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COC Medal Winner at Orchidofolie 2011 (Québec)



Rear view of the all-round exhibit showing
Epidendrum secundum.



Front view of the display showing the trophies
arrayed at the base.

Kyle Lucyk Visits Saskatoon

On October 31, 2010, Kyle Lucyk of Winnipeg spoke to the Saskatchewan Orchid Society. Kyle comes from Manitoba where he earned his degree in Agricultural Ecology from the University of Manitoba. He worked for Ecuagenera in Ecuador for almost one year, doing all kinds of work ranging from tours, to photography, to hands-on work in the greenhouses. He has also travelled in Canada and Europe as a representative for Ecuagenera.

Kyle grows orchids in his Winnipeg basement, even growing some of his orchids from seeds. He presently works with the city of Winnipeg as a naturalist and is serving as vice-president of the Manitoba Orchid Society.

Kyle spoke of his work at Ecuagenera, one of Ecuador's largest orchid exporters. He talked briefly of their greenhouse operation, but the bulk of his talk was about orchids in the wild and how he applies his knowledge to growing them at home.

One method of bringing down night-time temperatures was using clay pots whose temperatures dropped due to evaporation. Using altitudes of naturally growing orchids, he tries to attain similar conditions. Humidity is increased by utilizing more moss as a growing medium, and by putting it around his orchids. He spoke of switching mounted orchids to pots, in order to attain more consistent humidity. He uses fluorescent lighting. He also suggested using warmer growing masdevalias to achieve more success in our home growing. He gave several examples.

Unfortunately, due to some technical difficulties, Kyle could not show the visual part of his presentation, which would have added much to his talk. After some hastily-made notes, he regained his composure and came back with a very informative and interesting presentation.

Kyle promised the Orchid Society, he would send the visual portion of his presentation along with a written script for us to use at a future meeting. To date, we have not received the presentation, but anxiously await its arrival as we could use it for one of those meetings when a speaker was not available.

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Kyle brought a selection of his plants for sale. These included divisions and seedlings of Phragmipediums, Masdevalias, Lycastes and Maxillarias. These were well received by the membership.

On the downside, this was a very expensive undertaking for SOS. Airfare was double what we had anticipated and along with other expenses, this turned out to be very expensive. However we are most grateful to the COC for the travel grant they so graciously made available to us, for assisting us to bring in out-of-city speakers and for bringing our costs down considerably. Thank you again and again.

Respectfully submitted: SOS

COC Travel Grant

This is the second year the COC has offered the Travel Grant. Five societies have received \$200.00 each to bring in a guest speaker. The societies that received the grant this year are: Saskatchewan Orchid Society, Orchid Society of Nova Scotia, PEI Orchid Society, Windsor Orchid Society, and Essex County Orchid Society. We look forward to reading about these events in future COC newsletters.

Gail Schwarz, COC Education Chair

Treasurer Report

As of March 31, 2011, the COC finances are in very good shape. Thanks to unexpected revenues and lower costs for some activities, we should end the year with a surplus of approximately \$1,500 compared to budgetary deficit of about \$500. Since it is still early in the year, we should not conclude that this will be the final results as many unexpected issues may come up later in the year.

André Couture, COC Treasurer

French Culture Sheets

There are two more culture sheets on the COC website that have been translated into French by Julie Mertens: Catasetums and Pleurothallids.

From the President

Elsewhere in this Newsletter you will find a Press Release from Les Orchidophiles de Montreal announcing their bid proposal for the 2017 World Orchid Conference that they will be putting before the World Orchid Conference in Singapore this fall. The Montreal club is a very active group that has strategic alliances with other Quebec societies as well as the world famous Montreal Botanical Gardens. On behalf of COC I have offered whatever assistance we can give to this very significant proposal. Andre Poliquin has assured us that they will not require any financial assistance. While Les Orchidophiles de Montreal has never joined COC, what they propose is of interest and of benefit to all of Canada and deserves the full support of all Canadian orchid enthusiasts.

The spring show season here in the East is almost at an end. We have seen wonderful shows in London, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, Rochester, Quebec City and Ottawa. Some of the results are reported elsewhere in this newsletter. We look forward to receiving the results of all shows and exhibitions in Canada.

