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Morm. Exotic Treat x *Morm. Aftermath* 'Killer Color'
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Welcome 2022! Welcome all!

Important dates to note

January 16, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.: Andrew Geimar of Roehampton Orchids in Toronto will give a talk on orchids grown primarily for their exotic jewel-like foliage as opposed to their flowers.

January 31: Last date to donate items for the Online Auction with picture and description.

February 5-19: Online Auction open for viewing and bidding.

February 26-27: Pick up of winning items.

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President's Message



Many thanks to all those who participated in our final meeting of the year and those who sent their greetings. This was a great celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the American Orchid Society (AOS). Although Jean mentioned that we were fortunate to have two AOS Judging Centre Chairs (Joyce Medcalf and André Couture) as members of the Ottawa Orchid Society (OOS), I would like to point out that we also have Jean Hollebone – who is the AOS Awards Committee Chair (which is why she knows about the recipients of the awards so intimately) and the Chair of the AOS

Governance Committee which organizes how the AOS operates. We are indeed fortunate to have such representation with the AOS.

Well, that was a year, another year of Zooming and meeting virtually. I know we are all ready to pick up in person, but that darn Omicron variant seems to have put a stop to that for a little while. Although we had planned an April sale in place of our Show, it is probably not going to happen. However, the Board will still do some preliminary investigations. We will most likely be looking for something later in the year. So stay tuned! In the meantime, please get involved with the Online Auction. This Committee is working hard to bring you some orchid joy online. It will be fun – and a great way to build your orchid collection, not to mention orchid everything else! February will bring back our Orchids Discussion Group – so there is lots to look forward to in our orchid world.

In January, Andrew Geimar will talk about Jewel Orchids. He is an engaging speaker with a lot of experience with Jewel orchids, and he has a fun activity for us to enjoy. Please plan to join us then.

I wish you and yours all the best for 2022!

Jan Johns

Tentative Program for 2022 (all talks will be held virtually at 1:30 p.m.)

January Meeting



Andrew Geimar of Roehampton Orchids will be our speaker this month. Andrew lives in Toronto, Ontario and is the co-owner of Roehampton Orchids. Andrew's presentation topic is "Jewel Orchids at Home, a Story of Murder". He will talk about his journey of growing (and killing) Jewel orchids, and how that shaped his attitude towards Jewels. Jewel orchids are often grown for their gorgeous foliage. Some have sparkling gold threads in their veins. Andrew will give us some basic information on the most popular Jewel orchids and some culture tips on growing Jewels with some recommendations for first time growers. This talk promises to be fun, engaging and really a departure from regular orchid talks. His presentation will conclude with a 10 minute virtual quiz game. It'll be FUN!! Join us for this fun presentation.

Upcoming Events

February 2022: In February, to coincide with our Online Auction, in which *Cattleyas* and *Catesetums* from Sunset Valley Orchids are included, Fred Clarke will talk about the latest in *Catasetum* hybrids with an emphasis on culture. Fred's talks are always interesting and packed with information for growers.

March 2022: In March, the dynamic Charles Wilson, Chair of the AOS Conservation Committee will give a most enjoyable talk on *Bulbophyllums*, illustrated with fine specimens he grows in his Atlanta greenhouse.

Jean Hollebone (Program Chair)

Online Silent Auction (February 2022)

Just a reminder that the OOS 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 for pick up the weekend of February 26 and 27. More details on distribution will follow soon. The auction will be open to members of the OOS 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 (minimum value of \$15). 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. We will then make arrangements for drop-off/pick up of item(s). If you cannot donate an orchid or other orchid-related item, please consider making a monetary donation to support the OOS.

Lastly, we are adding auction items to the 32auctions website. You can view items without a bidder's account.

Here is the link for our auction:..<https://www.32auctions.com/OOSSilentAuction2021>.

However, to participate and bid in the online silent auction, you are asked to set up an account at <https://www.32auctions.com/login> using your email and a password. The process is quick with little information needed.

When the auction opens, you can enter bids for items 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. Distribution and pick up of items will be arranged at two pick-up points – East/West locations.

***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.

Why Auction Participation Matters

By Hesselene Attong, Auction Chair

The end and beginning of a year marks a special time to reflect, look ahead and make future plans. It occurred to me that newer members may not know the details beyond that our Annual Auction is a fundraiser. Actually, one of two annual fundraisers – the other being our Annual Orchid Show. If you have not given it much thought, I am asking you to consider participating in this year's online auction for a number of reasons. Like many of you, I have been asked repeatedly to donate to several charities and causes over the holiday season and while each one is worthy, sometimes you get to the point where "No, thanks" becomes your go to. Guilty? Yes, while fleeing it made me think about causes that I would truly support and why. It comes down to knowing, seeing and experiencing the benefits of my support throughout the year. The OOS does all of this and more.

