



## Manitoba Orchid Society

For the Love of Orchids Newsletter

**Next Meeting: 17 October 2010  
Salle Antoine Gaborieau  
Franco-Manitobain Cultural Centre,  
340 Provencher Blvd. (at Rue Des Meurons)**

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### **Regular Programme: Annual Auction**

Starts at 1:00 P.M. (note time is earlier than the usual meetings) with plants being accepted after 12:30 P.M.  
**This year's proceedings of plant sales will again be split 30% for the club and 70% for the contributing member. This policy will be reviewed in future years, depending on the financial health of the club.**

**Ensure you have 2 tags in each pot, one with your name and the other with the name of the plant.**

**Plants must be sold through the auction only—no other selling of plants is permitted at the October meeting.**

**Only members in good standing (i.e. membership paid up) may buy or sell plants at the auction.**

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### **No Novice Program and no Show & Tell**

**Goodies will be provided by Roberta Brotherston, Sheila Pilgrim, Leah Paluch, and Diane Tolgyessy.**





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**Submission deadline 21 October 2010 for November 2010 Issue**

<p><b>Message from Ed Cormier</b></p>	<p>Dear Members of the Manitoba Orchid Society</p> <p>Due to ill health I will not be able to attend the MOS Meetings.</p> <p>Since 1983 I had the privilege of discovering a whole new world: the realm of Orchids. More than this: I was fortunate to meet a whole group of fine and devoted people enjoying not only Orchids, but enjoying each other.</p> <p>I wish to thank you all for helping me liquidate my orchids and for your friendship.</p> <p>Now I am being prepared to meet the Source of all these beautiful flowers.</p> <p>Adios Ed Cormier</p>
	<p>The MOS welcomes our newest, and youngest, member, Charles Chaytor.</p>
	<p>November 21<sup>st</sup>: General Meeting</p> <p>December 12<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Potluck</p>
<p><b>Hearts &amp; Flowers</b></p>	<p>If you hear of any good/bad news regarding members or their families, please call Phyllis McCaskill and let her know.</p>
	<p>To Roberta Brotherston, Ilsa Chaytor, Wendy Chaytor, Leona Heshka, Lorne Heshka, Marilyn Kraut, Dave &amp; Elaine Moran for bringing flowering plants to the September Show &amp; Tell.</p>
<p><b>Benefits of Membership</b></p>	<p>Manitoba Orchid Society members now receive the following discounts: 10% at La Coste Nursery, 10% at Schriemer Home &amp; Garden Showplace, 10% at Shelmerdine Nurseries &amp; 15% at Village Garden Center, upon presentation of valid membership cards.</p>
	<p>The Executive encourages all members to provide feedback, comments, and suggestions by filling out a comment sheet available from the Secretary at all General Meetings.</p> <p>All signed comment sheets should be returned to any member of the Executive. They will be reviewed at the next Executive Meeting and you will be informed of follow-up action taken.</p>

## **2010/2011 Executive**

### **Elected**

President Dave Moran  
Past President Joyce Jaworski  
1st V.P. Kyle Lucyk  
2nd V.P./Show Chair Rob Kato  
Treasurer Garnet Ward  
Secretary Phyllis McCaskill

### **Appointed**

Membership Gary Jaworski  
Social Eva Slavicek  
Public Relations  
Special Orders Darlene Stack  
AOS/COC Rep Kevin Duerksen  
Library Lilianne Foster  
Newsletter Robert Parsons  
Webmaster Robert Kato

## **Editor's Message**

It's nearly time for one of our most enjoyable events, the annual auction. Every year I always seem to bring home more plants than it appears I have room for, yet somehow I always seem to fit them in.

Most of you will be familiar with the drill, but for the benefit of new members, perhaps a bit of information will be helpful. If you are intending to sell plants, we normally ask you to try and have them in well before our 1:00 P.M. start. That way, once our brief business meeting is over, we can get down to the business of bidding on plants. Because it's our first auction in our new location, it may be a bit uncertain, but we are aiming to try to adhere to our usual format, which has worked well in the past.

Remember to include two tags with your plants—one bearing the name of the plant and the second with your name so we know who to credit the member share of the proceeds to. Any plant without the second tag will be treated as a donation to the club.

If you are a novice, and would like some guidance on what plants are easier to grow & bloom, please identify yourself as such to the executive & we will try and find an experienced grower to pair you up with and advise you during bidding.

