



THE WINDSOR ORCHID SOCIETY

La Société des Orchidophiles de Windsor

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

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No.3 2021/2022

Next Meeting: Sunday, November 28, 2021 Time: 1:30 p.m.

Location: Online Zoom meeting



Topic: Partners in the Orchid Garden Conservation Network (OGCN)

Orchid Gardens are a worldwide trend and an important tool in the preservation of orchid species in the age of Climate change. Come explore such gardens in Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Peru, China, Southeast Asia and help us preserve orchids for future generations with this innovative idea.

Speaker: Tom Mirenda. Tom presently lives in Hawaii and spends much time advocating for orchid conservation all over the world. He has worked at the New York Botanical Garden, the Brooklyn Botanical Garden, the Greentree Estate, Long Island, the New York International Orchid Show, the Smithsonian and the Hawaii Tropical Botanical Garden. Tom is a well-known writer, speaker and contributes two monthly columns for the AOS Orchids Magazine.

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 to participate if you do not receive an invitation.

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Program: Ed Cott
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Website: Ed Cott/Deb Boersma

Appointments

Welcoming: Renee Gignac
Winter Social: Open
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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). Supplies can also be ordered through the website.



President's Message

As 2021 nears the end and a new year is just around the corner it saddens me that we have not yet had the opportunity to have in-person meetings, the orchid show, orchid field trips and social events, we can only hope that this will change at some point in the new year. Regardless of these restrictions, our membership is still thriving, members have been very active this year participating in the monthly Zoom meetings, posting on the WOS Facebook site, supporting three great fundraising campaigns; the orchid auction, the Easter and Christmas chocolate fundraisers and of course growing orchids!

Normally we would have a holiday party to wrap up the season but as COVID is still right on our heels this is also a lost opportunity for us all to get together and wish each other a happy and safe holiday season. For this reason, I hope to see as many of you as possible at the November meeting, the last one for the year and in addition we have a fantastic speaker lined up. Tom Miranda has travelled the world in search for orchids and supporting conservation initiative. As we are all wary of staying home, this presentation will take us to gardens all around the world to experience these fantastic gardens, the orchids and the orchid conservation goals. It will be the next best thing to actually being there!

For those of you that are unable to attend the November Zoom meeting the WOS wishes you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please stay safe and have an enjoyable holiday season with friends and family.

Christmas Chocolate Fundraiser



Well, we did it once again! The Christmas Chocolate fundraiser was a great success thanks to all you promoted and ordered product. Whether these premium chocolates are gifts for others or for yourself to enjoy over the holiday season I'm sure they will satisfy the chocolate cravings and add just a few more ounces to that Covid weight gain we all seem to be dealing with. 😊

The product should be delivered by November 30th and I will sort the orders and be in touch with pick-up or delivery options.

The final commission earned was \$1207.69 and we received a generous donation of \$250.00 from a member totaling \$1457.69!! This will go a long way in supporting WOS on-going expenses, zoom subscription and the opportunity to secure great guest speakers more the monthly meetings!

Thanks again to all that supported the campaign!



October Meeting

The October meeting featured an AOS recorded webinar by Arthur Chadwick. He is an extremely knowledgeable hybridizer and collector of orchids and specializes in large flowered Cattleyas. He featured a variety of amazing Cattleya species, where they are from, how to grow them and distinguishing features of each flower. This presentation was not part of the recorded meeting but the webinar can be viewed at www.aos.org if you are a member of the American Orchid Society.

