

Orchiflora

V O S Newsletter

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N o v e m b e r

President's Message

I've heard it said that we have a sickness, and the only cure is more orchids. Sometimes we can get carried away with our hobby and buy too many pricey, wonderful plants. I'll be first to admit it: Hello my name is Ryan, and I'm an addict. I've been purchase free for a few days, but I'm always dreaming of my next orchid.

Speaking of dreams, what a gorgeous display at the FVOS show...so many more plants to think about adding to a collection.

I want to thank those who entered their plants, and the volunteers who took the time to set up and tear down the display tables. We really appreciate the helpfulness of our wonderful members, and the great selection of orchids we have to share.

It's hard to believe, but we're coming up to our year end/Christmas party next meeting, where we can socialize and enjoy the festive season and the last round of display table orchids before our December break. If you're able, please come early to help set up the tables, chairs and decorations. This is an opportunity to get to know one another, share stories over dinner, and introduce ourselves to not-so-familiar faces. We're a great group of people, many with lots of experience and orchid knowledge to share.

We'll be rounding out the year pretty quick and we're already working on the details for our spring show in March! Until then, keep your orchids cozy. Happy orchid dreams!

We really
appreciate the
helpfulness of
our wonderful
members.

Ryan Young

Vancouver Orchid Society

OCTOBER 26, 2016

Vandusen Floral Hall

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 and chaired by Ryan Young.

Minutes from the Last Meeting

It was moved by Roak Citroen to accept the minutes from the last meeting and seconded by Collis Wilson. The motion was passed by the members.

Membership Report

Four guests were welcomed. Grant Rampton is preparing a name tag order, if you want one (\$12), please let Grant know. And don't forget; if you wear your name tag at the meeting you are entitled to one free raffle ticket.

Facebook

Visit the VOS Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/VancouverOrchidSociety
You don't have to belong to Facebook to view the page, where we post photos and current information. Please send contributions to Jennifer Pell:
VOS_Secretary@outlook.com

November Meeting

November 23

Will be our year end potluck party and auction. We will need volunteers to help out (possibly including an auctioneer) and we will need donations for the auction.

Culture Class

November will be a double header. Part 1 will be on deflasking orchids (hands on demonstration) led by Bev Hansen. There will be baby orchids to take away. Part 2 will be on repotting Disas, led by Margaret Prat. Culture Classes are open to members only (and one of the huge perks of becoming a member!)

Upcoming Shows

Fraser Valley Orchid Society Show

October 28-30

George Preston Recreation Centre, 20699 42nd Avenue, Langley, BC.
Plants need to be preregistered online for this show. Ingrid Pike is the away show coordinator. Ingrid will need volunteers to help with show set up and tear down.

Other Events

Saturday, November 12, 2016; Time: 1:30 pm-4:00 pm

Jennifer Fabre, a longtime member of the VOS, has a new greenhouse and has kindly invited us for a visit. All Vancouver Society Members are warmly invited to come for afternoon tea/coffee and Jennifer's fantastic baking! Gluten free for Margaret & others too! Please RSVP to jfabre@shaw.ca

Show Table Awards

Eight beautiful plants were given awards this month.

Raffle

The Raffle Committee thanks all those who contributed to the raffle.

Speaker

Jose Portilla from Ecuagenera gave us a fascinating talk on the orchids of Ecuador—and he brought plants for sale!

M I N U T E S

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Speaker Series

8:30-9:30pm Floral Hall, VanDusen Gardens

November 23

No Speaker

January 25

Information coming soon

Culture Class

6:30-8:30pm Cedar room, VanDusen Gardens
MEMBERS ONLY

November 14

Part 1: Deflasking orchids

Bev Hansen

Part 2: Repotting Disas

Margaret Prat

December and January

No classes

February 13

Bulbophyllum

Patrick Milligen

March 13

Plants for Small Spaces

Margaret Prat

April 10

Repotting

Margaret Prat

May 8

Water PH, Nutrition and Fertilization

Ryan Young

June 12

Mounting

Daniel Kwok

Upcoming Events

December 10, January 14

Noon. Every second Saturday of the month.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST JUDGING CENTER (PNWJC)
Sea Island Community Center, 7140 Miller Road,
Richmond, BC
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,
in a small, friendly atmosphere.

