



***Wishing you all the best in this  
glorious Holiday Season.***

***May your spirits be bright  
as a butterfly and your  
orchids bloom abundantly.***

***Jan Johns  
President***



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Newsletter of the Ottawa Orchid Society

## DECEMBER 2021

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1 ODG meeting	2	3	4
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12 Photo submission	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 OOS meeting	20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day
26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	

ODG: Orchids Discussion Group  
OOS: Ottawa Orchid Society



*Phalaenopsis* NOID  
Photo by: Sabina Gupta

## Welcome

### This Month's Activities at a Glance

December 19, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.: OOS meeting. Holiday celebration.

December 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.: ODG meeting.

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## President's Message



I hope you enjoyed Betty Kelepecz' talk on the The Orchids of the Western Highlands of Papua New Guinea – what an energetic and inspiring speaker! When travel is less inhibited, we must plan for some orchid trips for our own Society members.

Although we are still Zooming, plans are afoot! Many thanks to Hesselene Attong and the Online Auction Committee for getting the auction up and running. It is moving ahead quickly. I encourage you to think about what you can offer for this online event to be held in February and want to let you know that we have many items ready to go. You will be able to supplement your collection in the middle of winter!

We are looking at the possibility of having a public sale at the usual place and time that we usually hold Orchidophilia. We will not be able to host a full Show – but we might be able to at least get some vendors together to supply orchids to Ottawa growers and maybe encourage some of them to join the Society. If you have had experience with our Show, or other sales of this type, please consider joining the committee to work on this (see page 7). Meetings would begin early in January 2022 via Zoom.

While everyone on our Board works hard to make everything work well, I would like to specifically thank Jennie McCloskey for taking over much of the hosting for us on Zoom – and for setting us up on 32Auctions. New technology always has a learning curve and she has risen to the task admirably. Hesselene Attong is proving to be an excellent addition to the Board! We also need to thank Joyce Medcalf and Jean Hollebhone for stepping up to do all the judging for our November Virtual Show Table.

It is difficult to believe that we have come through another year still separated but still going. Thank you to all those who are participating in some way – whether you are able to join our meetings, the Orchids Discussion Group, contribute pictures of your blooming orchids for the Show Table, for Spike – or just grow your orchids and keep in touch with each other. Let us hope that 2022 will bring us some relief and an opportunity to meet in person together as a Society. Please join us at the December Zoom meeting to connect, celebrate and share in the warmth of this wonderful season.

*Jan Johns*

## **Tentative Program for 2021 (all talks will be held virtually at 1:30 p.m.)**

### **December Meeting**

At our December meeting we will celebrate the holidays! First, we will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the American Orchid Society with a stunning video of their plant awards. Then we will talk about the recipients of the hybridizer awards, and more – including an award given to the Southern Ontario Orchid Society for their Conservation efforts. We will have our usual Virtual Show Table and then share Special Greetings that you can all participate in by sending your Greetings to Jan Johns at [janet.johns@sympatico.ca](mailto:janet.johns@sympatico.ca) – please keep it short. Pictures and very short videos are welcome. There may be some surprises before we finish off with a holiday toast to the season with a beverage of your choice! Be sure to register for the Zoom event of the season!

### **Upcoming Events**

**January 2021:** Andrew Geimar of Roehampton Orchids in Toronto is our virtual January Speaker, introducing us to a whole range of orchids grown primarily for their exotic jewel-like foliage as opposed to their flowers. The best known is *Ludisia discolor* grown successfully by many of our members. As this group of orchids has become much better known in recent years, many more species are becoming available for hobbyists to enjoy. Andrew will talk about many of these new additions and how to grow them. You can check some of them out on his website at [www.roehamptonorchids.ca](http://www.roehamptonorchids.ca)

*Jean Hollebome* (Program Chair)

**Christmas Greetings**  
**Jennie McCloskey**  
**Membership Chair, OOS**

To all OOS members,

Whatever is beautiful. Whatever is meaningful. Whatever brings you happiness.  
May it be yours this holiday season and throughout the coming year.  
Warmest thoughts and best wishes.

Happy Growing!

## Online Silent Auction (February 2022)

The Ottawa Orchid Society will be holding an online auction from Saturday, February 5, 2022 at 6 p.m. until Saturday, February 19, 2022 at 6 p.m. Winning items will be available as early as Sunday, February 20, (February OOS meeting). More details on distribution will follow in coming weeks. The auction will be **open to members of the Ottawa Orchid Society only**.

**Call for donations:** To make this auction a success, we are asking our membership for donations of orchids, orchid-related books, orchid-related art and orchid supplies. If you would like to make a donation in support of your Orchid Society, please send one photo, a short description of the item, and the dollar value by email to [membership@ottawaorchidsociety.com](mailto:membership@ottawaorchidsociety.com). We will then make arrangements for drop-off/pick up of item(s).

Lastly, in the coming weeks, we will be starting to add auction items to the 32auctions website. You can view items without a bidder's account. However, to participate and bid in the online silent auction, you are asked to set up an account at [Login | 32auctions](#) using your email and a password. The process is quick with little information needed.

When the auction opens, you can enter bids for items that you like. The system will notify you by email with start/end of auction, bid confirmation(s), outbid confirmations and when you have winning bids at closing of the auction on Saturday, February 19, 2022 at 6 p.m.

