

Orchiflora

Volume 5, Issue 8

May 2015

Announcements:

Speaker Series: 8:30-9:30 Floral Hall, VanDusen Gardens

May 27: Patricia Harding, Huntleyas and their relatives (Pescatoreas, Kerfestiana)

June 24: Roy Tokunaga from H&R (Hawaii), Growing Specimen Plants

September 23: Jennifer Fabre—Travels with Jennifer: Borneo Orchid Adventure

Culture Class, held in the Cedar room, VanDusen Gardens from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, all orchid related questions welcome - *culture class is a members' only benefit*

June 8 - Orchids for small spaces and balconies: Choices and management

September 14 - Topic to be announced

Upcoming Events

PNWJC

The Pacific Northwest Judging Center (PNWJC) meets every 2nd Saturday of the month at Sea Island Community Center, 7140 Miller Road, Richmond, B.C. at noon. Everyone is welcome to bring their orchids for consideration by the American Orchid Society judges. Why attend? This is an opportunity to see more orchids, and many orchids of award quality. Small, friendly atmosphere.

2015 calendar:

June 13

July 11

August 8

September 12

October 10

November 14

December 12

Upcoming Shows & Sales

CVIOS (Nanaimo) will be holding another orchid show early in October 2015! We will keep you posted!

The Fraser Valley Orchid Show will be the Hallowe'en weekend: October 31/November 1

Nominations committee:

Don Harquail

Margaret Prat

Marina Lok

The nominations committee is looking for our future President, and a 2nd Vice President (Culture Class). Any member of the nominations committee will be pleased to answer any questions you might have about being on the executive.

**Monthly General Meetings: 4th Wednesday of each month (except July, August & December) at Van Dusen Floral Hall
Doors Open 6:30pm, Meeting starts at 7:30pm**

Inside this issue:

Message From the President	Pg 2
OrchidWiz Special Offer	Pg 4
A Look Inside Culture Class	Pg 5
Monthly Show Table—22 April 2015	Pg 6
PNWJC—CVIOS Show—10 April 2015	Pg 7
PNWJC—OSA Show— 17 April 2015	Pg 11
Meeting Minutes—April 22, 2015	Pg 13
Events Calendar	Pg 16

Message from the Past President:

Dear fellow VOS members,

This will be one of the last two letters I will pen. I will try to form my thoughts about the past and the future of the Vancouver Orchid Society.

I can honestly say that my true focus over the last 4 years has been to increase membership, or at least retain the members we do have. The important aspect of any Society is that it is an enjoyable experience. I think that the minor changes we have made (and some major ones) have enhanced the Society's appeal. Some of the minor changes relate to the monthly meetings, which remain on time, and provide, I hope, a good mix of orchid education, enjoyment, and just plain socialization. I always love to see the monthly show table, and the informal judging (and presentation) of the orchids seems to be appreciated. Good speakers have been part of the mix too, and a new/reliable projector has helped greatly.

A more major change has been to reinstate the culture class, which, in my humble opinion, is essential to helping everyone share information. It is also crucial in helping newer members achieve success with orchids. The most frequent comment from those who have not joined the Society, is "I just seem to kill them" - often a little bit of advice on how to care for a Phalaenopsis goes a long way.

At our most recent culture class, I greatly benefitted from Grant Rampton's demonstration (hands on) of insect damage - I can no longer plead innocence, and those black spots on my orchid leaves will get examined more thoroughly. Thank you Grant!

Another big improvement has been our beautiful website! It makes us proud. Thank you Jennifer Fabre, Teang Tang, and Peter Hopkins for spearheading this important initiative. I am keenly aware that frequent updates would make it much more useful, and a new member has offered to learn to do the updates, but our webmaster has not set a training time.

Our VOS Society Facebook heralds many of our activities. It is definitely part of our outreach. I am curious how people in Brazil or Colombia have come to 'like' our Facebook page, but it is a reminder that with the internet, our presence is global. While this does not translate into new members, Facebook allows our members to be updated on our most recent activities. It is an online community.

So what of the future? Well, it will all depend on the collective membership. Passionate board members can keep on promoting the Society. Many plant lovers have not discovered the extraordinary variety in the Orchid family, and once they do, they are often smitten. It can't think of any plant family with greater variety and interest. And orchid lovers who are passionate about a particular genera go out of their way to grow them. I just attended a presentation on growing pleurothallids in a wine cooler - the young man presenting was very proud to grow his cool loving pleurothallids in this preferred climate.