Shows and Sales

March 24, 2017

*VOS Annual Show and Sale Set Up and
Preview Party*

VANCOUVER ORCHID SOCIETY
Floral Hall, VanDusen Gardens

March 25-26, 2017

VOS Annual Show and Sale

VANCOUVER ORCHID SOCIETY
Floral Hall, VanDusen Gardens

If you'd like information of sales further afield, check
out this Facebook Group:

www.facebook.com/groups/1608642239350212/

It's Time to Renew!

Don't forget to renew your membership. A form is included on the last page of the newsletter for your convenience. Kindly fill it out and bring it along with your cheque to the potluck dinner on November 23, or mail both to the address provided.

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

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VANCOUVER ORCHID SOCIETY

OCTOBER 26, 2016



**Paph. Henryanum 'Catatonk' HCC/AOS x
Paph. Hookerae 'Catatonk' AM/AOS**

Flower quality
Exhibitor: Margaret Nakahara



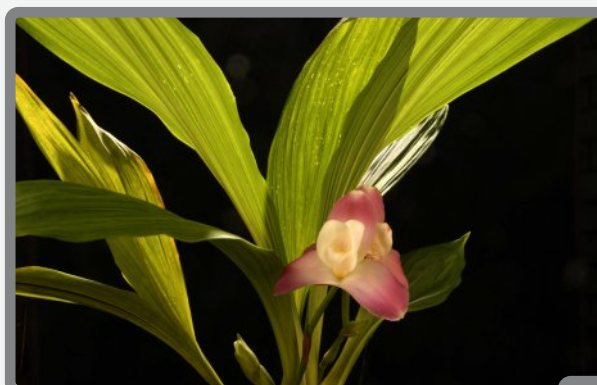
Masd. 'Red Baron'

Flower Quality and Plant Culture
Exhibitor: Wayne Riggs



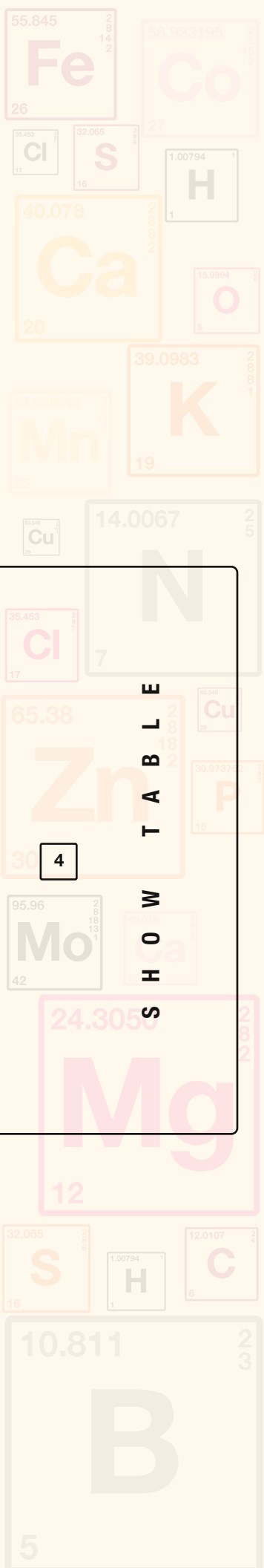
Cymbidium (unnamed)

Plant Culture
Exhibitor: Maureen Burke



Lycaste (unnamed)

Plant Culture
Exhibitor: Richard Pearson





Gastrochilus japonicus
Unusual species
Exhibitor: Daniel Kwok



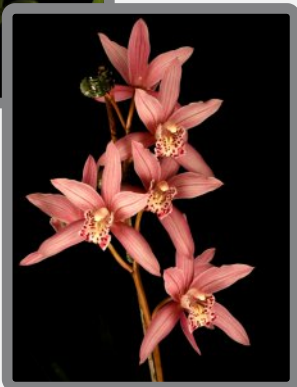
Onc. (Odcdm) Catatante 'Pacific Sun Spots'
Flower Quality and Display
Exhibitor: Eugene Banziger



