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## Member Newsletter

Monday, April 22, 2024

**Inge and Peter Poot: Organic Pest Control**

### President's Message

Hello Orchid Friends!

I hope you have had a lovely April so far. I have been busy packing and shipping plants now that temperatures are above freezing. People across Canada have been so excited to open their packages. I have sold mostly aroids, begonias and ferns.

On Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Inge and Peter Poot will be talking about Organic Pest Control! I hope to see you all there.

Jean Ikeson passed along the following information about becoming an AOS judge. It is now easier than ever to become an orchid judge! At a recent AOS members' meeting, it was decided to reduce the minimum time required before being promoted to the next level of judge. The 3-year minimum for students and associates is gone.

The new rules for students require 24 judgments and shows, 36 hours of education plus any local judging centre requirements. The Toronto Judging Centre usually offers 16 to 18 hours a year plus the AOS judging webinars count.

For associates, the requirement is one year served, 8 judgments and 12 hours of education plus any local judging centre requirements. Associates' votes count like accredited judges.

When someone is accepted or voted on in the centre, it becomes official usually the same month instead of waiting 3 to 6 months for a semi-annual national meeting.

Please see the article from Jean for more information.

*Sowmya*

Central Ontario Orchid Society President

@northernplantroom

# Monday, April 22, 2024 at 7 p.m.

## Inge and Peter Poot - Organic Pest Control

Inge Poot is an AOS accredited orchid judge with emeritus status. She writes that she has loved and recognized orchids since she was a small child admiring the wild orchids in her native Austria. In Canada, she earned a BSc from the University of Toronto in 1962 and completed her MSc at the same institution in 1973. Her field of study was Mycology (Fungi). She worked at Richters' Herbs for about 30 years, the last 5 working from home answering cultural questions from customers online. She and her husband have been growing orchids since 1962 and now have, according to Inge "1,000 to 2,000 orchids scattered all over our swampy-smelling house and attached greenhouse." They grow a diverse selection of genera, and have many examples of the genus Stanhopea.

### Ribbon Results

## Orchid Society of the Royal Botanical Gardens Show 2024

The display received a third for a display with more than 15 flowering plants and cut inflorescences.

### Firsts

Phrag besseae (Fire Hot x Fire Fly) – Don Ingram – **Best in Class**  
Brassavola Little Star – Harmina Boers  
Paph. Little Alexander Dana – Gerhard Kompter – **Best in Class**  
Dtps. Popin Fireworks – Gerhard Kompter – **Best in Class**  
Masd. virens – Jeff Steele

### Seconds

Bc. Green Bird – Harmina Boers  
Phal. Shronk – Don Ingram  
Restrepia Frank Feysa – Don Ingram  
Den. Jiaho Candy – Ed Ratcliffe  
Odcdm. No Name – Gerhard Kompter  
Den, kingianum – Gerhard Kompter  
Masd. Machu Pichu 'Crown Point' – Gerhard Kompter  
Coel. hutteriana – Gerhard Kompter  
Phal. Wigennia – Jeff Steele  
Masd. decumana – Jeff Steele  
Paph. Spicerianum x Winston Churchill – Sowmya Johnson  
Max. schanhaeana – Sowmya Johnson

### Thirds

Bc. Green Bird – Harmina Boers  
Masd. Dark Star – Gerhard Kompter  
Cal. Rosea – Don Ingram  
Phal. No ID – Jeff Steele  
Msd. Subtle Simon – Jeff Steele  
Phal. lueddemaniana – Sowmya Johnson  
Phal. venosa x Mentawaiensis 'Polly' – Sowmya Johnson

# Ribbon Results

## London Orchid Society Show 2024

The display received a third for a display of orchid plants in flower, arranged for effect.

### Firsts

Tolumnia Jairak Flyer 'Cardinal Bird'  
Phrag. besseae (Fire Hot x Fire Fly)  
Phal. Wigeniae  
Adpm Summit ' French Town'  
Chysis bractesscens 'White Knight'  
Maxillaria variability  
Den. Jiaho Candy

### Seconds

Dendrobium Triple Fancy  
Paph. gratrixianum "Gail's Delight" HCC/ AOS  
Paph. Callosum  
Phal. Shronk  
Mormolyca ringens  
Masd. Dark Star  
Phal. NOID  
Phrag. Rosy Gen  
Neobenthamia gracilis

### Thirds

Masdevallia Subtle Simon  
Masdevallia bernetii  
Phal. CF Jungo Lancomo  
Phal. NOID  
Phal. Taida Goddess (Diamond)  
Phal. Yu Pin Dream Girl  
Liounin Lawrence  
Phal. Younghome Lucky



Dtps. Popin Fireworks



Paph. Little Alexander Dana

# An Invitation to Orchid Growers Interested in AOS Judging

by Jean Allen-Ikeson

Are you interested in learning more about orchid species and hybrids, what makes a 'good' orchid and want to share in the camaraderie of the Toronto Judging Centre? The American Orchid Society (of which most orchid societies in Ontario are members) sponsors about 35 judging centres and associated additional sites from Montreal to Hawaii to Puerto Rico and everywhere in between including the Toronto Judging Centre.