There has been some scuttlebutt about the cost of our insurance program relative to other such programs for garden clubs. A little investigation revealed that our program has some worthwhile extras such as insurance for our shows which in this day and age is very important.

On the financial front our treasurer, Andre Couture, reports that we are presently doing better than expected relative to our budget. The Edmonton AGM silent auction has netted us approximately \$1000. We thank all donors and bidders as well as those who looked after the auction. The Alberta Orchid Society has also indicated that they will not be asking for the COC AGM subsidy.

If in the summer ahead you should have plans to visit Toronto, the Southern Ontario Orchid Society invites you to SOOS Orchidfest 2011 on Sunday August 7 at the Toronto Botanical Gardens, Lawrence Avenue East at Leslie Street. AOS judging starts at 10 am. You are welcome to sit in or bring plants for judging. There is a pot luck lunch at noon, and there are two talks starting at 1 pm. The speakers are Andrea Niessen from Columbia and Sam Tsui from Chicago on Paphs. Both speakers will bring plants for sale and of course you can preorder for delivery at the event.

Dino Baisi Speaker at Sask OS

Dino Baisi, the owner and founder of C.R. Orchids from Peachland, B.C. visited the Sask. Orchid Society in Saskatoon on April 17, 2011 to give us an interesting and informative presentation on orchid growing and nutrition along with growing several different kinds of Asian species.

Dino has been growing orchids since 1990, and has been growing orchids in greenhouses for 15 years. Dino was in the newspaper industry for 25 years and took up orchid growing while living in Fort McMurray.

Dino has studied orchids in their natural habitats in Mexico, Thailand, Taiwan and Canada and has received extensive training in potting and greenhouse culture in Taiwan and Thailand.

Dino spoke of his experiences, growing orchids in his greenhouse, his training and extensive knowledge he has received on growing orchids. He will be sending his presentation to the Society for future reference which will be good to have on hand as he gave many good tips and information.

Dino brought several different kinds of orchids and supplies to sell during the meeting which was well received by the membership.

The Sask. Orchid Society greatly appreciated receiving the travel grant that the COC makes available to societies to assist with travel costs to bring CR Orchids to Saskatoon.

Thank you, Sherida Gregoire

Sask. Orchid Society

Montreal's proposal for the 22nd World Orchid Conference in 2017

The Montreal orchid society *Les Orchidophiles de Montreal* was founded in 1978. Since 1982, they set up their annual spring orchid show, *Orchidexpo*. This orchid society has grown constantly over the past 20 years, the membership culminating to 750 members in 2004. The *Orchidexpo* show has also evolved and it is today one of the most important in Canada, attracting specialists from all over the world. The creation of an AOS (*American Orchid Society*) judging center in Montreal, with the support of this Montreal orchid society is consequent with this orchid culture enthusiasm in Quebec.

Every year now, two Orchid Shows attract the amateurs and professionals in Montreal. The *Orchidexpo*, set up by *Les Orchidophiles of Montreal* is presented in the spring, while the Eastern Canada Orchid Society holds its exhibition in the fall. The Saguenay Lac-Saint-Jean and the Quebec City orchid societies also have their parallel activities in other regions of Quebec province.

The Montreal Botanical Garden joined the Montreal Orchidophiles in this project of holding a World Orchid Conference (WOC) in 2017. Close ties between these two organizations quickly resulted in the enhancement of the quality of cultivation of orchids and their presentation at Orchid Shows. Suffice it to mention that in the past three years, more than 100 AOS trophies and awards were granted to them.

The candidature of Montréal

Over the last decade, the Board of Directors of *La Société des Orchidophiles of Montreal* studied the idea of holding a World Congress (WOC) in Montreal. Participation in the Vancouver congress (1999), Dijon (2005) and Miami (2008) allowed officials to better assess the task, and convinced them to propose this bid for holding the 22nd Congress of 2017. The involvement of the *Palais des Congrès de Montréal* and *Tourisme Montréal* helped to take this decision and *Les*

Orchidophiles de Montréal filed the candidature of Montréal for this 22nd World Congress of 2017.

