



# NEWS

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## **The Annual Meeting of The Canadian Orchid Congress** **The Central Ontario Orchid Society Show and Sale**

In celebration of its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary COOS is honoured to be hosting the COC Annual Meeting. Plans are well underway for a much bigger show this year with quite a variety of vendors, more displays and special guest speakers. Many orchids only bloom in the fall - here is your chance to see something different.

**The Cambridge Hespeler Arena, 640 Ellis Road, Cambridge, ON**

**Saturday, Sept 25 from 11:00am to 5:00pm**  
**Sunday, Sept 26 from 9:00am to 5:00pm**

For speakers we are happy to have:

Jason Fisher from Orchids Limited speaking on “Phragmipedium breeding”  
Kyle Lucyk “Working with Ecuagenera in Ecuador”  
Mario Ferrusi “Mario's Orchids A to Z”  
Jean Ikeson “Hot Lips and Cattleyas”

For directions and details go to the COOS website at <http://coos.ca/> and select “Our Show”.

The COC Annual Meeting is on Sunday and you are welcome to sit in and learn more about the COC. You might even consider getting involved. It would be ideal if every society had a representative in attendance. Documents pertaining to the AGM will be emailed to the society presidents shortly.

Mark your calendar to join us!

Note: Preordering of Plants from Orchids Limited has a deadline for Appendix II plants of Sunday, September 5.

# Notice Board

## Come on Board

This is an appeal to all COC members to ‘*come on board*’ As you all know, the 2010 AGM and board elections are being held in Hespeler, Cambridge, ON in September. We need volunteer members for VP-1 (since we attempt to alternate terms of the presidency from east to west it would be great if the west is represented), VP-2 (a member from the east), Secretary and Treasurer.

Currently we have a nomination for VP-1: Barbara Bowmar from the Okanagan Orchid Society in Kelowna, BC and for Treasurer: André Couture of the Ottawa Orchid Society. It is best if there were nominations/volunteers for VP-2 and Secretary prior to the meeting in September.

Please email names to Faithe Prodanuk, Nominating Chair. ([faithep@shaw.ca](mailto:faithep@shaw.ca)) by September 10, 2010.

## COC AGM Auction

To help with the extra costs of putting together the COC AGM the hosting society holds an auction of donated material. We are looking for donations of a special orchid plant or other related material or gift items. The auction is held after the show closes on Saturday as part of the awards ceremony. Please bring the item to the show or send it to me.  
Jerry Bolce, 2001-6 Willow St, Waterloo ON N2J4S3

## French Culture Sheets

Thanks to Julie Mertens the COC culture sheets are now available in French. You can find them on the same webpage as the English version.

We are working on translating portions of the website into French—volunteers would be welcome to expedite the process.

Material in this newsletter or on the COC website may be reprinted in society newsletters - just make sure you attribute the author and the COC.

## COC Certificate Award

The COC would like to give recognition to those who have made outstanding contributions at the national and regional levels to orchid culture, education and service. This year COC certificates will be awarded at the AGM, but we need your nominations.

The proposals should be no more than one page in length and should indicate

- The name of the Candidate
- The category being honoured
- Justification why the candidate deserves the honour (not to exceed 500 words)
  - national service
  - research excellence
  - conservation contributions etc
- Who supports the nomination.

**Criteria:** To be awarded to individuals or groups for one or more of the following:

1. Outstanding service to the Canadian Orchid community in organization, promotion or leadership.
2. Outstanding achievement in orchid research, hybridizing, culture or conservation.

**Number per year:** No limit, based on merit.

**Selection Process:** Well supported proposals by member society(s), or individuals. The COC President may wish to establish a committee to research and propose candidates, but this should not preclude others to make submissions.

**Approval process:** By majority vote of the COC Executive to be ratified at the annual meeting.

The extended deadline for submissions will be September 15 to the secretary, Carol Girt.

