



THE WINDSOR ORCHID SOCIETY

La Société des Orchidophiles de Windsor

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**Congratulations WOS/SOW on your 37th year of service to orchid enthusiasts.**

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**Next Meeting: Sunday, May 29, 2022 Time: 1:30 p.m.**



**Location: Gethsemane Lutherane Church  
1921 Cabana Road West**

**Topic: Annual General Meeting followed by Bizarre Bazaar.**

Come on out for our first in-person meeting in two years. The May meeting is the annual general meeting and involves the elections, plant show table and the Bizarre Bazaar fundraising auction. A great opportunity to reconnect with our orchid family. Think about bringing in your blooming orchids for the show table and earn some bragging rights.

The Windsor Orchid Society continues to meet from September to May (excluding December) on the last Sunday of each month. Occasionally meetings are re-scheduled when we are participating at Orchid Shows that are scheduled for the same weekend as the General meeting or if the regular meeting date falls on a holiday. Watch the Newsletter and website announcements for these changes. During the pandemic, meetings are held virtually through Zoom. Contact [windsororchidsociety@gmail.com](mailto:windsororchidsociety@gmail.com) to participate if you do not receive an invitation.

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**Society Representatives**

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**Committee**

**Archives:** Eunice Bragg  
**Budget:** Ed Cott – Kathleen Fekete  
**Conservation:** Adele Beitler

**Committee Appointments**

**Fund-raising:** Open  
**Hospitality:** Gail Reisch  
  
**Library:** Open  
**ZOOM Administrator:** Adele Beitler  
**Membership:** Ed Cott/Kathleen Fekete  
**Newsletter:** Ann Roth  
**Photographer:** Open  
**Program:** Ed Cott  
**Publicity:** Deb Boersma  
**Raffles & Prizes:** Matt Fekete  
**Orders / Supplies:** Ed Cott  
**Website:** Ed Cott/Deb Boersma

**Appointments**

**Welcoming:** Renee Gignac  
**Winter Social:** Open  
**Webmaster:** Ed Cott/Deb Boersma

**Orchid Supplies:** Potting mix, Physan, sphagnum, pots, fertilizer, totes, etc., are available for safe delivery/pick up. Special request? Contact our Special Orders and Supplies Committee Chair – Ed Cott ([laelia@aol.com](mailto:laelia@aol.com)). Supplies can also be ordered through the website.



## **President's Message**

I have enjoyed the position of President of the WOS even during these challenging COVID times of virtual meetings and limited, or really, no social activities. However, I do admit that I am looking forward to handing over the reign to the next President, whomever he or she might be and enjoying the meeting from the audience perspective once again. The position is not as laborious as one might expect, the main role is to run the monthly meetings and be part of the Executive Committee, please consider helping out here!

It will be really satisfying to complete my term with an in-person meeting and see many of the members once again in the flesh, we will however ask people to still observe COVID protocol, wear masks and social distance. Chairs will be set up in the meeting room so that we can distance from one another. We want to meet in person but we still need to consider that COVID is still lurking and a potential health problem for many.

Don't forget that we will have the Bizarre Bazaar live auction, please consider donating items, just simply bring to the meeting and bring cash, cheques or e-transfer will also be an option of any items purchased. If you have the opportunity email: [debul8ter@outlook.com](mailto:debul8ter@outlook.com) with the items you are donating so that I can look up photos or information to display during the auction.

See you all soon!

## **WOS Elections!**

Please submit nominations for positions in writing to Michelle Paterson, Society Secretary and she will create the voting slate. Nominations will be open from the floor during the Elections.

Positions:            President  
                         Vice President  
                         Secretary  
                         Assistant Secretary  
                         Treasurer.

Non Voting Positions:    Library  
                                 Photographer



## **WOS Volunteers!!!**

*'Volunteers don't get paid because they are worthless but because they are priceless'* Sherry Anderson



**A big welcome to Ann Roth, Gail Reisch and Adele Beitler in their new roles.**

I want to thank Ann Roth who has volunteered to take on the role of Newsletter Editor starting Fall 2022. I am sure that her artistic talents will add a new flair to the newsletters.

