

Orchiflora

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Speaker Series:

November 22 - Christmas/Holiday Potluck – no speaker
 December 27 - Merry Christmas/Seasons Greetings – no meeting
 January 24 – Eugene Banziger will present on his trip to Ecuador
 February 28 – TBA
 March 28 - Verne Smythe ‘Native BC Orchids’
 April 25 - TBA
 May 23 - TBA
 June 27 - Alan Koch Gold Country Orchids, Topic to be announced
 September 26 - Roy Tokunaga, H & R, Topic to be announced
 October 24 - Winquing Penner, Topic to be announced

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*

November 13: Disa - repotting/culture – Margaret Prat
 December: no class
 January- no class
 February 13 - Don Harquail will present on Phragmipediums
 March: 13 – TBA
 April 10 - TBA
 May 8 - TBA
 June 12 – TBA

Upcoming Shows & Sales

Vancouver Orchid Society – March 23, 24, 25, 2018
 Floral Hall, VanDusen Garden
 5151 Oak Street,
 Vancouver BC V6M 4H1

AOS Judging:

Pacific Northwest Judging Centre (**PNWJC**) 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.

2017 Calendar

November 18, 2017: 1:00pm - Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary, 3873 Swan Lake Road, Victoria BC
 December 9, 2017: 11:30am - Sea Island Community Centre, 7140 Miller Road, Richmond B.C

Monthly 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

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President's Message

Isn't it funny how every year seems to slip by faster and faster? Speaking of year end we'll have our last meeting of the year and enjoy our annual Christmas potluck and auction, I hope everyone is excited as I am!

Please bring some orchids in bloom for the show table, one or two items orchid (or plant) related for the auction (wine and chocolates are also acceptable) and an appetite and spend some quality time together socializing and outbidding each other! Many thanks to all who help make our society vibrant and fun and the many volunteers who keep things running smoothly. Next year is already shaping up to be great, with some international speakers in tow, continued access to excellent vendors, and our show already around the corner. Be prepared to volunteer as we're going to try to make next show even better. Keep those orchids happy and healthy over the winter break and enjoy your upcoming winter holidays.

All the best and happy holidays,

Ryan

MINUTES OF 25 October 2017 Montly Meeting.

Meeting was called to order at 7:02PM and chaired by Ryan Young. No new members were present

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING – could not be approved as we currently do not have a newsletter editor. Wayne has stepped forward to try his hand at editing the newsletter.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – We had good showings at both the CVIOS and FVOS shows recently with quite a few plants being awarded, including Show Champion at the latter show. Many thanks to Daniel and Giulia for setting up the display, Jennifer for coordinating the Society's efforts at the show and Evelyn and Ingrid for organizing the collection and delivery of plants. Thank you as well to all members who entered plants and assisted with tear down.

Volunteers are need for the Christmas party on November 22nd to organize the potluck and the auction.

There will not be a meeting in December, the first meeting of 2018 will be on January 24th.

Members are reminded that they can renew memberships for 2018 from this point onwards.

Edmonton is submitting a bid to host the 2023 World Orchid Congress, which would present a great opportunity to volunteer and also have access to vendors that don't often come to Canada.

CULTURE CLASS – The next Culture Class will take place on November 13th; Margaret Prat will be discussing repotting Disas. **In 2018 Culture Class will be moving to the second Tuesday of the month.** There will be no Culture Class in January 2018, the first of the year will be held on February 13th.

SPEAKERS SERIES – Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids gave an entertaining and informative talk on *Catasetums*, covering noteworthy species, some of the hybrids in the genus and culture.

SHOW TABLE AND RAFFLE - A beautiful and diverse selection of plants were brought for the show table. Thanks to our guest speaker, Fred Clarke, for helping with the judging and presentation of awarded plants. The raffle was a success as well. Thank you to everyone who brought or donated plants.

FVOS Annual Show and Sale, Oct 14 & 15, 2017 – VOS Members received the following awards:



- Show Grand Champion - Eugene Banziger for *Epi. parkinsonianum*
- Best Mini Display - Daniel Kwok
- Best in *Agraecum* - Danielle Carson
- Best *Cattleya/Laelia* species or hybrid - Eugene Banziger
- Best orchid grown under lights - Clarissa Abel, who donated the Award monies to the VOS

Best orchid grown in windowsill - Jennifer Pell

Best in *Paphiopedilum* - Silvia Fabry

Best in *Coelogyne* - Melanie Gallacher

Thank you to all members who donated plants to make a lovely VOS display and to all involved in set up for the show and tear down following.

Executive and Board of Directors

President – Ryan Young

1st Vice President – Margaret Prat

2nd Vice President - Natasha Charif

Treasurer – Judy Buttress and Erik Nilsen (Co-Treasurers)

Secretary – Connor Preston

Directors:

- Grant Rampton
- Eugene Banziger
- Daniel Kwok
- Keith Willet
- Ingrid Pike
- Jennifer Pell

Contributions to the newsletter are welcome.

Please send to Wayne Riggs at:

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.



NOVEMBER MEETING – November 22, 2017

Annual Christmas/Holiday Season Potluck Dinner and Auction

VanDusen Floral Hall

NOVEMBER 22, 2017

- Table set up and decorating – 6 pm
- Dinner will start between 6:30 – 6:45 pm

Please bring a sweet or savory dish to share.

We will also have our traditional fundraising auction.

- Donations of orchid plants or items directly related to orchids are requested. The exception is wine and chocolate, which are always very popular items and lead to lots of competitive bidding! Thank you for your generosity in making this a successful event.
- Remember to bring your flowering orchids for display.



Volunteers needed!

We need your help to set up tables and decorate and to help clean up after. Please send an email to Ryan – ryan1young@gmail.com

Please be there to help out by no later than 6 pm.

It's Time to Renew Your Membership

A membership form is attached to the last page of this newsletter. Print, fill out and bring to the Potluck Social on November 22 or mail along with your cheque payable to 'The Vancouver Orchid Society' to the address provided on the form.

MONTHLY SHOW TABLE
October 25, 2017



Pot. Judith Lynn Hauserman 'Marty'
Thomas Hobbs – Fragrance



Paph. Sander's Pride
Silvia Fabry – Flower Quality



Pleurothalis Sonderana
Margaret Prat – Unusual Species

Show Table Judges

- Andrew Wong
- Giulia Comin
- Margaret Prat
- Fred Clark

Photographers: Judith Higham, Jennifer Pell



Lc. Kiritsubo 'Shigeisya'
Daniel Kwok -- Display

Monthly Show Table Awards - Continued



Gurianthe bowringiana var. *coerulea*
Ryan Young – Species



Maxillaria grandiflora
Eugene Banziger – Unusual Species



Phrag. Peruflora's Spirit (3N)
Silvia Fabry – Hybrid



Den. cuthbertsonii hybrids
Wayne Riggs – Display



Paph. Pinocchio
Hilary Bourdon – Flower Quality

AOS AWARDS:

The AOS Western Canada Judging Center's judges met at the Fraser Valley Orchid Society Show on October 14, 2017; the following AOS awards were granted:



Oncidium Espiritu Santo 'Christine Chan'
HCC/AOS 77 pts
Exhibitor: Christine Chan

Photographer: Judith Higham



Epidendrum parkinsonianum 'Sydney Mei'
HCC/AOS 75 pts
Exhibitor: Eugene Banziger



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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. Newsletters will only be postal mailed upon request.

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

Cypripedium

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 _____