For more see:  
<http://www.CanadianOrchidCongress.ca/cocawards2.html>

# From the President

I have just returned from the very successful and entertaining SOOS Summerfest held at the Toronto Botanic Gardens. This event is always well attended and again The SOOS outdid itself, thanks to the hard work of Yvonne Schreiber, SOOS president, program chair Mario Ferussi and the fantastic cooks and suppliers of a delectable and amazing luncheon that has become a most appreciated feast every year. Fred Clark of Sunset Valley Orchids presented fascinating talks on today's mini and compact cattleyas and on new hybrids of *Catasetum*, *Cycnoches* and *Mormodes*.

This is the last editorial from the current Board and myself. We want to thank all societies, society presidents and COC representatives for your support over the last two years. We could not have finalized the various initiatives undertaken without your agreement and help. As of the September AGM, there will be a number of changes in the executive, and as of this writing, if you are interested in serving on the Board there are several positions for which we do not as yet have candidates, these include a vice presidents and the secretary. If you are interested in serving on the COC, please let Past President Faithe Prodanuk know as she is in charge of putting the nomination slate together.

We have made a number of changes over the last two years that have strengthened the COC: the insurance program has become almost 100% cost recoverable and our fees dropped yet again this year due to Lynne Cassidy's great negotiation skills. Now after many years at the helm, Lynne has decided it's time to pass the torch and Dianne Gillis, also of the Fraser Valley Orchid Society has agreed to take on the challenge. Thank you Dianne and thank you Lynne for your wonderful leadership to this very important program. A number of programs have been finalized and made operational including the educational grant program which was well subscribed in its first year, the AGM Subsidy for the hosting society, revamped web site and updated newsletter, the culture sheets program is being expanded and culture sheets are now also available in French for use by the francophone societies. Many societies have requested the slide programs on disc and updating continues. Work on the very frustrating import and CITES guidelines (for Singapore WOC) continues and should be in place by the beginning of 2011, almost a year ahead of the Congress. As well CFIA is continuing to review their plant import guidelines for houseplants (including orchids) and we are continuing to work (albeit slowly) with them to try and ensure the orchid import requirements are reasonable and appropriate to actual practices.

On the administrative side, policies and procedures have been filed and kept up to date by the secretary (a very big

job, thank you Carol). The annual incorporation filing is up to date. Jerry Bolce has spent hours getting the archives organized and up to date so that there is a permanent electronic record of our history and major accomplishments. Thank you Jerry, you are the cornerstone which keeps us all together and functioning. The COC budget has been balanced and we are in a good financial position for the foreseeable future, without requiring further increases in insurance fees. The appointment of a membership liaison chair has provided an additional interface for societies with the COC. Also on a positive note, is the addition of three new societies to the COC family: The PEI Orchid Club, the Richmond (BC) Orchid Club and the Essex County Orchid Society (Ont.). Worrisome however, is the continuing decline in membership in some of the larger societies and this needs to be addressed.

This year COC certificates will be awarded at the AGM, given to honour those who have made outstanding contributions at the national and regional levels to orchid culture, education and service. In this newsletter Jerry will provide a link to the COC award criteria and the application form. Please consider nominating someone from your area. The extended deadline for submissions will be September 15 to the secretary, Carol Girt.

We are on target to mail the AGM package in August. Please note that the two major decisions required this year from Societies are your nominations for the COC certificate and approval /comments on the Amendments to the Bylaws which will be tabled for approval at the AGM.

The Central Ontario Orchid Society (COOS) has put a lot of time and effort into organizing an interesting Show, exciting vendors and speakers around the COC meeting. In particular, thanks to the hard work of Frank Maine, COOS Show Chair, to get import permits so that CITES 1 and 2 orchids, particularly paphs and phrags, will be on sale at the Show. This is a great opportunity to pick up some of these award winning plants. Do mark the September 25-26 date on your calendars. We hope to see you there. Also COOS would appreciate a contribution from each society for the COC auction which will be held during the show. The auction is held to provide COC with additional funds and is our only fund raiser during the year. As well half the auction proceeds go to the hosting society to help offset their costs in holding the meeting. Please be generous in your support.