The WOS has a mandate to conserve, educate and fund orchid conservation and Adele has volunteered to hold the position of Conservation Chair. Her organizational talents will be of great benefit in furthering our commitment to orchid conservation.

What is a meeting without refreshments and goodies? Thanks to Gail Reisch for taking on the responsibility of meeting hospitality. Please help her out by bringing some goodies to the May meeting.

We are still looking for a librarian to manage the WOS library and a meeting photographer who will take photos of the plant table submissions and general meeting photos. Please consider helping out, these jobs require as little as a few hours per month.

## **The WOS Bizarre Bazaar**



It is time to examine your orchid collection and make note of any orchids you might want to divide, repot and donate to the auction. Please bring any items, plants, books or anything worthy of donating to the May meeting as we are planning on an in person meeting. If you are donating plants please let me know the names prior to the meeting so that I can provide pictures to display during the auction.



## April Meeting



### | Sobralia The Exotic Ephemeral

Sobralias are beautiful reed like plants with exquisite flowers yet are not common in many orchid collections. This presentation enlightened the hobbyist about this genus, the species and hybrids, where are they are from and how to grown them. If you feel the urge to add a few to your collection check out Ecuagenera.

## **FREE EVENT** Great Lakes Judging Center Educational Seminar

**EXPLORING PHALAEOPSIS**  
A webinar presented by Great Lakes Judging Center

Five speakers including keynote presenter Norman Fang, Norman's Orchids on  
"New Color Forms of Phalaenopsis Species"

Saturday June 18, 2022 10:00 to 12:00 EDT  
Live ADS Judging in Howell, Michigan Sat. 1PM EDT

Sunday June 19, 2022 12:00 to 3:00 EDT

For more information contact:  
[gljc.judge@gmail.com](mailto:gljc.judge@gmail.com) or [gljc.org](http://gljc.org)

The Great Lakes Judging Center hosts an annual educational symposium featuring a different alliance each year. This year the topic is *Phalaenopsis* and there will be a number of presenters including well known Phalaenopsis hybridizer Norman Fang. It is free, why not take advantage of this great opportunity. Sit back, relax and enjoy!



**WOS Members Facebook or Email Posts**



*Eulophia quartiniana*

Grower: Janice Rose- Melanson



*Iwanagara Apple Blossom 'C'*

Grower: Michelle Provost-Paterson



*Tolumnia Bravo 'Nalo Beauty'*

Grower: Deb Boersma



## **WOS YouTube Channel**

Meeting links for the recorded meeting programs will be provided in the newsletters. If you miss a meeting, please follow the WOS YouTube link that will be provided to watch the meeting at your leisure.



<b>November meeting Speaker Tom Mirenda</b>	<a href="https://youtu.be/LGVwsUpaayw">https://youtu.be/LGVwsUpaayw</a>
<b>January meeting Speaker Jeannie Kaeding</b>	<a href="https://youtu.be/1C6gSfqY-KY">https://youtu.be/1C6gSfqY-KY</a>
<b>February meeting Speaker Sarah Hurdel</b>	<a href="https://youtu.be/Uk7noCiNiWw">https://youtu.be/Uk7noCiNiWw</a>
<b>March meeting Speaker Wendy Mazuk</b>	<a href="https://youtu.be/OHnwnpchpCc">https://youtu.be/OHnwnpchpCc</a>
<b>April meeting Speaker Deb Boersma</b>	<a href="https://youtu.be/IRMkuwUyjdM">https://youtu.be/IRMkuwUyjdM</a>

## Remembering Michelle Noel Pickell



Michelle was a vibrant member of the London Orchid Society, contributing in many ways and a great orchid grower. She attended our show several times along with her trademark smile that lit up a room. She will be missed by so many friends and family. The orchid community has lost a very special person.



