

# Orchiflora

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**\*Montly General Meetings** – held the 4th Wednesday of each month (except July, August and December)

***\*We will continue to hold virtual Meetings & Culture Classes for the foreseeable future.***

***You need to instal Cisco Webex on your computer, tablet or mobile phone to participate in our virtual meetings and culture classes.***

**\*Join a meeting/class in one of the following ways:**  
Click on this link:

<https://vancouverorchidsociety.my.webex.com/meet/vosexecutive>

or open the Cisco Webex program and enter this meeting number 142 001 4949 in the Enter meeting information field, under Join a Meeting.

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## Culture Class – Tuesday, April 13 – at 7 pm

- Jennifer Fabre will present a class on “Tips and Tricks I’ve learned by trial and error’

## ***Monthly Meeting Wednesday, April 28 at 7:00pm***

President’s welcome & general announcements

- **Speaker** – Dave Sorokowsky (Paph Paradise) will be speaking on Multifloral Paphiopedilums

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## Next Culture Class – Tuesday, May 11 – at 7 pm

- Approaches to Growing Indoors by Giulia Comin, Andrew Wong, Gabrielle Carson and Conor Preston

## Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, May 26 – at 7:00 pm

- Dr. Leslie Ee will be speaking on Black Orchids

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**\*\*AOS Judging - The Western Canada Judging Center (WCJC) meetings are cancelled until further notice\*\***

## ***President's Message***

What a wonderful and busy time of year. Spring is when plants are responding to the long days which means we should be busy doing necessary dividing and repotting. Based on the known rooting behavior of the particular orchids, setback will be minimal. The new roots will grow into the fresh medium. Repotting provides the grower an opportunity to inspect for pest and clean off damaged or diseased portions. Say goodbye to remaining winter flowers. Most orchids would benefit from the removal of persistent blooms to allow for needed repotting and energy for new growth. This is a time to watch for the necessity to increase water and fertilizer.

Keikis could be harvested and planted only after the roots are well developed. Don't be in a hurry to pot. The roots should be no less than 1 to 3 inches. Keikis can be a sign of poor culture or unfavorable conditions and if your orchid makes them frequently it may be time to investigate the cause. As for all orchids being repotted match the roots to the pot.

The key to successful orchid growing is to know your orchids, consistent attention to your plants and the conditions they receive. Temperature, light, humidity, fertilizer, required rest, and when does root growth start are some of the conditions to consider and watch for.

**Culture class on the 13<sup>th</sup> April is "Tips and Tricks Learnt through Trial and Error" by Jennifer Fabre, will give us all a helping hand this month.**

Successful wishes,  
Evelyn Nash

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**Minutes of virtual Meeting of the Vancouver Orchid Society – March 24, 2021, 7 pm**  
Hosed virtually on Cisco Webex.

Eugene Banziger motioned to accept the minutes of our February monthly meeting. The motion was seconded by Andrew Wong. The motion was carried.

### **Speaker Series:**

Thanks to Barb Cable for filling up the rest of 2021 with a slate of great speakers!

David Sorokowsky will be speaking in April on Multifloral Paphiopedilums

Dr. Leslie Ee will be speaking in May on Black Orchids

In June Pat van Adrichem will be giving us a virtual tour of his greenhouse

Peter T. Lin will be speaking in September on Mini Orchids

Ray Barkalow will be speaking on Understanding Orchid Nutrition in October

## **Culture Class:**

Jennifer Fabre will present in April on Tips and Tricks Learned through Trial and Error

May will be a collaborative culture class presented on Approaches to Growing Indoors by Giulia Comin, Andrew Wong, Gabrielle Carson and Conor Preston

## **AGM and Executive Election:**

Thanks to Evelyn Nash for staying on as president an extra year as COVID prevented our AGM in 2020

If you would like to nominate anyone for the executive, please email Eugene [eugene.banziger@gmail.com](mailto:eugene.banziger@gmail.com). Eugene Banziger, Daniel Kwok and Don Harquail have agreed to be the nomination committee.

Evelyn Nash will be vacating her seat as president and Grant Rampton will be leaving his position as director and membership coordinator.

