

# SOUTHERN ONTARIO ORCHID SOCIETY

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SOOS Annual Orchid Show, Toronto Botanical Garden, February 11-12, 2006



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**Membership:** Annual Dues \$25.00/Calendar Year. Membership Secretary, Hess Pommells 416-245-0369, Apt. 503, 370 Dixon Road, Weston, Ontario, M9R 1T2

**Web site:** [www.soos.ca](http://www.soos.ca) Member of the Canadian Orchid Congress and the Mid America Orchid Congress; Affiliated with the Orchid Digest and the American Orchid Society.

**Honorary Life Members** Walter Norman, Terry Kennedy, Doug Kennedy, Inge Poot, Peter Poot.

**Program December 4, Toronto Botanical Gardens, Sales 12:30, program 2:00 pm:**

**Election of the Board of Directors.** Nominations for board of directors by Mario Ferrusi: President-----Jay Norris, V. Pres.-----, Secretary--Sue Loftus, Treasurer--Joe O'Regan, Membership--Hess Pommells, Directors--Mario Ferrusi, Chee Chong, Yvonne Schreiber, Inge Poot, Peter Poot, Wayne Eyles, Wayne Hingston, Elizabeth McAlpine, Gary Schreiber, Jocelyn Bertrand, David Bryan, Tom Atkinson, Laura Liebgott.

**Auction** to benefit the Toronto Judging Centre. Bring your wallet, there is sure to be something special. See David Bryan for auction donations. We know there are many more than in the following list.

Donations to-date: **Ecuagenera:** Maxillaria laptocera, Masdevallia pinochio, Houlettia tigrina, Pleurothallis troglodytes

**Mario Ferrusi:** Bulb. rothschildianum 'Margaret Ilgenfritz' AM/AOS, Dracula Don Quiote 'Impossible Dream' AM/AOS

**SOOS:** Assorted back copies of **Orchid Digest**, Back copies of **Awards Quarterly**.

**Pot Luck Social.** Meet and greet your orchid friends. It is **pot luck** so bring a favorite dish to share.

*The 2006 Membership Cards are here. Renew Now*

## President's Message

Well Folks can you believe the weather we have had this fall?? While at the Niagara Region Orchid Society's Show this weekend, we had to contend with being inside on an absolutely wonderful weekend! But for those of us who were at the show the people made the difference. It is an absolutely wonderful way to wind down the show season for the year. I hope many of you were able to get down and see the fantastic specimen plants which had been brought in for show; it really put my window sill to shame. Oh well, someday I'll have a greenhouse too!

Don't forget that the December meeting is our annual POT LUCK meeting. We are not having a caterer this year, so we are dependent upon the members providing all the goodies. Please bring in a favorite recipe to share with us all.

We will also be holding our Executive Elections and holding our annual fund raising auction for the Toronto Judging Centre of the American Orchid Society. For those of you who don't know, the individual centres receive no funding from the AOS for their operations, and events like this are critical to our survival. Dave Bryan has been soliciting donations from all of our vendors and even from some of those who didn't make it to our show this year. So please come out, bring your food, your wallets or cheque-books and your sense of fun. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Happy Growing!! Jay

## Welcome New Members

Jean Turner  
Rufina Chombo  
Wes Grudzinsky

## CULTURAL CLASSES FOR BEGINNERS

These sessions are free to the members of SOOS. Each session is about 2 hours long and conducted by Wayne Hingston. If clarification is needed call Wayne at 905-649-2467.

The fall sessions (Sept. To Jan) will deal with all aspects of basic cultural practices. These sessions are intended as a program and therefore you gain the most if you can attend all of the sessions.

The fall sessions are held in the Boardroom of the Toronto Botanical Gardens (formerly the Civic Garden Centre) at Lawrence Ave. E. and Leslie and begin at 7:00 PM.

Tuesday Dec. 13, 2005 Phalaenopsis, Paphiopedilum

Tuesday Jan. 10, 2006 Cattleya, Dendrobium

## Coming Events

### December

3, Toronto Centre Judging, 1 pm at the **home of Jim and Annette Bagby**, 10786 Hwy #25, Halton Hills, Ontario.

3, Toronto Botanical Gardens Open house.

4, SOOS meeting, Toronto Botanical Garden 12:30 pm.

### January 2006

7, Toronto Centre Judging, 1 pm, Toronto Botanical Garden

8, SOOS meeting, Toronto Botanical Garden 12:30 pm.

### February 2006

4, Toronto Centre Judging, 1 pm, Toronto Botanical Garden

5, SOOS meeting, Toronto Botanical Garden 12:30 pm.

11-12, SOOS Show, Toronto Botanical Garden, 11 am- 5 pm.

