

Orchiflora

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***Culture Class**, held in the Cedar Room, VanDusen Garden
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm. All orchid related questions are
welcome – ***culture class is a member's only benefit***

October 8 - Daniel Kwok. My ways in growing Neo.falcata

November 12 - Margaret Prat will speak about orchid viruses

***Montly General Meetings:** 4th Wednesday of each month
(except July, August and December) at VanDusen Floral
Hall; Doors Open 6:30 pm, meeting starts at 7 pm

- **Next meeting is Wednesday, October 23**

Speaker Series:

October 23 - Dr. Leslie Ee. Dendrobium cuthbertsonii

November 27 - Auction & Christmas/Holiday Season Party

December – No Meeting

January 22/2020 - Tom Mirenda. TBA

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AOS Judging:

The Western Canada Judging Center (WCJC) meets every 2nd Saturday of the month. Everyone is welcome to attend and bring their orchids for consideration by the American Orchid Society judges. This is a great opportunity to learn about the judging process and see many orchids of award quality.

2019 Calendar

October 26, 2019 : 1:00pm after FVOS Show Judging - George Preston Recreation Centre, 20699 42 Ave, Langley City, BC V3A 3B1

November 16, 2019: 1:00pm, (after business meeting), Victoria (TBD)

December 14, 2019: 11:30am, Sea Island Community Centre, 7140 Miller Road, Richmond, BC V7B 1L4

President's Message

October is a time to keep our eyes on temperatures. We are starting to think about prepaing our outside orchids for bringing in. This is a more difficult time for novices. Our Tuesday cultures classes provide a helping hand for novices and experienced growers.

October 25th, 26th and 27th are the days for the Fraser Valley Orchid Show and Sale. The 25th is the Preview party. We rely on our generous members to supply us with their orchids for the Vancouver display. Plants may be dropped off at our monthly meeting on the 23rd October or on the 24th at Ingrid's or my home. Please email ingrid.pike@outlook.com or ewnash@live.ca for information and to confirm a time.

We are having our annual Christmas and auction on the 27th of November. The feast is a delicious potluck and the auction is fun for all thanks to the volunteers and member's support. This year we are asking you to contribute your delicious dishes, plants, wine or whatever you can to make our celebration more fun for all.

One thing that I am thankful for this Thanksgiving is for all of you. I hope each of you enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving and best wishes for successful growing.

Evelyn Nash

MINUTES – September 25, 2019 Monthly Meeting.

Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm and chaired by Evelyn Nash.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Three new members were welcomed at the meeting

EXECUTIVE BOARD

As voted on at our AGM, the VOS' executive board for the coming year is as follows:

President: Evelyn Nash

1st VP: Barb Cable

2nd VP: Ingrid Pike

Treasurer: Maureen Burke

Secretary: Conor Preston

Board of Directors:

-Keith Willett

-Eugene Banziger

-Giulia Comin

-Andrew Wong

-Gabrielle Carson

-Grant Rampton

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our chequing account stands at \$10542.81. At the Summer Sale we brought in \$1100 from table rentals, \$210 from the raffle, and \$170 from membership dues and the room rental for the day was \$260.

Previously, VanDusen had provided us with one free day of rent per year, which would also be the most expensive day. This policy is no longer in effect, meaning that we had roughly \$700 more in costs for the previous fiscal year and operated at a deficit of \$900 rather than \$200.

UPCOMING SHOWS

The Fraser Valley Orchid Society's Annual Show and Sale will be on the weekend of October 26th and 27th with a Preview Party on the 25th.

