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# Southern Ontario Orchid Society

Established in 1965, the Southern Ontario Orchid Society is a non-profit organization, supported by individuals who share a passion and love of orchids. As part of its mandate, the society is dedicated to worldwide orchid preservation through education, information and financial support of conservation efforts. To date SOOS boasts the largest membership of its kind in Ontario, with members from all walks of life. Meetings are conducted on the first Sunday of every month (with the exception of July and when dates conflict). Guests are welcome to attend.

Relying on a group of dedicated volunteers, the society offers novice and professional orchid growers the opportunity to meet, learn and expand their knowledge through lectures, workshops, seminars and more. Members are encouraged to bring flowering orchid plants for "show & tell." Experienced growers offer their secrets to produce these exquisite beauties. Expert speakers from around the world, share their extensive knowledge, often with slide presentations. We encourage you to attend our next meeting as a guest and invite you to become a member!



## Annual Orchid Show

### OVER 30,000 Orchid Blooms!

Orchids arranged in artistic displays, plants for sale, gift items, art & photography displays, guided tours, free seminars and a help desk make the annual show a MUST attend. This two day event in February is open to the general public, with specific time set aside for photographers using tripods. The annual show dates and details are posted on the SOOS website.

## Toronto Judging Centre of the American Orchid Society

Monthly judging is open to all orchid growers, and you do not have to be a member of the American Orchid Society or SOOS. Plants are judged for AOS awards in accordance with the Handbook on Judging and Exhibition. We suggest you visit our website for further information regarding dates and times.

# Membership and Benefits

**Membership Fee:**  
**\$30 per calendar year**  
*(per individual or family)*

### Monthly Meeting Features:

- Local & international speakers
- Show & tell table
- Sales of orchid plants & supplies
- Members plant sales table
- Raffle of plants & other orchid items
- Cultural advice
- Coffee & tea
- Opportunity to socialize and enjoy a Sunday afternoon with new friends

### Monthly Newsletter Features:

- Cultural information
- Society events & shows
- Most recent judging results

### Extensive Orchid Library Available:

As a SOOS member you have full access to the library at the Toronto Botanical Gardens and their collection of:

- Books • Magazines • Video Tapes

### Tours & Trips:

- Commercial growers
- Members growing areas

### Regular Novice Workshops Cover:

- Introduction, media & watering
- Fertilizers & repotting
- Light, humidity, pests & diseases
- Phalaenopsis & Paphiopedilum
- Cattleya & Dendrobium

# Learn To Grow Orchids



Amateur plant growers all over the world marvel at the ease of growing orchids on windowsills or under artificial lights. They enjoy the beauty and complexity of the flowers, which generally stay in bloom for a long period of time. Grown primarily in bark, moss and other soilless mixes, these plants are surprisingly resilient and make excellent house plants. At the Southern Ontario Orchid Society we welcome, encourage and support the interests of novice growers.

Through our specially designed NEWCOMER seminars we inform and educate on the culture of the more commonly grown orchids. Meetings are held monthly at the Toronto Botanical Gardens. For contact information, meeting dates and times please visit our website.

## Contact Information



**[www.soos.ca](http://www.soos.ca)**



**SOOSOrchid**

### **We usually meet at the Toronto Botanical Garden**

(formerly Civic Garden Centre)  
at Edwards Gardens

Southwest corner of  
Lawrence Ave. E. at Leslie St.

TTC: from Eglinton Stn. 54 or 54A



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Ontario's Largest Orchid Society

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