

## Conservation Committee Report for November 5 Executive Meeting

John Alexander and Peter Kaellgren participated in the Ontario Nature Youth Summit on September 23 to present two seminars / workshops that included information on Ontario Orchids (Peter), Conservation (John) and orchid-gami. (John)

John and Peter were back to the Carden Field Naturalists in October for John to do a conservation presentation based on his COC AGM reports and additional research.

They are invited back to Milliken Mills Highschool in Markham in November to participate in a weeklong forum on Geography and Conservation. John and Peter participated in the *Connecting with the Land* event at Milliken Mills in May of 2023.

Conservation Committee is busy organizing their display for the 2024 show. Julia Wither is coordinating it.

The Ottawa Orchid Society was contacted by John Parke Wright IV from the Chelsea Flower Show in London in connection with possible participation in the Orchid Conservation display for 2024. Jan Johns forwarded the information to me on behalf of the COC. At this point I have participated in one preliminary meeting and the North American committee is waiting for conformation that the proposal from Larry Zettler has been approved. The North American committee has several participants from American Universities, Botanical Gardens and NAOCC. The only Canadians currently on the committee are Barry Storeshaw from OSPF and myself on behalf of the COC and SOOS.



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