



Member Newsletter

Next Meeting: Monday, September 9, 2024

Note: This is the second Monday, not the fourth

**Preparing for the Show
Please Bring Your Calendars**

President's Message

Hello Orchid Lovers!

I hope you are all having a fun and relaxing summer. We will have our September meeting earlier this month to prepare for our show. You can also email Nelson at coosshowchair@gmail.com with the position you would like to volunteer for. The job descriptions are below.

We are excited to showcase our members amazing growing skills – and pick up some new gems from our amazing vendors! The AOS judging will occur Saturday morning, before the show opens to the public. So far, we have five fantastic vendors confirmed, with more coming: C&C Orchids, Di Ciommo Orchids, Orchids in Our Tropics, and Roehampton Orchids!

To pull everything off, we need **VOLUNTEERS!** Volunteers are needed for the whole weekend, helping with set-up, judging, take down, hospitality, security, door prizes, etc.! Please talk to one of our executive members to see how you can help!

All volunteers will receive a coupon that they can use with the vendors at the 2024 show to redeem for savings off new plants, pots, potting media, or accessories!

Please share the attached poster with your friends and family.

Have a lovely weekend and see you on Monday!

Sowmya

Central Ontario Orchid Society President
@northernplantroom

Show Job Descriptions:

Admissions and welcome desk: The most important volunteer job going. Greet our visitors with a smile while processing their payment.

Clerking for ribbon judging (7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.): At the crack of dawn on Saturday, the judges gather to evaluate every bloom and to award ribbons. Each team of judges is assigned 2 or 3 clerks to record decisions and to place ribbons on the awarded plants. If you are new to orchids, this is a wonderful opportunity to learn from the experts.

Kitchen hospitality: Help refresh our volunteers and vendors by preparing food, making coffee and of course, washing dishes. There is great satisfaction in feeding the weary orchid lover.

General setup (Friday): See the show take shape by arranging tables, putting up signage, and helping to set up the COOS exhibit.

Tear down: Teardown on Sunday should be underway by 4:15.

36th Annual COOS Orchid Show and Sale

Saturday, September 28, 2024 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, September 29, 2024 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cambridge Hespeler Arena
640 Ellis Road
Cambridge, Ontario N3C 1A1

Confirmed Vendors

C & C Orchids	Amazing variety of gorgeous and exotic looking orchids and all the supplies and services you will need to grow orchids. http://ccorchids.com/
Crystal Star Orchids	Cattleya, Phalaenopsis, Odontoglossum intergenerics, Paphiopedilum and other varied genera https://www.crystalstarnursery.com , info@crystalstarnursery.com
DiCiommo Orchids	Many showy blooming orchids, including awarded crosses gdciommo@msn.com
Magic Oasis	Wide variety of genera https://orch.ca/ , MagicOasis2021@gmail.com
Roehampton Orchids	Rare and unique varieties from countries around the world, cultivated by their team https://roehamptonorchids.ca/

UPCOMING EVENTS AND SHOWS

2024 Upcoming COOS Meeting Dates

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October 28, 2024

November 25, 2024

Annual Pot Luck and Games Night

Upcoming Meetings at Nearby Orchid Societies

For the location of the meetings, please see the various societies' website.

Essex Orchid Society - Saturday, September 15, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.
Organic Pest Control

London Orchid Society - Sunday, September 15, 2024 at 2 p.m.
Andrew Geimar of Roehampton Orchids: Growing Prags at Home

Ottawa Orchid Society - Sunday, September 15, 2024 at 2 p.m.
Alan Koch, Gold Country Orchids: Miniature *Cattleya*

Orchid Society of the Royal Botanical Gardens - Sunday, October 6, 2024 1:30 p.m.
Jay Norris: Report on the 23rd World Orchid Congress in Taiwan

Windsor Orchid Society - Sunday, September 29, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.
Sandra Micicci: Creating Environments for Orchids: A Compendium

Southern Ontario Orchid Society - Sunday, October 6, 2024 1 p.m.
Erhard Busse: Growing *Phramipedium kovachii*

COOS on Jerry Bolce

The COOS Facebook group continues to grow and now has 1,031 members. They are mainly non-members of COOS, but I would call them our fan club. They post their joy when some orchid blooms and their problems when looking for help. They are also people who go to orchid shows. It would be nice to see more members of COOS join in on the conversation.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/422607584612681/>

Photos by Cathy Ralston



Thunia marshalliana



Masd. Ximeal Neira



Sarcoglottis metallic 'Katie' HCC/AOS



Dracula Vampira 'Ace of Spades'

