

SOUTHERN ONTARIO ORCHID SOCIETY

*March 2019, Volume 54, Issue 3 Meeting since 1965
Time to renew your Membership for 2019*

Next Meeting Sunday, March 3, 2019, Floral Hall of the Toronto Botanical Garden.

★ **Vendor sales noon to 1pm.**

★ **Program at 1pm**. **Dave Sorokowsky from Paph Paradise Lockeford, California on Multifloral Paphiopedilums.** Dave has been growing paphiopedilums for about 15 years and seriously hybridizing for the past 10 years. He is an accredited AOS judge and his paphiopedilums have received over 75 awards to date from the AOS and CSA. Many of those awarded plants playing important roles in his breeding program.

★ **Monthly show table. Bring your flowering plants for show and tell and points towards our annual awards.**

★ **Raffle**

President's Remarks Welcome Orchid Enthusiasts,
Another SOOS annual show has come and gone, and what a success it was. Unlike the last couple of years, the weather was great, with lots of sunshine, no snow, and bearable winter temperatures. Attendance was up significantly versus the last two weather impacted shows.
A huge "THANK YOU" goes to Cathy Dunn, Show Chairperson, and the dedicated members of the Show Committee who over the past seven months have worked tirelessly behind the scenes dealing with the thousands of details required to deal with exhibitors, vendors, publicity, judging, layouts, kitchen, photography and art, speakers, tours, TBG liaison and others I'm sure that I missed, required in running a large show. Cathy's organization and attention to detail left you with the impression that she had been doing this for years, despite it being her first time. BRAVO to all!!
Thank you to the other volunteers who dealt with security, admissions, coat check, food, photography, plant draw, speakers, tours, judging, set-up, take down organized by Marion Curry and Sue Loftus, all of whom handled their roles with aplomb, and dealt with the inevitable unforeseen issues that arise on show weekend. Thank you also

to Peter Kaellgren who organized and dealt with the student volunteers from Humber Institute of Technology & Advanced Learning, who conducted SOOS surveys throughout the weekend, and who will help analyze the responses as SOOS pushes further into the future.

Thank you to Alina Furtak, who with the help of Laura Liebgott, Johanna Kieswatter and the other volunteers who worked on, and who made plants available to the SOOS display. Alina's "rookie" effort was a polished success. Thank you to all of the SOOS teammates who helped to help to elevate the SOOS exhibit.

You ALL made the entire show, from Thursday set-up all the way through Sunday tear-down, work together like a finely tuned machine.

SOOS will be participating in the following spring shows that are coming up fast, and furious;

Orchid Society of the Royal Botanical Gardens Show in Burlington, Feb. 23-24, where John Vermeer (rookie) will be doing the display

London Orchid Society Show: Mar. 16-17 – Laura Liebgott will be doing the display
Les Orchidophiles de Montreal, Mar. 30-31 – Laura Liebgott will be doing the display

Toronto Artistic Orchid Association Show Apr. 13-14 – Don Wyatt will be doing the display

Ottawa Orchid Society Show, Apr. 27-28 - Laura Liebgott will be doing the display

Our show, and the other shows we participate in, would not be nearly as successful without the participation of visiting orchid societies. Please help Laura, Don, John and the other travelling SOOS ambassadors by allowing your flowering beauties to travel to out of town shows as part of the SOOS exhibits.

Terry Kennedy has been hard at work arranging for speakers at our meetings, and has a full line-up for the rest of the year;

- ★ Mar.3 Dave Sorokowsky [Paph Paradise](#), Lockeford, California
- ★ Apr.7 Round Tables (will once again ask for potential topics at the next meeting)
- ★ May 5 [Shawn Hillis, Garden Slippers, Calgary, Alberta](#), Cypripediums
- ★ Jun.2 [Melissa McCormick, Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, Washington, DC](#) (topic to be determined)
- ★ Aug.4 Orchidfest, [Alan Koch, Gold Country Orchids, Lincoln, California](#)
- ★ Sep. 1 [Glen Decker, Piping Rock Orchids, Galway, NY](#)
- ★ Oct.6 [Dr. Kristen Uthus, New World Orchids, Manchester, Michigan](#)
- ★ Nov.3 George Hatfield, [Hatfield Orchids](#), Oxnard, CA Cymbidium

The treats for the March meeting “social break” fall to the members with the last names beginning with **E through to G**. Thank you to the members **C through D** who brought treats for our previous meeting.

