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2014 COC Travel Grant

It's not too early to start thinking about the 2014 Travel Grant. We are extending the deadline next year so that societies can apply for the grant from January 1/14 to June 1/14. Preference will be given to societies that didn't receive the grant this year. The instructions and application form are here on the [COC website](#).

Please remember that if you received the grant this year you must do a brief write-up about how the money was spent. This will be published in the COC newsletter.

Gail Schwarz, rschwarz@eastlink.ca

2013 Grant

The Essex County Orchid Society is very appreciative to have had the opportunity to receive the COC Education Grant again this year. This gave us the pleasure of bringing in speaker Russ Vernon from Indiana for our November meeting.

We are very grateful for this assistance in the form of a Travel Grant which helps our club to offset the traveling expenses and speaking fee for speakers.

Thank you.

Juliette St. Pierre,

Secretary, Essex County Orchid Society

Thank You

Thank you to all the societies that have participated in the COC insurance program for 2014. We have insured 1449 Orchid society members for the coming year. Three Societies have insured their libraries and all the Shows are covered. Four societies were late and had to pay a \$25.00 penalty. It is always difficult to get signatures during the month of December.

Happy New Year and Happy Growing in 2014.

Dianne Gillis

Cover photo

Phragmipedium Peruvflora's Saltimbanco 'Leanne' AM-AOS 80 points

Exhibitor: Heinz Ernstberger

Southern Ontario Orchid Society

Orchid Show

FEBRUARY 8 & 9
2014

Jay Norris photograph

Toronto Botanical Garden

777 Lawrence Ave. East
Toronto, ON, M3C 1P2

Sat & Sun 11am - 5pm
hand-held cameras only
General admission: \$12.00 cash only
supervised children under 12 free.

Sun 9 - 11am
Photographers only: \$20.00 limited admission
tripods permitted

info: 905.640.5643
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Amesiella monticola 'Jared's Choice' HCC-AOS 79 points,
Exhibitor: Mario and Conni Ferrusi

President's Rambles

Happy 2014. Yes 2014 is here and some societies have not yet renewed their COC membership and insurance for 2014. We want you to stay connected. We like to hear from you.

Society Newsletters One of our western societies recently suggested that we place all of your newsletters on a COC produced website accessible to all of our members. This sounds like a good idea. What do you think? It raises some issues of course. Such as: Who looks after it? How much space would be needed? Do we really need to do this when most societies maintain their own website that can be linked to COC? What about security, copyright etc.? Where there are issues there are solutions. Give us your thoughts and suggestions.

AOS Judging Most of you are familiar with American Orchid Society judging and our three AOS judging centres in Canada: Vancouver, Montreal and Toronto. AOS judges and their centers are a valuable source of knowledge, expertise and service to the communities they serve. Judges are available for show judging, talks, and judging demonstrations. Judging Centres cost money to operate. AOS funds its end of the administration and publishing of the awards. The AOS expects the sponsoring local societies to contribute the funds to maintain the centres. The judging venues cost money to rent monthly. Photography of the awards costs money. The centres run training sessions for their students and judges with out of town speakers. The centres buy and maintain reference materials. In the case of the Toronto Centre the Southern Ontario Orchid Society contributes \$2000 annually which pays the Toronto centre rent. Other societies in Ontario, Quebec, and New York State generously provide the contributions that pay for the other half of the centre's annual expenses. None of this money goes to the judges who pay their own travel expenses except to some far away shows. So when you are doing your society budget consider a donation to your area judging centre.

World Orchid Conference Les Orchidophiles de Montreal is organising another bid to host this. The new target date is 2020 in Montreal. The bid goes to the WOC in Johannesburg. Best of luck Montreal.

Lessons from an ice storm Now that the power is back on, it is time to rethink. Obviously we all need to have emergency alternatives for ourselves and our

plants. Long power outages can be a problem in both summer and winter. Even now the lights are flickering again. We were OK thanks to the installation of a backup generator last spring, but others have not had it so easy. We will need to cut some more trees though.

Peter Poot.

Youtube videos

Below are links to just a few of the videos found at Youtube.com when you search for "orchid".

[OrchidsMadeEasy](#)

[How I water my orchids & propagating new keiki from phalaenopsis orchid plants](#)

[Repotting an Orchid Keiki](#)

[How to water orchids](#)

[Ask the Grower: Orchid Reblooming](#)

[ORCHID CARE : Yellow Leaves and Other Ailments PART 1](#)

[Orchids at Kew Gardens A Must See Orchid Extravaganza](#)

[Deflasking or de flasking orchid seedlings](#)

[Growing Orchid Seedlings - Episode 1](#)

[Sowing Pleione orchid seeds from green seed pods on to agar media](#)

[How to Build an Orchid Terrarium : Terrariums & More](#)

[Wedding Event Orchid Flower Centerpieces \(Floral Arrangement\)](#)

[Singapore National Orchid Garden](#)

A year in review.....

Orchid Journal has been everywhere and reached thousands over the last year.....

Many outstanding photographers gave us permission to publish their photos creating a wonderful, diverse presentation of orchids from around the world.

We've supplied high level technical information to students as far away as Indonesia, found local orchid vendors for European fans wanting to deliver orchid gifts to friends here, tracked down contact information downunder for judging assignments and developed interaction between the COC and AOS Facebook sites.