**\*Out of town members** are asked to make arrangements for pick-up or shipping of winning items at their own expense. Please note that due to temperature restrictions, we will not be able to ship live plants.

Stay tuned for additional updates in the coming weeks.

*OOS Online Silent Auction Committee.*



A sample of what will be available in the upcoming auction

## **Volunteers Needed – OOS Spring Sale – We need your help**

We are now considering holding a public sale at the end of April 2022 in place of our regular Show, which we hope will return in 2023. We need a small committee to determine whether it is feasible by drawing up a budget, looking at best-case and worst-case scenarios and outlining resources required. If this committee decides it is a go, we would need more committee members to plan the event, book the event space, contact the vendors, plan publicity and organize the actual event.

If you have had experience with our previous Shows, or experience with any of the above, we would appreciate your volunteering for a feasibility study. Please contact Jan Johns at 613-253-1996 or by email [janet.johns@sympatico.ca](mailto:janet.johns@sympatico.ca)

## **Share in the Celebration!**

Submit your greeting – it can be a few words with your name, a picture with or without words and your name or even a very short video to include on our Holiday Greetings Slide Show to share at our December meeting.

Please email to Jan Johns at [janet.johns@sympatico.ca](mailto:janet.johns@sympatico.ca)

## **Christmas Greetings**

**Pam McLennan  
Secretary, OOS**

Wishing you and your family peace, health, happiness, and prosperity in the coming year.

Merry Christmas.

May the Holiday season fill your home with joy, your heart with love,  
and all your orchids bloom their best.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in person in the near future. Take care.

## **Virtual Show Table Update for January 2022**

The January Show Table will follow the same format as last season, and we invite you to send in photos of your blooming plants once again. The **deadline for entries will be January 9<sup>th</sup>**. You can take and send in your photos any time between Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. Please send your photos to Dave Cooper at [orchidae@storm.ca](mailto:orchidae@storm.ca). Remember to include your name as well as the full name of each plant (or NOID if you don't have the name).

As a reminder please take two photos, one showing the whole plant and one a close-up of the flower. If possible, please send your photos as attachments to your email because I can then see the name of the image file. All members are welcome to participate and you can send in photos of as many plants as you wish, but they must arrive by the deadline.

We will have the same team of expert plant judges as last season: André Couture, Joyce Medcalf, Jean Hollebhone, Marie-Josée Bergeron and Scott de Vito. They will judge all the photos in the same Alliances we use for our usual Show Tables. They will award ribbons for first, second and third in each Alliance as usual, as well as a rosette for Best of Show Table.

Our photography judge Pat Boisvert will award ribbons for the best photography, and you can see his notes at <http://www.ottawaorchidsociety.com/photographing.html>.

*Dave Cooper*

Past President

## **Orchids Discussion Group Update**

Hello beautiful people!

We had another great ODG meeting in November. Thank you to all that participated. We talked about repotting, about what to do when you bring a new plant into your collection, variations in home conditions and so much more.

We hope to see you all again in February! That is right, we will not have a meeting in January as it is too close to the holidays but stay well, stay safe and February will come soon enough.

Cheers!

*Pat Boisvert*



**Christmas Greetings**  
**Pat Boisvert**  
**Conservation Representative, OOS**

Hello Everyone!

As we are fast approaching the holiday season (another year has come and gone), I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your attendance (still only virtual this year due to the pandemic), the sharing of your time, ideas and growing experiences, and most of all, your friendship. We meet only once or twice a month but this constant in my life is part of my mental health support network/framework/activity during this challenging pandemic. So thank you!

Wishing you all good health, a wonderful holiday period and a Happy New Year!

### **November Zoom OOS Meeting Recap**

November 21, 2021 Zoom OOS Meeting Recap (Hessalene Attong and Jan Johns)

1. Jan Johns opened the meeting with greetings, meeting protocols and the agenda. Thanks to Jennie McCloskey for hosting.
2. Doug Vye presented the Financial Statements and answered questions. The audit was completed by H el ene Martin. Overall, the Society is in good shape due to an anonymous \$4K donation and expenses are down due to our Virtual meetings. Our net income was \$2,500. \$39K is on par with past balance statements. A poll was taken to accept or not accept the financial statements presented for the year ended June 2021. There was 100% acceptance of the financial statements.
3. Jan Johns warmly introduced Hessalene Attong as our new Vice President and Chair of the Online Auction Committee. You can read Hessalene's bio in the November Spike. Hessalene Attong waved and acknowledged the introduction.
4. Jean Hollebhone introduced Betty Kelepecz, our guest speaker.

#### **5. Recap of Betty's presentation**

##### **The Orchids of the Western Highlands of Papua New Guinea (PNG)**

Betty is an experienced grower (established since early 1980s with over one thousand orchids in her greenhouse) from Southern California. She has received more than 60 AOS awards! She favours

species orchids and travels to study their growth requirements *in situ*. In this presentation, Betty shared with us her journey to the Western Highlands of Papua New Guinea laced with anecdotes and information about orchids (especially native *Dendrobium cuthbertsonii*) and local tribes.