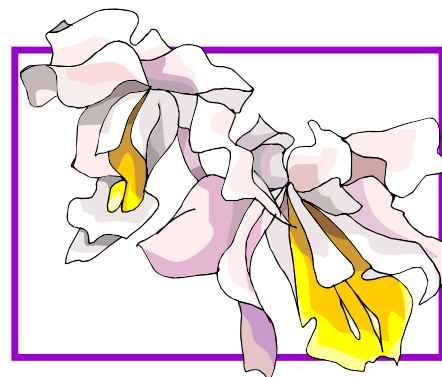
As I have said before, in my ideal world, we help everyone grow orchids well. Let's keep doing what has worked for the Society over the years, and let's welcome new members.

Enjoy the hobby, share the experience.

Orchidly yours,

Margaret Prat

Past President



Executive/Board of Directors

President : vacant

1st VP: Eugene Banziger

2nd VP: Ryan Young

Secretary: Barbara Cable

Treasurer: Judy Buttress

Past President: Margaret Prat

Director 1 : Calvin Wong

Director 2 : Jennifer Fabre

Director 3 : Keith Willett

Director 4 : Grant Rampton

Director 5 : Ray Sword

Director 6 : Patrick Milligen

Volunteer/Committees

Membership Committee: Grant Rampton,
Keith Willett, & Jennifer Fabre

Prize Draws: Margaret Elvidge

Kitchen: Marilyn Lew & Maureen Burke

BCCoGC Rep: vacant

Library: Monica Stefansson

COC/AOS Rep: Calvin Wong

Web Master:

Mailing Address:

PO BOX 42025, Marpole PRO,

Vancouver, BC, V6P 6S6

Newsletter: Holly Martin

Please send your contributions to:

neesabelle@hotmail.com

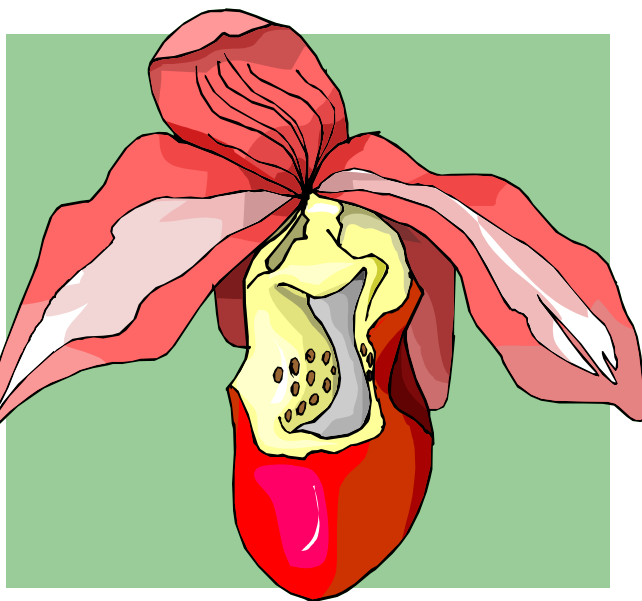
www.vancouverorchidsociety.ca

Article/Photo Submission Deadline:

The 10th of each month. Anything submitted after the 10th will appear in the newsletter of the following month.



Margaret Prat spent Mother's day (May 10th) in Bloedel Conservatory giving repotting demonstrations and general advice on orchid culture



Sadly, Linda Sloan, a member of our Society for several years, recently lost her battle with cancer. Her small but eclectic collection of orchids will be sold at our May meeting (May 27th) for the benefit of our Society. Thank you Linda. Your sparkling wit and sense of humour will be missed.

[OrchidWiz offer!!! - see Margaret Prat if you are interested](#)



Great news! On behalf of our members, the COC negotiated with OrchidWiz a 50% volume discount to members of all COC societies if we purchase over 20 licences at once.

You will receive **OrchidWiz Encyclopedia11.3** installable on two computers, plus the next 3 updates! This volume discount is exclusive to the COC and it is the lowest price for OrchidWiz Encyclopedia 11.3 available anywhere. This offer does not apply to renewals, and users are not obligated to purchase ongoing renewals if he/she chooses not to.

