

ORCHIDOPHILIA

40th ANNUAL ORCHID SHOW/
40^e EXPOSITION ANNUELLE D'ORCHIDÉES

APRIL 27 & 28, 2024

Saturday: noon to 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Displays and vendors

Workshops

Orchid care

27 & 28 AVRIL 2024

Samedi : 12 h à 17 h

Dimanche : 9 h à 16 h

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Ateliers

Soins d'orchidées



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Welcome! Upcoming Activities at a Glance

Thursday, April 9, 2024: Conservation Committee Meeting.

Tuesday, April 11, 2024: Orchids Discussion Group.

April 27-28, 2024: Orchidophilia 2024!

Sunday, May 26, 2024: We welcome Fred Clarke who will talk to us about Australian Dendrobiums.

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President's Message



I hope you have all survived the temperature roller coaster we have been having lately. Most of all, I hope your perennials will survive! I have a feeling I will be losing a few.

Last month we enjoyed a very timely presentation by Joyce Medcalf on displaying your orchids. By the end of it, I found her way of closing your eyes, then opening them to see what you notice first to be very useful. It's all about the flowers! I look forward to many of our excellent growers preparing some displays on their own this year, as well as supplying some orchids for the OOS Display.

Speaking of amazing growers, many thanks to those who offered their plants for the Southern Ontario Orchid Society Show and the Orchid Society of the Royal Botanical Gardens Show. Congratulations to all the ribbon winners, but especially to Joyce Medcalf and Monique Savard for their skill with plants. Joyce won a First Place ribbon and the Mario Ferussi Memorial Trophy for her specimen *Pleurothallis bivalvis* 'Hill Island' CHM/AOS, as well as a Best in Class for her display. Monique won a Best in Miscellaneous Alliance for her specimen *Coelogyne (Dendrochilum) wenzelii*. Thanks to both Jean Hollebhone and Joyce Medcalf for taking and creating the displays for the two Shows.

You may have noticed the public word is out on Orchidophilia 2024. We will be emailing everyone a digital poster and coupons. Feel free to share them on your own social media networks after the next meeting. The wider the distribution the better. We also hope that you will help us distribute the hard copies, which will be available at the March meeting. A new feature this year is the Exclusive Advanced Entry, at \$30 per ticket that allows early shopping on Saturday, April 27, between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, for a maximum of 100 attendees. To make all this happen, some people have been working overtime. Hang Tran has made our website sing by implementing 90% of Phase 2. Check out the website for the Show:

<https://ottawaorchidsociety.com/orchidophilia/>. Jennie McCloskey has our Eventbrite page up and running and ticket sales are on. Mélanie Charbonneau has begun the social media campaign and Andrea Picher is compiling masses of information on the Show for us in Spike. Jennie and Nick Cox have been working away on recruiting and organizing our volunteers. Please get involved! It takes the entire membership to make the Show a success.

Don't forget that this a great month to learn all about diseases and pests and how to use predators for biological control. These are Saturday morning workshops at the Nepean Centrepointe Library – but you must sign up. There are limited spaces.

Our good friends, John Alexander and Peter Kaellgren will join us on March 17, 2024, to show us the 'WEIRD, WILD AND WONDERFUL: Carnivores, Parasites and Other Unusual Plants', on St. Patrick's Day via Zoom! Feel free to bring in any baked Irish (or green) treat for the refreshment table.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Jan Johns
President

Program Updates 2024

March 17, 2024:

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

Meeting Time: Sunday, March 17, 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 we welcome John Alexander and Peter Kaellgren to give us a talk on “WEIRD, WILD AND WONDERFUL: Carnivores, Parasites and Other Unusual Plants,” in their quest to document the wild orchids of Ontario, including those in the Bruce Peninsula and closer to home in the Purdon Conservation Area. The talk will be aimed at those who may wish to visit the Bruce Peninsula during spring flowering to view the many species that are endemic and protected. John and Peter will also touch on other endemic orchids and plants that are of interest and can be seen at the same time. This is bound to be a very interesting talk, given by two experts who have travelled across Canada searching out and photographing native orchids (John) in their natural habitats. Please join us for what will be an informative and interesting session.

Upcoming Events

April 21, 2024: There will be no membership meeting in April, pending preparation for the Annual Show at the end of the month. Please read the request for help with distribution of publicity material on page 8.

May 26, 2024: Fred Clarke will talk to us about Dendrobiums of Australia. Please note that this meeting will be on the LAST Sunday in May as our usual date would fall on the Victoria Day long weekend. Fred's talk will be given virtually in his usual interesting and very informative style.

