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2014 SOOS show AOS show trophy winner - Orchids in Our Tropics, Doug and Terry Kennedy

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

Finance Report

The 2013 financial statements have been audited and are appendix to this newsletter. The 2013 financial highlights are as follows. For the year ended December 31, 2013, the Corporation recorded a deficit of \$315 compared to a surplus of \$1,241 in 2012. Revenues were not materially changed from the previous year and stood at \$5,486; however, the expenses were up by \$1,350 due to the recording of expenses related to two AGMs because of the late submission of the information for the year 2012. The Corporation is holding two investments totalling \$15,248 as of December 31, 2013; these guarantee investment certificates will be renewed as they mature, as long as the Corporation does not require some of these funds for its operations.

Andre Couture

COC insurance for 2014 report

1700 members across Canada have been insured for this year at a cost of \$2510.00 which includes the extra library and equipment insurance for three Societies. Five societies were late in payments so that brought in an extra \$125.00. All participating Societies are insured for the Shows covering members of the public as well. Our costs have not increased in several years now. We are \$408.50 ahead this year so the cost will remain the same for 2015 for sure.

Thank you to all who have joined in the insurance program.

Dianne Gillis

Cash for Best Essay

The Mid-America Orchid Congress invites you to enter their essay contest. Write an essay on "My problem with orchids is..." (writer fills in the blank) -- and win up to \$100.00! The essay should be no more than 500 words in length and submitted no later than October 1st to Doris Asher (asherdoris@juno.com) - winners will be announced at the Congress' Sunday Business Meeting in Columbus, OH, November 9, 2014. You do not need to be present to win. First prize wins \$100.00; second, \$50; third, \$25. All three prize-winning essays will appear in future issues of the Congress's newsletter, The Mid-American.

For more information or if you have questions, contact Doris Asher via email or by phone (517-332-0004).



Paph Alice Doherty 'Wch' SOOS Show

President's Rambles

Hi All. Here we are into March already and still in the deep freeze. Lots of snow but no rain water since November. Our rain water tanks are empty and we have been using our high solute well water for our plants for over two months now. Not great, but we have no choice. We can get by with it as long as we don't add any fertilizer and we do lots of flushing.

The spring show season is well underway. Please support your show committees with your help, attendance, and flowering plants. Remember it is all about sharing and fellowship, not necessarily the winning of ribbons or trophies. The Southern Ontario Orchid Society show in February was slightly smaller than usual and had slightly fewer attendees. The earlier ice-storm, the Olympics and the weather were possible factors. The Royal Botanical Gardens show at the end of February and the beginning of March was apparently a successful affair. They reported 10 AOS awards. Yours truly was not able to attend due to a severe head cold.

The COC AGM. The next COC annual general meeting is coming up August 9th and 10th in Toronto. It will be held in conjunction with the Southern Ontario Orchid Societies' Orchid Fest on August 10. The tentative program is for our AGM to be held on Saturday August 9 at the home of Doug and Terry Kennedy together with a proposed workshop for delegates on the use of Facebook for publicizing society events. The AGM will again be accessible electronically for COC official society delegates. The Kennedys will host a barbeque after the working sessions Saturday evening. SOOS will host all members of orchid societies starting Sunday morning 9:30 am at the Toronto Botanical Garden. The day will start with AOS judging. Around noon there will be an auction in support of COC along with a pot luck lunch followed by two orchid talks by Roy Tokunaga from Hawaii. Roy will bring plants for sale. It should be a fun and interesting weekend with plenty of time to meet and greet old orchid friends. Plan to join us. Have your society donate an auction item.

Peter Poot.

A conservation research project in which all orchid hobbyists can participate

Marilyn Light, COC Conservation

Amy Hinsley is a PhD candidate in biodiversity management at the University of Kent, UK. Amy hopes to learn from hobbyists like ourselves as to how and why we choose the particular orchids we purchase. As part of her research, Amy has designed an online experiment to assess the various attributes of orchids that might appeal to hobbyists. Everyone is invited to participate.

Please circulate the following link to the online experiment. www.conservingorchids.org/research

There are two parts to this online experiment. Anybody can take part; all responses are anonymous.

With the first part, the participant has an opportunity to suggest what they feel is the best way to protect wild orchids from over-collection for trade.

The second part is a simple experiment in the form of a questionnaire that takes just 5 minutes to complete. All answers are anonymous. The questions have to do with what we might look for when buying an orchid. If you have orchids at home or have bought any in the last 12 months, Amy would be very grateful to have your responses as all will contribute towards her research.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact:

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The Orchid Journal

Orchid Journal celebrates some of our amateur fans' contributions to our Facebook page.

Our hats go off to one of our youngest, pre-teen, Facebooker, J's Orchids who not only has a Facebook page with a 100 people talking about the posts but is active in growing orchids!



J's Orchids page proves that we (the community) need to embrace and support the next generation of orchid growers. Not only does 'J' post interesting and knowledgeable items but our own OJ fans were quick to support and take J's page to their hearts with words of encouragement and bravos. Well done!

It was even more difficult to choose other fans that frequent our pages since we're moving towards 700 fans that follow us daily and hundreds that contribute every week but today we can only highlight a few of our members and their accomplishments.

Hats off to another fan, Janet Johns of the Ottawa Orchid Society, for winning her first Award of Merit from the AOS for her Angraecum Crestwood proving that hobbyists need to submit their plants more often for AOS judging at their local centres. Stay, watch and listen at these sessions to get more insight into the process and attend the educational session that is usually part of the meeting!



Regular contributors like Wijbe send photos of their blooms at home and Off Offy from Thailand who submits photos of orchids in situ growing like weeds in Thailand.

