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**\*Monthly General Meetings** – held the 4th Wednesday of each month (except July, August and December)

**\*\*Monthly Meetings and Culture Classes are currently being offered in a hybrid format, both in-person and online. .**

To attend virtually use Cisco Webex:

<https://vancouverorchidsociety.my.webex.com/meet/vosexecutive>

or open the Cisco Webex program and enter this meeting number 142 001 4949 in the Enter meeting information field, under Join a Meeting.

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## This Month:

**Culture Class Tuesday, March 8 at 7pm**

**Culture Class Topic: Bulbophyllums by Charles Wilson (AOS webinar)**

**Monthly Meeting Wednesday, March 23 at 7pm**

**Monthly Meeting Speaker - Stanley Luk on "Paphiopedilum concolor and Brachypetalum Paphs culture"**

**Next Culture Class – Tuesday, April 12, 7 pm**

**Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, April 27, 7 pm**

## Upcoming Speakers

Month	Day	Date	Event	Topic
Mar	Tuesday	8	Culture Class Speaker—Charles Wilson	Bulbophyllums (AOS webinar)
Mar	Wednesday	23	Monthly Meeting Speaker—Stanley Luk	Brachypetalum Paphiopedilums
Apr	Tuesday	12	Culture Class	Australian Dendrobiums
Apr	Wednesday	27	Monthly Meeting Speaker—Eugene Banziger	Demystifying Orchid Growing
May	Tuesday	10	Culture Class	TBA
May	Wednesday	25	Monthly Meeting Speaker—Carol Siegel	Sex Life of Orchids

The **AOS Western Canada Judging Center** meets every second Saturday of the month at 11:30am, except where noted (Chair: David Edgley, 425 -785-6440, David.Edgley@gmail.com)

Next 2 monthly meetings:

March 4, 2022 (Friday) : 1:00pm after Central Vancouver Island Orchid Society Show judging at Nanaimo North Town Center, 4750 Rutherford Road, Nanaimo, BC V9T 4K6

April 9, 2022: TBA

*Please note that future meetings may be affected by Provincial Health restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic.*

## ***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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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 to other growers and the public. Send your photos to Jennifer Pell/Conor Preston at: [VOS\\_secretary@outlook.com](mailto:VOS_secretary@outlook.com)

## ***Executive and Board of Directors***

Interim President – Ingrid Pike

1st Vice President – Barbara Cable

2nd Vice President – Ingrid Pike

Treasurer – Maureen Burke

Secretary – Conor Preston

Directors:

Eugene Banziger

Gabrielle Carson

Vivien Chung

Giulia Comin

Keith Willet

Andrew Wong (Andrew has also agreed to take over as Membership Coordinator)

**NOTE: Contributions of photos or articles to the newsletter are welcome.** If you wish to write a short culture note or pass along some 'secret' growing tips that you find makes your orchids thrive and bloom well, please email to me so I can include in a future newsletter.

Send to Holly Martin:

[neesabelle@hotmail.com](mailto:neesabelle@hotmail.com)

**The submission deadline is usually the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month.** Items received after this date will appear in the next newsletter.

## President's Secret Helper's Message

As you know, there have been a lot of changes recently. Covid and changing guidelines have had a lot to do with that, but so have many other things. I have, suddenly, for health reasons, had to resign from my duties with the VOS, and Ingrid Pike has had to step up and fill the roll of President. Thankfully, she is full of energy, because she is now doing the job of President while still doing her job as 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, and culture class organizer, AND Away-Show Coordinator/Away-Show Set-Up Person. In fact, Ingrid is in Nanaimo as I am writing this. The Nanaimo show is a particularly demanding one, as it requires 4 days: set up on Thursday, Ribbon Judging on Friday, and the show and sale on Saturday and Sunday.... And Ingrid has to take time off work to do it. As does her friend, who volunteers, and helps Ingrid with the Away-Shows.

So, this brings me to the next thing. Another change is, of course, we have had to cancel our March Show and Sale. Victoria cancelled theirs as well. Nanaimo can hold theirs because it is in a shopping mall, and different guidelines apply, but that is the only show I know of that is happening this spring. We are planning something to make up for the cancellation of our show and sale, that will be a bit different than anything we have done before. So stay tuned! As soon as it is finalized, you will be told about it!

