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## Newsletter of the Ottawa Orchid Society

October 2023

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### Welcome! Upcoming Activities at a Glance

**Sunday, October 15, 2023:** We welcome Thomas Mirenda, who will give a fascinating talk on the orchids of Australia.

**Saturday, October 28, 2023:** Tissue Culture and Flasking Demonstration Workshop for Experienced Growers.

**Tuesday, November 7, 2023:** Conservation Committee Meeting.

**Thursday, November 9, 2023:** Orchids Discussion Group.

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## President's Message



It was wonderful to see so many of you out for our first meeting of the year last month. The Show Table was terrific. What a great start to the year and congratulations to our ribbon winners. Terry Kennedy's presentation really made me think. I am inspecting pseudobulbs much more carefully now! It was also nice to have the opportunity to purchase orchids from Orchids in Our Tropics. You may have noticed a different approach to sharing the Show Table online. Thanks for this to Eamonn Tuck, who built a camera dolly to try a new approach.

You may have seen a very full raffle table in September. I want to give a special note of thanks to Helen Nitschkie for sharing these items with us as she (sadly) clears out her orchid growing area. She continues to grow – but is now growing vegetables and helping others to grow food for the Ottawa Food Bank. You make a difference Helen – many thanks for your work and for sharing. There are still more items that will appear on the raffle table in October – don't miss it!

Many thanks to Jean Hollebhone who took many of your blooming orchids to the Central Ontario Orchid Show and prepared such a beautiful display (see page 24), and thanks to those who shared their orchids! Out-of-town displays cannot happen without our willing growers! Congratulations to you all.

Additional thanks to Jean, Jennie McCloskey and Andrea Picher for making our first Novice Workshop on *Phals* and repotting such a success on Saturday, September 30 (see page 5 for a picture). It was a great opportunity to chat with many of you in a small group and share experiences and expertise. The next workshop takes place Saturday, October 28 (see page 5 for details). John Barnes will demonstrate Tissue Culture and Re-flasking for our expert growers.

Finally, this month I want to give a shout out to our Spike Editor, Andrea Picher. It is an enormous task to get this together each month. She is ably assisted by Joyce Medcalf and Arlene Lang who provide excellent editing, but the major task does fall on her shoulders...and she works with Melanie Charbonneau on social media too! Thanks Andrea.

Our first Orchid Discussion Group online via Zoom takes place on Thursday, October 12. The ODG will run every second Thursday of the month this season, except for January. Thanks to Hesselene Attong and Jennie McCloskey for working on the agenda for these meetings. Want to learn more? Attend the ODG!

Our October speaker will join us via Zoom. Tom Mirenda is always an engaging speaker, and he will join us in Canada from Hawaii to talk about Australian orchids – now there's a global reach.

This should reach you just around the Thanksgiving weekend. I hope you all had a wonderful weekend with family and friends. I am so thankful for all our volunteers, members and vendors who feed our obsession with orchids, both in our homes and in the wild. I hope you have many other reasons to be thankful at this lovely time of the year. See you on October 15.

*Jan Johns*

## **Program Updates 2023**

### **October 2023:**

**Meeting Location:** This meeting will be a hybrid meeting. The Zoom meeting invite will be sent separately.

**Meeting Time:** Sunday, October 15, 2023, 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Location: Hall F**, Nepean Sportsplex, 1701 Woodroffe Avenue; **DOOR 2** (at the rear). Enter Door 2 and go through the next door to your right, and take the stairs to Hall F, overlooking Arena 2. The elevator is to your left upon entering Door 2.

Our speaker for the October meeting is AOS Ambassador and world orchid traveller Thomas Mirenda, who will present a talk on the orchids of Australia. This is a fascinating talk that covers the native fauna from the orchid-rich area of western Australia near Perth, to desert species in the Outback, to the rich eastern tropical forests of Queensland and the east coast. He will also mention some of the other flowers and wildlife that coexist with orchids in their native habitats. A special talk not to be missed.

