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Newsletter of the Ottawa Orchid Society

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Welcome! Upcoming Activities at a Glance

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President's Message



Happy Valentine's Day! I hope you enjoy a special day or dinner with those you love and those who love you.

Thanks to all those who attended our January meeting. Despite having a little difficulty with Wi-Fi, our new room provided a comfortable space for us to have coffee/tea and some treats – and the early break set a good mood. We missed a little of the presentation, but apparently only about 5-7 minutes. Wasn't that a great road tour! It was both interesting and very moving. The messages from John and Peter are very clear. Our planet continues to suffer. We need to work hard both individually and as a

Society to protect flora and fauna. Our Conservation Committee is looking into actions to help our local orchids. I am sure you will hear about these activities, so please volunteer (when the weather is a little less frigid). Thanks to Daniel Brumar for promoting this agenda.

Many of you are working on Orchidophilia 2023 at Algonquin College on April 28-30. I was so pleased to see so many of you sign up for clerking on the Saturday; it will be a great learning experience. The OOS Display sign up is completed too – we can look forward to a great display Chaired by Bev Burtnyk. Make sure you look for the details closer to the date so that you can have your blooming orchids entered. We also hope that a few of you who have from 1-15 blooming orchids will be interested in setting up a personal display, or perhaps you would like to enter an educational exhibit. Information went out to members about this opportunity. Please complete the exhibitor's form that was sent out from our membership email. The sign-up sheets for all volunteers will be available at the February and March meetings. If you attend online, just email your interest. Feel free to call me at 613-253-1996, to find out more about the positions if you need more details. We are still working on filling Show Committee Chair roles. Please look at page 8, for more information.

Sadly, we have had to cancel our Annual Auction this year. It will return in 2024, at a new time earlier in the year. We find that our volunteer resources are stretched, and with orchid shopping available at the Show a month away from the pick-up date, we realized that many would prefer to save their money for Show Vendors rather than an auction.

Many thanks to Joyce Medcalf for taking our plants and producing our display for the Southern Ontario Orchid Society Show in Toronto. It is such a pleasure to resume the orchid show circuit – I am sure many of you are planning your travels. Check out dates on page 5.

Many thanks also to Doug Vye who takes the time to look after all our finances – sometimes a hidden job, but so important. He has completed our financial statements to the end of June 2022. We are grateful to André Couture for reviewing them for us. Please read the notice on page 6, and look over the statements at the end of the newsletter.

I hope you have sent in your culture questions to Jean for our February meeting. Ron McHatton is indeed THE orchid expert – and an engaging speaker as well. I look forward to seeing you either in person or online on February 19th. Please remember that our meetings now begin at 2:00 p.m.

Jan Johns



Program Updates 2023

February 19, 2023 Meeting

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

Meeting Time: Sunday, February 19, 2023, 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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



Photo by
Jean Hollebhone

This month we welcome Ron McHatton, Chief Education and Science Officer of the American Orchid Society. Ron produces the monthly, glossy magazine called *ORCHIDS*, which is considered the best orchid publication in the USA and which has won many awards for its beauty and content. Ron anchors the AOS webinars on orchid culture, the monthly Greenhouse Chats in which members submit their growing problems, Ron analyses them and responds with practical advice on how to manage the situations. We are fortunate to have him in person at our February meeting for a free discussion with members. As indicated last month, members have submitted current growing issues they are experiencing and their photos have been collected into a PowerPoint presentation, where he will address these issues. After that we will open

discussion to the room and Members are invited to bring their problem plants for his identification and advice. Please ensure all plants brought to the meeting are safely wrapped in, see-through plastic bags. We regret that we must limit one plant per person. This is a rare opportunity to get advice from one of the most recognized experts in the United States.

Directions to the Sportsplex

From the Queensway:

- Exit at Woodroffe South. Continue south on Woodroffe.
- Once you have driven past Hunt Club Road, take the **second entrance on the left** into the Sportsplex.
- Drive to the rear of the building and turn left to the large parking lot.
- Look for **DOOR 2** at the rear of the building. 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.

From Woodroffe South:

- Heading north, turn right at the first entrance to the Sportsplex and follow the above instructions to **Door 2** and **Hall F**.