OrchidWiz is one of the world's most complete and accurate orchid research software, with over 140,000 photos and all kinds of valuable information for any orchid growers. Key features include:

- Baker Culture Sheets that provides basic cultivation information for more than 4,700 species displayed in graphical format
- Award data from the American Orchid Society, the Coordinating Body for the Brazilian Societies, the Cymbidium Society of America, the Germany Orchid Society, the New Zealand Orchid Society, the Orchid Council of New Zealand, the Orchid Societies Council of Victoria (Australia), the South African Orchid Council, the South Florida Orchid Society, and the Taiwan Orchid Growers Association, for a total of more than 98,000 awards.
- Over 112,000 color images of orchids
- Over 9,300 botanical illustrations, including almost 3,900 postage stamps.
- Comprehensive Genealogy charts for more than 148,000 hybrids.
- Compile and organize all of your orchid photographs in the OrchidWiz Album
- Detail plant owner, venue, camera settings for each photo in the Album
- Inventory and track your own orchids in the OrchidWiz Journal
- Updated with the Royal Horticultural Society's (RHS) almost 160,000 hybrid registrations
- Search for Cross / Genus / Hybridizer
- Ability to print labels and profile reports
- Profile analysis for each species or hybrid detailing some of the most important information on a single screen
- Navigate the world using 3 levels of geographical maps to list species present or endemic to a specific region

Minimum Systems requirements: Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7 or Windows 8.1. The software is available in DVD format only. The program requires the computer have 8GB of disk space.

The discount is calculated is based on **the regular price of US \$295** and cannot be used in conjunction with other discounts:

# Licenses*	Disc.	Discounted Price	S/H**	Total per User
20+	50%	US\$147.50	US\$9.50	US\$153.00

An Inside Look at Culture Class—What is That Pest In My Orchid? (11 May 2015)



What is that pest in my orchid? May 11 culture class led by Grant Rampton

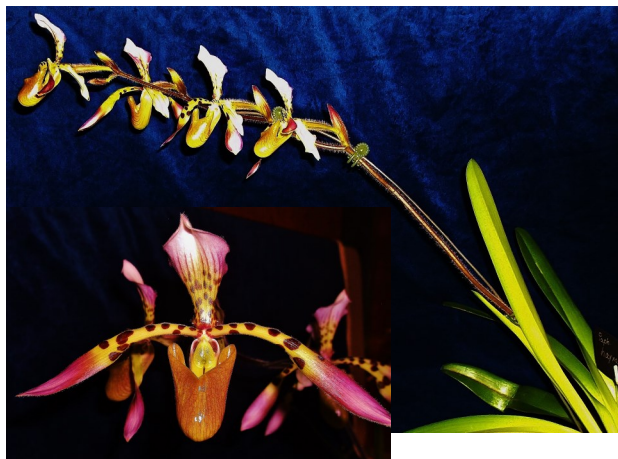
Grant Rampton delighted 18 VOS members with a practical, complete and hands on presentation on Orchid Pests, from aphids to thrips. We all learned a great deal! Thank you Grant.

A photo of the class, and for those fortunate never to have seen it, the damage that Bois Duval scale can cause - visible as white specks in the midrib of the leaf. Keep your insect populations down, if not out!



Monthly Show Table

22 April 2015



Paphiopedilum haynaldianum, Flower Quality
Exhibitor: Carla Bischoff



Angraecum germinyanum, Flower Quality
Exhibitor: Margaret Prat



Ponerorchis graminifolia, Unusual
Species & Display
Exhibitor: Daniel Kwok



Pleione, Display
Exhibitor: Marilyn Lui

Dendrobium ueang phueng, Flower Quality
Exhibitor: Wayne Riggs



Coelogyne pandurata, Plant Culture
Exhibitor: Hazel Stewart



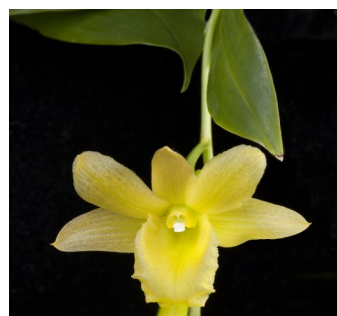
Pacific Northwest Judging Centre

On Site at Central Vancouver Island Orchid Show

Monthly Judging—10 April 2015



Coelogyne ochracea 'Emmett' CCM/AOS 88pts
Exhibitor: Donna McDonnell



Dendrobium cerinum 'Charlie' CCM/AOS 80pts
Exhibitor: Alexey Tretyakov
Note: award is provisional pending species identification



Miltoniopsis Sweet Surprise 'Mem. Abby Fleagal' AM/AOS 81pts
(Milt. Mrs. Anneli Loeb x Milt. warszewiczii) Exhibitor: Poul Hansen

