

Orchiflora

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Announcements:

Speaker Series: 8:30-9:30 Floral Hall, VanDusen Gardens

February 25: AOS judging explained: 5 AOS judges will do their evaluations before the audience; This outreach judging should help to demystify how orchid plants get awards. Bring your orchids to the monthly meeting as usual.

March 25: Calvin Wong will present on The 2015 Tokyo Dome Show. Calvin will share the stunning displays he encountered in February.

April 22: Alexey Tretyakov—Key Factors for Successful Growing on a Windowsill, Under Lights or in a Greenhouse

May 27: Patricia Harding, Topic to be announced

June 24: Roy Tokunaga from H&R (Hawaii), Topic to be announced

Culture Class, held in the Cedar room, VanDusen Gardens from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, all orchid related questions welcome - *culture class is a members' only benefit*

February 9, 2015: Specialty Displays of your orchids, led by Daniel Kwok. Mr. Kwok has just won an American Orchid Society Award for his display on a coral stone piece. At the monthly show table, he is known for his beautiful wood display pieces. Come learn from the expert!

March 9, 2015: Repotting your orchids - our ever popular hands on demonstration of repotting with a review of different potting materials and their merits.

April 13, 2015: Topic to be determined! Give suggestions!

Upcoming Events

March 14: PNWJC judging will be at the Victoria Orchid Society show!

Normally, the Pacific Northwest Judging Center (PNWJC) meets every 2nd Saturday of the month at Sea Island Community Center, 7140 Miller Road, Richmond, B.C. at noon. 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. Small, friendly atmosphere.

Upcoming Shows & Sales

Feb 28 -March 1, 2015

Mount Baker Orchid Society Show and sale
Sagit Valley Gardens (retail store - regular retail hours)
18923 Johnson Road
Mount Vernon, Washington

March 14-15, 2015

Victoria Orchid Society Show and Sale
Our Lady of Fatima Hall, 4635 Elk drive, Victoria
(close to Commonwealth Pool)
Saturday March 14: 9 am to 5 pm
Sunday March 15: 11:30 am to 4:00 pm

March 28-29, 2015

Vancouver Orchid Society Show and Sale
Floral Hall, VanDusen Gardens, 5251 Oak Street, Vancouver
Preview night March 27 at 7pm
(pre-ordered tickets for Preview night)
Saturday March 28: 9 am to 5 pm
Sunday March 29: 10 am to 4 pm

April 11-12, 2015

Central Vancouver Island Orchid Society Show
Nanaimo North Town Centre (formerly Rutherford Mall)
Regular mall hours

**Monthly General Meetings: 4th Wednesday of each month (except July, August & December) at Van Dusen Floral Hall
Doors Open 6:30pm, Meeting starts at 7:30pm**

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Message from the Past President:

Dear fellow orchid lovers,

I did not get time at the last meeting to salute all the past, present and hopefully future volunteers that make a society thrive and move forward. I am always impressed by our executive, and how enthusiastic they are to make the orchid society as good as it possibly can be. At our last executive meeting, we debated long and hard about whether our show table format was serving us well, or whether change was in order - we collectively decided that we valued our show table judging in its present format. Some societies have each member talk about each plant they bring in, and we were concerned that this might be difficult with our time constraints, and best left for the Christmas party format.

A lot of the “behind the scenes” work goes unacknowledged. Every year, when I pick up the supplies for our own show, I bless our member **Radina Jevdevnic** who sets up a display box with all the necessary pins, scissors, pens, etc. so that no one would be without the essentials. Likewise, our sturdy show signs (that we put on the street) were ordered at least 10 years ago by a former member, **Wayne Louie** - this foresight saves us a lot of time and money. I could multiply the examples, but I think you have all heard my saying: *it takes an Orchid Village to put on a show*.

As I mentioned at the last meeting, I am really hoping that members will consider entering the mini display category that has been added to the categories in which plants can be entered. In other words, if you want to create a mini display that measures no more than 18 inches by 18 inches, then make sure you enter it into this category. You can google what mini displays look like - some are elaborate, some are quite simple. Orchid plants within the display can be entered also in their appropriate categories for ribbon judging.

