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## Newsletter of the Ottawa Orchid Society

May 2023

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4	5	6	7	8 7 p.m. Orchids Discussion Group	9	10 Spike Deadline

### Welcome! Upcoming Activities at a Glance

May 28, 2023: OOS Members meeting.

June 8, 2023: Orchids Discussion Group.

Between May 27 and June 11, 2023 (depending on weather): Mer Bleue Bog nature walk to see pink Lady's Slippers. See page 10 for details.

Between June 17 and June 25, 2023 (depending on weather): Purdon Conservation Area to see Canada's largest colony of Showy Lady's Slipper orchids. See page 10 for details.

July 30 (rain date August 12): Orchid census in the Purdon Conservation Area, see p. 10 for details.

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## President's Message



I am sure you have all been working in your gardens both inside and out in the last few weeks, except for the weekend of Orchidophilia 2023 when, thankfully for us, it rained! I have so many great memories of the weekend: Friday when everyone was frantically setting up, flowers were coming in and I was doing my best to drum up business on CBC, through to the quiet of late Friday evening when the displays were up and looking pristine; Saturday when judges and clerks were critically eyeing beautiful orchids – the calm before the onslaught of visitors taken aback by the sheer beauty and fragrance of the venue. Then the constant stream of visitors on Sunday. My favourite place was to stand beside the entrance – and listen to the chatter – with the occasional pause and “Wow” when our visitors first caught sight of the extravagant displays. So many thanks to our 61 member volunteers and all those who shared their beautiful plants and displays to make this happen. It could not have been so successful without your assistance. For those of you who were not able to help out this year, please reserve Friday, April 26 to Sunday, April 28, 2024 for a repeat of the same wonderful experience.

Congratulations to all our Award and Trophy Winners. See pages 12-19 for major Awards and OOS Member results.

I would especially like to thank our Show Committee who spent hours planning and organizing, our Algonquin student volunteers who chose to spend their volunteer hours at our Show, our vendors who worked long hours making sure our visitors left with boxes of orchids, our visiting Society Exhibitors (Southern Ontario Orchid Society, Orchid Society of the Royal Botanical Gardens, Les Orchidophiles de Québec and Les Orchidophiles de Montréal) our visiting AOS and ribbon judges from both the Montréal and Toronto Judging Centres) and the Algonquin Event Staff who were amazingly helpful throughout the weekend. I look forward to Orchidophilia 2024.

Moving forward, this month we must hold our elections for the Executive for the next two years. If you are interested in standing for election to the Executive of the OOS Board, please see page 5 for details on how to complete your nomination. The election will be held by ballot at the May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Thank you to the Nominating Committee: Past President Janet Johns (Jan 1, not the current President – just for our new members' information), Margaret Haydon and Hesselene Attong.

We have some upcoming Conservation activities this summer during June and July. Please see page 10 for details on these. Our Conservation Committee will be at the meeting for you to chat about these great opportunities to both see and help our wild orchids in Canada.

This month we are very grateful for some of our expert members who are stepping up to share their expertise on orchid care with us. Hesselene Attong will astound you with her beautiful garden and guidance on how to keep your orchids outside for the summer. For our beginners and newer members, Our Orchid Doctor, Margaret Haydon will answer the top three questions that were asked at the Orchid Care desk at the Show. André Couture will show us how to repot our *Cattleyas* (mine are definitely in need of this expertise!). Thanks so much to Hesselene, Margaret and André for being so willing to share your expertise with us.

Finally - welcome to our new members! We have many new members who were thrilled with the Show. I look forward to seeing you and our continuing members on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of May – May 28<sup>th</sup> at the Nepean Sportsplex for our last meeting of the season!

*Jan Johns*

## **Program Updates 2023**

### **May 28, 2023 Meeting**

**Please note that our meeting in May is held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month rather than the usual 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. We are assuming that many of you will be opening cottages or at family functions on the May long weekend.**

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

**Meeting Time:** Sunday, May 28, 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.

This last meeting of our 2022-2023 season is a celebration of the expertise of some of our members.

#### **For our online and in-person and in-person participants:**

Hessalene Attong presents: *How to Set Up Orchids Outdoors for the Summer*

You will see pictures of Hessalene's amazing and carefully designed garden and how she selects and places plants and orchids dependent on their care needs.

#### **For our in-person participants only:**

You can choose between two workshops:

##### **1. For Beginners**

Margaret Haydon presents: *Top Three Orchid Care Questions - and the Answers!*

Margaret has a wealth of information and experience to share with novice growers.

##### **2. For Advanced Growers**

André Couture presents: *Repotting your Cattleya orchids*

André will demonstrate when and how to repot your *Cattleyas* just as he does with his beautiful plants.

In addition, members of the Conservation Committee will be present to answer all of your questions on the field trips that are planned for this summer.