Our Annual Show and Sale will take place on March 21st and 22nd with our Preview Party on the 20th.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

On October 23rd our speaker will be Dr. Leslie Ee who will be speaking on *Dendrobium cuthbertsonii*. **Because of the Halloween event at VanDusen, parking may be difficult for this meeting.**

Our Holiday Potluck will take place on November 27th. If anyone would like to volunteer to coordinate set up and tear down or be the auctioneer please contact Evelyn Nash ewnash@live.ca

CULTURE CLASS

On October 9th Daniel Kwok will be speaking on *Neofinetia falcata*

November 12th's Culture Class will be presented by Margaret Prat on viruses

OTHER ITEMS

A big thank you to all of the members who volunteered to help make our Summer Sale a success

Please send all newsletter submissions (pictures or articles) to Wayne Riggs by the 10th of the month for inclusion. Any pictures of your plants or growing space/techniques can be sent to vos_secretary@outlook.com to be shared on social media.

The BC Council of Garden Clubs is holding its AGM on the 26th of October. There will be vendors and speakers. Tickets are \$40 for members of a garden club such as ours.

The Canadian Orchid Congress is offering a discount for the World Orchid Conference in 2020. Registration deadline is October 11th and payment deadline is October 31st. Please contact Evelyn ewnash@live.ca if you are interested

Executive and Board of Directors

President – Evelyn Nash

1st Vice President – Barbara Cable

2nd Vice President – Ingrid Pike

Treasurer – Maureen Burke and Erik Nilsen (Co-Treasurers)

Secretary – Conor Preston

Directors:

- Eugene Banziger
- Gabrielle Carson
- Giulia Comin
- Grant Rampton
- Keith Willet
- Andrew Wong

Contributions to the newsletter are welcome.

Send to Wayne Riggs:
wayne.riggs66@gmail.com

Article/Photo Submission deadline is the 10th of each month. Items received after this date will appear in the next newsletter.



September 25, 2019 Monthly Meeting Show Table Awards:



C. Maxima coerulea Gigi x self. Species
Exhibitor: Eugene Banziger



Paph. Hung Sheng Lake x Shin Y Hart. Plant culture
Exhibitor: Eugene Banziger



Phrag. Inca Embers. Plant culture
Exhibitor: Wayne Riggs



Paph. hangianum. Plant culture
Exhibitor: Lori Barrington



Cyrtorchis arcuata. Plant culture
Exhibitor: Eugene Banziger



C. Love Castle 'Kurenai' Flower quality.
Exhibitor: Wayne Riggs



Sc. Calypso 'Crestwood' AM/AOS. Plant culture
Exhibitor: Wayne Riggs



Masdevalia display. Plant display
Exhibitor: Thomas Hobbs

Judges:

Fred Clarke
 Don Harquail
 Frank Shelton
 Wayne Riggs

Photographer:

Jennifer Pell
 Collis Wilson



Encyclia bothiana. Unusual species
Exhibitor: Neil Yates



Coelogyne ovalis. Plant display
Exhibitor: Margaret Prat



Acianthera pectinata. Plant culture; unusual species
Exhibitor: Eugene Banziger



AOS - Western Canada Judging Center Photos

AOS Western Canada Judging Center - Foothills Orchid Society show judging results September 14, 2019



Paphiopedilum hangianum 'Wellington's Forest View' AM/AOS 85pts

Exhibitor: Lori Barrington



Judges in attendance:

David Edgley

Margaret Prat

Abu Salleh

Deborah Ward

John Taylor (Associate)

Lloyd Gilmore (Student)

Sasha Kubicek (Student)

Photographer:

Judith Higham



2019 FVOS Show & Sale – Show Theme: “An Orchid is Born”

The show will feature beautiful displays and several vendors will be selling plants.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 - 6:30 pm - \$12.00 per person - PREVIEW NIGHT, APPETIZERS AND AWARDS

Contact Dianne Gillis for tickets djgillis@shaw.ca

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 - 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

George Preston Recreation Centre, 20699 42nd Avenue, Langley, BC

General Admission \$7.00 - \$10 for 2-day pass

Seniors & Students \$6.00 - \$9 for 2-day pass

Children under 12 years Free

Local Vendors

Forestview Gardens

Tropical Gardens Orchids

Paramount Orchids

Willgro

FVOS Members' Plant Sales Table

OSPF - Orchid Species Preservation Foundation

International Vendor

Ten Shin Gardens

Click on the following link for further information, discount coupons, flower class lists and plant registration forms:

<https://www.fraservalleyorchidsociety.com/show>

****We need your plants to enter a beautiful VOS display** in the FVOS show**

- Plants may be dropped off at our monthly meeting on the 23rd October or on the 24th at Ingrid Pike's or Evelyn Nash's home. Please email ingrid.pike@outlook.com or ewnash@live.ca for information and to confirm a time.