Fred will also be the guest speaker at the annual SOOS Summerfest at the Toronto Botanical Gardens on August 4, 2024. This is a very fun event that Ottawa Orchid Society members are invited to attend. Fred will be bringing plants to the SOOS Summerfest and there will be an opportunity to pick up pre-ordered orchids. We will distribute ordering information around the time of the May meeting. Jean Hollebhone will pick up Ottawa orders and bring them back to Ottawa for those who will not be attending Summerfest.

2024-2025 Season

September 15, 2024, Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids will kick off the fall season with a talk on growing Cattleyas. Alan is a distributor of *Cattleya* Circle of Life, which is popular in *Cattleya* hybridizing for beautiful reds and compact plants. He is also a producer of Brassavola and Laelia hybrids. As David Sorokowsky shares greenhouse space with Alan, there will be an opportunity to order plants from both Gold Country Orchids and Paph Paradise for the September meeting.

The 2024-2025 program season is under development. Hessalene Attong has graciously offered to co-chair program activities. Please send your program wishes to Hessalene (hessalene@gmail.com) or to me (jean@hollebhone.ca) as soon as possible so we can book speakers.

Jean Hollebhone
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 accepted by cash, card or e-transfers.

To sign up for this workshop, add your name to the list at the March 17th membership meeting OR send an email to membership@ottawaorchidsociety.com to reserve your seat.

*Jean HollebONE & HESSALENE ATTONG
Program*

Welcome to Our New Members

A warm welcome to our new members Luke Witherspoon & Caroline Fulop (Member #1469) and Ben Geiling & Courtney Crump (Member #1470). There's so much going on at the Society this month (workshops, monthly meeting, Orchids Discussion Group, preparation for the annual Show) and I sincerely hope that you engage in some or all of these as active members of our Society.

Welcome!

*Jennie McCloskey
Membership Chair*

Orchids Discussion Group - Update



Phalaenopsis
unknown hybrid
Photo by
Andrea Picher

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, **April 11, 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.

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 to discuss two 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 (March 15) before the Sunday meeting**. Please include:

- Your name;
- The name of the orchid; and
- A very brief sentence on growing conditions (e.g., is it grown 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. I will compile them into a slideshow. They may even get into Spike or on our Facebook and Instagram pages!

Jan Johns
President

SHOW TIME IS COMING SOON - WE NEED THE HELP OF EVERY MEMBER

Here is how you can help while shopping, visiting, or taking the kids to activities, etc. It need not take a lot of time:

1. Publicity Distribution to Florists, Community Centres and Other Sites:

We have lots of posters and bookmarks for distribution and need the help of every member, please. Placing posters and distributing bookmarks is a key to informing the public about our Show. Electronic media is perhaps our best mechanism, but the physical presence of posters in key areas, especially where seniors will see them, is also an important means of spreading information about the Show.

Please help by picking up and distributing posters, bookmarks and the specially-marked packages, which will be available at the March meeting. For shopkeepers a short personal approach is often more effective than just dropping off the material. If putting a poster on a board in an office, or other workplace area, please be sure you have permission to do so. Posters have already been distributed to libraries and horticultural societies, so these areas do not need to be covered.

Please complete your distribution by April 1, 2024 and thank you for your help. It is critical to our success.

PS: Take some tacks or masking tape with you as these are not always available, especially in community venues.

2. ROAD SIGNS

TO BE POSTED NO EARLIER THAN 21 DAYS BEFORE THE SHOW AND MUST BE COLLECTED TWO DAYS AFTER SHOW (CITY BY-LAW).

i. To assemble signs:

- Put the outside metal rods into the slots of the corrugated sign and pull up until the first horizontal bar is just below the bottom of the sign.

ii. Placing signs

- Please place signs in residential areas.

iii. City rules for placing signs:

These are very strict, and we can get fined, if signs are posted in illegal spots. So please follow these city rules.

- Signs can go up as of April 6 and must be taken down within 48 hours AFTER the Show closes (by April 30).
- DO NOT place signs near malls because they will be taken down and we lose them. The metal rods are expensive to replace (approx. \$10 each). Instead, tack a poster to a community bulletin board.
- DO NOT POST ON HIGHWAYS! Signs can be placed along major roadways like Hunt Club Road, as long as they are placed on a boulevard or on the side of the road at least 50 centimetres (18 inches) from the curb.
- The best placement is at roads that lead from a subdivision onto a main road, or about 10 metres from a road leading to a suburban area. Signs can also be placed around a Community Centre or on the edge of a park. Do not place signs on private residential property unless the owner agrees to allow the sign.

SHOW TIME IS COMING SOON - WE NEED THE HELP OF EVERY MEMBER (Cont.)

- Please keep a record of where you place the signs, so you (or someone else) knows where to pick them up after the Show.
- After the Show, signs can be dropped off in the carport of 1176 Castle Hill Crescent, Ottawa, K2C 2A8 (Jean Hollebone's), or brought to the May meeting for cleaning and storage. Please do not throw them out. We recycle.