February 19, 2023 Meeting (cont.)

If you intend to join us in person, please note the following:

1. While masks are not mandatory, it is highly encouraged that you wear a mask to protect yourself and those around you.
2. If you are feeling unwell, please join us online rather than in person. Make sure to register for the online meeting even if you intend to join us in person, just in case one of the above occurs.
3. There will be an in-person Show Table only. If you wish to show your orchids, please make sure they are clean, disease and pest free and delivered to the Show Table by 1:40 p.m. at the latest. Fill out the registration form for each plant with the names of the orchid and grower, and place both the plant and the name tag in the correct Alliance. If you need help, please ask. If you have shown the plant before, and its name was corrected for Spike, please use the corrected name. This saves Joyce a lot of time checking them out before publication. It is always wise to quarantine your plants for a few weeks on their return to your home.

Upcoming Events

March 19, 2023, Location: Nepean Sportsplex, Hall F

In March, Art Chadwick of Chadwick Orchids, one of the oldest and most prestigious orchid businesses in the United States, will talk to us virtually about the First Ladies and the orchids named after them. The Chadwicks, starting with Art Sr., have presented to and named blooming *Cattleya* orchids to the wives of incumbent Presidents. These are exquisite orchids, and he will tell you a little about their history, and why each one was specially selected. This will be a visually stunning presentation and very interesting.

April 2023: There will be no meeting in April as we prepare for our Show.

May 2023: The season will wrap up with an enjoyable travelogue and ecological presentation on the orchids of Peru by Ken Jacobsen, accredited Judge and former Trustee of the American Orchid Society.

Upcoming Shows

Orchid Shows are back. If you have been missing them, here are some dates:

- February 25-26, 2023, Orchid Show of the Royal Botanical Garden, Burlington;
- March 25-26, 2023, Montréal Show, details to follow;
- April 1-2, 2023, Québec Show, details to follow;
- April 29-30, 2023, Ottawa Show; and
- May 6-7, 2023, TAOA Sale in Toronto tentative, details to follow.

Jean Hollebone

Program Chair

Ottawa Orchid Society Reviewed Financial Statements

At the end of this newsletter, you will see a copy of the reviewed Annual Financial Statements for the year ending June 20, 2022. Many thanks to our Treasurer, Doug Vye, who keeps us on track, our bills paid and prepares the end of year statements for review. Additional thanks to our reviewer, André Couture, who took the time to look over our books and make sure that all is well.

Please read these statements carefully. Doug will present these at the February 19th meeting. As Members of the Ottawa Orchid Society, you will have an opportunity to ask questions and you will then be asked to formally accept these financial statements. This is your opportunity to have some input.

On a final note, I would add that these statements reflect the situation last year during the Covid pandemic. We had only one in-person meeting during that year. This year, we can expect our financials to look very different as we are now paying for in-person meetings and speakers, out-of-town shows, and of course, the Show itself, which we are hoping will bring in some revenue. Since early 2020, when we were last operating in person, these costs have increased. This is why it is so important that you, our Members, volunteer for the Show so that it will run smoothly. Please be advised that the Board is currently considering an increase in membership fees for next year to reflect the increase in costs.

Jan Johns

President

Wanted: Someone to Help out with Refreshments at Meetings!

We have the coffee urns, but need someone (or some people) to start the coffee and ensure that we have cookies and goodies for the meetings starting at 1:00 p.m., and clean up at the end of the meeting, 4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. If this is something you would like to do, please let us know. Everyone is welcome to bring cookies/cake/snacks for the meeting.

If this interests you, please contact me at janet.johns@sympatico.ca.



Sweets on offer at the January meeting

Photo by Arlene Lang

For your Information: Show Times for Orchidophilia 2023

Location:

Algonquin College, 1385 Woodroffe Ave.
Building D (Enter through Building C)
Free parking in Lots 8 & 9

Friday, April 28, 2023

2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Set up
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Final Registration for Exhibits (online Registration details will be forwarded)

Saturday, April 29, 2023

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Ribbon judging
12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Open to the public

Sunday, April 30, 2023

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Open to the public
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Take down

2023 Auction Cancelled

Our plans for the 2023 Auction have collided with the return of Orchidophilia 2023. We have limited volunteers and resources, so have decided to cancel the Auction this year. Last year it served as a welcome orchid treat as we had no Show in April. It will return in 2024 at a more favourable time. Information will be forthcoming in September 2023.

