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## Newsletter of the Ottawa Orchid Society

February 2024

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### Welcome! Upcoming Activities at a Glance

**Sunday, 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'.

**Tuesday, March 12, 2024:** Orchids Discussion Group.

**Thursday, March 14, 2024:** Conservation Committee Meeting.

**Sunday, March 17, 2024:** We welcome John Alexander and Peter Kaellgren, who will talk about orchids of the Bruce Peninsula.

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## President's Message



Happy Valentine's Day. This newsletter should be out around that time! I hope you enjoy the day celebrating all that is love with better-halves, and additional family and friends.

We had a wonderful tour of Africa and the Amazon last month travelling with Jean Hollebone. It was fascinating. Many thanks to preparing and sharing with us, Jean. This month we have another of our seasoned members, Joyce Medcalf, Head Judge at the Show, with a very informative presentation on preparing orchids for display and creating displays too. She is an expert, having won many awards for her own displays.

We want to encourage our members to have their own display at Orchidophilia 2024.

Although we will have an OOS display, if you have 1-5 blooming orchids (or more) you too can participate with your individual display. You could potentially win the COC medal which is awarded to the best display by an OOS member. Barbara Wysocka was the winner last year. I really encourage you to consider this. We have some supplies in our storage and if they are not needed for the OOS display, you are welcome to use them.

Speaking of the Show, Orchidophilia 2024, we are ramping up for the big event. At the February meeting you will have the opportunity to learn about volunteer positions and sign up to help. We did well at last year's Show which has enabled us to offer the extra workshops for our members (two more coming in March) and to provide our monthly meeting space and refreshments. We hope to do the same this year – but it does depend on ALL our members volunteering some time for the Show. If you can't make that weekend, consider helping with tablecloths or other organizational assistance ahead of time.

This is the beginning of the Show season! Many thanks to Joyce Medcalf for taking our orchids to the Southern Ontario Orchid Society Show and to Jean Hollebone for taking our orchids to the Orchid Society of the Royal Botanical Gardens. We need some younger members willing to take our displays to out-of-town Shows in the future. If we take displays to their Shows, they bring displays to our Show. You would be compensated for gas and accommodation. Please let me know, if you are interested in this as a contribution next year.

We have two workshops coming in March. The first focuses on pests and diseases (March 9) and the second on biological pest management (March 23). Many thanks to Jean Hollebone, Margaret Haydon and Hesselene Attong for organizing the workshop on the use of natural predators for pest control with Camille Courmier, founder and owner of Lady Bug Phytoprotection (see page 5 for details).

I look forward to seeing you at the February meeting. If you feel ill, or cannot travel, please join us via Zoom. A particular thanks to Éamonn Tuck, who ensures that all our online guests enjoy the Show Table. He has spent many hours building the platform and perfecting the technique so those of you online can see the flowers and hear the judges' comments.

*Jan Johns*

## Program Updates 2024

**February 18, 2024:**

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

**Meeting Time:** Sunday, February 18, 2024, 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.

This month, 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, in April.



An orchid display by Joyce Medcalf



A case orchid display by  
Joyce Medcalf

## Upcoming Events

On March 17, 2024, we welcome once again John Alexander and Peter Kaellgren who will talk about orchids of the Bruce Peninsula. This is a timely talk as members, stimulated by their talk, may be able to plan weekend trips to the peninsula when these orchids are in bloom. Truly these orchids are one of the treasures of Ontario and Canada!

The speaker for May 26, 2024, is Fred Clarke, who will talk to us about Aussie Dendrobiums.

*Jean Hollebone*  
*Program Chair*

## **Pests and Diseases: Workshop for Novice Growers**

WHEN: Saturday March 9, 2024

WHERE: Room 1B, Nepean CentrepoinTE Library, 101 CentrepoinTE Drive, Ottawa K2G 0B5.

Parking is free.

TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

This will be a most informative workshop for our novice growers. Our in-house experts, Margaret Haydon and Jean Hollebone, will provide a short introduction on the topic: what to look for and how to recognize and treat your plants. Margaret will talk about major insect pests and Jean about common disease and cultural issues.