Judges in attendance:

Diana Dunn	Poul Hansen
Ben Rostron	Abu Salleh
Deborah Ward	Betty Berthiaume
Russ Volker	Bev Hansen (student)
Margaret Prat (student)	

Photographers:

Judith Higham	Ed Higham
---------------	-----------

Pacific Northwest Judging Centre

On Site at Central Vancouver Island Orchid Show

Monthly Judging—10 April 2015 (cont'd)



Show Trophy ST/AOS 82pts
Exhibitor: Central Vancouver Island Orchid Society



More Photos from the Central Vancouver Island Orchid Society Show

10 April 2015



Best in Show, Best Phalaenopsis, Best
Mounted Orchid - *Phal parishii*,
Exhibitor: Alexey Tretyakov, CVIOS



Reserve Champion, Best in Coelogyne Group, *Coelogyne
ochracea*,
Exhibitor: Donna McDonnell, CVIOS

All Photographs by: [Judith E. Higham](mailto:Higham@shaw.ca)

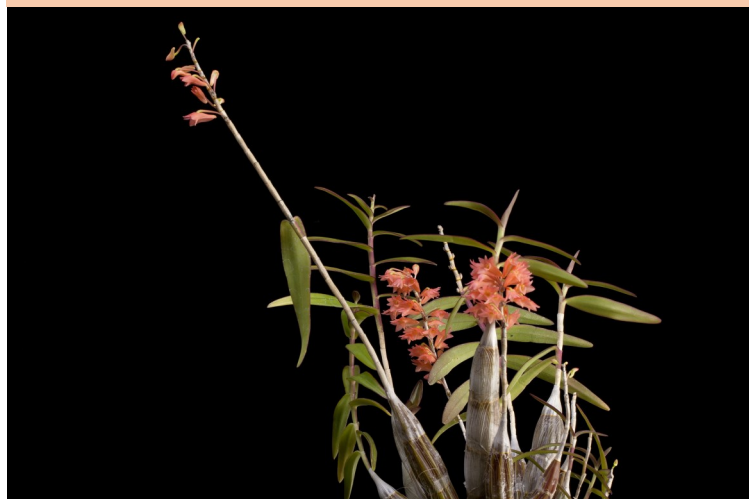
If you would like a picture of your plant, please email Judy
and she will gladly email you the file

Higham@shaw.ca



Dendrobium hemimelanoglossum, Calvin Wong, Tropical
Gardens Orchids, VancrOS * Nominated, not scored

Dendrobium faciferum, Calvin Wong, Tropical Gardens
Orchids, VancrOS * Nominated, not scored



More Photos from the Central Vancouver Island Orchid Society Show—10 April 2015

The VOS Show Table



All Photographs on this page were taken by:

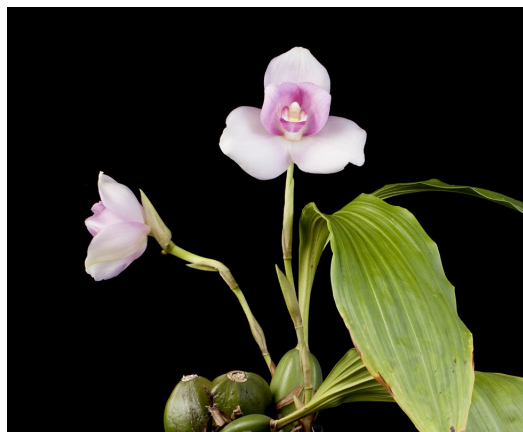
Ed Higham



Pacific Northwest Judging Centre

On Site at the Orchid Society of Alberta Show

17 April 2015



Lycaste (Chita Sunset x Chita Melody) 'Pink Lady Roberta'
HCC/AOS 75pts Exhibitor: Paul Paludet
Note: award is provisional pending hybrid registration

Judges in attendance:

Sandra Tillish-Svoboda (out of region)