Welcome to our New Members

I would like to welcome the following new members to our Society:

- Susan Bonnell-Raymond (Member #1419)
- Carol-Ann Chabot (Member #1422)
- Emilie Gagnon (Member #1423)
- Neil Hendrick (Member #1424)
- Archana Kapoor (Member #1420)
- Jayalakshmi Nair (Member #1421)
- Susan & Graham Thurston (Member #1418)

We hope you will be able to take part in some or all of the events that our Society has to offer. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at membership@ottawaorchidsociety.com.

Jennie McCloskey
Membership Chair

Awards Committee Chair

We are still looking for someone to serve as Awards Committee Chair for this year. There are clear guidelines for these awards. The Chair recruits a few more members to serve as the Awards Committee, and then solicits the membership for nominations for each of the awards with a deadline. Once the nominations are collected, then the Committee makes the decision on the awards and organizes the presentation. It is preferable that this be a Society member who has previously received an award. However, a Society member with several years experience is also welcome to fill this position. If you are interested in helping, please email me at janet.johns@sympatico.ca.

Committee Chairs needed for Orchidophilia ASAP

The new venue at Algonquin College is really lovely. No cold feet this year! However, being in a new space does take some thinking through. We really need some forward thinkers to step up to organize all details ahead of time. Meetings will take place on Zoom from February to March and then onsite closer to the date. We need the following organizational Chairs as soon as possible. Don't be shy! Let us know.

Admissions – a completely reliable volunteer and forward thinker, an excellent organizer who can manage several volunteers to expedite payment and entry of up to 1,500 people per day to the site. Please note that we are planning to have online sales. **No orchid experience necessary.**

Chief Clerk – to solicit clerks, organize ribbons, and work with judging teams to ensure results are given to registration for publication and that prizes/ribbons are awarded.

Draw/Raffle – to organize a raffle, engage volunteers to sell tickets and oversee the draw to be held hourly from Saturday noon to closing of the Show on Sunday. **No orchid experience necessary.**

Membership Plant Sales – to organize the collection of member plants for sale, to organize the sales table so that someone is in charge for the duration of the Show, and to ensure that funds collected are disbursed to members.

Orchid Doctor/Care – to organize a table and recruit knowledgeable members to provide expert information to the public on orchid care and answer questions on pests/diseases in co-ordination with Workshops.

Plant Hotel – to organize the hosting of our guests' purchased orchids whilst they peruse the displays, and to ensure that the orchids are returned undamaged to the owners. No orchids purchased from show vendors can be taken into the display area.

Photo Exhibit – to set up the exhibit, contact appropriate exhibitors and set the terms. **No orchid experience necessary.**

Registrar – this requires someone familiar with Microsoft Access to enter data and ensure that all plants for judging are registered by the Friday deadline, that required tags and reports are printed, AND that all results are entered into the database on Saturday and result reports are printed.

Security/Visitor Services – to manage a group of volunteers who ensure that visitors know and follow “the rules” (but not insult them), and ensure that displays are not interfered with and that orchids purchased are paid for. To make sure that guests know where washrooms and First Aid are available and to work out signage that would make everything work smoothly. **No orchid experience necessary.**

Show-and-Tell



Sophranitis cernua
Photo by
Melanie Charbonneau

A reminder that until our May meeting, 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 before the Sunday meeting (February 17)**. 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. I will compile them into a slideshow. They may even get into *Spike* or on our Facebook and Instagram pages!

