

Niagara Frontier Orchid Society

SEPTEMBER 2013

Upcoming Events:

**September 10 – Monthly Meeting, (changed from 9/3)
Speaker Andrea Niessen**

October 8 – Pre-show program

October 11 – Show setup

October 12 & 13 – Non-judged Fall Show

November 5 – Monthly Meeting

December 3 – Christmas Party

President's Report

It is hard to believe that the summer is already winding down and September is right around the corner. Before you know it, fall is less than a month away with the days getting shorter already.

We start the new meeting season with a guest speaker, Andrea Niessen, who will talk about "Miniature Orchids of Columbia" on September 10th. This will be our first meeting of the fall and should prove to be very entertaining and informative.

October will be our fall show on the weekend of October 12th-13th. The October meeting on the 8th will be an overview of the show and procedures as well as signup.

It's not too early to start preparing your orchids by staking flower spikes and cleaning the leaves, etc. as the show is less than 2 months away.

Good growing,

Joe DiDomenico

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SEPTEMBER MEETING – SPEAKER INFORMATION

Speaker- Andrea Niessen, owner of Orquideas del Valle at <http://www.orquivalle.com/> in Cali, Columbia

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Andrea Niessen was born in Cali, Colombia to a German family. She received her high school degree from the Cali German School and was an exchange student in California where she graduated again at the St. Lucy's Priory High School. She went on to earn a Biology degree with an emphasis in Botany at the Universidad del Valle, Cali. She then worked as a research associate at the International Center for Tropical Agriculture in the Pastures Entomology Department and later in the Virology Unit. Andrea then earned a Masters of Science from the University of Florida, majoring in Electron Microscopy and minoring in Virology. She has been a dedicated hobby orchid grower all of her life. Andrea has served as a board member and president (1992 to 1997) of the local orchid society, Asociación Vallecaucana de Orquideología. Andrea has lectured about Colombian Orchids in Colombia, USA, Canada, Belgium and Germany.

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NFOS Board minutes for 8-27-2013

1. Treasurer's report- the balance in the treasury is approximately \$8200.
2. Botanical Gardens- Work in House #11 is proceeding. Issues with the orchid growing house need to be addressed. Joe will continue to bring the issue to the board and Dave Swarts
3. NFOS schedule for 2013 Programs
9/10 - (changed from 9/3) speaker- Andrea Niessen –
“Miniature Orchids of Columbia”
10/8 – preshow meeting
10/11-12-13 non- judged Fall show
11/5 – TBD-
12/3 – Xmas Party

2014 schedule

1/7, 2/4, 2/21-22-23 (Orchid Show), 3/4, 4/8,5/6, 6/3
9/9, 10/7, 10/10-11-12 (Orchid Show), 11/4, 12/9.

4. Signup for October show at the 9/10 and 10/8 meetings
5. A motion was passed to purchase a couple of DVD programs from Orchid Digest to use as potential programs in the future.
6. The newsletter will now be electronic (email) effective starting in September. It will also be available on the website: www.niagarafontierorchids.org
7. Next board meeting will be on Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at 7PM at the DiDomenicos’.



Many thanks to all who have provided their e-mails in recent months. As previously indicated, our newsletter will no longer be sent by snail-mail. A copy will be posted monthly on the website:
www.niagarafrontierorchids.org

Help is always needed at the Botanical Gardens on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. The orchid collection is in constant need of care and maintenance.
 All hands are welcome.

DID YOU KNOW???



Orchid Hybrid Trivia

- ◆ The total number of grex names in the register is currently 154,660 [as of now]. This figure increases daily. Each year The International Orchid Register adds between 3000-4000 new hybrids.
- ◆ The most popular genera for hybrids are:
 - Phalaenopsis — 31,382
 - Paphiopedilum — 23,871
 - Cymbidium — 14,688
 - Dendrobium — 11,910
- ◆ So far there are about 2349 hybrid generic names, but not all of these are in use.
- ◆ There are about 5,600 species involved in hybridization.

Source: American Orchid Society (www.aos.org 3/25/2013)

We are always looking for articles or suggestions for the newsletter or website. Please contact Renee Engels at newsletter@niagarafrontierorchids.org

CENTRAL NEW YORK ORCHID SOCIETY ORCHID SHOW

Saturday, October 5; noon - 5
 Sunday, October 6; 10 - 4

Featuring Marlow Orchids, Just Pat Orchids, Bloomfield Orchids, and Kelly's Korner Supplies

\$3 parking
 Raffles
 Sales

Beaver Lake Nature Center

cnyos.org

ORCHID STUFF

By: John Kociela

Soon it will be time for our orchids that were put out for the Summer to come back indoors. I liked the results from putting out some of my phrags last Summer,so I put out most of my phrags this year. They seemed to be enjoying their outdoor venture with lots of bright sunshine. All of the leaves are getting a healthy, light green color. When they are indoors under lights, the leaves tend to get a darker green color I have them in an eastern exposure which gets them morning sunshine.

In early September, I will start checking weather conditions. When evening temperatures start to get consistently under 50 degrees, I get them ready to come indoors. First they get moved to a shadier location for a couple of weeks to get them use to being under less light. About a week before they come in, I will spray them with a water/soap mixture to help prevent critters from coming with them (1 teaspoon of Ivory liquid soap to a quart of distilled water). They get a second spraying the day they are coming back indoors.

Tony Achtyl told me that he will gives his orchids a spraying with Malathion just before he brings them in. Malathion is a mild, general pesticide.

I also asked Peter Martin (another long term NFOS member) what is his timing for bringing in his orchids. Peter tries to keep many of his orchids out through the first half of October but with a cautionary note. If early October is rainy, his orchids will come in sooner. The cool nights and dampness can cause bacterial problems.

If you haven't tried taking your orchids out for some Summer sunshine, think about doing it next year. Your orchids will love the bright sunshine. And talk with other NFOS members to see what they do. It's a great way to pick up some ideas from their experiences of bringing orchids out for the Summer.

SIGN-UP FOR THE OCTOBER SHOW WILL BE AT THE SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER MEETINGS...

**BE SURE TO OFFER YOUR HELP SEPTEMBER 10 OR OCTOBER 8
OR SEE JOE DIDOMENICO OR SUE CHARLES TO VOLUNTEER...**

THE FALL SHOW IS OCTOBER 12 & 13 (SET-UP IS OCTOBER 11)