

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*

March 12 - Eugene Banziger. Successes and Failures: a Non-Scientific Journey.

October 8 - Daniel Kwok. My Orchidarium.

***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

Speaker Series:

February 27 - Mitch Nickel. How to Identify & Exploit Microclimates in your Growing area.

March 27 - Ching Hua. New Paphiopedilum Hybrids in Taiwan.

April 24 - Daniel Kwok. The Tokyo Dome Show.

May 22 - Eugene Banziger. Ecuador Trip.

June 26 Alan Koch. 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

Upcoming Shows

***Victoria Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale – March 1 – 3**

Our Lady of Fatima Hall, 4635 Elk Lake Dr., Victoria, BC.

***Vancouver Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale – March 22 (Preview), 23, 24**

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

*March 2, 2018 : 2:00pm (after VicOS Show Judging) at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 4635 Elk Lake Drive, Victoria BC.

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Editor's Note:

As Wayne is away for the months of February and March, Giulia and Conor will manage the Newsletter and email messages during this time

President's Message

Thank you Ingrid Pike for transporting the orchids to the Central Vancouver Island show and sale and setting up the display. Also, many thanks to everyone for providing us with your beautiful blooming orchids. Although this show is smaller your display was an outstanding success. Congratulations to all winning orchid growers. You are all an inspiration. Fantastic growing all, and thank you for participating.

Thanks also to all who volunteered for the GardenWorks "Orchid Obsessions" weekend on February 9th and February 10th.

For those of us who have orchids that are only beginning to crawl out of their pots, producing new sprouts and are rambling along in mid-air, they will require repotting or dividing before they get out of hand. Repotting is an unavoidable disruption to the potted orchid. Inevitably some injury is going to result in the process of replacing old medium with new. Minor root damage in repotting is of little consequence when compared to the alternative of major root decay if a change of medium is delayed. With new root growth orchids overcome any damage which may occur with repotting. For this reason it is very important to repot at a time when the orchid is just beginning new root growth. Thanks to Calvin Wong, those of us who attended culture class know that tea made from willow stimulates root growth.

We encourage all members to take advantage of the monthly culture class event. Next month Eugene will be speaking on his journey to success and his experiences with mistakes. It promises to be helpful for all orchid lovers, not to be missed.

Your orchid society depends heavily on volunteers as you can imagine, so as an orchid community we need to pitch in and help. We need volunteers to lend a helping hand in making your March show one of the best. Bringing plants, volunteering to help set up, putting together the society display, making sure the word gets out about our annual show, there are many ways that members can contribute. If you can help, contact Giulia who will be helping to organize the volunteers at giuliacomin@yahoo.com. There will also be volunteer sign-up sheets at the February meeting. Choose your specific tasks earlier.

I am always encouraged by the enthusiasm of our volunteers and would like to thank you all.

Evelyn Nash

MINUTES of the January 23, 2019 Monthly Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:11pm and chaired by Evelyn Nash.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT – Our chequing account currently stands at \$12,270.45. We also have \$21,00 in three term deposits (\$7,000 each), the first of which comes to maturity on March 16th

UPCOMING SHOWS

-CVIOS show - Plants to be dropped off at Ingrid or Evelyn's homes. If you are unable to drop your plants off, please contact Ingrid and she may be able to pick the plants up

-The Victoria Orchid Society Show and Sale will be taking place March 1-3

-Our Annual Show and Sale will be taking place March 22-24

-Please distribute poster and coupons for our show. We have made a sign up sheet to make sure all cities and neighbourhoods are covered.

-Eugene Banziger will be coordinating orders from Ecuagenera for our March show. Please multiply the cost of your order by 1.4 to factor in currency exchange

OTHER ITEMS

-the majority of members were in favour of paying an honorarium to members who present at Culture Class. Those interested in presenting a Culture Class are encouraged to contact Ingrid, along with any feedback

We received some great feed back for future shows including:

- finding a new venue for our show with space for everyone
- creating a culture sheet specifically on bareroot orchids to be given out at the membership table
- making sure that there is appropriate signage so possible new members can find the membership table and those new to orchids can find culture sheets

-Eugene is also organizing a tour of Ecuador with Ecuagenera November 12-24. Please contact him for details. Cost, which does not include airfare is \$1650 USD for a a bed in a double room and \$1900 USD for a single room.