Monica DeWit

Poul Hansen

Ingrid Ostrander

Ross Otto

Ben Rostron

Abu Salleh

Calvin Wong

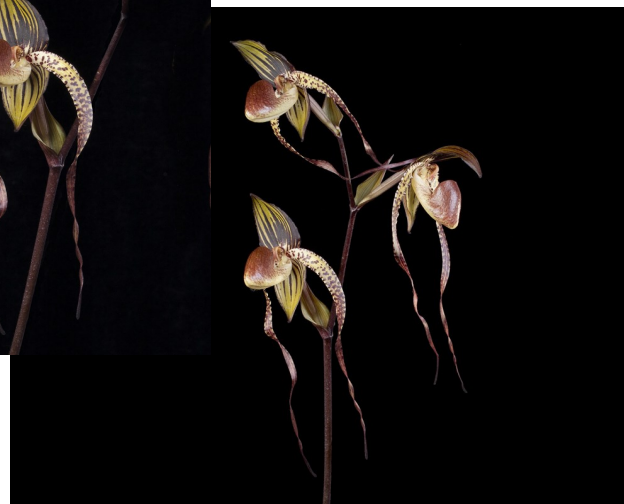
Charles Wilson

Susan Wilson

Photographer:

Judith Higham

Paphiopedilum Yang-Ji Diamond 'JKLM' AM/AOS 82pts
(Paph. Prince Edward of York x Paph. anitum)
Exhibitor: Heinz and Lothar Auschrat



Pacific Northwest Judging Centre

On Site at the Orchid Society of Alberta Show

17 April 2015 (cont'd)



Paphiopedilum Bel Royal 'Mister Whiskers'
AM/AOS 81pts
(*Paph. rothschildianum* x *Paph. kolopakingii*)
Exhibitor: Paul Paludet



(Silver Certificate Display) 'Life's Good' SC/AOS 86pts
Exhibitor: Paul Paludet

(Silver Certificate Display) 'Life's Good' SC/AOS 86pts

Exhibitor: Paul Paludet



VANCOUVER ORCHID SOCIETY
VAN DUSEN FLORAL HALL
MINUTES
April 22, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm and chaired by Margaret Prat.

Margaret welcomed new members and guests.

A scarf and a pair of glasses were left behind at the Show. Does anyone recognize and claim them?

Library

Monica Stefanson, our new librarian, is still hunting for her pen. If it happens to show up among your things could you please return it as it has great sentimental value to her.

ALSO: Please return all outstanding library books in May & June so we can do an inventory.

Membership Report

New nametags are in. Please pick yours up at the membership desk. If you wish to order one, Grant can help you out. There was a reminder that if you wear your name tag you get a free ticket at the raffle table.

Treasurer's Report

Currently our bank balances sit at

GIC	\$17,542.81
Bank	\$15,500.86
Van Dusen Liability	\$ 1,293.32

All the expenses for the Show & Sale are not in yet. The final accounting will be presented at the Annual Meeting in June.

Nomination Committee

It is time again to think about your commitment to the Society. We are in need of new members for the Board of Directors. Needed are 2nd Vice President – Culture Class, an Away show co-ordinator and other Members to help with membership, website, etc.

Our Nominating Committee are Margaret Prat, Don Harquail and Marina Lok. Please see one of them if you are interested in joining the Board. It's a very rewarding experience.

Culture Class

May 11 – Grant Ramson will talk about “What is that pest in my Orchid”

June 8 – Margaret Prat - Orchids for Small Spaces & Balconies. Choices & Management

Please remember – Culture Class is for Members Only.

Speakers

May 27 – Patricia Harding “Cattleyas & Relatives”

June 24 – Roy Tokunaga from H & R in Hawaii “Growing Specimen Plants”

Pre- orders will be handled by Eugene and must be to him by April 30 along with payment.

Outside Shows

The Nanaimo show is the last for this fiscal year. 24 plants were taken – most of them Calvin's. The prize list is as follows:

10 firsts

4 seconds

2 thirds

2 AOS Nominations

Well done everyone. Linda brought the plants home.

VOS Show & Sale

A few statistics about the show:

Total plants registered 366 (up from 291 in 2014)

Largest Class-Dendrobiums 62

Attendance: Preview Party 82

Saturday 460 (til 1pm – 350)

Sunday AM Photographers 29

Sunday – rest of day 254

Total attendance `743 excluding preview, 825 including preview

There were lots of positive comments and the 'thanks' for the show's success goes to the volunteers –

Publicity committee, hospitality, Volunteer co-ordinator Jennifer Pell, set up & tear down crews and all the volunteers at admissions, security and membership that made it run smoothly.

If you still have H & R orders to get it, please see Eugene Bazinger.

Thanks to Holly for being our photographer tonight.

MOTHER'S DAY Margaret Prat is demonstrating repotting techniques and answering questions at the Bloedel Conservatory at 11:00 am & 3:00 pm. Stop by & see her.

