

# SOUTHERN ONTARIO ORCHID SOCIETY NEWS

March 2016, Volume 51, Issue 3 Meeting since 1965

**Next Meeting Sunday, March 6, Floral Hall of the Toronto Botanical Garden,  
Plant Sales 12 noon,**

**Cultural snapshots by Alexi Antanaitis 12:15 on the stage, topic to be announced**

**Program at 1 pm** , Round table discussions on:

1. Growing in a cold case by Jay Norris
2. Alla Linetsky on LED Lights..
3. Mini orchids in glass bowls by Inge Poot
4. Growing Vandas in vases and Phalaenopsis Stem propagation by Synea Tan

Members Show table, and Raffle.

**The New Year is here. 2016 Memberships are available now. Please renew**

*Congratulations SOOS on a successful  
2016 Show. Thank you all participants.*



AOS Silver Certificate OurTropics Display photo pp



AOS Show Trophy and Silver Certificate Les Orchidophiles de Montreal Photo pp

**Southern Ontario Orchid Society Show 2/25/2016**

## **TROPHIES and AWARDS**

Trophy	Winner
Display of any number of plants by a person or persons who have never entered an exhibit in an orchid show	City of Toronto Parks Department
Display of 1-10 plants by one or more AMATEUR growers	Wilson Ng
Display of 1 to 10 plants - OPEN	Ravensision (Jay Norris)
Display of 11 - 15 plants by one or more AMATEUR growers	Heinz Ernstberger
Display of 11 - 15 plants - OPEN	Joe DiCiommo
Display of 16 - 25 plants by one or more AMATUER growers	Friends of Durham Region

Display of 16 - 25 plant - OPEN		Peter & Shery Decyk with Dr. E Busse
Display of any number of plants presented by a Society		Windsor Orchid Society
Display of more than 25 plants - OPEN		Les Orchidophiles de Montréal
Educational exhibits, not previously exhibited at a SOOS show.		SOOS Conservation Committee
Best of genera allied to Cattleya Classes 10 - 13	Epidendrum coriifolium	Les Orchidophiles de Montréal
<b>Walter Norman Memorial Trophy</b> for Best Cattleya Classes 15 - 20	Laelia Maronii	Les Orchidophiles de Montréal
<b>Gary Schreiber Memorial Trophy</b> for Best Paphiopedilum Species Classes 28-29a	Paphiopedilum insigne	Les Orchidophiles de Montréal
<b>Maryilyn Crompton Memorial Trophy</b> for Best Hybrid Paphiopedilum Classes 30 - 37	Paphiopedilum Robert De Veer	Heinz Ernstberger
Best Phragmipedium Classes 40-42	Phragmipedium Cardinale	Central Ontario Orchid Society
<b>International Phalaenopsis Alliance Trophy</b>	Phalaenopsis Liu's Fantasy	Synea Tan (SOOS display)
Best Vandaceous Classes 58-60	Vanda Pachara Delight #2	Essex Country Orchid Society
<b>John Kafka Memorial Trophy</b> for Best Oncidium Classes 70a - 76	Baptisidium Hwuluduen Bee 'Wasp' (Onc. sphacelatum x Gom. echinata)	Crystal Star Orchids
<b>Wen Chong Memorial Trophy</b> for Best Cymbidium Classes 79a - 81	Cymbidium Eastern Wind 'Wilson's Choice' AM/AOS (Cym. Sleeping Beauty X Cym. Eastern Star)	Wilson Ng
Best Dendrobium Classes 82a-88	Dendrobium Kingrose 'June Patricia'	Orchid Society of the RBG
Best Pleurothallid Classes 89a-99	Pleurothallis omoglossa 'Hill Island' CBR/CCM/CCE/AOS	Ottawa Orchid Society
Best Miscellaneous Classes 93-99	Dendrochilum wenzelii 'Amelie Lussier' CCE/AOS	Les Orchidophiles de Montréal
<b>Wilson Ng Trophy</b> for Best Specimen Plant Class 101	Maxillaria (Camaridium) densa	Les Orchidophiles de Montréal
<b>Marilyn Crompton Memorial Trophy</b> for Best Novice Classes	Dendrobium Upin King's 'Serenade'	City of Toronto Parks Department
Best of Orchid Art Classes 104-106	Orchid Power	Eileen Myers
Best of Orchid Photography Classes 107 - 109	Blue Vanda	Ravenvision (Jay Norris)
<b>Wayne Eyles Memorail Trophy</b> for Best Plant in Show	Laelia Maronii	Les Orchidophiles de Montréal
<b>AOS Show Trophy</b> for Best Display	Les Orchidophiles de Montréal	