Cattleya maxima



Photo credit Ramon de los Santos

Cattleya dowiana

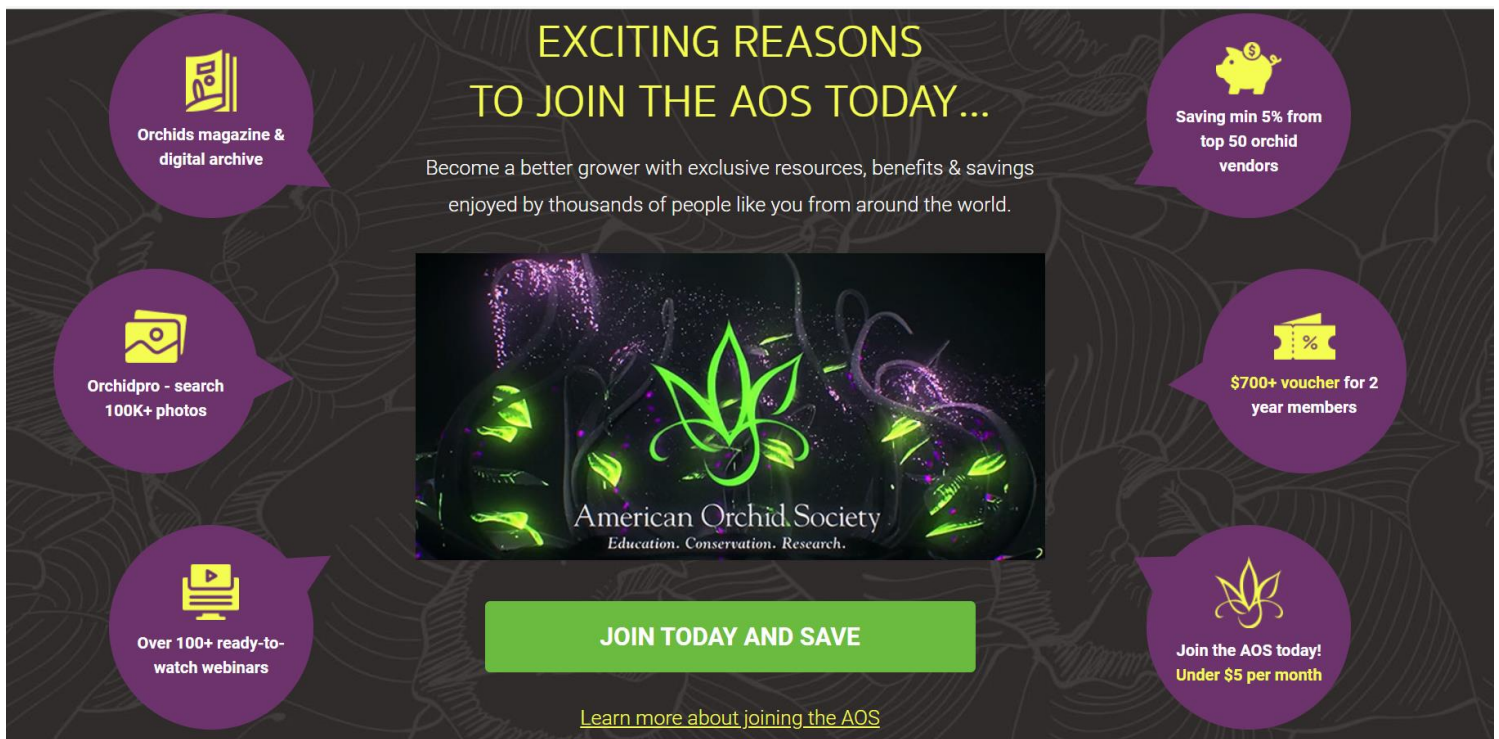


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AOS Membership

If you enjoyed the AOS webinar on Large Flowered Cattleya Species by Arthur Chadwick that was featured in the October Zoom meeting then you might want to consider a membership. There are lots of reasons to become a member, the ORCHIDS monthly magazine, access to Orchid Pro software showing awarded plants, vendor discounts and over 100 webinars. There are webinars on culture and general interest for many genera of orchids and is a great way to learn more about orchids. There are different levels of membership and pricing. Check it out at www.aos.org, there is a short video that describes the benefits and resources available for members.



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WOS Members Facebook or Email Posts



Phalaenopsis NOID

Grower: Francois Seguin



R/c. Yuruani

Grower: Felicia Cheng



Cattleya Chester (a miniature)

Grower: Ann Roth



Zoom Meeting Information

Please check your email for Zoom meeting invites. If you have registered to attend the Zoom WOS online presentation on '**Partners in the Orchid Garden Conservation**' by Tom Mirenda on Sunday, November 28th, you will receive an email on Thursday, November 26th with a Zoom meeting link. A reminder email will be sent on Saturday, November 27th.