Orchids Discussion Group - Update



Vandachostylis Sasicha x
Pine Rivers, Blue
Photo by Jennie McCloskey

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 9, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Montréal Judging Centre

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

Judging

- Participants must have the full name of the plants (plants with no name cannot and will not be judged as their correct pedigree must be ascertained).
- Participants must bring a clone name to assign to the awarded plants (the clone name is anything the owner chooses); the clone name must be provided at the judging session.
- The name of the plants should also include designation such as: AM/AOS, HCC/AOS, CCM/AOS, etc. It will be easier if you bring the plant tag.
- Plants must be clean and without pests.
- Inflorescences should be staked (for better presentation); however, the stake should not be obtrusive. As awarded orchids will be photographed, the Centre reserve the right to remove the stake (in cooperation with the members).
- **While plants are being judged, participants are not allowed to make comments or to intervene.** If there are any issues, these can be explained after judging.

Orchids Awarded in January 2023

(Photos provided by André Couture)

Award: 20236900 AM 84 points

Orchid: *Paphiopedilum* Lady Isobel

Owner: Jardin botanique de Montréal



Awarded Orchids (cont.)

Award: 20236902 AM 81 points

Orchid: *Paphiopedilum Houghtoniae*

Owner: Jardin botanique de Montréal



Award: 20236903 CCM 82 points

Orchid: *Ludisia discolor*

Owner: Jardin botanique de Montréal



Award: 20236904 CCM 81 points

Orchid: *Vanda christensoniana*

Owner: Jardin botanique de Montréal



Awarded Orchids (cont.)

Award: 20236905 CCM 81 points

Orchid: *Ludisia discolor* var. *nigrescens*

Owner: Jardin botanique de Montréal



Award: 20236906 CBR

Orchid: *Sudamerlycaste cobbiana*

Owner: Jardin botanique de Montréal



Award: 20236907 HCC 76 points

Orchid: *Paphiopedilum* Sunlight
Rothschild

Owner: Jardin botanique de Montréal



Awarded Orchids (cont.)

Award: 20236908 CCM 85 points

Orchid: *Stelis immersa*

Owner: Jardin botanique de Montréal



NOTE: AM Award of Merit; CCM Certificate of Cultural Merit; CBR Certificate of Botanical Recognition

André Couture

My Personal Volunteer Journey with the OOS

**“EVER TRIED.
EVER FAILED.
NO MATTER.
TRY AGAIN.
FAIL AGAIN.
FAIL BETTER.”**

– Samuel Beckett



Rynchosyilis retusa
Photo by
Hessaline Attong

Not surprisingly, many senior members do not remember me – Member #859. You see this introverted mouse hung on their words at each meeting – soaking up their experiences, knowledge and advice from my very safe seat at meetings. I have watched many of you become outstanding orchid hobbyists, AOS judges and more, stepping up to lead our Society and beyond. My journey veered off the beaten path, but in wandering, I found that eagerness to reach a destination takes away from those teachable, transformational and mindful moments. This is me – creative, intuitive and not at all scientific.

I have been an OOS member for many years since coming to Ottawa for university and staying to raise a family, taking a 10+ year hiatus from the Society, though I always supported the annual shows, Orchidophilia, even while I was not actively involved. I have always enjoyed the monthly meetings and speaker presentations, never daring for a long time to showcase what I grew or, gulp, volunteer. I happily and quietly enjoyed learning from my seat at monthly meetings from the various speakers, without any expectations or pressure. Now, in hindsight, with experience under my belt, I can see that I was learning through limited growth. Learning is not a spectator sport. It is why teachers assign homework to reinforce what has been taught. Volunteering is a form of homework and part of the lesson. Orchid societies are primarily educational centres of learning, as well as a hub for social interaction with other like-minded people. It took me a while to understand that, but it is all there in the mission statement.

Throughout my time with the OOS, some members have very briefly touched on the benefits of volunteering, but it never touched me in a passionate way to get involved sooner. Most people when asked do not wish to dedicate extra time. It is the answer to end all further discussion. In actuality, fear holds most of us back from stepping up and we miss one hundred percent of the opportunities that we do not take. Fear of not being good or knowing enough, fear of failure, fear of commitment, and so on. All that is needed is a desire/willingness to show up, to share and to learn.

When the pandemic hit in 2020 and we lived under restrictions and began having things that we took for granted taken away, my perspective shifted along with a sudden change to my health. Growing plants is my sport of choice . . . my nirvana. I feel an innate confidence when caring for and talking about plants, but until I found my voice, it was a secret knowledge which I kept to myself. Many, many years ago, growers

My Personal Volunteer Journey with the OOS (cont.)