Bring your plants wrapped in clear plastic so that travellers or diseases will not be shared. Jean and Margaret will inspect, diagnose and suggest treatments for your plants.

This is a members only workshop. To sign up, add your name to the list at the February 18th meeting OR email [membership@ottawaorchidsociety.com](mailto:membership@ottawaorchidsociety.com) to reserve your seat.

Program for the workshop will be available at the February meeting.

*Jean Hollebone*  
*Program Chair*

## **Biological Pest Control Workshop (Open to all Members)**

WHEN: Saturday March 23, 2024

WHERE: Room 1B, Nepean CentrepoinTE Library, 101 CentrepoinTE Drive, Ottawa K2G 0B5.

Parking is free.

TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

This will be an exciting workshop for many. Interested in entomology? Curious about employing preventative measures or eradicating pests in a chemical-free way? Hello, beneficial insects . . . come see the predators and pests up close!

Camille Cormier, owner/founder of Lady Bug Phytoprotection, will give a presentation on biological pest control covering common pests and providing advice on utilizing effective biological control techniques to assist in the fight against these pests. Special emphasis will be on thrips, mealybugs and scale that we encounter in our orchid collection.

There will be a limited quantity of live predators for sale at the workshop. Payment will be by cash, card or e-transfers.

To sign up for this workshop, add your name to the list at the February 18th member meeting OR send an email to [membership@ottawaorchidsociety.com](mailto:membership@ottawaorchidsociety.com) to reserve your seat.

*Jean Hollebone & Hesselene Attong*  
*Program*

## **Volunteers Needed for Orchidophilia 2024**

### **1. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FRIDAY SET UP AND SUNDAY TAKE DOWN**

#### **A. Locker unloading and loading**

**When:** Friday, April 26, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. AND Sunday, April 28, 2024 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**What:**

- Pick up items from the storage locker on Merivale Road and deliver to Algonquin College between 1:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Friday, April 26, 2024
- Pick up items from Algonquin College on Sunday, April 28, 2024 around 7:00 p.m. and return to the storage locker

**Requirements:**

- Large van or truck
- A strong back

#### **B. Table Care**

**When:** Friday April 26, 2024, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. AND Sunday, April 28, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**What:**

- Friday - attach numbered labels to all good tables and take pictures of the surface
- Sunday - take pictures of surface and remove numbers

**Requirements:**

- iPad with storage. These pictures can be removed from your device a few days after the Show is over and any damages to table surfaces are noted

#### **C. Set-Up Team**

**When:** Friday, April 26, from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**What:**

- Assist with traffic control in loading area
- Assist with unloading and vendor set-up
- Assist with directing guests to the facility and to vendor and exhibit tables

**Requirements:**

- A smile and a strong back

#### **D. Take Down Team**

**When:** Sunday April 28, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**What:**

- Assist with traffic control in loading area
- Assist with loading and vendor take down
- Show guests where garbage/water, etc. is located

**Requirements:**

- A smile and a strong back

## **Volunteers Needed for Orchidophilia 2024 (cont.)**

### **E. Fragrance Display**

**When:** Friday, April 26, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Saturday, April 27 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., and Sunday, April 28, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**What:**

- Help to set up the Fragrance Display
- Help to record plants that are brought in
- Help to organize the Fragrance Judges
- Help to take down the Fragrance Display at the end of the Show

**Requirements:**

- Basic knowledge of orchids
- Organizational skills

### **F. Clean Up Team**

**When:** Sunday, April 28, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**What:**

- Ensure that garbage bags are supplied and used by vendors and exhibitors taking down displays
- Sweep floor in vendor and display areas

**Requirements:**

- A smile and willingness to use a broom
- Attention to detail

## **2. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TIME BLOCKS ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY**

### **A. Clerks**

**When:** Saturday, April 27, from 7:30 a.m. to about 11:30 a.m.

**What:**

- Help with writing ribbons (clerks will be shown how to do this)
- Place the ribbons on the winning orchids
- At the discretion of the Head Judge, record the judges' first, second, third placement

**Requirements:**

- Basic knowledge of orchids

### **B. Hospitality**

**When:** Saturday, April 27, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 28, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**What:**

- Assist Algonquin staff with distributing "boxed" lunches to those who have ordered them