The funds raised from our Annual Auction not only support the OOS, but have also supported the Toronto and Montréal Judging Centres. These Judging Centres and the OOS are run by small groups of dedicated individuals whose impact is instrumental in the Canadian orchid community and beyond. Grooming future AOS judges, supporting other Canadian Orchid Societies and orchid vendors, promoting horticultural education to members through high caliber speakers, and the list goes on.

Looking back to February 2021, we were unable to have our Annual Auction due to COVID-19 restrictions, but we still enjoyed a great speaker. While we will still be unable to meet in person for February 2022, we have planned to not only have another fantastic speaker, but also to have our Annual Auction online. COVID-19 has made us more creative in thinking outside of the box, if anything. It is this desire to carry on with normalcy that spurs our volunteers to bring you such opportunities.

Participate on a local and personal level. Donate an orchid-related item with a minimum \$15 value, participate in the online auction and add something new to your home or if neither suits you – consider donating a monetary sum of your choosing.

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Virtual Show Table Update for February 2022

The February Show Table will follow the same format as in January, and we invite you to send in photos of your blooming plants once again. The **deadline for entries will be February 13th**. You can take and send in your photos any time between Thursday, February 10th and Sunday, February 13th. Please send your photos to Dave Cooper at 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.

The same team of expert plant judges will continue to judge our plants: 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

The ODG meeting was a great success over the last season and continues, with monthly meetings on Zoom (preregistration is required). Our next meeting will be held on February 2nd 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. 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 and can get back the community feel of our club.

We look forward to seeing many of you at these meetings.

Pat Boisvert

Did you Know that January is National Mentoring Month?

By Hesselene Attong

Every January is celebrated as a month-long tribute to mentoring on a national level in North America. Mentoring is a way of giving back to your organization and community. It is a way of ensuring that knowledge is passed on to the next upcoming leaders.

January 6 – I Am A Mentor Day

January 17 -International Mentoring Day

January 27 – Thank Your Mentor Day

Mentoring amplifies connections and relationships through the power of story and supportive conversations. You do not have to invest a lot of time and you do not need to be a grower extraordinaire or have lots of experience. Just be the one individual who is willing to step up, listen and share your own experiences. Dare to be brave. Sometimes, all it takes is fifteen minutes to impact someone else's life in a positive, meaningful way. Mentoring can be so much more than an exchange of knowledge and wisdom. Mentors learn to develop leadership and coaching skills and enjoy a fresh perspective while mentees gain insight, guidance and confidence-building skills.

Take the first step and attend an ODG monthly meeting to share your experiences and support the growth of less experienced members. Let's grow together!

December 2021 Zoom OOS Meeting Recap (Hesselene Attong)

1. Jan Johns opened the meeting with greetings, meeting protocols and the agenda. Thanks to Jennie McCloskey for serving as co-host.
 2. Jean Hollebhone introduced December's feature presentation – The AOS's 100th Anniversary. She gave us some background information on the birth of the AOS since its inception in 1920. It is the largest Orchid Society in the world and currently has 11,000 members. The AOS Centennial Celebration began in January 2020, but they had to postpone their celebrations a few times due to the pandemic until 2022. So, rather than delaying any further – we were honoured to have Jean Hollebhone and Joyce Medcalf regale us with highlights of the AOS's Awards and Judging Process.
- Joyce Medcalf talked about the AOS's judging process. More specifically, she spoke in detail about what it takes to be an AOS judge. The first step is to become an AOS student judge. For this, you have to be an AOS member, contact either the Toronto or Montréal Judging Centre to attend four monthly judging meetings, be able to successfully pass a photo test identifying different orchids and be formally accepted at an AOS business meeting.

After three to five years, you will become an AOS associate judge (formerly probationary) and you will be tasked to give short talks and write a major paper to be published in the AOS magazine. This will take another three to five years. After that, you become a senior judge and you must pass an interview to finally become a fully-accredited AOS judge.

This is a highly personal, long-term commitment requiring an investment of time, ongoing education, unpaid travel and accommodation expenses. Joyce stressed that you are always learning about the new and exciting - what makes a plant good, different genera and fun times with peers traveling all over the world. The OOS is fortunate to have the Chairs of the Toronto (Joyce Medcalf) and Montréal Judging Centres (André Couture) as members. More detailed information can be provided by Joyce Medcalf, Jean Hollebone or André Couture.