Thank you for your help. We all appreciate it.

Jean Hollebone
Programs

We Need Your Blooming Orchids for the Québec Show, Orchidofolie on April 6-7, 2024

Orchids for the Québec Show should be dropped off at Jennie McCloskey's house on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Please send her an e-mail to advise her of the time you will be dropping off the plants. Jennie's address is 12 Huntwood Court, Ottawa ON, K1V 0R2 (near the intersection of Riverside and Hunt Club).

Please also e-mail the names of your plants for registration to Monique Savard (monique.savard1962@gmail.com) and Jan Johns (janet.johns@sympatico.ca) by 6:00 p.m. on April 3, 2024. Include the size, colour and markings of any Phalaenopsis orchids (pictures help).

The plants will be available for pick-up on Monday, April 8. An e-mail will be sent out to advise you of the arrival time at Jennie's house.

TO PREPARE YOUR ORCHIDS FOR TRAVEL AND SHOW DISPLAY:

1. Put your name on the back or underneath the pot using masking tape.
2. Put your name and the list of plants INSIDE the box AND on the OUTSIDE of the box.
3. Include the parentage of hybrids, if possible.
4. Please ensure the name on the plant tag is complete and spelled correctly. Leave the plant tag in the pot.
5. Pack plants carefully so they are protected from wobbling and from the elements during transport.
6. Stake inflorescences for transport and for best display, as appropriate. Do not put too many plants in one box!
7. Clean the foliage using water, water with a little milk, or diluted lemon juice. Never use plant-shine products.
8. Remove any damaged/old flowers and leaves.
9. Check well that your orchids are free of pests!
10. If the plant or the pot does not stand up by itself, please put it in an additional pot.

Thank you!

Entering Orchid Plants in the OOS Exhibit for Orchidophilia 2024

The OOS display is a key element of the Show. To provide a beautiful display, we need your blooming orchids.

Please bring your plants to: Algonquin College, 1385 Woodroffe Avenue, Building D on Friday, April 26th, 2024.

We encourage members to bring their plants between 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. You will have to use Parking Lot 7, if you are volunteering on Friday as you will receive a parking pass for when you leave. Otherwise, you can pay and park in Lot 8. If you just want to drop off your plants, you will need to call Monique Savard at 819-592-7044 to advise her of your arrival in front of Building D. Monique or a member of the team will meet you at the door.

Preparing your Orchids for the Show:

1. Please check that your orchids are free of pests.
2. Clean foliage, wash leaves, cut away dead leaves and spent blooms.
3. Stake flower inflorescences to show off your blooms to the best possible view.
4. Label the pot using masking tape, with your name and phone number.

Pre-registering your Orchids for the Show :

All plants need to be pre-registered no later than 12:00 noon on Thursday, April 25. We will not be accepting plants after the deadline. Please send an email to Marie-Josée Bergeron at mariejb68@me.com and Jan Johns at janet.johns@sympatico.ca with a copy to Monique Savard at monique.savard1962@gmail.com by 12:00 noon on Thursday, April 25, with the names, colours and flower sizes of the orchids you wish to place in the exhibit. Please include a picture if you can. Then, on Friday, April 26, take your plants directly to the OOS table, which will be just inside the main entrance to the Show. Bring a list of your plants and place your name on each plant pot using masking tape. This way there will be no mistake as to which orchid belongs to whom.

If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact Monique Savard at 819-592-7044 or at monique.savard1962@gmail.com.

NOTE: When you enter your plants, please indicate if you also want them registered in Class 101 Fragrance. The plants for Fragrance must be taken to Ann Smutylo at the Fragrance Display. They will be registered for Fragrance and also for the class to which each plant belongs, unless you only want your plant judged for Fragrance. Each Fragrance class plant will have two tags: the Orchid Flower class and the Fragrance class.

Plant pick-up, Sunday, April 28: Please pick up your plants promptly at 4:00 p.m. Plants registered in Fragrance should be picked up at the Fragrance Display. All others will be at the OOS Display. Please make sure to sign the check-off sheet for each plant that belongs to you or if you are picking up for another member. Water your orchids well when you get home and re-stake them as required. You should separate your orchids from your collection for a few days to make sure they did not carry home any pests.

Opportunities for our Members at Orchidophilia

1. Show off your Beautiful Plants

- At the OOS display. See page 10 for details.
- In your own display. Join with other members or strike out on your own to create your own display. See the application form on page 26. The Schedule and Rules on our website <https://ottawaorchidsociety.com/orchidophilia/exhibitor-vendor/> provides you with all the information you need and the class of the plants for registration. Remember from our presentation: the flowers are the focus! You will have to register your plants during the week before the Show. We will have a Zoom meeting to explain this process as required.

