County Orchid Society is hosting an Orchid Show & Sale on November 12, 2011. This is the first time an Orchid Show of this calibre is being staged by the Society. This is a one day event where you will see many beautiful orchids artistically arranged in creative displays by vendors and members. There is no admission fee for the public and the event is taking place at Colasanti's Tropical Gardens in Ruthven on Saturday Nov. 12th from 10 to 4 pm. This will be a great opportunity for all orchid lovers and admirers alike to view an elaborate assortment of orchids and Orchid Art. A vast array of orchids will be available for purchase from our four vendors. There will be speakers both in the AM & the PM on orchid growing with an opportunity to ask questions on growing orchids successfully. For more info kindly check our website: www.essexcountyorchidsociety.webs.com

Windsor Orchid Society Awards

The Windsor Orchid Society (WOS/SOW) presented six very deserving members with the following four awards at this year's May Annual General Meeting:

Orchid Digest Diamond Award (as voted by a committee representing the membership, past recipients and the Executive), presented to our President Ed Cott, a founding member continuously active in the Society since its inception in 1984-5, for having "contributed extraordinarily to the advancement of the Windsor Orchid Society and to the benefit of all its Members while always remaining mindful of the original "Constitutional Aims and Objectives" of the WOS/SOW". Ed is presently an AOS Student Judge.



American Orchid Society Appreciation Awards (presented at the discretion of the President) - to Louise Holt for her contributions as a continuing member of the Executive, Librarian and Show Display coordinator and to Eunice Bragg for her continuous service to the Society by providing for the monthly refreshments table,

her services as a member of the Executive and for coordinating membership contact.



Canadian Orchid Congress Award awarded to the member of the Society who has participated and contributed the most orchid plants (or photos) to be included in the monthly plant table, show displays or society contests. Presented to Jeannie Gascoigne.



Award of the Windsor Orchid Society presented to those who have contributed most to the advancement and improvement of the Windsor Orchid Society during the year, as determined by the Executive. This award was presented to Chuck Lefave and Bernie Butts.

It is the intention of the WOS/SOW to honour Society members, on an annual basis, for their well appreciated, past and present, support and loyalty, efforts and for a variety of contributions.



COMING EVENTS

2011

Sept 24-25: The Central Ontario Orchid Society, Cambridge Hespeler Arena, 640 Ellis Road, Cambridge. "<http://www.coos.ca/>"

Oct 15-16: The Foothills Orchid Society presents The Calgary Orchid Show 'Orchids for Everyone' at Triwood Community Center, 2244 Chicoutimi Drive NW, Calgary, AB Contact: <http://www.orchidshow.ca/>

Oct 22-23: Eastern Canada Orchid Society at the Hotel Espresso and Conference Center, 1005 rue Guy, in Downtown Montreal. Phone 514-684-3904 "<http://www.ecosorchids.ca/>"

Oct 28-30: Orchid Society of the Royal Botanical Gardens 680 Plains Rd., Burlington Show chair is Chris Foden, email fodens@sympatico.ca "<http://www.osrbg.ca/>"

Nov 5-6: Fraser Valley Orchid Society Show & Plant Sale will be held at the George Preston Recreation Centre, 20699 42nd Avenue, Langley, BC Contact: info@fraservalleyorchidsociety.com "<http://www.fraservalleyorchidsociety.ca/>"

Nov 12: The Essex County Orchid Society will be holding their second Orchid Show & Sale at Colasanti's Tropical Gardens, 1550 Road 3 E. Ruthven, ON. We will have vendors, Artistic Designs Displays by vendors and members and also an Art component. Ribbon Judging will take place with many special awards to be won. For more information, please email: Juliette St. Pierre at canadel@cogeco.ca "<http://www.essexcountyorchidsociety.webs.com/>"

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Feb 11-12: The Southern Ontario Orchid Society Annual Orchid Show at the Toronto Botanical Garden, Edwards Gardens. "<http://www.soos.ca/>"

International Shows

Nov 13-20/2011: 20th WOC Singapore 2011 "Where New and Old World Orchids Meet". Start planning now. "<http://www.20woc.com.sg/site/>"

September 11 – 16, 2012: 19th Australian Orchid Council Conference & Show 'Wild about Orchids' Burswood Convention Centre, Bolton Ave, Burswood, Perth, Western Australia http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/19th_AOC_Conference.htm

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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.

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