## Congratulations Everybody!!

**Jason Fischer Announcement:** Greetings Canadian Orchid Enthusiasts! I will be speaking in Toronto April 3 2016 at which time I can bring pre-orders to you. I will also have plants to sell at the meeting.

For those customers living in or near Toronto and can pick up their order that weekend, an additional **10%** will be added to your order to cover document processing fees (CITES permits, import permit, phytosanitary certificate). Sorry, we will NOT be shipping during this trip.

**There are two deadlines for pre-orders:**

1. **Appendix I (Paphs & Phrags, Aerangis ellisii, Laelia lobata, Renanthera imschootiana) February 1 2016**
2. **Appendix II (all other orchids) March 14**

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**President's Remarks**      **Welcome Orchid Lovers.**

What do you think of our changing weather? Crazy isn't it. So it is now time to sit back and put your feet up. Our fabulous show has come and and gone. It was truly terrific. A special thanks goes out to the show committee and all the volunteers who made it possible. The rest of us greatly enjoyed your efforts. Thank you everyone for your dedication and hard work. We very much appreciate the job you did and the superb results.

For the up and coming orchid shows, Don Wyatt and I will need your help. Please make it easier for us and let us know if you have a plant(s) that we can use for the display.

Information on future orchid shows:  
**RBG Orchid Show:** February 27<sup>th</sup> — 28<sup>th</sup> Don Wyatt will be creating our display at this show.  
**Montreal Orchidexpo 2016 Show:** March 19<sup>th</sup> — 20<sup>th</sup> I will be taking your babies to Montreal.  
**TAOA Orchid Show:** April 9<sup>th</sup> — 10<sup>th</sup> Don Wyatt will be working on this show.  
**Ottawa Show:** April 16<sup>th</sup> — 17<sup>th</sup> Once again, I will be working on our display.  
This will end our show adventures until the fall. Hopefully things will work out and we will receive many great plants for our displays.

The treats for the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting falls to the members with the last names letters beginning with **E—**

**G.** Thank you members **C through D** who supplied the delicious treats this past meeting. It's a good thing this isn't an everyday occurrence.

Our cultural snapshots will take place on the stage at 12:15 pm, before every meeting. Alexsi Antanaitis will be running these. All are welcome to participate in the sessions.

Our future speakers are as follows:

**March 6<sup>th</sup>** Round Table Topics:

1. Growing in a cold case
2. LED Lighting.
3. Mini orchids in glass bowls
4. Vanda in vases and Stem propagation

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>** Jason Fisher

**May 8<sup>th</sup>** Dan Douette

**June 5<sup>th</sup>** Claudio Rossi

**August 7<sup>th</sup>** Orchid Fest with Holger Penner

Please keep the dates open and we will let you know the topics as soon as possible.

Happy Orchiding,

Laura Liebgott

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**Plant of the month for January 31, 2016** was won by Henryk Glowka's beautifully flowered Dendrobium Star Shine. The pretty peach and orange flowers were produced all the way down the canes —quite a feat! Henryk grows the plant in a N-E window. It is potted in



as small a pot as possible since most dendrobiums like to dry out quickly after watering. He fertilizes the plant sparingly to avoid getting all green growth and few flowers. In the winter watering is reduced. Thank you Henryk for

sharing your little beauty with us!

## Coming Events 2016

### February

27- 28, Orchid Society of the Royal Botanical Gardens Show , Burlington.

### March

5, TJC Monthly Judging at TBG.

6, SOOS meeting, Toronto Botanical Garden, sales 12 noon, program 1 pm. Round Table presentations.

11-20, Canada Blooms, Enercare Centre, Toronto.

17- 20, Manitoba Orchid Society Show, Winnipeg.

19- 20, Orchid Expo, Montreal.

19-20, Mid America Orchid congress Spring Meeting, Cincinnati, Ohio, [cincinnatiorchids.com](http://cincinnatiorchids.com).