## **Fall 2023 Program**

Over the summer, we will be finalizing an exciting new program for the fall/winter season. If you have suggestions for a topic you would really like more information about, drop me a line via [jean@hollebone.ca](mailto:jean@hollebone.ca) and I will try to accommodate your request. As we have many new members, we hope to reintroduce Orchids 101, a 30-minute interactive session that will start a half hour before our meeting, to provide specific information on orchid issues that will help you grow your orchids. Keep your eyes open for the first session at our September meeting. Happy summer to you all!

*Jean Hollebone*  
*Program Chair*

## Coroplast Signs

Thank you for helping to advertise the Show! Now that the Show is over, I hope you all have recovered the coroplast road signs that you put up to advertise the Show. . . You can bring the signs to the OOS meeting on May 28<sup>th</sup>, or drop them off in the carport of my home. They will be stored and repurposed for next year's Show.

Thank you all for your help.

*Jean Hollebome*  
*Program Chair*

## Elections for Executive to a 2 Year Term (2023-2024 and 2024-2025)

An email has been sent out to alert our members of the upcoming election to take place at our last meeting of this season on May 28, 2023.

Executive positions up for election include:

- President
- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Secretary

Job descriptions for these positions can be found at:

[http://www.ottawaorchidsociety.com/society\\_organization.html](http://www.ottawaorchidsociety.com/society_organization.html)

To submit your nomination (**by Saturday, May 27, 2023, 8:00 p.m.**):

1. Find three members in good standing who will support your nomination.
2. Write an email that includes:
  - a. your name,
  - b. the Executive position for which you wish to run, and
  - c. the names of the three supporters.
3. Send the email [membership@ottawaorchidsociety.com](mailto:membership@ottawaorchidsociety.com) and copy your three supporters.

The email nominations will be forwarded to the Nomination Committee, which includes Past President Janet Johns, Margaret Haydon and Hesselene Attong. Nominations will also be accepted at the in-person meeting.

*Jan Johns*  
*President*



## Welcome to our New Members

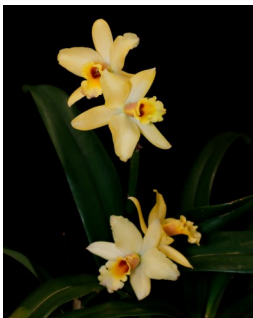
A warm welcome to those who joined our Society at Orchidophilia 2023. If you should see/meet these new members, let's welcome them with our hospitality. The new members are:

- Akman, Elizabeth (membership #1429)
- Barnes, Debra-Anne (membership #1430)
- Bujeau, Carol (membership #1431)
- Chiasson, Sylvie (membership #1432)
- Crossman, Sharon (membership #1433)
- Delisle, Bernard (membership #1434)
- Gold, Susan (membership #1435)
- Hendley, Kimberly (membership #1436)
- Hudson, Cassandra (membership #1451)
- Iliescu, Alexandra (membership #1437)
- Jaber, Diana (membership #1438)
- Mathew, Mary (membership #1439)
- McNeill, Susan (membership #1452)
- Minor, Bryan (membership #1440)
- Orawiec, Richard (membership #1442)
- Parker, Erica (membership #1441)
- Ristic, Bojana (membership #1443)
- Sartor, Sonia (membership # 1444)
- Smith, Sydney (membership #1445)
- Soloway, Susan (membership #1446)
- Sury, Margo (membership # 1447)
- Varady, Chris (membership # 1448)
- Vuurman, Pat (membership # 1449)
- Walker, Helen (membership # 1450)

We look forward to your presence and participation in our Society. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at [membership@ottawaorchidsociety.com](mailto:membership@ottawaorchidsociety.com).

*Jennie McCloskey*  
*Membership Chair*

## Orchids Discussion Group - Update



*Rhyncattleanthe* Guess  
What SVO  
Photo by Éamonn Tuck

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, June 8, 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](mailto:pat.g.boisvert@gmail.com).

### **The Plant Corner**

If you have problems with a plant and are looking for help, send close-up pictures of the plant along with a brief description and any questions you have. We will dedicate 15 minutes to identify the problem and potential solutions. There will be time for 2 plants per meeting.

Jennie McCloskey will email the question/topic list to OOS Members one week before the ODG meeting date once the meeting dates are determined, along with the link for registration.

We hope you will enjoy participating in the ODG. We look forward to seeing many of you at these meetings.