To the many many fans and some true experts that tell us what they like to see and correct my errors (no one is perfect) so that the information being distributed is correct.

A tip of the hat to the students and academics that either request sources or even use our pages to support studies and surveys showing that we can go from jokes on pronunciations to very serious stuff indeed.

This is your page, the orchid community, and we celebrate your contributions for helping to make us one of the leaders of the Facebook orchid community.

We are very very pleased to be part of this orchid community, thanks to your contributions, that includes the Smithsonian, Orchid World, Orchid Diaries, our friends down under in Australia, the UK, Native Orchids and renowned photographers that have graciously granted us use of their photos and the list goes on.

Looking forward to many more happy postings from all of you!

Marlene

Orchids A Growing Obsession

April 30th – May 4th, 2014

The Orchid Society of Minnesota is very pleased to host the Spring 2014 American Orchid Society Members' Meeting and Show April 30th through May 4th, 2014. This event will be held in conjunction with meetings and events of the Mid-America Orchid Congress, Slipper Orchid Alliance, International Phalaenopsis Alliance, Pleurothallid Alliance and Angraecoid Alliance. The website is up with full information at

http://www.orchidsagrowingobsession.com/.

The event headquarters is the Doubletree by Hilton located at I-494 and Hwy 100 in Bloomington, Minnesota. They offer complimentary airport shuttle service to and from the Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport (MSP Terminals 1 and 2). All events are located in this hotel which has free guest parking. Guest rooms will be available at a reduced rate of \$99 while they last in the reserved room block prior to the cutoff date of April 8, 2014. This rate is available for three days before and three days after the show dates for those who wish to extend their stay. There are numerous restaurants near the hotel including TGIFridays (in the same parking lot). The hotel is located on the "494 Strip" of Bloomington with restaurants and shopping nearby... including the Mall of America. The hotel does offer complimentary shuttle service to the Mall of America for its registered guests. Following is the hotel reservation link. No password or code is needed: https://resweb.passkey.com/go/OSM2014 If you prefer to call, their number is 952-835-7800.

The keynote address will be given by Chris Purver of the Eric Young Orchid Foundation. The speaker lineup includes Jerry Fischer, Alan Koch, Carlos Fighetti, Jason Fischer, Russ Vernon, Cordelia Head, Harry Phillips and Kathy Creger. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to hear the top names in orchids share their knowledge.

Our Exhibition Chair is Joe Acebo. Exhibitor setup will begin Wednesday morning at 7:00 a.m., April 30th. Plant and Exhibit Registration will be open on Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Space is limited. Please contact Joe directly at joeacebo@charter.net.

Our Vendor Sales Chair is Ross Hella. Sales will open Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. with the Preview Party. As of January 2014, our vendor spaces are full; however you may contact Ross at hellapad@dishmail.net with inquiries. Vendors include Andy's, Deerwood, Cal-Orchids, Gold Country, Ingram's Better Books, J&L, Natt's, New Vision, Orchids Ltd, Orchidabilia, RK Gems, and art work by Jacque Rosenau & Kathy Creger.

This will be an AOS judged show with Ribbon Judging on Thursday morning, May 1st, followed by the AOS Judges' Luncheon at noon and AOS Judging at 1:00 pm. The Preview Party will be Thursday evening beginning at 7:00 p.m. This years' theme is "tropical casual"... so wear your favorite Hawaiian orchid shirt and relax!

The Show & Sales area will be open to the public Friday, Saturday and Sunday (May 2-4) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. We are offering the public a \$1 off general admission coupon at numerous locations and on our web site. Beginners' Lectures will be offered on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Full Participant Registration includes the Preview Party, AOS & MAOC Auctions and access to all lectures and meetings as well as the show and sales areas. There will be a Banquet following the Auction on Saturday evening at the hotel. This promises to be a pleasurable and entertaining evening and we certainly hope you will join in the fun.

For show registration, go to http://www.orchidsagrowingobsession.com/ and click on the Registration tab. Please be sure to read the instructions/hints before beginning your registration process.

Come join us at this don't miss event!

Kim Livingston, Show Chair



COC Show Trophy, SOOS show: Les Orchidophiles de Montreal by: Mario Mireault



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Dendrobium Andree Millar. grown by Synea Tan, SOOS

LONDON ORCHID SOCIETY



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WEBSITE: HTTP://LOS.LON.IMAG.NET PHONE: 519.645.7747







COMING EVENTS

2014

March 8-9: <u>Victoria Orchid Society</u> 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: <u>London Orchid Society</u> 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: secondyp@manitobaorchidsociety.ca

Mar 22-23: <u>The Vancouver Orchid Society</u> 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.

Apr 4-6: Orchid Society of Alberta "Orchid Fair", Annual Show and Sale, is moving to a new place and time! It will take place at Hole's Enjoy Centre, 101 Riel Drive, St. Albert. For more information check the OSA website, or contact Show Chairman Darrell Albert at darrell.albert@albert-it.com or 780-986-8504.

April 12-13: <u>Les Orchidophiles de Quebec</u> at the Pavillon Envirotron, Université Laval, 2480 Blvd. Hochelaga, Sainte Foy.

April 12-13: Central Vancouver Island Orchid Society at the Rutherford Mall which is now called Nanaimo North Town Centre, Nanaimo, BC. Contact: Sue Christison, orchidlady@telus.net

Apr 12: The Orchid Society of Nova Scotia Spring Show. A one day show at Spring Garden Place.

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.

April 26-27: The Annual Toronto Artistic Orchid Association Show, CICS (Centre for Information and Community Service), 2330 Midland Avenue, Scarborough, Ontario, MIS 5G5, (N.W. Of HWY 401/Midland) For show information: info.taoa@yahoo.ca

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

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COCHEWS

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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