### April

2, TJC Monthly Judging at TBG

3, SOOS meeting, Toronto Botanical Garden, sales 12 noon, program 1 pm. Jason Fischer.

9- 10, TAOA show, Toronto.

9- 10, Genesee Region Show, Rochester.

9- 10, Orchidofolie, Quebec City.

**14-17, AOS Spring Meeting, North Carolina Arboretum, Asheville, NC.**

16-17, Ottawa Orchid Society Show, and Montreal judging, Ottawa.

### May

7, TJC Monthly Judging and business meeting at TBG

8, SOOS meeting, Toronto Botanical Garden, sales 12 noon, program 1 pm. Dan Douette.

21, Montreal judging, Jardin Botanique de Montreal

## AOS Judging Results

Please note, all of these awards are provisional until published by the American Orchid Society.

### Toronto Judging Centre and SOOS Show February 13, 2016:

AOS Show Trophy Silver Certificate 87 points, 'Montréal est Bienvenue à Toronto', Les Orchidophiles de Montréal

Silver Certificate 86 points, 'Out of the Arctic Cold', Doug and Terry Kennedy

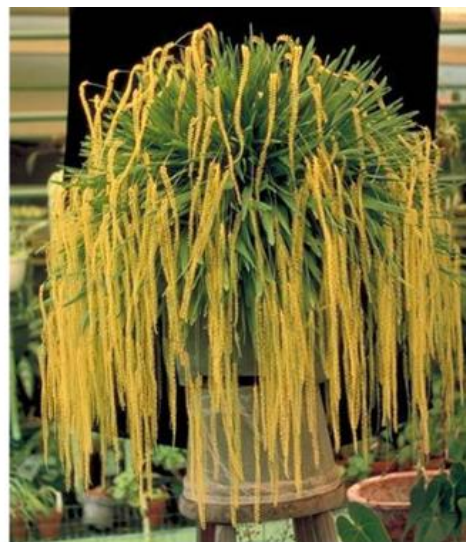
Dendrobium (Purple Joy x Zip 'Jack McMillan') 'Crystal Star' AM-AOS 80 points, Crystal Star Orchids.  
 Paphiopedilum (Robert de Veer x Hsinying Inspiration) 'Heinz' AM-AOS 83 points, Heinz Ernstberger  
 Paphiopedilum Fanaticum (malipoense x micranthum) 'Ellen' AM- AOS 81points Crystal Star Orchids  
 Aerangis luteoalba v rhodosticta 'Terry's Valentine' AM-AOS 81 points, Doug and Terry Kennedy  
 Epidendrum coriifolium 'Jardin Botanique de Montréal' CCE-AOS 90 points, Jardin Botanique de Montréal  
 Maxillaria densa 'Jardin Botanique de Montréal' CCE-AOS 92 points, Jardin Botanique de Montréal  
 Oncidesa Hwuluduen Bee (Onc. sphacelatum x Gom. Echinata) 'Wasp' AM-AOS 83 points, Crystal Star Orchids  
 Stelis maxima 'Jocelyn Thibeault' CCM-AOS 82points, Mario Mireault

**Note!** The next judging will be held at the Toronto Botanical Gardens, Saturday March 5, judges education at 10 am, judging at 1 pm. AOS Judging is a service of the American Orchid Society and is open to all!

## Coelogynes, The Porcelain Beauties, by Terry Kennedy, loosely transcribed by Inge Poot Part 2.

Photos from Orchids+ version 1.3, Orchid Wiz 11.2 and the internet, all as noted. Continued from the February Newsletter.

**Dendrochilum** (synonym: *Platyclinis*) is a large genus of at present 269 species and 21 varieties. If it is added to Coelogyne it will make for a huge composite genus even if some of the species go into the second clade! The common name is Golden Chain Orchids since so many species have golden flowers presented in arched two-ranked "chains".



**Dendrochilum filiforme** 'Millie' CCM-AOS, Orchids Plus v. 1.3

Unfortunately, since the flowers are so small, the plants are often misidentified. A few species are so distinct that ID is easy, but the rest... There are two groups, one with leathery leaves with narrow to wide blades and another group with terete leaves.

Terete means the leaves are very narrow and quite fleshy, like over-sized needles.

