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

****In person monlty and culture class meetings are starting up again this month****

****See President's message for details. Initial monthly meetings will be both in person and virtual. You will need to sign up for the in person meetings and culture classes. Sign up information will be emailed to all members in advance.**

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To attend virtually use Cisco Webex:

<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.

Culture Class – Tuesday, September 14, 6:30 pm – Cedar Room, VanDusen Gardens

- Speaker: Margaret Prat: Terrestrial Orchids in the Pacific Northwest

Monthly Meeting Wednesday, September 22 at 7:00pm – doors open at 6:30 pm – Floral Hall, VanDusen Gardens

- Speaker: Peter T. Lin, Diamond Orchids, California – Mini Cattleyas

Next Culture Class – Tuesday, October 12, 6:30 pm

Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, October 22, 7 pm

****AOS Judging - The Western Canada Judging Center (WCJC) in person meetings will resume on September 11:**

"Hoping everybody is continuing staying safe and healthy!

We are back!

We are excited (and cautious) to start in person monthly judging again!

Keeping with our second Saturday of the month schedule, our next monthly judging will be held :

- **September 11, 2021** : 11:30am at Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary, 3873 Swan Lake Road, Victoria, BC V8X 3W1

We want to keep our WCJC personnel and exhibitor safe as we start in person judging, and would like to implement the following safety precautions:

- Exhibitors who are planning to come with plants please contact WCJC Centre Chair (Abu Salleh, asalleh@telus.net). Since occupancy at venue is limited for safety, observing during judging might not be possible.
- Wearing masks while inside the venue is strongly encouraged, and please maintain safe distance from other exhibitors, judges and WCJC personnel.
- Masks, hand sanitizers and disposable gloves will be available. Contact surfaces will be wiped down
- Due to limited personnel, WCJC personnel will not be picking up or transporting plants for exhibitors for sanitary as well as anonymity reasons. Please arrange to drop off plants at the venue, or with other exhibitors.
- If you feel unwell, or are showing symptoms of COVID-19, or if you have travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days prior to judging day, please stay home
- We are all in this together. Please help keep each other and our WCJC personnel safe.

We are hoping for a fantastic and safe restart to WCJC monthly judging in September!

Thank you and stay safe everybody!

Abu Salleh
WCJC

President's Message

President's Message, September 2021

Hello Everyone,

I hope you are having a great summer. First, I wanted to thank the August Sale Organizing Committee and all the volunteers who participated in making it a successful event. I also want to extend a special thanks to Thomas Hobbs, who let us use his greenhouse and the area around it, and to all the people who work for Thomas who moved things around and helped us set up. And thanks to all our members who came to the sale, and say sorry about the line-ups. We had no idea there was such a pent-up desire in the general public to buy orchids and had many more people come than we have ever had at an August sale, there were over 950

people who attended! We will look into having a “Members Only” line-up at future events, if crowds like that come, and thank you to the member who suggested this.

I also want to update you about upcoming meetings. Van Dusen, starting now, is open to host public events in the Floral Hall and Cedar Room, where, in pre-pandemic times, we held our monthly meetings and culture classes. There will be restrictions to the numbers allowed in, mask requirements and vaccine passport/proof of vaccination requirements, but we are going to start having in-person culture classes and meetings starting this month. We will continue to have an on-line component as well, so that people who are not fully vaccinated, and people who do not feel comfortable attending inside events or who live too far away to attend in person, can still take part. We are still working out the details on how all of this will happen, and we will update you once we have things worked out. Also, please be patient with us, there may be some technology growing-pains, as we figure out how to operate hybrid events.

Because of room attendance restrictions, there will be a pre-sign-up procedure. Only 20 people will be allowed into the Cedar Room, and we don’t want you to arrive at Van Dusen to find that the room is full, so pre-booking your space for Culture Class will be very important. We will be starting the Culture Classes at 6:30 pm.

Attendance limits for the monthly meetings might not be as bad, as the room limit for the Floral Hall is 75 people, but it would be a good idea to pre-book your space anyways. We are working on how best to do this and will let you know as soon as it is sorted out.

Both Peter T. Lin and Ray Barkalow, our September and October speakers will be joining us via Cisco Webex. We will likely change the order of our meetings from the pre-pandemic format to better accommodate the new hybrid format, and will update you once the details are worked out. It is likely that we will have the doors open at 6:30, the meeting start at 7 pm and the speaker as the first item, starting at 7:15 pm.

