

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembering Our Fallen



IN FLANDERS FIELD

John McCrae - 1872-1918

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



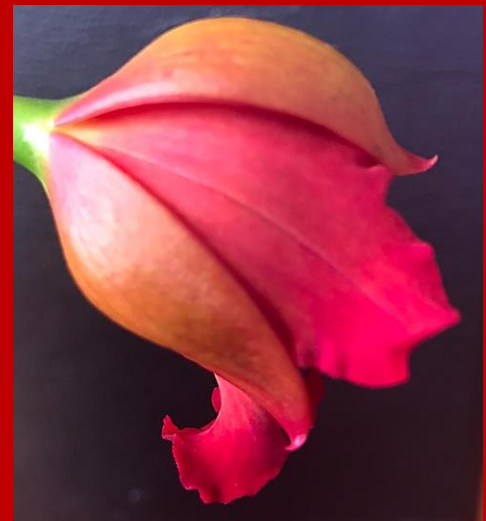
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ODG: Orchids Discussion Group
OOS: Ottawa Orchid Society



Cattleya NOID
Photo by: Sabina Gupta

Welcome

This Month's Activities at a Glance

November 21, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.: OOS meeting. Betty Kelepecz: The Orchids of the Western Highlands of Papua New Guinea

November 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.: ODG meeting.

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President's Message



I hope you enjoyed learning about the orchids in the Ottawa Area from the master of searching and finding the small and hidden orchids in the area – Henry Steger. Henry is the epitome of humility – when I emailed him to congratulate him on his talk and 35 years of time in the wild, he replied simply that he enjoyed sharing his interest and that in preparing the talk, he learned something new! What a role model for life-long learning! Thanks Henry.

I am delighted to report that Hesselene Attong has stepped up to take on the Vice President position. She has been a member for longer than me but took a break during the busy time of raising a family. She is dedicated to working with the Board to make the Society “a safe place to grow, learn, promote/enhance conservation and inspire each other based on diversity, equity and inclusion.” She has included an orchid autobiography in this issue, so please read it and get to know her. She will make an excellent Vice President with experience in administration and Volunteer Boards – and on behalf of the OOS Board, welcome Hesselene.

As you know, we held a poll to see where we all are in thinking about in-person meetings once again. About 56% still have concerns and want to wait until we see the result of opening up venues for concerts, sports and restaurants before attending live meetings. We have scheduled a Zoom meeting for November when Betty Kelepecz will speak about the *Orchids of the Western Highlands of Papua New Guinea*. We were planning for a hybrid meeting in December so that all members would be well-served. Unfortunately, with cases rapidly rising in Ontario – especially in Ottawa, we have decided to keep to our Zoom meetings until at least February for everyone’s safety. We are so sorry for those of you who do not have the technology for this. If you have a bubble with someone who does have the technology, please consider asking them to host you.

We will be holding an online auction in February, so please think about what you might be able to donate for the auction. As it is online, it will be a little different in terms of items to be sold and their value, so please watch for announcements. In addition, we are planning to hold, if not a Show, then a large public sale with at least an Ottawa Orchid Society Display sometime in the spring. It is time to move back into the public arena for our Society.

Finally, please check the Financial Statements for the year ended June, 2021 included in this issue of Spike. They will be presented for approval at our November meeting. Many thanks to Doug Vye for all the hard work as our Treasurer and to Helen Martin for her review.

Renewal Notice:

This will be the last month you will be receiving messages from our Membership Chair, Jennie McCloskey if you have not yet renewed. You will need to be a fully paid-up member in order to get links to meetings or to purchase in our group orders. Please don’t miss out on these events.

Jan Johns

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

We are pleased to announce what we hope will be an exciting program for you this fall. However, if you have suggestions or wishes for a specific topic to be covered at one of our meetings, please send your suggestions to Jean Hollebhone.

November Meeting



Betty Kelepecz has been growing orchids in Southern California since the early 80s. She grows her 1000, plus orchids, including many species, in a small greenhouse and a shade structure. She has received more than 60 AOS awards, including the coveted 2010 AOS Carlyle A. Luer Pleurothallid Award. She especially likes to grow species orchids, and to understand their culture, she travels to species habitats to study their growing requirements. She will speak to us about her

trip to the Western Highlands of Papua New Guinea, home of *Dendrobium cuthbertsonii* and many other orchids. Papua New Guinea is also the home of many exotic bird species, such as the beautiful Bird of Paradise. During this visit she also had the opportunity to meet many local tribesmen and will discuss this experience as well.