Betty recapped that this presentation was made for Orchid Digest. She traveled with an international team (Australia, Vancouver, Chicago, San Diego, Norway) to Papua New Guinea. They visited Mt. Hagen in September/October of 2019. It rains 23 days per month – and it rained/drizzled every single day during their ten-day visit. Temperatures ranged between 81°F and 51°F.

The talk focused on both the orchids and the PNG people with fascinating videos of cultural practices, including offering of the bride price, a wedding ceremony with ceremonial dress and dancing interspersed with stunning pictures of orchids in situ. Primarily male-dominated tribes are often at war which takes a toll on the young men in this area together with chewing Betelnut, which while producing alertness and euphoria, has serious side effects on health and wellness, including causing cancer.

Despite this, Betty marveled that as a people, the tribesmen and women are welcoming, warm, generous and kind. They love to share their culture, including traditional dances and elaborate costumes that illustrate stories about past wars and battles. The Huli Wigmen have intricate headdresses made of Birds of Paradise feathers. Mudmen wear masks that can weigh up to 15 lb. Skeleton Men learn to paint themselves as skeletons and dance from a very early age. With over 850+ living languages, PNG is perhaps the most linguistic place on earth. Most commonly spoken is Pidgin English (English based on Creole). To Betty, it is a melodic language. The final section briefly outlined the birds of PNG with pictures of native birds, including several varieties of the beautiful Birds of Paradise. She described PNG as a bird lovers mecca. Jokingly, she recalled going bird watching in the rain and instead went orchid hunting. We benefited from her choice!

There were many orchid species shown in situ in alphabetical order. The photography (and video) was amazing. *Agrostophyllum graminifolium* and many *Bulbophyllum* species (*eutoreton*, *trachyanthum*, *minutipetalum*, *aristablabre*, *masonii*, *lepanthiflorum*, *takeuchi*, *saccoglossum*) mostly found on the ground, but also on trees. Betty touched on the importance of moss growing with orchids and fostering other orchids to grow alongside each other. Also, she noted *Cadetia* growing beside *Dendrobium cuthbertsonii*. Pictures were shown of *Calanthe rhodochila*, *Ceratostylis backeri* and *Coelogyne fragrans*.

There were many *Dendrobium* species particularly *Dendrobium cuthbertsonii*. Betty no longer grows these in pots after her visit to PNG. She now grows them mounted, surrounded by moss which she waters every day, sometimes several times a day in the summer. In situ the plants are always moist; also *Dendrobium vexillarius* (Betty owns 4 color forms) and many more *Dendrobium* species (*sulphurium*, *masarangense*, *hellwigianum* (Betty has the blue form in her collection), *nardooides*, *violaceum*, *subacaule*, *cyanocentrum*, *rupestre*, *lawesi*, *wentianum* (more of a cane structure *Dendrobium*), *canaliculatum*,

*dichaeoides*, *regale*, *tipula* and the Latouria *Dendrobiums* (*engae*, *finisterrae*). She also had pictures of *Dendrobium pulvilliferum* (Syn. *Diplocaulobium pulvilliferum*), *Epiblastus* sp., *Glomera* sp. (*Glossorhyncha*), *Liparis brunnescens*, *Mediocalcar* (Betty grows these on fern plaques in California), *Taeniophyllum* sp. (leafless monopodial orchids), *Oberonia* (fairy orchids), *Octarrhena bilabrata* and many terrestrials of *Phretia*. She found many unidentified orchids on tree limbs, drainage ditches, and on the ground, and she wished she could identify all of them.

She noted that PNG orchids are CITES restricted.

Pat Boisvert thanked Betty for a very insightful presentation and noted that Betty answered many onscreen questions that popped up during her presentation. Conservation efforts were not obvious, although several tribes had orchid gardens and farms and there were lots of eco lodges. Pat asked about safety due to the warring nature of tribes, but Betty said she always felt safe and their group was under the Tribal Chief's protection. Deforestation was not really noted due to farming. Her trip was attributed to another orchidophile, Stuart McPherson and his interest in PNG. Orchids were most commonly seen growing on palm trees and tree ferns although she is not a tree expert.

Her care of *Dendrobium vexillarius* in her collection is similar to *Dendrobium cuthbertsonii*, which are cool, moist growers. She grows them under shade cloth on moss and she keeps them misted constantly as in their natural habitat. She uses MSU at 100 parts per million, once/week in the summer and 50 parts per million in winter using a Dose-a-tron and RO water. Jean Hollebhone thanked Betty Kelepecz for an entertaining, fascinating and informational talk.

6. The Virtual Orchid Show Table was next. This month, the judging was done by Joyce Medcalf, Jean Hollebhone and Pat Boisvert (photography). There were 38 submissions from 15 of our members. Jan thanked all those who submitted pictures of their stunning orchids. Thanks to Dave Cooper for organizing the submissions. Ribbon winners are shown on page 15-21.

7. Orchid Doctor: Margaret Haydon shared new information about orchid viruses from an article by Sue & Terry Bottom that appeared in the recent AOS magazine, October 2021 Orchids (Vol. 90). Surprisingly, virus testing should be done on newer growth where the virus load may be higher rather than on older marked leaves where the virus may have gone dormant. Stressed plants are more likely to be susceptible to viruses. Wrapping plants/leaves preventing them from touching other plants can help minimize the spread of virus when shipping. Virused plants generally grow poorly, but not always. As a cautionary warning, do not use infected plants as pollen parents (dormancy of viruses). Be brutal and discard virus plants.

