

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*

June 11 - Margaret Prat. Review of Dendrobium Culture Groups;
Sandy Larson – procedure for bringing orchids across the USA
Boarder into Canada.

October 8 - Daniel Kwok. My Orchidarium.

***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 June 26**

Speaker Series:

June 26 Alan Koch, Gold Country Orchids - TBA

July - Summer Break

August - Summer Break

September 25 - Fred Clarke, Sunset Valley Orchids.

Cattleyas

October 23 - Dr. Leslie Ee. Dendrobium cuthbertsonii

November 27 - Auction & Christmas/Holiday Season Party

December – No Meeting

January 22/2020 - Tom Mirenda. TBA

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

June 8, 2019: 1:00pm (after WCJC semi annual business meeting) at Sea Island Community Centre,
7140 Miller Road, Richmond, BC

July 13, 2019: 11:30am, Victoria (TBD)

August 10, 2019: 11:30am, at Sea Island Community Centre, 7140 Miller Road, Richmond, BC

September 14, 2019: 11:30am, Victoria (TBD)

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President's Message

Summer is a time when most orchids have rapid growth. This means potting when needed, watering thoroughly and regularly, fertilizing often and keeping an eye out for potential problems before they become serious. These include watching for pests, diseases, too much sun or heat, low humidity or high humidity over a long period of time, which can lead to fungal and bacterial infection. Pests can multiply quickly during the optimal growing conditions that summer provides.

Orchids that flower during this time tend to develop their flower stems quite quickly. The rapid growing flower spikes can easily get caught in foliage causing deformity or at times may break off. It is important to watch flower spikes closely and stake as early as possible.

August is the time of our summer sale, where members can sell their duplicate orchids to make room for that long desired new orchid. As well, the public and members alike have an opportunity to purchase some of the summer bloomers. Types of bloomers to look for are the Cattleyas, Vandaceous, Oncidiums, Coelogyne, Stanhopeas, Brassavolas, Phalaenopsis, Paphiopediliums or slipper orchids, Sobralias, Catasetums and many more.

Enjoy your orchid blossoms and have a fun summer,
Evelyn

MINUTES – May 22, 2019 Monthly Meeting.

Meeting was called to order at 7:10pm and chaired by Evelyn Nash.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – No new members or guests were present at the meeting

TREASURER'S REPORT:

-Our chequing account stands at \$11,092.99 and we have \$24,297.50 in three terms deposits. Our fiscal year ends May 31st and Judy will have the report from the year at our AGM in June

-Our monthly storage cost has risen to almost \$200 from \$90 to keep the tents we have purchased, so perhaps a different unit would be more cost effective.

-Our rental for the Floral Hall for the year is paid on December 1st and has risen to roughly \$5000

SPEAKER UPDATE:

-June 26 Alan Koch: Topic TBA

-September 25 Fred Clarke: Cattleyas

-October 23 Dr. Leslie Ee: Dendrobium cuthbertsonii

CULTURE CLASS

June 11: Margaret Prat on Dendrobium culture groups

October 8: Daniel Kwok on his orchidarium

OTHER ITEMS

-Eugene Banziger, Barb Cable and Ingrid Pike will make up the nomination committee for new members of the executive board as Daniel Kwok, Jennifer Pell and Judy Buttress will be retiring this year.

-Any articles or photos you would like added to the newsletter must be sent in to Wayne (wayne.riggs66@gmail.com) by the 10th of the month.

-Volunteers are needed for our Summer Sale on August 24th. Please contact Giulia giuliacomin@yahoo.com if you are able to help out

-Eugene Banziger will be hosting an open house this Summer on July 27th from 12-4 and Jennifer Fabre will be hosting an open house on August 17 from 10 am – 12:30 pm. See below for more information (Editor).

<i>Executive and Board of Directors</i> President – Evelyn Nash 1st Vice President – Barbara Cable 2nd Vice President – Ingrid Pike Treasurer – Judy Buttress and Erik Nilsen (Co-Treasurers) Secretary – Conor Preston Directors: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Grant Rampton- Giulia Comin- Daniel Kwok- Keith Willet- Jennifer Pell- Eugene Banziger	Contributions to the newsletter are welcome. Send to Wayne Riggs: wayne.riggs66@gmail.com Article/Photo Submission deadline is the 10 th of each month. Items received after this date will appear in the next newsletter.
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Please note that we have a new mailing address:

Vancouver Orchid Society
PO Box 56022
Vancouver BC
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Annual General Meeting – June 26, 2019

We need members to fill the following positions for the VOS Executive and Board of Directors

- **Treasurer** - Judy Buttress, our treasurer for the past several years, is willing to help you transition into this role. Please contact Judy at judybuttress@gmail.com or Evelyn at ewnash@live.ca for more information.
- **Board of Directors** – two new members are needed to contribute to the decision making of the VOS

Note: Any VOS member can nominate a member for these positions either before or at the AGM.