With restrictions lifting, and things getting back to some semblance of normal, we will again be holding in-person monthly meetings while still maintaining a hybrid component. We want to start putting more emphasis on the live meetings, so members can socialize, and get to know each other face-to-face. And don't forget! There are perks at the live meetings you can't get on-line: the opportunity to pick the brains of experienced growers; hobby vendor sales (there always are vendors with plants for sale at the back of the room); and just general good comradery. So please try and make the effort to join us for the live event at VanDusen Gardens, Floral Hall.

In the meantime, please also consider getting more involved by volunteering with the VOS. As you can see, a few are trying to do a lot and, as the old adage says, "many hands make light work." Even if you are new to the society, and new to orchids, you can volunteer. Much of what goes into running an orchid society has little to do with orchids, and more to do with organization and effort. I mentioned Ingrid's friend who helps with the away shows; well, she isn't an orchid person, she just gives a huge helping hand. And you could too, by volunteering!

Happy growing, everyone!

Jennifer Pell

The President's Not-So-Secret Helper

p.s. feel free to reach out to us and give feedback/suggestions/offer to be a volunteer or anything else at: [VOS\\_secretary@outlook.com](mailto:VOS_secretary@outlook.com)



## Pre-Order Opportunities

### Ten Shin Orchids Pre-Orders:

Ten Shin will have a shipment to Vancouver by the 4th week of March this year and Daniel Kwok is coordinating pre-orders on their behalf. Links to the plant list and prices were sent out by email previously, along with instructions on how to place any order. **The deadline for ordering will be on March 10, 2022.** Shipment is expected to arrive in Vancouver during the week of **March 21st**. Daniel will notify members by group email once the exact date of delivery is confirmed. Pick up location and time table will be announced in due course. If you have questions, please send them to Daniel Kwok ([dkwok3580@gmail.com](mailto:dkwok3580@gmail.com)) .

### Ching Hua Pre-Orders:

There is a pre-order opportunity with Ching Hua, with an expected shipment to Vancouver by early April this year. Daniel will coordinate the pre-orders on their behalf. Details on how to order and make payment were sent out previously by email. The deadline for ordering will be on **Sunday, March 20, 2022**. The shipment is expected to arrive in Vancouver during the first two weeks of April. Daniel will notify members by group email once the exact date of delivery is confirmed. Pick up location and time table will be announced in due course. If there are any questions, please contact Daniel directly by email at: [dkwok3580@gmail.com](mailto:dkwok3580@gmail.com)

### Ecuagenera Pop-Up Sale:

Eugene was able to secure a popup at Southland's Nursery at 6550 Balaclava Street in Vancouver for **March 26 and 27**. Ecuagenera will have Orchids and Tropical Aroids for sale. Thomas Hobbs has kindly agreed to provide the space in one of his greenhouses, the same as last November. Opening hours will be 9am to 5pm both days.

N.B.: All pre-order pickups will be at Southland's, unless otherwise arranged. Any questions please contact Eugene, [eugene.banziger@gmail.com](mailto:eugene.banziger@gmail.com)

## Pre-Order Opportunities

### Tropical Exotique Pre-Orders:

We have another pre-order opportunity, and this one comes from Tropical Exotique in Thailand. They have an extensive list of orchid species as well as hoyas, ferns and other tropical plants and a selection of orchid flasks for sale. While they have attended shows in the USA and Europe, this will be their first time exporting plants to Canada. The availability list was circulated previously by email to VOS members. If you are a new member, please note that plants coming from outside of the country will arrive with no growing medium on the roots, and may require some special care to get growing. Instructions on how to order can be found in the email. The deadline for submitting orders is **April 4th, 2022**. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to email Daniel directly at: [dkwok3580@gmail.com](mailto:dkwok3580@gmail.com)