This 7 days exhibition would be presented in September 2017, at *Le Palais des Congrès de Montréal*. The site offers all the qualities required for holding of such an event, both by the quality of the services offered as by the proximity and easy access to the many hotels surrounding it. The participation of *Tourisme Montréal* and the *Montreal Botanical Garden* are major assets for the success of the Congress. In 2017, Montréal will also be celebrating its 375nd foundation anniversary. This will be an ideal opportunity for the coming of the WOC.

The choice of a site by the WOC Trust.

It is a committee of two representatives of the American Orchid Society and two representatives of the Royal Horticultural Society that constitutes the World Orchid Trust., headquartered in Bermuda. The WOC is presented once every 3 years, in different parts of the globe. The 20th Congress of Singapore, in November 2011, will be followed by a 21st Congress 2014 in South Africa. Considering the policy of alternation applied by the WOC Trust, Montreal would have a good chance to be chosen for 2017. Organizers already know that China (Sanya City) and Portugal (city of Joinville) also filed their applications for the same 2017 Conference, and they anticipate that other applications could be filed. It is at the Singapore Congress, after the presentations made by the representatives of these countries that the decision will be taken. *Les Orchidophiles de Montréal* is now preparing this Singapore presentation for the candidature of Montréal.

Activities during a World Orchid Conference

There are 3 types of activities during a WOC. It is above all a meeting of nearly 2000 delegates, coming from all over the world that will attend sessions of lectures and conferences. Those sessions are spread on a week and deal with scientific subjects, conservation, and horticulture.

A fantastic world exhibition of displays of orchids is set up during the WOC. It attracts each time

hundreds of thousands of visitors, amateurs as professionals, and organizers are convinced that Montréal will attract all major exhibitors who usually attend these exhibitions. It is in itself a unique tourist attraction for Montreal and Quebec.

Finally, Montreal and Quebec offer many tourist and international attractions that meet the third goal of a WOC. The Montreal Botanical Garden and the Insectarium, the Biodome, but also the St. Lawrence River, old Montreal, the Chinese district, the Montreal Casino and Cirque du Soleil are among the many attractions that are near the site of the Congress. The organizers are considering many projects that may entertain even the most adventurous participants.

The Organizing Committee

The members of the Organizing Committee have acquired a great reputation. Mr André Poliquin, who took the leadership, assisted by Mr. Jocelyn Thibeault, as Mr Mario Mireault and Mrs Gilberte Bensoussan, have all been a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of *La Société des Orchidophiles de Montréal* since 1989. The team that they have built around them shows great expertise in the fields of orchid culture and orchid shows, of administration, import of orchids, as in the field of the AOS judgment, but also the organization of congress and in the tourism field. This embryonic team will wait the official choice of the WOC Trust before making a full expansion. Organizers of course hope for the support of all Canadian Orchid Societies for the realization of this project, and many societies have already ensured them of their full cooperation.

March 30, 2011

André Poliquin
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Montréal propose sa candidature pour la tenue d'un Congrès Mondial d'Orchidées (22nd World Orchid Conference) en 2017



Fondée en 1978, la *Société des Orchidophiles de Montréal* présente depuis 1982 une exposition d'orchidées annuelle connue sous l'appellation d'*Orchidexpo*. Au cours des 20 dernières années, la société a connu un essor, son membership culminant à près de 750 membres en 2004. Son exposition a pris beaucoup d'envergure et jouit maintenant d'une très grande réputation, attirant de nombreux spécialistes du monde entier. La création d'un centre de Jugement AOS (*American Orchid Society*) à Montréal, parainné par la *Société des Orchidophiles de Montréal*, ne venait que couronner cet engouement pour l'orchidophilie au Québec.

À chaque année, deux expositions d'orchidées attirent les amateurs et les professionnels à Montréal. L'*Orchidexpo* des *Orchidophiles de Montréal* se tient au printemps, alors que la *Eastern Canada Orchid Society* présente son exposition en automne. La Société du Saguenay Lac-Saint-Jean et celle de la ville de Québec tiennent aussi leurs activités en parallèle dans d'autres régions du Québec.

Le *Jardin Botanique de Montréal* s'est associé aux *Orchidophiles de Montréal* dans le projet de la tenue d'un WOC (*World Orchid Conference*) pour 2017. Les liens étroits qui se sont créés entre ces deux organismes ont vite fait évoluer la qualité de la culture des orchidées et celle de leur présentation lors des expositions. Qu'il suffise de mentionner qu'au cours des trois dernières années,

plus de 100 trophées et prix AOS leur ont été décernés à ce chapitre.