**Windsor Orchid Society 2021-2022 Programming Guide! - mark your calendar**


Date	Speaker/ Event	Topic/Location	Plants for Sale?
May 29	<b>WOS Annual Business Meeting</b>	<b>Bizarre Bazaar Auction/Elections Gethsemane Lutheran Church (tentative)</b>	<b>yes</b>
June 18/19	<b>Great Lakes Judging Center Education Seminar</b>	<b>All Things Phalaenopsis Zoom Norman Fang and various speakers</b>	<b>no</b>

**Memberships are NOW DUE for 2021/2022!!**

Send your contact information, including mailing address, phone # and e-mail address) along with payment to:

**The Windsor Orchid Society**, C/O Kathleen Fekete, 1340 Laurier Drive., La Salle, Ontario. N9J1N3 or e-mail her [kandmfekete@gmail.com](mailto:kandmfekete@gmail.com)

**Annual Dues are \$20.00 single and \$25.00 family/joint membership.**

Find this orchid symbol  hidden somewhere in this newsletter and win a **small bag of potting media**. The first person to email Deb at [debul8ter@outlook.com](mailto:debul8ter@outlook.com) with the correct location and page number will win the ticket. Good luck and make sure you read the whole newsletter!!



## Feature Article

Extracted from AOS.org

# Small Bug Can Cause Mitey Big Problems



Like the thrips we mentioned last month, mites have stealth as their advantage. Unless you have really good eyesight and a strong magnifying lens, you may never even see a spider mite. Usually, the first thing that will alert you to a spider mite epidemic is the silvery stippling on the underside of orchid leaves. That is, if you happen to be in the habit of looking underneath your orchid leaves. If you are not, you may not notice until the damage has spread to the upper surfaces.

If you have a 10x or 20x magnifier you can confirm the presence of mites by looking at a suspected leaf. You will see the small eight-legged critters scurrying about. Another way to determine their presence is to wipe the leaf with a white tissue or paper towel. If there are mites, there will be a red-brown smear on the tissue. If you don't notice a spider mite outbreak until you see silk webs on the undersides of leaves you have probably already sustained significant damage. The word to the wise is observation.

Most information you read will tell you that spider mite outbreaks are more likely to be seen when weather conditions are hot and dry. Then they will go on to tell you to increase humidity as a means of prevention. This advice may work well for growers in northern temperate zones and it is certainly the most benign means of preventing mites. In places like the Gulf Coast and South Florida, humidity rarely goes below 70% in the summer and spider mites can still be a problem. Diligence is the best prophylactic against all pests. It is a lot easier to eliminate a few mites on a Phalaenopsis than it is to control a runaway outbreak on a seedling bench!



Most of the household remedies mentioned in the past two newsletters will also provide control on minor mite problems. Using a solution of soapy water to thoroughly wash the leaves of a mite-infected orchid may be all it takes to solve the problem. Rinse with clear water afterwards and keep the plant isolated for a week or two to be sure you have eliminated the pests. Isopropyl rubbing alcohol in a quart hand sprayer can be used to "jet away" mites from the underside of orchid leaves. Insecticidal soaps, horticultural oils and especially Neem Oil can be effective against mites.



Biological controls such as green lacewing larvae and predatory mites can be effective controls in a closed greenhouse. Just remember that a commitment to biological controls has to be 100%. You cannot spray any agricultural chemicals without killing off beneficial insects along with the bad guys.



Because mites are eight-legged creatures more closely related to spiders, regular insecticides do not work to kill them. For serious mite control, special chemicals called miticides are called for. For many years, Kelthane was the orchid hobbyist's miticide of choice. It is no longer registered for orchid use and is now sold only to professionals. Newer chemicals such as Avid or Pentac will affect control of mites as will growth regulators based on Azadirachtin, which may be safer for humans. Sprays based on Pyrethrins are said to also be effective against mites. Before using any pesticides, read and follow label instructions explicitly.

*Experienced orchid growers will identify and treat a problem before strong agricultural chemicals are needed. Make sure that you are one of them!*

*Greg Allikas  
October 2010*