Finally my thanks to the Board for their hard work, thanks to all Societies for your support, it has been a tremendous pleasure working with you.

Jean Hollebhone and the COC Board of Directors.

# Le petit manuel de Laurier

En souvenir de Laurier Nappert qui nous a quitté

Je devais avoir environ 18 ans. Lasse des mes échecs répétitifs avec les orchidées, j'achetais alors, pour la modique somme de 5,95 \$, le « Petit manuel d'introduction aux orchidées ». Un mince livret de couleur crème, simple, bien conçu, bourré de données, mais sans aucune photographie. Les thématiques abordées étaient très nombreuses et variées : principes généraux de culture, achat des plantes, comment monter une collection, culture du *Paphiopedilum*, culture du *Phalaenopsis*, classification, nomenclature, prononciation des noms scientifiques, comment lire un catalogue, insectes et maladies, empotage, livres et périodiques, hybridation, marchands, etc. L'auteur avait même cru bon d'inclure une section dans laquelle il détaillait les étapes à suivre pour l'importation de végétaux. Pas mal, pour un manuel qui se voulait d'introduction ! Un travail de synthèse colossal.

Son auteur s'appelait Laurier Nappert. J'ai lu et relu je ne sais combien de fois certaines sections. Équipée de cet outil, je pouvais maintenant entreprendre plus sérieusement la culture des orchidées.

À l'époque, Laurier produisait des orchidées chez lui, dans sa maison dans la région de Québec. J'ai passé chez Orchibec ma première commande postale, avec mes maigres économies d'étudiante. Un jour, je me rendis à son domicile pour choisir mes bébés. J'y fut accueillie par un homme posé, méticuleux et un peu timide. Par une maladresse qui lui ressemble si peu, il laissa tomber au sol un semis de *Paphiopedilum Houghtoniae*. Il remit délicatement le substrat dans le pot, me tendit l'orchidée, en disant : « Ses racines ne sont pas dérangées, c'est sûr qu'il va pousser si tu lui donnes de bons soins. C'est le meilleur plant ». J'ai hésité quelques secondes. Puis j'ai compris que je devais prendre cette plante, car cet homme, de toute évidence, savait de quoi il parlait.

J'allais, bien entendu, suivre les conseils prodigués dans le « Petit manuel », car après tout, c'était le premier bébé *Paphiopedilum* dont j'avais la responsabilité ! J'allais parvenir à le faire pousser et réussir à le faire fleurir, mais seulement 7 ou 8 ans plus tard. Ce qui est tout à fait normal pour ce grex, me rassura-t-on.

Laurier ferma Orchibec peu de temps après cette visite, une lourde couverture de neige ayant eu raison de sa serre. Ce n'est que plus récemment, soit 20 ans plus tard, que nos routes se sont à nouveau croisées, quoique brièvement, mais sur un mode plus personnel. J'ai découvert quelqu'un de

profondément sensible et attentionné envers les autres. Et il était tout aussi passionné d'horticulture qu'autrefois, bien qu'il réservait son cœur d'hybrideur aux plantes vivaces comme les iris, hémérocalles et échinacées de même qu'à sa plus récente passion, les amaryllis.

À l'automne 2009, nos états de santé respectifs changeaient, ce qui, curieusement consolida notre amitié. Les passionnés d'horticulture, à l'instar de tous les passionnés, se retrouvent démunis lorsque la maladie vient freiner l'épanouissement de leur passion. Or, il est plus facile d'exprimer ce que l'on ressent avec quelqu'un qui traverse une épreuve similaire.

Malheureusement, au fil des jours, sa maladie allait se révéler impitoyable, alors que la mienne passa simplement son chemin. En dépit de son état qui déclinait gravement, Laurier, en homme généreux et attentionné qu'il était, n'oubliait pas de prendre régulièrement de mes nouvelles.