Virus testing can be done for *Odontoglossum* Ring Spot Fire and *Cymbidium* Mosaic Virus. Always, use stringent sanitary practices: use fresh gloves, clean work surfaces (lay down fresh newspaper) and sanitized tools.

## 8. OOS Notices

### Notes from Program Chair, Jean Hollebone:

- Jean outlined our Zoom December Celebration: Celebration of AOS 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary presentation, video of annually awarded plants, and the recognition of 6 societies and hybridizers. These are informative and worthwhile videos highlighting stunning plants with background music.
- In January 2022, we will be hosting Andrew Geimar of Roehampton Orchids for a presentation on Jewel orchids. There will be a special prize awarded during the meeting. Also, members will have the opportunity to buy Jewel orchids from Taiwanese vendors later on in 2022. Stay tuned!

### Notes from President, Jan Johns:

- Jan encouraged members to send in greetings for our December meeting – share how you celebrate at this wonderful time of the year. We will have a slide show of members' greetings (in the same format as the December 2020 meeting). See page 7. We will conclude with a celebratory toast to the year behind and the year ahead.
- The February Online Auction Committee which Hesselene is chairing is looking for items to be donated. Please consider supporting this event. More information is on page 6.
- Help is needed to plan an April Plant Sale that will be open to the public. It will be on a smaller scale, held around the same time/venue as our Annual Orchid Show (April/RA Centre). See page 7 for further details.
- Thanks to Jennie McCloskey for hosting this meeting and Pat Boisvert for co-hosting. Thanks to Doug Vye and Hélène Martin for preparing our Financial Statements, Sabina Gupta for Spike and Daniel Brumar for his recent Spike article. Everyone is encouraged to send something to publish in Spike. It could be an article, a review of a great Youtube video, a book or an article. Items for Spike are due by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month.

Jan Johns thanked and wished everyone well at the end of the meeting. The meeting was left open for brief socializing among members.

## Christmas Greetings

**Dave Cooper**  
**Past President, OOS**

Best wishes to everyone and I hope you have a happy and enjoyable Holiday season! As many of you know I have had a few health issues to deal with this year, and I wish you all the best of health in the New Year. Please keep those Show Table photos coming in – I enjoy putting them together and it is good to have something positive to focus on in these difficult times!

## Christmas Greetings

Hessalene Attong  
Vice President, OOS

Here's to *Christmas . . .*

*From: Hessalene Attong*

A time of *Remembering.*

A time of *Loving.*

A time for *Giving.*

A time of *Believing.*

A time of *Gratitude.*

A time to *Slow Down.*

A time to *Simplify.*

A time of *Magic.*

A time of *Peace.*



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## Christmas Greetings

Hessalene Attong  
Vice President, OOS

2021 is worth remembering as the year to enjoy the simpler things in life – time to (re)connect, time to heal, time to appreciate silence and growth, time to be mindful in every aspect of our lives and others, and time to appreciate the lost beauty that we took for granted while trying to get ahead. We had lots of TIME.

Yet, despite having time to dole out, many of us worked long hours and still dug deep to give back. Each in our own way. As an example, every member that contributes to SPIKE to make it a wonderful monthly newsletter (filled with information and beautiful photographs). It takes a team to pull it off. All the while working from home, caring for children, elders, family and yes, pets too. With over twenty-five pages at times, it was my go-to read this year. Thank you.

When you remove distractions, you are only left with what is at the core. As an orchid hobbyist and an orchid society member, one of my core passions is the Ottawa Orchid Society. Each month, I had something to look forward to, show up for and expand my knowledge – virtually is better than nothing. I do not even own a cellphone, but I embraced this change. To all of the members that brought the OOS meetings to my great room, my support of you was to attend every meeting and participate in way too many group orders (shh, and some solo orders). I showed my love to the orchid community across Canada and elsewhere!

The beauty of Zoom may not be immediately apparent, but as one astute member keenly observed we have an even greater opportunity to appreciate the miniature orchids on the monthly Virtual Show Tables as we could not at an in-person meeting. Through the photographer's magnified lens, these beauties really shine – their colour, texture and form are front and centre! Now I understand, Joyce Medcalf! *Lepanthes* or *Pleurothallis* anyone?

We may not have had the luxury to travel this year, but thanks to all of the wonderful and engaging speakers, our imaginations could take flight. Through their presentations, we not only learned more about orchids, but also about different countries and their flora, fauna and culture. For the adventurous, Papua New Guinea . . . for me Mexico or Thailand. I even got to appreciate our native orchids and perhaps spot one in the future. Thank you Jean Hollebhone for bringing such diverse speakers and appreciating our own humble expert members.

Thank you everyone for keeping me going all through the pandemic and beyond. As I step into the role of Vice President, many thanks go to those who are unknowingly mentoring me and helping me along the way. Jan Johns, thanks for roping me in . . . I think (lol).

Here's to silver linings, always looking forward, growing and sharing (challenges/successes)! See you in 2022!