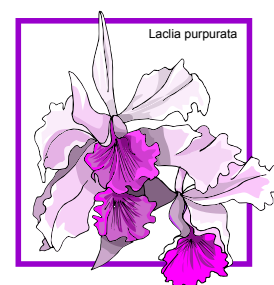
I am also hoping that members will enter into the category “artificial light only” and “windowsill culture only” if it is appropriate for their orchid entry. Suppose you have a lovely Phalaenopsis with stripes that you grow only as a windowsill plant (no artificial light) then you enter into 2.9 under Group 1 - Phalaenopsis- hybrid any colour with stripes predominant, and into 12.5 “orchid grown on a windowsill with no artificial light”. Each category is judged separately, and who knows, you might be growing a winner!

At this point in my missive, I don’t think I have to remind everyone that our annual show is coming up! When we last did a survey of our membership, it was one of the activities that everyone deemed of high importance to the society. So I am going to request that you lend a helping hand in making this a great show: bring plants, volunteer to help set up, help out with the society display, make sure the word gets out about our annual show, etc. There are so many ways that members can contribute, and I must say that I am heartened every year by the enthusiasm of our volunteers.

Jennifer Pell will be helping to organize the volunteers and, at the February meeting, we will solicit for specific tasks.

Remember, bring those lovely orchids in February, and learn all about AOS judging.

Orchidly yours,
Margaret Prat
Past President



Executive/Board of Directors

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Director 6 : Patrick Milligen

Volunteer/Committees

Membership Committee: Grant Rampton,
Keith Willett, & Jennifer Fabre

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Article/Photo Submission Deadline:

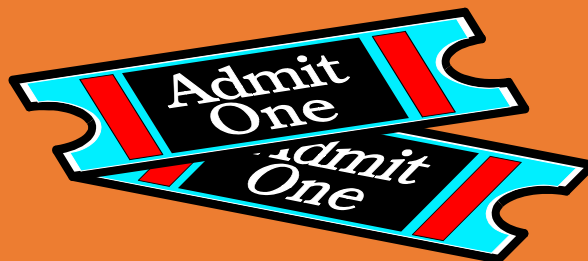
The 10th of each month. Anything submitted after the 10th will appear in the newsletter of the following month.

Vancouver Orchid Society**Annual Show and Sale**

Preview party tickets will be for sale at the February and March meetings.

Ticket are **\$15**, which includes a beverage and appies

Preview party on Friday March 27 from 7 pm to 10 pm



If any member has photos of their plants that they would like to submit for the Members' Showcase in our newsletter, please email them, along with the plant name and any culture details or plant information you would like to share, to Holly Martin at:
neesabelle@hotmail.com

Calling All Volunteers!!

Our Annual Show is fast approaching, and volunteers will be needed for the following tasks. A sign up sheet will be available at Feb 25th monthly meeting, and herewith a description of what you would be signing up for:

Show set up: on Friday March 27, you would have to be there early to set up tables, chairs, cover tables with tablecloths, etc. so that the Display and Sales area is ready for those setting up displays or selling plants, which they begin to do at 10 am

Show tear down: at 4 pm, Sunday March 29, we always need help to take everything down, and clean up. The bulk of teardown occurs within the first hour

Admissions: taking monies from the public and welcoming them to our show (usually 2 people at the desk at any one time)

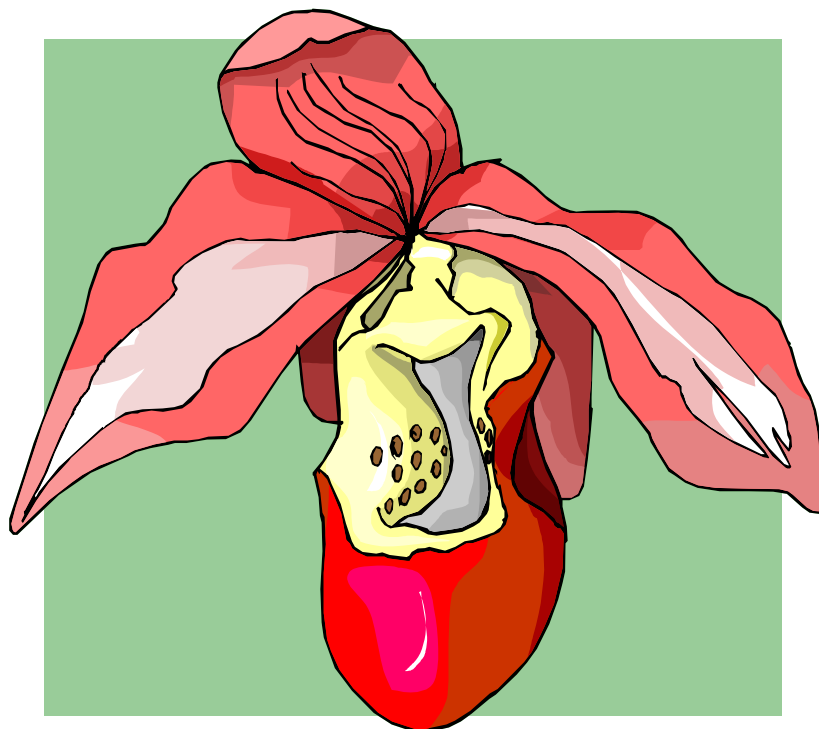
Security: watching that people do not touch the orchids or otherwise disturb our displays; often this role is combined with answering questions from the public