*Oncidium Splinter
Brookside*
Photo by
Hessaline Attong

were not as forthcoming with how they successfully grew and bloomed their orchids. They may have shared part of the formula, but it was up to you to figure out the rest. Today, orchid societies and more experienced individuals provide you with step-by-step information to succeed. For example, having Fred Clarke (Sunset Valley Orchids) provide cultural information on *Catasetums* that were acquired through our online auction to the membership. Priceless knowledge and expertise. Getting back to my paradigm shift in 2020 . . . fear of losing the OOS, if more volunteers in significant roles did not come on, encouraged me to consider the vice-presidency with some trepidation. Truthfully, a lot. I had only ever volunteered for our Orchidophilia displays and Fragrance exhibit over the years. However, having watched that position remain vacant, summer into fall, my fear became courage manifested. When you are challenged, you can either stay rooted or rise up. I chose to grow, learn (stumbling was to be expected - a kindness, I allowed myself) and evolve.

I would like to impart that I am a better person from that volunteer experience. It has changed me in ways that I am still discovering beyond orchids. I was stretched and challenged to take on tasks/roles that I would never have done. My learning was exponential, in part due to my nature of going above and beyond, but also due to shouldering such responsibility. Throughout it all, I felt the support of my fellow Board and Executive Members. Most of all, from our President for whom I hold much respect for her patient ways. Yet, the members who came forward to share their emotions with me were perhaps the most unexpected and touching.

I hope that something in my writing resonates with you. Think about the ways in which you will choose to lend your support this year – attending meetings, volunteering for the auction, volunteering for the annual show, providing hospitality at meetings, providing written articles or pictures for *Spike*, inspiring fellow members with your blooming orchids, loaning those said blooming orchids for out-of-town shows, attending ODG meetings, joining a committee or just helping to set up, if you arrive early to a meeting. There are many more ways to assist depending on your comfort level and time commitment.

Let me leave you with this:

Happiness is short lived. Take those shots, even if short lived. It is worth it.

Do not search for defining moments because they will never come. They are already happening or have happened. Try not to wait until you are too old for those moments to meet you. But it is okay, if you do. Better late than never.

Do not wait for anyone to tell you that you are ready. Get out there - Try it! Do it! Show it!

Hessaline Attong

Conservation Corner

Well it's time to avoid the obvious and talk about Bill C-23. Regardless of the News that you follow, everyone should have heard of this piece of legislation. Also known as the *More Homes Built Faster Act*. The discussion around this has been lively to say the least. The changes it makes to Conservation Authorities is frightening. We finally created a Green Belt around the city [Toronto] in 2005 to protect farmland, water sources and alleviate flooding, only to see it potentially being dismantled piece by piece. We need our wetlands. The carbon that these contain needs to stay sequestered. We need to be able to produce our own food. We need to prevent massive flooding like the devastation from Hurricane Hazel. Conservation Authorities were set up for a reason.

On the other side, yes, we need more housing. Affordable housing! Conservation groups are focusing on the potential habitat loss this law creates. What they haven't mentioned are some of the changes that are desperately needed in the construction industry to make it easier to build, with less red tape. There's a reason it's called the *More Homes Built Faster Act*. Now what the construction industry does not talk about is where all this construction is going to happen. There is a lot to gain, but also a lot at stake.

If you are a member of any field naturalist groups, I'm sure you have received their petitions that have been circulating to rescind this bill. I don't think that will happen. There is a majority government. The bill has been passed. What we can hope for is some sober second thought. This can't be an either-or decision. It needs to have thoughtful participation from all parties so that we can all live in a prosperous province with opportunities for everyone.