## **Upcoming Events**

We have an exciting program lined up for the remainder of 2023:

### **November 19, 2023:**

This presentation will focus on conservation with an in-person visit from Peter Tobias, of the Orchid Conservation Alliance (OCA), California. The OCA is one of the largest orchid conservation organizations in the world, having sponsored successful projects in the US, Brazil, Colombia, Madagascar and in Western Canada.

### **December 17, 2023:**

This month will feature our Holiday gathering and a chance to enjoy the festivities of the Holiday season.

## **Preview for 2024**

On **January 21, 2024**, Jean Hollebhone of the Ottawa Orchid Society (AOS Judge) will tell us of her adventures of 'Finding Orchids in the Amazon'.

On **February 18, 2024**, Joyce Medcalf of the Ottawa Orchid Society (AOS Judge) will provide us with tips and suggestions on 'How to Set up a Winning Orchid Display' – just in time to create our own displays at Orchidophilia 2024, next spring.

Speakers for **March 17, 2024** and **May 26, 2024**, are to be determined. If you would like to hear about a specific topic, please drop Jean a line at [jean@hollebhone.ca](mailto:jean@hollebhone.ca) and she will try to line up an appropriate solution/expert.

## Workshops

The Society is planning four Saturday workshops throughout the 2023/2024 Season – two workshops in the fall and two in the winter/spring term. In each term, one workshop will be aimed at new orchid growers, while the second workshop will be geared toward advanced growers. All workshops will be open to all Members. So here's to happy 'orchiding' this year. Contact me if you have suggestions for program improvement.

The *Phalaenopsis* repotting workshop on Saturday, September 30, was a great success. Great job, everyone!



Photo by Jan Johns

Left to right:  
Krystyna Miedzybrodzker, Andrea Picher, Jennie McCloskey,  
Chantel Hutter, Erika Seeger, Richard Orawiec, Ann Gibson,  
Erica Parker, Jean Hollebhone, Candida Quast and  
Tina Furano. Missing from picture: Jan Johns and Julia Parshina

## Tissue Culture and Flasking Demonstration Workshop for Experienced Growers

**When: Saturday October 28, 2023 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Where: Room 1B, Nepean Centreponte Library, 101 Centreponte Drive, Ottawa**

John Barnes of the Southern Ontario Orchid Society will give a demonstration on flasking orchids, from sterilization of the seed pod to the preparation of media and flask growth, etc. John has been growing orchids for over 15 years and first learned how to flask orchids from Joe Di Ciommo. He is continually improving and modifying his techniques, learning what works and what doesn't and now says he can successfully flask just about anything. His original goal was to flask native orchids to be able to raise them and return them to their native habitats. The limiting factor is obtaining seed capsules.

John has had a very interesting career working as a bookkeeper and train conductor. His last job before retirement was Go-train conductor, which took him all over southern Ontario.

This will be a very interactive session and is your opportunity to learn about the process and for those who really want to flask, to learn the techniques from a master.

To sign up for this workshop, add your name to the list at the October meeting OR send an email to [membership@ottawaorchidsociety.com](mailto:membership@ottawaorchidsociety.com).

*Jean Hollebhone*  
*Program Chair*

## **GOING ONCE, GOING TWICE, SOLD!!**

**This is the last opportunity for us to hold an Auction this year. If we do not have a volunteer (or two) to act as Auction Chair (or Co-Chairs), it will not happen. Deadline: October 20.**

In the past we have always held an annual auction. It was a chance to have fun, get some plants or supplies that we needed and was an opportunity to raise funds, which were used to support the AOS Judging Centres in Montreal and Toronto, and Conservation initiatives. During Covid we held an online auction that proved very successful. We would like to have the online auction again, but we need a volunteer to step up as the Online Auction Chair.

The online auction would be held on the 32Auction site between November 26 and December 10. Delivery of winning bids would take place at the meeting on December 17.

