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Annual Show: February 12 – 13, 2011



SOOS display by Don Wyatt in Montreal

Meeting Program Sunday, May 2, Sales at noon, program at 1 pm.

The program will consist of seven 15 minute repeating demonstration sessions by knowledgeable members. You will not be able to do all seven sessions so be sure to choose those of most interest to you ahead of time.

Wendy Hoffman, Growing under Lights

John Marcotte, Growing Vandas

Joe DiCiommo, Repotting large plants

Joyce Medcalf, Potting miniatures

Doug Kennedy, Dividing/Repotting Brassias and Miltonias

Synea Tan, Growing orchids in a home

John Vermeer, Growing mini Cattleyas

Please note: The meeting will be in the Garden room auditorium, not in the usual large Floral hall.

Name Tags: If you paid for one and have not yet picked it up from the membership desk, please do so. We don't have unlimited storage. We would all like to get to know you, so please wear your nametag.

SOOS Vendors note a new service for you: At its last meeting the SOOS executive decided to offer its member vendors a free business card size advertisement in its newsletters. Such ads must be orchid related and submitted to the newsletter editor in copy ready form. Usually to run in the next available issue the ads should be received at peterpoot@capricornview.com in electronic form no later than the 15th of the month.

SOOS President's Remarks

Fellow orchid aficionados

It is heartening to see and hear the signs of spring. When I arrived home from our April meeting I was amazed to see that daffodils, which had been in bud when I left, were now in flower. And the birds, particularly the robins, are serving as early morning alarm clocks. I am also noticing new growths developing on a large number of my orchid plants. I guess that also means that I should be doing some repotting.

A reminder that our May 2nd meeting will take place in the Garden Hall. The program for this meeting will consist of a number of concurrent round table demonstrations of various aspects of orchid culture presented by some of our excellent growers.

A number of matters relating to the SOOS members' sales table at our monthly meetings need to be re-iterated:

- Diane is looking for another person who could help her with the sales. She would like someone who could commit to coming each month and like to share his or her orchid growing expertise. Please contact me if you think you would like to help.
- It would also be very helpful when bringing in plants for sale, if you could provide some bags that the person purchasing your plants could use to take them home.
- Payment for any plants sold **will not be available to the member until the end of the meeting**. It takes time to do the calculations and it is only fair that the person making the calculations had the time to do it correctly.

Nine of our members have graciously agreed to let you visit their orchid growing areas so don't forget to mark on the weekend of June 12th and 13th on your calendars. The "Orchid Growers Tour" will showcase a variety of growing situations. These will include windowsills, under lights in the basement, summering

outside, city allotment gardening and greenhouses. This will be a self-guided tour. A list of the growers, their addresses and the hours when they will be open will be published in the June newsletter. If have any questions, you can contact me at yvoneschreiber68@gmail.com, or 905-473-3405. Or just speak to me at one of our meetings.

Yvonne Schreiber

Questions or comments

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Welcome New Members

Susan Rattee

We make mistakes: A number of errors crept into the last issue of your newsletter.

The name of one of our new members, Israel Olmos Lav was repeatedly reported incorrectly. My apologies to Israel.

The correct name of the Plant of the month was *Dendrobium lindleyi* not *jenkinsii*. The most obvious difference between the two otherwise very similar species is that *jenkinsii* has up to two flowers per inflorescence whereas *lindleyi* has a very substantial inflorescence with from 10 to 14 flowers. It is interesting that there is a hybrid of the two plants *Dendrobium Ueang Phueng* that has very similar flowers as shown in the picture below.



Dendrobium Ueang Phueng

photo PP

One other missed correction worth mentioning is in the article about watering and feeding. The author uses the word media for both the singular and the plural of what should have been the word medium for the singular. Ed.

SOOS displays at other Orchid Society Shows. London, Montreal and TAOA show.

Thanks to our enthusiastic members we saw some nice SOOS displays at a number of shows. The London, Ontario display was produced by Laura Liebgott, while the Montreal and TAOA displays were masterminded by Don Wyatt. Many members lent their beautiful plant for the displays. Thank you all of you.

The ribbon results for London and Montreal were as follows:

London; Synea Tan: 1st. For *Psychopsis Mendenhall* 'Hildos', 1st. for *Prosthecea boothiana*, 1st. for *Phragmipedium Randy MacDonald*, 3rd. For Phalaenopsis Orchid World 'Trenton', 3rd. For Slc. Mahalo Jack x Blc. Toshie Ark Pizzaz. Best first bloom seedling to *Phragmipedium Randy MacDonald*.

Yvonne Schreiber: 1st. for *Paphiopedilum delenatii*, 1st. for *Paphiopedilum chamberlanianum latifolium x self*, 2nd. for *Paphiopedilum Conco-bellatulum*, 2nd. for *Doritaenopsis Yu Pin Polar Star*, 3rd. for *Epidendrum Candy Dandy*.