Some Messages from the Executive

1. **Membership:** Memberships for 2024 are now due. The membership fee for 2024 will be \$25 for either an individual or family. To show plants at the shows, you **MUST be a member by March 1.**
2. **The executive members** are:
 - President - Sowmya Johnson
 - Vice President - Don Ingram
 - Treasurer- Cathy Ralston
 - Secretary - Vacant
3. **Membership Chair:** Steve Schaefer
4. **Society's Mailing Address:** The society mailing address is
41 Woodside Road
Guelph, Ontario N1G 2H1
5. **Pay Pal Account:** The Society's PayPal account is coostreasurer2@gmail.com.
COOS cannot accept e-transfers.
6. **Information from the Treasurer:** If you wish to be reimbursed for an expense, please ask for and then submit a request for reimbursement form. You need to include your receipts and indication that you have paid for this. If the expense is greater than \$100, you need prior approval to be reimbursed. Cheques will be issued at general meetings and committee meetings.

Useful Sources of Orchid Information

Canadian Orchid Congress: <http://canadianorchidcongress.ca/>

Canadian Orchid Congress on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/canadianorchidcongress/>

American Orchid Society: <http://www.aos.org/default.aspx?id=1>

AOS webinars: <https://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>

American Orchid Society Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/52597049839/?ref=bookmarks>

Internet Orchid Species Photo Encyclopedia: <http://orchidspecies.com/>

Contact Information for COOS Executive and Committees

All Inquires	coosinfo@gmail.com
President	Sowmya Johnson
Vice President	Don Ingram
Past President	Nancy Fieder
Treasurer	Cathy Ralston
Secretary	Vacant
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Visit our **Website** (Maintained by Jerry Bolce)
www.coos.ca

Mailing Address:
41 Woodside Road
Guelph, Ontario N1G 2H1

“The purpose of the Society [is] the promotion and encouragement of all aspects relating to the culture, development and preservation of orchids”.

~COOS Constitution, 1993

Show your membership card at the following businesses and receive **discounts**:

Homegrown Hydroponics Inc. (10%)

79 Woolwich Street
Breslau, Ontario N0B 1M0
519-648-2374

Bright-Lite (10%)

1659 Victoria Street North, Unit #6
Kitchener, Ontario
519-581-7701
www.progrowont.com

Ravenvision (10%)

www.ravenvision.ca
use coupon code COOSNL at checkout.

Toronto Judging Centre

The monthly judging is open to all orchid growers. You do not need be a member of AOS or SOOS. You can bring your plants to the Civic Garden Centre before 1 p.m. on the designated Saturday of each month. Plants are judged for AOS Awards in accordance with the Handbook on Judging and Exhibition. If your plant is awarded, the AOS charges a fee (about \$50.00 US). Non-payment forfeits the right to future judging.

The Centre welcomes interested persons to come and observe the judging. There are opportunities to assist in plant research and administrative chores

The newsletter is ONLY sent by email.

To sign up, send your e-mail address to coosinfo@gmail.com.

Add coosinfo@gmail.com to your address book.

The Emporium

Ed is fully stocked and ready to meet all your orchid potting and bug killing needs. This is just a small sample of what we have on hand.

- Plastic name tags
- Sulphur
- Wire to hang and stake your inflorescences
- Pots of all sizes including 6" slotted pots - perfect for orchid culture
- All manner of potting media including bark, husks, charcoal, perlite, moss, and premixed
- Green string for staking
- Hanging baskets in a least 3 sizes
- Fertilizers in manageable amounts

Please make sure to check out the table either before or after the meeting. Our prices are great and we probably have EXACTLY what you are looking for.

The Raffle Table

The monthly raffle is one of the club's biggest money makers and, more importantly, it offers a great opportunity to win a plant that you might never have tried to grow before.

Each meeting, there is a Raffle Table set up by the door. The plants on it come from members (LIKE YOU) who donate their excess plants. Any plants are acceptable, but if you donate an orchid, you receive a ticket for the year-end draw.

So, bring your extra plants if you have any and do make sure you buy a ticket. They're only a dollar each and you just never know what you might go home with!

Note to New Members

New members are encouraged to bring in their plants for identification to assist with determining the cultural requirements or answering questions about their plants. Meetings take place at St. Joseph's Church Parish Hall on the corner of Courtland Avenue and Madison in downtown Kitchener. The hall opens by 6:30 pm for set-up and meetings start at 7 pm.

Meeting Accessibility

Did you know that the COOS monthly meetings are wheelchair accessible? St. Joseph's has a stair lift to the Parish Hall. Please join us for our monthly meetings.



Membership Renewal Form for 2024

The 2024 memberships are due now. Please complete this form and bring it to the next general meeting or mail it along with your payment to:

COOS, 41 Woodside Road, Guelph, Ontario N1G 2H1

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

We will **NOT** share your information with outside organizations or place it on the Internet unless approved by you.

Signature: _____

Annual dues are \$25 for a single or family membership or \$5 for students.

The 2023 membership year expired December 31, 2023