Upcoming Events

December 2021: Annual Christmas party. It was hoped that by this time we might be able to meet face to face, but since that is not the case, we will still meet and have a fun social program virtually.

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

www.roehamptonorchids.ca

Jean Hollebhone (Program Chair)

Virtual Show Table Update for December 2021

The December Show Table will follow the same format as last season, and we invite you to send in photos of your blooming plants once again. The **deadline for entries will be December 12th**. You can take and send in your photos any time between Thursday, December 9th and Sunday, December 12th. 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.

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

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

Dave Cooper

Past President

Orchids Discussion Group Update

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 December 1 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.

OOS Marketplace

Intent: To provide a time and place for members who wish to buy/sell/trade orchids between Society members.

The Orchids Discussion Group meets on the first (or occasionally the second) Wednesday of each month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. If you are interested in purchasing orchids from members or if you are interested in selling your orchids to members, please join us at 8:00 p.m. to discuss arrangements.

The OOS will not be responsible for the arrangements made between the members – it would be strictly between members.

No emails needed – just remember to register for the ODG when you receive the email. Join us by 8:00 p.m.

The OOS Board

Zooming Information

We will continue to use Zoom for our meetings, likely until February. Here are a few tips to make your experience enjoyable.

Before the Meeting:

1. Make sure your Zoom Client (laptop) or App (phone (not recommended)/tablet) is up-to-date. If you have not used it for a while, you might want to uninstall and reinstall it. If you are using a laptop or computer, you cannot use the App. You need the Client which can be downloaded at [Video Conferencing, Cloud Phone, Webinars, Chat, Virtual Events | Zoom](#). Please refer to the Resources tab.
2. Register for the meeting as soon as you get the notice, which will be sent with the notice for Spike. You must enter your name and email. Register by Friday at 5:00 p.m. before the Sunday meeting. You will receive a confirmation email within 24 hours with the link to the meeting. If you do not receive it, please contact janet.johns@sympatico.ca well before the start of the meeting to figure out why. I cannot troubleshoot and run the meeting at the same time!
3. You will be resent the link on the Sunday morning of the meeting just in case it gets lost in your email list.

During the Meeting:

4. Please log on at least 10 minutes before the meeting begins. You will be put into a Waiting Room until the host lets you in.
5. Familiarize yourself with the controls for speaker view and gallery view. Please keep your microphone muted during presentations and, if asked, also your video.
6. Questions can be put into Chat and you are welcome to use the Reactions which are fun. Please do not use any of the other annotation devices.

If you are unsure of how to use Zoom, or would like a practise session, please feel free to call me at 613-253-1996 or email me at janet.johns@sympatico.ca.

Jan Johns

Introducing Hesselene Attong

Vice President, OOS

Getting to know me



Orchids are my lifestyle.

I was born with a green thumb. From an early age, I have always been surrounded by nature. Most of the exotics on today's market have been a part of my childhood growing up in Trinidad. My mother was a plant collector of the unique. She was a member of the Trinidad Orchid Society and was known for her *Phalaenopsis* orchids. As a young girl, I helped tend her gardens of mango, cherry and avocado trees alongside orchids, giant staghorn fern and blood red anthuriums. Those are but a few . . .

My plant passion has followed me to North America and grown with me throughout my adult years. I love orchids and tropical plants and my collection focuses on these types of plants - albeit, restrained due to my townhouse footprint. Some orchid hobbyists are happy to keep their collections in their basements on plant shelves. However, I use every room in my home as my grow space, veering towards a lush curated design display. Orchids are always moving around based on bloom periods and change in seasons. In some ways, I am like a set designer. Visiting guests comment that my home is like a greenhouse - full of greenery and blooms mingling with everyday unpretentious living. I would describe it as biophilic living. It promotes a deep sense of relaxation and a connection to Mother Nature that grounds one's being. In the deepest months of winter, inside my home is a carnival of colours with warmth and a bit of humidity. Grow bulbs have replaced regular lamp bulbs which helps beat the winter blues and on the snowiest of days, there is a feeling of the stark contrast between indoors and outdoors. The cold northern climes alongside the tropics - next to impossible, but for the will of (wo)man.