Il y a quelques jours, j'ai ressorti avec tristesse le petit manuel, que j'avais mis de côté très longtemps, égaré qu'il était parmi les livres les plus clinquants de la bibliothèque. Avec nostalgie, je l'ai lu à nouveau, pour la énième fois. Je suis encore étonnée de la haute qualité de son contenu et de la richesse de l'information qu'il recèle. Ses 42 pages offrent plus de renseignements pertinents que nombre de bouquins plus volumineux. Mais pouvait-il en être autrement ? Laurier Nappert n'était pas n'importe qui. Il devait toujours aller au fond des choses et il aimait profondément partager ses passions.

Malheureusement, ce grand homme de l'horticulture n'aura plus la possibilité de transmettre ses passions aux autres, puisqu'il est décédé au printemps dernier.

J'ai une pensée pour lui à chaque fois que je prends soin du *Paphiopedilum Houghtoniae*. C'est le seul plant qui provient de sa production que j'ai encore dans ma collection. J'y tiens comme à la prunelle de mes yeux.

Bien sûr, le petit manuel occupe maintenant une bien meilleure place dans la bibliothèque.

Laurier, tu manqueras à beaucoup d'entre nous.

*Lise Beauséjour, Juillet 2010*

*Laurier Nappert avait deux grandes passions: l'horticulture et la musique.*

*Il avait reçu une formation musicale en 2004. Il a dirigé une chorale pour laquelle il réalisait la plupart des arrangements. La composition l'attirait particulièrement. Certaines de ses pièces sont utilisées un peu partout dans le monde.*

*Autodidacte dans le domaine de l'horticulture, il a créé plusieurs hybrides d'orchidées. Il a été le premier québécois et le dixième canadien à enregistrer un hybride d'orchidée auprès des autorités internationales. Il a été un des membres fondateurs de la Société d'Orchidophilie de la Région de Québec, maintenant connue sous le nom de "Les orchidophiles de Québec". Durant les dernière années de sa vie, il s'est consacré principalement aux vivaces comme les échinacées, les hémérocalles ou les iris de même qu'aux amaryllis. En 2009, c'est avec fierté qu'il réussit à faire fleurir un amaryllis issu de ses croisements en moins de un an, exploit qu'aucun hybrideur d'amaryllis au monde n'avait réussi à ce jour.*

*Il est décédé en mai 2010, à l'âge de 63 ans.*

## AOS Corner – August

By the time you receive this AOS Corner, the heat of August should be behind most of us in this hemisphere. Many local societies will be holding their monthly meetings again and gearing up for the upcoming orchid show season. The AOS Corner is the Affiliated Societies Committee's connection to you, the AOS Affiliated Society. It is our way of letting you know what the activities AOS is working on for you. First, a few announcements and other 'housekeeping' reminders:

- This AOS Corner currently is distributed to the newsletter editors of societies for which our committee has an email address. Our Committee would appreciate your assistance in getting the information in each monthly AOS Corner circulated to your members by either publishing all or part of it in your newsletter, or by having the information announced at your monthly meetings. If you want this communication to go to someone else, please reply to Susan Taylor with the name and email information.

- If your society has had any change of any officers, please remember to let your AOS Affiliated Societies Committee Liaison know. We need to current the contact information for your officers, newsletter editor and AOS Representative. If you are not sure who your AOS Liaison is, you can forward any changes to [affiliated\\_societies@aos.org](mailto:affiliated_societies@aos.org).

- Remember, you can post your newsletter on the AOS Forum. It is a great way to let other societies know your activities and see what they are doing. If you need assistance in posting, you can get instructions on the forum at <http://www.aosforum.org/forum/forumdisplay.php?f=18>.

The Affiliated Societies Committee would like your assistance. Below are some items we would like you to share with your members.