-Anna Kanz is organizing a trip to the Northwest Flower and Garden Festival in Seattle on February 20th. The cost is \$120 per person and includes the bus ride, entrance to the show and a buffet dinner. The bus leaves from St. Helen's Church in Burnaby. Anna can be contacted at arkanz@shaw.ca.

Conor Preston
Secretary

Executive and Board of Directors

President – Evelyn Nash
1st Vice President – Barbara Cable
2nd Vice President – Ingrid Pike
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Secretary – Conor Preston
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- Grant Rampton
- Giulia Comin
- Daniel Kwok
- Keith Willet
- Jennifer Pell

Contributions to the newsletter are welcome.

****For February and March send to:**
Giulia Comin at: giuliacomin@yahoo.com
and Conor Preston at:
conorpreston88@gmail.com

Article/Photo Submission deadline is the 10th of each month. Items received after this date will appear in the next newsletter.

A few photos from the Central Vancouver Island Orchid Society Annual AOS Show and Plant Sale, February 1, 2 and 3rd 2019



***VOS Best in Class Awards
Received:***

Best orchid grown under lights – Sedirea japonica – Daniel Kwok

Best mounted orchid – Sedirea japonica – Daniel Kwok

Best Maxillaria – Zygotetrum Anne Kiss – Eugene Banziger

Best Phalaenopsis – No ID hybrid – Ingrid Pike



Thank you Ingrid for your hard work setting up a beautiful display of orchids!

Photos from the January 23, 2019 Monthly Meeting Show Table



Paph. John Doven x Winston Churchill – plant culture

Exhibitor: Eugene Banziger



Dendronium speciosum pediculatum x self – plant culture

Exhibitor: Eugene Banziger



Paph. Hung Sheng Bay x Shin-Yi Madura – hybrid & other

Exhibitor: Lori Barrington



Dendrobium Hamana Smile 'Autumn Splendour' – plant culture

Exhibitor: Eugene Banziger



Masdevallia excelsior – unusual species & plant display

Exhibitor: Daniel Kwok



Paph. tranlienianum – species

Exhibitor: Lori Barrington

Photos from the January 23, 2019 Monthly Meeting Show Table (continued)



Cattleya Cariad's Mini Quinee 'Angel Kiss' HCC/AOS – hybrid
Exhibitor: Sylvia Fabry



Gongora galeata – species
Exhibitor: Dominic Leung



Paph. Memoria Larry Heuer
(malipoense x emersonii) – hybrid
Exhibitor: Lori Barrington

AOS - Western Judging Centre Results

December 8, 2018

No awards granted.

January 12, 2019

No awards granted.

February 1, 2019

TBA—Will be featured in next month's newsletter!

Upcoming Shows

Victoria Orchid Society Spring Orchid Show & Sale “World Wide Beauties”

March 1, 2 & 3rd at Our Lady of Fatima Hall, 4635 Elk Lake Dr., Victoria, BC (across from the Commonwealth Pool)

Show Schedule:

Friday, March 1st 2019:

- 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon — Registration for display plants, display and sales table set-up
- 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM — Trophy & Ribbon Judging
- 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM — Reception & Awards presentation
- 8:30 PM to 9:30 PM — Sales open for reception attendees

Saturday March 2nd 2019:

- 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM — Open to the public
- 1:00 PM until finished — AOS Judging

Sunday March 3rd 2019:

- 11:30 AM to 4:00 PM — Open to the public
- 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM — Take down of show

We need your plants to have a lovely VOS display!

Please bring your orchids for the Victoria show to the monthly meeting on Wednesday February 27th!

If you are unable to make it to the meeting, you can try to coordinate with a neighbour or friend to bring your plants there.