La candidature de Montréal

Au cours de la dernière décennie, le conseil d'administration de la *Société des Orchidophiles de Montréal* s'est penché sur l'idée de tenir un congrès mondial d'orchidées (WOC) à Montréal. La participation aux congrès de Vancouver (1999), Dijon (2005) et Miami (2008) a permis aux responsables de mieux en évaluer la tâche, et les a convaincus de proposer cette candidature pour le 22^{ième} congrès de 2017. L'implication du *Palais des Congrès de Montréal* et de *Tourisme Montréal* permettent aujourd'hui de le faire. Les *Orchidophiles de Montréal* ont donc déposé la candidature de Montréal pour la tenue de ce 22^{ième} congrès mondial de 2017.

Cette exposition, d'une durée d'une semaine, serait présentée en septembre 2017, au *Palais des Congrès de Montréal*. Le site offre toutes les qualités requises pour la tenue d'un un pareil événement, tant par la qualité des services qui y sont offerts, que par la proximité des nombreux hôtels qui y sont reliés. La participation de *Tourisme Montréal* et du *Jardin botanique de Montréal* constituent des atouts majeurs pour la réussite du congrès. En 2017, Montréal fêtera d'ailleurs son 375^{ième} anniversaire. Ce sera une opportunité idéale pour la venue du WOC.

Le choix du site par le comité directeur du WOC

C'est un comité central regroupant deux représentants de *l'American Orchid Society* et de deux représentants de la *Royal Horticultural Society* qui constitue la direction du *World Orchid Conference*, dont le siège social est aux Bermudes. Le congrès mondial est présenté une fois aux 3 ans, dans différentes parties du globe. Le 20^{ième} congrès de Singapour, en novembre 2011, sera suivi d'un 21^{ième} congrès de 2014 à Pretoria, en Afrique du Sud. Compte tenu de la politique d'alternance appliquée par les responsables du *WOC Trust*, Montréal aurait de bonnes chances d'être le site choisi pour 2017. Les organisateurs savent déjà que la Chine (ville de Sanya) et le

Portugal (ville de Joinville) ont également déposé leur candidature pour la tenue de ce même congrès, et ils anticipent que d'autres candidatures pourraient aussi être déposées. C'est au congrès de Singapour, suite aux présentations faites par les représentants de ces différents pays que la décision sera prise. Les *Orchidophiles de Montréal* préparent donc le dossier de cette présentation pour la candidature de Montréal qu'ils iront défendre à Singapour.

Les activités durant un congrès mondial d'orchidées

Les activités d'un WOC sont de trois ordres. Il s'agit d'abord d'une rencontre de près de 2000 congressistes autour de sessions de conférences, étalées sur une semaine et traitant de sujets scientifiques, de conservation, ou d'horticulture. Les spécialistes du monde entier se réunissent ainsi en congrès, de là l'appellation de *World Orchid Conference*.

Une fantastique exposition mondiale d'orchidées constitue le second volet du WOC. Féérique et spectaculaire, elle attire à chaque fois quelques centaines de milliers de visiteurs, amateurs comme professionnels, et tous sont convaincus que Montréal saura attirer tous les grands exposants qui participent habituellement à ces expositions. Il s'agit en soi d'une attraction touristique inédite pour Montréal et le Québec.

Enfin, Montréal et le Québec regorgent d'attractions qui sauront répondre au troisième volet d'ordre touristique du WOC. Le Jardin Botanique de Montréal et son Insectarium, le Biodôme, mais aussi les grands Parcs, le fleuve Saint-Laurent, le Vieux Montréal, le Quartier Chinois, le Casino de Montréal et le Cirque du Soleil figurent parmi les nombreuses attractions qui sont à proximité du site du congrès. Les organisateurs envisagent de nombreux projets qui sauront divertir même les congressistes plus aventureux.

