



Spike

Newsletter of the Ottawa Orchid Society

SEPTEMBER 2017

NEXT MEETING

Sunday, September 17, 1:30 PM
Tom Brown Arena, 141 Bayview Road

September Program:

Hybridizing *Cattleya* in Suwada

This month we welcome **Munezaku Eriji** from **Suwada Orchids**, Ichikawa, Chiba, Japan.

Mr Eriji was born in 1962 as third generation orchid family in Chiba, Japan. His first teacher was his grandfather who established Suwada Orchid Nursery in 1945. He graduated from Tokyo University of Agriculture 1983 where he studied horticulture, especially orchid culture, related to light and fertilizer. After graduation, he worked at Santa Barbara Orchid Estate as a trainee for a year and a half.
(more on our speaker on page 3)

Orchids 101 with Marilyn Light 12:30 -1:00 PM

You're hooked on orchids! What's next?

Essential questions for the beginner will be answered: What is it, what should I buy next, and which type of growing environment is best? Problem plants for discussion are welcome.

Please enclose plants in transparent plastic bags.

**REMINDERS: RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP THIS MONTH AT THE MEETING!
PLEASE REVIEW THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IN THE LAST PAGES.**

**Don't forget to bring your
blooming orchids to the monthly
Show Table!**

Check out our website:

www.ottawaorchidsociety.com

The Ottawa Orchid Society meets on the Third Sunday of every month from September to May at 1:30 PM at the Tom Brown Arena, 141 Bayview Road, Ottawa

Membership:
\$25 from September 1 - August 31

Non-member guests are welcome with a contribution of \$5 per meeting.

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Hi Everyone,



This month is the start of the new season for the society and we are looking forward to some great speakers as well as other events being planned for this year. I hope you and your orchids enjoyed the summer, although the cool rainy weather was not always up to expectations!

The newly elected Board had our first meeting a few weeks ago. The first order of business was to confirm the appointed board members: Membership and Publicity - Karina Isert; Program - André Couture; Spike Editor - Aurora Richard; AOS rep - Margaret Haydon; COC rep - Joyce Medcalf; Show Co-chairs - Jan Johns and Janet Johns (Janet is also Past President). The Conservation Rep position remains open for now. Thanks to all the Board members for your contribution to the Society.

I am pleased to report that the society is in excellent financial health thanks to a record profit from the Show this year. This not only gives us the flexibility to bring in excellent speakers but also expands the Society's ability to support orchid conservation projects and other worthy activities. We hope to have two bus trips for society members this season following the success of the trip to the Montreal show last year, and we hope a lot of you will be able to participate. Watch for details in Spike as the plans firm up.

Welcome to all our new members, and I hope to see everyone at the September meeting!

Dave Cooper

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MORE ON OUR SPEAKER

Back in Japan in late 1986, **Munezaku Eriji** started to work at the family-owned nursery and worked for the 12th World Orchid Conference held in Tokyo in 1987 as a volunteer. He is currently the owner of *Suwada Orchid Nursery*, Vice-President and Chair of the Judging Committee for the Japan Orchid Growers Association (JOGA).

Ever since his first visit to the 11th World Orchid Conference held in Miami 1983, the WOC has become one of his favourite events and he has attended all 11 WOC events to the 21st in Johannesburg 2014. He worked for the Japan Grand Prix (Tokyo Dome show) on the Working Committee in the early 1990's.

In addition to his own business, he writes orchid books, gives lectures regularly in Japan, sometimes on the nationwide NHK-TV program, talking about orchids. He travels regularly to orchid habitats in different areas of the world, especially to South America, to see *Cattleya* habitat over the last 28 years. He also visited Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Brazil, Argentina, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Mexico, South Africa, Kenya, Madagascar, Sikkim (India), Thailand, Malaysia, Philippines, USA, Papua New Guinea and Jersey (UK).

Finally, he serves on the RHS Orchid Committee and the OHRAG Committee, and is a member of the International Orchid Committee as volunteer. He has been a member of the Site-selection Committee of the WOC several times.