We look forward to being able to see many of you in person again! If anyone has any suggestions or wants to volunteer for something, please contact us at VOS_secretary@outlook.com.

Cheers,
See you soon.
Jennifer Pell,
President, VOS

p.s. this could all change at the drop of a hat if the government brings in new restrictions about in-person meetings. Let’s keep fingers crossed that this doesn’t happen, but if it does we will revert to the Cisco Webex virtual format we had before the summer break.

Also,

Upcoming speakers

Year	Month	Date	Speaker	Affiliation	Topic
2021	September	22	Peter T. Lin	Diamond Orchids, California	Mini Orchids**
2021	October	27	Ray Barkalow	First Rays, North Carolina	Understanding Orchid Nutrition

2021	November	24	NA - Xmas Social/Auction	NA	
2021	December	Break	NA	NA	
2022	January	26	Harvey Berneise	Mount Baker Orchid Society	Semi-hydroponics
2022	February	23	Sasha Kubicek	Victoria Orchid Society	Local wild orchids

**Peter T. Lin will be presenting a talk on one of his favorite topics: Mini-Catts, also known as miniature Cattleyas. Peter will be sharing a fast-paced Powerpoint presentation on these charming orchids. The journey will begin with a review of the miniature species, early hybrids, and then to some of the relevant hybrids of today. He will also review how to grow these wonderful plants.

Upcoming Culture classes:

Year	Month	Date	Speaker	Affiliation	Topic
2021	September	14	Margaret Prat	VOS	Terrestrial Orchids in the Pacific Northwest
2021	October	12	AOS Webinar - Ray Barkalow, Semi-hydroponics	First Rays	AOS Webinar - Semihydroponics
2021	November	9	TBA		TBA

Minutes of virtual Meeting of the Vancouver Orchid Society – June 23, 2021, 6:30 pm

Hosed virtually on Cisco Webex.

The meeting was chaired by Andrew Wong and called to order at 7:06pm

Executive Election:

A big thank you to Evelyn Nash for staying on an extra year as President through the pandemic. Evelyn Nash will be stepping down as President and Grant Rampton will be stepping down as director and membership coordinator.

Jennifer Pell and Vivien Chung both accepted nominations as President and Director respectively. No other nominations were put forward, either via email or from the floor making the slate as follows:

President: Jennifer Pell

1st Vice President: Barbara Cable

2nd Vice President: Ingrid Pike

Treasurer: Maureen Burke

Secretary: Conor Preston

Board of Directors: Eugene Banziger

Gabrielle Carson

Vivien Chung

Giulia Comin

Keith Willett

Andrew Wong (Andrew has also agreed to take over as Membership Coordinator)

Monica Stefansson motioned to approve the executive slate, Margaret Prat seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously with 30 votes in favour, no votes against and no votes abstaining.

Treasurer's report:

A big thank you to members participation and keeping the society alive and active through 2020 and 2021.

Due to the pandemic our expenses, largely VanDusen rentals, are down, but we do have the new expenses of Cisco WebEx which hosts our meetings and Square to process card payments. Square is preferable to etransfer at the moment, unless we can look into making etransfers more seamless. As it stands we need two members with signing authority to sign off on each transfer.

The society will also have a credit card. This will make paying for general expenses easier, but it will be especially useful for paying foreign speakers who often prefer to be paid in USD.

All term deposits which matured this year have been rolled over.

We moved to a smaller unit at Storage Mart which will save us a considerable amount.

Margaret Prat moved to accept the treasurer's report and Wayne Riggs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Business:

Eugene Banziger will be hosting an open greenhouse on August 8th. Details will follow by email.

Thanks to all members who donated plants to our auction!

Preparing for Winter – Sasha Kubicek

Whether you have a small collection of orchids on a windowsill or sunroom or are lucky enough to have a greenhouse, September is the time when days start getting shorter and night temperatures start to drop as fall arrives. I find myself doing a big clean up of my growing space in preparation for cooler and wetter days ahead. Extra humidity trays, moisture devices are put to storage. Algae, moss, etc. that has built up over summer is scrubbed off and all dead leaves and plant material picked up. In addition to getting your growing space ready for cooler, wetter weather, extreme weather is the biggest challenge to prepare for. Looking at the news any day of the week shows that extreme weather is our new reality. More frequent and more severe winter storms will hit our coast and the potential for losing power is great. What is your back up plan if the power goes out? For a condo or apartment maybe battery back up unit can keep a small space heater going for a short period of time till the power comes back on. Further away from the city and if you have a greenhouse or sunroom, maybe a Propane tank top heater or generator are a good back up. Always ensure you operate these with adequate ventilation and follow the manufactures safety guidelines. What I have learned the hard way is the best back up plan is useless if you don't test it! September is a great time of year to trail out your systems. The one thing we can count on is more extreme weather events are on the

way. Please be prepared for your orchids and yourselves. What better time to refresh your earthquake preparedness kits and take care of your orchids at the same time.