Jennifer Pell has accepted the nomination for president and Vivien Chung has accepted the nomination for director.

Members of the executive that have agreed to run for reelection are:

Barb Cable: 1st vice president

Ingrid Pike: 2nd vice president

Maureen Burke: treasurer

Conor Preston: secretary

Eugene Banziger, Gabrielle Carson, Giulia Comin, Andrew Wong, Keith Willett: directors

An email will be circulated calling for nominations as well. The constitution will also be circulated in case there are any parts of it that should be modified.

## **Treasurer's report:**

The term deposit that matured on March 16th was rolled over. As interest rates are very low there is no real loss if it needs to be cashed out.

Eugene Banziger motioned to accept the treasurer's report and Ingrid Pike seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

## **Other Business:**

As several other local orchid societies have extended invitations to our members, we have reciprocated and have some visitors from CVIOS, VicOS and the Portland Orchid Society. We have been invited to the CVIOS meeting Thursday March 25th on Masdevallias and Draculas.

Plant from Ecuagenera will be ready for pick up at Eugene's March 26-28.

Orchids from Gold Country should be arriving around April 12th. Stay tuned for updates. **Editor comment: these plants will arrive with the Paph Paradise shipment likely in early to mid-May.**

Orchids from Paph Paradise have been delayed, they will likely arrive early- to mid-May.

Ching Hua should be sending out invoices in about 2 weeks.

The COC is looking for volunteers to help with orchid conservation. Please contact John Alexander if you'd like to be involved. Evelyn Nash [ewnash@live.ca](mailto:ewnash@live.ca) can help you get in touch.

The AOS has a guidebook on orchid on sale. If you'd like to get one, contact [vosexecutive@gmail.com](mailto:vosexecutive@gmail.com) before the end of the month to take advantage of the discounted price.

Thanks to Melanie Gallacher, Daniel Kwok and Gabrielle Carson for bringing plants to our virtual show table!

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## **Membership Renewal**

Hi everyone. If you have not already done so it is time to renew your membership in the VOS. Membership in the Society is a bargain at \$30 per year/household. The VOS is your home base for everything orchids! You will receive our monthly newsletter, notices about upcoming orchid pre-orders, guest speakers and culture classes to enhance your knowledge and growing expertise.

**We also encourage you to recruit new members to the VOS – other family members, your neighbors, and friends. Time to infect them with the ORCHID VIRUS which results in the illness of orchid addiction. Like us, once they have one plant, they will not be able to avoid getting more!**

The membership form is attached in pdf format. All you need to do is download the form, print, complete and send to the VOS postal address listed on the form.

If you prefer to renew digitally online, please see the Email from the VOS Secretary dated January 21, 2021 or the reminder email sent on March 1, 2021.

Thank you  
The VOS Executive

# VOS Elections

It is customary to inform the membership of the Vancouver Orchid Society prior to the AGM held at the June membership meeting.

## Membership Nomination Chair Report

The Nomination Committee consists of: Chair, -Eugene Banziger; Assisting: Daniel Kwok and Don Harguail.

### Positions open:

President: Evelyn Nash, finished her term.

Membership: Grant Rampton, stepping down.

### Members nominated and have accepted:

President, Jennifer Pell - accepted the nomination

Past President, - Evelyn Nash

Membership, Andrew Wong - accepted nomination

Director, Vivien Chung - accepted nomination

### Existing positions members will stay:

Vice President - Barbara Cable

2nd. Vice - Ingrid Pike

Treasurer - Maureen Burke

Secretary - Conor Preston

### Directors:

Eugene Banziger

Keith Willett

Gabrielle Carson

Giulia Comin, Acting as Volunteer Coordinator

Andrew Wong, Acting as Membership

**Others:**

Library, Frank Skelton

Kitchen, Donna Leong

**6. Nomination and Elections to the Board**

a. Nominations committee - consisting of 3 Members in good standing shall be appointed by the Board of Directors not later than four months prior to the AGM and publicized by the newsletter in three consecutive issues prior to the AGM. The names of those proposed by the Nominations Committee for a position on the Board of Directors shall be published in the Society newsletter immediately prior to the AGM.

b. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor but must have the nominee's prior consent.

c. Elections, if necessary, shall be by secret ballot at the AGM.