Treat dendrochilums like cattleyas, but they usually need a bit less light and strong air movement.

***Dendrochilum filiforme*** typifies the genus. However not everyone can grow it as well as shown in the above picture with about 3500 golden flowers! It even has a honey fragrance!



***Dendrochilum glumaceum*** 'Vistamont' CCE-AOS,  
Photo: Ken Jacobsen, Orchids Plus v. 1.3

***Dendrochilum glumaceum*** has spiky looking inflorescences, because of the floral bracts that extend beyond the white flowers. Dr Jim Brasch, active at the RBG, got a CCM for this species in March 1994 as well. This is one of the easy to identify species.



***Dendrochilum cootesii*** 'Red Carmel Corn' CHM-AOS  
Photo: Jay Norris, Orchids Plus v. 1.3

***Dendrochilum irigense*** from the Philippines has arched inflorescences somewhat hidden amongst the foliage and deceptively pretty looking light chartreuse and yellow flowers, but they have a strong unpleasant fragrance!

***Dendrochilum cootesii*** is a

species that has varieties with colourful flowers such as the

white-chartreuse- yellow and orange beauty the Kennedys exhibited on January 5, 2013. Alas! This clone does not grow as well as less colourful ones. On big plants with longer inflorescences, the inflorescences twirl attractively. Very different, since most clones have much lighter flowers! Other clones may have more strongly crinkled tips to the segments, producing a fuzzier effect.

***Dendrochilum bicallosum*** is a delightful floriferous species with pale apricot to gold flowers on twisting inflorescences.

***Dendrochilum propinquum*** (synonym: *convollariforme*) usually has pale peach to straw coloured flowers on long pendent inflorescences, but the clone 'Vistamont' has deep peach coloured, shiny flowers arranged spirally on the stems.

***Dendrochilum uncatum*** has sprays of pale chartreuse flowers.



***Dendrochilum smithianum*** 'Paula Hermelyn' CCM-AOS, Photo Jim Osen, O. + v. 1.3

***Dendrochilum smithianum*** flowers vary from yellow with orange lips to beige with a rust stripe to all pale beige. It is one of the hard to identify species.



***Dendrochilum stenophyllum*** 'My First' CCM-AOS,  
Photo: Katie Payeur, Orchids Plus v. 1.3



*Dendrochilum stenophyllum* 'My First' CCM-AOS, Photo: Katie Payeur,  
Orchids Plus v. 1.3

*Dendrochilum stenophyllum* seems to have uniquely shaped flowers. The CHM clone 'Trembling Tails' seems different since it had flowers that looked like perfect little cymbidiums....The flower colour of the different awarded clones is darker near the base and varies from off white to yellow.



*Dendrochilum parvulum* 'Tom's Favorite' CHM-AOS

Photo: Butch Usery, Orchids Plus version 1.3

*Dendrochilum parvulum* is like a miniature *Dendrochilum glumaceum*, with creamy white flowers. Mario and Conni Ferrusi grew the above clone to perfection and got a CCM for it. Peter and Sherry Decyk also do well with this species.



*Dendrochilum luzonense*, Photo: J. Cara, OW 11.2

*Dendrochilum luzonense* (often erroneously called: *luzonica*) has pale tan flowers and is very floriferous. It has long terete leaves. The Kennedy clone has salmon flowers, similar to the clone shown above.



*Dendrochilum magnum* 'Champagne' CCM-AOS (Grown by the Kennedys)

Photo: Jay Norris O. + v. 1.3

*Dendrochilum magnum* is a large growing species that is fairly easy to identify and also one that the Kennedys have several clones of. All are growing well for them. The flowers have a big hooded floral bract that only lets the lateral sepals emerge, like the fangs of a snake! Flower colour is most often a shade of yellow, but pale green and pale peach and copper coloured clones can be found. A peach coloured clone 'Sunshine' received a 96 point CCE. Very striking!

*Dendrochilum cagayanense* (synonym: *latifolium*) has arched inflorescences of pale green flowers and some clones have a lip that is barred light brown-orange. The images shown in Orchid Wiz look much like *Ddc magnum*, except that a bit more of the flower sticks out from beneath the floral bract.