In addition to the plants, this year we will also be auctioning off a complementary copy of OrchidWiz, a user-friendly and powerful software program for orchid hobbyists. Far more details are available on the next few pages, but I have just learned there will be an updated version arriving shortly. In the event it does not get to us by the auction, it will be presented at no additional cost to the winning bidder. The retail value of this is over \$200.00, and so you might have an opportunity to get it at a greatly reduced price, depending on interest level!

One last note, you must be a member in good standing (membership fee paid up) to buy or sell at the auction. This will be the last newsletter you receive if you do not renew.

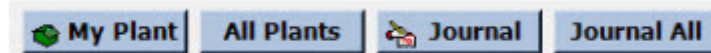


# Excited about Orchids

"I have observed an interesting reaction in myself since I started using OrchidWiz to inventory my collection...I am actually getting EXCITED again about my orchids in a way I haven't felt in awhile." --Cynthia Hill



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**C. Petite Purple**

**2 Awards**

Flwr Qual: 2  
Culture: 2  
Other: 2

FQ High: 83  
Cult High: 83

FCC's: 1  
AM's: 1  
HCC's: 1

**Averages**

Flowers Per Stem: 1.0  
Natural Spread: 8.9 cm.

**Pictorial Genealogy and Progeny Data**

**Cultivation and Blooming Data**

**Award Metrics**

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## OrchidWiz Encyclopedia and Journal

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OrchidWiz users do not need to know how a database

works. The program is so intuitive that anyone who knows how to use a computer mouse can benefit from it. Currently there are thousands of OrchidWiz aficionados in six continents and 45 countries. Many world-class institutions use OrchidWiz for their basic research needs, including Selby Gardens, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, the U.S. Botanic Garden, the Smithsonian Greenhouse and the Singapore Botanic Gardens. More than 200 orchid nurseries and 330 American Orchid Society judges have licensed OrchidWiz, another testimony to its breadth and accuracy.

OrchidWiz relies on public sources of data such as hybrid registrations and award listings. In addition, over 100 volunteers contribute to OrchidWiz by providing photos and various types of information on orchids such as published photo references; pronunciation tips; etc. To date, volunteers have contributed about 45,000 digital photos.

Founded a little over two years ago, OrchidWiz is already in its 6<sup>th</sup> version. A new version comes out every year and volunteers have a big say over what features go in. The program has become the primary reference work for all orchid aficionados, from orchid experts to hobbyists.

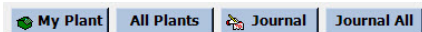
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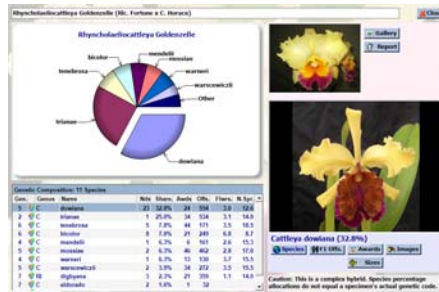
## Discover Orchids



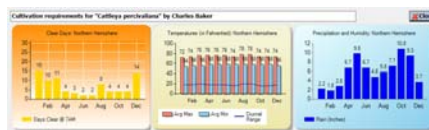
- Inventory and track your own orchids in the OrchidWiz Journal
- Add your own photographs into the Journal.
- Almost 40,000 color photographs of orchids.



- Photographic references for almost 16,000 species.
- Look-up orchids by new taxonomic names or by older more familiar Sander's names
- Information on more than 29,000 species.
- Genealogy charts for more than 127,000 hybrids.



- 16 distinct breeding groups provided for ease of search and analysis.
- Geographical distributions of over 26,000 species.
- Month-by-month flowering times for more than 5,300 species.
- Data from 2,649 Charles Baker cultivation sheets displayed in graphical form.