Jean Hollebone launched into the AOS 2021 National Plant Awards. These are the most outstanding per species and top plants per category. Winners are awarded trophies. Jean touched on how it is funded by money in escrow and has never needed the capital invested in all of these years.

There are 27 AOS judging centres plus 8 others (mostly in California), totalling 35 AOS Judging Centres spread throughout the United States and Canada. Judging Centres send in list compilations in the various twenty-two categories, deciding on the best to be sent to the AOS Registrar and Chairs to choose the top twenty-two categories. Jean notes that you have to have a very good photographer as sometimes, it can come down to a photo contest in order to showcase the plant – in part cultural or both.

The AOS 2020 Special Awards were presented next as an artfully arranged, colourful photo slideshow presentation. Thanks to AOS Registrar, Laura Newton, for her exceptional work putting this together. Many awards went to renowned growers, such as Krull Smith, RF Orchids and other individuals within the orchid world.

At the AOS 2021 Fall Meeting for Awards of Distinction, three individuals were recognized for their work and contributions. Jean highlighted their significance to the OOS.

1. Sandra Svoboda received the Silver Medal for specific, singular exceptional contribution of outstanding service to a major AOS project. As a past AOS President, she is recognized for implementing audio and video conferencing that revolutionized AOS business and work, and partnered with CISCO to use AOS as an experiment in this field. She used GotoWebinar to create over 180 webinars to date (many are free to public with the exception of a few). She visited one of our past OOS Annual Shows and re-organized our display!
2. Thomas Miranda received the AOS Ambassadors Award given to an individual in recognition of outstanding consistent and tireless contributions in promoting the AOS. He is a renowned writer with two popular monthly columns in AOS ORCHIDS Magazine and the Bulletin of the AOS. Watch for his article on *Brassavolas* in January 2022. We were blessed to have him present at an OOS monthly meeting!

3. Susan and Charles Wilson received the Certificate of Meritorius Achievement in Orchid Education, presented for long-standing exceptional endeavours in education. Both are AOS accredited judges with an exceptional private greenhouse. Charles is the Chair of the Conservation Committee. He will be speaking on *Bulbophyllums* to the OOS in March 2022.

Next up were the Distinguished Affiliated Societies Service Awards (DASSA) which recognized long-term meritorius service to AOS and Affiliate Societies. Six orchid societies were honoured - St. Croix Orchid Society, Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society, Tampa Bay Orchid Society, The Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City, San Francisco Orchid Society and Southern Ontario Orchid Society.

Jean ended with the AOS Fall 2021 Hybridizer Award presented to James McCully and Terry Root. McCully is the most prolific hybridizer (458 hybrids per OrchidWiz) with a career spanning 45 years. Widely recognized for his work with *Oncidium*s, especially *Oncostele Catatante* and its hybrids, *Bratonia Shelob* and its four different clones, *Bratonia* Dark Star and its two clones. While Terry Root is known for his work with *Paphiopedilum* hybrids (white *Paphiopedilum* complexes, unusual complexes and multiflorals) and *Phragmipedium* hybrids. He may be the number one AOS hybridizer in North America! Some of his awards (*Paphiopedilum* Macabre) often flower two years from flask, future generations are improved in terms of flower size and faster bloom times. Do check out Paph Paradise (David Sorokowsky) for some of Terry's plants!

3. Jean Hollebhone and Joyce Medcalf were thanked for their informational, educational and impressive presentation.

4. The Virtual Show Table was next. Jan Johns welcomed Joyce Medcalf to chair. She and Jean Hollebhone talked about the submissions of our members. Many thanks to Dave Cooper for collecting and organizing the submitted photos, and to Joyce Medcalf for checking all names. Thanks to this month's judges: Pat Boisvert (photography), Scott de Vito, Marie-Josée Bergeron, Joyce Medcalf and Jean Hollebhone. Thanks to all of our members who provided photos for our enjoyment (17 members submitted 38 plants) and congratulations to all of the winners. This was followed by the Member's Choice Poll. For results and Ribbon Winners see pages 12-18.

5. OOS Notices

Notes from Auction Chair, Hesselene Attong:

- Due to COVID-19, our annual fundraiser is being held as an online silent auction that will be open to members only, starting at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 5 until 6:00 p.m. on February 19. Members can participate by donating an orchid-related item that has a minimum \$15 value or join in the fun of bidding.
- Members can familiarize themselves with our OOS auction site before it officially opens <https://www.32auctions.com/OOSSilentAuction2021>. Just know that our auction site will

be ever changing as new auction items and photos are added. So keep re-visiting! Also, you do not need to have an account set-up if you would just like to browse. A bidder's account is needed only if you wish to bid and it requires your email with a password. The site can be viewed from anywhere – cellphone, tablet, laptop and so you are not tied to any one place.