If you would like further information or wish to nominate someone or volunteer for one of these positions, please get in touch with any of the following members of the Nominations Committee:

Eugene Banziger eugene.banziger@gmail.com

Barb Cable cable40@telus.net

Ingrid Pike ingrid.pike@outlook.com



May 22, 2019 Monthly Meeting Show Table Awards:



Epi. parkinsonianum 'Sydney Mei' – Flower quality

Exhibitor: Eugene Banziger



Den. Golden Crown 'Sunset' – Flower quality & Plant culture

Exhibitor: Wayne Riggs

Show Table Judges:

Don Harquail

Bill Price

Wayne Riggs



Bulbophyllum Taiwanese – Unusual species

Exhibitor: Jennifer Pell



Laelia purpurata – Flower quality

Exhibitor: Silvia Fabry



C. Walkerinter fma coerulea – Flower quality

Exhibitor: Wayne Riggs

****Editor's note:** This plant appears to have been incorrectly labeled – flower color is not consistent with a *coerulea* and the lip does not have the form of *walkeriana*, one of the parents.



Ponthieva maculate – Unusual species

Exhibitor: Daniel Kwok



Epi. radicans – Plant culture, flower quality & members' choice

Exhibitor: Terry Enno



Phal. Baldan's Kaleidoscope 'Golden Treasure' – Flower quality and plant culture

Exhibitor: Melanie Gallacher



Phal. Violacea var. alba – Plant culture
Exhibitor: Hilary Bourdon

Photographers:
 Maureen Burke
 Collis Wilson



Ascocentrum ampullaceum – Flower quality & plant culture
Exhibitor: Gabriel Carson

Thank you to all members for bringing your flowering orchids for display. It is always tough for the judges to select a few for awards!

AOS - Western Canada Judging Center Photos

- No results received by the newsletter deadline.

Orchid photos submitted by VOS members:

Bill and Carla Bischoff -- *Amitostigma*. This is a hardy perennial orchid blooming in Bill and Carla's garden. The plant is kept in a pot and overwintered in their cool greenhouse.

Amitostigma is native to Northern Japan China, Korea, Vietnam, Thailand and the Kuril Islands. Flower spikes ascend from a tiny tuber and plants are only a few inches tall. Plants multiply quickly to form a clump.

Editor's note: I see that Fraser's Thimble Farms on Salt Spring Island has these listed for sale. For further information visit their website: <http://www.thimblefarms.com/cypripedium.html>



Thank you, Bill, for sharing these photos of this little cutie!!



Bill and Carla enjoying a cup of coffee and treats with Sheila and me when we visited their beautiful garden on June 12.

- Left photo – Cyp. Regina. Growing in the Bischoff's yard. Planted in pots. Beautifully flowered.

Open Greenhouses visits:

*** please record these dates in your calendars*

Eugene Banziger's Open House:

Date: Saturday, July 27

Time: Noon to 4 pm

Location: 12280 Harrison Ave. Richmond, BC

Jennifer Fabre's Open House:

Date: Saturday, August 17th

Time: 10:00 am- 12:30 pm

RSVP: please email Jennifer at: jfabre@shaw.ca to let her know if you are planning to attend. She will send you her address in her reply.

THE VANCOUVER ORCHID SOCIETY SUMMER SALE OF ORCHIDS AND COMPANION PLANTS

When: Saturday, August 24th, 2019

TIME: 10 am to 4 pm

LOCATION: VanDusen Botanical Garden - Floral Hall

5251 Oak Street (37th and Oak St), Vancouver, B.C.

The cost of table rental is \$50.

Note: There is no admission fee for this sale.

The registration form will be circulated shortly. Please follow the directions on the form if you would like to reserve a table at the show to sell plants.

Please promote this event widely to your family/friends/community.

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

THIS IS OUR LAST NEWSLETTER UNTIL SEPTEMBER AS WE BREAK FOR THE SUMMER

A special thank you to our all our volunteers for the help over the year – as they say ‘many hands make light work’. Have a great summer!