18, Get the Jump on Spring, Toronto  
Botanical Garden

### **March 2006**

4, Toronto Centre Judging, 1 pm, Toronto  
Botanical Garden

5, SOOS meeting, Toronto Botanical  
Garden 12:30 pm.

8-12, Canada Blooms, Metro Convention  
Centre.

11-12, RBG Orchid Show.

24-26, MAOC, Omaha, Nebraska.

24-26, Genesee Region Orchid Show,  
Rochester, NY.

25-26, Orchidexpo, Montreal.

April 5-9, AOS Members Meeting, Orlando,  
Florida.

### **Toronto Centre November 5, 2005:**

Cycnodes Jumbo Jewel 'Great-Crystal Star'  
AM-AOS 81 points, Eric Lee.

### **Niagara Show November 12, 2005:**

Blc. Haw Yuan Beauty 'Spice Girl' HCC 78  
pts, Schreibers Orchids

Schoenorchis rosea 'Stacey Ann' CCM 82  
pts. Peter and Sherry Decyk

## **Congratulations!**

At the recent AOS Trustees Meetings David  
Bryan and Greg Warner became fully  
accredited AOS judges. In addition Jeanne  
Kaeding of Rochester, NY advanced from  
student to probationary judge at the Toronto  
centre.

**J** **Library.** Have you returned your  
books?

## **AOS Members Meeting-- Sonoma, Ca. Oct. 12-16, 2005**

The weather was perfect, the scenery better,  
the wines excellent and the food was for  
Conni and me mainly Mexican. The more  
authentic the better!

The AOS Members Meetings were much  
more upbeat than they have been for awhile.  
The AOS is looking much better financially,  
but they are always looking for new  
members.

Howard Bronstein is working on a new  
computer program that will be better than  
Wild Cat. It will have all of the AOS awards,  
all of Sanders and it will eventually have all  
the award slides scanned. All of this will be  
for the same cost as an annual subscription  
to the Awards Quarterly. Along with that you  
will get downloadable monthly updates so  
that you will always be up to date on  
registrations and awards. This is supposed to

**250**  
**Orchids For sale**  
**Approximately 200 Cattleyas**  
**50 Intergenerics**

**Walter Norman**  
**416-283-6965**

### **AOS Judging Results**

#### **ECOS Montreal show October 29, 2005:**

Gchl. dasypogon 'Wen Chih' CCM-AOS 88  
pts Mr & Mrs Chee K. Chong .

Paph. Prince Edward of York 'Jardin  
botanique de Montréal' AM-AOS 85  
pts Jardin botanique de Montréal

Aergs. ellisii 'Lucille Beaulieu' AM-AOS 82  
pts, CCM-AOS 83 pts Mario  
Mireault, Montréal

Trgl. amesiana 'Yvonne' CCE-AOS 91 pts  
Schreibers Orchids

be available in spring of 2006.

There is also a plan to produce the Orchids magazine in CD/DVD format.

There are also incentives for members to get new members. Each new member will receive a voucher for a plant. And energetic members who sign up 5 new members will get a \$100 gift certificate from either Krull-Smith or Normans Orchids.

The AOS web site now has available aids for newsletter editors, video clips of common questions, nomenclature changes, etc.

A new judging Center was approved for Sacramento, it will be called, California Sierra Nevada Judging Center.

Our new supplemental center in Montreal will have its first judging on Nov. 19/05.

Mario Ferrusi.

**REPORT TO MID-AMERICA  
AFFILIATED SOCIETIES  
MIDAMERICA ORCHID CONGRESS  
OCTOBER 21-23, 2005  
MASON, OHIO**

The Fall 2005 Mid-America Orchid Congress was held October 21-23, 2005 at King's Island Resort & Conference Center in Mason, Ohio. The 112 registrants were hosted to a well planned weekend of exceptional speakers, interesting exhibits and gracious hospitality. The 20 vendors brought a wide selection of plants.

The speakers included Lynn O'Shaughnessy- "Hybridizing with Pleurothallids"; Bob Burkey- "Odontoglossums"; Chris Purver- "History & Future of Phrags"; Francisco Miranda- "Brazilian Orchid Habitats." Eric Michel delivered Dr. George Carr's presentation "Cynoches." Dr. Carr was unable to attend due to the threat to his Florida home of the approaching Hurricane Wilma.