## November Virtual Show Table Results

NOVEMBER 2021 VIRTUAL SHOW TABLE RIBBON WINNERS			
ALLIANCE	MEMBER'S NAME	NAME OF PLANT	RIBBON AWARD
Cattleya Alliance Judged by Joyce Medcalf	Annette Seling	<i>Laelia anceps</i> 'Sunset Valley Orchids' HCC/AOS	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Bev Burtnyk	<i>Brassocattleya</i> Morning Glory ( <i>Brassavola nodosa</i> x <i>Cattleya purpurata</i> )	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Janet Lang	<i>Rhynchovola</i> David Sander ( <i>Brassavola cucullata</i> x <i>Rhynchoaelia digbyana</i> )	3 <sup>rd-1</sup>
	Jennie McCloskey	<i>Procatavola</i> Golden Peacock ( <i>Brassocattleya</i> Richard Mueller x <i>Prosthechea vitellina</i> )	3 <sup>rd-2</sup>
Cypripedium Alliance Judged by Joyce Medcalf	Jean Hollebhone	<i>Paphiopedilum helenae</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Jean Hollebhone	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Noah Franklin Buckley ( <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Olympic Emerald 'Hillsview' AM/AOS x <i>Paphiopedilum charlesworthii</i> h.f. <i>album</i> 'Titan' AM/AOS)	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Tommy Wingreen	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Norito Hasegawa ( <i>Paphiopedilum malipoense</i> x <i>Paphiopedilum armeniacum</i> )	3 <sup>rd-1</sup>
	Jennie McCloskey	<i>Paphiopedilum appletonianum</i>	3 <sup>rd-2</sup>
Dendrobium Alliance Judged by Joyce Medcalf	Annette Seling	<i>Dendrobium</i> Hibiki ( <i>Dendrobium bracteosum</i> x <i>Dendrobium laevifolium</i> )	1 <sup>st</sup>
Oncidium Alliance Judged by Joyce Medcalf	Julia Parshina	<i>Psychopsis</i> Mendenhall 'Hildos' FCC/AOS ( <i>Psychopsis</i> Butterfly x <i>Psychopsis papilio</i> )	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Ann Smutylo	<i>Oncidium</i> Tsiku Marguerite '#1' ( <i>Oncidium</i> Twinkle x <i>Oncidium sotoanum</i> )	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Annette Seling	<i>Aliceara</i> (Syn. <i>Beallara</i> ) Ysabella ( <i>Aliceara</i> Winter Wonderland x <i>Oncidium</i> Forever Jubilee) 'Lunar Eclipse'	3 <sup>rd-1</sup>
	Julia Parshina	<i>Oncidium</i> Heaven Scent 'Sweet Baby' ( <i>Oncidium</i> Ruffles x <i>Oncidium</i> Sharry Baby)	3 <sup>rd-2</sup>
Phalaenopsis Alliance Judged by Jean Hollebhone	Annette Seling	<i>Phalaenopsis violacea</i> f. <i>indigo</i> HP Norton	Best in Class
	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> A: Small Species and Hybrids		
	Annette Seling	<i>Phalaenopsis violacea</i> f. <i>indigo</i> HP Norton	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Bev Burtnyk	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Mituo Diamond 'Big Pink' ( <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Diamond Beauty x <i>Phalaenopsis</i> LD's Bear King)	2 <sup>nd-1</sup>
	Jennie McCloskey	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Zheng Min Quince ( <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Zheng Min Violet x <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Nobby's Green Eagle)	2 <sup>nd-2</sup>
	Annette Seling	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Lioulin Blue Peacock ( <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Rainbow Falconer x <i>Phalaenopsis</i> KS Blue Ludde)	3 <sup>rd</sup>

NOVEMBER 2021 VIRTUAL SHOW TABLE RIBBON WINNERS			
ALLIANCE	MEMBER'S NAME	NAME OF PLANT	RIBBON AWARD
	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> B: Standard <i>Phalaenopsis</i>		
	Mila Kouznetsova	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Taiwan Red Cat ( <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Taiwan Smith x <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Kun-Cheng)	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Annette Seling	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> NOID1	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Mila Kouznetsova	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Frosty Cherry	3 <sup>rd-1</sup>
	Tommy Wingreen	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Crimson	3 <sup>rd-2</sup>
<i>Pleurothallid</i> Alliance Judged by Jean Hollebhone	Joyce Medcalf	<i>Masdevallia glandulosa</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Miscellaneous Judged by Joyce Medcalf	Jane Thompson	<i>Bulbophyllum gracillimum</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Eamonn Tuck	<i>Bulbophyllum hirundinis</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Eamonn Tuck	<i>Bulbophyllum rothschildianum</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Photography Judged by Pat Boisvert	Arlene Lang	<i>Rhynchovola</i> David Sander ( <i>Brassavola cucullata</i> x <i>Rhyncholaelia digbyana</i> )	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Magdalena Gawronski	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> NOID	2 <sup>nd-1</sup>
	Eamonn Tuck	<i>Bulbophyllum hirundinis</i>	2 <sup>nd-2</sup>
	Tommy Wingreen	<i>Phalaenopsis amabilis</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
	Annette Seling	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Lioulin Blue Peacock ( <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Rainbow Falconer x <i>Phalaenopsis</i> KS Blue Ludde)	3 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>Best of Show Table</b>	<b>Jean Hollebhone</b>	<b><i>Paphiopedilum helenae</i></b>	
<b>Member's Choice Poll Winner</b>	<b>Jane Thompson</b>	<b><i>Bulbophyllum gracillimum</i></b>	