Please do not share this link with anyone as the number of participants is limited and unregistered persons will not be admitted to the meeting.

If you do not find the email with the meeting link in your mailbox, be sure to check the spam/junk folder.

Meeting registration requests can be made by sending a message to windsororchidsociety@gmail.com up until 11 am Sunday, November 28th, or until the participant limit is met.

As all participants will be placed in a *waiting room* when joining the meeting and will be admitted one by one. The time for the meeting is set for 1 pm although the actual meeting will start at 1:30 pm. Kindly plan to join the meeting before the rush. See you then.

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.



September meeting Speaker Terry Kennedy

https://youtu.be/_6XB0t9A_mE

October meeting (speaker not recorded👂)

<https://youtu.be/Fyo8XHBC7BQ>



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

Date	Speaker/ Event	Topic/Location	Plants for Sale?
Nov 28	WOS Monthly Meeting Tom Mirenda	ZOOM <u>Partners in the Orchid Garden Conservation Network (OGCN)</u>	No
Jan 23	WOS Monthly Meeting	tba	tba


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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. E-transfers can also be sent to Laelia@aol.com (indicate the payment is for the WOS dues).

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 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

New Year's Resolutions for Orchid Growers

#1 – No overwatering

Well behaved houseplants tell us when they need more water by drooping slightly. They look dry and sometimes a little crinkly. Let them go too long without water and they will keel over (and, alas, sometimes die). When they begin to droop, the attentive grower gives them water and sees them perk right up.

Orchids, unfortunately, are often perverse: they droop slightly, get a crinkly surface, often with grooves running the length of the leaves, when they get too much water. Just the opposite of the expectations most of us have for well-behaved plants. Our natural inclination, based on experience, is to add water. For orchids, this course can be deadly. Literally.

The reason is the way orchid roots are put together. In order to survive exposed to the humid, wet then dry and windy atmosphere they prefer, most orchids have an adaptation in the roots which helps them finely regulate the amount of moisture they take in. The outer cells of the root have evolved to sponge up water. And, just like the old sponge that is left wet in a dank place, the orchid roots will rot away. Continuously putting water into the orchid's pot is the surest way to create the conditions for the dead-sponge effect. Moderate watering in really humid conditions can have the same effect. In either case, damaged and even non-existent roots will result. Of course, the orchid then is not getting water and withers, looking for all the world like a too-dry plant.

What to do? Watering the orchid at this point will be deadly. The remedy is to withhold water, repot into fresh media, and put the plant in a humid environment, wait to begin watering until the new roots begin to show. The best remedy is to avoid overwatering. Take care to let the orchid use the water it has been given before adding more. Put your finger in the mix, if it feels wet, it is. Let the mix dry. Orchids do better too dry than too wet. Every orchid grower will tell you that more plants have been killed off by too much water than any other way.





Seedlings may save money initially, but they can be harder to grow.

#2 – Buy a second, mature, blooming orchid within six months of getting your first.

Both timing and size are important. The timing is to begin to think in terms of having blooms year-round. Under normal conditions, most orchids bloom at approximately the same time each year. Most orchid blooms last a nice little while: some hold their blooms for extravagant lengths. This means that by planning your collection, you can enjoy blooms through the seasons.

When you start your collection, don't make the common mistake of buying small. The attraction of small size is expense. It's cheaper to buy a seedling than a mature, blooming plant. There are several problems with this approach in the beginning. The first one is that you may not get exactly the bloom you expected. The pictures which are used to sell an orchid may not correspond well with the way the bloom will look at home. Even with mericlones, which are exact replicas of the original plant, the picture may be an unusually good angle, hiding the imperfections, and, worse, it may be doctored to hide the flaws. Buy something you see in bloom and you know it is exactly what you want.

The second problem is that seedlings are generally more difficult to grow than mature plants. With experience, you will find that orchids are remarkably tolerant plants, easy to grow and, as my aunt would say, "grateful." Seedlings, however, can be a little finicky. Eventually you will want to try your hand at seedlings. In the beginning, however, it will be more rewarding to get mature plants. More expensive but more likely to be rewarding.

*Greg Truex
AOS Education Committee (2012)*