Membership: explaining the purpose of the Society, and to sign up new members

Plant hotel: babysitting orchids that people have bought, before they go back into the Display area

Preview night: help needed to take people's tickets, and to help with food/beverage service

You can also volunteer for "***where I am most needed***" if you feel you can handle just about any task!

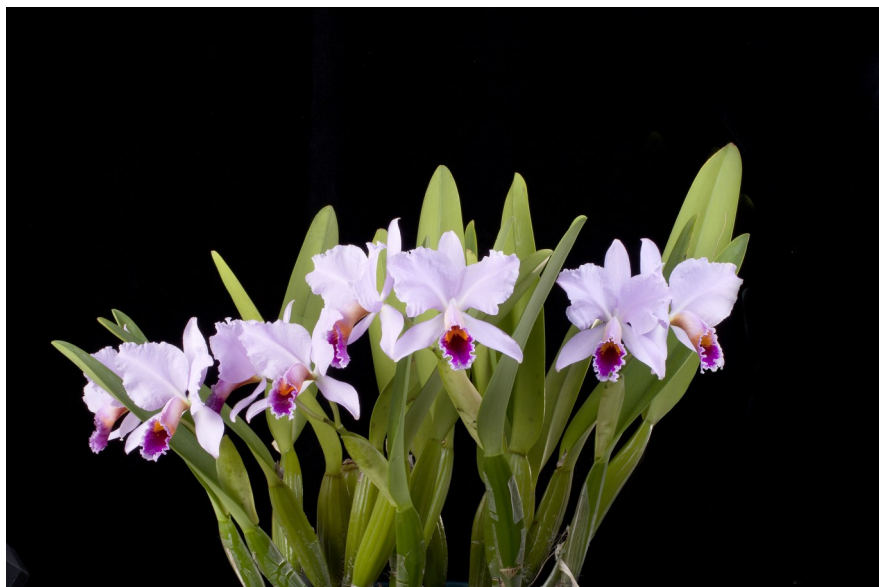


Monthly Show Table

25 January 2015



Paph Lipperick Hullsmith HCC/AOS
Flower Quality
Exhibitor: Wayne Riggs



Cattleya percivaliana Summit FCC/AOS
Plant Culture
Exhibitor: Carla Bischoff

Dinema polybulbon
Display
Exhibitor: Daniel Kwok



All Photographs by:

Judith E. Higham

If you would like a picture of
your plant, please email Judy
and she will gladly email you
the file

Higham@shaw.ca



Monthly Show Table

25 January 2015 (cont'd)



Prosthechea boothiana
Plant Culture
Exhibitor: Calvin Wong



Every month show off your
Orchids at our meeting!

If you would like to volunteer
on the monthly judging
team, just ask !

Dendrochilum glumaceum
Flower Quality, Unusual Species
Exhibitor: Margaret Nakahara



Bc. Maikai 'Mayumi' AM/AOS
Plant Culture
Exhibitor: Carla Bischoff

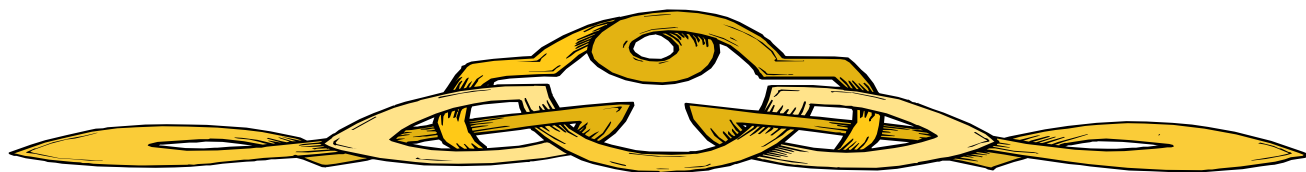


Monthly Show Table

25 January 2015 (cont'd)



Cymbidium goeringii
Unusual species
Exhibitor: Albert Ye



Pacific Northwest Judging Centre

Monthly Judging—10 January 2015

Judges in attendance:

