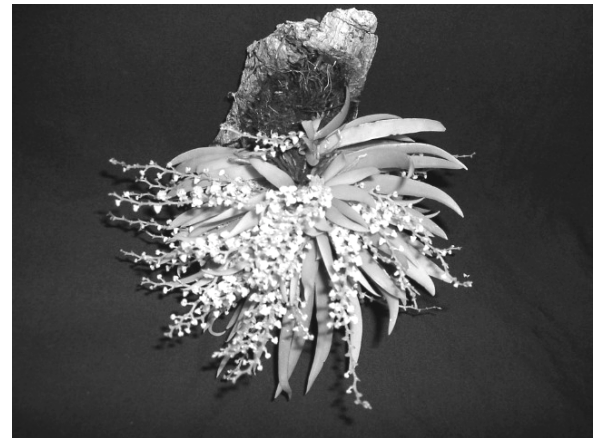


December News 2003



Next Meeting: December 14th, 2003 at the Museum of Natural History at 2:00pm in the afternoon.

HO! HO! HO! AOS WINNER!!!
Gail & Bob Schwarz's prize plant.
Ornithocephalus gladiatus 'Gail's Pride'
CCM/AOS.



"We need to name the plant and Bob wants to name it after me. I think we will call it 'Gail's Pride'. We kind of like that."

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December meeting "POT LUCK/Dessert Social" and Year End Auction!!

Don't miss the year-end event of a pot luck/dessert social. This year we will be also having a year-end auction. All donations are most welcome. Just contact Wayne Ward or Linda MacDonald if you have any questions about when and where to bring the donations. Phone numbers in executive list.

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OSNS next General Meeting

The Orchid Society of Nova Scotia will be having its next meeting on Sunday December 14th, 2003. This year we will be holding a **Pot luck/Social** as well as a **year end Auction**. Don't miss a great time during the Holiday Season. T'is the Season for good food and good friends and good conversation, and prizes.

All donations are most welcome for the auction. Orchid related material, orchids or just garden related items would be great. Take the time to look around to see if your collection needs thinning out or a favorite plant needs dividing. They make great auction items. Maybe you can pick up a couple of Christmas presents while your there.

Fall Display !

We had a beautiful display on the weekend of Nov 1 & 2. I was worried that we may not have many plants in flower but I was wrong. I'm always amazed at the variety and quality of the orchids we are able to grow here. Well done everyone! As usual, there are always a lot of people I have to thank. First, a big thank you to Chris Helleiner for giving a talk and slide show on both days. The slides were beautiful and I know everyone enjoyed the talk. Next I want to thank our two vendors, Dave and Jean. You both have beautiful plants and I'm sorry you weren't busier. The society is very lucky to have you both selling such a wide variety of orchids. Finally, I want to thank everyone who helped set up on Friday night and those who were there throughout the weekend. Also thank you to everyone who made sandwiches and baked goodies. The food was delicious and much appreciated by those who worked the whole weekend. As I've said before, putting on a show is a real team effort and I couldn't do it without you all!

Thanks again,

Gail Schwarz
Show Coordinator

Wishing everyone over
the holidays a great
and wonderful, safe
and happy Season.
Merry Christmas to one

Members Corner:

Memberships can be mailed directly to Wayne Ward, 165 Perea Rd, Canning, Nova Scotia B0P 1H0 or pay at the next meeting. Membership forms were included with the September newsletter, can be found on the OSNS website that is listed on the front page of any newsletter, and will be available at the next general meeting



New Member Welcome!!

A warm welcome is extended to a new member who has joined our society since the last meeting. Welcome to Margaret Millard of Hunts Point, NS . We hope you enjoy our orchid society. Be sure to feel free to ask anyone at the meetings for any information you may need. If they don't know, they will surely know someone who does. You can also ask anyone on the executive for information as well. Our emails and phone numbers are given at the beginning of each newsletter.