Monica Lee: 3rd. for *Paphiopedilum haynaldianum* 'Jeanie x Jackie'

Montreal; Yvonne Schreiber: 1st. for *Paphiopedilum Conco-bellatulum*, 2nd. for *Paphiopedilum delenatii*, 3rd. for *Epidendrum Candy Dandy*.

Sue Loftus: 1st for *Dendrobium Stardust x unicum*

Don Groom: 2nd. for *Phalaenopsis Sierra Gold*, 3rd. for *Dendrobium senile*

John Vermeer: 2nd. for Slc. California Apricot, 2nd. for Pot. Martha Clark

Ribbon results for the TAOA show will come later.

Coming Events

APRIL

24-25, Ottawa Orchid Society Show.

***28- May 3, AOS members meeting, Meridian Hotel, Oklahoma City.

May

1, Toronto Centre AOS judging, at Toronto Botanical Garden, Judges training 10 am, Judging 1 pm.

2, SOOS meeting Toronto Botanical Garden, sales 12 noon, program 1 pm.

29, Toronto/Montreal Judging Centers, Semi Annual Meeting, Montreal Botanical Garden , - Rooms 242 + 243

June

5, Toronto Centre AOS judging, at Toronto Botanical Garden, Judges training 10 am, Judging 1 pm.

6, SOOS meeting Toronto Botanical Garden, sales 12 noon, program 1 pm.

12,13, SOOS "Orchid Growers Tour" of member orchid growing setups. Selfguided tour. See June newsletter for addresses and times.

July

3, Toronto Centre AOS judging, at Toronto Botanical Garden, Judges training 10 am, Judging 1 pm.

August 1, SOOS Orchidfest and Toronto Centre AOS judging.

AOS judging 10 am

Pot luck lunch 12 noon

Orchid speaker program after lunch. Fred Clarke, of Sunset Valley orchids (www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com) will be our guest speaker at this year's Summerfest. Fred will be making 2 presentations:

- "Today's Mini and Compact Cattleyas"

- “New Hybrids with *Catasetum* , *Cycnoches* and *Mormodes* ”

As well, he will be bringing orchids for sale. [If you pre-order, there will be a 10% discount](#) (July 19 pre-order deadline).

All members of Orchid Societies welcome! Plan to attend this unique event now! It is free!!!

All you did not need to know about *Schlimia* Planch. & Linden.



Schlimia trifida (?) photo by Lourens Grobler Orchidwhiz

As the spring orchid show season draws to a close here in Southern Ontario, it is time to take stock of all the new plants that have joined our household as a result of many an impulse buy. One such plant is labelled *Schlimmia trifida* and was bought because it looked very much like a *Stanhopea*, the plant that is, it has no flowers as yet. We can never resist yet another *Stanhopea*. We bought it without any idea

of what conditions it might require, other than that it came from a grower in Ecuador. The vendor’s sales person also did not know what it might require and happily accepted our offer to let him know when we looked it up. Buying a plant without growing instructions is of course something we do not recommend. You might find that you cannot possibly provide what is required, and then what? But then, do as I say, not as I do, and who can resist going through all those intriguing packages from a foreign place.

Well here is everything you did not need to know about a plant you will probably never buy. The dealer did have a few more, and probably still more in Ecuador.

The genus *Schlimia* consists of four to eight medium sized usually epiphytic *Stanhopea* like species that grow in wet shady mountain forests under cool to intermediate conditions in Columbia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia and Venezuela. The inflorescences are pendant as in *Stanhopeas* and the up to six flowers per inflorescence are medium in size. The flowers are distinguished by a sack like hood formed by the grown together lateral sepals. The genus was named after a Mr. Louis Schlim who was a cousin to M. Linden an orchid collector in Columbia between 1850 and 1851. The type species (the first one described) is *Schlimia jasminodora* Planch. & Linden (smells like jasmine I guess) and was published in 1853 as *Schlimmia jasminodora*. As Mr. Schlim’s name only had one ‘m’ not two as all good Germans would expect, H.G. Reichenbach, a famous Austrian botanist published a correction in 1865, making it *Schlimia* with one ‘m’.

Schlimia belongs to the *Stanhopeinae* and requires similar conditions to many *Stanhopeas*---sofar so good. Our plant ought to flower in the fall, but who knows it may not be big enough, or it may not be what the label says. Also, it is spring and there is a new growth showing, so chances are good it will stay with us till then.

There have been two AOS awards to the genus, both Certificates of Botanical Merit (CBR). Essentially an award created to recognize orchids of botanical interest, but not necessarily horticulturally interesting. Oh well, beauty is in the eye of the beholder and all that.

Schlimia garayana (syn. *trifida*) ‘Sharon’ CBR-AOS, August 14, 1999

Schlimia jasminodora ‘La Merced’ CBR-AOS, November 14, 1986

The Orchidwhiz Encyclopaedia lists the following species some of which may be synonyms: Schlimia alpina, condorana, garayana, jasminodora, jennyana, pandurata, stevensonii, trifida.