Wayne Louie

Deborah Ward

Betty Berthiaume

Bev Hansen (student)

Abu Salleh

Calvin Wong

Russ Volker

Ryan Young (student)

Photographer:

Judith Higham

Pacific Northwest Judging Centre

Monthly Judging—10 January 2015 (cont'd)



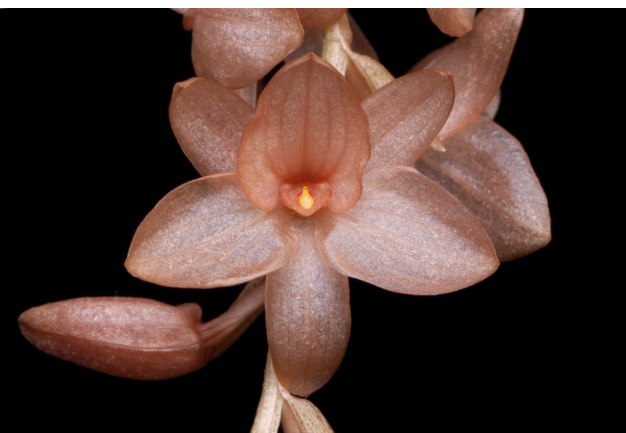
Masdevallia Lollipop 'Yodiehead'
AM/AOS 84pts

Exhibitor: Thomas Hobbs

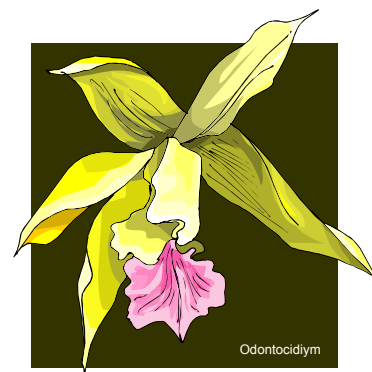


Masdevallia Lollipop 'Yodiehead'
CCM/AOS 87pts

Exhibitor: Thomas Hobbs



Dendrochilum convallariiforme 'Tropical Orchids Gardens'
HCC/AOS 78pts
Exhibitor: Tropical Orchids Gardens/Calvin Wong



Odontocidium

Pacific Northwest Judging Centre Monthly Judging—10 January 2015 (cont'd)





Victoria Orchid Society

Presents, in affiliation with the Children's Health Foundation of Vancouver Island,

SPRING ORCHID SHOW & SALE

High on Orchids

March 13th – 15th, 2015

At

Our Lady of Fatima Hall

4635 Elk Lake Road, Victoria BC

(across from the Commonwealth Pool)

We are pleased to invite you to join us at our American Orchid Society sanctioned orchid show and plant sale. This year we have once again partnered with Children's Health Foundation of Vancouver Island, a group helping children and their families across Vancouver Island. Parking at the show site is very easy and is free. The building is wheelchair accessible.

Admission to show and sale is \$7.00 per person, \$6.00 for seniors and students. Children under 12 are admitted free with an adult.

Plant registration and set up will be from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday March 13th.

Please be advised that late entrees will not be eligible for ribbon judging.

On Friday, March 13th, *Trophy and Ribbon judging* will occur from 1:00 p.m. until finished

The Reception and Awards Ceremony will be on March 13th, Friday evening beginning at 7:00 p.m.

On Saturday March 14th, *AOS judging* will be in progress from 1:00 p.m. until finished

Sales for reception attendees: Friday, March 13th from 8:30-9:30 p.m.

Public hours of sales: Saturday, March 14th from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 15th from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Take down of Exhibition and Sale items will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday March 16th.

**VANCOUVER ORCHID SOCIETY
VAN DUSEN FLORAL HALL
MINUTES
January 28, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm and chaired by Margaret Prat.

Margaret welcomed 2 visitors

President's Report

Members were reminded that they can bring visitors for 2 meetings. This does NOT include culture class which is for members only.

Holly was acknowledged for the excellent newsletter she produces every month.

The Executive has been researching wireless mikes for our Society and Ryan reported that Van Dusen will be installing a wireless system soon.

There were 2 calendars not picked up and were put on the raffle table. 1 copy was claimed later and 1 was raffled.