- AOS Cares! initiative was circulated late July to all affiliated societies, their AOS representatives (if one was listed), as well as to the AOS Judging Centers. It is a joint project of the AOS Affiliated Societies Committee and Membership Committee who will be responsible for collecting the results, preparing and distributing a report of its findings. I hope you will share this short survey with your society members at your earliest opportunity. We are interested in responses from *all* society members, *not* just AOS Members. A copy of the letter from our President, Chris Rehmann, which includes the short survey, has been put on the Affiliated Societies Blog which can be found on the AOS website.

- The next AOS Members and Trustees meeting will be held in conjunction with the Merritt Huntington Symposium, October 28-31, 2010 in Virginia Beach, VA. I personally would like to invite you to the traditional Affiliated Societies Breakfast to be held on Friday, October 29 at 7:30 a.m. This breakfast will provide an opportunity for us to meet each other, share ideas and/or to brag about any of your society's successes or ongoing projects. To register for the symposium and the breakfast, visit the website at [www.mhsymposium.org](http://www.mhsymposium.org).

- The Innovative Society Survey that was conducted last spring also has been posted on the AOS website on the Affiliated Societies blog and the Affiliated Societies' Facebook page. I think you will all agree there are some great ideas in the report that your society will find useful. If you would like to share copies of it with your members, you can download from this link [Innovative Societies Survey](#) or go to [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org) - Affiliated Societies – AffSoc Blog. A special thank you to those who participated in this sur-

vey and a big thank you to the Western Pennsylvania Orchid Society for spearheading the project.

I look forward to working with you and your society throughout the upcoming year. If you have any suggestions for improvements or comments on the AOS Corner, feel free to contact either me or Susan Taylor directly. My email is [mlfuller@comcast.net](mailto:mlfuller@comcast.net) and evening phone is 302-594-0765. As well, you can always write to me directly through [affiliated\\_societies@aos.org](mailto:affiliated_societies@aos.org).

Lynn Fuller, Chair  
AOS Affiliated Societies Committee

## Cuenca, Ecuador Exhibition

Receive a warm and friendly greeting from the members of the Azuay Orchid Association. For us it's a pleasure to cordially invite you to the FIRST INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION OF ORCHIDS CUENCA CITY. This event will take place from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> of November of 2010 in the installations of "Mall del Rio" (Cuenca-Ecuador). For this occasion there will be presentations from different orchideologists from all over the world and Ecuador with a wide variety of beautiful and interesting orchids.

We hope and count on your assistants to this event. We are sure you and your colleagues will enjoy our exhibits. Your presence will guarantee and assure excellence and give more prestige to this show.

Yours truly,  
José Portilla A., President  
Aida Tosi, Secretary

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**IX Exhibición**      **XVII Exhibición**

## Thanks for 2010 COC travel grant

This past spring, three orchid societies from the Okanagan applied and received a COC travel subsidy for a speaker, Gordon Heaps. Gordon is an Oncidium and mini Cattleya grower from the Edmonton, AB region. On Monday, in Penticton, South Okanagan Orchid Society and on Tuesday in Vernon, North Okanagan Orchid Society he spoke on 'What's bugging you?' and on Wednesday, in Kelowna, Okanagan Orchid Society, he spoke on his success with Oncidium culture and had some very impressive pictures to prove to all present that he indeed grows very floriferous plants.

Below is a note from the president of one of the societies:

*Many thanks to the COC and both the Vernon and Kelowna Clubs in dividing the funds received to help small Societies attract good speakers.*

*March 15, 2010.*

*Gordon Heaps from Edmonton spoke on "Bugs"; "What's bugging you" was the subject. He is a Horticulturalist and very knowledgeable. He had a good slide presentation which was very graphic especially when these "culprits" are magnified many times over. We took away valuable information, the most important being to take time to look and inspect your plants carefully when you water them.*

*He also had some very healthy plants for sale that he crossed himself.*

*What a great way to help small Societies. It certainly keeps the members more interested in Orchid growing because of the calibre of the speaker.*

*Many Thanks*

*Joan Hrncirik, President*

*South Okanagan Orchid Society*

Submitted by Faithe Prodanuk, Past President, North Okanagan Orchid Society

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The largest *Bulbophyllum phalaenopsis* leaf ever measured at Leiden Botanical Gardens was 1.65m long.

