



NEWS

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Dugger Award

The Robert B. Dugger Odontoglossum Award, which was established by the friends of Robert B. Dugger and members of the Odontoglossum Alliance, was presented by the AOS Trustees for the first time in 1996 to the grower of the most outstanding example of the Odontoglossum Alliance. It honors the work of a man who was responsible for the 1980s renaissance in odontoglossums.

The AOS award for 2011 goes to the grower of the plant, Mario & Conni Ferrusi for *Odontoglossum Stroperry* 'Twilight Treat' AM/AOS 81 pts. Congratulations!



The Orchid Journal's Recent Highlights

The posting of Award information hot off the presses from the Toronto Judging Center as well as their submission of National Award photos by Canadians were THE hottest item recently. ALL JC's are invited to submit award info via email. A special thank you must go out to Terry Kennedy, Chair of the Toronto JC, for going above and beyond with detailed award submissions.

Other hot items involved a time lapse video of a Stanhopea flower opening, Ottawa's orchid sketches by a novice hobbyist and guessing the genus, OOS' lifetime achievement award presentation to our own Marilyn Light & husband Michael MacConaill saw OJ acting as a true social media site spreading the word and congratulations, OJ and friends saw us rooting for and following Don Harquail (Vancouver Orchid Society) on the TV show 'Recipes to Riches' which highlighted Don's talents both as a cook (semi-finalist) and an orchid hobbyist. Exceptional newsletter edition from the Windsor Society with hot tips for orchidist was a hit on OJ. Photo albums from RBG, COOS, ECOS, Richmond and Fraser Valley societies provided a feast for the eyes!

We've answered importation queries re Cites as it related to a vendor's problem and whether or not a purchase of orchid seeds was a good idea.....just to name a few items. OJ is supported by many specialists and friends in the orchid world and they are happy to share their experiences and expertise.

Also, we are working behind the scenes with the Essex County Orchid Society to develop their own Facebook site and Orchid Journal will connect with them, of course, and share information. The Manitoba society are hoping to use our site for the publicizing of their show in 2013 and OJ was on the show committee's agenda looking for ways to maximize the use of our site.

We've had several educational YouTube postings (a good deal of them from AOS educational videos) and even orchid floral arranging and have received positive feedback. Our postings involve everything from DNA testing and reclassification, orchid biotechnology to brown tips on leaves, humidity trays.....something for everyone.

Some of our postings have been shared with the AOS Facebook site.

Future developments on OJ will be tips on how societies can use their Facebook site to promote their shows AND invite other groups to the show without ever leaving their computer :)

Happy postings, Marlene Young

2013 COC Travel Grant

We will be accepting applications for the 2013 Travel Grant from Jan. 4/13 until March 15/13. The application form and instructions/conditions are on the COC website. We don't need a signature on the application form, 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

News from the Orchid Hybrid Registrar

Just to let you know that yesterday Robert Hacker, our IT consultant, successfully made the transfer in the orchid registration database of all x Doritaenopsis and Doritis hybrids to Phalaenopsis. As a result x Doritaenopsis will no longer be available on the on-line search, but will appear in the synonym box as appropriate.

All registration applications for x Doritaenopsis hybrids will now be registered as Phalaenopsis from today onwards.

It would be useful if you could make this announcement known in your news items area on websites and other publications.

Many thanks,

Best wishes

Julian Shaw

Acting President's Notes

Happy growing in 2013. From what I have heard about last year many local orchid clubs are losing members and are finding it difficult to recruit active board members to run their affairs. Those of us who are in this situation would like to hear what you are doing about it and if you are not in this predicament, we would like to hear what you are doing right. Please share your problems and your successes through these newsletters. They come out every two months and the editor, Jerry Bolce, has lots of room for more content. We can all benefit from your experience.