Sophronitis cernua
Plant Culture
Exhibitor: Daniel Kwok

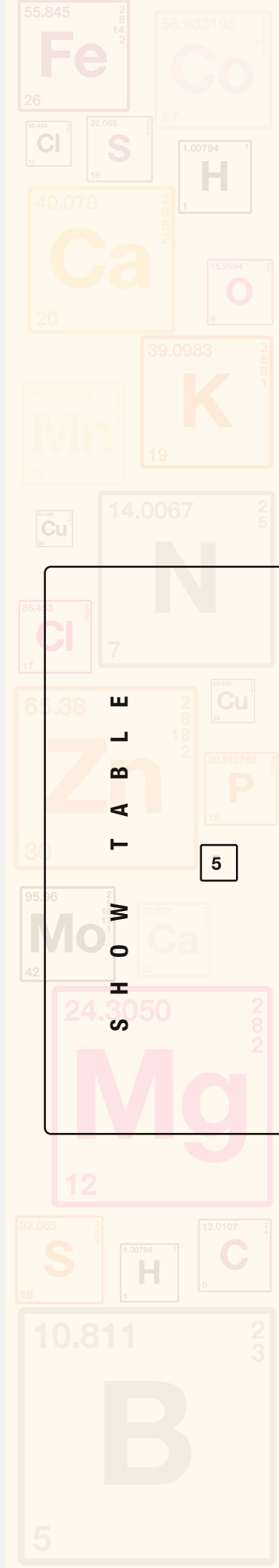


Cymbidium Muasaka genji
Flower quality and Plant culture
Exhibitor: Daniel Kwok

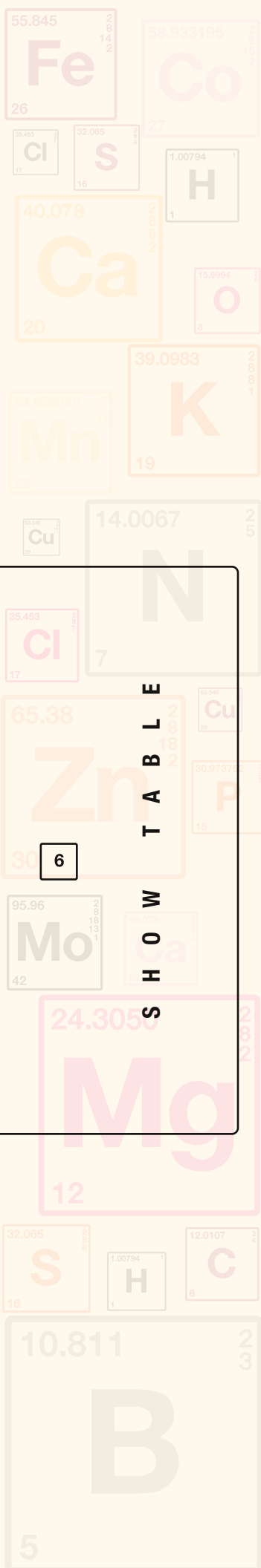
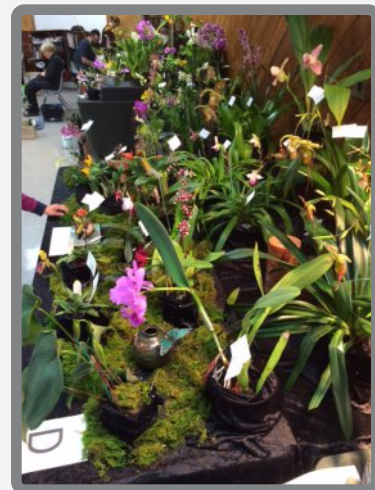