**Requirements:**

- A reasonably memory
- Good mobility
- Organizational skills

## **Volunteers Needed for Orchidophilia 2024 (cont.)**

### **C. Admissions**

**When:** In blocks of time on Saturday, April 27, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 28, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**What:**

- Sit at Admissions table and greet visitors
- Accept payments for admission by:
  - Receiving cash payments and making change
  - Processing debit/credit payments using Square, or
  - Scanning Eventbrite tickets (training will be provided)
- Give tickets to those who have paid the admission fee
- Stamp the back of hands/arms of visitors who have paid admission
- Direct volunteers to their designated areas

**Requirements:**

- Good organizational skills and dependability
- Ability to handle payments as noted above
- Ability to deal well with the public

### **D. Plant Hotel**

**When:** In blocks of time on Saturday, April 27, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 28, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**What:**

- Receive purchased plants from the public
- Tag the plants and place in storage area
- Hand out plant identifier to the owner
- Return tagged plants to respective owners on request

**Requirements:**

- Follow directions
- Good organizational skills
- Ability to deal well with the public

### **E. Membership Sales**

**When:** In blocks of time on Saturday, April 27, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 28, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**What:**

- Help receive and organize plants for sale
- Assist at the Membership Sales Table
- Deal with public
- Accept payment, make change, record amounts received
- Answer questions (direct guests to Orchid Care or Workshops)



## **Volunteers Needed for Orchidophilia 2024 (cont.)**

### **Requirements:**

- Medium to high level knowledge of orchids
- Ability to deal well with the public

### **F. Floor Managers**

**When:** In blocks of time on Saturday, April 27, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 28, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### **What:**

- Answer questions and direct visitors to washrooms/food/ATM/other areas
- Monitor Vendor area to ensure:
  - No-one enters the area through the doors leading directly to the outside
  - All orchids are paid for at the correct table
  - Report congestion and safety issues
- Monitor Display area to ensure that:
  - Displays are respected (no touching)
  - Watch for purses, bags or cameras making contact with displays or plants
  - Plants purchased in the vendor area are not brought into the display area
  - Report congestion and safety issues
- Between vendor and display areas, redirect visitors to the Plant Hotel or to the vendor exit
- At exit, thank visitors for coming, prevent people from re-entering the display area with purchased orchids and report any congestion, safety issues
- At Show closing (Saturday 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.) one person at the door to prevent unauthorized people from entering the Show area.

### **Requirements:**

Deal well with the public

### **3. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED BEFORE/AFTER THE SHOW**

- **To wash and iron table cloths**
- **To assist in organizing storage unit**
- **To prepare Thank you cards**

## Welcome to Our New Members

I'd like to welcome Roland Trudel (Member #1468) to our Society. I sincerely hope that you take part in all that our Society has to offer and to learn, enjoy and share in all things related to orchids.

*Jennie McCloskey*  
*Membership Chair*

## 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, **March 14, 2024**, 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*

## Show-and-Tell

A reminder that we will hold a Show-and-Tell during the break at our monthly meetings. Do you have a picture of your favourite orchid that came into bloom between meetings? Do you have a picture of an orchid you would have brought to the Show Table, but can't this month? We want to see all the orchids you are so proud of. As these will NOT be judged, **photos can be submitted up to the Friday (February 16) before the Sunday meeting**. Please include:

- Your name;
- The name of the orchid; and
- A very brief sentence on growing conditions (i.e., Is it under LED lights, in a southeast window, above a tub of water for humidity? Why does it do so well for you?).

Please send good quality pictures in an email (separate emails for each orchid please) to Jan Johns at [janet.johns@sympatico.ca](mailto:janet.johns@sympatico.ca). I will compile them into a slideshow. They may even get into Spike or on our Facebook and Instagram pages!

*Jan Johns*  
*President*

## **Conservation Corner:**

I subscribe to many environmental newsletters, from political organizations to those that are conservation focused.

I recently received David Hawke's year end post on Values and Ethics. I feel he has beautifully outlined the different opinions that pervade the conservation/development discussion. With his permission, here is David's December 31, 2023 Nature Story. For more nature and sometimes social commentary, I urge you to subscribe to David's list at [naturestories55@gmail.com](mailto:naturestories55@gmail.com).