### ***Some Information on the Auction Chair Role:***

#### When would you be busy?

You would begin now at a slow pace – just a few hours a week. You would be quite busy during the month of November and the first week of December.

#### What would you be doing?

We have great notes from our last auction and the OOS site is already set up. You would not be working in isolation, but would work with members of a team to assist you. You and your team would be:

- soliciting items from Members and others,
- organizing publicity to our Members about the auction,
- receiving descriptions and pictures of donated items,
- editing and uploading descriptions and pictures to our 32 Auctions site,
- keeping tabs on who donated what and who won what and for how much (a lot is done within the 32Auctions site), and
- sending out notifications and organizing the delivery of the items at the Dec 17 meeting

If you would like to help, or would like more information, please contact us as soon as possible at [membership@ottawaorchidsociety.com](mailto:membership@ottawaorchidsociety.com).

*Jan Johns*  
*President*

## Orchids Discussion Group - Update

The ODG meetings were a great success over the last season and will continue with monthly meetings on Zoom (preregistration is required). Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, **October 12, 2023**, at 7:00 p.m.

In preparation for the ODG meetings, you may submit your questions or desired discussion topics in advance to Pat Boisvert, ODG Chair at [pat.g.boisvert@gmail.com](mailto:pat.g.boisvert@gmail.com).

### **The Plant Corner**

If you have problems with a plant and are looking for help, send close-up pictures of the plant along with a brief description and any questions you have. We will dedicate 15 minutes to identify the problem and potential solutions. There will be time for 2 plants per meeting.

Jennie McCloskey will email the question/topic list to OOS Members one week before the ODG meeting date once the meeting dates are determined, along with the link for registration.

We hope you will enjoy participating in the ODG. We look forward to seeing many of you at these meetings.

*Pat Boisvert*  
*ODG Chair*

## Upcoming Shows

Mark your calendars for the Windsor Orchid Society Show and Sale on October 28-29, 2023.

A poster for the Windsor Orchid Society Show and Sale. The background is black with a central image of several green and yellow orchids. Text is in yellow and white. The title 'Orchid Show & Sale' is at the top. It mentions the American Orchid Society and is sponsored by The Windsor Orchid Society. It lists the date as October 28-29, 2023, and the location as Gethsemane Lutheran Church. It also includes admission prices and contact information.

**Orchid Show  
& Sale**

American Orchid Society  
Judged Show

Sponsored by  
The  
**Windsor  
Orchid  
Society**

Hundreds of Orchids,  
Photography Session and  
repotting demonstration.

**October 28-29, 2023**  
Hours: Saturday 11am - 5pm  
Sunday 11am - 4pm  
*(Hand-held Cameras Only)*

**Gethsemane  
Lutheran Church**  
1921 Cabana Rd. W  
Windsor, Ontario

**ADMISSION**  
Adults \$ 6.00  
Children 8 & under free (with adult)

PHOTOGRAPHERS Session (tripods permitted)  
Sunday 9am - 11am

For more information visit us on Facebook or  
[www.windsororchidsociety.ca](http://www.windsororchidsociety.ca)

## Welcome to Our New Members

I'd like to welcome the following new Members to our Society. I hope they take advantage of all our Society has to offer to learn, enjoy and share our passion regarding all things related to orchids.

- Julia Wither (member #1455)
- Louise Huang (member #1458)
- Pernilla Berin (member #1456)
- Krystyna Miedzybrodzka (member #1459)
- Allan Brown (member #1457)
- José Rauda (member #1460)

*Jennie McCloskey*  
*Membership Chair*

## September 2023 Meeting

Eamonn Tuck test driving a new technology set-up so our Members can view the Show Table orchids on Zoom.



From left to right:  
Eamonn Tuck and Joyce Medcalf  
Photo by Arlene Lang

Thank you to Terry Kennedy for a great presentation on pseudobulbs!