Stay warm, and we will see you soon.
John Vermeer

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/298874747302722/>

And
www.facebook.com/SOOSOrchid/

On instagram at
[instagram.com/soosorchid/](https://www.instagram.com/soosorchid/)

Plant of the Month for January 27, 2019



Synea Tan brought in a ball of white flowers, a beautifully flowered Dendrobium Mini Snowflake that she originally bought from Sherry Decyk in 2014.

She told us that she summers it out of doors on her north-facing open veranda and over-winters it in her light set-up under four LED light-tubes.

She re-pots it once a year after the flowers faded, in a mix of bark, Perlite, charcoal, coconut chunks and chopped sphagnum moss and places Hydroton (expanded clay) chunks on the bottom for good drainage..

She cuts off leaf-less canes.

She waters weekly and fertilizes weakly.

Thank you all for a wonderful Show

What a spectacular Show! The beautiful, sunny weather brought people out of hibernation in droves. We had over 2900 visitors over the course of the two days, 1200 more than last year. The exhibits were stellar! Out-of-province vendors left with nothing (or very little) unsold. There were 11 preliminary AOS awards; 5 for displays and 6 for plants. We had 33 exhibits in the Floral Hall and 1 in the lobby. The lamb in the Toronto Conservatories Display was a huge hit with the under 4 feet. The picture frames in the SOOS display made it magical. Once again *Ask Henry* was hugely popular.

When visitors were asked about how they learned about our Show, the biggest single reason was family or friends. Thank YOU for getting the word out! An excited person does so much more good than a poster

or ad any day of the week. I hope everyone enjoyed our Show as much as I did.

I would like to thank my team who did so much work before and during the Show: Peter and Inge Poot, Bea Paterson, Terry Kennedy, Alexi Antanaitis, Alina Furtak, Andrea Howat, Andrea James, Bob Dowzansky, Don Wyatt, Eric Tai, Henry So, Jaco Umland, Jay Norris, John Vermeer, Kyla Fodi, Laura Liebgott, Leslie Ee, Marion Curry, Max Wilson, Robin McLaughlin, Sue Loftus, Tom Shields, and Yvain McLeggon. I would also like to thank Peter Kaellgren for organizing the Survey completed by the Humber College students (185!), Joyce Medcalf, our local AOS Judging Centre Chair, Henry Glowka for chatting with visitors and the Toronto Botanical Garden for being such a wonderful host.

Finally, thank you to all who came and helped out for an hour or for all three days! **You are the best!**

Lucy Nguyen and Alina Balsdon are the winners of plants in our show visitors' draw.

Cathy Dunn, SOOS Show Chair

LOST at the Show

Ingrid Wauro unfortunately lost her 35mm photo camera at our show. She can be contacted at 905-849-5843.

Coming Events 2019

February

23-24, Royal Botanical Garden Orchid Society Show, Burlington.

March

2, TJC Monthly AOS Judging at TBG.

3, **SOOS meeting, Toronto Botanical Garden, sales 12 noon, program 1 pm**, Floral Hall

16-17, London Orchid Society Show, London, Ontario

22-24, **AOS Members Meeting, San Diego, California.**

28-31, Manitoba Orchid Society Show, Winnipeg.

28-31, Genesee Orchid Society Show, Rochester, NY.

30-31, Montreal OrchidExpo and Montreal Judging.

April

6, TJC Monthly AOS Judging at TBG.

6, Quebec City Orchidofolie.

7, **SOOS meeting, Toronto Botanical Garden, sales 12 noon, program 1 pm**, Floral Hall

13-14, TAOA Orchid Show, Toronto.

27-28, Ottawa Orchid Society Show, Ottawa.

May

4, TJC Monthly AOS Judging at TBG.

The North American Native Plant Society is proud to announce three native plant sales planned for this spring.

May 4 | Toronto Botanical Gardens | 777 Lawrence Ave E | Toronto | 9:30 - 2:30 | Pre-order available soon

May 19 | Riverwood | 4150 Riverwood Park Lane | Mississauga | L5C 2S7 | 12 - 4

May 26 | Christie Pits Park | 750 Bloor St W | Christie Subway Station | Toronto | 12 - 4

Ethical growers approved by NANPS at all sales with knowledgeable volunteers available for assistance. Free admission and parking. www.nanps.org for more information.