So here are links to highlight each side:

Ontario Nature

<https://ontarionature.org/bill-23-what-you-need-to-know-blog/>

<https://ontarionature.org/news-release/bill-23-statement/>

Environmental Defence

<https://environmentaldefence.ca/>

Ontario Homebuilders Association

<https://www.ohba.ca/the-ontario-home-builders-association-support-ontarios-bold-new-housing-plan/>

Daily Commercial News

<https://canada.constructconnect.com/dcn/news/infrastructure/2022/10/more-homes-built-faster-act-lauded-as-once-in-a-generation-legislation>

John Alexander

Conservation Committee

OOS SHOW TABLE FOR JANUARY 15, 2023

ALLIANCE	RIBBON AWARD	NAME OF PLANT	OWNER
Cattleya Alliance Judged by André Couture	1st	<i>Rhyncattleanthe</i> Dean's Star (<i>Rhyncattleanthe</i> Guess What x <i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Gold Star)	Masa Matsuo
Phalaenopsis Alliance Judged by André Couture	1st	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> No Name Hybrid	Magdalena Gawronski
	2nd	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> No Name Hybrid	Daniel Brumar
	3rd	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> No Name Hybrid	Maria Martins
Oncidium Alliance Judged by Joyce Medcalf	1st	<i>Tolumnia</i> Jairak Rainbow (<i>Tolumnia</i> Tsiku Vanessa x <i>Tolumnia</i> Catherine Wilson)	Daniel Brumar
Dendrobium Alliance Judged by Joyce Medcalf	1st	<i>Dendrobium</i> Yellow Chinsai (<i>Dendrobium</i> Chinsai x <i>Dendrobium heterocarpum</i>)	Masa Matsuo
Cypripedium Alliance Paphiopedilum Judged by Joyce Medcalf	1st	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Cocoa Kitty 'Flight' (<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Enzan Kitty x <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Yi-Ying Colorful Clouds)	Marie-Josée Bergeron
	2nd	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Belinda (<i>Paphiopedilum</i> <i>charlesworthii</i> x <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Gowerianum)	Maria Martins
Cypripedium Alliance Phragmipedium Judged by Joyce Medcalf	1st	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Green Hornet (<i>Phragmipedium longifolium</i> x <i>Phragmipedium pearcei</i>)	Monique Savard
Pleurothallid Alliance Judged by Marie-Josée Bergeron	1st	<i>Restrepia</i> Frank Feysa (<i>Restrepia</i> <i>sanguinea</i> x <i>Restrepia guttulata</i>)	Joyce Medcalf
Vanda Alliance Judged by André Couture	1st	<i>Angraecum sesquipedale</i>	Magdalena Gawronski
Best of Show Table Judged by André Couture Marie-Josée Bergeron Joyce Medcalf	<i>Angraecum sesquipedale</i>		Magdalena Gawronski
Member's Choice Judged by Monique Savard	<i>Dendrobium</i> Yellow Chinsai (<i>Dendrobium</i> Chinsai x <i>Dendrobium heterocarpum</i>)		Masa Matsuo

Member's Choice Comments

Super-well bloomed. Love the flowers.

Best of Show Table

Magdalena Gawronski with her *Angraecum sesquipedale*

Show Table Photos by Arlene Lang



Member's Choice

Maso Matsuo's *Dendrobium* Yellow Chinsai (*Dendrobium* Chinsai x *Dendrobium heterocarpum*)



Cattleya Alliance

1st



Phalaenopsis Alliance

1st



2nd



3rd



Oncidium Alliance

1st



Dendrobium Alliance

1st



Cypripedium Alliance

Paphiopedilum

1st



2nd



Cypripedium Alliance
Phragmipedium

1st



Pleurothallid Alliance

1st



Vanda Alliance

1st



Editor's Wrap

This month's edition of *Spike* features a couple of interesting articles. Hesseline Attong writes of her experience as an OOS volunteer, including the challenges and rewards. John Alexander's article, which was originally published in the SOOS newsletter, draws attention to Bill C-23, Ontario's *More Homes Built Faster Act* and its implications for our environment and for conservation. Both articles provide much food for thought.

I hope you have been keeping well. Usually, I find this time of year difficult because Ottawa would be in a deep freeze. This year is different, to date we have had very few really cold days like the Polar Vortex, and I have been enjoying long walks in the forest trails with our dogs. The trees covered in snow are truly magical.

While spring is still some weeks away, there are many signs of it in the house. Many of my orchids are in bud and I am looking forward to being surrounded by blooms. Most notably, *Phalaenopsis stuartiana*, which I bought at the OOS Orchid sale last June, is opening some of its buds (unfortunately, some have blasted), but those that are opening are beautiful.