Photo by Arlene Lang



## Montréal Judging Centre

The Montréal Judging Centre extends an open invitation to the members of the Ottawa Orchid Society to attend its judging sessions. The Centre meets every month on the third Saturday. The meeting is held at the Jardin botanique de Montréal (JBM) (Montréal Botanical Garden) in the main building.

## Notes from the AOS

The AOS Board of Trustees voted recently to increase award prices by \$5 effective October 1, 2023. The digital certificates will now be \$40 for members and \$60 for non-members. Pricing for the mailed certificate will remain an additional \$10.

*André Couture*

## Plants Awarded in September 2023

Photos by Philippe Jolivet

Award	Orchid	Owner
CCM/AOS 83 points	<i>Maxillaria cucullata</i> 'Jardin botanique de Montréal'	Jardin botanique de Montréal



## Plants Awarded in September 2023 (cont.)

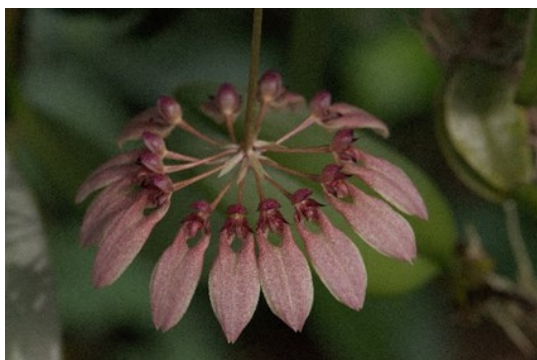
Award	Orchid	Owner
AM/AOS 83 points	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Poulsbo 'Jardin botanique de Montréal'	Jardin botanique de Montréal



Award	Orchid	Owner
CCM/AOS 81 points	<i>Cymbidium dayanum</i> 'Jardin botanique de Montréal'	Jardin botanique de Montréal



Award	Orchid	Owner
CCM/AOS 84 points	<i>Bulbophyllum dentiferum</i> 'Jardin botanique de Montréal'	Jardin botanique de Montréal



## **The Toronto AOS Judging Centre**

The Toronto AOS Judging Centre meets on the first Saturday of every month, except in August when the meeting is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday for 'SUMMERFEST'.

The meeting is held at:

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

Everyone is welcome!

### **Judging meetings**

- The meetings start at 10 a.m. with education, and AOS judging beginning at 1 p.m.
- Plant registration takes place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### **Judging**

- Plants are registered; the Registrar will provide the necessary help.
- Participants must have the full name of the plants (plants with no name cannot and will not be judged).
- Participants must bring a clonal name to assign to the awarded plants (the clonal name is anything the owner chooses; the clonal name must be provided at the judging session).

### **NOTE:**

- Plants must be clean and without pests.
- **While plants are being judged, participants are not allowed to make comments or to intervene;** if there are any questions, these can be answered after judging.
- **You do not have to stay all day. You can be phoned when your plant is ready for pick up.**

*Joyce Medcalf*

## Conservation Corner: *Bulbophyllums* and their Allies



*Bulbophyllum* (Syn. *Cirrhopetalum*)  
Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry'  
FCC/AOS (*B. longissimum* x  
*B. rothschildianum*)  
Photo by Tommy Wingreen

*Bulbophyllums* and their allies are the largest group of orchids worldwide, and are found on most continents, excluding Antarctica and Europe. In spite of this, many species face local endangerment and extinction, threatening the health and genetic diversity of this weird and wonderful genus. As a companion to Terry Kennedy's talk last month, here is a peek into some conservation projects working to understand and preserve *Bulbophyllums*!

Singapore's National Parks Board has been working since 1995 to reverse the decline of native orchid species. Singapore has an ideal climate for orchids and is home to 226 native species; and *Bulbophyllums* are the second most common orchid genus. As a result of large-scale development, however, 40 species are critically endangered and 178 have disappeared from the island. The **Orchid Conservation Programme** propagates and reintroduces native species such as *B. vaginatum*, *B. membranaceum*, and *B. blumei* into parks, roadside areas, and nature reserves. Several years after initial reintroduction, *Bulbophyllum* species are surviving at a rate of more than 80%, and flowering and producing seed capsules without human intervention; researchers have high hopes that reestablished

colonies of *Bulbophyllums* will help support the pollinators needed to begin revitalising native ecosystems. By reintroducing seedlings to sites across the island, researchers were able to compare survival rate and plant health in a variety of microclimates to determine ideal culture requirements for multiple *Bulbophyllum* species.