5, **SOOS meeting, Toronto Botanical Garden, sales 12 noon, program 1 pm**, Floral Hall

18, Monthly Montreal AOS judging, Jardin botanique de Montreal

Conservation Corner

Your society has a group of enthusiastic members that meet regularly to discuss orchid conservation issues and develop conservation action plans. The group also engages in occasional small group visits to native orchid habitats. The group is under the active chairmanship of Tom Shields.

AOS Judging Results

Toronto Centre, SOOS Show February 9, 2019:

Oncidium Twinkle 'Di Ciommo James Paul' CCM/AOS 83 points, Joe Di Ciommo,

Cattleya City Life 'Di Ciommo John Joseph' AM/AOS 80 points, Joe Di Ciommo

Phragmipedium Amitabha 'Shirley' CCM/AOS 86 points, Heinz Ernstberger

Paphiopedilum Berenice var album 'Rosanna' CCM/AOS 85 points, Rosanna Li

Paphiopedilum Excitingly Wood 'Synea' AM/AOS 80 points, Synea Tan

Rossioglossum Rawdon Jester 'Maki' CCE/AOS 92 points, Wilson Ng

Artistic Display Certificate 'Mary Had and Her Little Lamb' AC/AOS 90 points, City of Toronto

Educational Exhibit Certificate 'Orchidilirium' EEC/AOS 85 points, Tara Seucharan

Silver Certificate 'Whimsy Obsession' SC/AOS 86points,
Doug & Terry Kennedy
Show Trophy and Gold Certificate '631km, la Longue
Route du Recyclage' STand GC /AOS 90points, Les
Orchidophiles de Montreal

Next judging March 2, 2019 at the TBG

Agenda Education 10 am a)Resetting the Bar for Paph
rothschildianum and Paph. Maudiae Types-Dave
Sorokowsky

b)Duties of the AOS Chairman of Judging at Orchid
Shows-Joyce Medcalf.,

Judging 1 pm.

AOS Judging is a service of the American Orchid Society
and is open to all! Bring us your flowering orchids.

SOOS Show SOOS Display Ribbons

1st Place Ribbons

Phragmipedium bessea Neon Fire x Patti McHale
'Shirley' Heinz Ernstberger
Cattleya Orlade's Grand 'Wilson's Choice' AM/AOS
John Vermeer
Ryncholaeliocattleya Luna Jaune x C. Fire Magic John
Vermeer

Rosettes and Trophies

Best in Show, and Best in Class, Marilyn Crompton
Memorial Trophy for Phragmipedium bessea Neon Fire x
Patti McHale 'Shirley' Heinz Ernstberger

2nd Place Ribbons

Epidendrum Yellow Magnolia, John Vermeer
Cattleya Hybrid, Joe O'Regan
Brassolaeliocattleya Bundekin Wonder Lakeland, Oscar
Dalmao
Paphiopedilum lawrenceanum 'Tiger Baby', Heinz
Ernstberger
Paphiopedilum Angela, Heinz Ernstberger
Phalenopsis Young Home Ray, David Bryan
Phalenopsis Ox Red Lion, David Bryan
Paphiopedilum liemianium 'Charlie', Cathy Dunn
Display

3rd Place Ribbons

Ryncholaeliocattleya Tung Ya Green, Oscar Dalmao

Paphiopedilum Black Diamond alba, Heinz Ernstberger
Psychopsis papilio, Laura Liebgott
Saphrolaeliocattleya Dream Weaver, Sue Loftus
Phalenopsis Sago Jessica, Cathy Dunn
Vanda miniatum, Chee Chong

Oncidium splendens, Joe O'Regan
Phalenopsis hybrid (white), Jo Kieswatter
Catasetum Irene Dunn, Joe O'Regan



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 Sunday, April 14 10:00am to 5:00pm

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 Sunday, April 14 8:00am to 10:00am