The show-stopper was a spectacular exhibit of 11 Phrag. Jason Fischer exhibited by Chris Purver, curator of the Eric Young Foundation – two of these flaming red beauties received FCC's during judging. Attending an MAOC is an opportunity to see genera not grown by members in your local society. The winners of special awards were the following:

AOS Show Trophy: Hoosier Orchid Company, Indianapolis

Mid America Perpetual Trophy: Central Kentucky Orchid Society exhibit, set up by Jordan Hawley of Lexington

Raymond McCullough Award (for best epidendrum or encyclia): Enc. cerastites (Hoosier Orchid Company)

Clifford and Vivian Walters Trophy (for best oncidium): Ornithophora radicans (Malcolm Siegel from Central Kentucky Orchid Society)

12 AOS Awards:

- Phrag Jason Fischer 'La Hougue Bie' (Phrag besseae X Phrag. Mem. Dick Clements) FCC 97 Owner: Eric Young Foundation

- Phrag Jason Fischer 'Corbierel' (Phrag besseae X Phrag. Mem. Dick Clements) FCC 93 Owner: Eric Young Foundation

- Vasco. Five Friendships 'Summerfield Elegance' (Vasco Seng X Vasco Prapin) CCM 83 / HCC 79 Owner: Summerfield Orchids

- Masd. erinacea 'Hannah Bologna' Species AM 81 Owner: Jordan Hawley

- Onc. lanceanum 'Peruvian Princess' Species CCM 80 / AM 82 Owner: Summerfield Orchids

- Cirr. Marilyn LeDoux 'Harrison' (Doris Dukes X Elizabeth Ann Buckleberry) HCC 78 Owner: Malcolm Siegel

- Paph Sierra Bell 'Red Pepper' (Paph Sierra Lace X Paph bellatulum) HCC 76 Owner: Orchid Inn

- Enc. cerastites 'Luke' Species CCM 84 Owner: Erich Michel

- Isochilus linearis 'Joyce Bevin Dowd' Species AM 81/CCM 81 Owner: Sandy Denman

A special feature of any MAOC is the auction which precedes the banquet. Wit & laughter bounced off the walls as the Ways & Means Committee raised \$4139. Fantastic floral centerpieces set the atmosphere for a wonderful banquet. Barry Rhinehart at the piano & Jeanne Harmon, flutist, provided entertainment.

“Communication Within Your Society” was the topic for the Affiliated Societies Breakfast. Representatives of many societies exchanged ideas on communication using newsletters, technology & social functions. On-line registration of plants for orchid shows is encouraged. Societies should consider distribution of local newsletters & The Mid-American by email.

#### ACTION TAKEN BY MAOC COMMITTEES

- Officers for 2006-07: President: Beth Martin; Vice-President: Russ Vernon; Vice-President: Mark Van der Woerd; Secretary: Doris Asher; Treasurer: Jan Yates.
- The Education Committee has released the updated CD “A Pronunciation Guide to Orchid Names” by Gerda Ferrington. It is available for \$10.
- The Conservation Committee has approved funding for the Cleveland Botanical Garden \$400; Ball State University \$500; Como Park \$400 and Native Orchid Garden, Green Bay Wisconsin \$400.
- Doris Asher was named Orchidist of the Year.
- Affiliated societies should send historical records & memorabilia to the AOS archives.
- The Mid-American will be published 4 times per year; the new editor is Barry Rhinehart ([rlyrrrab@earthlink.net](mailto:rlyrrrab@earthlink.net))
- All societies should consider hosting an MAOC as an individual society or as a partner as the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society & the Miami Valley Orchid Society did so well in Mason.

THE NEXT MAOC WILL BE HELD MAY 24-26, 2006 IN OMAHA, NEBRASKA. Information can be obtained by email: [ginavan@verizon.net](mailto:ginavan@verizon.net) or [www.omaha-orchid-society.org](http://www.omaha-orchid-society.org). Plan to attend. Remember to sign up for the breakfast hosted by the Affiliated Societies Committee on Sunday morning. Our discussion topic will be “Specialty Groups Within Your Local Society”.

If the Affiliated Societies Committee specifically or the Mid-America Orchid Congress in general can help your society in any way, I hope you’ll contact us. Remember, too, to access the Congress’s web site often to stay abreast of Congress activities ([www.midamericanorchids.org](http://www.midamericanorchids.org)). If we can’t solve your problem directly, we’ll refer it to someone who can!

Doris Asher, Chair, Affiliated Societies Committee  
277 N Hagadorn Road, E Lansing, MI 48823  
Phone: 517-332-0004, E-mail: [asherdoris@juno.com](mailto:asherdoris@juno.com)

## Show Committee

We need your help and your flowering plants for our **February 11-12 2006 show**.

**This is how you can participate:**

**Encourage** your family, friends, and acquaintances to visit our show.

**Advertise** our show. Distribute posters and \$2 off coupons.

**Sign up** to volunteer for one of the many show jobs. The volunteer sheets will be out at the December and subsequent meetings.

**Enter an orchid exhibit.** There are many display sizes to choose from including a basket class. See the show schedule at the library table. Display and art applications are in this newsletter. Don’t delay. There are trophies to be won. Set up is on Friday, February 10.