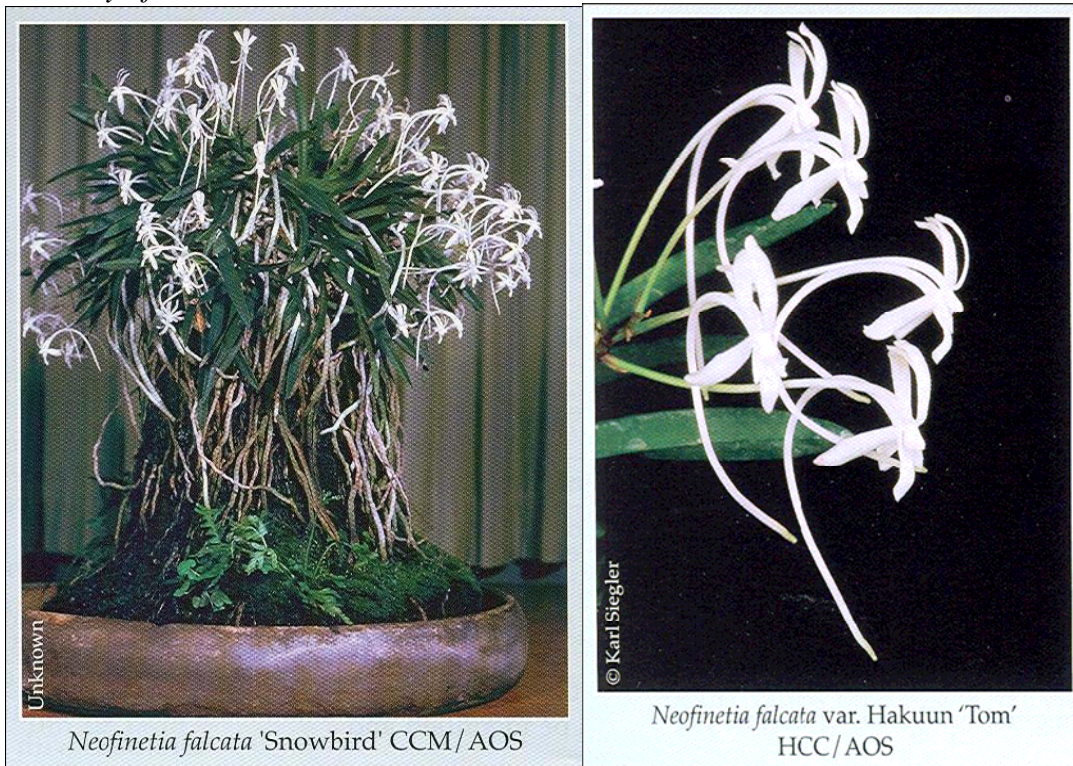
- Light intensity and night temperature recommendations for 4,100 species.



- Award data from the AOS, CSA, AOC, and the OCNZ, a total of more than 73,000 awards.

## CULTIVATION OF *NEOFINETIA FALCATA*

Courtesy of: New World Orchids



**Light:** Neofinetias prefer medium light levels, from 1500 - 3000 footcandles. If you are growing under fluorescent lights, keep the plants about six - eight inches from the tubes. Under high-intensity lamps, grow approximately four feet from the fixture. This plant can be grown on windowsills, given an east, south, or west exposure. Plants may be grown outdoors in the summer with filtered sunlight.

**Temperature:** This plant can tolerate a wide range of temperatures. In spring and summer, day temperature should be 70° F or above, with a 10 to 15 degree drop at night. During winter months, day temperatures below 65° F are preferred. *Neofinetia falcata* will tolerate winter temperatures in the upper 30's!

**Humidity:** should be kept from 40 to 60%. Use humidity trays or a small room humidifier when growing on windowsills.

**Water & Fertilizer:** Use clean water, such as rainwater, distilled or reverse osmosis water if possible. Flush the plant regularly, especially if using municipal or well water. Never use artificially softened water. Let plants dry out between watering. Use ample water in spring and summer while the plants are in active growth and in flower, reducing quantities during cooler winter days. Use a balanced fertilizer year-round, preferably urea-free. If using rain, distilled, or reverse osmosis water, add some municipal or well water to supply the necessary calcium and magnesium. Fertilize very lightly every other

watering during the growing season, once a month during the winter rest period should do.

**Flowering:** Neofinetias bloom mostly from spring through fall. The inflorescence may have from three to fifteen flowers. Most forms have white flowers with a long nectary (spur). They will last from one to two months, and are extremely fragrant both day and night. There are also pink, green, cherry-red and yellow-colored forms, as well as those with variegated leaves and different growth habits.

**Repotting:** Preferably done in the spring and early summer, every two to three years. Clay, plastic, or net pots, or wood baskets, will work.

If potting in moss, use a good-quality, long-fibered sphagnum moss, and place the root ball over a small amount of moss. Wrap the root ball securely in sphagnum moss, so that the plant does not wobble. Keep the base of the plant higher than the rim of the pot. Plants can be similarly planted using osmunda fiber.