So, if you still want to know more try:

AQ+ for the award descriptions, Orchidwhiz for culture and pictures, Selbyana, Icones Plantarum Tropicarum, Native Columbian Orchids, Native Ecuadorian Orchids.(Peter Poot)

AOS Judging Results

London Show, March 20

Dendrobium eximium 'Chris Schreiber' AM-AOS 80 pts., Doug & Terry Kennedy

Dendrobium Seigyoku 'Queen' (Oberon x Spring Wind) CCM-AOS 80 pts., Mario & Conni Ferrusi

Lycaste Takagamine 'Marsh Hollow Magic' (Chita Melody x Sunrise) HCC-AOS 78 pts., Mario & Conni Ferrusi

Manitoba Orchid society Show, March 26

Paphiopedilum Frank Zettle 'Marinda' AM-AOS 81 points (*henryanum* x *hirsutissimum*). (owner?)
Cypripedium Gisela 'Amanda' CCM-AOS 83 points, (*parviflorum* x *macranthos*), Lorne Heska, Winnipeg.

Montreal Show, March 27

Angraecum vigueri 'Jardin Botanique de Montreal' CCM –AOS 84points, Jardin Botanique de Montreal
Bulbophyllum Elisabeth Ann Buckleberry 'JBdM', CCE-AOS 91 points, JBdM
Chysis bractescens'JBdM', CCM –AOS 83 points, JBdM.
Maxillaria longiloba 'JBdM', CHM-AOS 82 points, JBdM.
Lycaste fuscina'?', CHM –AOS 81 points, Nicole Roy
Doritaenopsis Jihbao Sweetie 'DS', AM-AOS 81 points, Plant Exotica
Paphiopedilum Liberty Taiwan '?' AM-AOS 82 points, Plant Exotica

Toronto Judging Centre, April 3, 2010.

Coelogyne chloroptera 'Leprechaun' CHM-AOS 82 points, Doug & Terry Kennedy
Acineta chrysoxantha 'Marshhollow Surprise' CHM-AOS 82points, Mario & Conni Ferrusi
Odontocidium Page Solana 'Full Circle' AM-AOS 80 points, Mario & Conni Ferrusi

Toronto Artistic Orchid Association show, April 10

Paphiopedilum Liberty Taiwan 'Flora' HCC-AOS 77 points, Susan Cheung

Paphiopedilum Letty Kei 'Memoria Alvin May', AM-AOS 83 points, John Doherty Zephyrus Orchids.

Please note, Next judging: **May 1, Toronto Centre**, at Toronto Botanical Garden, Judges training 10 am, Judging 1 pm.

BASKET OF THE MONTH



Sue Loftus brought in a basket full of colourful cattleyas and dendrobiums – lovely! Congratulations, Sue!

A Star is born.

Crystal Star Orchids offers broker service with over 15 top orchid nurseries from Taiwan and the U.S.A, including:

Ching Hua Orchids, In Charm, Krull Smith, and Sunset Valley.

Our website is up and running.

If you have any questions please feel free to email us at: crystalstarorchids@gmail.com

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April 2010 Show Table

| Class | First | Second | Third |
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| <p><i>Class 1</i> Cattleya Alliance</p> | <p>Potinara(Rhyncattleanthe) Martha Clarke 'Cherry Cheeks' <i>John Vermeer</i></p> | <p>Dialaelia(Caulaelia) Fair Jewel 'Lilac Bells' <i>Jean Ikeson</i></p> | <p>Sophrolaeliocattleya (Cattleya)Mini Apricot <i>John Vermeer</i></p> |
| <p><i>Class 2</i> Paphiopedilum</p> | <p>Paphiopedilum Delophyllum <i>Stephen Chen</i></p> | <p>Phragmipedium Rosalie Dixler <i>Anita Kho</i></p> | <p><i>Paphiopedilum</i> <i>amabile</i> 'Charles' AM/AOS <i>Rosanna Li</i></p> |
| <p><i>Class 3</i> Phalaenopsis and Vanda Alliance</p> | | <p>Phalaenopsis NO ID <i>John Jurica</i></p> | |
| <p><i>Class 4</i> Oncidium and related genera</p> | <p>Odontoglossum Rawdon Jester 'Muenchner Kindl' <i>Jay Norris & Max Wilson</i></p> | <p>Oncidium Hawaiian Pacific <i>Manuela Lapuente</i></p> | |
| <p><i>Class 6</i> Dendrobium</p> | <p>Dendrobium Frosty Dawn 'Wings of Gold' <i>Calvin Lo</i></p> | <p><i>Dendrobium</i> <i>wardianum</i> <i>Rosanna Li</i></p> | <p><i>Dendrobium</i> <i>tobaense</i> <i>Calvin Lo</i></p> |
| <p><i>Class 7</i> All Others</p> | <p><i>Pleurothallis</i> <i>ghiesbreghtiana</i> <i>Erika Lorincz</i></p> | | |
| <p><i>Class 9</i> Baskets or Displays</p> | <p>Spring Basket <i>Sue Loftus</i></p> | | |