*Pat Boisvert*  
*ODG Chair*

## Orchids Discussion Group (Cont.)

During the Orchids Discussion Group in April, Pat Boisvert raised the following issues related to moving orchids outdoors during warmer weather:

1. He related a bad experience with taking orchids outdoors where the temperature changed drastically in a day and many orchids died as a result.
2. We must slowly acclimatize the plants to the outdoors because of potential drastic changes to the sun (sunburn) and temperature that will harm the plants.
3. It also depends on your outdoor environment - amount of sun during the day, amount of air circulation, humidity.
4. One must take into account the type of orchids that you have and whether they can take the sun, the humidity and the heat outside.
5. Also, some orchids require absolute darkness during the night to flower and any light source (street or house lamp) can interfere with the flowering.
6. Also consider any exposure to chemicals outdoors - e.g., chemicals from a nearby pool.
7. Another potential problem is pests that are more prevalent outside and the potential for them to tag along when the plants come inside.
8. Question: So why would you put the orchids outside?
  - The natural day/night temperature differences that help with flowering.
  - High outdoor humidity during the warmer days and nights.
  - The sun is the best source of light for the plants.
9. Knowing the parentage of the orchids and their requirements may help to determine whether the orchid can benefit from being outdoors.
10. *Angraecums*, *Catasetums*, and *Vandas* are some genera that do well outside with the sun.
11. Hesselene Attong suggested that in order to have success with growing orchids outdoors, observe your outdoor environment (sunlight, air movement, temperature, rain) and determine which of your orchids would do well in that environment, making some adjustments (e.g., shade cloth) where needed and able. Hesselene has had success growing some of her orchids outside with this approach and she thinks the blooms were better for it and encourages others to try, even if it's with one orchid. But preparation is the key!



## Show-and-Tell

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 (May 26)**. Please include:

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

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

## In Memory of Jane Thompson



We are sad to announce the passing of a long-time member of our Society, Jane Thompson. She was a quiet-spoken but active volunteer of the Ottawa Orchid Society and an excellent grower, well known for her many lovely *Cattleya*, in addition to the *Zygopetalum* noted here.

This is a picture of her with her award winning *Zygopetalum* Advance Australia 'Night Sky' HCC/AOS (*Zygopetalum* Titanic x *Zygopetalum* Helen-Ku) in December of 2019 taken by Arlene Lang. It received an HCC/AOS of 78 points at the Montréal Supplementary Judging Centre in November 2020.

We offer our sincere sympathy to her family. Her obituary can be read at <https://ottawacitizen.remembering.ca/obituary/jane-thompson-1087482231>. There will be a card at the May 28th meeting for those who would like to send their condolences to her family.



## **Montréal Judging Centre**

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

By exception, the June meeting will be held on June 10, 2023.

### **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 reserves 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.

*André Couture*

## **The Toronto AOS Judging Centre**

The Toronto AOS Judging Centre meets on the first Saturday of every month, except in August when the meeting is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday for 'SUMMERFEST'.

The meeting is held at:

Toronto Botanical Gardens

777 Lawrence Ave. East

Toronto, ON M3C 1P2

Everyone is welcome!

### **Judging meetings**

- The meetings start at 10 a.m. with education, and AOS judging beginning at 1 p.m.
- Plant registration takes place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### **Judging**

- Plants are registered; the Registrar will provide the necessary help.
- Participants must have the full name of the plants (plants with no name cannot and will not be judged).
- Participants must bring a clonal name to assign to the awarded plants (the clonal name is anything the owner chooses; the clonal name must be provided at the judging session).

### **NOTE:**

- Plants must be clean and without pests.
- **While plants are being judged, participants are not allowed to make comments or to intervene;** if there are any questions, these can be answered after judging.
- **You do not have to stay all day. You can be phoned when your plant is ready for pick up.**

*Joyce Medcalf*

## Conservation Corner: Field Trips and Orchid Survey

After the April Orchid Show, many of us probably came home with a few new orchids. With so many weird and wonderful plants available, it's hard to not be tempted to try growing unfamiliar species. Books and the internet are full of advice that is often a little too generalized, inappropriate for our own particular growing spaces, or advice is simply lacking for many species. There are two things I find quite helpful to get started with culture for new orchid species. The first is to look up its native habitat and climate, and try to think about what combination of light, water, and wind it experiences in its specific niche in the wild. Is it sheltered on damp tree trunks, does it blow around in drying winds in the rainforest canopy, or bathe daily in mist beside waterfalls? The second is to search for photos of it growing both in cultivation, and in the wild. Sometimes wild plants look like they've been beaten up and scorched half to death, but are still flowering away happily. Seeing what kind of substrate, site exposure, and companion plants healthy orchids grow in should inform you how to better grow your own. Good luck!

In case you missed it, the OOS Conservation Committee is planning three events this summer: two are guided field trips to see native orchids in the wild, and the third is volunteering to count orchids.