NOTICES

Membership Renewal

It is renewal time for Ottawa Orchid Society (OOS) memberships at the September meeting. Membership fee is \$25 per person or family group payable to the Membership Secretary, Karina Isert, at the membership table.
Please bring your cheque, payable to the Ottawa Orchid Society, or cash.

Follow-up from the sale of the *Cattleya Skinneri*

Cattleya skinneri 'Heiti Jacobs' FCC/AOS Divisions for Sale: Unfortunately these divisions are no longer available.
Robert St. Jean

Hydroponic Gardening Web Page

Max Payne contacted the OOS with a notice of his website
<https://www.greenandvibrant.com/hydroponic-gardening>

This is an in-depth and detailed article on Hydroponic Gardening which might be helpful to many of our OOS members. Please check it out.

ORCHIDS 101 - September 2017

YOU'RE HOOKED ON ORCHIDS! WHAT'S NEXT?

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Orchid enthusiasts start with a first orchid – only one more we say but let's face it, we may already be hooked. There are many guidelines on orchid culture but some of the first questions to ask have to do with what kind we are trying to grow well, which kind(s) of orchid should we purchase in the future, and where to grow our burgeoning collection of plants.

WHAT IS IT??? – Depends on why we need to know the name.

- 1 – If you need advice then it helps to know what kind of orchid you are growing.
- 2 – If you plan to show the plant for ribbon judging, or even for the show table at meetings, then the plant should be placed in the correct category.
- 3 – Unnamed plants cannot be judged for awards. With hybrids, you can never be certain of a name beyond its kind.

WHAT SHOULD WE BUY NEXT??? – Depends on your personal preferences and your budget

- 1 – First ask: “Can we grow this plant well under our conditions?” If we wish to ever see a new plant bloom, thrive, and maybe even win a show table ribbon or perhaps, an award, we really should pose this question first.
- 2 – Learn about the conditions (light, temperature, space) you can provide before making a purchase. Thus armed with information, you will be able to ask good questions about the potential success of a particular plant in your growing environment.
- 3 – Learn how to pick a healthy vigorous plant. After checking for bugs, check the root system. Without healthy roots, we will be facing an uphill battle to keep the plant alive. With permission of the vendor, touch the plant to be certain that it is firmly rooted and not on its last legs – root wise. If in doubt of a plant's health or vigour, don't choose that plant.

WHICH TYPE OF GROWING ENVIRONMENT TO CHOOSE??? – Depends on the orchids.

Before a new, healthy, vigorous orchid becomes part of your growing collection, it was likely growing in a greenhouse with excellent light, humidity, ventilation, watering and fertilization according to its' kind/ type. Some like it hot, some like it cold, some need humidity and others dry periods. Attempting to grow a mixed collection without first appreciating particular orchid culture requirements may be risky to plant performance and survival. Different kinds of orchid require different growing conditions.

HOW CAN WE LEARN HOW TO GROW ORCHIDS WELL? – Your orchid society is an excellent resource dedicated to helping members grow beautiful orchids.

- 1 – Do your research! Take pictures, keep notes, and look up the name of your orchid(s) on the web. Ask questions. Learn as much as you can about orchid culture. Here's wishing you many years of successful orchid growing!

PLANTS NEEDED FOR ECOS AND COOS DISPLAYS

Central Ontario OS: September 23-24

Jean Hollebhone is looking for about 15 blooming orchids from the Show Table for the COOS show or if you are not able to bring them to the Show Table for September, they can be dropped off with Jean Hollebhone (613- 226-2395) 1176 Castle Hill Crescent, Ottawa.

****Please call Jean to make arrangements to drop off on Thursday, September 21.**

Jean will be travelling to Hespler on Friday, September 22 and returns on Monday, September 25. This is a small, but always very nice show.

Eastern Canada OS: October 14-15

Plants for the ECOS show should be dropped off by Thursday October 12 or early Friday October 13.

