



NEWS

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Victoria Orchid Show COC trophy won by Poul Hansen

One 2 X 2 meter table-top display, a backdrop of fresh green balsam branches, with forest moss placed amid the plants, giving a lush woodland effect. Three big, well-grown nobile Yamamoto Dendrobiums, Paphiopedilums, large colourful Lycaste plants and with a rustic basket filled with a colourful selection Miltoniopsis set in the front corner.

An invitation from the London Orchid Society

Once again this year, the London Orchid Society is having a special guest speaker at their May 19 meeting. And once again, they invite members of their fellow Canadian orchid societies to join them at no charge. Details of their May speaker, Glen Decker of Piping Rock orchids, are in their newsletter and web-site..

Please, pass the word and their invitation. You can direct members to their web-site <http://los.lon.imag.net/> or their email address (murage@rogers.com) if they wish further information including driving directions.

As well, below is a link to their special May speaker's web-site. <http://www.pipingrockorchids.com/>

To pre-order your orchids, please go to his web-site. You either order directly on his web-site indicating in the comment box London Orchid Society May 2013 meeting or send him an email indicating London Orchid Society May 2013 meeting pre order. Please note that his schedule is quite busy at times, so please order early and be patient for a reply. He will collect the money when you receive the orchids.

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[Orchid Society of Nova Scotia](#)



Paphiopedilum (Knock Knock x Liberty Canyon),
Manitoba Orchid Society show

Ecuador Tour

It's finally here - the brochure for our 2014 tour to Ecuador incl. The Galapagos! We think there's been some manana at work in getting it ready!

We believe that this is a terrific tour and will have great appeal not only to orchidists, but bird watchers, nature lovers and, of course, photographers!

The accommodations are excellent and are a considerable upgrade from our first two tours. The Galapagos portion is on a 100 passenger ship dedicated to Galapagos cruises. We could have saved over \$2000 dollars if we had done a cheap Ecuadorean tour of the Islands which meant staying at hotels on two different islands and going out daily (weather permitting) to one site per day and then back. With our ship, we'll cover more than twice as much and cruise in between islands. We felt that the extra cost was well worth it though it put the cost higher than we'd hoped.

Please note that all prices are in Canadian dollars (although Ecuador uses the US dollar). The cost is essentially all-inclusive i.e. it covers all taxes incl. airport improvement & departure fees, fuel surcharge and tips. Note also that there is no provision for singles on the cruise portion as all cabins are doubles. We will help you find a room mate if you need one. There's an Early Booking Discount of \$300 dollars until May 31st, but please don't delay in registering if you want to come as the Tour is limited to 18 and we expect to fill quickly.

We will be sending this information out to orchid societies but would appreciate your help in forwarding it to friends who may be interested in joining us.

If you have any questions, please call us at: 604-535-5183 or email: lutesara@yahoo.ca.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Merv & Barbara Lutes

http://www.rostad.com/dest/itin_details_disp.asp?landcode=Lutes1401&tourcode=Lutes1401

President's Ramblings

Hi All. Around here the spring show season is just about over, and now we can start looking forward to the fall offerings. We had an enjoyable Annual General Meeting in Winnipeg thanks to our hosts the members of the Manitoba Orchid Society. Thank you MOS and especially show chair Lorne Heshka. The show had an AOS show trophy winner and a COC trophy winner. There also was an HCC-AOS to a Paphiopedilum hookerae owned by Mike Gabrielson. The COC President's Trophy went to Paphiopedilum (Knock Knock x Liberty Canyon). The COC auction was held separately from the MOS auction at the Awards Banquet. A thank you to all who contributed to the COC Auction.

Our actual meeting was held at the offices of the Living Prairie museum where we were surrounded by a bevy of stuffed prairie creatures. Thank you Kyle Lucyk for arranging that facility for us and ferrying us there and back. We had 6 physical attendees and 8 electronically connected persons with one proxy vote. Thank you to all of those for your presence .

Besides approving all of the usual reports the meeting made the following recommendations:

1. The treasurer to provide the auditor with a thank you gift of up to \$100 for his services.
2. This year's budget will run a deficit as a result of lower than expected AGM auction results. There is sufficient money in our reserves.
3. We will maintain the existing deadline on the travel grant program, and Gail Schwarz will review the society assistance travel grant program.
4. We will continue the \$25 late fee for societies that fail to meet the January 1 deadline for fees.
5. Societies are requested to please, please submit management changes and event dates to the editor (Jerry Bolce) as soon as they become effective.
6. As a result of a suggestion by Ingrid Ostrander the Webmaster has posted a basic booklet of "Orchid Culture Notes" prepared by Wayne Hingston. The suggestion is that this booklet be made available by societies either for free or at printing cost to members and the public at shows or other events.