Many thanks to those members who contributed to the raffle table.



Why join the American Orchid Society as a member?

by Margaret Prat

The American Orchid Society is a volunteer driven organization that has been in existence since 1921. It is an organization dedicated to education, conservation and research. It is also the organization that has founded a judging system that is recognized worldwide.

When I first started growing orchids, I found that the price of membership expensive, particularly as the American dollar was strong relative to the Canadian dollar (still true). Now that I have been an AOS member for several years, I realize many things that I have come to appreciate. In the first instance, where I thought that the AOS was catering only to the taxonomists or the "serious" growers, I have found that the information on their website and in their magazine is full of great tips for the home grower/hobbyist. Of course, many of the best plants featured are grown in ideal conditions found only in greenhouses, but many articles have featured home set ups

also. I always look forward to articles by Sue Bottom and the ones penned by Thomas Mirenda. And as a volunteer in my own orchid society, I can appreciate that all the articles are written by volunteers, and all the hard work of the organization is done mainly by volunteers. There is a tiny paid staff. Most of the funds collected are to advance the mission statement of helping orchids and orchid growers.

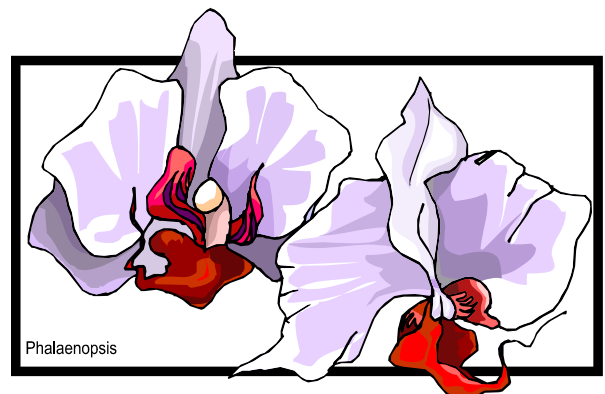
But now there is a compelling additional reason to consider this expense for orchid lovers: AOS has embraced the digital age, and when membership is taken as digital only, it is so much more affordable (\$40 US or \$75 US for two years). A digital version of the magazine is available. More importantly, membership gives one access to the webinars, which are really informative. Here is a sample of some of the webinars available to members only: Pest & Diseases, Part 1 & 2, Demystifying Dendrobiums, Lycaste skinneri & its hybrids, Phragmipediums Species & Hybrids, etc. The webinars are given by AOS members who are recognized as experts in their field. I can attest from personal experience that these webinars have been the best use of my time as an orchid grower, and will pay dividends in how successful I will become as an orchid grower.

Furthermore, the AOS will be digitizing all the articles they have in their database, and this will enhance the information available to AOS members.

I personally still obtain the print version of the magazine (gorgeous!), but for those who are inclined to the digital age, all the information is there (and guaranteed not to be delayed by the post office!).

So maybe instead of buying an extra orchid, or two, or three, investing in an AOS membership will give results in how well your other orchids will grow. Think about it!

AOS website: www.aos.orgcheck it out!



May 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>
<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>
<i>31</i>						

Date	Event
April 29—May 3	AOS Spring Meetings—hosted by Portland Orchid Society & Cherry City Orchid Society
May 9	PNWJC—Monthly Judging
May 10	Repotting Demonstrations at Bloedel Conservatory
May 11	Culture Class—What is that pest in my orchid? -led by Grant Rampton
May 18	Victoria Day
May 27	Monthly Meeting—Speaker: Patricia Harding—Topic: Huntleyas and their relatives (Pescatoreas, Kerfestiana)

June 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>Don't forget to</i>	<i>bring back your</i>	<i>Library books!</i>	

Date	Event
June 8	Culture Class—Orchids for small spaces and balconies: Choices and management
June 13	PNWJC—Monthly Judging
June 24	AGM/Monthly Meeting—Speaker: Roy Tokunaga from H&R (Hawaii), Topic: Growing Specimen Plants , if you pre-ordered plants, please make sure you attend this meeting

July 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Date	Event
July 1	Canada Day
July 11	PNWJC—Monthly Judging
-	No Meeting or Culture Class this Month—Enjoy the Summer!

August 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Date	Event
August 3	BC Day
August 8	PNWJC—Monthly Judging
August 15	VOS Summer Sale—at VanDusen Gardens
-	No Meeting or Culture Class this Month—Enjoy the Summer!