



# Orchidata

## *The President's Message*

**April 2015**

April is here, and with it numerous Shows and other events. Our own Show at the end of February was very successful with the RBG welcoming many more visitors than the previous weekend and also more people than they saw on the weekends before or after March break. Kudos to Show Director Ben Boers and thanks to all the volunteers, whether you were there for an hour or two to fill a specific role or stayed all weekend to pitch in where needed, or something in between. The adage “many hands make light work” is certainly true when putting on a Show of this size and scope. Elsewhere in this issue, you will find a report on the ribbons won by OSRBG members.

We also need volunteers to help with outside Shows. For the past year or more, we have depended on a core group consisting of Ben and Cindy Boers and Pat and Lynda Vuurman with occasional assistance from a few other individuals. Although the group has achieved excellent results, with many first place ribbons for their displays, this model is a recipe for burnout! I have noted that SOOS uses a system with different teams taking responsibility for each Show. The SOOS model is one which I think is worth adopting. We will need a coordinator to make sure that a team is available for each Show and we will need individuals who will take responsibility for building a team and mounting a display. Please give some consideration to volunteering in this way.

Speaking of outside Shows, we recently entered a display in London. You will find a report on it elsewhere in Orchidata. Upcoming Shows are TAOA (April 11/12) and Ottawa (April 18/19). I believe that the Boers/Vuurman team will continue to take responsibility for these displays, but if you can help out, this would be an excellent opportunity to see what is involved.

Our March meeting was well-attended with members asking lots of questions about re-potting their orchids. Building on this, we have decided to devote the May meeting (May 24th) to a round table where you can bring your questions and/or talk about your innovative solutions. Extra raffle tickets for the best questions and the best answers! Watch for more details on the website and elsewhere.

Finally, our June meeting (June 14th) will be our AGM when new individuals will be proposed to fill vacancies on the Executive Board. See below for details. As always, we will combine the meeting with our annual “Strawberry Social”, a time to nibble and socialize, and we will be asking you to bring the nibblies. Last year we also ran a “Swap and Sale,” which we will do again this year. Think about making some divisions for sale if you have plants that need to be divided.

Our next meeting is April 19, when Russ Vernon of New Vision Orchids will talk about Odontoglossums. Looking forward to seeing you there. Happy orchid-growing!

Wendy

Nominations are sought for the following positions on the Executive Board. Please contact Past-President Lynda Vuurman ([lynda97@icloud.com](mailto:lynda97@icloud.com)) for details or to express your interest in serving.

- President**
- Vice President**
- Membership**
- Publicity**
- Newsletter**
- Show**
- Flasking**

## Monthly Meeting Schedule OSRBG

Date	Locations
April 19, 2015	Room 5
May 24, 2015	Room 5
June 14, 2015	Room 5
July 2015	President's Picnic
August 16, 2015	Room 5
September 20, 2015	Room 5
October 18, 2015	Room 5
November 15, 2015	Room 5
December 13, 2015	Room 5

## Upcoming Events

**April 18 & 19, 2015 Ottawa Orchid Society 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Show and Sale**, Nepean Sportplex, 1701 Woodroffe Avenue, Nepean, Ontario

**April 19, 2015 – OSRBG General Meeting, Room 5.**  
Plant sales commence at 1:00 pm & Meeting to begins at 2:00 pm. **Programme:** Russ Vernon, New Vision Orchids, Indiana, Odontoglossum.

**May 24, 2015 – OSRBG General Meeting, Room 5.**  
Plant sales commence at 1:00 pm & Meeting to begins at 2:00 pm. **Programme:** TBA.