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www.osrbg.ca

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Jan 27, 2019 Show Table Ribbons

| Class | First | Second | Third |
|--|---|---|--|
| Class 1 Cattleya Alliance | Rlc (Pot.) Luna Jaune X C. (Slc). Fire Magic John Vermeer | C. (Slc).Purple Doll 'Midnight Velvet' AM/AOS X Rlc. (Pot). Rubescence 'SVO' AM/AOS John Vermeer Rlc. (Pot.) Denis Roessiger John Vermeer | Rlc. (Pot.) Mark's Valentine John Vermeer Rlc. (Pot.) Michael Tomihama John Vermeer |
| Class 2 Paphiopedilium | <i>Paph. haynaldianum</i> David Bryan | Paph. Oriental Wolf David Bryan Paph. Hama Chilwin Synea Tan | Paph. Excitingly Wood David Bryan |
| Class 3 Phalaenopsis Vanda Alliance | Aeridovanda Peach Delight 'Crown Fox' Marion Curry | | |
| Class 4 Oncidium related | <i>Psychopsis papilio var Aurea</i> Henry Glowka | | |
| Class 6 Dendrobium | Den Mini Snowflake Synea Tan | Den Star Dust Connie Charlton | |
| Class 7 All Others | Clowesia. Rebecca Northen Joe O'Regan | | |

SOOS 2019 Show Trophy Winners

| Trophy | Trophy Description | Genus | PlantName | Parentage | ExhibitorName |
|--|--|----------------|---|--|------------------------|
| AOS Show Trophy | Awarded under the provisions of the judging handbook for the best display in the show. | Display | Display | | Mario Mireault |
| Best Dendrobium | Classes 82 - 88. | Dendrobium | Aussie's Chip 'Charlie' CCE/AOS | abberans x atroviolaceum | John Marcotte |
| Best Display 1 to 10 plants - Open | Best of Class 2a. | Display | Display | | Chris Varady |
| Best Display 11-15 plants - Amateur | Best of Class 3. | Display | Display | | Synea Tan |
| Best Display 16-25 Plants - Open | Best of Class 4a. | Display | Display | | John Marcotte |
| Best Display of more than 25 plants - Open | Best of Class 5. | Display | Display | | Terry and Doug Kennedy |
| Best Educational Exhibit | Best of Class 6. | Display | Display | | Tara Seucharan |
| Best Hybrid Paphiopedilum | Classes 30 - 37. | Paphiopedilum | Berenice album | (philippense var album 'Jeanie delight' x lowii var album 'Albino Beauty') | Rosanna Li |
| Best Miscellaneous | Classes 93 - 100. | Bulbophyllum | Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry' FCC/AOS | | Synea Tan |
| Best of genera allied to Cattleya | Classes 10-13 | Coilostylis | parkinsoniana | | Mario Mireault |
| Best of Orchid Photography | Classes 107 - 109. | Phaf | Photo | | Linda Rosen |
| Best Orchid Art | Classes 104 - 406. | Drops of Vanda | (oil on wood) | | Kristen Reuel |
| Best Phragmipedium | Classes 40-42. | Phragmipedium | bessea Neon Fire x Patti McHale 'Shirely' | | Alina Furtak |
| Best Society - medium | Any number of plants by an orchid society. | Display | Display | | Ed Ratcliffe |
| Best Society - small | Any number of plants by an orchid society. | Display | Display | | Mark Whelan |

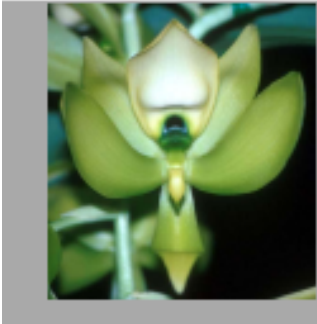
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| Best Society Display - large | Any number of plants by an orchid society. | Display | Display | | Mario Mireault |
| Best Vandaceous | Classes 58 - 69. | Angraecum | eburneum var. brevicalar | | Ted Kretz |
| Canadian Orchid Congress Award | Awarded to exhibit for the best interpretation of show theme. | Display | Display | | Curtis Evoy |
| Gary Schreiber Memorial Trophy | Best Paphiopedilum species Classes 28 - 29a | Paphiopedilum | gratrixianum | | Joe DiCiommo |
| AOS Gold Certificate | Awarded to and outstanding display as determined by AOS judges. | Display | Display | | Mario Mireault |
| International Phalaenopsis Alliance Trophy | Best Phalaenopsis Classes 44 - 53. | Phalaenopsis | GanLin Sun Flower | | Joe DiCiommo |
| John Kafka Memorial Trophy | Best Oncidium. Classes 70 - 76. | Rossio-glossum | Rawdon Jester 'Maki' AM-CCE/AOS | | Eric and Ellen Lee |
| Marilyn Crompton Memorial Trophy | Best Plant in Show. | Phragmipedium | bessea Neon Fire x Patti McHale 'Shirely' | | Alina Furtak |
| Mario Ferrusi Memorial Trophy | Best Pleurothallid. Classes 89 - 92. | Pleurothallis | bivalvis 'Hill Island' CHM/AOS " | | Joyce Medcalf |
| AOS Silver Certificate | Awarded to an excellent display as determined by AOS judges. | Display | Display | | Terry and Doug Kennedy |
| Walter Norman Memorial Trophy | Best Cattleya in Classes 15 - 26. | Cattleya | Life's Melody | Circle of life x Magic Melody | Joyce Medcalf |
| Wen Chong Memorial Trophy | Best Cymbidium. Classes 79 - 81. | Cymbidium | Eastern Wind 'Wilson's Choice' AM-CCE/AOS | | Eric and Ellen Lee |
| Wilson Ng Trophy | Best Specimen plant. Class 101 | Coelogyne | cristata | | Ben Boers |