*John Alexander*

## **The Nature Stories of David J. Hawke**

© 2023 David J. Hawke #OM-303 "Values and Ethics" December 31, 2023

I just don't understand the actions and attitudes of some people. Contrariwise, some people just don't seem to understand me. Is this a problem? Should we just ignore each other and not be bothered with trying to understand what in blazes it is that has the other so upset?

When it comes to agreeing on how to look after the natural resources of our land, any disagreement between parties should, indeed must, be addressed. The fresh water, fertile soil, clean air. and actual living space that we humans need is in a finite amount.

I hate (okay, really dislike) urban sprawl. The speed and magnitude of housing and commercial property development is staggering. I cringe as streams are turned into rainwater control structures, and forests are chewed up and split into fragments called estate lots. But that's my view.

Another person may look at the situation and say that people have to live somewhere, and supporting product stores and transportation infrastructure have to be built... you cannot just put a fence around Toronto and say "stay there, sucks to be you". And that person is also bang-on correct.

When it comes to sharing the truly limited resources we have, and to take responsibility for any impacts that we place on the environment, we must first understand and accept that we don't all share the same values and ethics. In one way or another, each one of us has placed a "value" on the environment. Each is valid, even though they tend to be contradictory at times.

There are four choices that people may choose their values from, and they are as follows:

Utilitarian value of the environment, is a justification to utilize the resources to provide us with direct economic benefits. In some places that utilization may well be for basic survival; these people feel that the species and habitats are for our use, to allow us to live and grow. The failure of utilitarian value is that this has become the foundation of our economy. By blindly following the excuse that the water, soil, timber, fish, wildlife, oil, and sand are resources there for us to utilize is proving to be rather short-sighted.

Other people may place an ecological value on the environment, realizing that the inter-relationships of species and the functioning of a healthy ecosystem is what we should be striving for with land management decisions. Their feelings are that these functions are necessary for our survival. However, here we have the challenge of finding balance between what the natural environment has to offer, against the demands of our billowing population growth.

## **The Nature Stories of David J. Hawke (cont.)**

Other people may take a less scientific view of the natural world around them, placing their values in the aesthetic justification of the environment. Simply put: life is beautiful, don't mess it up. This may sound simplistic, yet consider the health benefits to those who enjoy sunsets over a lake, the thrill of encountering a deer and fawn, the naturally pleasing pallet of colours presented in a patch of wildflowers. Psychological, medical, and social benefits accrue from the simple pleasure of looking at beauty.

A fourth value set is that of moral justification for preserving the environment. Basically said, the question arises: "What gives us the right to sully the natural world?" Plants and animals have a right to exist, independent of human desires. They believe that it is Mankind's obligation to allow other species to live their lives without interference.

So no doubt you can see the potential problems just brewing here. One person says we've got to grow and expand, another says that to do so will upset certain ecological cycles, a third chimes in with a lament that the beautiful scenery will be destroyed, while a fourth claims we have no right to be killing trees. Gets interesting, doesn't it? Four sets of values, all placed on the same resource, our shared environment. So, who's right? The answer is we all are.

So, how do we move ahead? That answer is elusive. Yet seeking the answer is the only route to follow, as we all do indeed share and have value for the air, water, land and wildlife around us.

Can consensus be reached with such a wide range of viewpoints? This dilemma now brings into play the question of ethics. When does prudent preparing for the future cross the line and turn into greed? Which is the better way to live: the ethic of sharing versus hoarding; the ethic of self-preservation versus community health?

As to ethics for land management, the words of the late Aldo Leopold come to mind. He was an American game official and author who seemed to have insight to these challenges even in the 1940s and 50s; the land ethic he espoused was that "we are no longer conquerors of the land but are citizens and protectors of the environment". His definition suggests that each of us is a steward of the resources available to us, and our collective role as stewards includes the responsibility to sustain nature for ourselves and future generations. A CBC interview conducted in 1976 with Farley Mowat recently popped up on my Facebook feed... his topic of discussion being "Need versus Greed". His less than encouraging words indicated that he felt the humans were already addicted to greed, and that that attitude is irreversible. Forty-seven years later... and here we are.