**June 5 & 6, 2015 – Bruce Peninsula Orchid Festival**, Tobermory, Ontario at Parks Canada Visitor Centre. The events schedule and registration online starting May at: [www.orchidfest.ca](http://www.orchidfest.ca)

**June 14, 2015 – OSRBG General Meeting, Room 5.**  
Plant sales commence at 1:00 pm & Meeting to begins at 2:00 pm. **Programme** – General meeting, Member Plant Sales and Strawberry Social. Bring a Strawberry dish or dessert to share ☺

**July 5, 2015 – SOOS Summerfest at the Toronto Botanical Gardens**, 777 Lawrence Avenue East, Toronto, Ontario. AOS judging starts at 10 am. You are welcome to sit in or bring plants for judging. There is a potluck lunch at noon, and there are talks starting at 1 pm. This year, SOOS is hosting Juan Philipe Posada from Colombia; he is the owner of Colomborquideas. They specialize in cool growing Andean orchids. All Orchidists Welcome.

**July 2015 – OSRBG Presidents Picnic**  
Date and details to be announced

## Potting Mixes

### ORCHID MEDIA RECIPE

To make up the media that we use at the RBG, is as follows 3 parts bark, 1 part coarse perlite, 1 part charcoal [soaked in hot water for about an hour] and add 1 part sphagnum moss damp, fluffed up. Take a container of any size and use this as your one part measure. After mixing all the parts together drain excess water and start potting. DO NOT mix media dry and use it dry for potting. You need to soak the media so that it will accept watering, otherwise water will only run through the pot not provide the water to the plants.

This is the basis of the mix. If you find that you need more dampness in the mix because you do not water enough then add more moss, if you decide you need more aeration then add more perlite. Always mix according to your needs. Everyone grows differently!

Ben Boers

**Phragmipedium Mix for semi-hydroponic potting** by Pat Vuurman \*\*\*

1 part fine baked clay bits (Turface \* is the trade name)  
2 parts medium charcoal  
3 parts medium perlite  
15 to 20 parts medium coir \*\* for small to medium sized plants  
or  
5 parts medium plus 10 to 15 parts large coir \*\* for larger plants

\* Turface is available at hydroponics stores.

\*\* Some coir, claiming "rinsed" on the packaging, still contains copious quantities of salts. Phrags cannot tolerate built up salts. Coir MUST be soaked and rinsed several times (thrice is recommended) using BOILING water to remove excess salts.

\*\*\* This recipe is successful in our growing conditions. Please try it on one or two Phrags first before committing an entire collection to a major change.

**Paphiopedilum Potting Mix** by Pat Vuurman \*\*

1 part fine baked clay bits (Turface \* is the trade name)  
 2 parts medium charcoal  
 2 parts medium perlite  
 15 to 20 parts medium bark for small to medium sized plants

or

5 parts medium plus 10 to 15 parts large bark for larger plants

\* Turface is available at hydroponics stores.

\*\* This recipe is successful in our growing conditions. Please try it on one or two Paphs first before committing an entire collection to a major change.

**SHOW RESULTS**

Photo by Ben Boers

**London Orchid Show Results**

Once again a team of your Society's volunteers took to the roads to put together a display in London on the weekend of March 20 – 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thanks for contributing your precious orchids go to Wendy Header-Moan, Linda Will, Ed Drury, Gavin Clark, Sherry and Peter Decyk, Jane and Robert Johnstone, Cindy and Ben Boers, Lynda and Pat Vuurman. The skills of the design / display team of Cindy, Lynda, Wendy, Ben and Pat put together a fine exhibit that garnered 2<sup>nd</sup> place for Society Exhibits. Other ribbons were won by:

**Wendy Header-Moan:**

3<sup>rd</sup> in yellow flowered Phalaenopsis for Phalaenopsis Fuller's Sunset

**Linda Will:**

1<sup>st</sup> in Paphiopedilum species for Paphiopedilum wenshanense

2<sup>nd</sup> in Paphiopedilum species for Paphiopedilum niveum

**Ed Drury:**

2<sup>nd</sup> in multi-floral Paphiopedilum hybrids for Paph Shin-Yi Isabel (Lady Isabel x Prince Edward of York)

**Gavin Clark:**

1<sup>st</sup> in Dendrobium species for Dendrobium nobile

**Sherry and Peter Decyk:**

Best of Miscellaneous genera, 1<sup>st</sup> in Bulbophyllums plus 2<sup>nd</sup> in specimen plants for Bulbophyllum graveolens