Thank you, Sasha, for contributing this very timely article.

Canadian Orchid Congress Recognition Award for Calvin Wong

‘Calvin’ is recognized for outstanding leadership as President and Past President for the last 8 years at the Canadian Orchid Congress.

- *The letter of recognition and award certificate are appended to the end of this newsletter.*



SUMMER SALE – SATURDAY, AUGUST 28 – SOUTHLANDS NURSERY

Jennifer expressed thanks to Thomas Hobbs and his staff and VOS member for all there work to make the sale a very successful event. I would like to also thank Eugene Banziger for being the master mind behind all of this and for working with Thomas to make the event happen. Thank you to Marilyn Lew, Andrew Wong and Eugene Banziger for sharing the following photos for the sale:

BEFORE THE CROWDS



Chuck and his crew



Silvia Fabry



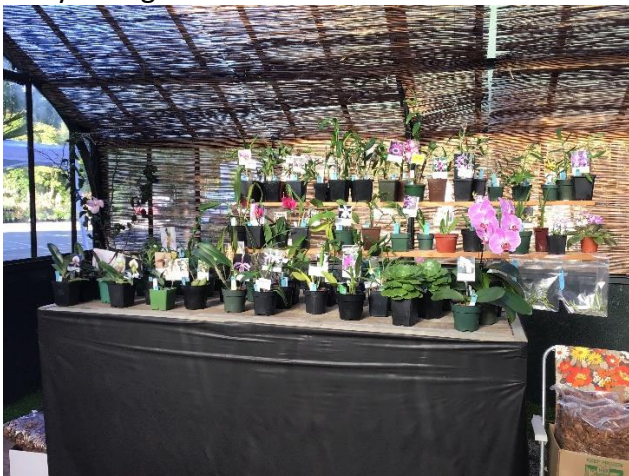
Eugene & Ro Banziger; Don Harquail



Ricky Leung



Jennifer Fabre



Gregory Curkov – Ten Shin Gardens

AND THEN THE CROWDS CAME!!!





Richard Pearson doing a brisk business!



VOS Member Photos – Thank you for sharing

Jin C



Vandachostylis Lou Sneary "Jasmine"
Grown in vase culture indoors under grow lights, in a warm ambient room environment (23C - 28C) with a misting humidifier (roughly around ~70% when it's on and 45-50% when off at night).

Jin C



Vanda falcata "Shutennou" 朱天王 x Vanda falcata "Kotou Fukurin" 湖東覆輪
Grown in vase culture indoors in an Ikea grow cabinet under timed grow lights + a fan for air movement. Warm days (up to 29C) and cooler nights (low as 19C) due to the grow light heat, ambient humidity kept around 60-80% (lower in day, higher at night).

Jennifer Pell



Prosthechia vitellina, started blooming on June 25th, and is still going.

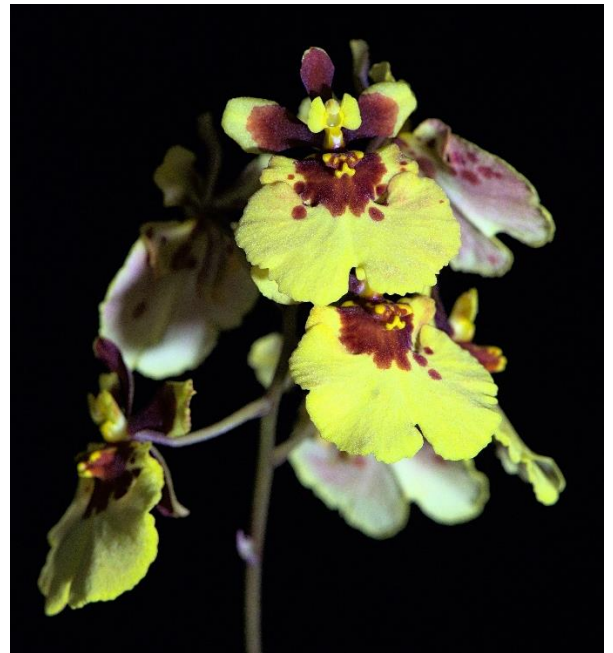


Vanda (Neofinetia) falcata 'Koka' – unusual color for a neofinetia. Long bloom time.