- Regarding pick-up and distribution of items, we will have two pick up points likely an east and west location. This will be just like when we run plant group orders. We will make arrangements for members needing assistance getting donated items to a pick-up point. More detailed information will follow in January.
- We are ready to receive more donation items to continue uploading. Please send one photo along with a brief item description and if you can, an estimated value to membership@ottawaorchidsociety.com
- Looking forward and excited to having as many of you participate and support our fundraiser. Let's show our love for February!

Notes from President, Jan Johns:

- SOOS is selling Orchid-gami kits as a conservation fundraiser. These are 3D paper orchids (die cut, foldable) of three North American orchids. For a \$15 donation 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. Order at <https://soosstore.square.site/shop/orchid-gami/3>. Please consider supporting their efforts as a fun holiday initiative.
- In light of recent COVID-19 developments (Omicron) and further restrictions, our April Plant Sale will be held off. We may possibly look at holding it in September – another sweet spot for a sale.
- Drumroll, Jan showcased member's holiday and Christmas greetings for our December meeting in a slideshow format. There was much appreciation and gratitude within our orchid community to have supported each other with much accumulated experience and wisdom instilled.

Jan Johns thanked and wished everyone well for the holidays. Members held up their beverage of choice and did a merry group toast at the end of the meeting. The meeting was left open for brief socializing among members.



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December Virtual Show Table Results

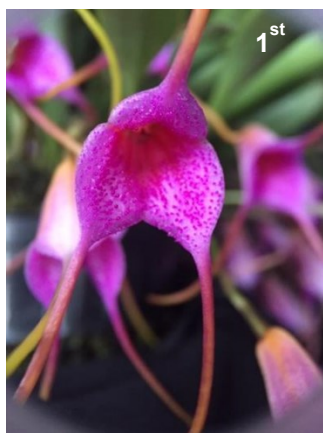
DECEMBER 2021 VIRTUAL SHOW TABLE RIBBON AWARDS			
ALLIANCE	MEMBER'S NAME	NAME OF ORCHID	RIBBON AWARD
Cattleya Alliance Judged by Scott de Vito	Annette Seling	<i>Guarechea</i> Black Comet (<i>Guarechea</i> Miva Etoile Noire x <i>Prosthechea cochleata</i>)	1 st
	Jane Thompson	<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Hsinying Dream 'Violet Queen' (<i>Cattleya</i> Love Castle x <i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Birthday Dream)	2 nd
	Jane Thompson	<i>Cattleya walkeriana</i> h.f. <i>coerulea</i>	2 nd
	Jean Hollebone	<i>Brassocatanthe</i> Roman Holiday (<i>Cattlianthe</i> Chocolate Drop x <i>Brassavola nodosa</i>)	3 rd
	Magdalena Gawronska	<i>Brassocattleya</i> Green Bird (<i>Brassocattleya</i> Binosa x <i>Brassavola</i> Little Stars)	3 rd
<i>Cymbidium</i> Judged by Marie-Josée Bergeron	Monique Savard	<i>Arundina graminifolia</i>	1 st
<i>Cypripedium</i> Alliance Judged by Marie-Josée Bergeron	Julia Parshina	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Elfin's Jubilation (<i>Phragmipedium</i> Michel Tremblay x <i>Phragmipedium</i> Memoria Dick Clements)	1 st
	Magdalena Gawronska	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> NOID	2 nd
	Jean Hollebone	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Minou's Memory (<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Katai's Golden Emerald x <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Pacific Shamrock)	3 rd
	Magdalena Gawronska	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Andean Fire (<i>Phragmipedium</i> besseae x <i>Phragmipedium</i> lindleyanum)	3 rd
<i>Dendrobium</i> Alliance Judged by Joyce Medcalf	Daniel Brumar	<i>Dendrobium</i> Chian-Tzy Sweet 'Peach Girl' (<i>Dendrobium</i> Chian-Tzy Darumanes x <i>Dendrobium</i> Hamana Lake)	1 st
	Hélène Mondou	<i>Dendrobium</i> Victoria Pinky (<i>Dendrobium</i> victoriae-reginae x <i>Dendrobium</i> laevifolium)	2 nd
<i>Oncidium</i> Alliance Judged by Joyce Medcalf	Ann Smutylo	<i>Oncidium</i> Tsiku Marguerite #1 (<i>Oncidium</i> Twinkle x <i>Oncidium</i> sotoanum)	1 st
	Monique Savard	<i>Lockhartia oerstedii</i>	2 nd
	Jan Johns	<i>Oncostele</i> (Syn. <i>Wilsonara</i>) Eye Candy 'Pinkie' AM/AOS (<i>Oncostele</i> Catatante x <i>Oncidium</i> Barossa Delight)	2 nd
	Julia Parshina	<i>Bratonia</i> Charles M. Fitch 'Izumi' AM/AOS (<i>Brassia verrucosa</i> x <i>Miltonia spectabilis</i>)	3 rd
<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Alliance Judged by Jean Hollebone	Jan Johns	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> NOID1	1 st
	Marie-Josée Bergeron	<i>Phalaenopsis bellina</i>	2 nd
	Tommy Wingreen	<i>Phalaenopsis stuartiana</i> 'Tippo' x Sib	3 rd
	Magdalena Gawronska	<i>Phalaenopsis bellina</i>	3 rd
	Ann Gagné	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> NOID	3 rd