1. Field trip to Mer Bleue Bog in Ottawa to see pink Lady's Slippers, *Cypripedium acaule*. This will be a guided trip ~1.5 hours along a boardwalk around May 27~June 4 (depending on weather).
2. Field trip to Purdon Conservation Area to see Canada's largest colony of Showy Lady's Slipper orchids *Cypripedium reginae*, and many other fascinating plants. On this ~1.5 hour walk expect to see lots of plants blooming right against the boardwalk. Planned for June 17~25 (depending on weather).
3. On July 29 (rain dates July 30 or Aug 12) we NEED 15-20 VOLUNTEERS to help out with a survey of the orchids at Purdon Fen (long after the flowers fade). This consists of walking off the boardwalk in teams of 2-3 people and counting plants. It should take ~4-6 hours, and you will contribute to the information that helps Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority keep this orchid colony healthy.

If interested in the field trips, email Daniel at [DB\\_4321@yahoo.com](mailto:DB_4321@yahoo.com) with "OOS Field Trips" in your subject line. Spaces are limited.

For volunteering with the orchid count, contact John Alexander at [alexanderarts@sympatico.ca](mailto:alexanderarts@sympatico.ca) with the subject line "OOS Purdon Census Volunteer" and your availability.

*Daniel Brumar*  
*Conservation Chair*



Display at Orchidophilia 2023  
Photo by Eamonn Tuck

## Greater Ottawa Water Garden Horticultural Society

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Water Garden Tour, hosted by the Greater Ottawa Water Garden Horticultural Society (GOWGHS), will be featuring 11 beautiful water gardens of various designs and sizes, including one site which will also be showcased at night.

**Date:** Saturday, June 24, 2023

**Times: Day:** 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Evening:** 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$20.00 per person

Tickets/Tour booklets for this self-guided tour will be available by May 21st at [www.ottawawatergardens.com](http://www.ottawawatergardens.com) or at Artistic Landscape Design, Beyond the House (Russell), Big Al's Aquarium, Concrete Garden Supply (Greely), Nesbitt's Greenhouse and Nursery (Alymer, QC), Peter Knippel Garden Centre, Rideau Woodland Ramble (near Kemptville), and Ritchie Feed & Seed stores. **(Cash only).**

Further information about this year's Tour, including brief descriptions of the water gardens, is available on the GOWGHS website at [www.ottawawatergardens.com](http://www.ottawawatergardens.com).