I am most commonly asked how many orchids I have and what do I grow. My response is:

1. I do not count how many plants I have at any given time. It is less stressful that way than knowing the extent of my addiction. Suffice it to say, that every day or every other day is watering day! So, it is part of my normal, daily routine.
2. I have a penchant for *Cattleyas*, *Oncidium*s, *Vandas* and *Phalaenopsis*. However, during the pandemic, I have found that I am more attracted to *Phalaenopsis* - especially species, hybrids and novelties of Taiwanese origin. Their vast colour variety/patterns, ease of re-blooming and long lasting blooms are very hard to beat.

I still do get orchid fever, but I have grown to be a more selective hobbyist with a keen eye for quality plants. Occasionally, coming across NOID orchids, I have been known to succumb to beautiful orchids of unknown parentage. My orchid collection really took off after graduating from

the University of Ottawa, when I joined the OOS as Member #859. Since then, I have supported every Annual Show as an attendee (even during my short 10+ year hiatus to raise two children), as an OOS Show Exhibit volunteer for a number of years alongside Uli Schmidt and Bev Burtnyk, respectively. As well, I had the opportunity to volunteer for the Fragrance Show Exhibit with the lovely Ann Smutylo. I love to discuss anything plant and garden design related, even with total strangers!

October Zoom OOS Meeting Recap (Hessalene 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 Henry Steger. His presentation was on Orchids of the Ottawa Region. Henry is well known within the OOS - Vice President, President, and longest-serving active member within the OOS. His membership number is 15! Jean touched on Henry's very valuable implementation of our orchid registration database for our Annual Show and how his model has been adopted by other societies. He is also a member of the Ottawa Field – Naturalists' Club heading up Membership.

Henry began by defining that the Orchids of the Ottawa Region are those found within a 50 km radius of Parliament Hill. His references are based on two books by Reddoch et al. (1997) still available for sale through the Ottawa Field – Naturalists' Club and thirty-five years personal discovery and research.

Henry's presentation was based mainly on the conservation and preservation of orchids. He touched on the need to preserve these colonies/habitats due to rare to relatively common, constrained small habitats and decline of orchids. He stressed that locations of native orchids should only be revealed to true botanists.

Some names of the orchids seen in photo highlights Henry spoke briefly on include:

- Large Yellow Lady's Slipper (*Cyp. parviflorum* var. *pubescens*)
- Small Yellow Lady's Slipper (*Cyp. parviflorum* var. *makasin*)
- Showy Lady's Slipper (*Cyp. reginae*)
- Ram's Head Lady's Slipper (*Cyp. arietinum*)
- Green Adder's Mouth (*Malaxis unifolia*)
- White Adder's Mouth (*Malaxis monophylla* var. *brachypoda*)
- Early Coralroot (*Corallorhiza trifida*), Late Spotted Coralroot (*Corallorhiza maculata*), Striped Coralroot (*Corallorhiza striata*)
- Slender Ladies' Tresses (*Spiranthes lacera* var. *lacera*)
- Hooded Ladies' Tresses (*Spiranthes romanzooffiana*)
- Shiny Ladies' Tresses (*Spiranthes lucida*)
- Sphinx Ladies' Tresses (*Spiranthes incurva*)
- Case's Ladies' Tresses (*Spiranthes casei*) – after 10 years of not seeing one, saw some this August.
- Great Plains Ladies' Tresses (*Spiranthes magnicamporum*) – latest addition to Ottawa flora
- Rose Pogonia (*Pogonia ophioglossoides*)
- Grass Pink (*Calopogon tuberosus*)
- Dragon's Mouth (*Arethusa bulbosa*)
- Downy Rattlesnake Plantain (*Goodyera pubescens*)