Judges
Wayne Riggs
Don Harquail
Peter Hopkins

Photographer
Ron Long



V O S D I S P L A Y
F V O S S H O W
OCTOBER 28-30, 2016

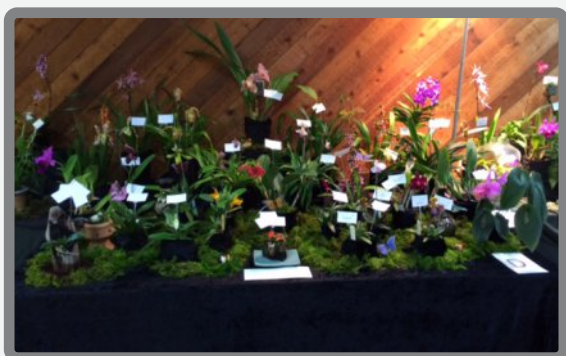
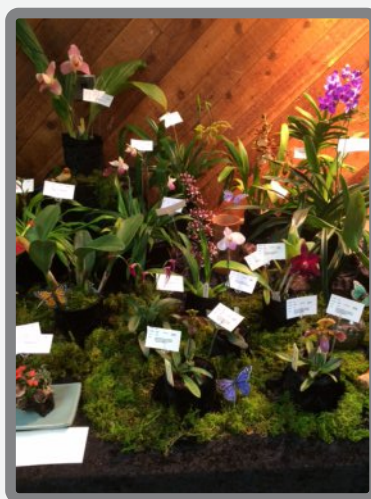


Thank you to all VOS members who generously provided flowering orchids for our display in the Fraser Valley Show held in Langley, October 28-30, 2016.

Ingrid Pike coordinated the collection of plants, and she, along with Mary Sang, organized them into a very lovely display for the show—see representative photos.

We received the following ribbon judging awards: 2 best in class, 9 firsts, 11 seconds, and 2 thirds. There was also one AOS nomination and one AOS award. Congratulations to all for great growing.

Thank you to Margaret Nakahara and Wayne Riggs, who also helped to set up the display, and to Ingrid Pike, Judy Buttress, Jennifer Pell, and Evelyn Nash, who were there for tear down on Sunday and organizing the return of plants to their owners.

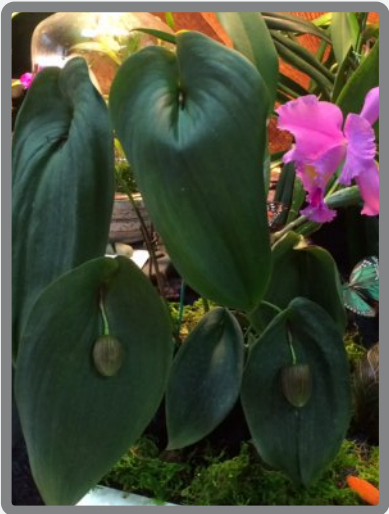
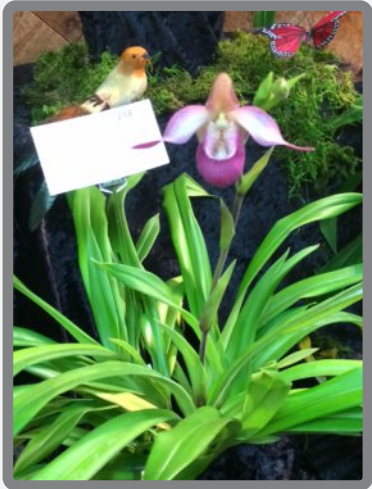
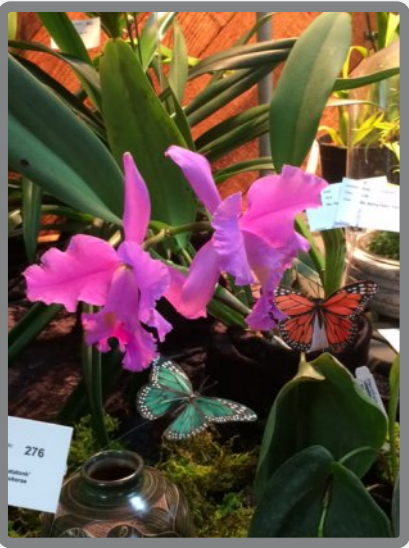


Photographer
Ingrid Pike

S H O W T A B L E

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95.96 Mo 42	24.305 Mg 12	10.811 B 5
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HOW TO TABLE



You're Invited!

Potluck Dinner & Auction

NOVEMBER 23, 2016

When

Dinner will start between 6:30-6:45 pm.

Where

Vandusen Flower Hall
Please bring a savory or sweet dish sufficient to serve 4-6 people.

What

We will also hold our traditional auction (~ 8 pm). Please bring 1 or 2 items to donate for this fundraiser.
Please bring your flowering orchids for the display tables. They will be showcased during dinner.

Why

We look forward to seeing you there for an evening of fun and comradery.