Membership Report

Membership Renewal is going well. The new name tags can be ordered at the membership desk. There was a reminder that if you wear your name tag you get a free ticket at the raffle table.

Treasurer's Report

GIC \$17,542.81

Bank \$ 6,930.26 plus new membership fees just received

All debts from 2014 have been paid.

Gross revenue from the Christmas Auction was \$751.00

As thanks for the wonderful calendars Judy Higham was offered the full amount collected from their sale - \$1,000.00. She refused to accept this amount and was paid our cost of \$660.00 leaving a profit for the Society.
Thank you Judy!

Culture Class

The 1st Culture Class of the year, Feb 9, will be led by Daniel Kwok on his miniature plants.

March 9 will be our annual repotting session.

Please remember – Culture Class is for Members Only.

VOS Show & Sale

New categories for this show will be:

Best Mini Display

Best Mounted

Best 1st bloom grown in artificial light only

Best 1st bloom grown in natural light only

Best Orchid Art

Please sponsor an award. The award amount is \$20.00 in most cases and the sign-up sheet is on the front table.

Speakers

Our advertised January Speaker seems to have disappeared so tonight Terry Groszeibi from Forestview Nurseries has graciously agreed to speak to us tonight about Paphiopedilums culture.

February – AOS Judging will be explained

March Speaker is Calvin Wong on the 2015 Tokyo Dome Show

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm and we enjoyed Terry's presentation (complete with quiz).

Many thanks to those members who contributed to the raffle table.



Les Orchidophiles de Montréal

ORCHIDEXPO 2015

EXPOSITION INTERNATIONALE D'ORCHIDÉES

orchidophilesmontreal.ca

CÉGEP DE MAISONNEUVE
2700 rue Bourbonnière
Montréal, Métro Pie IX

Samedi 28 mars 12h à 18h
Dimanche 29 mars 9h à 17h
Adultes \$10
Enfants et aînés \$8

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Marsdevallia hybrida

Events of Interest:

Ladner Community Garden Presents:

Seedy Saturday & Garden Expo

Feb 21 & 22, 2015, 10am to 3pm

Admission by donation

Harris Barn at Kirkland House
4140 Arthur Drive, Ladner, BC

Guest Speakers include:

Brian Minter

Robyn Leake

Darlene Tanaka

Thomas Hobbs

Kim Greenwood

Botanus

Don Bruchet

www.ladnercommunitygarden.blogspot.com

Art Knapp Presents:

February is Orchid Month!

Feb 8 to 15, 2015, 2pm to 3pm

1401 Hornby Street, Vancouver, BC

Radina, the orchid specialist, will be giving talks each day on orchid care

Added bonus, all orchids are **30% off** during February!

For the Love of Orchids

28th Annual Canadian Orchid Congress Show

proudly hosted by
The Saskatchewan Orchid Society

March 27 to 29, 2015

during
Gardenscape 2015
at

Prairieland Park
503 Ruth Street West
Saskatoon, Sask.

More information at: www.saskorchids.com
www.gardenscapeshow.ca



BC Council of Garden Clubs 2015 AGM

Saturday, March 14, 2015 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

The Annual General Meeting of the BC Council of Garden Clubs

You may download your registration form from our website at www.bcgardenclubs.com.

You may also register online.

Firefighters Banquet & Conference Centre

6515 Bonsor Avenue

Burnaby, BC V5H 3E8

American Orchid Society Spring Member Meetings & Show



*Hosted by the
Portland Orchid Society
and the
Cherry City Orchid Society*
April 29 - May 3, 2015
Portland, Oregon

Watering Know-how

From the American Orchid Society, www.AOS.org

More orchids are killed by incorrect watering than by any other reason. There are two separate components to proper watering; when and how. The vast majority of orchids grown by hobby growers are naturally found on trees above the ground where the light is more plentiful. These plants (epiphytes) are adapted to having their roots exposed to light and air so in addition to water, orchid roots need air.

When do I water?

Orchids should be watered just as they begin to dry out. This rule applies to all orchids with slight variations depending on whether your plant has the ability to store water or not. Orchids such as cattleyas and oncidiums should be allowed to dry completely between waterings while orchids such as phalaenopsis and paphiopedilums that have no water storage organs should be watered before dryness occurs.