Rick Sobkowicz and Margaret Haydon
13 Sandringham Crt, Neapean ON
613-825-0827

****Please call Rick or Margaret to make arrangements to drop off and pick up!**

Please email Joyce Medcalf jmedcalf@1000island.net Before Tuesday night, October 10 with the list of plants, even possible plants- so that I can research them for the correct or updated names. I must register them online by Thursday, October 12. —Joyce Medcalf

PREPARING PLANTS FOR A SHOW

Our exhibit co-ordinators really appreciate using your orchids to present OOS exhibits at our neighbouring shows. Please help them by preparing your plants for a show as follows.

1. Put your name on the pot – on the back or underneath.
2. Put your name and list of plants INSIDE the box and on the OUTSIDE of the box.
3. Include the parentage of hybrids, if possible.
4. Ensure the name on the plant tag is spelled correctly.
5. Pack plants carefully so they are protected from wobbling and from the elements.
6. Stake for transport and for the best display, as appropriate.
7. Clean the foliage – use water or water with a little milk. Never use plant shine products.
8. Remove any damaged/old flowers and leaves.
9. Check well for bugs!

ANNUAL BONSAI EXHIBITION

The **Ottawa Bonsai Society** will hold its Annual Bonsai Exhibition for 2017 on Saturday, September 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Sunday, September 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Embassy of Japan, 255 Sussex Drive in Ottawa. Come and see the most beautiful bonsai in the Ottawa-Gatineau area. Dozens of species of trees, some over 100 years old, will be on display. Learn how almost any tree can be transformed into a living sculpture with this ancient art form. Demonstrations between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. both days.

Admission is free. Information: (819) 684-0586.

La **Société de bonsaï d'Ottawa** présentera son exposition annuelle de bonsaï pour 2017 le samedi 9 septembre de 10h à 16h et le dimanche 10 septembre de 10h à 15h à l'ambassade du Japon, 255, promenade Sussex à Ottawa. Venez voir les plus beaux bonsaïs de la région d'Ottawa-Gatineau. Des douzaines d'arbres miniatures d'espèces différentes seront en montre, dont certains ont plus de cent ans. Apprenez comment transformer presque n'importe quel arbre en une sculpture vivante grâce à cette forme d'art très ancienne. Démonstrations entre 13h et 15h les deux jours. **Entrée libre. Renseignements: (819) 684-0586.**

ORCHID CALENDAR

With the coming of the new Orchid Season, here is a short preview of the activities on the orchid calendar for 2017-18, courtesy of André Couture. Thanks, André!

September 2017

- September 17, OOS meeting with guest speaker **Munekazu Eriji** from Suwada Orchid (Japan)
- September 16, Montreal Judging Center meeting at the Montreal Botanical Garden, judging starts at 1:00 PM
- September 29-30, Central Vancouver Island Orchid Society Annual Show and Sales, Nanaimo, BC

October 2017

- October 14, The Montreal Judging Centre will meet on Saturday in conjunction with ECOS Orchid Show
- October 14-15, Orchidfête (ECOS Orchid Show), CEGEP du Vieux Montréal, 255 rue Ontario est, Montréal
- October 15, OOS meeting with guest speakers **Peter and Inge Poot** from Toronto (SOOS)
- October 23-24, COOS Orchid Show

November 2017

- November 19, OOS meeting with guest speaker **Sam Tsui** (ORCHIDINUSA); orchids will be available to purchase
- November 18, Montreal Judging Center meeting at the Montreal Botanical Garden, judging starts at 1:00 PM
- November 21-22, Windsor Orchid Show

December 2017

- December 17, Montreal Judging Center meeting at the Montreal Botanical Garden, judging starts at 1:00 PM
- December 17, OOS **Annual Christmas Special**

January 2018

- January 12-14, Tamiami Orchid Show, Miami <http://tamiamiorchidfestival.com>
- January 20, Montreal Judging Center meeting at the Montreal Botanical Garden, judging starts at 1:00 PM
- January 21, OOS meeting Activity: **Workshops**