2. Create an Educational Display

- Educational displays are judged just like floral displays. You should fill in the application form on page 26. In these exhibits, the information and presentation are more important than the flowers. In fact, no plants are necessary.

3. Show off your Wonderful Orchid Photography

- Read the Photo Exhibit Rules on our website at <https://ottawaorchidsociety.com/orchidophilia/exhibitor-vendor/>. Make sure your photos are mounted and ready to hang. Check that you meet the criteria for the class your photo will be entered in. You can enter up to three photos, but they must be registered. If you are thinking about entering one or more photos, please email Jan Johns at janet.johns@sympatico.ca for additional details and to let us know how many photos you plan to enter.

4. Give a Workshop

- Are you an accomplished or beginning presenter with a workshop topic you would like to share with the public? We will be scheduling 45-minute-long workshops on Saturday afternoon, Sunday morning and Sunday afternoon. If this is something you would like to do, please contact Jan Johns at janet.johns@sympatico.ca for details.

5. Volunteer

- There are many ways to volunteer. These can be found in previous emails to you, as well as the February Spike. To sign up, contact membership@ottawaorchidsociety.com or our Volunteer Co-ordinator, Nick Cox at canthirtytwo@gmail.com.

Orchidophilia 2024 - OOS Members' Sales Table

If you have plants for sale at the Members' Sales Table at our Show, please read the guidelines below and fill out the 'FORM FOR SALE OF MEMBERS' PLANTS', before you bring your plants to Algonquin College. This form is located on page 27.

Guidelines

The following guidelines must be followed:

- All orchids must be without pests. Plants with pests will not be accepted.
- All orchids must be well rooted and healthy. Unhealthy looking orchids will not be accepted.
- Only orchids with a full name will be accepted (e.g., *Phal. bellina*). No Name (NOID) orchids will not be accepted.
- All orchids must be listed on the approved form and preferably typed. A hand-written list must be easily readable and preferably in print (block lettering).
- The plants must be delivered with the plant list and tags to the Sales Table between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 26, 2024.
- Only orchids and orchid-related supplies will be accepted.
- No member shall sell more than 25 orchids or supply items, e.g. 25 items total.
- Provide one small bag for each orchid for sale.
- Each plant must have two plastic tags:
 1. One tag with the plant's full name, and
 2. A second tag with your name, the corresponding number from your plant list, and the sale price.
- Because the first question a buyer asks is, "What does it look like?" a small photo of the flower attached to the pot will help us to sell your plants. You can try Google for images and print a small picture.
- All prices must be rounded to the nearest dollar value (no cents. e.g., not \$5.50, but \$5).

Proceeds from sales

1. The Ottawa Orchid Society will retain 10% of all sales.
2. Members can collect the net proceeds of their sales after 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 28, 2024, unless previously contacted.
3. All net remittances will be rounded to the nearest dollar.

Conservation Corner: Native Orchids in the Deep River Area

Author: Nick Cox

I grew up in Deep River with a Mum who was an avid gardener and was also responsible for sparking my interest in growing orchids. As a child, I often played in the woods near our house, but never really paid much attention to any of the native wildflowers that regularly bloomed there. Now as an adult with an interest in native orchids, I have been spending my time re-exploring those same woods during the spring and summer, looking for (and enjoying) the native orchids I find.

The most common native orchid in the Deep River area is *Cypripedium acaule* or the Pink Lady's Slipper (Photo A). It prefers to grow in areas with acidic soil ($\text{pH} < 7$, with 7 being neutral pH) produced by both the granitic and gneissic bedrock of the Canadian Shield and the pine needle litter on the forest floor from the white pines, where it prefers to grow. It flowers from late May to the middle of June, although one of the effects of Climate Change I've been noticing recently is that it is flowering earlier and the flowers don't seem to last quite as long either. I am fortunate to live in a part of Deep River that is only a few minutes walk away from multiple colonies of these orchids and have been doing my best to keep an eye on them. A few years ago, a friend took me canoeing on a local lake and when we paddled into a swampy corner of the lake, there were hundreds of *Arethusa bulbosa* (Dragon's Mouth – Photo B) growing there along with pitcher plants and sundews. It was quite a sight. I have also walked along some of our snowshoe trails in the summer up to the lakes at the trail's end, where I've also seen the *Arethusa* growing. It seems to flower mostly from early June to mid-June, but with climate change that timeline may also be shifting. Fortunately, many of the native orchids I've seen around here are on the Four Season's Conservancy (F.S.C.) property which is private property, so while the collecting of native wildflowers in that area is frowned upon, unfortunately it is not controlled. Walking along many of the ski trails in the F.S.C. during spring and summer also has allowed me to spot the Rattlesnake plantain (*Goodyera pubescens*) between middle to late June until early July (Photo C).