## Christmas Greetings

Jean Hollebhone  
Program Chair, OOS





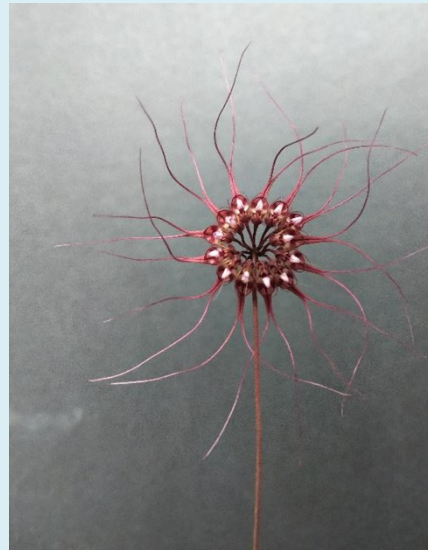
## Best of Show Table

*Paphiopedilum helenae*  
Jean Hollebhone



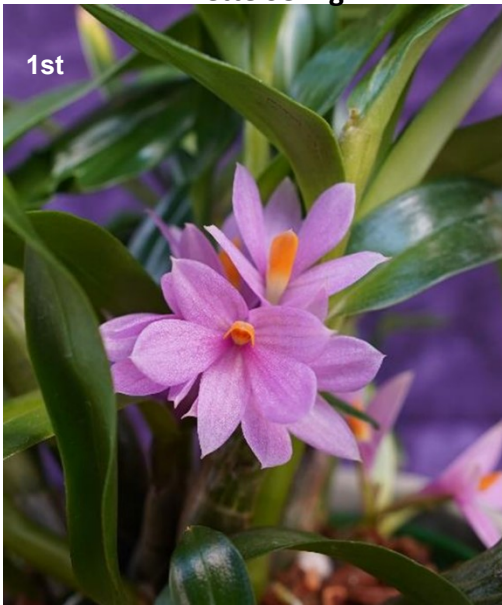
## Member's Choice

*Bulbophyllum gracillimum*  
Jane Thompson



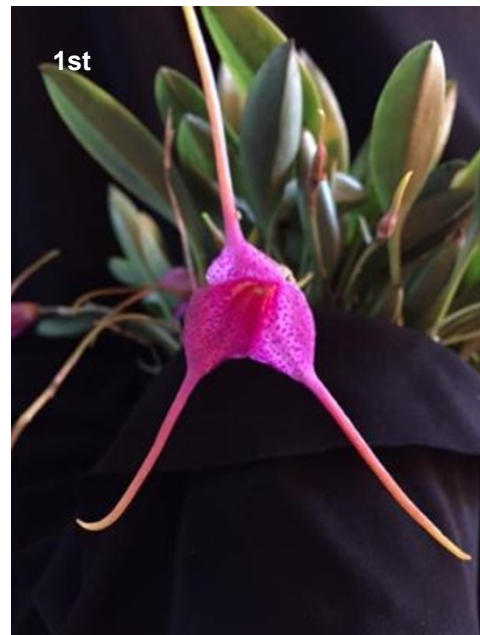
## Dendrobium Alliance

*Dendrobium Hibiki*  
(*Dendrobium bracteosum* x *Dendrobium laevifolium*)  
Annette Seling



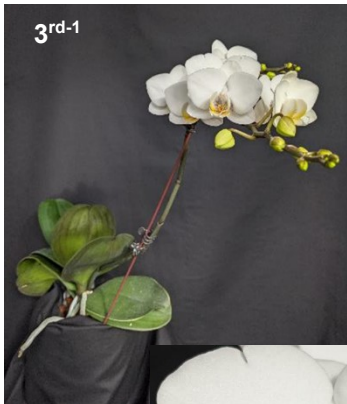
## Pleurothallid Alliance

*Masdevallia glandulosa*  
Joyce Medcalf



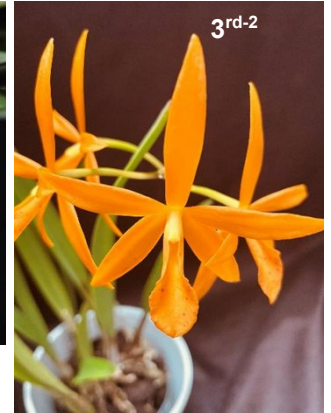
# Photography Awards

Photography Awards		
Arlene Lang	<i>Rhynchovola David Sander (Brassavola cucullata x Rhyncholaelia digbyana)</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Magdalena Gawronski	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> NOID	2 <sup>nd-1</sup>
Eamonn Tuck	<i>Bulbophyllum hirundinis</i>	2 <sup>nd-2</sup>
Tommy Wingreen	<i>Phalaenopsis amabilis</i>	3 <sup>rd-1</sup>
Annette Seling	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Lioulin Blue Peacock ( <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Rainbow Falconer x <i>Phalaenopsis</i> KS Blue Ludde)	3 <sup>rd-2</sup>