There's is no magic formula for how often to water. This is because your growing area is different from anyone else's. Temperature, humidity, air movement, potting mix (type and age), and light levels all play a role. There are several ways to determine when a potted orchid is almost dry: 1) the surface of the potting mix will appear dry when the potting mix is moss; 2) dry pots will feel lighter when lifted. After a few watering, you will be able to tell by the weight of the pot whether or not it is time to water again. If in doubt, wait a day. 3) clay pots feel dry; 4) a pencil or wooden skewer inserted into the potting mix will come out almost dry. If in doubt, a finger inserted into the potting mix is perhaps the best tool to determine the moisture content of the potting mix; it causes no harm to the plant. A bark mix dries out faster than a moss potting mix.

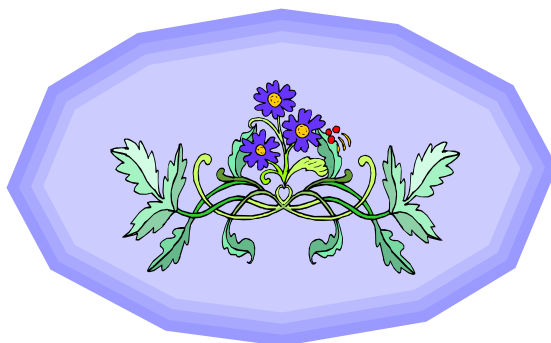
It is best to water your plant in the morning to give the moisture on the leaves time to dry during the day. If any water remains in the crown (where the leaves join in the center) use a paper towel to blot the water to avoid crown rot.

You should water more frequently when the temperatures are warm and decrease watering when temperatures are cool. Keep in mind that temperatures close to the window on a windowsill will be colder or hotter than your general house temperature. Avoid having the plant in the direct line of the heat or air conditioning ducts.


How do I water?

When orchids are watered, they should be watered copiously. Place your plant into the sink and let the water run freely from the drainage holes for about a minute. Do not use salt-softened or distilled water. Allow the plant to drain completely. This is an opportunity to examine how the potting mix behaves. If you cannot pour water rapidly through the pot, the potting mix is too dense and you run the risk of starving the roots for air. If you see finely divided material that looks like coffee grounds in the water coming from the drainage holes, your potting mix is breaking down and it's time to repot into fresh mix.

Finally a couple of notes about mounted plants and plants grown in baskets without additional potting mix. Avoid dunking the plants in buckets of water. This practice very easily spreads diseases. Two short waterings a few minutes apart are much more effective than one long watering. Once water runs off the plant, the roots will have absorbed essentially all they can at that time and excess water simply runs off to the ground. Water your plants and then a few minutes later water them again, always beginning with the first plant you watered. This allows time for the roots of the last plant watered to finish absorbing water before you wet them again. Roots that are completely saturated will be a solid color while those that are not will appear mottled.




February 2015

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Date	Event
February 7—8	Gardenworks Annual Orchid Festival
February 9	Culture Class: Specialty Displays of Orchids (led by Daniel Kwok)
February 14	PNWJC Monthly Judging
February 14—15	Southern Ontario Orchid Society Annual Show
February 16	Deadline to reserve Exhibition space for VOS Show & Sale
February 25	Monthly Meeting—AOS Judging Explained (Preview Party Tix will be on Sale for the low low price of \$15)
February 28—March 1	Mount Baker Orchid Show

March 2015

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March 9	Culture Class—Repotting Your Orchids
March 14	BC Garden Clubs Annual AGM—2015
March 14—15	Victoria Orchid Society Annual Show (including PNWJC Monthly Judging on the 14th)
March 20—22	Manitoba Orchid Society Annual Show
March 21—22	London Orchid Society Annual Show
March 25	Monthly Meeting—Speaker: Calvin Wong will present on The 2015 Tokyo Dome Show
March 28—29 (preshow March 27)	Vancouver Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale
March 27—29	The Canadian Orchid Congress AGM (hosted by the Saskatchewan Orchid Society)
March 28—29	Les Orchidophiles de Quebec Annual Orchidexpo

April 2015

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April 11—12	Central Vancouver Island Annual Show (including PNWJC Monthly Judging on the 11th)
April 11—12	Toronto Artistic Orchid Association Show
April 13	Culture Class—TBA
April 18—19	Ottawa Orchid Society Annual Show
April 22	Monthly Meeting—Speaker: Alexey Tretyakov—Key Factors for Successful Growing on a Windowsill, Under Lights or in a Greenhouse
April 29—May 3	AOS Spring Meetings—hosted by Portland Orchid Society & Cherry City Orchid Society

May 2015

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May 11	Culture Class—TBA
May 27	Monthly Meeting—Speaker: Patricia Harding—Topic TBA