



Member Newsletter

Monday, February 26, 2024

Andrew Geimar of Roehampton Orchids

Jewel Orchids – A Story of Murder

President's Message

Hello Orchid Lovers!

What a beautiful time of year with the longer days starting! It has given me a renewed interest in my plant babies. I have been busy repotting and taking care of a few pests that have popped up. Sometimes my kids help me by spot treating mealybugs with a q-tip and alcohol!

We had a great time setting up at the OSRBG show on Friday. Special thanks to Ed and Sharon for taking the display down Sunday night at the RBG and also at the Toronto Show.

Erika Kompter passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 30 with Gerhard by her side. Erika was a founding member of our orchid society. She loved orchids no matter how small or common. Her love of orchids was contagious and inspired so many of us. A private funeral will be held on March 8th for family only.

Our speaker this Monday will be Andrew Geimar from Roehampton Orchids. He will be speaking about Jewel Orchids and will have many for sale as well as other orchids! Have a look at his website <https://roehamptonorchids.ca/> and purchase plants ahead of time for pick up at our meeting! There will be a 15% discount with cash orders at the meeting! I am excited to pick up a couple of jewels and fragrant orchids.

See you on Monday!

Sowmya

Central Ontario Orchid Society President

@northernplantroom

Monday, February 26, 2024 at 7 p.m.

Jewel Orchids at Home - A Story of Murder

Andrew Geimar of Roehampton Orchids lives in Toronto and is co-owner of Roehampton Orchids. Andrew will talk about his journey of growing (and killing) jewel orchids, and how that shaped his attitude towards jewels.

Jewel orchids are often grown for their gorgeous foliage. Some have sparkling gold threads in their veins. Andrew will give us some basic culture tips on growing jewels with some recommendations for first time growers. This talk promises to be fun, engaging and really a departure from regular orchid talks. His presentation will conclude with a 10 minute virtual quiz game. It'll be FUN!! Join us for this fun evening!

This link (https://canadianorchidcongress.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/COC2021_SUMMER_SPECIAL_ISSUE.pdf) connects you to an article on the Canadian Orchid Congress findings that were published July 2021. Andrew has three articles in the publication.

Ribbon Results Southern Ontario Orchid Society Show 2024

The display received a third for a display with any number of flowering orchid plants, cut inflorescences or orchids grown for unusual foliage.

Trophies

Best Hybrid Paphiopedilum - Paphiopedilum Little Alexander 'Diana' - Gerhard Kompter

Firsts

Paphiopedilum Little Alexander 'Diana' - Gerhard Kompter
Doritaenopsis Po Pin Firework x Po Pin ocicat - Gertard Kompter

Seconds

Green Bird - Harmina Boers
Paphiopedilum Hsinying Leopard x California Girl - Don Ingram
Phragmipedium Rosey Gem sedenii x Carolina
Masdevallia Machu Piccu 'Crown Point' - Gerhard Kompter
Restrepia Frank Feysa - Don Ingram

Thirds

Prosthechea cochleata - Harmina Boers
Bc. Green Bird - Harmina Boers
Paphiopedilum callosum 'type pygmy form' - Don Ingram
Miltoniopsis Andrea West "Hof" - Harmina Boers
Osmoglossum pulchellum
Dendrobium kingianum - Gerhard Kompter
Masdevallia Dark Star Hercules - Gerhard Kompter
Maxillaria schunkeana - Sowmya Johnson

Ribbon Results

Windsor Orchid Society Show 2023

The display received a first for a display with 26 or more flowering orchid plants, cut inflorescences or orchids grown for unusual foliage.

