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Hello All,

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1. [The Vallarta Orchid Society](#) is participating in 1% for Orchid Conservation



The Vallarta Orchid Society is a loosely formed organization of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico residents and visitors who have a common love of orchids.

We have monthly meetings where we discuss various aspects of orchid culture. Occasionally, we take day trips into the nearby hills to rescue orchids that have fallen from trees.

[The Oregon Orchid Society](#) is participating in 1% for Orchid Conservation



For over 65 years the Oregon Orchid Society has represented the Portland and Vancouver area with a strong tradition of celebrating the propagation and conservation of the orchid, nature's most diverse and largest plant family. We are made up of a wide spectrum of enthusiastic orchid hobbyists, judges and vendors. For over half a century we have been providing the Portland area and the greater Northwest with quality speakers, educational materials and fantastic orchid shows.

We have formally published three books that are used across the country and our annual spring show is the largest orchid event in the Pacific Northwest.

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2. [The International Flower Essence Repertoire](#) joins



The International Flower Essence Repertoire is based in the Inner Hebrides in Scotland, and has been importing and selling flower essences for the past 14 years. In the past 11 years they have been producing their own line of "flower essences" made with orchids they grow in a greenhouse on their premises. It is their manufacturing of the Living Tree Orchid Essences which brings about their involvement with the OCC and 1% FOC. It should be noted that their method of making orchid "essences" does not involve the cutting or harming of any orchids

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3. Two non-profit conservation organizations participate



The [Gurukula Botanical Sanctuary](#) is a forest garden in the Western Ghat mountains of Kerala, India, dedicated to conservation and education. Founded in 1981, the Sanctuary is a garden of wild plant species grown at the edge of a large rainforest reserve. Our central intention is to restore endangered species and habitats in a highly fragmented landscape, in which only a fraction of original forest remains and much of the native flora is extracted for human use.

[Asociación de Productores de Orquideas de El Valle y Cabuya](#) (Association of Orchid Producers in El Valle and Cabuya)



APROVACA is a non-profitable organization dedicated to the conservation of native species of orchids in the charming little town of Panama, El Valle de Antón. It was established on May 15, 2001 with the goal of protecting endangered endemic species of orchids and thus contributing to the conservation of the amazing biodiversity of the region and the Republic of Panama.

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4. [**Arachnorchis \(Caladenia\) pumila - Back from Extinction**](#)



The plant is *Arachnorchis pumila* (syn. *Caladenia pumila*) and it has been rediscovered by a Victorian couple in the south west of the state. Read Alan Stephenson's full story and see a spectacular picture of this rediscovered orchid thought to be extinct.

<http://www.orchidconservationcoalition.org/pr/apumila.html>

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5. The [**Orchid Conservation Alliance**](#)'s latest newsletter

In the time since I wrote the August newsletter* lots of things have happened at the Orchid Conservation Alliance. Probably the biggest was that fifteen of us spent two weeks in Ecuador visiting some reserves and seeing lots of orchids in the wild. This was the third in what has become an approximately annual “Orchids in the Wild” trip sponsored by, and to benefit, the OCA. [Click here](#)



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6. **Donation total for 2009** (Donation amount given in equivalents)

\$ 45,767.00 Australian Dollars

\$ 43,117.02 Canadian Dollars

\$ 501,490.87 Mexico Peso

£ 25,632.29 UK Pound

\$ 40,206.32 US Dollars

Total Donations since Start (2005)

\$ 55,785.29 Australian Dollars

\$ 51,815.62 Canadian Dollars

\$ 600,511.60 Mexico Peso

£ 30,828.09 UK Pound

\$ 48,116.27 US Dollars

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7. 2009 Orchid Conservation Coalition Wrap Up article is available in pdf form for orchid society newsletters.

<http://www.orchidconservationcoalition.org/pdf/articles/occ2009wrapup.pdf> (21 kb)

An easy way to give orchid society members an update on the OCC. Any orchid society is free to use any article on the OCC website.

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8. Spreadsheet files of orchid collections can now be imported into the Living Orchid Collection. CSV file is best. Spreadsheet files and some database files can be converted to csv. Contact me for more information.

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