



*As members will not receive this issue until January, after the holidays, I hope everyone had a happy Christmas and look forward to an enjoyable and prosperous 2018 full of orchids. I plan on attending the European Orchid Conference and Exhibition in Paris in March and will report in a subsequent issue of **Pollinia**.*

Should you be looking for suitable gifts for family or friends who are interested in orchids, or plants in general, a year's renewal extension or new membership to the **Irish Orchid Society** is the ideal present (and also for anniversaries, birthdays, etc.) Please use the Membership page on our website (<http://irishorchidsociety.org/membership.php>), and pay through PayPal, or contact the Secretary directly to ensure your gift will be arranged in time. E-mail: info@irishorchidsociety.org

I received a gift book about a bird for Christmas (no, not a turkey.) It turned out to be fascinating and one of the best books I've read in a long time. I recommend it to all who appreciate a well-written, informative and rewarding story. See the bottom of page 28.

MEMBERS SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER Members are reminded that the Membership year begins on June 1st each year. Annual Subscriptions will be due for 2018-2019. Subscription payments per the schedule on page two are to be posted to: Secretary, The Irish Orchid Society c/o National Botanic Gardens, Dublin, D09 E7F2. If you prefer, you may use the Credit Card/PayPal form at our website: www.irishorchidsociety.org/membership.php



Our thanks to Philippa Thomas and many others for sending photos of their flowering plants and for their general good wishes.

And our congratulations to Marina Andreeva on the birth of her daughter Mila Maxwell Andreeva, August 19th



Should your cat go missing, be sure to look everywhere!

Front Cover

Masdevallia richardsoniana, genus *Masdevallia*, first described by Carlyle Luer (1988.) Found in Peru as a caespitose, mini-miniature sized, cool growing epiphyte in moderately cool, wet, montane forests at elevations around 1800 meters. Flower Size: 2cm [3/4"]. Also named *Alaticaulia richardsoniana* (Luer)

Rear Cover

The amazing variety of orchid seeds. **Joseph Georg Beer: Beitrage zur Morphologie und Biologie der Familie der Orchideen. (1863).** A key to seed identification may be found at www.pollinia.org/seeds/