- Dwarf Goodyera Plantain (*Goodyera repens* var. *ophioides*)
- Tessellated Rattlesnake Plantain (*Goodyera tessellata*)
- Club-spurred Orchid (*Platanthera clavellata* var. *clavellata*)
- Green Bog Orchid (*Platanthera aquilonis*)
- White Bog Orchid (*Platanthera dilatata* var. *dilatata*)
- Fragrant Green Orchid (*Platanthera huronensis*)
- Small Purple Fringed Orchid (*Platanthera psycodes*)
- Large Purple Fringed Orchid (*Platanthera grandiflora*)
- (Northern) White Fringed Orchid (*Platanthera blephariglottis* var. *blephariglottis*)
- Ragged Fringed Orchid (*Platanthera lacera* var. *lacera*)
- Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid (*Platanthera leucophaea*)
- Tubercled Orchid (*Platanthera flava* var. *herbiola*)
- Blunt-leaf Orchid (*Platanthera obtusata*)
- Hooker's Orchid (*Platanthera hookeri*)
- Large Round-leaved Orchid (*Platanthera orbiculata*)
- Goldie's Round-leaved Orchid (*Platanthera macrophylla*)
- Helleborine (*Epipactis helleborine*)
- Heart-leaved Twayblade (*Neottia cordata* var. *cordata*)
- Southern Swayblade (*Neottia bifolia*)
- Auricled Twayblade (*Neottia auriculata*)
- Loesel's Twayblade (*Liparis loeselii*)
- Large-bracted Orchid (*Coeloglossum viride* var. *virescens*)
- Puttyroot (*Aplectrum hyemale*)
- Calypso (*Calypso bulbosa* var. *americana*)
- Showy Orchis (*Galearis spectabilis*)
- Small Round-leaved Orchid *Galearis* (Amerorchis) *rotundifolia*

Possible future additions to Ottawa Native Orchids:

- Autumn Coralroot (*Corallorhiza odontorhiza*) and Lesser Ladies' Tresses (*Spiranthes ovalis*)

Many of these orchids were personally sited in and around the Ottawa area. Some were in other areas of Ontario and other provinces, found near bogs, woodland and forested areas – especially in areas with sugar maples.

Pat Boisvert hosted questions and members' comments, especially discoveries on their properties in cottage country. He mentioned that it was luck mainly and a keen eye that helped him discover and document his finds in the wild. Unfortunately, many sites (native habitats) are gone as orchid habitats are not stable and orchids move around (sites are stripped by people or just disappear). Hence, the need for secrecy. Those sites that remain, especially on private property are due to conservation endeavours. Henry spoke on the dangers of a book publication or documenting the exact location of plant colonies. In Henry's opinion, many of these local native orchids do not transplant well, except for the Showy Lady's Slipper. Shawn Hillis (Garden Slippers) was mentioned as a Canadian vendor for *Cypripediums*.

3. The Virtual Orchid Show Table was next. Many thanks to Dave Cooper for collecting and organizing the photos, and to Joyce Medcalf for checking all names. Thanks to our judges: Pat Boisvert (photography), Joyce Medcalf, Jean Hollebone, Marie-Josée Bergeron, Scott de Vito and André Couture. Thanks to all our members who provided photos for our enjoyment (6 members submitted 13 plants) and congratulations to the winners. This was followed by the Member's Choice Survey. For results see pages 16-20.

Notes from President, Jan Johns:

- Jan encouraged members to send more photos for November's Show Table. We had a smaller Virtual Show Table this month. Some of our judges were absent to attend the funeral of Denise Tremblay, wife of Michel Tremblay who is very involved in the Montréal Judging Centre. The OOS has sent condolences.
- Thanks to Jean Hollebone who sends out ribbons to the winners every month.
- Thanks to Jean Hollebone and André Couture for all their work on the orchid group orders, most recently from Ecuagenera, Sunset Valley Orchids and Crystal Star Nursery.
- Thanks to Jennie McCloskey for co-hosting this month, Pat Boisvert for handling questions and work on the Orchid Discussion Group. Thanks to Sabina Gupta for working on our newsletter Spike, and Jenna Rintoul is now looking after Facebook, and many thanks to all the Board members for their work behind the scenes.
- The OOS will now have their own Zoom account starting next month and it will only be a slight change in whom you will be contacting. There will be Zoom meetings till the year's end. In the new year, we can review a potential return to in-person meetings.
- These in-person meetings/workshops all would meet with Provincial/Ottawa rules for COVID-19 restrictions (mask, vaccinations, social distancing, etc.). A poll on in-person meetings and another poll on in-person workshops potentially for November/December followed. Twenty five responded to the poll:

3 (12%) I will not be ready to go back until I am absolutely sure we are safe from Covid-19.

8 (32%) I would go back today.

14 (56%) I would like to, but I am hesitant - recent case loads may go up with the re-opening for sports and concerts.