1<sup>st</sup> in red flowered Phragmipedium species for Phragmipedium besseae

2<sup>nd</sup> in Dendrobium hybrids for Dendrobium Nestor (parishii x superbum)

2<sup>nd</sup> in species Phalaenopsis for Phalaenopsis amabilis 'Formosa' 4N

3<sup>rd</sup> in alba Paphiopedilum hybrids for Paphiopedilum (Pat Rowland x Hsinying Majakun)

**Jane and Robert Johnstone:**

1<sup>st</sup> in green/brown flowered Phragmipedium species for Phragmipedium roezlii 'John Fix'

1<sup>st</sup> in green/brown flowered Phragmipedium hybrids for Phragmipedium Sorcerer's Apprentice (longifolium x sargentianum)

2<sup>nd</sup> in pink flowered Phragmipedium hybrids for Phragmipedium Cardinale 'Kilworth' AM/AOS (Sedenii x schlimii)

2<sup>nd</sup> in orange flowered Phragmipedium hybrids for Phragmipedium China Dragon (dalessandroi x Grande 4N)

2<sup>nd</sup> in cruciform Paphiopedilum hybrids for Paphiopedilum Zanzibar (Actaeus x Xantippe)

3<sup>rd</sup> in pink flowered Phragmipedium hybrids for Phragmipedium Silver Eagle (schlimii x czerwiakowianum)

**Cindy and Ben Boers:**

2<sup>nd</sup> in foliage orchids for *Cymbidium sinense*

3<sup>rd</sup> in *Dendrobium* hybrids for *Dendrobium* Kingrose 'June Patricia' (Bardo Rose x kingianum)

3<sup>rd</sup> in *Dendrobium* hybrids for *Dendrobium* ([Louise Rainbow x Zip] 'SV O' x [SVO x Zip 'Jack McMillan])

3<sup>rd</sup> in pink flowered *Phalaenopsis* for *Phalaenopsis* no name

**Lynda and Pat Vuurman:**

2<sup>nd</sup> in *Phragmipedium* species for *Phragmipedium* tetzlaffianum

3<sup>rd</sup> in yellow flowered with markings *Phalaenopsis* hybrids for *Phalaenopsis* Taisuco Date (Brother Lawrence x Taisuco Glory)

3<sup>rd</sup> in first flowered seedlings for *Phalaenopsis* (Suzianna Wijanto 'Carmela' x Golden Image)

3<sup>rd</sup> in foliage orchids for *Maxillaria reichenheimiana*

Thank you to all who participated and looking forward to continued success at the next two Spring shows in Toronto and Ottawa.

**Toronto Artistic Orchid Association Show Results**

Photo by Linda Vuurman

On the weekend of April 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> another of the Spring orchid shows took place in Scarborough. Thanks go out to Luke Witherspoon, Wendy Hearder-Moan, Linda Will, Cindy and Ben Boers, Lynda and Pat Vuurman and the RBG for allowing their precious plants to be part of the display. The set-up crew of Netty and Agus Sampara, Cindy and Ben Boers, Lynda and Pat Vuurman and Steve MacKenzie put together a commendable exhibit that earned a 2<sup>nd</sup> ribbon.

Other ribbons were won by:

**Luke Witherspoon:**

2<sup>nd</sup> in *Miltoniopsis* intergeneric hybrids for Vuylsteekeara Smile Eri

**Linda Will:**

1<sup>st</sup> in long petalled *Phragmipedium* hybrids for *Phragmipedium* China Dragon (Grande x besseae flavum)

2<sup>nd</sup> in *Paphiopedilum* species for *Paphiopedilum* wenshanense

2<sup>nd</sup> in *Paphiopedilum* hybrids for *Paphiopedilum* (vietnamense x chamberlainianum)

3<sup>rd</sup> in *Paphiopedilum* hybrids for *Paphiopedilum* Hiroko Tamaka (armeniicum x wenshanense)