## Orchid Bus Trip 2010

Orchidists are passionate about their hobby and 11 members of the Windsor Orchid Society loaded onto the bus at 8am on Sunday, May 16 to travel to the Niagara Region to visit Cloud's Orchids and learn about the culture of different orchid genera and participate in a repotting workshop.

Claudio Rossi, an AOS judge and the proprietor, and his staff answered cultural questions from individual members and members were able to observe, firsthand, the process of deflasking.

From there, they visited Joe DiCiommo's greenhouse in Hamilton, Ontario where he talked to them about his orchid culture and members were invited to tour his greenhouse facilities.

This trip was sponsored, in part, through an education grant awarded to the WOS/SOW by the Canadian Orchid Congress. Many thanks to the COC for their generous contribution and support.

*Ed Cott, Windsor Orchid Society*



## COS Award

The Vancouver Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale was held May 7, 8 and 9th. Show judging took place on Friday, May 7th with the COC award going to the Central Vancouver Island Orchid Society (CVIOS) for the best display. The following is a brief description of the display. Photo by Judy and Ed Higham is below.

"The CVIOS was awarded the COC show medal. Their display was several long tables arranged in a zig-zag pattern, draped in black; the plants were placed on tall, slender boxes painted black, of different heights with very few plants standing on the tables; the boxes were surrounded at the base with pine- and cedar boughs. The gentlemen arranging this exhibit made excellent use of "empty" spaces, which allowed the orchids to show their full beauty, at suitable heights."



## Ruth Neily Receives Award from the Windsor Orchid Society

At a meeting of the Windsor Orchid Society (WOS/SOW) held on Sunday, May 30, 2010, the members of the Society presented Ruth Neily with The Orchid Digest Diamond Award and Honourary Membership to acknowledge her many years of contributions. The Society is celebrating its 25th year and Ruth, along with her late husband Ron, were two of the original members who were there at its inception. Ruth regularly contributes her writing talents to the Wheatley Journal and has published two books of poetry. She is currently working on a third.

Since she initially joined the Society, Ruth has served as Newsletter editor and has assisted in the process of revising the Society's Constitution on two separate occasions. She remains a faithful defender of the Society's original articles of incorporation along with its aims and objectives.

Ruth is acknowledged by the members as a fine grower of orchids, having a greenhouse that she and Ron built onto their Wheatley, Ontario home many years ago. In his introduction during the presentation, Society Newsletter co-editor, Chuck Lefave, said, "I am honoured by our Executive's request that I perform these most pleasurable functions – that of acknowledging Ruth's important contributions over the years to this Orchid Society, recognizing her as the very fine and sensible person she is, and underlining how refined a grower of orchids Ruth has been, seemingly always well-attuned to her plants' requirements for good growth and flowering."

Before being presented with the award trophy by the Chairman, Ed Cott, Ruth was asked to recite a poem entitled, "Orchidacea" from her first book *Haphazard garden* (1999). Afterward, humble as she is, Ruth thanked the members for the award and acknowledged the joy that orchids and her membership to the Society have given.





# COMING EVENTS

## 2010

**Sept 25-26:** The Central Ontario Orchid Society, Cambridge Hespeler Arena, 640 Ellis Road, Cambridge. COOS will be hosting the COC Annual Meeting. "<http://www.coos.ca/>"

**Oct 22-24:** 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](mailto:info@fraservalleyorchidsociety.com) "<http://www.fraservalleyorchidsociety.ca/>"

**Oct 23-24:** 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/>

## 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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## COC News

The purpose of COC news 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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This newsletter may be found there.  
Please send in your show information: date, location, contact, etc.