Come check out what judging is all about: a next step in learning more about orchids, making long-term friendships and enjoying the best that orchids can be! So please come and observe, ask questions and consider Toronto Judging Centre as the future!

So, you decide you are interest! What is required: your time and commitment to study and attend monthly judging at the Toronto Botanical Gardens just off the 401 at Leslie and orchid society shows in Ontario and western New York state (Buffalo and Rochester) when possible. You need to be a member of the AOS and to apply to the Toronto Judging Centre by contacting Terry Kennedy at [ourtropics@gmail.com](mailto:ourtropics@gmail.com), Joyce Medcalf at [joycemedcalf@gmail.com](mailto:joycemedcalf@gmail.com) or Jean Allen-Ikeson at [jean.ikeson@gmail.com](mailto:jean.ikeson@gmail.com). The Toronto Judging Centre generally meets on the first Saturday of the month for education (wonderful presentations!) at 10 a.m. and judging starts at 1 p.m. (bring a lunch). Observers are always welcome at the Toronto Judging Centre!!

**Want to know a little more?** The AOS has a useful webinar for prospective judges: "Come Join Us" (February 2021) plus others on topics related to how to judge and judging specific genera. See the webinar pages in <https://www.aos.org/> and use the 'filter' to limit your search to judging (under Recorded Webinars below Upcoming Webinars). Note: the minimum time requirements to serve as a student or associate have recently been revised and shortened.

AOS judging is modernizing its requirements. People with the time and commitment, especially if they have a lot of prior experience with growing orchids and taking part in shows, are able to become judges much more quickly than in previous years. We have also modernized our resources with the webinars and the Judges Corner in *Orchids* magazine plus all the great articles in *Orchids* and its *Supplements* (next fall is *Zygopetalums* and other *Fragrant Orchids*) in addition to what you will learn by attending education and judging at the Toronto Judging Centre! Note: there are no education presentations in February, June and December.

## COOS on Facebook

Jerry Bolce

The COOS Facebook group continues to grow and now has more than 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/>

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND SHOWS

### *2024 Upcoming COOS Meeting Dates*

**April 22, 2024**

**Inge and Peter Poot: Organic Pest Control**

**May 13, 2024**

**NOTE: Change in date – the second Monday**

**June 24, 2024**

**September 9, 2024**

**NOTE: Change in date – the second Monday**

**October 28, 2024**

**November 25, 2024**

**Annual Potluck and Games Night**

### *2024 Upcoming Orchid Shows*

, Ottawa Orchid Society Show and Sale – April 27-28, 2024  
Algonquin College - Building D - Ancillary Services

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, May 5, 2024 1 p.m.**

Tom Mirenda: Discover the Wild Orchids of Australia

**Windsor Orchid Society - Sunday, May 5, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.**

Andrew Geimar: Ludisia (Jewel) Orchids

**London Orchid Society - Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 2 p.m.**

Catherine McInerney: What is So Special About Orchids?

**Orchid Society of the Royal Botanical Gardens – Sunday, May 26, 2024 at p.m.**

TBA

**Photo Gallery**  
**Photos by Sowmya Johnson**



*Masdevallia kimbballiana* 'Golden Gate'



*Paphiopedilum Amahashi* and  
*Paphiopedilum Magic Lantern*

**Photos by Cathy Ralston**



Mo Painted Desert 'SVO' HCC/AOS x Ctsm. Melana Davision 'Fox Tail'





## 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](mailto: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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<b>President</b>	Sowmya Johnson
<b>Vice President</b>	Don Ingram
<b>Past President</b>	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Cathy Ralston
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<b>Hospitality</b>	Nicole Horseman
<b>Raffles</b>	John Boers
<b>Show Table</b>	Gerhard Kompter
<b>Library</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
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Visit our **Website** (Maintained by Jerry Bolce)  
[www.coos.ca](http://www.coos.ca)

**Mailing Address:**  
41 Woodside Road  
Guelph, Ontario N1G 2H1

“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](http://www.progrowont.com)

### Ravenvision (10%)

[www.ravenvision.ca](http://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](mailto:coosinfo@gmail.com).

Add [coosinfo@gmail.com](mailto: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**