As I drive south-east along Highway 17 towards Ottawa there is a significant change in the bedrock. Between Pembroke and Cobden there is a large limestone outlier (mostly made up of CaCO_3 and MgCO_3 for the chemists in the group). This results in the soil, substrate and groundwater becoming more basic in its pH (> 7). These kinds of conditions favour the growth of the Large Yellow Lady's Slipper (*Cypripedium parviflorum* var. *pubescens*) in early to mid-June, which can be found in the woods east of Pembroke (Photo D). For the geologists in the group, driving down (or up) Meath Hill – depending on your direction, takes you along an ancient fault scarp which separates the Precambrian Shield rocks from the Palaeozoic limestone towards Cobden. This means that somewhere (buried most likely), is an unconformity between these two rock types. Coincidentally, the Indian River there flows along the fault line.

Apparently (according to my orchid enthusiast neighbour), there are also places in Deep River where *Cypripedium candidum*, the Small White Lady's Slipper (an endangered species) and the Rose Pogonia (*Pogonia ophioglossoides*) grow. So, my plans for this spring and summer are to find out if this is indeed true.

Conservation Corner: Native Orchids in the Deep River Area (Cont.)

Now, you may have noticed that I have not been giving you specific locations where I've seen these native orchids growing. The reason for that is that I'm very conscious of the fact that the survival of these plants relies strongly on their symbiotic relationship with a specific *mycorrhizal* fungus living in the ground where they grow. Sadly, occasionally people in Deep River have seen these beautiful plants in flower and thought "wow, that would look really nice in my garden," and have proceeded to dig up an entire plant or colony and transplanted it. This is a death sentence for these orchids, since the fungus they need to survive either doesn't get transplanted in sufficient quantity, gets out-competed by other fungi in their new home, or the fungus present in the transplanted soil dies due to a lack of nutrients. Whatever happens, the plant(s) may survive for only a couple of years at best before they too succumb and perish. Regrettably, it is not just a few Deep River people who think like this, since this mindset is also commonplace among many (uninformed) Canadians too. So, the bottom line when you're out walking in the woods, is to make sure that you take a camera with you so you can just enjoy the beauty of our native orchids where they are without disturbing them.

A



B



C



D



- Photos by Nick Cox: A - *Cypripedium acaule* (Pink Lady's Slipper)
B - *Arethusa bulbosa* (Dragon's Mouth)
C - *Goodyera pubescens* (Rattlesnake Plantain)
D - *Cypripedium parviflorum* var. *pubescens* (Large Yellow Lady's Slipper)

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

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 2nd 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 FEBRUARY 18, 2024

ALLIANCE	RIBBON AWARD	NAME OF PLANT	OWNER
Cattleya Alliance Judged by André Couture	1st	<i>Rhyncattleanthe</i> Shinfong Little Sun 'Young-Min Golden Boy' AM/AOS (<i>Cattlianthe</i> Golden Girl x <i>Rhyncattleanthe</i> Taida Love Star)	Tommy Wingreen
	2nd	<i>Cattleya</i> Love Castle 'Kurenai' AM/AOS (<i>Cattleya</i> Psyche (1902) x <i>Cattleya</i> José Dias Castro)	Tommy Wingreen
	3rd	<i>Cattlianthe</i> Little Hazel (<i>Cattlianthe</i> Hazel Boyd x <i>Cattleya</i> Psyche (1902))	Tommy Wingreen
Cypripedium Alliance Paphiopedilum Judged by Marie-Josée Bergeron	1st	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> SCBG Ideality (<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Hsinying Compensa x <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Churchill Bay)	Maria Martins
	2nd	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Chiara (<i>Paphiopedilum</i> <i>sukhakulii</i> x <i>Paphiopedilum</i> <i>lawrenceanum</i>)	Serge Croteau
	2nd	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> <i>victoria-regina</i>	Magda Gawronski
	3rd	{ <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Cocoa Sparkling Rose (<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Yi-Ying Twinkling Stars x <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Enzan Rose Crown) x <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Cocoa Hunting (<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Enzan Williams x <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Yi-Ying Colorful Clouds)}	Gwen Wong
Phalaenopsis Alliance Judged by André Couture	1st	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Sogo Relex '1661' (<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Sogo Bank x <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Sogo Kaiulani)	Steve Levick
	2nd	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Liu's Triprince 'Pink' (<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Eduardo Quisumbing x <i>Phalaenopsis</i> <i>lobbii</i>)	Sabina Gupta
	2nd	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> No Name Hybrid	Maria Martins
	3rd	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Mituo King 'Red Pepper' (<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Mituo Sun x <i>Phalaenopsis</i> LD's Bear King)	Steve Levick
	3rd	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Chi-Yueh Kaleidescope (<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Golden Taipei x <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Lioulin Pretty Lip)	Gwen Wong
Oncidium Alliance Judged by André Couture	1st	<i>Oncostele</i> Midnight Miracles (<i>Rhynchostele</i> <i>bictoniensis</i> x <i>Oncidium</i> <i>cariniferum</i>) (formerly <i>Colmanara</i> Masai Red)	Sabina Gupta
	2nd	<i>Tolumnia</i> Jairak Firm 'Butterfly'	Hang Tran
Dendrobium Alliance Judged by André Couture	1st	<i>Dendrobium</i> Micro Chip (<i>Dendrobium</i> <i>normanbyense</i> x <i>Dendrobium</i> <i>aberrans</i>)	Jennie McCloskey
Miniature Judged by	1st	<i>Lepanthes</i> <i>uxoria</i>	Hang Tran
	2nd	<i>Pomatocalpa</i> <i>angustifolium</i>	Serge Croteau