DECEMBER 2021 VIRTUAL SHOW TABLE RIBBON AWARDS

ALLIANCE	MEMBER'S NAME	NAME OF ORCHID	RIBBON AWARD
Pleurothallid Alliance Judged by Marie-Josée Bergeron	Joyce Medcalf	<i>Masdevallia glandulosa</i>	1 st
	Joyce Medcalf	<i>Lepanthes escobariana</i>	2 nd
Vanda Alliance Judged by Jean Hollebhone	Monique Savard	<i>Vandachostylis Sasicha 'Blue'</i> (<i>Vanda Varut</i> Fuchsia x <i>Rhynchostylis coelestis</i>)	1 st
	Monique Savard	<i>Perreiraara Rapeepath 'Pink'</i> (<i>Perreiraara</i> Bangkok Sunset x <i>Vandachostylis Pine Rivers</i>)	2 nd
	Annette Seling	<i>Angraecum Lemförde White Beauty</i> (<i>Angraecum magdalenae</i> x <i>Angraecum sesquipedale</i>)	3 rd
Miscellaneous Judged by Jean Hollebhone	Annette Seling	<i>Phaiocalanthe Kryptonite 'Parkside'</i> HCC/AOS (<i>Calanthe Rozel</i> x <i>Phaius tankervilleae</i>) 'Parkside' HCC/AOS	2 nd
Photography Awards Judged by Pat Boisvert	Annette Seling	<i>Rhyncattleanthe Shinfong Little Sun 'Youngmin Golden Boy'</i> (<i>Cattlianthe Golden Girl</i> x <i>Rhyncattleanthe Taida Love Star</i>)	1 st
	Annette Seling	<i>Guarechea Black Comet</i> (<i>Guarechea Miva Etoile Noire</i> x <i>Prosthechea cochleata</i>)	2 nd
	Magdalena Gawronska	<i>Phragmipedium Andean Fire</i> (<i>Phragmipedium besseae</i> x <i>Phragmipedium lindleyanum</i>)	2 nd
	Annette Seling	<i>Phaiocalanthe Kryptonite 'Parkside'</i> HCC/AOS (<i>Calanthe Rozel</i> x <i>Phaius tankervilleae</i>) 'Parkside' HCC/AOS	3 rd
	Marie-Josée Bergeron	<i>Brassocattleya Binosa 'Kirk'</i> AM/CCM/AOS (<i>Brassavola nodosa</i> x <i>Cattleya bicolor</i>)	3 rd
Best of Show Table	Annette Seling	<i>Guarechea Black Comet</i> (<i>Guarechea Miva Etoile Noire</i> x <i>Prosthechea cochleata</i>)	
Member's Choice Poll Winner	Annette Seling	<i>Guarechea Black Comet</i> (<i>Guarechea Miva Etoile Noire</i> x <i>Prosthechea cochleata</i>)	

Pleurothallid Alliance

Masdevallia glandulosa
Joyce Medcalf



Lepanthes escobariana
Joyce Medcalf



**Best of Show Table
AND
Member's Choice**

(*Guarechea* Black Comet (*Guarechea* Miva Etoile Noire x *Prosthechea cochleata*))
Annette Seling



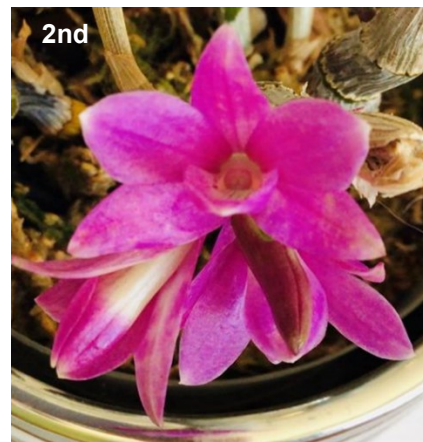
***Dendrobium* Alliance**

Dendrobium Chian-Tzy Sweet 'Peach Girl' (*Dendrobium*
Chian-Tzy Darumanes x *Dendrobium* Hamana Lake)
Daniel Brumar