### Vancouver Orchid Society

#### Treasurer's Report February 2022

Opening Balance : (Feb.1)	\$12740.18
Closing Balance: (Feb.28)	<b>\$10161.63</b>

#### Community Account

##### Revenue:

Memberships (15 new + renew)	\$ 510.00
Orchid auction (12 buyers)	<u>\$ 380.00</u>
Total	\$ 890.00

##### Expenses:

Storage (x 2mths)	\$ 344.38
Office (membership mail)	\$ 102.19
Refunds (table vendors re show cancellation)	\$ 2750.00
COC (insurance)	\$ 249.86
Fees & interest	<u>\$ 22.12</u>
Total	(\$3468.55)
Net change	(\$2578.55)

#### US\$ Account:

Opening balance	\$1320.07
Fee	\$ 3.00
Total	\$1317.07

#### Trust Accounts:

- 1.#1 deposit: 16/03/21 **\$7,538.46**. Matures 16/03/2024
- 2.#2 deposit 16/03/19 **\$10,000**. Matures 16/03/2022

**Vancouver Orchid Society**  
**Minutes of 23 February 2022**  
**Meeting hosted virtually on Cisco WebEx**  
**Chaired by Ingrid Pike and called to order at 7:02pm**

A big thank you to Eugene Banziger for finding Fred Clarke to speak at our meeting after a last minute cancellation!

In March we will be going back to a hybrid meeting as we will be able to meet in person at VanDusen again.

**CVIOS Show**

Ingrid will be taking plants for our display at the Central Vancouver Island Orchid Society show on March 3-6. Registration forms and the flower classes have been sent out.

Plants can be dropped off at Ingrid Pike's or Evelyn Nash's for display prior to the show and picked up on the Monday after the show.

Because the set up for the show starts on Thursday, making it a 4-day event, Ingrid submitted her budget for our display. Jennifer Pell moved to accept the budget, Wayne seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Ingrid's hard work representing the VOS at shows is greatly appreciated!

**Membership Report:**

We currently stand at 98 members, 10 of which are lifetime members.

The Society has recently awarded Calvin Wong and Ryan Young with lifetime memberships.

Five new members have joined this year and we look forward to meeting them in person.

**Annual Show and Sale**

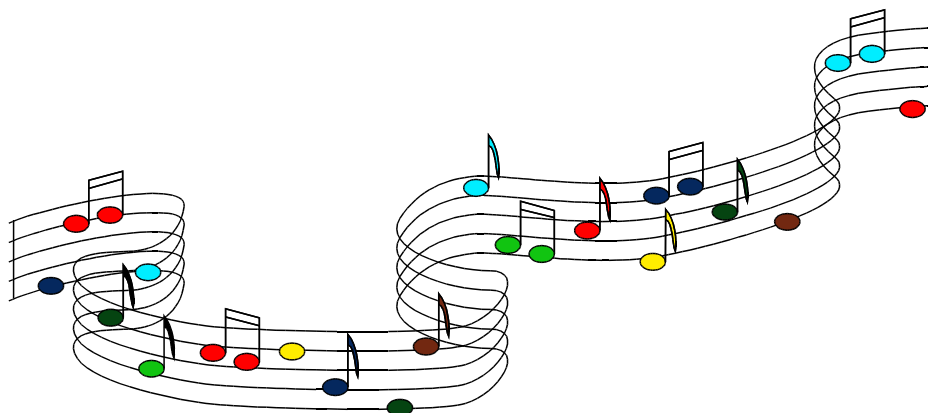
Unfortunately we had to cancel our annual show and sale, but the show committee is working on another event later in the year.

Volunteers will be needed when the event is finalized. We encourage all members to volunteer, especially those who have recently joined us. It's a great way to meet people and learn!

**Treasurer's Report**

All table fees paid for by vendors at our Show and Sale have been refunded and we have a term deposit maturing next month.

Eugene Banziger motioned to accept the treasurer's report. Margaret seconded the motion and the motion passed.



# Announcements

## March 8th Culture Class

*(Hybrid—Physical & Virtual)*

This Tuesday is both an in-person and virtual culture class. The class starts at 7pm and we will be watching the AOS webinar about: Bulbophyllums by Charles Wilson. Location: Cedar Room, VanDusen Botanical Garden, 37th & Oak Street.