Trophies

Best Miscellaneous Genera – Pleur correllii 'Gerda's Gift

Firsts

Phal. Sogo Vieker 'Golden Monkey'
Phal. Golden Water
Phragmipedlum Don Wimber
Prosthechea radiate
Bulbophyllum cocoinum 'Clouds Mai Tai'

Seconds

Phal. Charm Sun Boy 'Red Rope'
Coellogyme usitana
Prosthechea cochleata
Bc. Little Mermaid 'Janet Brisaga'
Bulbophyllum 'Cloud's Kaylees'
Masd. splendida (pariatoriana) (Connie's Sweetheart)
Masd. Dark Star Hercules
Phal. Alligo Princess Celb

Thirds

Restrepedia Frank Feysa
Phal. Malibu Inp 'Golden Bud'
Phal. bellina
Phal. violaceo coerulea 'Indigio'
Phal. Kingfisher Dragon Wing

AOS Virtual Orchid Culture Day, Sunday, March 3, 2024

The AOS is proud to announce its 5th Orchid Culture Day! Enjoy four speakers all in one day from the comfort of your home. Even if winter still has us in its grip, we can swing into spring with ORCHIDS. Come with your coffee and snacks! Spend a day with these delightful speakers and learn about these genera, history, hybridizing and of course CULTURE! Join us! There will be door prizes. Lourens Grobler from AfriOrchids (South Africa) will talk about latest development in Angraecoid culture in the home. Eric Sauer (River Valley Orchids, Centerville, OH) will talk about the genus Maxillaria and its culture. George Hatfield (Hatfield Orchids, Ventura, CA) will talk about growing prize-winning Cymbidiums in an era of climate change. Julien Baruch, (Krull-Smith, Apopka, FL) will talk about the trends in red Cattleya and Phalaenopsis breeding and culture.

Registration is \$35 USD at <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3385115262603276377>

UPCOMING EVENTS AND SHOWS

2024 Upcoming COOS Meeting Dates

March 25, 2024

April 22, 2024

May 13, 2024

NOTE: Change in date – the second Monday

June 24, 2024

September 9, 2024

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2024 Upcoming Orchid Shows

London Orchid Show – March 16-17, 2024

Ottawa Orchid Society Show – April 27-28, 2024

Central Ontario Orchid Society Show – September 28-29, 2024

Upcoming Meetings at Nearby Orchid Societies

For the location of the meetings, please see the various societies' website.

Southern Ontario Orchid Society - Sunday, March 3, 2024 1 p.m.
Round Table

Windsor Orchid Society - Sunday, March 3, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.
Ed Cott: Growing Catasetinae

Ottawa Orchid Society - Sunday, March 17, 2024 at 2 p.m.
John Alexander and Peter Kaellgren: Orchids of the Bruce Peninsula

Essex Orchid Society - Saturday, March 9, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.
Zsuzsanna Serer: TBA

COOS on Facebook

Jerry Bolce

The COOS Facebook group continues to grow and now has 1,017 members. We are now over 1,000 members! They are mainly non-members of COOS, but I would call them our fan club. They post their joy when some orchid blooms and their problems when looking for help. They are also people who go to orchid shows. It would be nice to see more members of COOS join in on the conversation.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/422607584612681/>

Photo Gallery
Photos by Sowmya Johnson



Paph fairrieanum



Maxillaria schunkeana



Paph tranlienianum



Paph venustum

Some Messages from the Executive

1. **Membership:** Memberships for 2022 are now due. The membership fee for 2022 will be \$25 for either an individual or family. To show plants at the shows, you **MUST be a member by March 1.**
2. **The executive members** are:
 - President - Sowmya Johnson
 - Vice President - Don Ingram
 - Treasurer- Cathy Ralston
 - Secretary - Rob Vanderheyden
3. **Membership Chair:** Rob Vanderheyden
4. **Society's Mailing Address:** The society mailing address is
41 Woodside Road
Guelph, Ontario N1G 2H1
5. **Pay Pal Account:** The Society's PayPal account is coostreasurer2@gmail.com.
COOS cannot accept e-transfers.
6. **Information from the Treasurer:** If you wish to be reimbursed for an expense, please ask for and then submit a request for reimbursement form. You need to include your receipts and indication that you have paid for this. If the expense is greater than \$100, you need prior approval to be reimbursed. Cheques will be issued at general meetings and committee meetings.