7. Accepted the invitation to hold the 2014 Annual General Meeting in conjunction with the Southern Ontario Orchid society August 11 Orchidfest in Toronto.

8. Kyle Lucyk offered to organize speaker tours. He feels they would have to be finalized 12-15 months in advance. If at all possible the speaker should be scheduled on the society's regular meeting date, since special dates have very poor attendance. Jerry Bolce was asked to put each society's regular meeting date on the COC web-site to facilitate planning to attend their meetings and also help in planning a speaker's tour.

9. Transfer the responsibility for the legal files and correspondence for the COC from the law firm to the secretary.

10. Past President Jean Hollebhone reported having had no success finding suitable and available candidates for President and Vice President. Peter Poot will continue as interim President until a candidate is found. Inge Poot was continued as secretary and Andre Couture will continue as treasurer. As a follow up to the electronic part of this meeting it was suggested that we have similar meetings during the rest of the year, possibly up to four, to stimulate discussion between societies. Go to meeting has indicated that they can be available on a monthly fee basis of \$50.

11. There was a request for help finding speakers from the Essex County Orchid Society in the Windsor, Ontario area. They would like to hear from other societies who they have scheduled for speakers during the year so that they can then approach these speakers. It was suggested that the individual society websites be consulted.

Happy orchid growing, Peter Poot.

I am also attaching revised draft minutes. As always thank you for your efforts.

News from Orchid Journal - Canada's (?) Orchid Community Site

Spring has sprung and these past couple of months have been really buggy for us. Yep, Orchid Mantis fever has struck our Facebook site. What wonderful, interesting and colorful insects they are and have us wondering what more surprises are on their way to our site in the future. It's never boring with the orchid community!

And you're wondering why the question mark after Canada in the title? Because our community reaches around the world now. Regulars from the UK, France, Australia, Thailand, Hawaii and far too many to mention proving that orchid fever is worldwide

We continue to share with our friends down under and marvel at their ingenuity. Postings of orchid tattoos and antique jewellery that proves orchids are gems. Can't forget Greg @ the Orchadian journal in Aussie land who is also a regular contributor to our pages and we've begun to rely on him for answering some of our ID questions.

Let's not forget our buddy, Bernie, @ Catasetinae Canada fb site who keeps us in the know as far as Catasetums are concerned.

And hats off to L'Orchidophile in France for putting out three different potential covers for their magazine for fans to choose and yes, we gave our opinions too.

Looking forward to working with the AOS and Orchid Digest as we will begin posting award photos, news and information from their archives. Thanks to Sandra Svoboda, AOS President, for helping us to move forward with this initiative. Sandra is also hoping to make their Facebook sites more interactive with all of our community.

Also, in the works, with Terry Kowalczyk, a series on *Neofinetia falcata*!!! An interesting first for Canada, that will see us explore the hobby, the plant and the art!!!!

Happy postings and may your summer not be tooooooo buggy,

Marlene, Facebook Administrator

ORCHID JOURNAL North American Orchid
Conservation Center

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We are pleased to announce the launch of the new website for the North American Orchid Conservation Center

<http://northamericanorchidcenter.org/>

We hope this will be a great resource to introduce the public to NAOCC and our goals that focus on orchid preservation, propagation, and education.

We encourage you to post this new link on your organization's website and share this site with your colleagues.

The NAOCC site was developed for a variety of platforms including mobile devices and tablets and is best viewed in browsers such as Firefox, Chrome, Safari, and later versions of IE. We are aware of some cosmetic issues when an older version of Internet Explorer (IE8) is used and will continue to work on these issues, but we feel it is more important to look forward and make the site adaptable to a variety of newer devices such as smartphones.

Take the time to check out the site and let us know what you think. We are especially interested in how you view this experience on your smartphone. We continue working on the companion site, Go Orchids, which will explore individual orchid species, and hope to launch this second site later this year.

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Vancouver Orchid Society



COC display medal winner for the Vancouver Orchid Society Show 2013 (March 23-24) was VOS member Carla Bischoff, a long time orchid grower. She put together a lush and well balanced display, with large specimen plants, among which *Dendrobium densiflorum*, *Dryadella edwardii* and *Sarcochillus hartmanii*. There was a large variety of plants and colours represented. All plants were exceptionally well grown specimens. The theme of the display was Easter.

Les Orchidophiles de Québec



The winner of the COC Medal at the recent Orchidofolie show in Québec City was Les Orchidophiles du Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean. This small but enthusiastic group of hobbyists displayed their orchids most imaginatively in a shallow metal tray surrounded with moss and wood. Amongst the plants was a jewel orchid, *Dossinia marmorata*, and *Phragmipedium Schroederae*.