COC Membership. As of December 15 most member societies had renewed their membership. Only three had not renewed. Delayed renewals usually arise out of changes to society executive boards, either because these changes don't get reported to allow us to send the renewal notice to the appropriate person or because the notice does not get passed on to the society treasurer. Whatever the reason we hope to have everyone back on board as soon as possible. We cannot renew your insurance, provide you with digital meeting programs or send you the COC trophy unless you have renewed.

COC Annual General Meeting. This is scheduled for Winnipeg, Manitoba, March 22-24. Please consider sending a society delegate to this meeting. We are trying to set up the possibility of an electronic interface with this meeting to allow for wider participation. However, we would all rather meet face to face and see the orchids in Winnipeg.

COC executive board election. The members present at our last Annual General Meeting in Burlington, Ontario deferred electing a President and two vice presidents, and left me in an Acting President position. This condition should not continue. We need you to propose qualified and enthusiastic candidates for these positions. Myself and the current past president Jean Hollebone are available to assist with the transition. Please put forward society members with proven local board experience to Jean Hollebone at jhollebone@sympatico.ca. Include a resume and their interest in a nomination.

Peter Poot.

SOOS Awards Orchid Digest Diamond Award

Recently, we choose to present the Orchid Digest Diamond Award to two people. They have grown orchids since they were in grad school and joined the Southern Ontario Orchid Society in 1963. They have held just about every position on the executive committee. Some positions, such as President and Show Chair, more than once! They have, for many years, collaborated in producing one of the finest society newsletters. He with his computer skills, and she with her fabled notes! They were both instrumental in bringing an AOS Judging Center to Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Please, join us in congratulating the first Southern Ontario Orchid Society's recipients of the Orchid Digest's Diamond Award...Peter & Inge Poot!



AOS REPORT From Portland Meetings Nov. 14-18, 2012

The best news from the Portland Meetings is that the AOS Orchids Magazine will be available as a Digital version on line with your password as of January 2013. The cost for this will be \$65 US worldwide. So in Canada if you only want the digital version the fee is \$65, for another \$20 (roughly) you can also receive the printed version. The extra fee is for postage only. This is an important step forward as it no longer means a Canadian member has to pay higher membership fees, and for those that are content with the downloadable digital version it is a real saving. If you insist on a hard copy then you will need to pay extra for the postal charges, still a saving over current charges!

The AOS Judging scene in Canada is changing dramatically. On the west coast at the Vancouver site of the Pacific Northwest Judging Center there are four Probationary judges elevated to fully Accredited status. They are Poul Hansen, Wayne Louie, Abu Salleh and Deborah Ward. Congratulations go out to all four for all the hard work that is involved. Also Calvin Wong, Probationary judge of the Toronto Center has transferred to Vancouver mainly due to a career move. The Vancouver site has also added three new Students, Margaret Prat, Bev Hansen, [also Bryan Emery] and Ryan Young. The Toronto Judging Center has elevated Paul Batz to Probationary status and the Montreal site has added a new Student Laura Bonnell-Raymond while Judy Adams and Howard Ginsberg have become Senior judges. All sites are seeing a good number of plants and encourage everyone to bring their beauties in for judging.

As to the AOS, the COO and staff have finally moved out of their 425 square foot office into a small house at the Fairchild Research Center. The addition of Director of Finance and Administration Gladys Garcia-Greenberg and two other recently hired office staff will take a ton of weight off COO Ron McHatton's shoulders and allow him concentrate on other important matters.

John Ingram, chair of the Library Committee, is working with Fairchild Botanical Gardens in preparing to move the AOS Library to a temporary facility at the Fairchild until a new permanent building is erected. This will soon allow access to many incredible rare orchid books. A new web designer, Anthony Tanner

has been engaged, and under the direction of the new IT Chair Greg Filter is rapidly working down a priority list of issues and is making great strides in cleaning up the web site and AQPlus, with the goal of making both much more user friendly.