Useful Sources of Orchid Information

Canadian Orchid Congress: <http://canadianorchidcongress.ca/>

Canadian Orchid Congress on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/canadianorchidcongress/>

American Orchid Society: <http://www.aos.org/default.aspx?id=1>

AOS webinars: <https://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>

American Orchid Society Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/52597049839/?ref=bookmarks>

Internet Orchid Species Photo Encyclopedia: <http://orchidspecies.com/>

Contact Information for COOS Executive and Committees

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www.coos.ca

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“The purpose of the Society [is] the promotion and encouragement of all aspects relating to the culture, development and preservation of orchids”.

~COOS Constitution, 1993

Show your membership card at the following businesses and receive **discounts**:

Homegrown Hydroponics Inc. (10%)

79 Woolwich Street
Breslau, Ontario N0B 1M0
519-648-2374

Bright-Lite (10%)

1659 Victoria Street North, Unit #6
Kitchener, Ontario
519-581-7701
www.progrowont.com

Ravenvision (10%)

www.ravenvision.ca
use coupon code COOSNL at checkout.

Toronto Judging Centre

The monthly judging is open to all orchid growers. You do not need be a member of AOS or SOOS. You can bring your plants to the Civic Garden Centre before 1 p.m. on the designated Saturday of each month. Plants are judged for AOS Awards in accordance with the Handbook on Judging and Exhibition. If your plant is awarded, the AOS charges a fee (about \$50.00 US). Non-payment forfeits the right to future judging.

The Centre welcomes interested persons to come and observe the judging. There are opportunities to assist in plant research and administrative chores

The newsletter is ONLY sent by email.

To sign up, send your e-mail address to coosinfo@gmail.com.

Add coosinfo@gmail.com to your address book.

The Emporium

Ed is fully stocked and ready to meet all your orchid potting and bug killing needs. This is just a small sample of what we have on hand.

- Plastic name tags
- Sulphur
- Wire to hang and stake your inflorescences
- Pots of all sizes including 6" slotted pots - perfect for orchid culture
- All manner of potting media including bark, husks, charcoal, perlite, moss, and premixed
- Green string for staking
- Hanging baskets in a least 3 sizes
- Fertilizers in manageable amounts

Please make sure to check out the table either before or after the meeting. Our prices are great and we probably have EXACTLY what you are looking for.

The Raffle Table

The monthly raffle is one of the club's biggest money makers and, more importantly, it offers a great opportunity to win a plant that you might never have tried to grow before.

Each meeting, there is a Raffle Table set up by the door. The plants on it come from members (LIKE YOU) who donate their excess plants. Any plants are acceptable, but if you donate an orchid, you receive a ticket for the year-end draw.

So, bring your extra plants if you have any and do make sure you buy a ticket. They're only a dollar each and you just never know what you might go home with!

Note to New Members

New members are encouraged to bring in their plants for identification to assist with determining the cultural requirements or answering questions about their plants. Meetings take place at St. Joseph's Church Parish Hall on the corner of Courtland Avenue and Madison in downtown Kitchener. The hall opens by 6:30 pm for set-up and meetings start at 7 pm.

Meeting Accessibility

Did you know that the COOS monthly meetings are wheelchair accessible? St. Joseph's has a stair lift to the Parish Hall. Please join us for our monthly meetings.



Membership Renewal Form for 2024

The 2024 memberships are due now. Please complete this form and bring it to the next general meeting or mail it along with your payment to:

COOS, 41 Woodside Road, Guelph, Ontario N1G 2H1

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

We will **NOT** share your information with outside organizations or place it on the Internet unless approved by you.

Signature: _____

Annual dues are \$25 for a single or family membership or \$5 for students.

The 2023 membership year expired December 31, 2023