Jennifer Pell

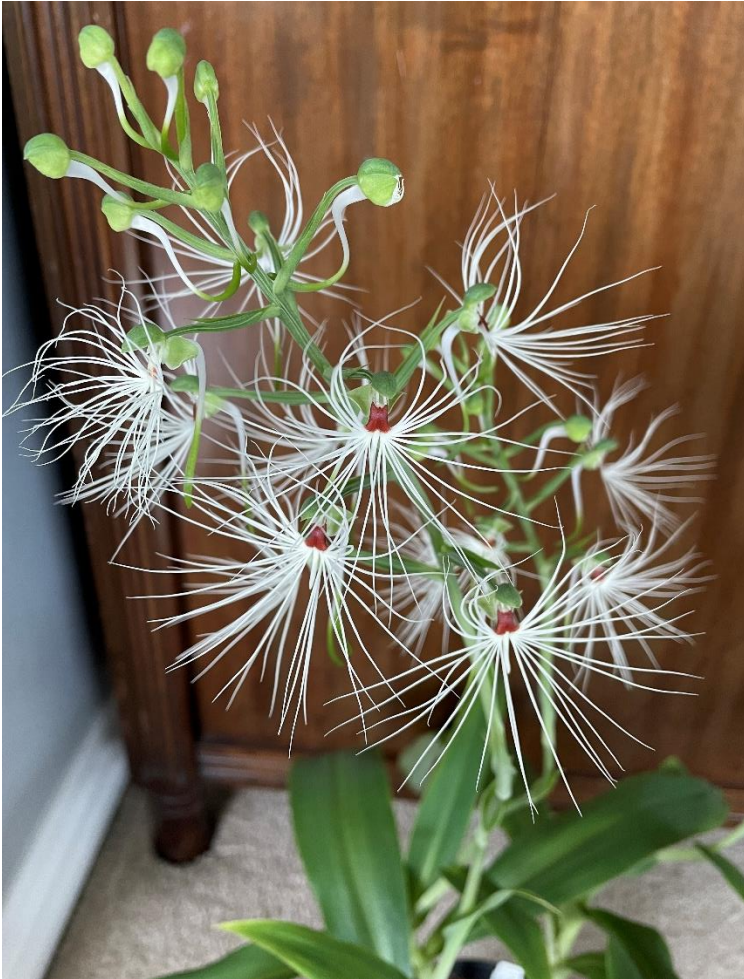


Tolumnia Jairak Flyer 'Golden Sunset', started blooming on July 19th and is nearing the end of it's show, but still in bloom.



Tolumnia Jairak Flyer 'Golden Fan', this one started blooming on July 10th and is nearing the end of it's show, but still in bloom.

Dianne Gillis



Habenaria medusa

Melanie Gallacher



Phal NOID – yellow with red lip



Phal NOID. Pink with nice flat lip

Marilyn Lew



Blc. Ports of Paradise 'Gleneyries' Green Giant

Marilyn Lew



C. Memorial Chuang Wen-Hsing S/A



C. Nakornchaisri Red



Stanhopea wardii

Gabrielle Carson



Brachypeza laotica



Aerides flabellata

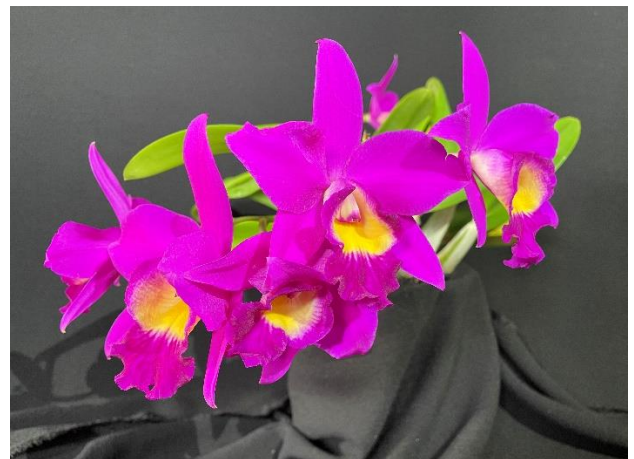


Vanda roeblingiana

Wayne Riggs



C. Maxima



Slc. Fuchsia Doll

Lori Barrington



Paph henryanum - enjoys cooler temperatures on the lower shelf of the light stand

Lori Barrington



Paph sangii - a warmer growing paph that enjoys bright light and lots of water in the summer



Paph spicerianum - grows in intermediate conditions in the middle of the light stand.