Vaccine Cards (digital or printed) are required and can be quickly obtained by entering a few details at:

<https://www.healthgateway.gov.bc.ca/vaccinecard>

Masks are required. The class will start at 7:00pm but you can connect to the virtual meeting around 6:30pm to set yourself up or chat with others.

## VOS Member Photos—Thank You to All for Sharing!

**Shannon Pang**



**Phal dusty belle (with a record 16 blooms!)**

**Gabrielle Carson**



**Phal. Yungho Gelb Canary**



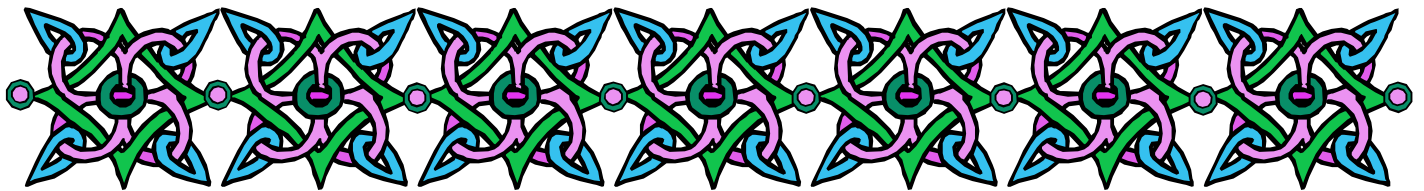
## Jim Poole



Cat Thewaitsara 24 KT Gold



Miltoniopsis Chris Ellis X Monterey Bay



B.C Ruth Gee Willikers



Lycaste Wyld Peach





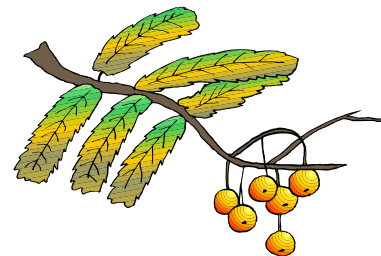
## Marilyn Lew



**Blc. Amy Wakasugi**



**Cattleya Ruth Gee**



**Blc Karbela Beauty 'Song of Canary'**



**Cattleya Pornthip x Blc. Orlade's 'Tian Mu'**



## Richard Pearson



Den Jonathan's Glory  
'Dark Joy'