OOS SHOW TABLE FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2024 (Cont.)

ALLIANCE	RIBBON	NAME OF PLANT	OWNER
Miscellaneous Judged by Jean Hollebhone	1st	<i>Coelogyne wenzelii</i>	Monique Savard
	2nd	<i>Fredclarkeara</i> After Dark 'SVO Black Pearl' (<i>Mormodia</i> Painted Desert x <i>Catasetum</i> Donna Wise)	Nick Cox
	2nd	<i>Zygonisia</i> Cynosure 'Blue Birds' AM/AOS (<i>Aganisia cyanea</i> x <i>Zygopetalum</i> Skippy Ku)	Maria Martins
	3rd	<i>Coelogyne</i> Orchideengarten Joachim (<i>Coelogyne usitana</i> x <i>Coelogyne salmonicolor</i>)	Maria Martins
Best of Show Table Judged by André Couture Jean Hollebhone & Marie-Josée Bergeron		<i>Coelogyne wenzelii</i>	Monique Savard
Member's Choice	Not Judged This Month		

Show Table Photos by Arlene Lang

Best of Show Table

Monique Savard with her *Coelogyne wenzelii*.



Members Choice

Not judged this month.

Cattleya Alliance



Cypripedium Alliance

Paphiopedilum



Cypripedium Alliance (Cont.)

