

SOUTHERN ONTARIO ORCHID SOCIETY  
**ORCHID SHOW & SALE**  
Toronto Botanical Garden  
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY • FEBRUARY 8 & 9, 2025



## SOOS DONATIONS TO THE NATURE CONSERVANCY OF CANADA

In 2024, the Southern Ontario Orchid Society received an Conservation Recognition Award from the American Orchid Society in recognition of the Society's support of conservation efforts in Ontario.

Each year a portion of the proceeds from the Southern Ontario Orchid Society (SOOS) Annual Show and Sale is donated to a conservation project recommended by the SOOS Conservation Committee. SOOS has supported the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) in several important conservation projects over the years.

In 2023, SOOS donated \$20,000 to the NCC to help purchase a parcel in the Sturgeon Bay Forest, Saugeen Bruce Peninsula. This purchase is part of their ongoing strategy to create a conservation corridor which will enable wildlife of all kinds to flourish, including native orchids. For more information, click on <https://www.natureconservancy.ca/en/where-we-work/ontario/our-work/natural-areas/northern-bruce-peninsula-natural-area.html>.

In 2021, SOOS donated \$25,000 to the NCC to aid in their purchase of 18.5 Kilometres of shoreline surrounding Vidal Bay on Manitoulin Island. The NCC considers the Vidal Bay Forests and Shoreline project to be redefining conservation in southern Ontario by creating the largest protected area complex south of the Canadian Shield. For more information, go to <https://www.natureconservancy.ca/en/where-we-work/ontario/featured-projects/vidal-bay.html>

In 2020, SOOS donated \$10,000 to the NCC to aid in their purchase of Baldwick Bluff property.

In 2019, \$15,000 was awarded to the NCC for the ongoing stewardship of the Minesing Wetlands. This property, located 15 km west of Barrie, encompasses one of the largest and least disturbed wetlands in southern Ontario. The 27,025 acre (10,937 hectare) area of wetlands, fields and forests is often referred to as the "Everglades of the North" owing to their designation as a Ramsar Wetland of International Importance. The Minesing Wetlands contains a vast collection of marshes, fens and treed swamps which support more than thirty (30) at-risk species, including the endangered Eastern Prairie White-Fringed Orchid, the Cerulean Warbler and Hine's Emerald Dragonfly. For more information, visit <http://www.natureconservancy.ca/en/where-we-work/ontario/our-work/natural-areas/minesing-wetlands.html>

In 2018, SOOS donated \$10,000 to the Nature Conservancy of Canada to aid in the purchase of 100 acres of land at Dyers Bay West on the Saugeen Bruce Peninsula. Several rare plants and animals can be found in the area including at least three orchid species. This important project will protect native orchid habitat.

For the best visitor experience, final entry to the Show and Sale will be 4:30 pm on Saturday and 3:30 pm on Sunday.

The 2025 Show and Sale celebrates the Sixtieth Anniversary of the creation of SOOS. The Show runs from Noon to 5 pm on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> and from 11 am to 4 pm on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at the Toronto Botanical Garden, 777 Lawrence Avenue East, Toronto, Ontario, M3C 1P2.

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General admission is \$10 and free for supervised children under 12.