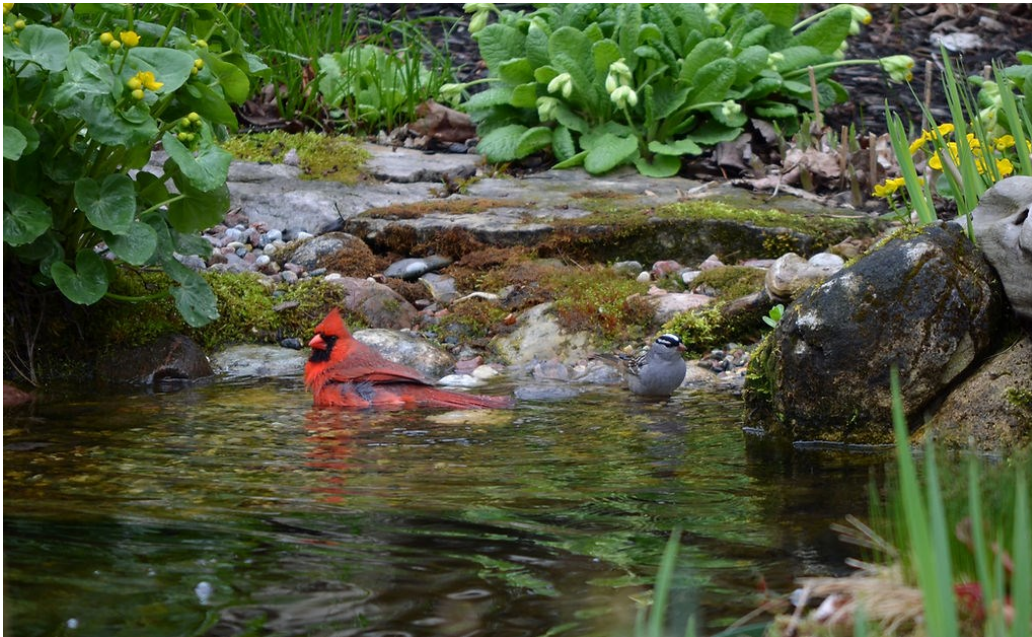


Photo by the Greater Ottawa Water Garden Horticultural Society



## Orchidophilia 2023 - Alliance Award Winners

Class	Description	Name
B. <i>Cattleya</i> Alliance	<i>Cattleya purpurata</i> 'Cindarosa' CCM/AOS	Les Orchidophiles de Montréal
C. <i>Cypripedium</i> Alliance	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Shin-Yi's Pride ( <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Michael Koopowitz x <i>Paphiopedilum rothschildianum</i> )	Les Orchidophiles de Montréal
D1. <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Alliance	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Chia E Yenlin ( <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Sogo Yenlin x <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Formosa Cranberry)	Di Ciommo Orchids
D2. <i>Vanda</i> Alliance	<i>Aerides leeana</i>	Les Orchidophiles de Montréal
E. <i>Oncidium</i> Alliance	<i>Oncostele</i> Catatante 'Los Roddes Sun King' ( <i>Oncidium</i> Sphacetante x <i>Oncostele</i> Wildcat)	Orchid Society of the Royal Botanical Gardens (Ben Boers)
F. <i>Cymbidium</i> Alliance	<i>Cymbidium ensifolium</i> 'Da Gu Guan' Dr. Tom Leadman Memorial Trophy	An-Li's Orchid Garden
G. <i>Dendrobium</i> Alliance	<i>Dendrobium chrysotoxum</i>	Les Orchidophiles de Montréal
H. <i>Pleurothallid</i> Alliance	<i>Acianthera strupifolia</i>	Les Orchidophiles de Montréal
I. <i>Maxillaria</i> Alliance	<i>Lycaste</i> Garfield 'Jardin Botanique de Montreal' CCE/AOS ( <i>Lycaste dowiana</i> x <i>Lycaste deppei</i> )	Les Orchidophiles de Montréal
J. Miscellaneous Genera & Intergenics	<i>Paphinopea</i> Doug Kennedy 'Dandy's Starfish' AM/AOS ( <i>Stanhopea embreei</i> x <i>Paphinia herrerae</i> )	Orchids in Our Tropics
K. Fragrance	<i>Maxillaria tenuifolia</i>	Maria Martins
M. Orchid Photography	<i>Lepanthes terpsichore</i>	Jay Norris



*Cattleya purpurata*  
Les Orchidophiles de Montréal  
Photo by Éamonn Tuck



*Phalaenopsis* Chia E Yenlin  
Di Ciommo Orchids  
Photo by Cari Hauraney



*Paphiopedilum* Shin-Yi's Pride  
Les Orchidophiles de Montréal  
Photo by Arlene Lang

## Orchidophilia 2023 - Alliance Award Winners (Cont.)



*Aerides leeana*  
Les Orchidophiles de Montréal  
Photo by Arlene Lang



*Oncostele Catante* 'Los Rodos Sun King'  
Orchid Society of the Royal Botanical  
Gardens (Ben Boers)  
Photo by Arlene Lang



*Cymbidium ensifolium* '  
An-Li's Orchid Garden  
'Da Gu Guan'  
Photo by Arlene Lang



*Dendrobium chrysotoxum*  
Les Orchidophiles de Montréal  
Photo by Éamonn Tuck



*Acianthera strupifolia*  
Les Orchidophiles de Montréal  
Photo by Éamonn Tuck



*Paphinopea* Doug Kennedy  
'Dandy's Starfish'  
Orchids in Our Tropics  
Photo by Arlene Lang



*Lycaste* Garfield 'Jardin Botanique de Montreal'  
Les Orchidophiles de Montréal  
Photo by Éamonn Tuck



*Lepanthes terpsichore*  
Jay Norris  
Photo by Éamonn Tuck



*Maxillaria tenuifolia*  
Maria Martins  
Photo by Cari Hauraney



## Orchidophilia 2023 - Award Winners

Award	Description	Name
AOS Show Trophy	Exhibit of 26 or more Orchid Plants	Les Orchidophiles de Montréal
Best Species Plant	<i>Dendrobium chrysotoxum</i>	Les Orchidophiles de Montréal
Best Hybrid Plant	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Shin-Yi's Pride ( <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Michael Koopowitz x <i>Paphiopedilum</i> rothschildianum)	Les Orchidophiles de Montréal
Best Specimen Plant	<i>Leptotes bicolor</i>	Les Orchidophiles de Montréal
Michael MacConnaill Memorial Trophy	<i>Lepanthes tersichore</i>	Jay Norris
Show Chair's Choice - Exhibit	Fragrance Exhibit	Ann Smutylo
Dave Cooper Memorial Trophy	Lady Slipper Culture - Educational Exhibit	Garden Slippers
Hans Bode Trophy Best Plant Grown by OOS Member	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Lynleigh Koopowitz ( <i>Paphiopedilum</i> delenatii x <i>Paphiopedilum</i> <i>malipoense</i> )	Tommy Wingreen
COC Trophy		Barbara Wysocka



AOS Show Trophy  
Les Orchidophiles de Montréal  
Photo by Éamonn Tuck



Best Specimen Plant - *Leptotes bicolor*  
Les Orchidophiles de Montréal  
Photo by Éamonn Tuck



## Award Winners (cont.)



Michael MacConaill Memorial Trophy  
Jay Norris - Ravenvision  
Photo by Éamonn Tuck



Show Chair's Choice - Exhibit  
Fragrance Exhibit - Ann Smutylo  
Photo by Cari Hauraney