*B. bicolor* is primarily native to Hong Kong, where it is threatened in the wild by poaching, habitat loss, and reproductive failure. In 2012 the **Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden** began researching the habitat requirements of this species to prevent further decline, safeguard existing wild populations, and support reintroduction into the wild. Populations of *B. bicolor* can be extremely isolated from one another and natural pollination is now uncommon; the Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden is using hand-pollination and micropropagation at their facilities to produce a supply of genetically diverse seedlings to establish new colonies and increase opportunities for natural propagation.

In Micronesia, the **Palau Orchid Conservation Initiative** is studying diversity and habitat of orchid species like *B. membranaceum* on Palau. This project, run by the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, is examining the relationships between orchids and mycorrhizal fungi, including how orchid-fungi symbioses vary across different microhabitats. Researchers believe that a better understanding of orchid-fungi symbiosis is key to improving orchid restoration efforts, findings which may also inspire improvements in home culture.

Cameroon's Mount Cameroon Region (MCR) is home to numerous orchid species, of which *Bulbophyllums* are the most common. While orchid habitat in the MCR is not as heavily impacted as in Singapore or Hong Kong, the region is still under threat by habitat destruction caused by plantation agriculture, and by unsustainable collection of desirable orchid species. A recent inventory of orchids as the foundation for a conservation plan for the MCR identified 25 *Bulbophyllum* species, the most common being *B. lupulinum* and *B. porphyrostachys*. Researchers gathered germplasm for DNA research, investigating the genetic history of *Bulbophyllum* lineages and interrelations between different species.

## **Conservation Corner: *Bulbophyllums* and their Allies (cont.)**

Do you have a favourite genus or species of orchid? What efforts are underway to conserve their native habitat, or recover habitat that has been lost? Species orchid collections in botanic gardens and private nurseries are important for raising public awareness and preserving orchids, but research has shown that genetic diversity of human-managed collections is nothing compared to that of plant colonies in the wild. Conservation efforts not only support full and functioning ecosystems and safeguard the genetic diversity of our favourite species, but researching native habitats contributes valuable insight that helps us understand what these orchids need to grow well in our collections.

*Julia Wither*

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## **Plant Care Tips: Welcoming Orchids into Your Collection**

In the past two years, the Members of the Ottawa Orchid Society had several opportunities to join group orders. Orchids that have travelled across the globe require special care to become successfully acclimatized to their new environment. Each orchid grower has a preferred method, here is what works for me:

When new orchids arrive, I remove all potting media and prepare a 'welcome' cocktail using the following ingredients:

- Water
- Liquid seaweed fertilizer (I use KelpMan from WestCoast Seeds, but check local vendors for similar products)
- liquid CalMag (purchased at a hydroponic store)

Soak the roots of the newly arrived orchids in the solution for approximately an hour. After removing the orchids, let them dry out overnight. Depending on the condition of the roots, you may want to do a second soak the following day and pot the orchids in the appropriate media or basket. Continue to water the orchids with a diluted seaweed solution weekly for the first month. Do not add regular fertilizer until you see new roots.

This is how I welcome all new orchids into my collection, regardless if they travelled across the world or come from a grower close by, and I have had great success. Of the five orchids that I received from Thailand in May, all are growing new roots and two of the small *Vandas* have bloomed over the summer.

Please note that all orchids that are new to your collection need to be observed closely for some time after their arrival to make sure they do not have any pests or disease. Always keep these plants separate from your collection, for at least a month, or longer.

What are you doing to welcome your orchids into your grow space?