Alternatively, please drop off your plants at Evelyn's or Ingrid's homes at the following times:

Monday February 25 th from 4pm onwards Evelyn Nash 1618 E 8th Avenue Vancouver Phone: 604-874-5534	Monday February 25 th or Tuesday February 26 th from 4pm to 9pm Ingrid Pike 315 Renfrew St, Apt 302 Vancouver Phone: 778-213-2117
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****Please contact Ingrid before dropping plants off to let her know how many plants you will be bringing.**

****The plant registration form is attached – please print, fill in and send a copy along with your plants. The plants class information is also appended.**

Upcoming Presentations

Monday, February 18th, 1:00–3:00pm, Bowen Island Garden Club
Orchids for the Home, by Margaret Nakahara
1267 Scarborough Road, Bowen Island, BC
All are welcome, free for members, \$3.00 for non members

Tuesday, 19th February, 7:30pm, PoCo Garden Club
Orchids: All the Basics for Home Growing, by Margaret Nakahara
Trinity United Church, 2211 Prairie Ave., Port Coquitlam.

Thursday, 21st February, 7:15 pm, Lynn Valley Garden Club
Orchids for the home, by Margaret Nakahara
St. Stephen's Parish Hall at 1360 24St E, North Vancouver just off of Mountain Highway
\$5 admission, deductible for new members.

Pre-order Deadlines for Vendors at the VOS Annual Show & Sale

Don't miss the opportunity to place a pre-order for pick up at our Annual Show & Sale on March 22, 23 & 24th!
Deadlines are listed below. For more detailed information on how to place pre-orders and to find the plant lists, please visit our website: http://www.vancouverorchidsociety.ca/?page_id=522

- Ecuagenera – last date to place orders is February 27, 2019.
- Ten Shin Gardens – last date to place orders is March 1, 2019.
- Ching Hua Orchids – last date to place orders is March 2, 2019.
- Joseph Wu Orchids – last date to place orders is March 2, 2019.
- Paramount Orchids – last date to place orders is March 18, 2019.
- Forestview Gardens – last date to place orders is March 21, 2019.
- Tropical Gardens Orchids – last date to place orders is TBA.



Taiwan International Orchid Show (TIOS), 2019 and World Orchid Conference, 2020:

Dear Vancouver Orchid Society:

I am Fanny Huang, who from Taiwan Orchid Growers Association (TOGA). I would like to provide two significant orchid events information to you.



Taiwan International Orchid Show 2019

The first Orchid event is Taiwan International Orchid Show (TIOS) 2019 which will be held on Mar. 2nd, 2019 to Mar. 11th, 2019 at Taiwan Orchid Plantation in Tainan, Taiwan. This event will be held in every March and it has already last for more than 10 years. The subject of the Show will be 'Orchid land', which means that explore orchids in the island. Here is the Facebook of TIOS 2019.

World Orchid Conference 2020

The second Orchid event is World Orchid Conference (WOC) 2020 which will be held on Mar. 9th, 2020 to Mar. 29th, 2020 at Waipu Expo Site in Taichung, Taiwan. In the 23rd WOC, Taiwan hopes to present the results of the orchid conservation initiative, make an orchid check list as the database of orchid collection, invite famous research experts abroad as speakers, encourage the youths who take part in the orchid research to join WOC, and conclude the covenant with global orchid associations to spread out the information.

We are now opening sign up for "Project Blossoming" and "Project Budding" on our website, please visit our website to know more details or directly contact me with this e-mail address: service@woc23.com.



We sincerely welcome you to attend these two significant orchid events in Taiwan.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

黃郁雯 Fanny Huang

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/>

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

Vancouver Orchid Society

Show and Sale 2019

Saturday March 23
9am-5pm
Sunday March 24
10am-5pm

Admission:
\$7 Adults / \$10 2 Day pass
\$6 Students & Seniors
/ \$9 2 Day pass (Students & Seniors)
(\$15 Preview Party Friday Mar. 22nd
7:00pm see website for details)

Floral Hall,
VanDusen Garden
5251 Oak Street,
Vancouver (37th & Oak)

\$1 off coupon available at
www.vancouverorchidsociety.ca

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