10 people indicated that they would attend a socially distanced in-person workshop in mid-November.

- Planning is underway for February 2022 Auction and committee.

Notes from Program Chair, Jean Hollebhone:

- Jean provided an update on the Sunset Valley Orchid group order. It is in and should be here soon. Crystal Star Nursery's deadline just passed and so there is no further update.
- Just received new Member's Choice ribbons and will be giving them out shortly. A different ribbon was used previously.
- Mark your calendars for next month's speaker, Betty Kelepecz. She will speak on Orchids of the Western Highlands of Papua New Guinea. Her talk is interlaced with interesting photos of some of the famous orchids from this region, as well as information about the unique and mysterious native tribes she met while on her orchid adventure.
- At the moment, Jean is not looking at room rental as there is still hesitation on the return to in-person monthly meetings. The Ron Kolbus Lakeside Centre remains our top location choice.

Notes from Virtual Show Table Chair, Dave Cooper:

- Dave thanked members of the past 1.5 years of support of the monthly Virtual Show Table and extended his thanks to Pat Boisvert for his photography expertise. He marveled at the submitted photo of Joyce Medcalf's blooming *Pleurothallis*. Many members are more adept at taking photos of their blooming orchids making it more challenging to choose from.

Notes from Conservation Chair, Pat Boisvert:

- Pat provided an overview of the Orchids Discussion Group (ODG) – a quick one hour from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., informal chat with questions/discussions. Questions can be emailed in advance to Pat.g.boisvert@gmail.com. The group meets the first Wednesday of the month. A recent perk of the ODG is an orchid marketplace offering the opportunity to share, sell/trade. This happens between 8:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. Jan touched on members providing advance notification of plants for sale before ODG meetings, in order to avoid disappointment if there are no other members attending marketplace for that particular meeting.
- Pat provided an update on the Conservation Committee now three members strong with the intent to come up with a game plan regarding future conservation pursuits. These ideas will be brought to the Board, when funds are available.

Notes from Past President, Dave Cooper:

- Dave has an unheated greenhouse with a number of items for sale - cacti, succulents, large 6' tall oleanders. No orchids for sale. He needs to find new homes as they will freeze otherwise. Please email Dave to make arrangements and possibly if there are enough people, he may be willing to drop off at Jean Hollebhone's for a more convenient pick-up location, as Dave lives in Almonte.

Notes from AOS Representative, Margaret Haydon:

- A gentle reminder regarding the American Orchid Society time-sensitive recruitment campaign for new members to join. Take a look at the October 12th email from OOS Membership for more details.

Jan Johns thanked and wished everyone well, and closed the meeting.