*Andrea Picher*

## OOS Show Table for September 17, 2023

ALLIANCE	RIBBON AWARD	NAME OF PLANT	OWNER
<b>Cattleya Alliance</b> Judged by Joyce Medcalf	1st	<i>Cattlianthe</i> White Bridal 'Yuki' ( <i>Cattleya</i> Angelwalker x <i>Cattlianthe</i> Candy Tuft)	Monique Savard
<b>Cypripedium Alliance Paphiopedilum</b> Judged by André Couture	1st	<i>Paphiopedilum sukhakulii</i>	Tommy Wingreen
	2nd	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Hilo Jewel ( <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Hsinying Majakun x Hsinying Jewel)	Tommy Wingreen
	2nd	<i>Paphiopedilum chamberlainianum</i>	Monique Savard
<b>Cypripedium Alliance Phragmipedium</b> Judged by André Couture	1st	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Leslie Garay ( <i>Phragmipedium caudatum</i> x <i>Phragmipedium longifolium</i> )	Maria Martins
<b>Phalaenopsis Alliance</b> Judged by Marie-Josée Bergeron and Jean Hollebhone	1st	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Yu Pin Infrared Ray ( <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Yu Pin Fireworks x <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Yu Pin Ocicat)	Tommy Wingreen
	2nd	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> No Name Hybrid	Monique Savard
	2nd	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Younghome Princess 'White Pearl' ( <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Leopard Prince x <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Fuller's E-Plus)	Tommy Wingreen
	3rd	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> No Name Hybrid	Maria Martins
	3rd	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Yu Pin Infrared Ray ( <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Yu Pin Fireworks x <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Yu Pin Ocicat)	Tommy Wingreen
	HM	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Gold Staff (Unconfirmed Name)	Ian Philips
<b>Oncidium Alliance</b> Judged by André Couture	1st	<i>Gomesa</i> Jiaho Queen 'Jiaho' AM/AOS ( <i>Gomesa</i> Mulattas' Dancing x <i>Gomesa varicosa</i> )	Andrea Picher
	2nd	<i>Brassia</i> Rex 'Goliath' ( <i>Brassia verrucosa</i> x <i>Brassia gireoudiana</i> )	Ian Philips
	3rd	<i>Miltoniopsis</i> Prelapsarian 'Stefanie' ( <i>Miltoniopsis</i> Paradise Park x <i>Miltoniopsis</i> Woodlands)	Jennie McCloskey
	HM	<i>Comparettia coccinea</i>	Daniel Brumar
<b>Dendrobium Alliance</b> Judged by André Couture	1st	<i>Dendrobium</i> Hibiki ( <i>Dendrobium</i> bracteosum x <i>Dendrobium laevifolium</i> )	Julia Parshina
	2nd	<i>Dendrobium</i> Hibiki ( <i>Dendrobium</i> bracteosum x <i>Dendrobium laevifolium</i> )	Tommy Wingreen
	3rd	<i>Dendrobium</i> Hibiki ( <i>Dendrobium</i> bracteosum x <i>Dendrobium laevifolium</i> )	Andrea Picher

## OOS Show Table for September 17, 2023 (cont.)

ALLIANCE	RIBBON AWARD	NAME OF PLANT	OWNER
<b><i>Pleurothallid Alliance</i></b> Judged by André Couture	1st	<i>Pleurothallis nipterophylla</i>	Joyce Medcalf
<b><i>Vanda Alliance</i></b> Judged by André Couture	1st	<i>Vanda</i> (Syn. <i>Aerides</i> ) <i>flabellata</i>	Andrea Picher
<b>Miscellaneous</b> Judged by Joyce Medcalf	1st	<i>Maxillaria tenuifolia</i>	Monique Savard
	2nd	<i>Zygonisia Cynosure</i> ( <i>Aganisia cyanea</i> x <i>Zygopetalum Skippy Ku</i> )	Maria Martins
	3rd	<i>Coelogyne fimbriata</i> 'Summer Sunshine'	Maria Martins
<b>Best of Show</b> Judged by André Couture Marie-Josée Bergeron and Joyce Medcalf		<b><i>Dendrobium Hibiki</i> (<i>Dendrobium bracteosum</i> x <i>Dendrobium laevifolium</i>)</b>	<b>Julia Parshina</b>
<b>Member's Choice</b> Judged by Julia Parshina		<i>Maxillaria tenuifolia</i>	<b>Monique Savard</b>

### Member's Choice Comments

Large bush, grown on coir with a large number of flowers; rich fragrance.