Possible recipes for potting media are:

A: 3 parts sphagnum, 1 part perlite or #3 sponge rock, 1 part medium tree fern fiber

B: 3 parts fine fir bark, 1 part perlite or # 3 sponge rock, 1 part fine tree fern fiber

C: 3 parts fine fir bark, 1 part perlite or #3 sponge rock, 1 part chopped sphagnum

Any of the above mixes can be used, or something similar; these plants are not very particular. You want to have an open mix that will drain freely. Pot as you would most other orchids, keeping the base of the plant above the top of the media.

When growing in a basket, line the basket with a thin layer of sphagnum or coconut fiber to keep the mix from falling through the slats. Plants may also be mounted on cork or tree fern plaques, or on wood branches like oak, sassafras, etc. You can mount the plants with a little sphagnum or osmunda to help keep them moist. If humidity is adequate, some growers plant *Neofinetia falcata* on rocks with live moss.

*Guidelines provided courtesy of:* New World Orchids

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## **Minutes - Manitoba Orchid Society General Meeting September 12, 2010**

*Recorder: Phyllis McCaskill*

### **1. Call to order:**

Dave Moran called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. and welcomed everyone back.

The minutes from the Executive meeting were approved and are available from the secretary, Phyllis McCaskill.

Suggestion slips are available at all general meetings and are available from the secretary. When submitting suggestion slips, please sign them in order that we may contact you for follow-up.

Volunteers for the October refreshments are Roberta Brotherston, Sheila Pilgrim, Leah Paluch, and Diane Tolgyessy.



Dave Moran introduced Doug. Kennedy who gave a presentation on growing difficult orchids.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting:**

Motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as published, moved by Phyllis McCaskill, seconded by Chris Schnell, carried.

**3. Financial report: - Garnet Ward**

Garnet presented the year-end financial report to August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Copies of these reports are available. Moved by Garnet to accept reports as presented, seconded by Pat Turenne, carried.

**4. Programs: - Kyle Lucyk – Absent**

The October program will be the auction. Doors will open at 12:15 p.m. and the auction will begin at 1:00 p.m. Monies received from sales will be split as follows: - 30 % to the club and 70 % to the seller.

Joe Kunish has had to cancel as speaker for the November meeting due to personal commitments. No replacement program topic or speaker has been confirmed at this time.

December 13<sup>th</sup> is the Christmas party at 3:00 p.m. and it will be a pot luck dinner.

**5. Show Chairperson Report: - Rob Kato**

Nothing to report.

**6. AOS/COC Representative: - Kevin Duerksen**

The next COC meeting is September 25 & 26<sup>th</sup> in Cambridge, Ont. The AOS is in financial difficulty and they are contemplating selling their building and grounds.

There is a pamphlet available from Orchid Digest for anyone interested.

**7. Hospitality: - Eva Slavicek**

No report

**8. Library: - Lilianne Foster**

Nothing to report.

**9. Public Relations: - Position vacant, still looking for someone.**

**10. Membership: - Gary Jaworski**

We have 49 members paid to date.

**11. Newsletter: - Rob Parsons**

Nothing to report.

**12. Special Orders: - Darlene Stack**

There are still small amounts of bark and perlite for sale. The Orchid Inn order will arrive in the next week at Darlene's house and she will contact those concerned with that order.

**13. Unfinished business:**

None

**14. New business:**

Dave welcomed a new member to the M.O.S. – Charles Chaytor (4 months old).

Elections will be coming up next June. There are 3 positions coming open, those being – President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice- President and Treasurer.

If anyone has any suggestions for a new meeting place, please make those suggestions known; otherwise we will stay at the Franco-Manitoba Cultural Centre.

We hope to have a new digital projector for the November meeting.

The Constitutional review committee consists of Dave Moran, Lorne Heshka, and Rob Kato. They would like to have one more person on this committee.

Garnet Ward explained to us that OrchidWiz is a computer program about orchids. It contains detailed information on more than 29,000 species and 127,000 hybrids. A copy of the program has been donated to the club in exchange for advertising. It will be auctioned off at the October auction.

**15. Raffle draw:**

Diane Tolgyessy, Charles Chaytor, Phyllis McCaskill, Ilsa Chaytor, Lorne Heshka, Marilyn Kraut, Arturo Alejandro.

**16. Website: - Rob Kato**

If anyone has pictures of orchids they may send them to Rob to be published.

**17. Show & tell:**

Doug Kennedy described the plants that were brought in.

**18. Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Joyce Jaworski at 4:15 p.m.

Note: Minutes of the Executive Meetings are available to be picked up at General Meetings on request from the Secretary.