***Bulbophyllum* Micah Maetani**

Photo by: Annette Seling

October Virtual Show Table Results

OCTOBER 2021 VIRTUAL SHOW TABLE RIBBON WINNERS			
ALLIANCE	MEMBER'S NAME	NAME OF ORCHID	RIBBON AWARD
Cattleya Alliance Judged by Scott de Vito	Marie-Josée Bergeron	Cattleya Cariad's Mini-Quinee (<i>Cattleya</i> Mini Purple x <i>Cattleya intermedia</i>) 'Angel Kiss' CCM-HCC/AOS	1 st
	Monique Savard	<i>Prosthechea</i> Edith Arakawa	2 nd
Cypripedium Alliance Judged by Joyce Medcalf	Sabina Gupta	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Mountain Lass (<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Mountain Meadow 'Absenthe' x <i>helenae</i> 'Lisa')	1 st
	Monique Savard	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Mountain Maid (<i>Phragmipedium besseae</i> x <i>Phragmipedium hirtzii</i>)	2 nd
Dendrobium Alliance Judged by Marie-Josée Bergeron	Magdalena Gawronski	<i>Dendrobium</i> Little Green Apples (<i>Dendrobium</i> Green Elf x <i>Dendrobium convolutum</i>)	1 st
	Magdalena Gawronski	<i>Dendrobium</i> Fire Coral (<i>Dendrobium cruentum</i> x <i>Dendrobium</i> Formidable)	2 nd
	Monique Savard	<i>Dendrobium nobile</i>	3 rd
Oncidium Alliance Judged by Jean Hollebhone	Monique Savard	<i>Oncidium</i> Sharry Baby (<i>Oncidium</i> Jamie Sutton x <i>Oncidium</i> Honolulu) 'Sweet Fragrance' AM/AOS	1 st
Phalaenopsis Alliance Judged by André Couture	Marie-Josée Bergeron	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Mituo Gelb Eagle (<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Zheng Min Muscadine x <i>Phalaenopsis</i> LD's Bear King) 'Goose Yellow-1'	1 st
	Sabina Gupta	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Alberla (<i>Phalaenopsis tetraspis</i> (Syn. <i>speciosa</i>) x <i>Phalaenopsis pulchra</i>)	2 nd
Pleurothallid Alliance Judged by Jean Hollebhone	Joyce Medcalf	<i>Pleurothallis</i> correllii 'Hill Island' CHM/AOS	1 st
Vanda Alliance Judged by Scott de Vito	Hessalene Attong	<i>Vanda</i> Adisak Happiness (<i>Vanda</i> Siam Spots x <i>Vanda</i> Bitz's Heartthrob)	1 st
	Monique Savard	<i>Aerangis fastuosa</i>	2 nd
Photography Award Judged by Pat Boisvert	Magdalena Gawronski	<i>Dendrobium</i> Little Green Apples (<i>Dendrobium</i> Green Elf x <i>Dendrobium convolutum</i>)	
Best of Show Table	Sabina Gupta	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Mountain Lass (<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Mountain Meadow 'Absenthe' x <i>helenae</i> 'Lisa')	
Member's Choice Poll Winner	Sabina Gupta	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Mountain Lass (<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Mountain Meadow 'Absenthe' x <i>helenae</i> 'Lisa')	

Best of Show Table

Paphiopedilum Mountain Lass
(*Paphiopedilum Mountain Meadow*
'Absenthe' x *helenae* 'Lisa')
Sabina Gupta



Member's Choice

Paphiopedilum Mountain Lass
(*Paphiopedilum Mountain Meadow*
'Absenthe' x *helenae* 'Lisa')
Sabina Gupta



Photography Award

Dendrobium Little Green Apples (*Dendrobium Green Elf* x *Dendrobium convolutum*)
Magdalena Gawronski

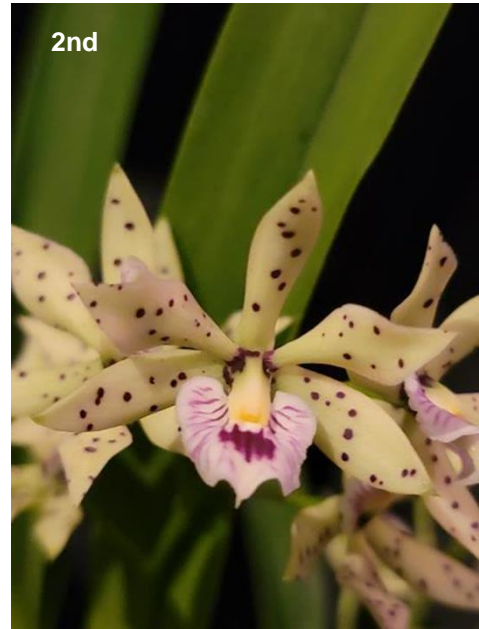


Cattleya Alliance

Cattleya Cariad's Mini-Quinee (*Cattleya*
Mini Purple x *Cattleya intermedia*)
'Angel Kiss' CCM-HCC/AOS
Marie-Josée Bergeron



Prosthechea Edith Arakawa
Monique Savard



Oncidium Alliance

Oncidium Sharry Baby (*Oncidium* Jamie Sutton x
Oncidium Honolulu) 'Sweet Fragrance' AM/AOS
Monique Savard



Pleurothallid Alliance

Pleurothallis correllii 'Hill Island' CHM/AOS
Joyce Medcalf



Dendrobium Alliance

Dendrobium Alliance		
Magdalena Gawronski	<i>Dendrobium Little Green Apples (Dendrobium Green Elf x Dendrobium convolutum)</i>	1 st
Magdalena Gawronski	<i>Dendrobium Fire Coral (Dendrobium cruentum x Dendrobium Formidible)</i>	2 nd
Monique Savard	<i>Dendrobium nobile</i>	3 rd