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## **Ravenvision Orchid Supplies Stratford, ON**

A friend recently made me aware of this Canadian company as a source for orchid pots, perlite, charcoal, bark, fertilizer, and other items. I placed an order with them and was particularly happy with the quality of the coarse perlite, which as you know is not easy to find. Similarly, the charcoal was a nice uniform size. I will definitely order from them again.

Check them out at: <http://www.ravenvision.ca/>

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## **Report on BC Council of Garden Clubs Annual Meeting Held on Zoom 9 AM-noon Saturday, March 27, 2021**

I represented VOS as the delegate to this meeting. BC Council of Garden Clubs represents 175 garden and plant-hobbyist clubs across BC. Its main objective is to build a financial base from members to award scholarships to colleges and universities. These are then given to outstanding students to enable them to carry out research projects. For information on any of the speakers below please contact BCCGC

1. Executive and committee reports were given

2. Scholarships: In 2020, \$6,869 was donated by member clubs and \$11,700 was awarded to 12 colleges and universities to be given to outstanding post-graduate student research projects.

2 scholarship winners gave PowerPoint presentations on their current project.

- Patricia Hamuszak, MA student at UBC presented on “Grassland Set-asides in Delta”. She worked with farmers in Delta to provide generous grasslands throughout their agricultural land in order to preserve soil fertility and wildlife habitat.
- Nathan Ross, a Masters student in Landscape Architecture at UBC used his scholarship \$ to study recent projects in Europe and U.S. on landscape restoration focusing on using natural water landscapes to improve landscape design. These include managing and enhancing storm surge, tides, and sea level landscape situations.

Both presentations were very interesting and professionally presented with good illustrations, photos and personal explanations.

3. Guest speaker was Winnie Hwo from the David Suzuki Foundation on the Butterflyway project. This is a nation-wide on-the-ground meeting of volunteers to encourage, educate and plant butterfly-friendly flowers in all kinds of landscapes from lanes to homes to playing fields and industrial sites. Very inspiring to see the photos of the thousands of volunteers concentrating on improving our environment in a cooperative and creative way.

4. Final task is for delegates to vote on wording changes to the constitution. This done by Survey Monkey and has been completed.

A very well-managed and interesting meeting. So heartening to see all the volunteers and young students working together for a common goal of improving and preserving our precious lands.

Maureen Burke



## VOS Member Photos – Thank you for contributing to our virtual show table!

**Michael Wong**



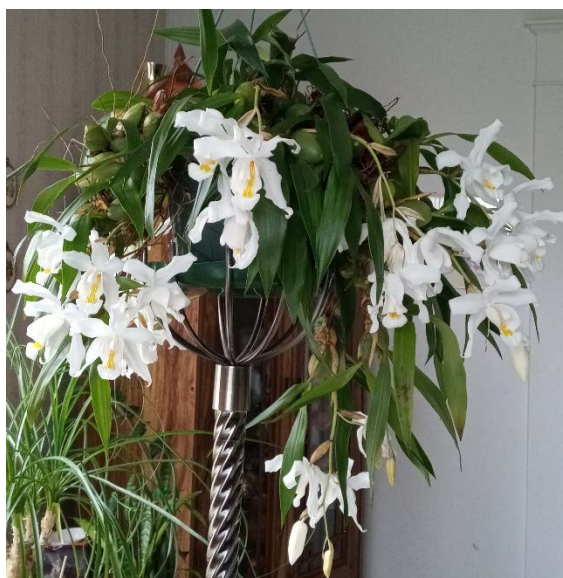
**Phrag. Incan Treasure. Under lights – easy to grow and bloom.**