Le comité organisateur

Les membres du comité organisateur jouissent d'une grande réputation dans le domaine. Monsieur André Poliquin, qui en a pris la présidence avec l'assistance de monsieur Jocelyn Thibeault, tout comme monsieur Mario Mireault et madame Gilberte Bensoussan, sont membres du comité exécutif du conseil d'administration de la *Société*

des *Orchidophiles de Montréal* depuis plus de 20 ans. L'équipe qu'ils ont formée autour d'eux jouit d'une très grande expertise dans les domaines de la culture et des expositions, de l'administration, de l'importation et l'inspection des orchidées, tout comme dans le domaine du jugement AOS, mais aussi l'organisation de congrès et dans le domaine touristique. Il s'agit pour l'instant d'une équipe embryonnaire qui attendra le choix officiel du *WOC Trust* avant de prendre sa véritable expansion. Les organisateurs comptent évidemment sur l'appui de toutes les sociétés canadiennes d'orchidophilie pour la réussite de ce projet, et plusieurs ont déjà assuré leur coopération.

Le comité organisateur souhaite ardemment que tous les intervenants dans le domaine de l'horticulture participent à leur façon à la réussite de ce projet de Congrès Mondial d'Orchidées qui placera Montréal et le Québec au premier rang des grands noms de l'histoire des orchidées.

Montréal, le 15 mars 2011
André Poliquin, **Président**
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Référence utile : *World Orchid Conference Trust* :
www.woctrust.org/



Member's display at the Montreal Orchid Expo

Orchid flowers fool flat-footed flies by faking fungus-infected foliage

The lady's slipper orchid (*Cypripedium fargesii*) does not look well. Its red and yellow flowers are nestled among two large leaves, both covered in unsightly black splotches. These look like the signs of a fungal infection, but they're not. This orchid is deceptive, not diseased. It produces the black spots itself and in doing so, it lures in flat-footed flies that feed on fungus. The flies, duped by the orchid's false spots, pick up pollen and spread it to another flower. By appearing infected, the orchid reproduces.

[Have a look at the article.](#)

Manitoba Orchid Society

At the Manitoba Orchid Society Show, display by Terry Kennedy of Orchids in our Tropics wins best artistic arrangement. The judges were impressed with the way the display attracted the eye into the display to view all of the very different and interesting orchids.



COC Website in French

Thanks to Julie Mertens a portion of the COC website has been translated into French. When you hit some of the broken links, you will see that it is obviously a work in progress. This project depends on volunteers. If you think you can help with content, please contact me. - Jerry Bolce, web master

<http://www.canadianorchidcongress.ca/fr/>

Thank You

The Orchid Society of Alberta and the Canadian Orchid Congress wish to thank the following for their generous donations to our fund raising projects. They enabled us to donate \$900 to the COC. There was also a \$100 cheque made out to the COC.

Also a special thank-you to all the vendors and individuals who donated plants, etc to the silent auction at the Awards Banquet. Further a hearty "Thank you" to all who supported the auction by bidding. If I inadvertently omitted someone's name please accept my apologies and let me know at jemillernew@hotmail.com so I can rectify by acknowledging you in the next newsletter."

1. Bowring Ltd.
2. Butterfly World and Gardens/British Columbia Orchid Gardens, Coombs, B.C.
3. Darrell and Carol Albert
4. Elizabeth Miller
5. Faculty Club U of A.
6. Flowers in the Park
7. Foothills Orchid Society
8. Fraser Valley Orchid Society

Wayne Louie

Abu Salleh

9. Grande View Draperies - Nadia Koscielnuik
10. Grant MacEwan Classic Fare Catering
11. Greenland Garden Centre
12. Gordon Heaps
13. Hole's Gardens
14. Jean Hollebhone
15. Terry Kennedy
16. North Okanagan Orchid Society
17. Okanagan Orchid Society
18. OSPF - Orchid Species Preservation Society
19. Wil Ostrander
20. Ottawa Orchid Society
21. Paul Paludet
22. Paramount Orchids
23. Prince Edward Island Orchid Society
24. Pat Snow-Miller and Irl Miller
25. Vancouver Orchid Society
26. Victoria Orchid Society
27. Souther Ontario Orchid Society
28. Yp and Tom de Boer



Left: Photo of the winning display at the Victoria show 2011. The criteria were:

Display by individual or commercial, holding no more than 20 plants. The theme was "Orchids, Flowers of Romance and Mystery". Display by Joe Chow and Manlung Law consisted of well-grown Phragmipediums and Paphiopedilums, with a jewel-studded mini cave at the centre point.