Dave Cooper Memorial Trophy  
Lady Slipper Culture Educational Exhibit  
Shawn Hillis - Garden Slippers  
Photo by Arlene Lang



Hans Bode Trophy - Tommy Wingreen  
*Paphiopedilum* Lynleigh Koopowitz  
Photo by Arlene Lang



COC Trophy  
Barbara Wysocka and Grazyna Kurzynska  
Photo by Arlene Lang

## Orchidophilia 2023 - Best of Class

Description	Name
Display of 6 to 15 Orchid Plants	J&L Orchids
Display of 16 to 25 Orchid Plants	Orchids in Our Tropics
Display of 26 or more Orchid	Les Orchidophiles de Montréal
Educational Exhibit	Lady Slipper Culture - Garden Slippers
Visiting Society Award	Les Orchidophiles de Montréal



Display of 6 to 15 Orchid Plants  
J&L Orchids  
Photo by Arlene Lang



Display of 16 to 25 Orchid Plants  
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Visiting Society Award  
Les Orchidophiles de Montréal  
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Educational Exhibit  
Garden Slippers  
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Display of 26 or more Orchid Plants  
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## Orchidophilia 2023 - Member Ribbon Awards

Class	Name	Description	Ribbon
2	Joyce Medcalf	Display of 6 -15 Orchid Plants	2 <sup>nd</sup>
2	Sabina Gupta	Display of 6 - 15 Orchid Plants	3 <sup>rd</sup>
2	DFOrganico Inc.	Display of 6 - 15 Orchid Plants	3 <sup>rd</sup>
4	Ottawa Orchid Society	Display of 26 or more Orchid Plants	2 <sup>nd</sup>
6	Alexander Arts	Educational Exhibit - Fringed Orchids in Ontario	3 <sup>rd</sup>
8	Barbara Wysocka	COC Trophy	
10	Monique Savard	<i>Epidendrum</i> Special Valley 'White' ( <i>Epidendrum</i> Holy Valley x <i>Epidendrum</i> Candy Valley)	HM
13	Tommy Wingreen	<i>Guaritionia</i> Why Not 'Red Gold' AM/AOS ( <i>Guaritionia aurantica</i> x <i>Broughtonia sanguinea</i> )	1 <sup>st</sup>
16	DFOrganico Inc.	<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Thamai Glory ( <i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Chia Lin x <i>Rhyncholaelia digbyana</i> )	2 <sup>nd</sup>
17	Monique Savard	<i>Cattlianthe</i> White Bridal 'Yuki' ( <i>Cattleya</i> Angelwalker x <i>Cattlianthe</i> Candy Tuft)	1 <sup>st</sup>
19	Mélanie Charbonneau	<i>Rhyncattleanthe</i> Mary Vaux Walcott ( <i>Rhyncattleanthe</i> Carolina Orange D'Or x <i>Cattlianthe</i> Trick or Treat)	1 <sup>st</sup>
19	Bev Burtnyk	<i>Rhyncattleanthe</i> Guess What 'Sunset Valley Orchids' AM/AOS	3 <sup>rd</sup>
20	DFOrganico Inc.	<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Greenwich 'Elmhurt' AM/AOS	3 <sup>rd</sup>
34	Tommy Wingreen	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Lynleigh Koopowitz ( <i>Paphiopedilum malipoense</i> 'Chunkie' x <i>Paphiopedilum delenatii</i> 'Pinky')	1 <sup>st</sup>
34	Barbara Wysocka	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Winter Coat	3 <sup>rd</sup>
45	Maria Martins	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> No Name Hybrid (White)	3 <sup>rd</sup>
46	Barbara Wysocka	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> No Name Hybrid	3 <sup>rd</sup>
47	Ann Smutylo	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> No Name Hybrid (White with Pink)	2 <sup>nd</sup>
47	Barbara Wysocka	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> No Name Hybrid	2 <sup>nd</sup>
47	Barbara Wysocka	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> No Name Hybrid	3 <sup>rd</sup>
48	Bev Burtnyk	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Piccola Pinky [Unconfirmed Name]	2 <sup>nd</sup>
49	Tommy Wingreen	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> No Name Hybrid (Flowers Rose-coloured w/Big lip)	2 <sup>nd</sup>
50	Ann Smutylo	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Ron-E Glamor ( <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Petite Snow x <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Tzu Chiang Balm)	2 <sup>nd</sup>
51	Bev Burtnyk	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Zheng Min Gnu	2 <sup>nd</sup>
51	Barbara Wysocka	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Charming Fortune 'Ponkan' AM/AOS	3 <sup>rd</sup>
52	Tommy Wingreen	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Chingruey's Precious Blood x Ho's Black Cherub	2 <sup>nd</sup>
53	Maria Martins	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> No Name Hybrid (Deep Magenta Red)	3 <sup>rd</sup>
69a	Julia Parshina	<i>Seidenfadenia mitrata</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
69c	Maria Martins	<i>Maxillaria tenuifolia</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>