As we boldly and without choice slide into another year, there lies before us a huge challenge: can a solution be agreed upon to ensure that environmental stewardship is enacted? As we are an inherently competitive and confrontational species it will be interesting to see where we stand a year from now.

## **Canadian Orchid Congress: Invitation to be part of the Chelsea Flower Show in England**

Canadians have an incredible opportunity to showcase orchid conservation in Canada at an international level.

John Parke Wright IV is the sponsor of a new series of orchid conservation displays at the annual Chelsea Flower Show in London, England. This year the display will include orchids from India, Great Britain, and North America – the United States and Canada. As part of the display there is a volunteer “genius bar” panel to answer orchid conservation questions. Our friends from NAOCC (the Smithsonian’s North American Orchid Conservation Center) will be there as part of a resource team along with representatives from contributing American botanical gardens, universities, and the Royal Botanical Garden, Kew.

We are looking for 3 to 4 people who can volunteer to staff the exhibit and speak knowledgeably on orchid conservation in Canada. You would be responsible for all your own expenses, travel, accommodation, food, and entertainment. This is an unpaid, volunteer event. As part of the volunteer team, you would be expected to serve shifts interpreting the display, minding the orchids, and answering questions from Tuesday, May 21 to Saturday, May 25. Entrance to the show when not volunteering would be at your expense. The show is open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily, with other potential events happening after hours when the orchids in the display would need to be protected from damage or theft. Bear in mind, this is a large venue with 30,000 visitors per day.

To compile a list of people who would be eligible for passes, we need to know your commitment by February 19, 2024. An orientation meeting will be scheduled for late February.

For a link to the orientation meeting, please email John Alexander at [alexanderarts@sympatico.ca](mailto:alexanderarts@sympatico.ca) and Julianne McGuinness (NAOCC) at [mcjuli@mtaonline.net](mailto:mcjuli@mtaonline.net).

*John Alexander*  
*Conservation Chair*  
*Canadian Orchid Congress*

## 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 (except in December when the meeting will be held on the second Saturday). The meeting is held at the Jardin botanique de Montréal (JBM) (Montréal Botanical Garden) in the main building.

*André Couture*

### Plants Awarded in January 2024

Photos by Philippe Jolivet

Award	Orchid	Owner
HCC/AOS 77 points	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Monsoon Temptation 'Francine Thériault'	Mario Mireault



**Plants Awarded in January 2024 (cont.)**

Award	Orchid	Owner
HCC/AOS 76 points	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Lussr Nicole Roy 'Raymond'	Nicole Roy



Award	Orchid	Owner
CCM/AOS 83 points	<i>Stelis humilis</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 10:00 a.m. with education, and AOS judging beginning at 1:00 p.m.
- Plant registration takes place from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 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*