**Michael Wong**



**Phrag. Leslie Garay. Under lights - easy to grow and flower.**

**Anna Kanz**



**Coel. cristata – in bloom since February**

**Chris Abel**



**Colm. Wlilcat 'Rainbow'**



**Marilyn Lew**



**C. Caribbean Orange Bowl**



**Lc. Purple Cascade 'Fragrant Beauty'**

**Wayne Riggs**



**Pleione formosana**

**Marilyn Lew**



**Pot. Island Girl (Blc. Goldenzelle 'Lemon Chiffon' AM/AOS x Pot. Little Toshi 'Gold Country' AM/AOS)**



**C. Chian-Tzy Guiding 'Chian-Tzy Red Top'**



**Jim Poole**

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**Blc. Morning Glory**

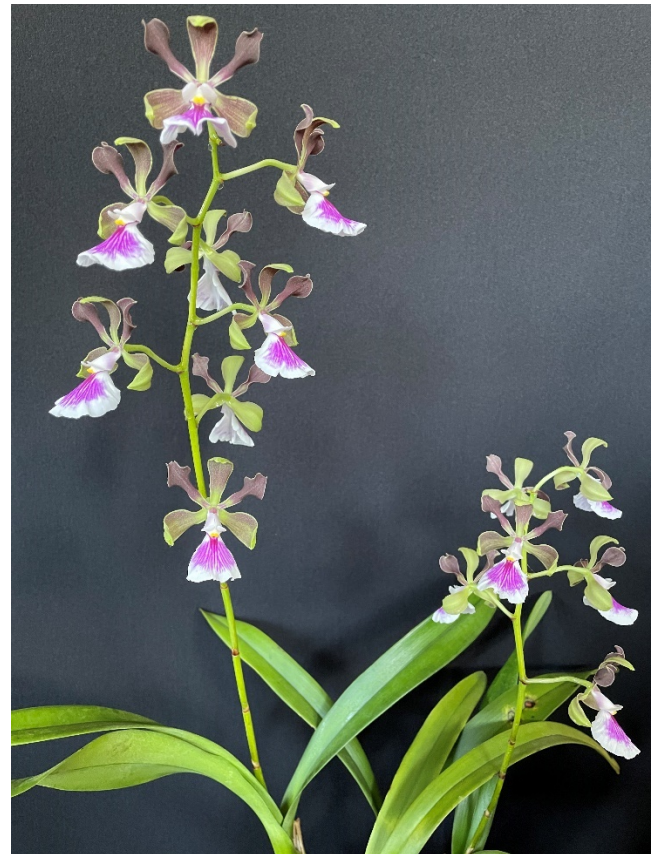


**Miltoniopsis Maui Mist**

**Wayne Riggs**



**Paph. Wossners China Moon**



**Encyclia cordigera**



**Elizabeth Markus**



**Blc. Doris and Byron 'Christmas Rose' -  
growing under LED lights**



**Ornithcephalus bicornis growing in  
terrarium under LED lights**