Epidendrum  
goodspeedianum

Phal Bronze Buddha (left) Tzu  
Chiang Balm x Tying Shin Cupid



Dend. Elegant Starlight No. 2 x Tina  
Goliath



Epidendrum tipuloideum







**Dendrobium daklakense**

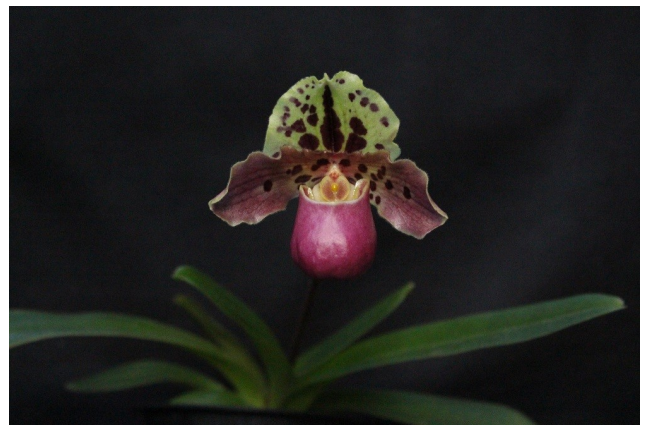


**Oncidium tigriones**

**Paphiopedilum malipoense**



**Paphiopedilum henryanum**





## Don Bednarczyk



Brassavola Little Stars



Cattlianthe Loddiaca

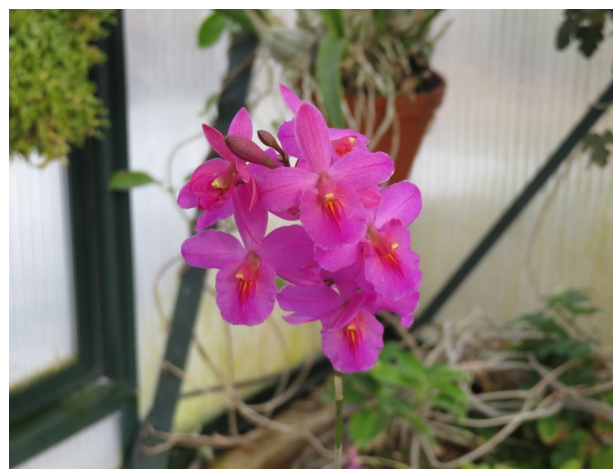
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'Charlotte'



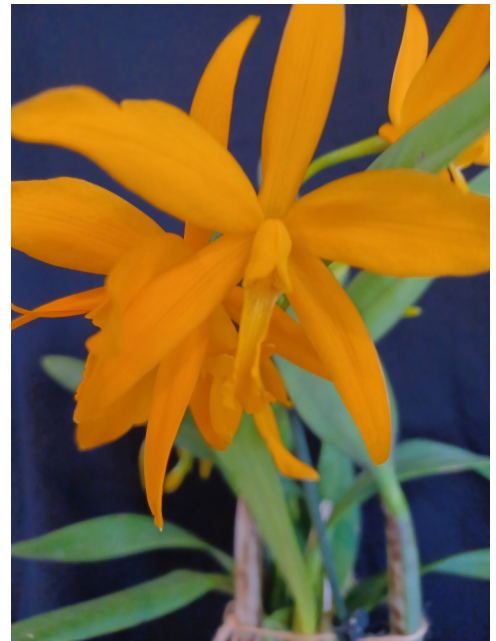
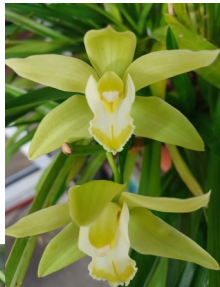
Lambara Five Aces



## Eugene Banziger



**Paph. malipoense species**  
(**'Ma' x 'Bear' SM/TPS**)



**Cattlianthe Jardin de Azuay** (C.  
harpophylla x Sophr. coccinea x  
Cattl. Trick or Treat)

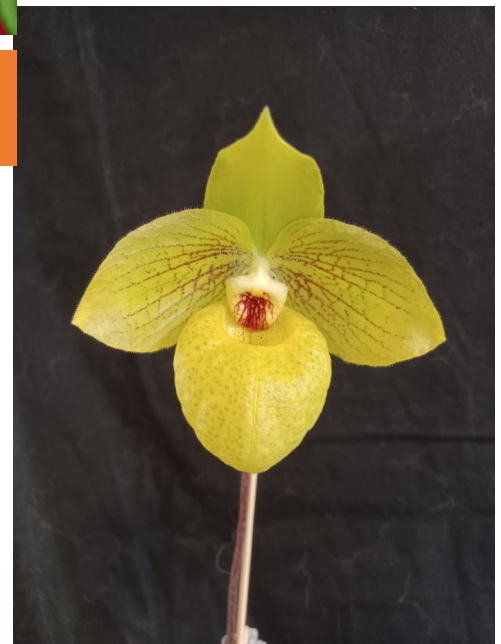


**C. luddemanniana fma coerulea x**  
**sib ('Bitter Sweet' x 'Smoky**  
**Shadow')**

**Paph. Norito Hasegawa**



**Cymbidium NOID**





## Jennifer Fabre



**Coelogyne sparsa:** Exquisite flowers on a SMALL plant, unlike other coelogones

### Dendrobium Rainbow

**Dance:** Floriferous orchid, easy grower



**Dendrobium scabrilingue x unicum:** Floriferous flowers, easy grower

### Dendrobium harveyanum

**harveyanum:** Beautiful fringed yellow FRAGRANT flowers



**Cattleya Minibeau 4N:** Rich saturated red miniature, photo does not do justice to the colour!

**Phalaenopsis thailandica (Laos form):** Tiny miniature



## Jen Pell



This is a Phal NOID Jen received as a Get Well gift, which she then used as her subject for an assignment in her photography group last month. This is "One Shot—3 Crops"



