

# CANADIAN ORCHID CONGRESS NEWS

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

This is the first of what I hope will become a regular medium of communication between Canadian orchid societies. I believe that for now at least the function of this organisation must be to provide a secretariat through which the societies can communicate their activities, their needs, and their ideas. That is the message I have taken away from both the Vancouver and the Ottawa congress meetings, I am projecting 6 of these newsletters between now and our next congress, and I am seeking your input in the form of suggestions for content, ideas, things you want to know about, format, and frequency. If you wish to share any of this with your membership, please feel free to copy and disseminate through your own publication. Contributions for publication will be welcomed.

## THE OTTAWA CONGRESS

The 1989 Congress meeting was hosted by the Ottawa Orchid Society in conjunction with their annual show on April 22 and 23. Ottawa put on a superb show which was judged by mixed teams of AOS judges and knowledgeable local orchidists. AOS judges awarded the AOS show trophy to the Southern Ontario Orchid Society display executed by Terry and Doug Kennedy. AOS judging resulted in the following plant awards: a 75 point HCC to Paph Maudiae coloratum 'Annette' owned by Annette Bagby of Mississauga, Ontario and an 82 point CCM to Egon Dreise of Laval, Quebec for Masdevallia datura 'Laval'.

In addition to the show, Ottawa put on an excellent series of lectures on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, and a very pleasurable awards banquet on Saturday evening. The Ottawa society did an outstanding job and put on a very enjoyable orchid event.

The Congress meeting was held on Sunday morning, again in Carlton University facilities obtained by the Ottawa Orchid Society. Wally Thomas chaired the proceedings, and led the attendees through an evaluation of the need for a congress of Canadian orchid societies and a proposed constitution for the organisation. A number of amendments simplifying the constitution and the organisation were adopted and a final revised document should be available soon. The meeting concluded that the organisation should go ahead and should concern itself primarily with facilitating communication and cooperation between societies to help societies help each other. To this end a simple newsletter was proposed that could be sent to each society and from which the societies could then copy any material that they wish to pass on to their members via their own newsletters. The production of video tapes is under consideration and the organisation of collecting trips is being looked into.

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Wally asked for proposals for sites for the next three Congress meetings and stated a preference for an eastern location for 1990. The Royal Botanical Gardens (RBG) orchid society representative offered to host 1990 in cooperation with Nova Scotia with the site being the Burlington, Ontario facility of the RBG. This offer was accepted on the basis that we would look for a 1981 site in Alberta. The Southern Ontario Orchid Society offered to host 1992, and it was suggested that Montreal might host 1993.

An election of new officers was held and the following were elected for a one year term: Peter Foot, President  
Mary Helleiner, Vice President  
Annette Bagby, Secretary  
Nancy Tozer, Treasurer

Wally Thomas agreed to serve as Past President.

## SHOW DATES

The following are confirmed dates and locations of shows being held by Canadian Orchid Societies:

September 21-24, 1989, Eastern Orchid Congress and International Orchid Show, Montreal Botanical Garden. Registrar: Madame Gisele Laramee, 3155 Louis-Veuillot St., Montreal, Quebec, H1N 2R1. 514-259-9566.

November 11-12, 1989, Niagara Region Orchid Society Show, St. Catharines, Ontario, Chairman: Mario Ferrusi, 1129 Cream St. S., R.R. 5, Fenwick, Ontario, LOS 1C0. 416-892-4187.

March 1990, Canadian Orchid Congress and Orchid Society of the Royal Botanical Gardens Show, Royal Botanical Gardens, Burlington, Ontario.

May 12-13, 1990, Southern Ontario Orchid Society Show. Chairman: Brian Rowe, 215 Glendora Ave., North York, Ontario, M2N 2W6. 416-223-3149.

If you want your show information published, please send it to the Editor of the News in plenty of time.

## CANADIAN ORCHID CONGRESS SPEAKERS LIST

We are starting a Canadian speakers list. If you speak on Orchids and are willing to travel please send the following particulars to Peter Poot, General Delivery, Goodwood, Ontario, L0C 1A0: Name, Address, Phone number, Topic(s), Remuneration required (expenses, speakers fee or donation), Time or Distance constraints, Equipment needed. To avoid disappointing people be as explicit as possible.

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## CANADIAN ORCHID CONGRESS COLLECTING TRIPS

At the congress meeting in Ottawa someone suggested that we consider organising collecting trips. Wally Thomas of Vancouver has agreed to look into this. If you have any suggestions, ideas, requests or contacts please get in touch with Dr. Wally Thomas, 7250 Arbutus Place, West Vancouver, British Columbia, V7W 2L6

## CANADIAN ORCHID CONGRESS VIDEOS

The main function of the congress is to help Canadian orchid societies help each other. Peter Gauer of Ottawa has volunteered to look into the possibilities of producing videos on orchid topics that might be needed by Canadian orchid societies. Send your suggestions for topics or volunteer your help to Peter Gauer, R.R.#1, Kanata, Ontario K2K 1X7.

## WHERE TO GET THINGS

Do you have any useful tips on where to get things or are you looking for something? Let us know, it might help someone or someone may be able to help you!

## CONSERVATION ANYONE

Does your society have a conservation project or do you have a suggestion for one? What about a travelling conservation exhibit for shows? Does anyone out there want to volunteer to put one together?

## COMMERCIAL ORCHID ESTABLISHMENTS

Do we need a list of Canadian orchid sellers? The AOS list contains some, but I know there are more. Any volunteers?

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