The next three species are all needle-leaved:

*Dendrochilum anfractum* looks much like a needle-leaved *Ddc cootesii*. The segments are a little less curled.



*Dendrochilum tenellum* 'Kramer' CCE-AOS, Photo: Jay Norris (Grown by Peter and Sherry Decyk), Orchids Plus v.1.3

*Dendrochilum tenellum* is another needle-leaved version of *Ddc. glumaceum*. The flowers vary from white to straw-coloured and can be presented from above the foliage to right amongst the middle of the "pin-cushion" of long leaves.



*Dendrochilum wenzelii* 'Barbara' CCM-AOS, Orchids Plus v. 1.3

*Dendrochilum wenzelii* needs more light than most dendrochilums. Its flowers can be red to orange to gold. A most desirable species!

*Pholidota* species look much like cousins of dendrochilums! The genus contains 29 species and 7 varieties, but the most common species in the trade is also the plainest! Your transcriber had it shipped to us instead of more attractive species and it has put me off the genus for good!! Unfairly of course, since some species are just wonderful.



*Pholidota articulata*, Photo: Art Vogel, OW 11.2

*Pholidota articulata* is a case in point. Its white flowers often have a peach lip and with this colouring the dead floral bracts don't jar. All white or all cream clones are less attractive, but still worthwhile.

*Pholidota chinensis* has nicely opened flowers. Most clones have snowy white lips, while the sepals and petals vary from white to beige to pale yellow. The column is often peach.



Orchid Wiz, 11.2

*Pholidota imbricata* is the only orchid your transcriber has ever thrown in the garbage even though it was healthy and huge and full of flowers..... However there are some reasonably attractive clones available,(see above) so make sure you buy it in bloom!!! In mine the dirty whitish flowers barely peeked out of the large hooded dead looking floral bract. Buy one with clear coloured flowers and slightly longer petioles so you can see the flowers, not just the dead bract.



*Pholidota ventricosa*, Photo in situ by Art Vogel, OW 11.2

*Pholidota ventricosa* has upright inflorescences of lovely white flowers with a yellow splotch on the lip and in this clone red-brown column wings that form a red-brown "bonnet" over the yellow anther cap. Not all clones of this species are as colourful, but none are unattractive. They are also sweetly fragrant. What a nice species to end the presentation with!



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Sunday, April 10 10:00am to 5:00pm

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Sunday, April 10 8:00am to 10:00am



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**Honorary Life Members:** Terry Kennedy, Doug Kennedy, Inge Poot, Peter Poot, Joe O'Regan, Diane Ryley, Wayne Hingston, Mario Ferrusi.

**Annual Show: February 13-14, 2016**

### **The People behind the Trophies:**

**Walter Norman** was a founding member of SOOS in 1965. Walter was a mover and shaker along with his wife Helen for many years. He was always available to help new and old members with cultural advice. Walter's big interest was in Cattleyas, but later when intergeneric oncidium hybrids came along Walter expanded his collection to include those. Walter served on the SOOS Board for many years including as president, secretary and editor.

**John Kafka.** A long time enthusiastic amateur orchid grower. John enjoyed orchid travel to tropical locales. He filled his greenhouses with many species orchids that he collected on his travels and was an enthusiastic supporter of SOOS. His wife Hedda ran our hospitality kitchen for many years and along with John hosted many of our annual picnics at their Scarborough home.

**Gary Schreiber.** A well known and well liked member of SOOS. He was a talented grower doing exceptionally well with the Chinese parvisepalum Paphiopedilums. He served on the SOOS board and operated Schreibers Orchids. His wife and son continue to be active members of SOOS.

**The Wen Chong Memorial trophy** honors the late wife of Chee Chong. Chee and Wen have served as enthusiastic volunteers in many SOOS shows as well as at our membership table.

**Wayne Eyles,** was an amateur orchid grower and active member of SOOS for many years. Wayne was active on the SOOS Board and exhibited in many orchid shows across Ontario. He also organised SOOS exhibits at Canada Blooms and was always available with cultural advice.

**Marilyn Crompton.** Amateur orchid grower and gesneriad enthusiast. A recent member of SOOS who served us well as membership secretary.

**Wilson Ng** is a talented grower of high quality orchids. The Trophy is his contribution intended to encourage the growing of fine specimen plants.