**Dianne Gillis**



**C. Love Castle 'Kurenai' JGP**



**Rth. Shinfong Little Sun 'Youngmin Golden  
boy' (Ctt. Golden Girl x Rth. Taida Love Star)  
Both grown under lights**

**Melanie Gallacher**



**Den. Aussie Chip**

**Mellanie Gallacher**



**Rhyncattlianthe Young Min Orange**



**Den. Star Sapphire**



**Brassovola nodosa**



**Andrew Ablenas**



**Phrag. Samuel Crothers**

**Andrew Ablenas**



**C. (Sophronitis) coccinea x mantiquiera**

**Wayne Riggs**



**Paph. bellatulum x Winter Coat**



**L. rubescens – wintergreen-like fragrance**



**Gabrielle Carson**

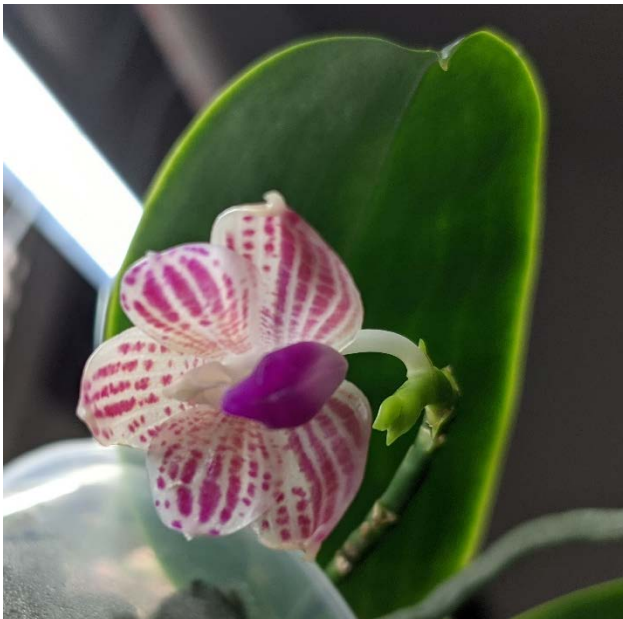


**Paraphalaenopsis labukensis x  
Seidenfadenia mitrata**

**Gabrielle Carson**



**Vanda cristata**



**Phal. javanica**



**Phal. cornu-cervi 'chattaladae'**

**Vivien Chung**

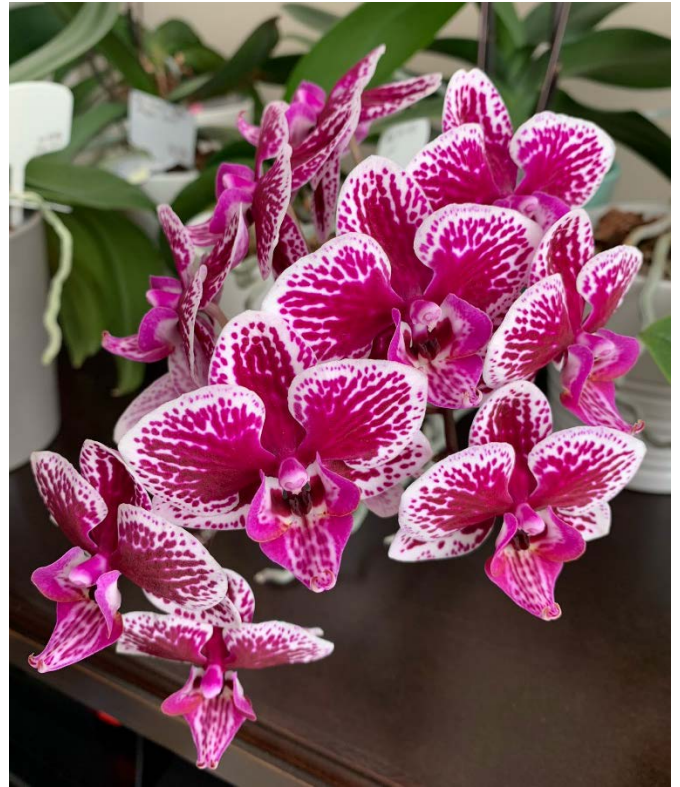