What's New at Windsor Greenhouse

I was proud to be the first in line to congratulate Bob and Gail Schwarz on receiving a Certificate of Cultural Merit (CCM) 85 on *Ornithocephalus gladiatus* at the American Orchid Society judging of the Niagara Region show in St. Catherines, ON. You may remember a small plant with hundreds of tiny white flowers in the Edwardian case at the show. If you don't know what a CCM is, think exceptional culture. It is a national award, rarely given, to plants that display exceptional culture and usually an unusual number of flowers for that species or hybrid. I think we all in the Orchid Society of Nova Scotia feel like proud Godparents as this is the first plant to anyone's knowledge from the Maritimes to receive any American Orchid Society award. We have many fine growers in the region and it is about time that recognition came this way! Bravo, Gail and Bob, master growers!!!

Another Bravo!!! to all who brought in plants and worked to make the Fall Display such a beautiful show. The variety and quality of plants was terrific. For anyone who was disappointed by the light turnout you can thank the unseasonably warm weather. But the show and subsequent AOS award made it all worth it.

CHRISTMAS AUCTION: I have some lovelies that I have divided out of my own collection. At least two are species and I will wait to publicize them until I know if Wayne wants to use one as a mystery plant.

December 2003 Arrivals!! (Note, until I see the plants, I have to guess at pot size, so some 3" may be 4" and some 4" may wind up in 3" pots)

195209 Lc[C. gaskelliana 'Blue Dragon' CMB/AOS x (L. purpurata x Egerland)] Interesting white cattleya with larger flowers and an intense 'cattleya blue' lip. 4" pot

198266 Pot(Magic Ruby 'Tango Mango' x Blc Goldenzelle 'Lemon Chiffon' AM/AOS) Another 4" pot version of the 3" pots we already have. Should be gold to orange/gold, great shape and large size.

198314 C(Atalanta 'Irish Mist' HCC/AOS x guttata var alba 'Fields') Irish Mist is the only awarded C. Atalanta. This cross should be greenish white to green with superb substance. 4" pot

A9702 C. Isle of Skye 'Neried' HCC/AOS Lavender blue, flat 4" flowers with a yellow throat. Sparkling texture. 3" pot

A9721 Pot Elizabeth Thurber 'Pure Lemon' The cultivar name says it all. Pure lemon yellow 4" flowers on a compact growing plant. 3" pot

A9214 Pot. Montana Spirit 'Clear 'N Clean' This is a William Farrell cross. I haven't seen any William Farrell's or crosses that I didn't love. Light sparkling pastel pink/lavender like a Puppy Love, great fragrance, texture and substance.

A9452 Ctna Why Not 'Roundabout' AM/AOS Red mini catt with yellow in the lip. Charming clusters of 1" long lasting flowers held well above the plant. Always popular. 3" pot

19855 Blc(Lc Colorama 'The Clown' x Traveling Star 'Lipstick') Things get exciting when you cross a deep pink with yellow splashes on a semi-alba. Anything could happen but it will be interesting. If you like surprises, try this one. Each one could be a rainbow. 4" pot

19701 Lc(Colorama 'The Clown' x Yee Yee Lam 'Plum Perfection') Again an exciting cross with a 7" plum with yellow centre (think about it, nearly as wide as a piece of notebook paper) and large magenta triangle on the distal end of the lip. Many will have yellow splashes. 3" pot

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Dates to Remember:

2004 (Below is taken from the from the COC Newsletter for November 2003.)