### Best of Show Table

**Julia Parshina with her *Dendrobium Hibiki* (*Dendrobium bracteosum* x *Dendrobium laevifolium*)**

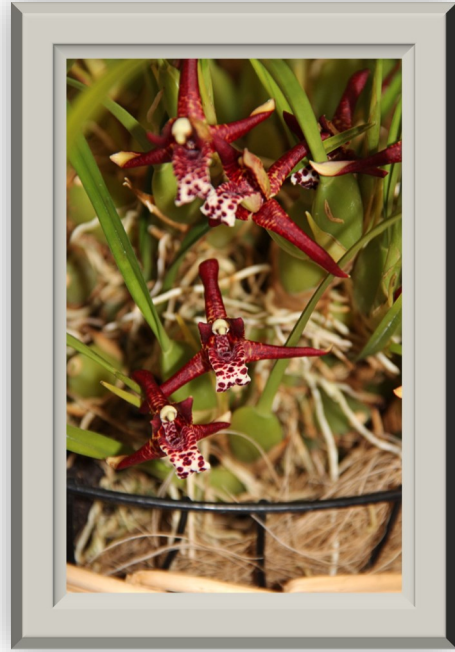
Show Table Photos by Arlene Lang





## Member's Choice

Monique Savard and Julia Parshina with Monique's *Maxillaria tenuifolia*, which was chosen by Julia Parshina.



## Cattleya Alliance



**Cypripedium Alliance**  
**Paphiopedilum**

1<sup>st</sup>



2<sup>nd</sup>



3<sup>rd</sup>



**Cypripedium Alliance**  
**Phragmipedium**

1<sup>st</sup>



*Phalaenopsis Alliance*

1<sup>st</sup>



2<sup>nd</sup>



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3<sup>rd</sup>



3<sup>rd</sup>



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**Oncidium Alliance**

1<sup>st</sup>



2<sup>nd</sup>



3<sup>rd</sup>



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*Dendrobium Alliance*

1<sup>st</sup>



2<sup>nd</sup>



3<sup>rd</sup>



*Pleurothallid Alliance*

1<sup>st</sup>



**Vanda Alliance**

1<sup>st</sup>



**Miscellaneous**

1<sup>st</sup>



2<sup>nd</sup>



3<sup>rd</sup>



## Plants Awarded at Central Ontario Orchid Show

Classification	Plant's full Name	Status	OWNER
B-2	Ottawa Exhibit		
19	<i>Cattlianthe</i> White Bridal 'Yuki' ( <i>Cattleya</i> Angelwalker x <i>Cattleanthe</i> Candy Tuft)	1st	Monique Savard
94	<i>Maxillaria tenuifolia</i>	1st in Class 2nd for Specimen Plant	Monique Savard
52	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> NOID (orange, 2 spikes)	3rd	Monique Savard
71	<i>Miltonia spectabilis</i> var. <i>moreliana</i>	1st	Mélanie Charbonneau
70	<i>Brassia</i> Rex 'Goliath'	3rd	Ian Phillips
70	<i>Brassia verassa</i> x <i>Brassia verrucosa</i> Lindley	2nd	Ian Phillips
52	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Chingruey's Goldstaff ( <i>Phal.</i> Ambonosa x <i>Phal.</i> Taisuco Jewel)	2nd	Ian Phillips
87	<i>Dendrobium</i> Hibiki #1 ( <i>Den. bracteosum</i> x <i>Den. laevifolium</i> )	3rd	Tommy Wingreen
27	<i>Paphiopedilum sukhakulii</i>	3rd	Tommy Wingreen
31	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Hilo Jewel ('Hsinying Jewel' x 'Hsinying Majakun')	1st	Tommy Wingreen
44	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Younghome Princess 'White Pearl'	2nd	Tommy Wingreen
46	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Yu Pin Infrared Ray (big lip) ( <i>Phal.</i> Yu Pin Fireworks x <i>Phal.</i> Yu Pin Ociat)	3rd	Tommy Wingreen
46	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Yu Pin Infrared Ray (regular lip, striped w/red lip) ( <i>Phal.</i> Yu Pin Fireworks x <i>Phal.</i> Yu Pin Ociat)	2nd	Tommy Wingreen
87	<i>Dendrobium</i> Hibiki #1 ( <i>Den. bracteosum</i> x <i>Den. laevifolium</i> )	2nd	Julia Parshina
51	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> NOID (yellow no markings)	2nd	Maria Martins