February 2018

- February 10-11, Southern Ontario Orchid Society Show at the Toronto Botanical Garden
- February 18, OOS annual Auction
- February 24-25, Orchid Society of the Royal Botanical Garden Annual Show

March 2018

- March 18, OOS meeting with guest speaker **Leslie EE** from the Southern Ontario Orchid Society
- March 24-15, ORCHIDEXPO, Montreal, Collège Maisonneuve, 2700 Bourdonnière
- March 24, The Montreal Judging Centre will meet on Saturday in conjunction with ORCHIDEXPO

April 2018

- April 7-8, Quebec City Orchid Show
- March 21, The Montreal Judging Centre will meet on Saturday in conjunction with the Ottawa Orchid Show
- April 21-22, **Ottawa Orchid Show**

May 2018

- May 19, Montreal Judging Center meeting at the Montreal Botanical Garden, judging starts at 1:00 PM

- May 20, OOS meeting with guest speaker **Elisio Telon**

Summer 2018

- Montreal Judging Centre will meet on the following dates, at the Montreal Botanical Garden, judging starts at 1:00 PM
 - June 16
 - July 21
 - August 18

UPCOMING ORCHID SHOWS

September 23 - 24: [Central Ontario Orchid Society](#): Orchid Show and Sale at Cambridge Hespeler Arena, 640 Ellis Road, Cambridge ON

September 29 - Oct 1: [Central Vancouver Island Orchid Society](#): Annual Show and Sale at Nanaimo North Town Centre, 4750 Rutherford Road, Nanaimo BC

October 14 - 15: [Fraser Valley Orchid Society](#): Orchid Show and Sale at George Preston Recreation Centre, 20699 – 42 Avenue, Langley BC

October 14 - 15: [Eastern Canada Orchid Society](#): Orchidfête at CÉGEP du Vieux Montréal, 255 Rue Ontario E, Montréal QC

October 21 - 22: [Windsor Orchid Society](#): Orchid Show and Sale at St. Cyril's Slovak Centre, 1520 Chandler Road, Windsor ON

Jan 12 - 14: [Tamiami International Orchid Festival](#): Dade Fairgrounds Expo Centre, 10901 Coral Way, Miami FLA (USA)

Feb 10 - 11: [Southern Ontario Orchid Society](#): The SOOS Annual Orchid Show will be held at the Toronto Botanical Garden, Edwards Gardens, Toronto ON

Feb 25 - 26: [Orchid Society of the Royal Botanical Gardens](#): Annual Orchid Show & Sale at Royal Botanical Gardens, 680 Plains Rd., Burlington ON

UPCOMING AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY WEBINARS

Webinars <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>

Tuesday, September 12, 2017 8:30 - 9:30 p.m. EDT: *Greenhouse Chat* with Ron McHatton (Open to All)

Wednesday, October 4, 2017 8:30 - 9:30 p.m. EDT: *Judging Pleurothallids* with Esteban (Steve) Gonzalez (Members Only)

Thursday, October 12, 2017 8:30 - 9:30 p.m. EDT: *Greenhouse Chat* with Ron McHatton (Open to All)

CANADIAN ORCHID CONGRESS UPDATE

COC has announced appointments to the following positions following the search for volunteers:
Dr. Leslie Ee as 1st Vice President and Wilson Ng as Treasurer. Both appointments hail from the Southern Ontario Orchid Society.

Check out the Conservation News with two fine articles, *Orchids in Your Backyard* and *We Hold Orchids in Trust* by Tom Shields, COC Conservation Officer.

Montreal Judging Centre

Here are pictures of plants recently awarded at the Montreal Judging Centre.
(Photos by Thang Dam)



Dendrobium palpebrae

'Jardin botanique de Montréal'

CCE / AOS



Anguloa uniflora

'Jardin botanique de Montréal'

CCM / AOS

PHOTOS FROM MEMBERS



Here is a picture of my *Dendrobium* 'Little Green Apples', taken on July 7th, 2017. It is from our monthly meeting on September 21st, 2014, and its 3rd spike is coming along now. You have to be patient when it comes to growing orchids!