We've covered everything from the basics of polyploidy in simple terms to building humidity trays.

Our contribution to the appreciation of native orchids saw albums on the Bruce Peninsula, Sicilian natives, European orchids and even orchids for your garden!

OJ's mini series on Miltonia/Miltoniopsis gave you something to think about and our upcoming full length series on Fukiran judging of Neofinetia falcata will show us how another type of judging system works.

Our Halloween series was the hottest thing around showing that we all like to have fun too.

But first and foremost we are a COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD and we post updates on all our shows, posters, photos and yes even judging results. Behind the scenes we work with societies' publicity teams to enhance and share publicity ideas for our shows.

Special mention and a heartfelt thanks goes out to Marilyn Light for being a good friend, support and the best 'go to person' you would hope to find, to Jerry Bolce our newsletter editor extraordinaire for knowing that Facebook would work, to Terry Kennedy for her award info, to Greg Allikas for his support, humor and talent and all the fans out there for letting us know what they think.

To our orchid community of hobbyists, fans and especially to our society Facebook administrators a huge THANK YOU for making our orchid world the best!

Many happy postings for the New Year,

Marlene



Pleurothallis (Pths) schweinfurthii 'Marsh Hollow'
CCE-AOS, 90 points, Mario and Conni Ferrusi



Trisetella scobina 'Marsh Hollow' CHM-AOS, 88 points, Mario and Conni Ferrusi



Masdevallia Theresa Hill x decumana AM-AOS 80 points, Exhibitor: Mario and Conni Ferrusi

Blooming Success

The Essex County Orchid Society held their Fourth Orchid Show & Sale on Nov 9 & 10 this year.

The room was overflowing with 15 beautiful, artistically arranged orchid displays from members, students, vendors and societies to greet the over 1100 visitors during the two day weekend event held at Colasanti's Tropical Gardens in Kingsville.

The Arts component was the best yet with 57 entries in the three categories of photography, sketching and painting. It was a huge challenge for the Judges to choose the Best in Class for Orchids and the Arts. The Best Arrangement award went to Brenda Aarts from the London Orchid Society. The Arts award went to Juliette St. Pierre for the Best Framed Photo of the Oncidium 'Dancing Ladies' orchid, Essex County Orchid Society member. The Best in Show for the most beautiful and unusual and well grown orchid went to Albert St. Pierre, Essex County Orchid Society member. His prize blooming Stanhopea (photo right) orchid won him the Canadian Orchid Congress award for the 'Best Orchid' in the Society Display. Excellent timing as the orchid opened just a day before the show and lasts about 6 days.



The visitors strolled through the exhibits in awe viewing the different orchids in bloom which come from all over the world and stopped by the vendors to select some amazing orchids in bloom to grace their home or feed their addiction. The Lectures and Workshops on both days were very well attended as many people were looking for tips and secrets on how to grow or re-bloom their orchids. The Society extends a sincere thank you to its members, participants, friends, Colasanti's and neighbouring Society members who came out to support our fourth Orchid Show. If you missed our show this year make it a point to come out and support us next year in November.

ORCHIDOPHILIA

OTTAWA ORCHID SOCIETY
33rd ANNUAL ORCHID SHOW
APRIL 19 & 20, 2014
EASTER WEEKEND
ORCHID DISPLAYS • ART GALLERY • ORCHID VENDORS



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(see below)

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OTTAWA ORCHID SOCIETY

Saturday: noon to 5:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am to 5:00pm

General admission: \$10
Seniors (60+): \$8
Children (8-12): \$8

Kanata Recreation Complex 100 Walter Baker Place, Ottawa, Ontario
www.ottawaorchidsociety.com



COMING EVENTS

2014

Feb 8-9: [The Southern Ontario Orchid Society](#) The Annual SOOS Orchid Show at the Toronto Botanical Garden, Edwards Gardens.

March 1-2: [Orchid Society of the Royal Botanical Gardens](#) 680 Plains Rd., Burlington

March 8-9: [Victoria Orchid Society](#) Spring Orchid Show. It will be held in the General Hall at Our Lady of Fatima, 4635 Elk Lake Drive, Victoria BC.

March 15-16: [London Orchid Society](#) at Mother Teresa Catholic Secondary School, 1065 Sunningdale Road East, London

March 21-23: [The Manitoba Orchid Society](#) Annual Show and Sale at the Assiniboine Park Conservatory. For more information, please email: secondvp@manitobaorchidsociety.ca

Mar 22-23: [The Vancouver Orchid Society](#) Annual Show will be held at the Van Dusen Botanical Garden, 5251 Oak St., Vancouver BC. Contact: Wayne Riggs Email: riggskw@interchange.ubc.ca

March 29-30: [Les Orchidophiles de Montreal](#) Orchidexpo, College de Maisonneuve, 2700 Bourbonniere St., Montreal, Quebec.

April 19-20: [The Ottawa Orchid Society](#) 33rd Annual Orchid Show and Sale, Kanata Recreational Centre, 100 Walter Baker Place, Kanata, Ontario. Show Chairman: Dave Cooper, e-mail: orchidae@storm.ca (H) 613-256-2853.

June 7-8: [The Foothills Orchid Society](#), invites you to The Calgary Orchid Show and Sale at Triwood Community Center, 2244 Chicoutimi Drive NW, Calgary, AB

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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