This is the continuation of the transcription of the program notes of the presentation by Fred Clarke begun in your November 2018 Newsletter, and continued in your February 2019 newsletter.

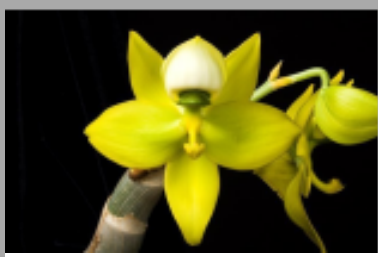
Cycnodes are *Cychnoches* crossed with *Mormodes*. The *Cychnoches* gives the hybrid its shape and size and the *Mormodes* gives it its colour. In other words the *Cychnoches* colour is recessive and the awkward lip and column shape of *Mormodes* is recessive.

Cycnodes JEM's Dragon (*Cycnoches chlorochilon* x *Mormodes frymirei*) is probably really a *Cycnoches warszewiczii* cross, since the petals of the result are horizontal, not upswept. At the time the cross was made and named, most people were not aware that there were two similar species and all were labeled *Cyc. chlorochilon*

Cyc. chlorochilon



Cyc. warszewiczii



Cycnodes JEM's Dragon 'SVO' FCC/AOS
Photo: Richard Clarke



Mormodes frymirei, Photo: Fred Clarke, OW X4.2

Cycnodes Wine Delight (*Cycnoches lehmannii* x *Mormodes sinuata*) has lovely colour, but it takes luck and skill to get an arrangement as tidy as shown in the image. Other clones exist with the same colour but less full shape and one all-yellow clone and cupped shape where the name might be wrong.

Cycnodes Spotted Hornet, (*Cycnoches warszewiczii* x *Mormodes Exotic Treat* – see photo of latter parent with *Cycnodes Nitty Gritty*) has a most unusual colour combination in the clone shown.

Cycnodes John Naugle (*Mormodes andicola* x *Cycnoches warszewiczii*) is another delicately coloured cross.



Cycnodes Wine Delight 'JEM' FCC/AOS
Photo: ME Thompson, OW X4.2



Cycnodes Spotted Hornet, Photo Paul Zimmerman, OW X4.2



Cycnodes John Naugle, Photo: Fred Clarke, OW X4.2



Clowesia warszewitzii 'El Cerro' AWD/SCO,
Photo: Soc. Colombiana de Orchid., OW X4.2



Clowesia rosea Photo: John Varigos, OW X4.2

Clowesia is a genus with mostly pale green, more darkly green –veined species in which only two miniature species are commonly used in hybridizing. All have at least some fringing on the lip. The two miniature species produce short densely packed inflorescences of flowers, one with

full, white, green-veined flowers (*Clowesia warszewitzii*) and the other (*Clowesia rosea*) pale pink flowers with a delightfully fringed lip. The full shape is a dominant character. The flowers are “perfect” in the botanical sense, because they contain both sexes in the same flower. This character is quite dominant.

Clowesia Grace Dunn (*warszewitzii* x *rosea*) is a floriferous hybrid of the two species. It can be white to pink and with a fringe only on the lip apex or up to all around the edge.