**Coel. flaccida - very fragrant**



**Phal. Mini Mark & Phal. amboinensis - fragrant**

**Vivien Chung**



**Phal. Tying Shin Energy x Tying Shin World Class**



**Paph. Maudiae coloratum – 1st reblooming**



**Richard Pearson**



**Den. kingianum silcockii Sue**



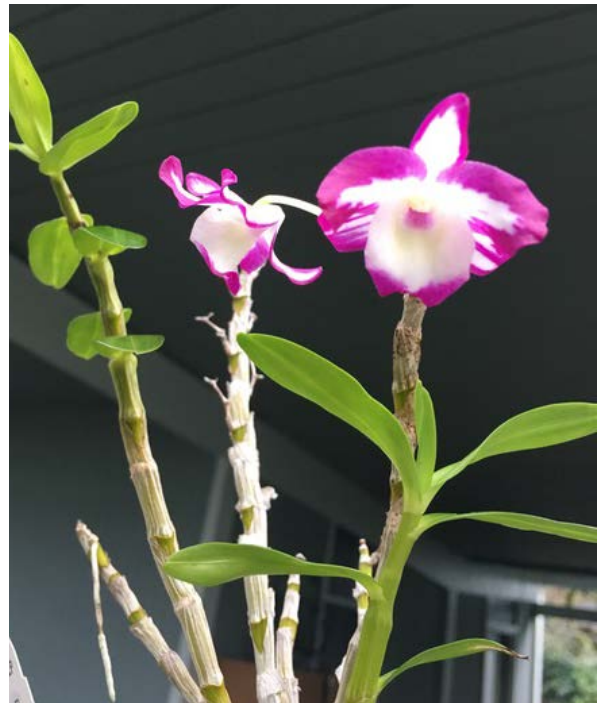
**Vanda cristata**

**Wayne Riggs**



**Ren. monachica**

**Richard Pearson**



**Den. Hamana Lake Prism (Kurenai x Snow Angel)**



**Lyc. Takaragamine MH Magic x Auburn Black Knight**

Sasha Kubicek

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**Paph. potentianum**



**Coel. lawrenceana**



**Masd. gilbertoi**



**Paph. sangii**



**Eugene Banziger**

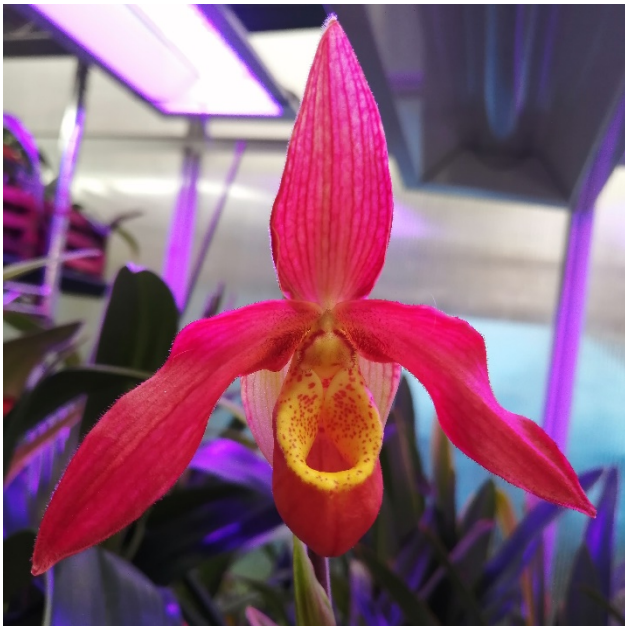


**Coel. lawrenceana 'Warwick'**

**Eugene Banziger**



**Rlc. Sun Ya Green (Rlc. Ports of Paradise x  
Rlc. Meadow Morn)**



**Phrag. Amitaba**



**Lepanthes tamaensis**

Lori Barrington



Paph. Hengduan's Purple Tiger (*tigrinum* x *callosum*)

Lori Barrington



Coel. brachyptera



Den. senile



Paph. Mint Chocolate (*leucochilum* x *malipoense*)