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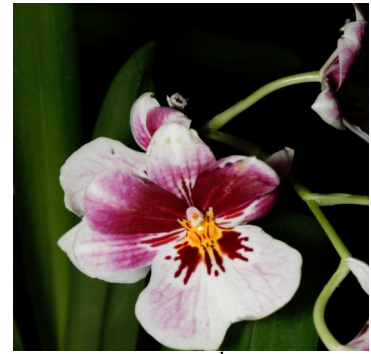
Class	Name	Description	Ribbon
70b	DFOrganico Inc.	<i>Aliceara</i> Pacific Nova 'Okika' AM/AOS	3 <sup>rd</sup>
72	Bev Burtnyk	<i>Miltoniopsis</i> Princess Diana 'HOF' ( <i>Miltoniopsis</i> Pearl Ono x <i>Miltoniopsis warscewiczii</i> )	3 <sup>rd</sup>
74	Melanie Picard	<i>Oncidium</i> Sharry Baby 'Bloody Red' ( <i>Oncidium</i> Jamie Sutton x <i>Oncidium Honolulu</i> )	3 <sup>rd</sup>
74	Barbara Wysocka	<i>Oncostele</i> Wildcat 'Golden Redstar'	3 <sup>rd</sup>
76	Ann Smutylo	<i>Oncostele</i> Wildcat 'Peach' ( <i>Oncostele</i> Rustic Bridge x <i>Oncidium</i> Crowborough (1965))	3 <sup>rd</sup>
78	Julia Parshina	<i>Psychopsis</i> Mendenhall 'Hildos' AM/AOS ( <i>Psychopsis</i> Butterfly x <i>Psychopsis papilio</i> )	2 <sup>nd</sup>
84	Tommy Wingreen	<i>Dendrobium jenkinsii</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
85	Julia Parshina	<i>Dendrobium nobile</i> No Name Hybrid	1 <sup>st</sup>
92b	Joyce Medcalf	<i>Lepanthes sijmii</i> 'Hill Island' CCM/AOS	1 <sup>st</sup>
92b	Joyce Medcalf	<i>Lepanthes ligiae</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
92b	Joyce Medcalf	<i>Lepanthes elegantula</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
92b	Joyce Medcalf	<i>Lepanthes caprimulgus</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
92b	Joyce Medcalf	<i>Restrepia</i> Frank Feysa	3 <sup>rd</sup>
92b	Joyce Medcalf	<i>Restrepia guttulata</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
94a	Julia Parshina	<i>Maxillaria tenuifolia</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
95	Bev Burtnyk	<i>Zygonisia</i> Cynosure 'Blue Birds' AM/AOS ( <i>Aganisia cyanea</i> x <i>Zygopetalum</i> Skippy Ku)	1 <sup>st</sup>
98	Ann Smutylo	<i>Ludisia discolor</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
98	Melanie Picard	<i>Macodes petola</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
99	DF Organico Inc.	<i>Grammatophyllum multiflorum</i> var. <i>multiflorum</i> Syn. ( <i>Grammatophyllum crisptum</i> f. <i>citrinum</i> )	2 <sup>nd</sup>
101	Maria Martins	<i>Maxillaria tenuifolia</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>
101	Ann Smutylo	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Ron-E Glamor ( <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Petite Snow x <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Tzu Chiang Balm)	2 <sup>nd</sup>
101	Julia Parshina	<i>Seidenfadenia mitrata</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
101	Melanie Picard	<i>Oncidium</i> Sharry Baby 'Bloody Red' ( <i>Oncidium</i> Jamie Sutton x <i>Oncidium</i> Honolulu)	3 <sup>rd</sup>
101	Melanie Picard	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> LD's Bear King ( <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Hannover Passion x <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Dragon Tree Eagle)	3 <sup>rd</sup>
150	Arlene Lang	<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Toshie Aoki 'Pizzaz' AM/AOS	2 <sup>nd</sup>
150	Arlene Lang	<i>Bryobium hyacinthoides</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
151	Arlene Lang	<i>Cypripedium parviflorum</i>	1 <sup>st</sup>



**Orchidophilia 2023 - OOS Member Ribbon Awards - Highlights**



Ottawa Orchid Society - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
 Display of 26 or more Orchid Plants  
 Photo by Arlene Lang



Bev Burtnyk - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
*Miltoniopsis* Princess Diana 'HOF'  
 Photo by Éamonn Tuck



Arlene Lang - 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
*Cypripedium parviflorum*  
 Photo by Arlene Lang