Clowesia Grace Dunn 'Live Oak' HCC/AOS
(*warszewitzii* x *rosea*), Photo: Fred Clarke, OW X4.2



Clowesia Rebecca Northern 'Grapefruit Pink'
Photo: Bernie Butts & Chuck Lefaive, OW X4.2

Clowesia Rebecca Northern (*Grace Dunn* x *rosea*) again can be white to pink, but the fringing is more pronounced than on *Grace Dunn*, but it has retained the floriferousness and even improved the fullness of the flowers in most clones.

Fredclarkeara

Characteristics of Fredclarkeara

- A combination of three genera: *Mormodes*, *Catasetum*, and *Clowesia*
- Perfect flowers
- Long lasting and heavy substance
- Good flower size and count
- Easy, vigorously growing plants

How this artificial genus was created:

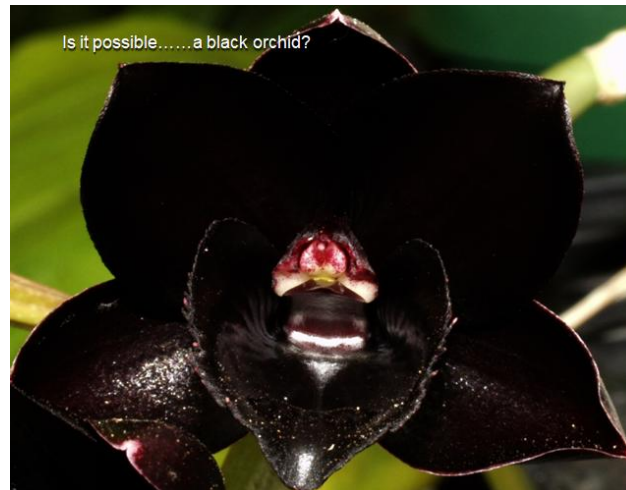


The Cross Fredclarkeara After Dark has 12 FCC's with Sunset Valley Orchids earning most of them! Orchids Plus and Orchid Wiz are full of images of mouth-watering flowers in black as well as other dark colours!

But this combination of genera produced other superb results.



Fdk. After Dark 'SVO Black Pearl' FCC/AOS



Is it possible..... a black orchid?



Fredclarkeara Enter Light
'SVO Dark Beauty' FCC/AOS
Photo: Fred Clarke, O+1.4

Fredclarkeara Desert Tenor (*Mormodia Painted Desert* x *Catasetum tenebrosum*)

Fredclarkeara After Midnight (*Fredclarkeara After Dark* x *Catasetum Mark Dimmitt*)

Fredclarkeara Enter Light (*Fredclarkeara After Dark* x *Catasetum pileatum*), got an FCC on a near black clone, but comes in great yellows and almost whites and lots in between too.



Fredclarkeara Desert Tenor 'Sunset Valley Orchids' FCC/AOS
Photo: Arnold Gum, O+1.4

Fredclarkeara No Doubt (Mormodia Painted Desert x Catasetum Susan Fuchs) comes in creams with red speckles and one was awarded with cream and brown shaded flowers.

Fredclarkeara Providence (Mormodia Jumbo World x *Catasetum pileatum*) closed this programme and showed a nicely shaped Fredclarkeara that is not



Fredclarkeara After Midnight 'SVO Dark Beauty' FCC/AOS,
Photo: Fred Clarke, OW X4.2

black, but chartreuse with a white picotee on the petals:

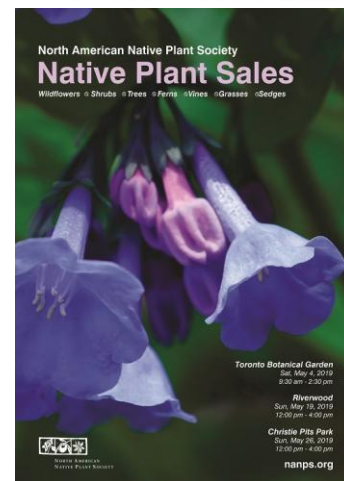
A special thanks from Fred Clarke to:

- Ed Wise
- Greg Allikas
- Jamie Lawson

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Fredclarkeara Providence, Photo: Fred Clarke OW X4.2



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Honorary Life Members: Terry Kennedy, Doug Kennedy, Inge Poot, Peter Poot, Joe O'Regan, Diane Ryley, Wayne Hingston.

Next Annual Show: February , 2020