BC Council of Garden Clubs Fall 2019 General Meeting

Saturday, 26 October 2019 from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM (PDT)

Location:

Bonsor Recreation Complex
6550 Bonsor Avenue
Banquet Room, Second Floor
Burnaby

The day will feature presentations by:

Dr. Richard Hebda will discuss Climate Change Impacts and Actions Gardeners Can Take

Dr. Nicholas Wong will provide an update on the Japanese Beetle infestation in his brief talk, The Japanese Beetle, *Popilla japonica*, in Vancouver.

Two workshops are also planned.

Ticket price as a VOS member is \$40 until October 15

- includes lunch – in the interest of going green - bring your own dish and cutlery.

Please see the BCoGC website for more detail:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/bc-council-of-garden-clubs-fall-2019-general-meeting-tickets-64555680779>

Brief tips for Fall Orchid Care – Adapted from the American Orchid Society (AOS) and other sources – Wayne Riggs:

Just as spring brings a seasonal transition welcoming new growth, fall also represents a time for change. Orchid growers should be adjusting for slowing growth and flowering over the winter months. Unless a plant is in trouble you should delay repotting until the days once again begin to lengthen in spring.

For many orchids the shortening days of fall and winter stimulate the development of bud sheaths and flowering. Commonly, phalaenopsis, cymbidiums and various hybrids and species begin to show developing inflorescences at this time of year. Watch for this development and begin to stake spikes as appropriate for plant type.

If you have had some of your orchids outside for the summer, it is the time to move many of the more tender types indoors. Be sure to inspect them for unwelcome pests – a spray with horticultural oil, 1 mL in 100 ml water, or an insecticidal soap may be a good idea. Tidy and disinfect your growing area(s) with diluted bleach (1:10) in water or use a bactericide/fungicide such as Phytan. Your orchids will also enjoy supplemental light – there are many types of fluorescent and LED lights fixtures available that may suit your needs.

Adjust the frequency of watering depending on your growing environment. Consider the drying effect of supplemental heat and the overall humidity of your growing space. Expert growers such as our own Eugene Banziger and Fred Clarke fertilize with each watering. If using city/municipal water, Fred recommends a 'balanced' fertilizer such as 15-15-15 or 20-20-20 at a rate of ¼ teaspoon per gallon every watering. Also recommended is the addition of Cal-Mag fertilizer at ¼ teaspoon per gallon every watering. Enjoy the beautiful orchid flowers that this season brings.

Social Media:

Instagram

VOS member Conor Preston has established an Instagram account to generate public interest in growing orchids. Please visit: <https://www.instagram.com/vancouverorchidsociety/>
If you would like to post photos of your flowering orchids, please get in touch with Conor at: conorpreston88@gmail.com

WhatsApp – VOS chatroom

Daniel Kwok has established Chatrooms for VOS members to post photos of their orchids, ask questions about plant health or growing tips. It is a great forum to learn from others and to share your plant photos and growing conditions.

We would like to encourage new VOS members, and current members who have not joined the VOS chatroom, to get in touch with Daniel at: dkwok3580@gmail.com (Tel: 604 805-3866) to be added.

Facebook

You can also follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/VancouverOrchidSociety/>

Facebook/Instagram - Photos of your orchids needed

Photos of your flowering orchids (and very basic information on growing conditions) are needed for the VOS **Facebook Page and Instagram**. This is a great way to promote our love of orchids not only to other growers, but to the public.

- Please send your photos to Jennifer Pell/Conor Preston at: VOS_secretary@outlook.com