3<sup>rd</sup> in *Miltoniopsis* hybrids for *Miltoniopsis* Lennart Karl Gottling (Timberline x Pearl Ono)

Cindy & Ben Boers:

3<sup>rd</sup> in other coloured multifloral *Phalaenopsis* hybrids for *Phalaenopsis* no name

**Joe DiCiommo:**

3<sup>rd</sup> in *Oncidium* hybrids for *Oncidium* Sphacetante

**Lynda & Pat Vuurman:**

2<sup>nd</sup> in red flowered *Phragmipedium* hybrids for *Phragmipedium* Memoria Dick Clements (besseae x sargentianum)

3<sup>rd</sup> in red flowered *Phragmipedium* hybrids for *Phragmipedium* Amitabha (Patti MacHale x besseae)

2<sup>nd</sup> in other coloured *Phalaenopsis* hybrids for *Phalaenopsis* Tying Shin Forever Love 'Little Sun'

3<sup>rd</sup> in white flowered *Phalaenopsis* hybrids for *Phalaenopsis* Dutch Lady (stuartiana x Lowland Lady)

3<sup>rd</sup> in pink multifloral *Phalaenopsis* hybrids for *Phalaenopsis* no name

3<sup>rd</sup> in orchids grown for their foliage for *Cymbidium* sinense

**RBG:**

2<sup>nd</sup> in species allied to *Cattleya* for *Rhyncholaelia* digbyana 'Mem. Gary Schreiber' CCM/AOS

2<sup>nd</sup> in pink flowered *Phragmipedium* hybrids for *Phragmipedium* Schroederiae (caudatum x Sedenii)

2<sup>nd</sup> in *Cattleya* species for *Cattleya* guatamalensis

As always thank you to the plant owners and set-up crew for making this display happen. Pat Vuurman

**OSRBG SHOW**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Oncostele Wildcat - Peggy Reed  
 1<sup>st</sup> Doritaenopsis Fuller's Sunset - Wendy Hearnder-Moan  
 1<sup>st</sup> Phal Zuma's Pixie x I-Hsin Spot - Robin McLaughlin  
 1<sup>st</sup> Ludisia discolor var. alba - Robert Johnstone  
 1<sup>st</sup> Galeandra chapadensis 'Lynn Valley Bells' CHM/AOS - Robert Johnstone  
 1<sup>st</sup> Mexipedium xerophyticum - Robert Johnstone  
 1<sup>st</sup> Phragmipedium Sorcerer's Apprentice - Robert Johnstone  
 1<sup>st</sup> Phragmipedium roezelii 'John Fix' - Robert Johnstone  
 1<sup>st</sup> Den/ chrysotoxum - RBG Collection  
 1<sup>st</sup> Arpophyllum spicatum - RBG Collection  
 1<sup>st</sup> Phragmipedium China Doll (besseae dalesandroi x Grande 4N - Robert Johnstone  
 1<sup>st</sup> Miltonia Morris Chestnut - Bill Kuehlem  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Paphiopedilum Zanzibar - Robert Johnstone  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Phalaenopsis Pink Girl # 1 - Wendy Hearnder-Moan  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Cymbidium sinense 'Da Mo' - Robin McLaughlin  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Doritaenopsis Tzu Chiang Prince - Robin McLaughlin  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Phal Dragon's Gold x Caribbean Sunset - Robin McLaughlin  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Phalaenopsis Taida King's Caroline 'Taida Little Zebra' - Robin McLaughlin  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Phragmipedium/ dalesandroi - Robert Johnstone  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Cattleya No Name - Jocelyn Webber  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Cattleya Mari's Magic 'Yellow Eyes' - Julius Muha  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Rhyncholaeliocattleya Huatand City 'Lucky Star' - Julius Muha  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Oda Janice Miller 'Powder Puff' x (Drummer Joe x Picotee) 'Fuchsia Frame' - June Cramer  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Cattleya aurantiaca (yellow) - Mirka Barac  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Phalaenopsis No Name -- white with markings - Peggy Reed  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Laeliocattleya Straight Answer 'No Question' - Mirka Barac  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Cymbidium Swan Lake 'Margot' - June Cramer  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Paph (Spotglen 'Doodlebug x Mach One 'Skipper') - Linda Will