The society will be having their annual show on May 11-12. <http://www.orchidees2011.ca.cx/> This year is the 175th anniversary celebrating the colonization of the region. The club has quite a novel approach to join in the celebrations. They have purchased seedlings of an unregistered *Phalaenopsis* grex. These will be for sale at the show. Purchasers receive a ballot which can be used to suggest a grex name. All ballots will be reviewed, a winning name chosen, when the orchid will be registered under that name on behalf of the winner. We look forward to hearing about the results. Photo by Michael MacConaill

Manitoba Orchid Society



Above: AOS Show trophy / Right: COC Show Trophy



Paph hookerae



Bruce Peninsula Orchid Festival

Friday, May 31 -
Saturday, June 1

www.orchidfest.ca

Weekend Event Schedule, Details Online

Friday, May 31, afternoon	Early bird Flowerpot Island Hike
Friday May 31, evening	Registration Presentation: Don Kraus, Nature Conservancy of Canada
Saturday, June 1, daytime	Registration continues. Art Workshops, Car Caravans, Orchid Hikes
Saturday, June 1	Wine & Cheese Evening Presentation: Don Komarechka, Photographer & Educator



Celebrate the diversification, beauty and preservation of native orchids and wildflowers of the Bruce Peninsula!

Enjoy photography hikes to see wild orchids in bloom in their natural setting. Join car caravans to nearby park locales. Attend Art workshops, evening speaker presentations and a celebration Wine & Cheese Reception.

Plan your weekend, preregister online.

Register for a single workshop, a presentation or the whole weekend of events at www.Orchidfest.ca
Hosted by Friends of Bruce District National Parks Association



ESSEX COUNTY ORCHID SOCIETY

ORCHID SHOW & SALE

2013

Ribbon Judged Show

November 9, 10, 2013

Saturday 10 AM - 4 PM

Sunday 10 AM - 4 PM

Photographers only
Sunday 9 AM - 10AM
(tripods permitted)

Orchid Design displays,
Art and Photography



Free Talks & Demos both days
11:00 AM ~ Orchid Growing Basics
12:30 PM ~ Growing on Windowsill
2:00 PM ~ Repotting and Different Mediums

Colasanti's Tropical Gardens
1550 Rd. 3 East, Ruthven, ON

Admission: Free

ASK ABOUT LOCAL WINERY TOURS

Visit our website for more information- www.essexcountyorchidsociety.webs.com

Ottawa Orchid Society



The winner of the COC Trophy at the recent Orchidophilia show in Ottawa was Joyce Medcalf with her cabinet exhibit of beautifully grown and displayed pleurothallids, a lovely bright orange *Masd. Mendozæe*, and a pale pink *Dendrobium moniliforme*.
(Photo by Michael MacConaill)

\$100 OFF Admission with this coupon. Limit one coupon per customer.

2013 ORCHID SHOW & SALE

Saturday, Sept. 28 11 am - 5 pm

Sunday, Sept. 29 9 am - 5 pm

Cambridge Hespeler Arena

640 Ellis Road, Cambridge, Ontario

From 401, exit Townline Road. Go north and turn on Ellis Road, the second street on the left.



Admission \$6⁰⁰

Supervised children 12 and under free

Central Ontario Orchid Society coos.ca

COMING EVENTS

2013

May 24-26: The Foothills Orchid Society invites you to The Calgary Orchid Show and Sale at Triwood Community Center, 2244 Chicoutimi Drive NW, Calgary, AB "<http://www.foothillsorchidsociety.com/>"

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

Sunday Aug 11: 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 the talk starts at 1pm. All Orchidists Welcome. "<http://www.soos.ca/>"

Sept 28-29: The Central Ontario Orchid Society, Cambridge Hespeler Arena, 640 Ellis Road, Cambridge. "<http://www.coos.ca/>"

Oct 19-20: 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/>"

October 26-27: The Windsor Orchid Society is pleased to announce their first annual American Orchid Society (AOS) Judged Show to be held at the Teutonia Club in Windsor, Ontario. For additional information, please contact Ed Cott (laelia@aol.com---519-252-7342).
"<http://www.windsororchidsociety.ca/>"

November 1-3: Fraser Valley Orchid Society Show & Plant Sale will be held at the George Preston Recreation Centre, 20699 42nd Avenue, Langley, BC "<http://www.fraservalleyorchidsociety.com/>"

Nov 9-10: The Essex County Orchid Society will be holding their Orchid Show and Sale at Colasanti's Tropical Gardens, 1550 Road 3 E. Ruthven, ON. Admission is free.

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. Free talks and demonstrations. For more information email Juliette St. Pierre at canadel@cogeco.ca
"<http://www.essexcountyorchidsociety.webs.com/>"

Get your 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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