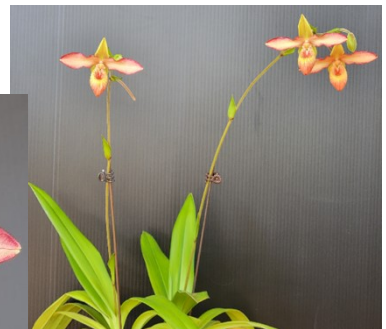
Dendrobium Victoria Pinky (*Dendrobium*
victoriae-reginae x *Dendrobium* *laevifolium*)

Hélène Mondou



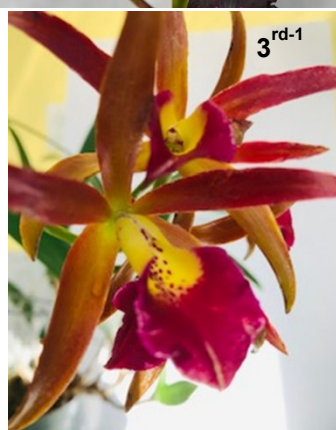
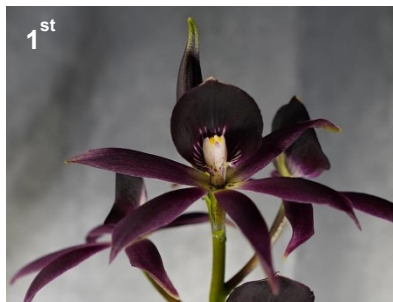
Photography Awards

Photography Awards		
Annette Seling	<i>Rhyncattleanthe</i> Shinfong Little Sun 'Youngmin Golden Boy' (<i>Cattlianthe</i> Golden Girl x <i>Rhyncattleanthe</i> Taida Love Star)	1 st
Annette Seling	<i>Guarechea</i> Black Comet (<i>Guarechea</i> Miva Etoile Noire x <i>Prosthechea cochleata</i>)	2 ^{nd-1}
Magdalena Gawronska	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Andean Fire (<i>Phragmipedium besseae</i> x <i>Phragmipedium lindleyanum</i>)	2 ^{nd-2}
Annette Seling	<i>Phaiocalanthe</i> Kryptonite 'Parkside' HCC/AOS (<i>Calanthe</i> Rozel x <i>Phaius tankervilleae</i>) 'Parkside' HCC/AOS	3 ^{rd-1}
Marie-Josée Bergeron	<i>Brassocattleya</i> Binosa 'Kirk' AM/CCM/AOS (<i>Brassavola nodosa</i> x <i>Cattleya bicolor</i>)	3 ^{rd-2}



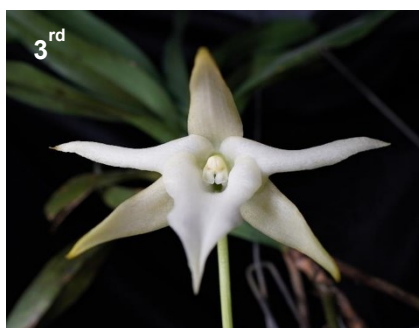
Cattleya Alliance

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Annette Seling	<i>Guarechea Black Comet</i> (<i>Guarechea Miva Etoile Noire</i> x <i>Prosthechea cochleata</i>)	1 st
Jane Thompson	<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya Hsinying Dream 'Violet Queen'</i> (<i>Cattleya Love Castle</i> x <i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya Birthday Dream</i>)	2 ^{nd-1}
Jane Thompson	<i>Cattleya walkeriana</i> h.f. <i>coerulea</i>	2 ^{nd-2}
Jean Hollebhone	<i>Brassocatanthe Roman Holiday</i> (<i>Cattlianthe Chocolate Drop</i> x <i>Brassavola nodosa</i>)	3 ^{rd-1}
Magdalena Gawronska	<i>Brassocattleya Green Bird</i> (<i>Brassocattleya Binosa</i> x <i>Brassavola Little Stars</i>)	3 ^{rd-2}