## Cattleya Alliance

Cattleya Alliance		
Annette Seling	<i>Laelia anceps</i> 'Sunset Valley Orchids' HCC/AOS	1 <sup>st</sup>
Bev Burtnyk	<i>Brassocattleya</i> Morning Glory ( <i>Brassavola nodosa</i> x <i>Cattleya purpurata</i> )	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Janet Lang	<i>Rhynchovola</i> David Sander ( <i>Brassavola cucullata</i> x <i>Rhyncholaelia digbyana</i> )	3 <sup>rd-1</sup>
Jennie McCloskey	<i>Procatavola</i> Golden Peacock ( <i>Brassocattleya</i> Richard Mueller x <i>Prosthechea vitellina</i> )	3 <sup>rd-2</sup>



## Cypripedium Alliance

Cypripedium Alliance		
Jean Hollebhone	<i>Paphiopedilum helenae</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Jean Hollebhone	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Noah Franklin Buckley ( <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Olympic Emerald 'Hillsview' AM/AOS x <i>Paphiopedilum charlesworthii</i> h.f. <i>album</i> 'Titan' AM/AOS)	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Tommy Wingreen	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Norito Hasegawa ( <i>Paphiopedilum malipoense</i> x <i>Paphiopedilum armeniacum</i> )	3 <sup>rd-1</sup>
Jennie McCloskey	<i>Paphiopedilum appletonianum</i>	3 <sup>rd-2</sup>



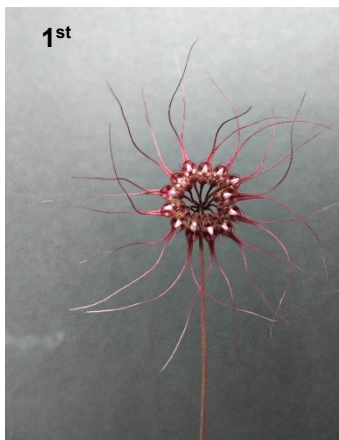
# Oncidium Alliance

Oncidium Alliance		
Julia Parshina	<i>Dendrobium Hibiki</i> ( <i>Dendrobium bracteosum</i> x <i>Dendrobium laevifolium</i> )	1 <sup>st</sup>
Ann Smutylo	<i>Psychopsis</i> Mendenhall 'Hildos' FCC/AOS ( <i>Psychopsis Butterfly</i> x <i>Psychopsis papilio</i> )	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Annette Seling	<i>Oncidium</i> Tsiku Marguerite '#1' ( <i>Oncidium Twinkle</i> x <i>Oncidium sotoanum</i> )	3 <sup>rd-1</sup>
Julia Parshina	<i>Aliceara</i> (Syn. <i>Beallara</i> ) Ysabella ( <i>Aliceara Winter Wonderland</i> x <i>Oncidium Forever Jubilee</i> ) 'Lunar Eclipse'	3 <sup>rd-2</sup>



# Miscellaneous

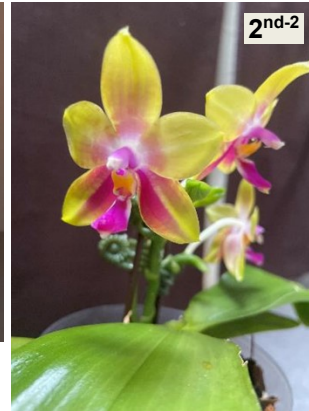
Miscellaneous		
Jane Thompson	<i>Bulbophyllum gracillimum</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Eamonn Tuck	<i>Bulbophyllum hirundinis</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Eamonn Tuck	<i>Bulbophyllum rothschildianum</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>



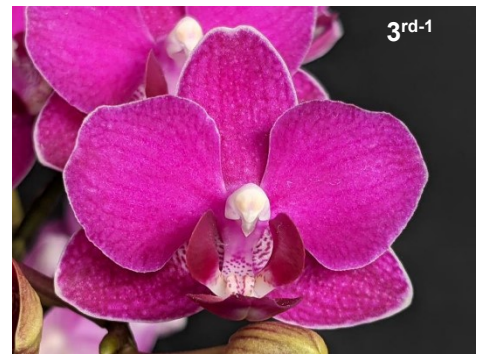
# Phalaenopsis Alliance

Phalaenopsis Alliance A: Small Species and Hybrids		
Annette Seling	<i>Phalaenopsis violacea</i> f. <i>indigo</i> HP Norton	1 <sup>st</sup>
Bev Burtnyk	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Mituo Diamond 'Big Pink' ( <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Diamond Beauty x <i>Phalaenopsis</i> LD's Bear King)	2 <sup>nd-1</sup>
Jennie McCloskey	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Zheng Min Quince ( <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Zheng Min Violet x <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Nobby's Green Eagle)	2 <sup>nd-2</sup>
Annette Seling	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Lioulin Blue Peacock ( <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Rainbow Falconer x <i>Phalaenopsis</i> KS Blue Ludde)	3 <sup>rd</sup>

## Best in class



Phalaenopsis Alliance B: Standard		
Mila Kouznetsova	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Taiwan Red Cat ( <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Taiwan Smith x <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Kun-Cheng)	1 <sup>st</sup>
Annette Seling	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> NOID1	2 <sup>nd</sup>
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## **Orchid-gami Project (SOOS/OSPF): Purchase a pack and help conserve our Native Orchids.**

### **What is orchid-gami?**

This crafty project involves constructing a 3D printed paper orchid from a flat, die-cut sheet. Fun for the whole family! It is an education awareness activity devised by the North American Orchid Conservation Centre (NAOCC) about the conservation and ecology of our native orchids.