Henriette Watkins

Your Words

This is a new feature in Spike in which a question will be posed and your responses will be published in the next issue.

This month's question (please respond by month's end):

What is your favourite, most loved orchid in your collection?

Include a photo showing it in all its glory so others can ooh and aah.

Editor's Note

I am the new editor for the OOS Newsletter. I would be happy to include your submissions if you contact me on or before the first of each month. Email: aurora.richard@gmail.com

OOS AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS to June 2017

OOS Members should read the following financial statements carefully and be prepared for a vote of acceptance at our September Meeting. We thank Doug Vye, our Treasurer, for producing the audited statements in such a timely fashion. This is a lot of work – kudos, Doug.

Ottawa Orchid Society
Audit Report
For Financial Year ending June 30, 2017

To the members of the Board of the Ottawa Orchid Society:

I have conducted an audit of the books and financial records of the Society, for the period of July 1st, 2016 to June 30th, 2017.

Generally, the financial records and documentation are maintained in a professional manner and support the financial results, as prepared by the treasurer.

I am at your disposition should you have any questions.

Hélène Martin
August 18, 2017

Ottawa Orchid Society
Balance Sheet
As of 30 June 2017

	<u>30 Jun 17</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Current Account	39,797.16
GIC 5938 8113756-11	2,643.25
GIC 5938 8113756-12	2,929.04
GIC 5938 8113756-13	3,261.22
Total Chequing/Savings	<u>48,630.67</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>48,630.67</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>48,630.67</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	41,736.70
Net Income	6,893.97
Total Equity	<u>48,630.67</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>48,630.67</u>

Ottawa Orchid Society
Profit & Loss
 July 2016 through June 2017

	Jul '16 - Jun 17
Income	
Annual Show Income	
Admissions	23,938.25
Art Gallery Registration	40.00
Art Gallery Sales	522.39
Member Sales	177.50
Raffle	864.10
Vendor Table Sales	5,805.00
Total Annual Show Income	31,347.24
Investments	
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	875.66
Total Investments	875.66
Operating Income	
Auction	930.00
Book Sales	154.00
Calendars	685.00
Hospitality	385.00
Memberships	2,500.00
Society Tour Cost Recovery	375.00
Speaker Cost Recovery	1,982.78
Visitor	30.00
Total Operating Income	7,041.78
Total Income	39,264.68
Expense	
Annual Show Expenses	
Admissions	53.76
AOS	777.76
Art Gallery	160.52
Awards	
Trophy	39.15
Wine	428.00
Wine Bags	25.43
Awards - Other	715.06
Total Awards	1,207.64
Exhibit Registration	195.13
Gift Certificates	165.00
Hospitality	1,627.16
Membership	18.76
Permits	369.00
Publicity	
Newspaper/Internet	3,003.63
Postage	56.73
Printing	619.81
Signage	488.73
Supplies	100.15
Total Publicity	4,269.05
Room Rental	
Committee Meetings	69.00
Hall	5,747.80
Total Room Rental	5,816.80
Security	325.00
Signage	157.82
Society Display	212.89
Vendors Tables	5.96
Venue Fitup	5,151.12

Ottawa Orchid Society
Profit & Loss
July 2016 through June 2017

	<u>Jul '16 - Jun 17</u>
Total Annual Show Expenses	20,513.37
Operating Expenses	
Accounting Software	355.89
Affiliated Society Membership	90.00
Calendars	
Printing	847.50
Setup	180.00
Total Calendars	1,027.50
Donations	600.00
Insurance	244.00
Monthly Room Rental	851.50
Postage, Mailing Service	9.61
Program	
Award	425.25
Out of Town Shows	1,458.45
Society Tours	839.66
Speaker Honourarium	1,216.26
Speaker Hospitality	370.29
Speaker Travel	4,078.72
Total Program	8,388.63
Supplies	65.20
Website Hosting	225.01
Total Operating Expenses	11,857.34
Total Expense	32,370.71
Net Income	<u>6,893.97</u>