Vanda Alliance

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Monique Savard	<i>Vandachostylis Sasicha 'Blue'</i> (<i>Vanda Varut Fuchsia</i> x <i>Rhynchostylis coelestis</i>)	1 st
Monique Savard	<i>Perreiraara Rapeepath 'Pink'</i> (<i>Perreiraara Bangkok Sunset</i> x <i>Vandachostylis Pine Rivers</i>)	2 nd
Annette Seling	<i>Angraecum Lemförde White Beauty</i> (<i>Angraecum magdalenae</i> x <i>Angraecum sesquipedale</i>)	3 rd



Cypripedium Alliance

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Julia Parshina	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Elfin's Jubilation (<i>Phragmipedium</i> Michel Tremblay x <i>Phragmipedium</i> Memoria Dick Clements)	1 st
Magdalena Gawronska	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> NOID	2 nd
Jean Hollebhone	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Minou's Memory (<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Katai's Golden Emerald x <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Pacific Shamrock)	3 ^{rd-1}
Magdalena Gawronska	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Andean Fire (<i>Phragmipedium</i> besseae x <i>Phragmipedium</i> lindleyanum)	3 ^{rd-2}



Cymbidium Alliance

Arundina graminifolia
Monique Savard



Miscellaneous

Phaiocalanthe Kryptonite 'Parkside' HCC/AOS
(*Calanthe* Rozel x *Phaius tankervilleae*) 'Parkside' HCC/AOS
Annette Seling



Phalaenopsis Alliance

Phalaenopsis Alliance		
Jan Johns	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> NOID1	1 st
Marie-Josée Bergeron	<i>Phalaenopsis bellina</i>	2 nd
Tommy Wingreen	<i>Phalaenopsis stuartiana</i> 'Tipo' x Sib	3 rd
Magdalena Gawronska	<i>Phalaenopsis bellina</i>	3 rd
Ann Gagne	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> NOID	3 rd



Oncidium Alliance

Oncidium Alliance		
Ann Smutylo	<i>Oncidium</i> Tsiku Marguerite #1 (<i>Oncidium</i> Twinkle x <i>Oncidium sotoanum</i>)	1 st
Monique Savard	<i>Lockhartia oerstedii</i>	2 nd
Jan Johns	<i>Oncostele</i> (Syn. <i>Wilsonara</i>) Eye Candy 'Pinkie' AM/AOS (<i>Oncostele</i> Catatante x <i>Oncidium</i> Barossa Delight)	2 nd
Julia Parshina	<i>Bratonia</i> Charles M. Fitch 'Izumi' AM/AOS (<i>Brassia verrucosa</i> x <i>Miltonia spectabilis</i>)	3 rd



Novice Editor's Corner (by Sabina Gupta)

How to create makeshift terrariums for humidity-loving orchids

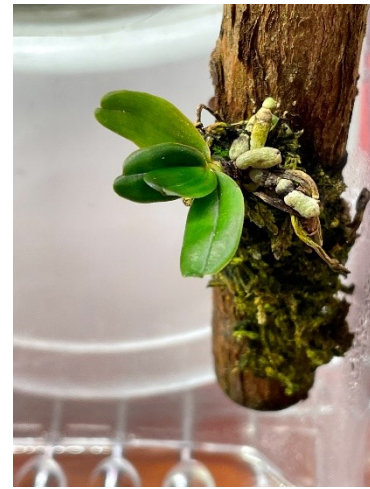
Last year, to beat the monotony of the pandemic, I decided to try something new. I ordered 4-5 mini orchids: *Dockrillia linguiformis*, *Phal. parishii*, *Leptotes bicolor*, *Epidendrum porpax* and *Aerangis luteoalba* var. *rhodosticta*. They came mounted on a piece of wood. True to their name, mini orchids, they were very tiny (or maybe the vendor sold them as tiny pieces!).

After bringing them home, I read that they are all humidity-loving plants and most people grow them in terrariums or in greenhouses where they have automatic sprinklers coming on a couple of times a day. Well, I had broken one of the fundamental rules of orchid buying – ‘research the plant for its growth conditions before you buy it’. They were here now and out of panic, I started researching about buying/building small terrariums to house them. I am not at all creative and even the smallest terrarium I was able to get my hands on was very expensive for my budget.