Vanda Alliance

Vanda		
Hessalene Attong	<i>Vanda Adisak Happiness (Vanda Siam Spots x Vanda Bitz's Heartthrob)</i>	1 st
Monique Savard	<i>Aerangis fastuosa</i>	2 nd



Phalaenopsis Alliance

Phalaenopsis Alliance		
Marie-Josée Bergeron	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Mituo Gelb Eagle (<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Zheng Min Muscadine x <i>Phalaenopsis</i> LD's Bear King) 'Goose Yellow-1'	1 st
Sabina Gupta	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Alberla (<i>Phalaenopsis</i> tetraspis (Syn. <i>speciosa</i>) x <i>Phalaenopsis</i> pulchra)	2 nd



Cypripedium Alliance

Cypripedium Alliance		
Sabina Gupta	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Mountain Lass (<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Mountain Meadow 'Absenthe' x <i>helenae</i> 'Lisa')	1 st
Monique Savard	<i>Phragmipedium</i> Mountain Maid (<i>Phragmipedium</i> besseae x <i>Phragmipedium</i> hirtzii)	2 nd



ORCHID HUNT IN AUGUST

By Daniel Brumar

Last year (2020) in October, I went on a trail near Griffith, and saw some small plants that I suspected might be orchids (see acorns for scale). I thought they were probably *Spiranthes lacera*, despite not finding any matching pictures of leaves on the internet, and reports saying the leaves fade at flowering time in the summer. Nevertheless, I returned this August to find dozens of *Spiranthes lacera* in bloom! Rather than fading, it looks like the leaves just start growing during flowering.

On the same trail were also a few *Malaxis unifolia*, these beautiful little *Goodyera repens*, the incredibly adaptable and sometimes quite showy *Epipactis helleborine* (here being pollinated by a mosquito), all in flower at the same time, as well as some vigorous *Cypripedium acaule* developing seed capsules.



Algonquin Park

I went camping in Algonquin Park this past weekend, and although nothing was in bloom, the scenery was nice and the forests were covered in lush carpets of a dozen kinds of mosses and countless species of mushrooms. I regret not taking better pictures!



Drosera rotundifolia

I found colonies of *Pogonia ophioglossoides* and *Platanthera clavellata* orchids as well as *Drosera rotundifolia* sundews all growing together under a single fern, and now flooded by the lake. It is interesting to see the challenges these plants face in their habitat throughout the year.



Epipactis helleborine



Goodyera repens



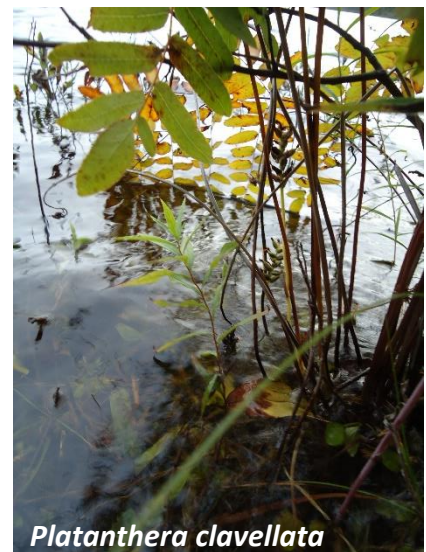
Goodyera repens



Malaxis unifolia



Spiranthes lacera



Platanthera clavellata

Editor's Wrap



Earlier this week, we remembered our fallen soldiers – those who sacrificed their lives to give us ours! In the current atmosphere of a pandemic, standing still at 11:11 a.m., it was also a moment to acknowledge all the human suffering and loss we've witnessed in the past 2 years and be grateful for the sacrifices of many fellow human beings, once again giving us all the gift of this day. Sincere gratitude and thanks to all of them.

We are now heading straight towards winter, with the clocks already reset to fall back by an hour. Most trees have dropped all their leaves and the air is dry. Evenings are dark, cold and colourless. The temperatures are slowly but steadily dipping down and it is a matter of time before the snowflakes descend! However, this shouldn't last long as I see Christmas decorations already out in many places. I am not really a winter person, but over the years, I have grown to love and appreciate the change of pace that this season brings. There are many reasons for this change of mindset and one important reason is because orchids love it 😊. While it is dark and gloomy outside, it is a festival of colours with orchids indoors.