**Don Bednarczyk**

**Don Bednarczyk**



**Guarianthe skinneri 'Heiti Jacobs' FCC**



**Rhyncattleanthe Lovely Toshie 'H&R' AM/AOS**



**Guarianthe aurantiaca 'Koerker'**



**C. Schroederae 'Malia' AM/AOS**

**Daniel Kwok**



**Den. Hamana Lake 'Prism'**

**Daniel Kwok**



**C. Beaufort South River**



**Den. kingianum**



**Yolanda Beck**



**Phrag. caudatum var. sanderae**



**Enc. oncioides**

**Yolanda Beck**



**Den. King Zip 'Red Splash'**



**Phrag. Intel's Tears**

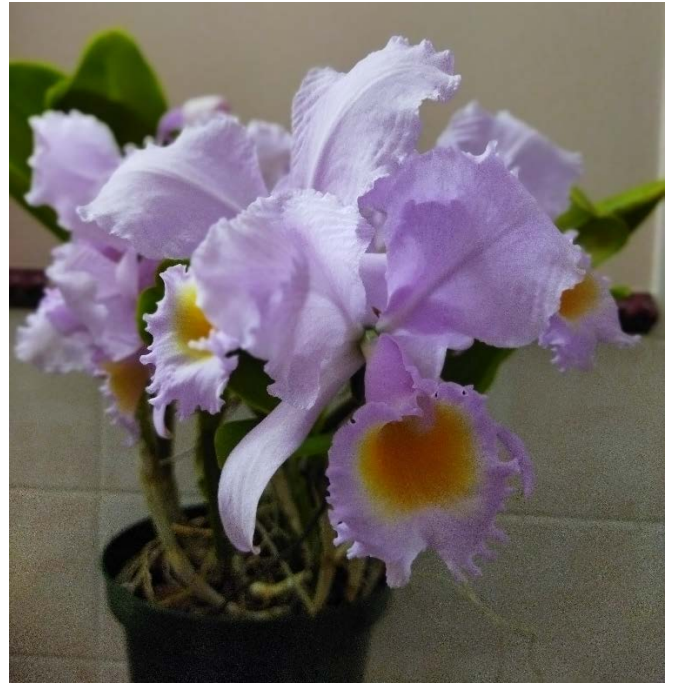


**Silvia Fabry**



**Rlc. Hsinying Sunbeam**

**Silvia Fabry**



**C. Schroderae**



**Den. senile**



Jennifer Pell



**NOID Paph. (spicerianum hybrid) - grown in semi-hydro**



**Paph. vilosum - grown in lava + leca in a black plastic pot that I let sit in a saucer with water**

Jennifer Pell



**Aerangis mount - there are 4 plants here - the top one (not blooming) is citrata, the next one down is fastuosa, bottom centre is Zipper (James G. Coyner x citrata) and the very bottom (left) is James G. Coyner (fastuosa x citrata)**