Volunteer/Committees

Membership Committee

Grant Rampton
Natasha Charif

Away Show Coordinator

Ingrid Pike

Volunteer Coordinator

Vacant

Prize Draws

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Anne Duranceau

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Maureen Burke
Donna Leung

BCCoGC Rep

Radina Jevdevic

Library

Monica Stefansson

COC/AOS Rep

Calvin Wong

Webmaster

Jennifer Pell

VOS March Show and Sale Chairperson

Wayne Riggs

VOS March Show and Sale Co-Chair

Evelyn Nash

Newsletter

Elissa Schmidt

Submission Deadline

The first of each month.
Anything submitted after the first will appear in the following month's newsletter.
Please send contributions to: newsletter4vos@gmail.com

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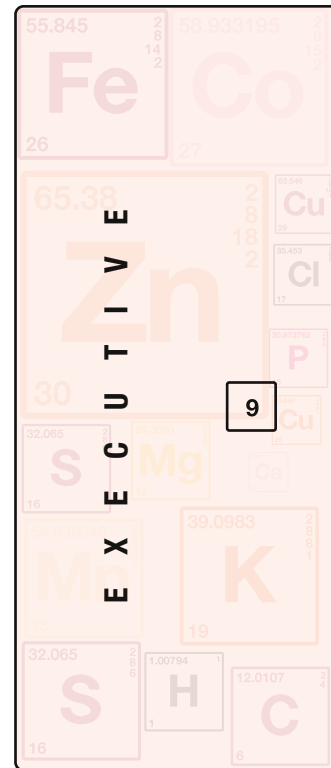
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Cowslip Orchid

My Growing Obsession

I have always loved houseplants. In fact, when I moved south after a four-year job posting in Yellowknife, NWT, I had to find homes for the 100+ plants that I had in my apartment there. Of course, I was afraid to try growing orchids because they were so exotic and I had heard (as we all have) that they are hard to grow. That didn't stop me from admiring them.

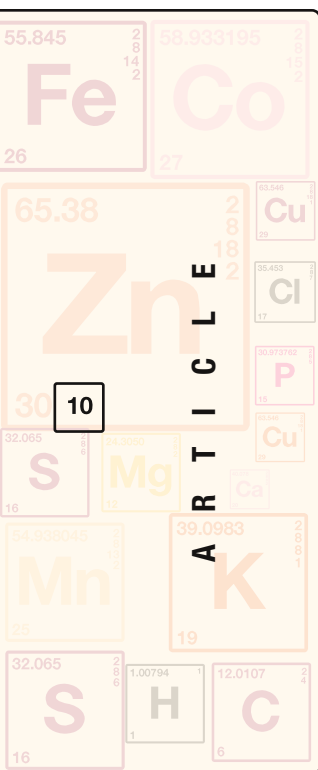
My interest in orchids was heightened when I took a trip to Western Australia one September, which is wildflower season. We did a lot of hiking and the hikes quickly turned into native orchid hunting missions.

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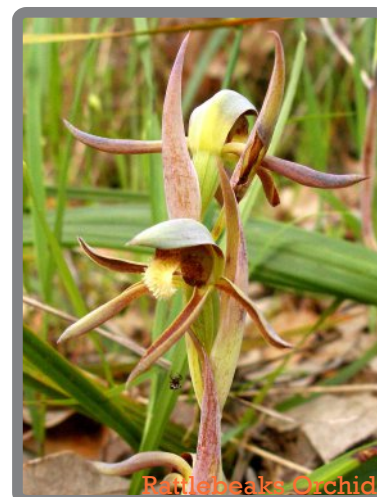
There were many amazing and wonderful orchids to find growing in some rather inhospitable environments, on rocks and gravelly beaches or along roadsides. Thankfully, I found a guidebook to help me identify the orchids we saw. They were amazing, but not plants I ever considered being able to grow.

A few years later, on a trip to Malaysia, we visited the Kuala Lumpur Orchid Park. WOW! There were so many beautiful and varied orchids—all colours, shapes, and sizes. Before this, I had no idea of the diversity of tropical orchids.