**Plants Awarded at Central Ontario Orchid Show (cont.)**

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Plant's full Name</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>OWNER</b>
95	<i>Zygonisia Cynosure</i> 'BlueBirds' ( <i>Aganisia cyanea</i> x <i>Zygopetalum Skippy</i> Ku)	3rd	Maria Martins
41a	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Leslie Garay ( <i>Phrag. longifolium</i> x <i>Phrag. caudatum</i> )	3rd	Maria Martins
99	<i>Coelogyne fimbriata</i> #2	3rd	Janet Lang

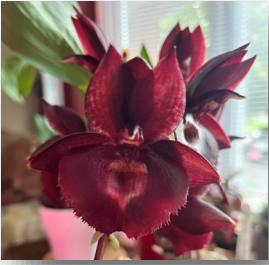
**Ottawa Orchid Society Display at the Central Ontario Orchid Show**

Photos by Jean Hollebhone





## Editor's Wrap



*Catasetum* Chocolate  
Cherry Fudge (*Ctsm.*  
John C. Burchett x  
*Ctsm.* Millie's Frilly  
Dragon)

I can't believe it is already October, but as I am writing this, it feels like July. This warm weather is a real treat for those of us who like to be outside in our gardens. Despite late frosts and too much rain during the summer, we are enjoying an abundance in produce this year and are so very grateful.

By the time you read this edition of *Spike*, it will be Thanksgiving and much cooler outside. I have much to be thankful for, but especially my family, both near and far. I am grateful for having had the opportunity to spend a couple of weeks with family in Germany and Austria at the end of August. It is so rare that we all can meet to spend time together, and the three days we had to celebrate a Birthday were a real treat. So was the time spent in the Styrian mountains of Austria.

I first joined the Ottawa Orchid Society during the Covid restrictions and have not had the opportunity to participate in workshops. The *Phalaenopsis* workshop on Saturday, September 30, presented a great opportunity to get to know other members and to share ideas and tips. We had a great time and I'm looking forward to more workshops this season. Thank you to everyone who came out!

As some of you may know, *Catasetums* are one of my favoured genera to grow. I find the plants fascinating and the flowers amazing. Most of my *Catasetums* had a very successful season, many of them growing large pseudobulbs that will support next year's growth and blooms. Several of the plants bloomed this year, including a *Ctsm. tenebrosum*, one of my favourites! Unfortunately, the blooming time is fairly short making it difficult to bring them to the Show Table. There is still hope, two plants are in spike and I am hoping that the timing may work for one of the upcoming meetings. Fingers crossed.

If you do grow *Catasetums*, by the second week of October, it is time to slow down on water and fertilizer.

Check out this very informative chat between Stephen Van Kampen Lewis and Fred Clarke on *Catasetum* care for fall and winter:

<https://www.youtube.ca/watch?v=kmg-p6xXe48>

Well that's a wrap for this edition. Happy growing...

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