Paphiopedilum



Oncidium Alliance



Phalaenopsis Alliance



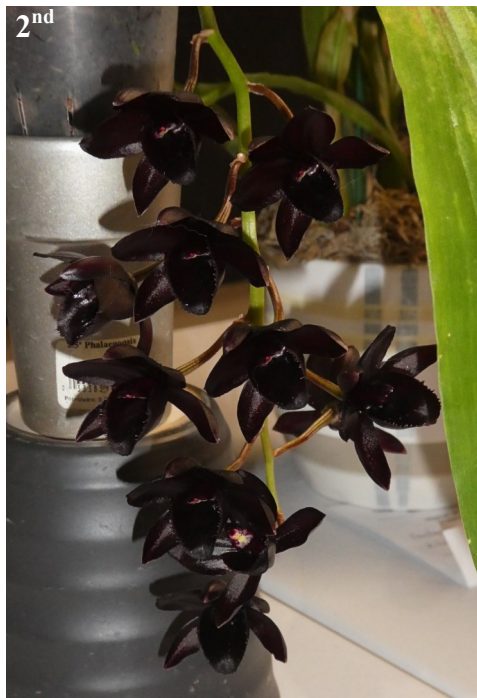
Dendrobium Alliance



Miniature



Miscellaneous



Results: Southern Ontario Orchid Society Show and Sale 2024

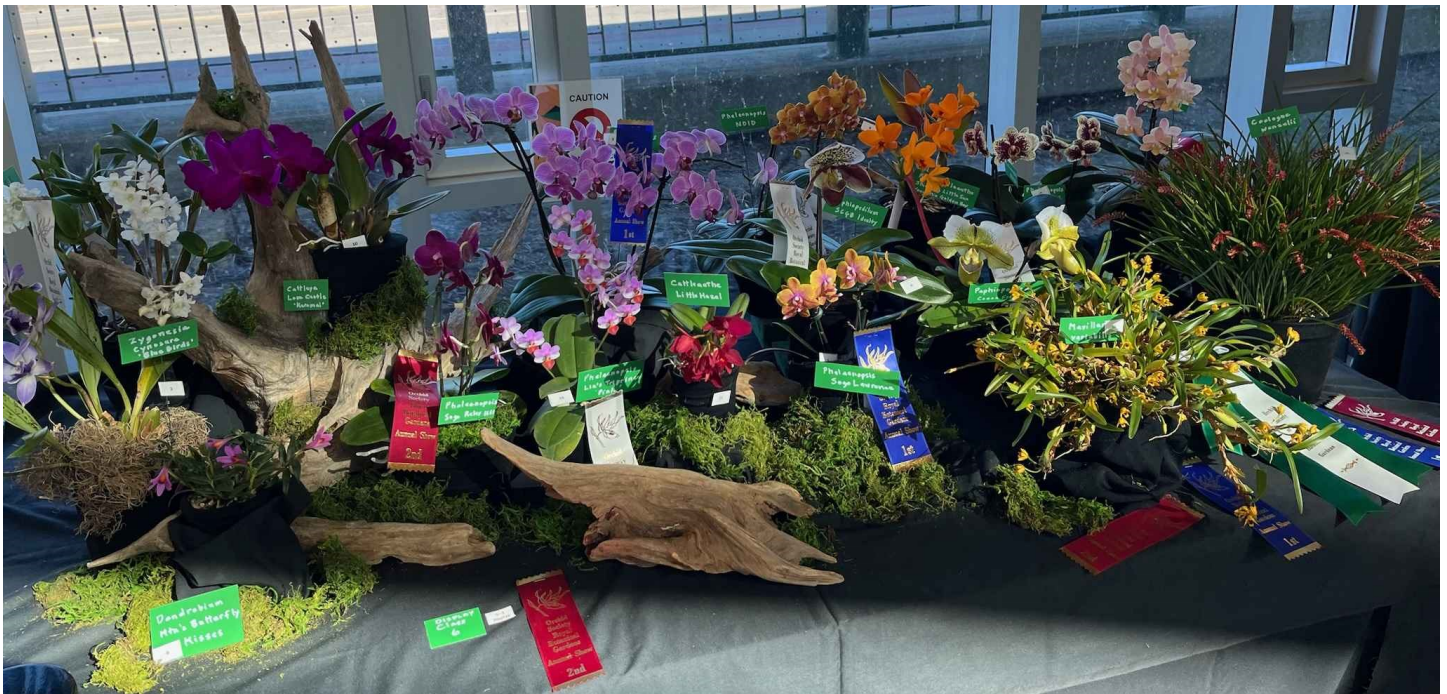
Photos by Joyce Medcalf



Grower	Plant	Ribbon
Joyce Medcalf	CLASS----2 Exhibit of (1-10 flowers) Best in Class	1 st
Mélanie Charbonneau	<i>Oncidium</i> Guann Shin Howard ‘Chameleon’ (<i>Oncidium</i> Sphacetante x <i>Oncidium</i> Lovely Apple)	2 nd
Mélanie Charbonneau	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> No Name Hybrid (white with spots)	3 rd
Mélanie Charbonneau	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Zheng Min Anaconda (<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Sunrise Red Peoker x <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Fusheng’s Super Man) Pulled for AOS judging. Considered for an AOS Award, but did not receive one	3 rd
Jennie McCloskey	<i>Dendrobium</i> Micro Chip (<i>Dendrobium</i> normanbyense x <i>Dendrobium</i> aberrans)	2 nd
Joyce Medcalf	<i>Pleurothallis</i> bivalvis ‘Hill Island’ CHM/AOS Mario Ferrusi Memorial Trophy for Best Pleurothallid	1 st
Joyce Medcalf	<i>Restrepia</i> Frank Feysa (<i>Restrepia</i> sanguinea x <i>Restrepia</i> guttulata)	1 st
Joyce Medcalf	<i>Pleurothallis</i> cubitoria ‘Hill Island’ CCM/AOS	2 nd
Joyce Medcalf	<i>Zygopetalum</i> Redvale ‘Pretty Ann’ (<i>Zygopetalum</i> Titanic x <i>Zygopetalum</i> Artur Elle)	3 rd

Results: Royal Botanical Gardens Orchid Show and Sale

Photo by Marie-Josée Bergeron



Grower	Plant	Ribbon
Jean Hollebhone	Display	2 nd
Monique Savard	<i>Coelogyne (Dendrochilum) wenzelii</i> Best Specimen Plant 2 nd Best in Miscellaneous Alliance	1 st
Maria Martins	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> NOID (pink with stripes)	1 st
Maria Martins	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> SCGB Ideality (<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Hsinying Compensa x <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Churchill Bay)	3 rd
Steve Levick	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Sogo Lawrence (<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Brother Peterstar x <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Brother Sara Gold)	1 st
Steve Levick	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Sogo Relex 1661 (<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Sogo Bank x <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Sogo Kaiulani)	2 nd
Steve Levick	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Cocoa Freckle (<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Enzan Freckle x <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Hamana Med)	3 rd
Tommy Wingreen	<i>Rhyncattleanthe</i> Shinfong Little Sun 'Young Min Golden Boy' AM/AOS	2 nd
Tommy Wingreen	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> NOID (peach with blush)	2 nd
Sabina Gupta	<i>Maxillaria variabilis</i> Best Specimen Plant 2 nd	1 st
Sabina Gupta	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Liu's Triprince 'Pink' (<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Eduardo x <i>Phalaenopsis</i> lobbii)	3 rd
Tommy Wingreen	<i>Dendrobium</i> Mini Snowflake	3 rd

Editor's Wrap!