Ingrid

PEI Orchid Club

On April 14, almost 30 avid orchid growers met in Charlottetown for a P.E.I. Orchid Club meeting. The Club had a special guest speaker, Mr. Don Northcott from Phytocultures Ltd. This company specializes in plant tissue culture systems and offers a tissue culture kit for orchids. Mr. Northcott gave an informative presentation which highlighted the steps to reproduce a favourite orchid. Phytocultures Ltd. also produces plants from seed. Mr. Northcott invited the members to pollinate their favourite orchid and then have the seed capsule given to him for flasking. He suggested that then the Club members could have a challenge to see who could flower the first plant from flask. Needless to say, the members were ready for the challenge! Mr. Northcott also demonstrated meristem propagation. Although the demonstration plant used was not an orchid, each member got a memento of the meeting with a tissue culture vial containing a tiny daylily!



Although we are a new club, our members have a wealth of enthusiasm and guest speakers help us to learn and grow our orchids. We are grateful to Mr. Northcott for his time and we look forward to visiting his tissue culture facility during a future meeting.

Submitted by Andrea Studzinski

P.E.I. Orchid Club

COC Medal Winner at Orchidofolie 2011 (Québec)

The weather may have been anything but balmy yet the orchids truly brightened and warmed the setting of the annual spring show 'Orchidofolie' of Les Orchidophiles de Québec held in the Environtron, l'université de Laval, Québec, on April 16-17, 2011.

<http://www.orchidophilesdequebec.ca/>

Many visitors came to marvel at the array of orchids in the displays mounted by the host and visiting societies, vendors, and individual members. The COC Award for Best Exhibit was won by Les Orchidophiles de Montréal for their impressive display including many specimen plants (see page 1). An imposing *Dendrobium thysiflorum* topped the exhibit while placed amongst the logs, branches and moss was a generously scented *Lycaste aromatica*, many *Paphiopedilum* and *Phragmipedium*, a floriferous *Masdevallia ignea*, *Stanhopea embreei*, a multi-stemmed rose pink *Epidendrum secundum*, and an exquisite blush form of *Guarianthe* (syn. *C.*) *skinneri*. This stunning display was also awarded the AOS Show Trophy. Bravo Orchidophiles de Montréal!

Photos by Michael MacConaill

Cover: display

Left: *Stanhopea embreei*

Below: *Guarianthe skinneri*



34th Annual London Orchid Society Show & Sale

The London Orchid Society (LOS) held its 34th annual Show and Sale on March 19 & 20, 2011, at a new location, Mother Teresa Catholic Secondary School. This new building has warm natural light streaming into it, lots of space for displays, vendors, and orchid lovers. Under the excellent direction of Show Chair, Sean Moore, another successful show was held.

LOS Display Receives COC Award

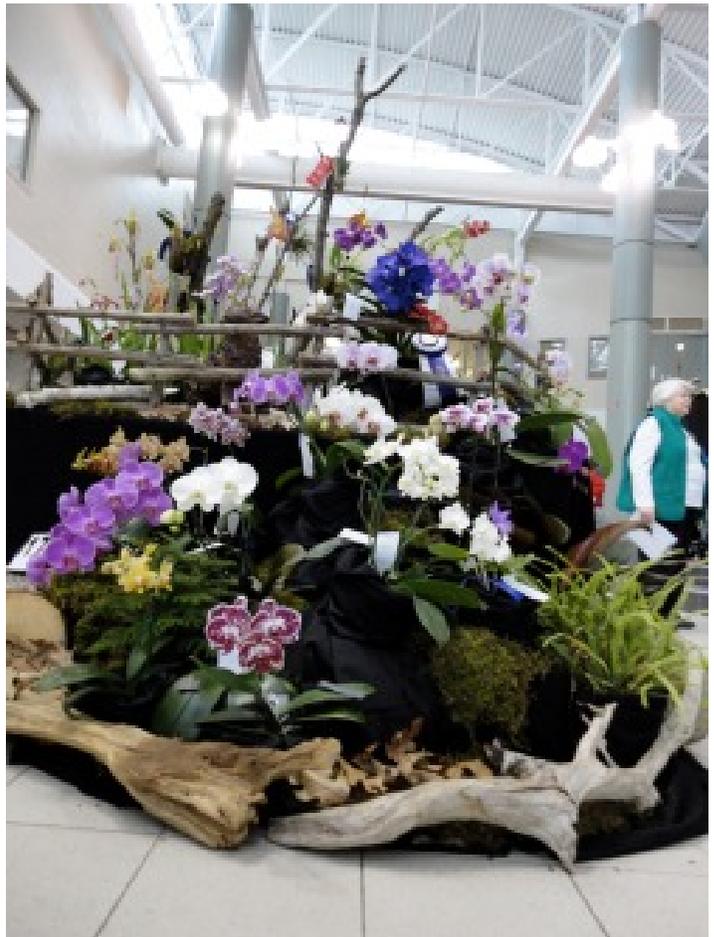
When visitors stepped into our new display hall, they were greeted by the COC award-winning display, created by the London Orchid Society.