After that trip, my partner bought me an orchid when he was on one of his nursery tours looking at rhododendrons (his passion). It was a phalaenopsis hybrid named Daniella. When it finished blooming, I dutifully watered it (I thought the leaves looked nice) and about a year later, it rebloomed for me.



Rosy Cheeked Donkey Orchid



Rattlebeaks Orchid



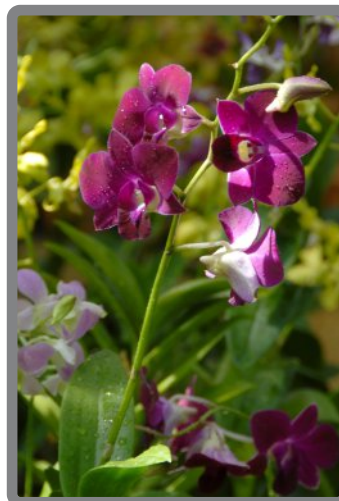
Phal. Daniella
My first rebloom

I was hooked!

I was no longer afraid of growing orchids, and over the next few months, another phal or two, a couple of paphs, and a Den nobile slowly made their way into our house. One day, I went to take some photos at an orchid display at Bloedel Conservatory and met Margaret Prat, who talked to me about the orchids on display, showed me some scented ones (I didn't know orchids could be scented!), and told me about the Vancouver Orchid Society. About a year later, I finally got around to going to one of the VOS meetings and ended up joining the society that night. Joining the VOS really fuelled my addiction by allowing me to learn more about orchids and giving me opportunities to buy interesting orchids that aren't sold in the local stores. Since then, my collection has grown exponentially, and now I have well over 100 plants (and still buying). They are in my living room, my office, and on my bedroom balcony.

If only I had more space!

Article and Photos
submitted by Jennifer Pell



Two of the amazing orchids at the
Kuala Lumpur Orchid Park.



**Bolopetalum Cardinal's Roost,
Midnight Blue**
One of my favourite 'chids!

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Website: www.fvgardens.com

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M A R K E T P L A C E

Vancouver Orchid Society

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

Annual membership fee is **\$30.00 per household** (one or two adults); **\$20 for Students** – from January to December

☐ NEW MEMBER

☐ MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

(Primary Member) Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

(Co-member) Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province/State: _____ Postal/Zip Code: _____

Telephone: () _____ E-mail Address: _____

Payment Method

☐ Cash

☐ Cheque

please make cheque payable to: **The Vancouver Orchid Society**

Permission to publish the following in Membership Directory?

☐ E-mail

☐ Phone #

☐ Address: _____

The membership directory will be provided to current members for society business only as per the Personal Information Privacy Act.

Newsletter

Our monthly newsletters in full colour will be e-mailed monthly and are also available through our website at www.vancouverorchidsociety.ca.

Volunteering

We are a volunteer organization. All members are encouraged and expected to volunteer at least once a year. Please indicate the areas which you will be able to assist:

- ☐ Plant Sales
- ☐ Raffle
- ☐ Membership
- ☐ Library
- ☐ Kitchen

- ☐ Show Planning
- ☐ Show Setup
- ☐ Show Security
- ☐ Show Admissions
- ☐ Show Displays

How much time can you volunteer (approximate)?

- ☐ 2 hours a year
- ☐ 2 hours a month
- ☐ 2 hours a week
- ☐ anytime, just ask me!

Please tell us a little bit about what kind of orchids you grow and how you grow them.

What types of orchids do you grow (or want to grow)?

- ☐ Cattleya Alliance
- ☐ Oncidium Alliance
- ☐ Phalaenopsis Alliance
- ☐ Vanda Alliance

- ☐ Dendrobiums
- ☐ Paphiopedilums
- ☐ Phragmipedium
- ☐ Cyripedium

- ☐ Cymbidiums
- ☐ Miltoniopsis
- ☐ Temperate (outdoor) orchids
- ☐ Others

Where do you grow them?

- ☐ Windowsill
- ☐ Under Lights
- ☐ Greenhouse
- ☐ Indoor (climate control)

☐ Other: _____

How many orchids do you have?

- ☐ under 20
- ☐ 20-50
- ☐ 51-100
- ☐ 101-200
- ☐ over 200

What kind of programs or speakers are you interested in seeing?

How did you hear about the VOS?:

Signature _____

Date _____