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Odontocidium Golden Trident 'Golden Gate' - June Cramer  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sophrolaeliocattleya Roblar 'Orange Charm' HCC/AOS - Faye Menzies  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Cymbidium Orange -- No Name - June Cramer  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Den (Jonathon's Glory 'Dark Joy' HCC/AOS x speciosum curvacaule 'Best' - Ben  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Cymbidium Double Eagle 'Isabelle' - June Cramer  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Den/ Yukidaruma 'King' AM/AOS - Gavin Clark  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Oncidium Mayfair - Peggy Reed  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Vanda Pachara Delight - Jocelyn Webber  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Oncidium No Name - June Cramer

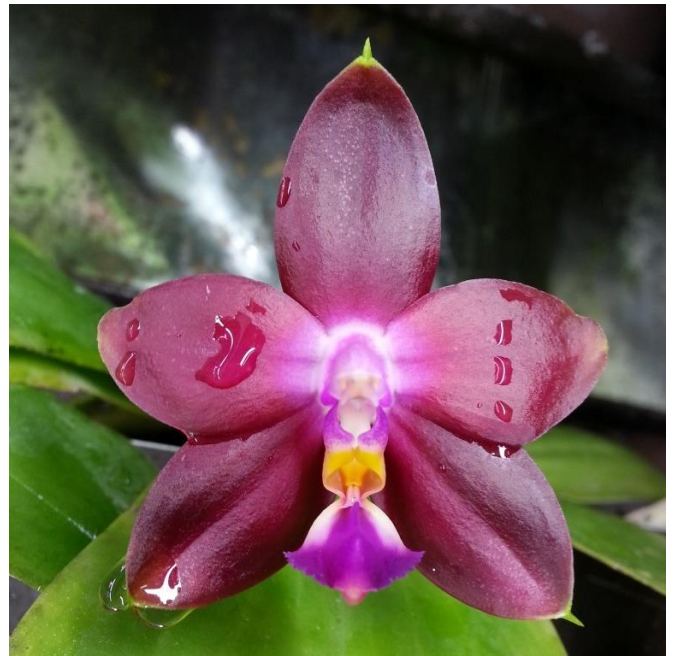


Photo by Drew Goddard

**OTTAWA SHOW Picture**

Photo by Linda Vuurman

## Membership

### **Just a Reminder: Memberships are due June 1, 2015.**

You can renew your membership at the next monthly meeting, or by mailing your cheque to:

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### Membership Fee: \$20.00

Receive a \$5.00 discount if you would like to receive the Orchidata newsletter via e-mail.

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## Greenhouse Volunteers Needed

As you may know, the Orchid Society maintains the collection of orchids in the RBG greenhouse. This is a significant commitment which cannot be carried out without the help of volunteers.

Currently a group of volunteers meets on Thursday mornings from 9:30 to noon, more or less, and another group meets on Sunday mornings from about 10 until 12:30. This schedule is dictated by watering requirements. Volunteers are currently being sought for both these teams. "On the job" training is provided if needed.

In addition to watering, volunteers look after repotting the orchids, cleaning any plants that are being attacked by pests, removing dead leaves, sterilizing pots and other equipment, preparing plants for display and many other small but important tasks.

Volunteers are not required to attend every week, but some commitment to the collection should be demonstrated. If you are able to devote some time to helping us maintain the orchids, please contact Pat Vuurman ([pvuurman@hotmail.com](mailto:pvuurman@hotmail.com)) regarding the Thursday group, or Denise MacLeod ([pmacleod5@cogeco.ca](mailto:pmacleod5@cogeco.ca)) if you can volunteer on Sundays.

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## Flasking Group

Anyone interested in flasking please give Ben Boers, Pat Vuurman or Bob Gibbon a call for details

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### **Deadline for the May / June Newsletter is May 4, 2015**

Please note that Orchidata news and orchid society newsletters should be sent to:

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