One of the highlights of the Portland meeting was the very welcome, surprise announcement by Peter Furniss of a \$50,000 grant that he and his wife Gail are sponsoring for practical research on orchids. He has felt for a long time that practical research that would help hobbyists has been lacking (as indeed there were no funds available) and this will allow for needed research on best types of fertilizers, etc or best growing conditions for cattleyas, etc... you get the idea... which will help all of us to become better and more savvy growers. Under the joint leadership of former president Chris Rehmann and the new president Sandra Svoboda, the AOS has definitely turned a corner with regards to both fiscal security and exciting new programming. We look forward to our next report which will give you additional information on the exciting things that are happening with AOS at Fairchild.

Respectfully submitted by Mario Ferrusi and Jean Hollebhone.

Insurance

Thank you to all the Societies that participated in the insurance program for 2013. All but one society has paid. It covers all the members at the meetings and also all attendees at our annual shows. The more who participate, the lower the cost to us all.

Thank you, Dianne Gillis

First AOS Judged show in Windsor

The members of the Windsor Orchid Society (WOS) are pleased to announce their first annual American Orchid Society (AOS) Judged Show to be held on October 26-27, 2013, at the Teutonia Club in Windsor, Ontario. For additional information, please contact Co-Show Managers Bernie Butts (bernie.butts@rogers.com---519-208-4836) or Ed Cott (laelia@aol.com---519-252-7342). Watch for up-coming announcements on the WOS Website (www.windsororchidsociety.ca).

Essex County Orchid Society

On behalf of the Essex County Orchid Society members, we wish to thank the COC for the \$200.00 travel grant for 2012. We are very grateful for this assistance which helps to offset the cost of bringing a great speaker to our club.

This year we were able to bring a speaker from Pennsylvania, Ray Barkalow. (photo below Ray with President Barb Morden) Ray has over 35 years of growing experience and is well known for his semi-hydroponic orchid growing method which our members truly enjoyed and were able to learn first hand about this process at our November meeting. The grant was a great help to our new society.

Thank you.

Juliette St. Pierre, Secretary



our Arrangement classes. Well, it paid off for a member of the London Orchid Society as Brenda Aarts took First Place with her entry in the container class, a "Best in Show" and the COC award. (photo below) Congrats Brenda! Job well done. She was very impressed with our show and especially the Arrangement classes. She said that she enjoyed it very much and she will encourage other members of their society to participate next year.

The Arts division was also very successful with beautiful Orchid Paintings, Drawings and super photos.

Our Vendors were amazed at seeing the orchids fly off their tables which proved to be very rewarding for them. The visitors streamed through the show all day and many took advantage of the free seminars and workshops offered throughout the day. We are looking forward to holding next year's show at Colasanti's in Ruthven.



Essex County OS Show

The Essex County Orchid Society 'Orchid Show & Sale' was a great success with over 400 visitors from across Essex County, Windsor, Chatham, Sarnia and Woodstock area. We received many compliments on our Show. Many were in awe, seeing so many different types of orchids and so many fragrant ones in the sales area and in the Society Display. Our vendors came from Whitby, Newmarket and Lynden ON. Some visitors thanked us for putting on such a beautiful, classy show.

We expanded our show this year with extending an invitation to other Orchid Societies to participate in

AOS Awards at the January 5/13 judging of the Toronto Judging Centre of the AOS.

These awards are provisional until published by the AOS. (Photos: Peter Poot)



Rhyncholaeliocattleya (Blc. Shinfong Luchyang x Pot. Kat Green Power), HCC-AOS 79 points, Exhibitor: Eric Lee, Crystal Star Orchids.



Lycaste Shoalhaven 4n x *Karina* 4n, HCC-AOS 78 points, Exhibitor: Doug and Terry Kennedy.

Also: *Restrepia chocoensis* 'Snake's Tongue' CHM-AOS, AM-AOS 85 points, CCM-AOS 84 points, Exhibitor: Mario and Conni Ferrusi.