## Wayne Riggs



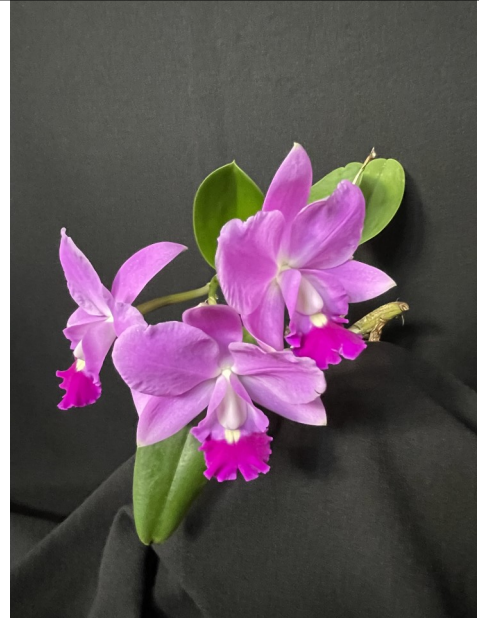
**Den. cuthbertsonii pink x purple and white.** Have had this plant for about 5 years. Continues to get larger each year. Flowers are very long lasting (6-8 months). Growing in a terrarium under LED light in a mix of sphagnum moss and perlite. I use two clay pots - a small one for the plant and a second over this to keep the roots cooler.

**Paph. Hung Shen Pink (Paph. moquetteanum x Paph. emersonii).** Very large flower with two more buds to follow. Paph. moquetteanum is a sequential bloomer, emersonii is a compact grower. Both traits are present in this cross. Flowers tend to be long lasting. Growing in the greenhouse in Orchidata bark, perlite and charcoal mix.



**Den. Aussie's Hi-Lo Yellow Red.** I have had this plant for just over 2 years. It is a very reliable bloomer with flowers lasting up to 6 months. Growing in terrarium under LED light in a mix of sphagnum moss and perlite. I use two clay pots - a small one for the plant and a second over this to keep the roots cooler.

**C. Love Knot (C. sincorana x C. walkeriana).** Have had in my collection for many years. Flowers 2-3 times a year. Blooms are long lasting and fragrant. Growing in greenhouse in Orchidata bark, perlite and charcoal mix.





*Phalaenopsis tetraspis coffee*



*Zootrophion lappaceum*

*Angraecum sesquipedalae*



*Phalaenopsis Be Glad peloric*





## Yolanda Breck



Columanara 'Wild Cat'

Den. sphacelatum



Phal. NOID



Dendrochilum glumaceum



Phrag. Amitabha Bessaea 'Near Fire' x  
Patti MacHalex



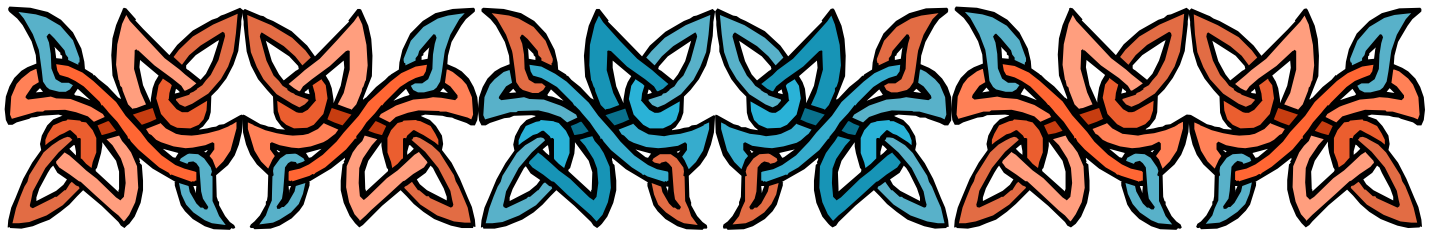
Melanie G.



Den Super Ise (fragrant)



Paph. maudiae cross



Den. Pittero Gold



Den kingianum (variegated foliage, fragrant)