- **Feb 20-22:** Orchid Society of Alberta in the Grant MacEwan College, Millwoods Campus, 7319 - 29 Ave. Edmonton, Alberta. This is an OAS judged show. Show chair: Terry Letendre, email: tletendre@shaw.ca
<http://www.telusplanet.net/public/macklam/pages/aborchsoc.html>
- **March 6-7:** Victoria Orchid Society Spring Orchid Show. It will be in the Students' Union Building, University of Victoria, Finnerty Road. Contact: Ingrid Ostrander email: ifl@telus.net 250-652-6133 <http://victoriaorchidsociety.ca/>
- **March 13-14:** London Orchid Society Orchid Show, Wonderland Gardens, 284 Wonderland Road South, London, ON For show information:
<http://los.lon.imag.net/losshow.htm>
- **March 20-21:** Orchid Society of the Royal Botanical Gardens 680 Plains Rd., Burlington <http://www.osrbg.ca/> Show chair is Ben Boers, email bboers@cogeco.ca
- **April 2-4:** The Manitoba Orchid Society For more information, please email: president@manitobaorchidsociety.ca
<http://www.manitobaorchidsociety.ca/default.htm>
- **April 3-4:** The Regina Orchid Society annual show and sale at the Core Ritchie Community Centre, 445 14th Avenue, Regina. Contact Charles Eisbrenner, email: c.eisbrenner@ca.ibm.com, phone: (306) 545-2185
- **April 3-4:** The Orchid Society of Nova Scotia at the Nova Scotia Museum of Science, Halifax. Contact: Jean Ikeson 866-798-0514 toll free; email: greenhouses@win.eastlink.ca <http://www.chebucto.ns.ca/Recreation/OrchidSNS/>
- **April 16-18:** Central Vancouver Island Orchid Society Location: Country Club Center, Nanaimo, BC. Contact: Sue Christison, email: CVIOS@shaw.ca
<http://members.shaw.ca/CVIOS/CVIOS/>
- **April 17-18:** Les Orchidophiles de Montreal Show, College de Maisonneuve, 2700 Bourbonniere St., Montreal, Quebec. For information: André Poliquin Tel/FAX: (450)653-9590
"<http://orchidophiles.qc.ca/>" e-mail: mor-pol@sympatico.ca
- **April 29-May 2:** The Vancouver Orchid Society will be hosting this year's COC annual meeting in conjunction with its annual show. The Show will be held at the Richmond Curling Club on Hollybridge Way, Richmond BC. Contact the Show Chairperson, Jennifer Smith, at jsmith@LMLS.com for more information about displays, sales and tickets. "<http://www.vancouverorchidsociety.ca/>



Things to take note of:

AOS AWARDS!!!!!!! ONE OF OUR OWN MEMBERS!!!!

We all have something to be proud of at our Society! One of our own members received a **Certificate of Cultural Merit (CCM) 85** on *Ornithocephalus gladiatus*, one of their favorite plants, at the St. Catherine's show in Ontario. Bob and Gail Schwarz were convinced to send their wonderful miniature plant that was displayed at the fall show in the Edwardian case, to the Ontario show for the American Orchid Society judging and came home with the prize. They are planning on naming it 'Gail's Pride' after some coaxing from Bob.

A CCM is awarded for a plant that is exceptionally well grown and may have unusually high flower counts for a species or hybrid. Bob and Gail's plant excelled in high flower count for its size and so earned them the rare award.

Judges consisted of Doris Jenson and an American judge as well. This is what Doris said:

"1220 flowers and buds on 64 inflorescences on a clean 15 x 15 cm plant growing on a cork mount. Sepals and petals white, lip pale yellow. Texture crystalline. Plant much smaller and relatively more floriferous than previous CCM.

Award-CCM (Certificate of Cultural Merit) Score-85."

Doris said that they don't actually count all of the flowers. They count them on one spike and then count all of the spikes and multiply. She said that the previous *Ornithocephalus* that got a CCM (she mentioned it in her write-up) was 30 cm and had 1400 flowers.

We now have to send a flower spike and a picture down to a taxonomist at the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens in Florida for species identification. It has to be done when a species is awarded. Once that is done and we pay our fees, it will be official and we will get a certificate. It will also appear in Awards Quarterly. Then it will be called *Ornithocephalus gladiatus* 'Gail's Pride' CCM/AOS.

Information Corner:

(From the COC newsletter for November, 2003)

Some Notes on Growing Orchids Under Lights

As we are getting deeper into fall, with its shortened days and less sunlight, some of us would consider hibernating. But no we turn on all sorts of lights and pretend that real winter does not happen.

Most of our orchids originate in the tropics what exactly are these 'Tropics'? Where are these places with sun shining vertically on the earth? Yes, they are close to the equator. To be a little more precise, 'The Tropics' is the area between the 23rd degree of latitude North to the 23rd degree of latitude South. Or in more concrete terms: the Northern circle goes around the globe (roughly) from Cabo St. Lucas and Mazatlan (Mexico) through Morocco Wadi Halfa (Africa) and Muscat (Arabic Peninsula) through Calcutta (India) and Iwo Jima (Japan). The Southern circle would begin in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) and continue through the Kalahari Desert and Botswana (Africa), through Alice Springs Rockhampton (Australia). Between these two circles, the sun will be exactly overhead during part of every year. These are the places where many of our tropical orchids lived, before we tried to grow them here, where even the summer