Dendrochillum cootesii 'Red Carmel Corn' CHM-AOS, Exhibitor: Doug and Terry Kennedy.



Masdevallia Razzle Dazzle 'Marshollow Sparkler' CCE-AOS 93 points, (*datura* x *triangularis*) Exhibitor: Mario and Conni Ferrusi.



Plectrominthus caudatus, AM-AOS 84 points, Exhibitor: Nicole Roy.

Also: *Chrisnopsis Penang Star* (*Paraphalaenopsis laycockii* x *Christensonianum vietnamica*) HCC-AOS 76 points, Exhibitor: Nicole Roy.

Black Orchid

I bought it in the spring when Fred came to London to speak. Fredclarkera AFTER DARK, 'SVO Black Pearl'. It stayed outside in our tea house all summer and when it showed signs of blooming we put it inside in a south facing window to enjoy.

Bob and Barb Morden, Essex County Orchid Society.



The Orchid Society of Alberta Presents

ORCHID FAIR

Annual Show and Sale 2013

Friday, February 22 — Noon to 8 PM
Saturday, February 23 — 10 AM to 5 PM
Sunday, February 24 — 10 AM to 4 PM

MacEwan South Campus
7319-29 Avenue, Edmonton

Free Parking — Admission \$10 — Under 12 Free
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The Manitoba Orchid Society
is pleased to host
The 2013 Annual Meeting
of the
Canadian Orchid Congress
in conjunction with
*"A Symphony
of Orchids"*
Annual Spring Orchid
Show and Sale
March 22, 23 & 24, 2013
Assiniboine Park Conservatory
15 Conservatory Drive
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Watch for more information at: www.manitobaorchidsociety.ca
2013 Show Chair - Lorne Heshka - lheshka@mymts.net

COMING EVENTS

2013

Feb 16-17: The Southern Ontario Orchid Society Orchid Show at the Toronto Botanical Garden, Edwards Gardens. "<http://www.soos.ca/>"

Feb 22-24: Orchid Society of Alberta "Orchid Fair", at Grant MacEwan College South Campus, 7319-29 Avenue, Edmonton. For more information, "<http://www.orchidsalberta.com/>"

March 2-3: Victoria Orchid Society Spring Orchid Show. It will be held in the Student Union Building, University of Victoria. "<http://victoriaorchidsociety.ca/>"

March 2-3: Orchid Society of the Royal Botanical Gardens, 680 Plains Rd., Burlington "<http://www.osrbg.ca/>"

March 16-17: London Orchid Society at Mother Teresa Catholic Secondary School, 1065 Sunningdale Road East, London. "<http://los.lon.imag.net/>"

March 22-24: The Vancouver Orchid Society Annual Show at the Van Dusen Botanical Garden, 5251 Oak St., Vancouver BC. "<http://www.vancouverorchidsociety.ca/>"

March 23-24: Les Orchidophiles de Montreal Orchidexpo College de Maisonneuve, 2700 Bourbonniere St., Montreal href="<http://orchidophiles.qc.ca/>"

March 22-24: The Manitoba Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale at the Assiniboine Park Conservatory. The COC will also be having its Annual Meeting. For more information, please email: secondvp@manitobaorchidsociety.ca "http://manitobaorchidsociety.ca/main_mos/index.php"

April 13-14: The Annual Toronto Artistic Orchid Association Show, CICS (Centre for Information and Community Service), 2330 Midland Avenue, Scarborough, Ontario, M1S 5G5, (N.W. Of HWY 401/Midland) For show information: info.taoa@yahoo.ca "<http://www.taoa.ca/>"

April 20-21: The Ottawa Orchid Society Annual Show at the Nepean Sportsplex, 1701 Woodroffe Avenue, Nepean, Ontario. "<http://www.ottawaorchidsociety.com>"

May 31 - June 1: Bruce Peninsula Orchid Festival "<http://www.orchidfest.ca/>"

Get your spring show dates, with details, to the COC editor.

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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.

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