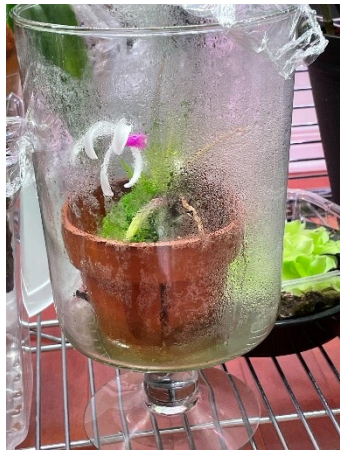
For a few days to few weeks, I simply hung them on a wire attached to the plant shelf and watered them twice a day (I was able to because I was working from home). But that became exhaustive and I had to rethink my strategies. Went back online to research DIY ideas. Voila – out of nowhere, I had multiple terrariums built within a few minutes – plastic cookie containers (recycled), plastic Tim Horton coffee cups (recycled), and glass vases (\$5 from Walmart). Below, I share some pictures of them and the status of my mini orchids growing in them.



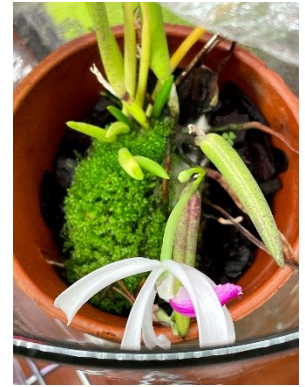
Phal. parishii growing in plastic cookie container/Saran Wrap. If you look carefully, it is in spike at the moment!



Aerangis luteoalba var. *rhodosticta* growing next to *Phal. parishii*

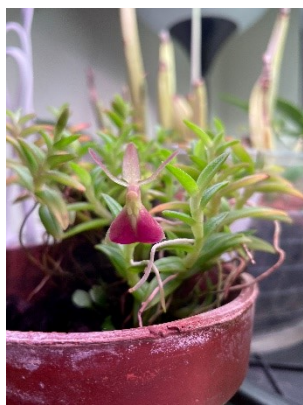


My *Leptotes* on the other hand, got lucky and got a pot for itself and a fancy glass vase but still covered with Saran Wrap for retaining moisture. It is blooming for the second time since its arrival. You can see from the lush green moss growing, the moisture is sufficient 😊.



***Leptotes bicolor* in a glass vase**

I also have the *Epidendrum porpax* in a glass vase and it is blooming too. It is also a lucky plant as I decided to give it its own pot and a glass vase. Another of my plants (*Jewel Ludisia discolor*) is growing in a Tim Hortons cup. Check it out on the next page under Editor's Wrap!



So, in essence, I could make do without expensive terrariums. My DIY terrariums are kept by the side of the other large orchids and Saran Wrap is allowing enough light through for them to bloom and thrive. Once a week, I remove the Saran Wrap for air circulation and to add fresh water to the container or vase. They get fertilised as the others with no other special treatment. Plastic or glass they don't tend to know it!

***Epidendrum porpax* in a glass vase**

If you are looking for something new to add to your collection this year, you can explore some of these minis. They don't take much space and multiple mini orchids can be arranged in one single jar or vase. If you have an aquarium lying around in the house not being used, that can work too. Well, there it is, my story of growing terrarium-loving orchids in a cookie container!

Let me know if you want to share some of your DIY ideas of growing orchids.

Editor's Wrap



Happy New Year Everyone!

A fresh beginning with a new variant ☺. On the bright side, while it is rampantly spreading, the symptoms appear to be nothing more than a mild flu. It is also suggested that over time, it is getting less and less destructive. So it is hoped that it will eventually become a history. On the not-so-bright side of things, we will continue to hibernate for a little longer.

Thanks to our President Jan Johns and other members of the Board for their continued efforts to engage the Society with innovative ideas. The newest of them all is the online auction scheduled in February. Check out the first page for the dates and deadlines. In the past, I have purchased a couple of quality plants (wasn't lucky enough to get many that I wanted, I was outbid quickly!) from the Society's in-person auction. I will post the picture of one of them in February, which is in spike right now. I haven't yet checked out the auction site to see what is out there, which I plan to do as soon as I am done wrapping up Spike! So I invite you all to do the same.

There is also a call for member involvement in Society activities from our Vice President (Page 6). It does not matter if you are a novice or an experienced grower, you can still support the Society by simply attending some of the activities that are planned for you. So tune in at 7:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month for the ODG (see Page 7) and at 1:30 p.m. on the third Sunday of the month for the OOS meetings. I can guarantee that you will learn something new at these meetings. Keep sending photo of your blooming orchids for the Virtual Show Tables. Check the latest edition of Spike for photo submission deadlines (see Page 7 for February's dates).

I take this opportunity to sincerely thank everyone for all your contributions, large or small, that help keep this Society going strong month by month. Keep up your contributions, involvement and support.

Wishing you all a very Happy, Healthy and Orchidaceous 2022!

See you all next week.

Sabina Gupta (Editor, Spike Newsletter)



***Ludisia discolor* in a Tim Hortons plastic cup terrarium**