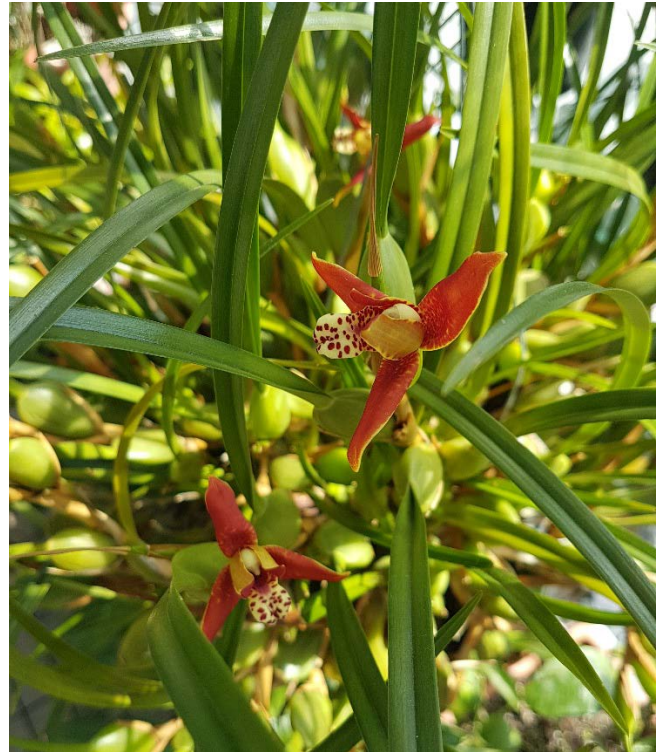


**Maureen Burke & Collis Wilson**



**Paph. venustum 'Nick' x 'Bear'**

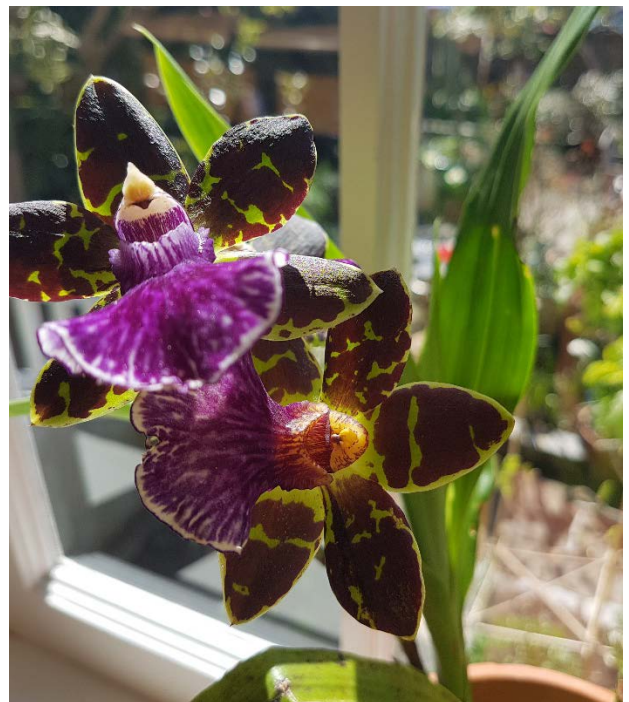
**Maureen Burke & Collis Wilson**



**Maxillaria tenuifolia--scented**



**Odontoglossum pulchellum (from Wally Thomas' collection)**



**Zygopetillum Advance Australia**

## Monthly Checklist for March and April – adapted from the AOS Website

### **Cattleya**

Many standard cattleyas and their hybrids will now be in bloom or are close to blooming. Be vigilant for senescing sheaths. These yellowing sheaths should be carefully removed otherwise entrapped moisture may lead to bud rot. Opening and removing the sheath will usually allow the buds to develop – stake to provide support. With weather and sun levels frequently changing in spring be attentive to shading and increased ventilation to avoid leaf burn and excessive heat buildup. Increased day length results in new growth and increased need for water and fertilizer.

Right after blooming is optimal time to repot winter/spring flowering cattleyas. Doing so now usually results in little/no growth setback.

### **Cymbidiums**

Many of these will be putting on a great show now. Watch for aphids/slugs/snails and they find the flowers delicious! Stake spikes to get the best display. Increase water to support the increased demand when these orchids are in bloom. Increase nitrogen as new growths appear and provide as much light as possible without burning the leaves – insufficient light is commonly the cause of a failure to bloom.

### **Dendrobium (Australian)**

These should be at their peak flowering now. To ensure optimal growth and flowering of this group provide ample light, water, and fertilizer during the growing season.

### **Lycaste**

These orchids will be nearing the end of their blooming season. You should see new growths appearing. This is the best time to repot into new media. As the new growths emerge and grow provide more water and fertilizer. Your goal is to get increasingly large pseudobulbs each year.

### **Miltoniopsis**

Spring marks the start of the flowering season for this genus. The variety of colors, number of blooms and some cases fragrance will provide weeks of pleasure. Stake spikes as needed and remove yellowing leaves for best display.

### **Paphiopedilum**

This is a great time to inspect your paphs. Do they have dead leaves that need to be removed? Do they need repotting – these orchids generally respond well to an annual repotting in fresh media. Be on the lookout for mealybugs as they love to hide in the axils and crowns of these lovely orchids.

Many will be coming into spike. Be careful with staking these – if done too soon the flowering can develop a ‘nodding’ stance such that the dorsal petal does not stand upright.

## Phalaenopsis

The early spring months are often the peak flowering time for phalaenopsis. Stake and train the spikes to achieve an optimal arching display.

Phal. spikes grow rapidly so be sure to supply more water and fertilizing to meet this demand. The increase in day length also contributes to these increased needs. Watch for mealybug or scale attacks and treat early to avoid damaged buds.

## Pleurothallids

This is a large genus and many of these orchids will be in bud/flower now. If they are not in bloom this is a good time to divide and repot into fresh media. Doing so now will allow them to become well established before hotter summer temperatures arrive.

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### ***Executive and Board of Directors***

President – Evelyn Nash

1st Vice President – Barbara Cable

2nd Vice President – Ingrid Pike

Treasurer – Maureen Burke and Erik Nilsen (Co-Treasurers)

Secretary – Conor Preston

Directors:

- Eugene Banziger
- Gabrielle Carson
- Giulia Comin
- Grant Rampton
- Keith Willet
- Andrew Wong

**NOTE: Contributions of photos or articles to the newsletter are welcome.** If you wish to write a short culture note or pass along some 'secret' growing tips that you find makes your orchids thrive and bloom well, please email to me so I can include in a future newsletter.

Send to Wayne Riggs:  
wayne.riggs66@gmail.com

The submission deadline is usually the 8<sup>th</sup> of each month. Items received after this date will appear in the next newsletter.

## *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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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 to other growers and the public. Send your photos to Jennifer Pell/Conor Preston at: [VOS\\_secretary@outlook.com](mailto:VOS_secretary@outlook.com)