**Bring your flowering plants** in to be displayed in the SOOS display. **Liz Mac Alpine has agreed to lead the production of the SOOS display! Offer to help her.**

**Sponsor a trophy.** See Terry Kennedy

This is your show and your society, please participate. The next committee meeting will be held Sunday, December 4 at 10:30 am at the Toronto Botanical Garden. Our annual show is our major fund raiser that provides the money for monthly programming and our conservation programs.

#### QUESTION BOX

Remember, this is your newsletter. If you have a burning orchidaceous question, need, or opinion, send it in to Box 241, Goodwood, ON, L0C 1A0, or e-mail it to [sonja.poot@sympatico.ca](mailto:sonja.poot@sympatico.ca) or phone 905-640-5643. We will print it if it is suitable and if there is space.

#### ADVERTISING

Adspace in this newsletter is available at \$15 per business card size insertion or \$100 per full page insertion. All material must be submitted camera ready.

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Peter Poot

web site <http://soos.ca>

#### SOCIAL

With social information call Wayne Eyles at 905- 629-1799 or e-mail at [krum@sympatico.ca](mailto:krum@sympatico.ca)



THE  
*Southern Ontario Orchid Society*

**27th Annual Orchid Show:** February 11-12, 2006, at The Toronto Botanical Garden, 777 Lawrence Avenue East, Toronto, Ontario, M3C 1P2, Canada

**DISPLAY SPACE APPLICATION**

Name of exhibitor:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name to appear on display:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact person:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>DISPLAY:</b>	Plant Exhibit	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tabletop	<input type="checkbox"/>	Length	_____
	Arrangements	<input type="checkbox"/>	Floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Width	_____
	Artwork	<input type="checkbox"/>	Diagram enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/>	Height	_____
	Educational	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will supply own table	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electricity	_____

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 6, 2006**

**Please note the following important terms:**

- 1. Space will be reserved on a first-come-first-served basis.** There is a **deadline** for the application.
- 2.** Please ensure that your application is complete.
- 3. The show designer reserves the right to make adjustments to the allocation of display space** during setup day to ensure the success of the show.
- 4. No changes to the location of displays are permitted** without the approval of the show designer.
- 5.** Please be considerate of your neighbouring exhibitors by limiting the number of individuals who are involved in the setup of your display.
- 6.** Please read the **Show Schedule** for further assistance in preparing your entry.

In submitting this application the exhibitor accepts the terms stated in this application and the Show Schedule and assumes the entire responsibility and liability for losses, damages, and claims arising out of the exhibitors activities at the Toronto Botanical Garden and will indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Toronto Botanical Garden, its agents, servants, employees, and the Southern Ontario Orchid Society, its officers and members from any and all losses, damages, and claims.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Return completed form to:

Peter Poot  
**Southern Ontario Orchid Society**  
Box #241, Goodwood, Ontario, L0C 1A0, Canada.

**REQUEST FOR ORCHID ART AND PHOTO DISPLAY**

ARTIST NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

**ARTWORK ENTERED:**

1. Title _____
Medium _____
Price _____

2. Title: _____
Medium: _____
Price _____

3. Title _____
Medium _____
Price _____

4. Title _____
Medium _____
Price _____

“In submitting this application the exhibitor/seller accepts the terms stated in this application and assumes the entire responsibility and liability for losses, damages, and claims arising out of the exhibitors activities at the Toronto Botanical Garden and will indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Toronto Botanical Garden, its agents, servants, employees, and the Southern Ontario Orchid Society, its officers and members from any and all losses, damages, and claims.”

Signature:

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## **VALENTINE'S ORCHID SHOW 2006**

February 11 -- 11 am -- 5 pm

February 12 -- 11 am—5 pm

**ORCHID ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION** at the Toronto  
Botanical Garden  
777 Lawrence Ave East, Toronto, Ont

**Deadline for entries:** January 25, 2006

Artists may request space for 1-4 paintings in the following categories (1) paintings, etchings, charcoal etc (2) photographs (3) sculptures, ceramics, china, jewelry and metal art, needlepoint, fibre art, quilts (4) collectible orchid -related art or crafts (Display must contain orchids). In order to exhibit, the Artist must remit 15% commission of any sale to the Southern Ontario Orchid Society. This amount will be deducted at the time of sale. For further information, please call **Susan Shaw for categories 1,3,4 at 416-926-0032** and **Yvonne Sheppard for category #2, photos at 905- 649- 6358..**

Work previously shown at a Southern Ontario Orchid Show will not be accepted. See other side for liability clause.

Volunteers and exhibitors have one free pass to the show. If you could volunteer for security or setup, it would be greatly appreciated. Please call Susan Shaw at 416-926-0032 with the times you are available to volunteer.

### **Photography at the show:**

General Public:

(NO tripods)

Sat & Sun 11 am - 5 pm

Photographers only:

(tripods PERMISSABLE)

Sun. 9am – 11 am