Though some of them start putting on a show, most slow down for the season and appreciate being left alone without watering and feeding! Some of them such as the *Catasetinae* types demand a complete rest from watering. As such, all indoor plants, orchids and others slow down during this season, giving us all a bit of a break from weekly watering and feeding routines. Maybe this is another reason why I have begun to appreciate this season in more recent times, now that I have 150 plants in the house 😊.

Anyways, if your orchids are putting on a show, send pictures of your blooming orchids for the monthly Show Tables. For more details on Show Table submissions, please refer to page 6.

In closing, I welcome our new Vice President Hesselene Attong and thank her for taking over this important responsibility. Thanks to the many members who have taken up new roles and responsibilities by signing up for various group activities, including the Super Hero Team, the Online Auction Team and others. Your active participation and involvement is very crucial for the successful running of the Society. Thanks to our Board members and Virtual Show Table judges for their consistent support. Thanks to Arlene Lang for her continuing proof reading services for Spike.

See you all next week. Have a wonderful November!

Sabina Gupta (Editor, Spike Newsletter)

Ottawa Orchid Society

Audit Report

For Financial Year ending June 30th, 2021

To the members of the Board of the Ottawa Orchid Society:

I have conducted an audit of the books and financial records of the Society, for the period of July 1st, 2020 to June 30th, 2021.

Generally, the financial records and documentation are maintained in a professional manner and support the financial results, as prepared by the treasurer.

I am at your disposition should you have any questions.



Hélène Martin
October 14, 2021

Ottawa Orchid Society
Profit & Loss
 July 2020 through June 2021

	Jul '20 - Jun 21	
Income		
Investments		
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	88.16	
Total Investments	88.16	
Operating Income		
Donations	4,000.00	✓ OK
Memberships	2,109.06	✓ OK
Society Order Cost Recovery	345.47	✓
Visitor	23.65	✓
Total Operating Income	6,478.18	
Total Income	6,566.34	
Expense		
Operating Expenses		
Affiliated Society Membership	210.00	✓ C O C
Donations	500.00	✓
Program		
Award	117.01	✓
Speaker Honourarium	1,425.47	✓
Total Program	1,542.48	
Raffle		
Supplies	71.97	✓
Total Raffle	71.97	
Storage	1,600.95	✓
Supplies	10.40	
Website Hosting	129.74	✓
Total Operating Expenses	4,065.54	
Total Expense	4,065.54	OK
Net Income	2,500.80	

Ottawa Orchid Society
Balance Sheet
 As of 30 June 2021

	30 Jun 21
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Current Account	
Speaker Honorariums	2,574.53 ✓
Current Account - Other	33,945.48
Total Current Account	36,520.01 ✓
GIC 5938 8113756-11	2,734.13 ✓
Total Chequing/Savings	39,254.14
Total Current Assets	39,254.14
TOTAL ASSETS	39,254.14
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	41,801.56
Unrestricted Net Assets	-5,048.22
Net Income	2,500.80
Total Equity	39,254.14
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	39,254.14

per Tax Statement

→ 400€ donation
 1425.47
 - sponsor

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Ottawa Orchid Society
Trial Balance
 As of 30 June 2021

	30 Jun 21	
	Debit	Credit
Current Account	33,945.48	
Current Account:Speaker Honorariums	2,574.53	
GIC 5938 8113756-10	0.00	
GIC 5938 8113756-11	2,734.13	
GIC 5938 8113756-12	0.00	
GIC 5938 8113756-13	0.00	
Undeposited Funds	0.00	
Accounts Payable	0.00	
Opening Balance Equity		41,801.56
Show Admissions Float	0.00	
Show Art Gallery Float	0.00	
Show Members Sales Float	0.00	
Unrestricted Net Assets	5,048.22	
Investments:Interest-Savings, Short-term CD		88.16
Operating Income:Donations		4,000.00
Operating Income:Memberships		2,109.06
Operating Income:Society Order Cost Recovery		345.47
Operating Income:Visitor		23.65
Operating Expenses:Affiliated Society Membership	210.00	
Operating Expenses:Donations	500.00	
Operating Expenses:Program:Award	117.01	
Operating Expenses:Program:Speaker Honourarium	1,425.47	
Operating Expenses:Raffle:Supplies	71.97	
Operating Expenses:Storage	1,600.95	
Operating Expenses:Supplies	10.40	
Operating Expenses:Website Hosting	129.74	
TOTAL	48,367.90	48,367.90