Phalaenopsis schilleriana
Photo by Andrea Picher

Winter season in Ottawa this year is not what we're typically used to. Its the beginning March, there is very little snow on the ground and I love it! Spring is in the air and as I am writing this, I can hear the beautiful song of the robins outside. Another, albeit not a welcome sign of spring is that we are also setting our clocks ahead on Saturday night (sigh again), extending daylight in the evenings.

March is a busy month for the Orchid Society. We have two workshops coming up on March 9 and March 23, respectively (check page 5 for workshop #2) and the Show Committee is busy getting prepared for Orchidophilia 2024. There are many volunteer opportunities available, so please consider volunteering - it is very rewarding and a lot of fun to hang out with orchids and orchid enthusiasts for the weekend.

This issue of the newsletter includes a lot of information related to the Show. Here you will find information and instructions on how to enter your plants in the OOS Show Display, how to enter photos in the Photo Exhibit, how to register orchids and orchid-related material for sale at the Membership Table, as well as opportunities to complete a display of your own. Have a look and if you have any questions, you can bring them to the March meeting or contact a member of the Show Committee.

To conclude, I leave you with a picture of my beautiful *Dendrobium draconis*. I received this plant last May as part of a group order from Phrao Orchids Nursery. By my standards, it is a fairly large plant with several canes, one of which was a small new growth that continued to grow even though the orchid had absolutely no viable roots when it arrived. I potted and secured the plant to prevent movement that would disturb newly emerging roots, keeping it moist, but not wet and foliar fed with a weak kelp solution a couple of times a month. The new cane continued to grow, taking its nutrition from one of the older, leafless canes that eventually died off. After three months or so, I detected a small nubbin that grew into a root and over time more new roots emerged. I am absolutely thrilled that this plant is blooming for me. I love the gorgeous, long-lasting, shiny white flowers with the orange throat. The scent is quite strong and it smells like mandarin oranges. This shows that orchids are incredibly resilient and if we are patient and provide them with what they need to flourish, they may reward us with the most amazing blooms.

Happy growing and I'll see you at the meeting on March 17 at 2:00 p.m.

Andrea Picher
Spike Editor



Dendrobium draconis
Photo by Andrea Picher



EXHIBIT APPLICATION FORM (Orchid Display or Educational Display)
ORCHIDOPHILIA 40th ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE

April 26 (Set Up), 27 to 28, 2024
Algonquin College 1385 Woodroffe Ave
Ottawa, Ontario

NAME(S): _____

1. How many of the following tables do you need for your exhibit?

6-ft rectangular	Number of tables _____
60-in round	Number of tables _____
45-in round (limited supply)	Number of tables _____
8-ft rectangular (limited supply)	Number of tables _____

2. If you want more than one table, how are they to be arranged? (Please circle one).

- End to End (long) or
- Side to Side (short)

3. If you do not need tables, what is the approximate floor space you need? _____

4. How do you want your exhibit to be set up? (Please circle one).

- Along the wall (viewed on 3 sides only)
- Away from the wall (viewed all around)

5. Do you need an electrical outlet for your exhibit? (Please circle one) Yes or No

(Please note that we need to use Gaffer's Tape for the College Floor. We will have a limited supply on hand. Please ask before doing any taping on the floor)

Notes:

- We have black tablecloths and some driftwood in the storeroom to assist with your display. However, please ask well ahead of time for assistance.
- Last year some of the newer cafeteria tables were damaged and we had to replace them. This was costly. Please be careful with the table surfaces. Make sure they are covered and do not get scratched. You will be responsible for any damages incurred.

Please submit to janet.johns@sympatico.ca as soon as possible Deadline **March 30**. If you need any further assistance or information, feel free to call me at my landline 613-253-1996 or my cell phone 613-253-6612



FORM FOR SALE OF MEMBERS' PLANTS

(Please print all information neatly)

Member's name: _____ Email _____ Phone _____

Item #	Full Plant / Item Name	Flower Description / Special Care Item Description	Your Sale Price	Sold
1.			\$	
2.			\$	
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24.			\$	
25.			\$	

	Total Sales:	\$
	Total to remit (minus 10% to OOS)	\$
	Member's Initials	