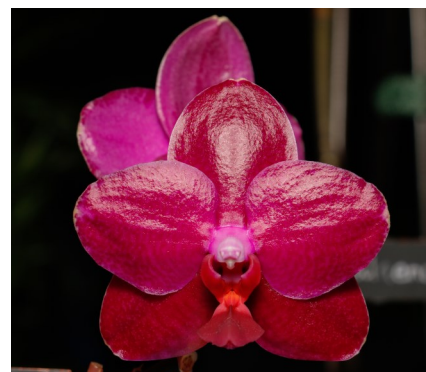
Monique Savard - HM  
*Epidendrum* Special Valley White  
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Mélanie Charbonneau - 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
*Rhyncattleanthe* Mary Vaux  
 Walcott  
 Photo by Éamonn Tuck



Maria Martins - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
*Phalaenopsis* No Name Hybrid (Deep Magenta  
 Red)



Tommy Wingreen - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
*Phalaenopsis* Chingrueys Precious Blood x  
 Hos Black Cherub  
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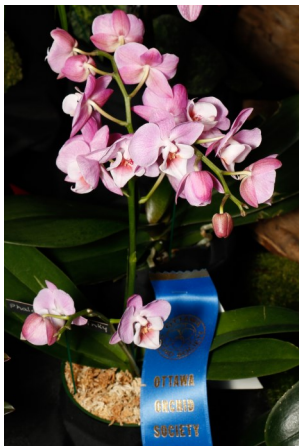
Joyce Medcalf - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Display of 6 to 15 Orchid Plants  
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Sabina Gupta - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
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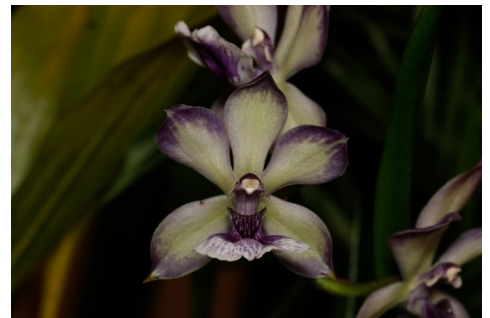
DFOrganico - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Display of 6 to 15 Orchid Plants  
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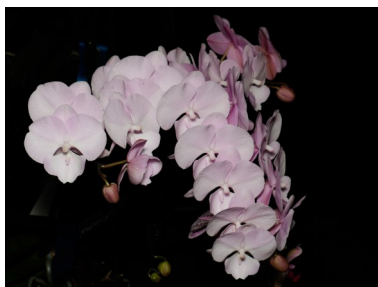
Bev Burtnyk - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
*Phalaenopsis Piccola* Pinky  
Photo by Éamonn Tuck



Bev Burtnyk - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
*Rhyncattleanthe* Guess What  
'Sunset Valley Orchids' AM/AOS  
Photo by Éamonn Tuck



Bev Burtnyk - 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
*Zygonisia Cynosure* 'Blue Birds'  
AM/AOS  
Photo by Éamonn Tuck



Tommy Wingreen - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
*Phalaenopsis* No Name Hybrid  
(Flowers Rose-coloured w/Big lip)  
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Julia Parshina - 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
*Dendrobium nobile*  
No Name Hybrid  
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## Editor's Wrap



*Cattleanthe Faikon Ball*  
Photo by Andrea Picher

This edition of Spike is mostly about Orchidophilia 2023. While I visited Orchidophilia for many years (pre-Covid), this was the first year I was involved as a member of the Ottawa Orchid Society.

Initially, I was quite hesitant to get involved with the organization of the Show, but I am really happy that in the end I decided to join the Show Committee. It was incredible to be a member of the organizing team and work with so many incredible people to prepare for Orchidophilia 2023. It was awe inspiring how much work goes into putting the Show together - so many moving pieces, so many things to take into consideration and so many unknowns. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked along with me, some spending the entire weekend at the Show.

I am so glad the first post-Covid Show was such a success. There was much uncertainty given that we did not know what to expect after a three-year hiatus and having the Show at a new location. Although there were a few hiccups, the major one being the parking situation, the venue was great. In contrast to the rustic surroundings of the RA Centre, our venue at Algonquin College was a bit more 'refined', providing a perfect backdrop to the beauty of the many displays. Let's hope for a repeat in 2024! I know I am ready.

I would also like to point out that this edition contains many of the beautiful pictures taken by our photographers Arlene Lang, Éamonn Tuck and Cari Hauraney. Enjoy!

With the Show behind us, we are looking toward summer. I will likely be quite busy with my gardens, but am looking forward to some outdoor activities that are being organized by our Conservation Committee. Check out Daniel Brumar's article and his reminder of the upcoming nature walks that will take us outdoors to admire some of our local orchids. I can't wait and hope to see some of you at Mer Bleue Bog or Purdon Fen Conservation Area.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at our meeting on May 28, which is the last meeting before our summer break.

*Andrea Picher*  
*Spike Editor*



Busy vendors' area  
Photo by Arlene Lang