Under the leadership of Mike Dahms, his artistic team created a dramatic woodland clearing, with soaring branches and vertical colour blocks of orchids, that cascaded down to puddles of colour on the floor. A small branch fence framed the clearing. China birds watched the visitors. A shy lamb peered inquisitively over a fence rail at the door, contemplating an adventure.

And, everywhere, absolutely everywhere, orchids belonging to LOS members filled the table.

The well-grown plants were individual stars. LOS members took home six first-place ribbons, six second-place ribbons, and eight third-place ribbons, for an impressive total of 20 ribbons. And that's not all! Two rosettes were awarded for best in their respective classes.

Our generous LOS members brought much joy to people, and they helped to make this exhibit a winner. Participation is its own reward!



The two best in class Rosette winners at the COC awarding winning LOS display were:

Vanda Pakchong Blue – Russell Stoddart & Tracy Nelson – **First Place & Rosette for best in Vanda Alliance**

Onc. croesus – Larry Churchill – **First Place & Rosette for best in Oncidium Alliance**



Essex County Orchid Society

The Essex County Orchid Society competed in the Toronto Orchid Show in February and again in March at the London Show. In both we took third place awards in the Society Display competition against many other Societies with many years experience.

At London Barb Morden, President, and her husband Bob took second and third place ribbons in the Individual Artistic Design Display in the 6 to 15 orchid category. Juliette St. Pierre took a first place award in the Individual Artistic Design Display of 1 to 5 orchids category and her husband Albert St. Pierre won several first place ribbons for his orchids.

As of our March meeting our membership has grown to over 60 members. We always have over 35 members in attendance. They enjoy our educational meetings. In April, we were very fortunate to have Wayne Hingston from Oshawa to speak to our members on 'Beginner Orchid Growing'. Since we have a mix of new and more experienced members his presentation was geared to both.

Photos:

Juliette with her first place entry.... Individual Artistic Design Display

Albert with first place award winning Cattleya



Toronto Artistic Orchid Association Show

Most Artistic Display. Crystal Star Orchids Eric Lee and Ellen Lee.



COMING EVENTS

2011

June 3-4: Bruce Peninsula Orchid Festival
"http://www.orchidfest.ca/"

Sunday Aug 7: SOOS Summerfest at the Toronto Botanical Gardens, Lawrence Avenue East at Leslie Street. AOS judging starts at 10 am. You are welcome to sit in or bring plants for judging. There is a pot luck lunch at noon, and there are two talks starting at 1 pm. The speakers are Andrea Niessen from Columbia and Sam Tsui from Chicago on Paphs. Both speakers will bring plants for sale and of course you can preorder for delivery at the event. All Orchidists Welcome. "http://www.soos.ca/"

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/"

November 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/"

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/"

The WOC has the support of The World Orchid Conference Trust, Singapore Orchid Society, National Parks Board of Singapore, and the Singapore Exhibition and Convention Bureau. Themed "Where New and Old World Orchids Meet", the Conference will feature a strong scientific programme, complemented by a series of symposia and forums that will meet the needs of both commercial growers and hobbyists. Organised alongside the Conference is the Orchid Show. The Exhibition promises to be a spectacular showcase of the finest species and hybrids from the region and beyond.

COC Web Site - <http://www.CanadianOrchidCongress.ca/>

Please email the Editor your show information: date, etc.

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