Some of the *Catasetums* are already waking up, starting with their little green nubbins. I find these orchids fascinating - the seasonal nature in which they grow and the beautiful blooms they produce. If you grow *Catasetums* and have access to YouTube, check out the latest video from Stephen Van Kampen-Lewis, where he talks *Catasetum* care with Fred Clarke (<https://www.youtube.com>, search for Spring "Catasetum Care with Fred Clarke"). The conversation includes *Catasetum* culture and the challenges those of us who live in the drier environments have in getting them through the winters. Fred Clarke offers some helpful tips to keep those *Catasetum* bulbs plump through the winter. Fred Clarke also talks about his upcoming selection of *Catasetums* and it sounds so very exciting.

One strategy I use to keep *Catasetum* bulbs plump is to keep a humidifier in the room, aiming for 50% humidity at a minimum. I also give them a little water if the bulbs are starting to shrivel, because once the new growth appears, they receive no water until the roots are long enough.

Well, that's a wrap. Keep well and stay safe. Hope to see you at the Meeting on Sunday, February 19th.



Andrea Picher

Spike Editor

Board of Directors
Ottawa Orchid Society
c/o Ms Janet Johns, President
Ottawa, ON

January 9, 2023

To whom it may concern,

To the request of the President of the Ottawa Orchid Society, I have reviewed the books and financial records of the Society for the year ended June 30, 2022.

To complete this work, I had access to the financial records, including the Profit & Loss Statement, Balance Sheet and General Ledger; furthermore, I had access to bank records as well as supporting documentation.

For the recording of the revenues, only deposit slips, and related bank records, were available. Therefore, it was not possible to verify that all received funds were deposited to the accounts of the Society. This is a normal recurrence for non-profit organizations and should not be interpreted as a lack of control. To be able to ascertain that all received funds have been deposited to the Society's accounts, the Society would have to implement organizational separation of duties and physical controls over the funds; for such a small organization, this would be prohibitive with limited accrued benefits. Instead, the Board should monitor the incoming reporting of revenues through the regular submission of financial statements by the Treasurer.

For the recording of expenses, all entries were supported by documentation provided by members and duly recorded.

In view of the above, I am reporting that the Society's financial statements represent its financial situation. I attach the audited financial statements for your perusal.

I wish to thank the Treasurer for his support and explanations. I will be available if you wish further information.

André Couture
Member

Ottawa Orchid Society
Balance Sheet
Audited as of 30 June 2022

Audited
for the year ending
30 Jun 22

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Current Account	
Speaker Honorariums	4,931.97
Current Account - Other	36,920.31
Total Current Account	41,852.28
Total Chequing/Savings	41,852.28
Total Current Assets	41,852.28
TOTAL ASSETS	41,852.28
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	41,801.56
Unrestricted Net Assets	-2,547.42
Net Income	2,598.14
Total Equity	41,852.28
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	41,852.28

Ottawa Orchid Society
Profit & Loss
July 2021 through June 2022

Auditted
for the year ending
June 30 2022

Income	
Annual Show Income	-
Member Sales	23.97
Total Annual Show Income	23.97
Investments	-
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	88.45
Total Investments	88.45
Operating Income	
Auction	2,162.09
Donations	4,326.81
Memberships	2,375.00
Plant Sales	2,039.00
Visitor	170.00
Total Operating Income	11,072.90
Total Income	11,185.32
Expense	
Annual Show Expenses	
Insurance	215.40
Total Annual Show Expenses	215.40
Operating Expenses	
Affiliated Society Membership	453.96
Books, Subscriptions, Reference	55.00
Donations	600.00
Equipment	226.00
Insurance	45.00
Online Services	178.96
Program	
Award	307.36
Hospitality	539.93
Out of Town Shows	776.28
Speaker Honourarium	1,642.56
Total Program	3,266.13
Programermits	341.00
Storage	1,909.70
Supplies	263.22
Venue Rental	785.35
Website Hosting	21.46
Zoom	226.00
Total Operating Expenses	8,371.78
Total Expense	8,587.18
Net Income	2,598.14