### **Why purchase a package?**

For 2021, the Southern Ontario Orchid Society in Toronto, Ontario (SOOS) and the Orchid Species Preservation Foundation in Edmonton Alberta (OSPF) co-sponsored an orchid-gami of the Round Leaf Orchid, *Galearis rotundifolia*.

For a donation of \$15 you can purchase a pack of 3 orchid-gami's – either 3 Round Leaf Orchids, 3 Showy Lady's Slippers or 3 Rose Pogonias OR a package of one of each with information about the ecology and conservation of each orchid. This would be a great gift for the holidays. All proceeds go towards conservation of native orchids.

Order at [SOOS Orchid-gami | Southern Ontario Orchid Society - Store \(square.site\)](https://www.square.site/store/SOOS-Orchid-gami)



## Editor's Wrap



Another year is coming to an end. Indeed, time is elusive. It seems like we had just started 2021 and the year has already come to an end! During this time, my younger son grew taller by a couple of inches and I have grown all around by a couple of inches 😊. But that is just one way of capturing the elusive time. As such, when we look back to see what we have achieved at work, with friends, family and as a Society, we realise that time is not elusive after all. As much as we detest it moving with such speed, it has to pass. For without it passing, there wouldn't be life as we know it.

It was a bittersweet year for me personally. While there was a lot to celebrate in general, I also mourned the passing of many family members who were dear to me. There were happy moments when I wanted time to stop and then there were those moments when I wanted time to pass quickly or rewind it. In the end, the year has left me with several reminders to be kind, to love, to cherish and to live each moment as if it is the last one.

The year was certainly very exciting in the context of growing orchids. I was successful in blooming *Dendrobium thyrsiflorum*, *Leptotes bicolor* and *Epidendrum porpax*, for the first time. One of the *Dendrobium nobiles* put up a professional show with canes full of flowers. I also lost some to unknown causes. In addition, I learnt to revive dying orchids, which has been a rewarding exercise. A couple of *Phals* I had rescued a couple of years ago are showing signs of spike! As I am growing with my orchids, I am beginning to appreciate the many benefits of having them around. Their slow growth has taught me patience and their resilience in response to my neglect has taught me forgiveness. I think they are the best for anyone who wants to practice mindfulness or might I say that orchid hobbyists are natural practitioners of mindfulness.



I particularly enjoyed putting together last month's Show Table results. The colours were just so vibrant and the quality of the photos was excellent. Some of you are fine growers. Thanks to those who have been sharing photos of their blooming orchids. As always, our judges have done an excellent job throughout the year of judging our plants. Thanks to Pat Boisvert for judging the Photography Awards. I have seen a positive change in the quality of photos submitted since the inception of this award. Thanks to our Past President Dave Cooper for chairing the Virtual Show Tables every month.

Kudos to many of our Board members who have really gone above and beyond to keep the Society moving together. I would like to specifically thank our anonymous donor for the generous financial support. Thanks to all our members for showing support by attending the various meetings and

activities that the Board has organised over the year, and by renewing your membership. I also would like to thank Jean Hollebhone for her relentless efforts in coordinating the speaker program in order to make our monthly meetings exciting. Not just that, but also for her dedication to bringing Orchid Sale Tables to our houses – yes, for all those group plant orders. That is not an easy job. Thanks to André Couture for another exciting SVO order. I hope you are enjoying your hauls and I hope to see them in bloom for the Show Table next year. Thanks to Doug Vye for keeping the finances straight.

I must mention Arlene Lang for her cooperation and commitment to Spike. I had an opportunity to meet her last month in-person for the first time. She is just the way I had imagined her to be – kind, thoughtful and calm. I enjoy working with her on Spike every month. Thank you Arlene.

Lastly, thank you to our President, Jan Johns for her tireless efforts in keeping the Society moving. Thanks to our Membership Chair, Jennie McCloskey for another successful round of member recruitment. Thank you to Pam McLennan for producing those detailed Board meeting notes every month. Thanks to Joyce Medcalf and Margaret Haydon for their expertise and willingness to mentor new growers. Last but not least, our new Vice President Hesselene Attong for her enthusiasm and commitment. I actually could not attend the November meeting but with Hesselene's detailed meeting notes, I don't think I missed anything. Thank you for that Hesselene.

As I am ending this, I see through my windows the first snow storm of the year, which has just begun. The atmosphere looks like it is whitewashed! Although I am not a great fan of winter, I do like the brightness that the snowflakes bring. The cold, the snowflakes, Christmas decorations and Christmas songs playing in the background, call for roasted chestnuts, crackling fireplace and a cozy blanket. It is that time of the year again when the air all around smells of festivities!

I wish you all Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. Stay safe and keep healthy. Cheers to another year spent together!

See you all next week.

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