## OOS SHOW TABLE FOR JANUARY 21, 2024

ALLIANCE	RIBBON AWARD	NAME OF PLANT	OWNER
<b>Cattleya Alliance</b> Judged by Marie-Josée Bergeron	1st	<i>Rhyncatlaelia</i> Exotic Karura ( <i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Robert and Michael ‘SVO’ x <i>Laeliocattleya</i> Lisye Sentiasa ‘SVO’ AM/AOS)	Éamonn Tuck
	2nd	<i>Cattlianthe</i> Tropical Trick ( <i>Cattleya</i> Tropical Sunset ‘Oceans Heaven’ x <i>Cattlianthe</i> Trick or Treat ‘SVO’)	Monique Savard
	3rd	<i>Cattleya</i> Marilyn Lew ( <i>Cattleya</i> Arcadio Arosemena x <i>Cattleya dowiana</i> )	Masa Matsuo
<b>Cypripedium Alliance</b> <b>Paphiopedilum</b> Judged by André Couture	1st	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Cocoa Freckle ( <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Enzan Freckle x <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Hamana Med)	Steve Levick
<b>Phalaenopsis Alliance</b> Judged by André Couture	1st	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Orchid World ( <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Malibu Imp x <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Deventeriana)	Steve Levick
	2nd	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Sogo Lawrence ( <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Brother Peterstar x <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Brother Sara Gold)	Steve Levick
	2nd	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Chia E Yenlin ( <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Sogo Yenlin x <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Formosa Cranberry)	José Rauda
	3rd	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> No Name Hybrid	Maria Martins
<b>Oncidium Alliance</b> Judged by Joyce Medcalf	1st	<i>Miltoniopsis phalaenopsis</i> ‘John Leathers’ AM/AOS	Jennie McCloskey
	2nd	<i>Oncidium noezlianum</i>	Nick Cox
	2nd	<i>Psychopsis</i> Mariposa ‘Special’ ( <i>Psychopsis papilio</i> x <i>Psychopsis</i> Kalihi)	Monique Savard
<b>Dendrobium Alliance</b> Judged by Joyce Medcalf	1st	<i>Dendrobium</i> Oriental Smile ‘Butterfly’ ( <i>Dendrobium</i> Fukujyu x <i>Dendrobium</i> Yuubae)	Maria Martins
<b>Lycaste Alliance</b> Judged by Marie-Josée Bergeron	1st	<i>Lycaste</i> Eightysixth Kiss ‘Marsh Hollow’ AM/AOS ( <i>Lycaste</i> Geri Male x <i>Lycaste</i> Golden Emperor)	Pat Boisvert
	2nd	<i>Lysudamuloa</i> Red Jewel ( <i>Lycamerlycaste</i> Geyser Gold x <i>Angulocaste</i> Red Jade)	Maria Martins
<b>Miscellaneous</b> Judged by Marie-Josée Bergeron	1st	<i>Maxillaria variabilis</i>	Nick Cox
	2nd	<i>Coelogyne</i> No Name	Maria Martins
<b>Best of Show Table</b> Judged by André Couture, Marie-Josée Bergeron and Joyce Medcalf		<i>Lycaste</i> Eightysixth Kiss ‘Marsh Hollow’ AM/AOS ( <i>Lycaste</i> Geri Male x <i>Lycaste</i> Golden Emperor)	Pat Boisvert
<b>Member's Choice</b> Judged by Sabina Gupta		<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Cocoa Freckle ( <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Enzan Freckle x <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Hamana Med)	Steve Levick

**Member's Choice Comments:** The green, white and brown combination with freckles is very attractive. We seldom see green flowers.

Also, the presentation of the bloom with it's arms (petals) spreading remind me of this Society which is welcoming and warm.

### **Best of Show Table**

Pat Boisvert with his *Lycaste* Eightysixth Kiss 'Marsh Hollow' AM/AOS (*Lycaste* Geri Male x *Lycaste* Golden Emperor)

Show Table Photos by Arlene Lang



### **Members Choice**

Steve Levick's *Paphiopedilum* Cocoa Freckle  
(*Paphiopedilum* Enzan Freckle x *Paphiopedilum* Hamana Med)



**Cattleya Alliance**



**Cypripedium Alliance**  
**Paphiopedilum**



*Phalaenopsis Alliance*



*Oncidium Alliance*



*Dendrobium Alliance*



*Lycaste Alliance*



Miscellaneous



## **Editor's Wrap!**



*Angraecum elephantinum*  
Photo by Andrea Picher

In this edition, I would like to draw attention to the Orchid Society Facebook and Instagram pages. In the past I had some difficulties in keeping up with the various posts and updates. I am very grateful to Mélanie Charbonneau, who has joined me in administering our Social Media sites. She came up with some great ideas to enhance our presence on Facebook and Instagram. In January, she started a monthly post on what's blooming on Facebook. Many have posted beautiful pictures of their blooming orchids. Have a look and add your blooms to the feed. These types of activities increase the number of followers on our Facebook and Instagram pages, which is a great way to show off our blooming orchids, while at the same time promoting our Orchid Society. Mélanie, has other plans as well. So stay tuned.

Facebook and Instagram are also important tools to promote our annual Show, which is a key fundraiser for our Society. So check out our social media pages and add comments, like the posts and add your pictures. Increased activity leads to increased exposure in a very competitive virtual world.

Link to the OOS Facebook page: <https://www.Facebook.com/OttawaOrchidSociety>

Link to the OOS Instagram page: <https://www.Instagram.com/ottawaorchidsociety>

Hope to see you online, or better yet, at the February meeting.

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