Paph thaianum - a tiny reliable bloomer that prefers intermediate conditions and good light but no direct sun

Sasha Kubicek



Oncidium leucochilum

Sasha Kubicek



Cattleya granulosa



Dendrobium antennatum



Cattleya aclandiae

Eugene Banziger



Phrag. Ivan Portilla

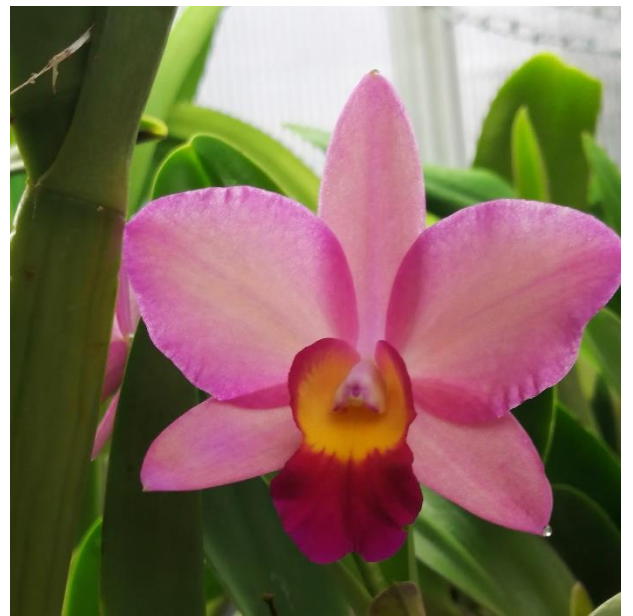
Eugene Banziger



C. Waxy Jeirak



Slc. India Rose Sherwood 'kiilani' x Lc Tainan City 'General' 4N



Rth. (Pot) Petit Patty 'Lucky' (Lc. Aloha Case x Pot. Angel Kiss)

Silvia Fabry



Pot. Fu Shu Glory

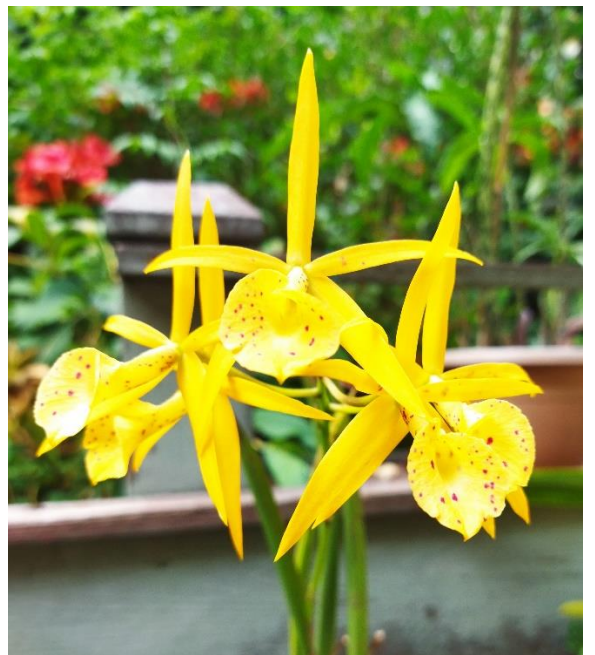


Tricentrum lanceanum

Silvia Fabry



Rhychochostalis Coelestrid Blue



Bc. Yellow Bird

Valerie Melanson



Lepanthes telipogoniflora



Stelis mystax



**Vanda Peaches aka Ascofinetia Peaches
(Neofinetia falcata x Ascocentrum curvifolium)**

Elizabeth Marcus



Den. Enobi Purple 'Splash'



Blc. Yen Corona 'Green Genie'



Phal. japonica

Peter Zhao



Coelogyne ochracea

Peter Zhao



C. Hybrid - NOID



C. Janice Evans 'Sweet Sixteen' (C.Claesiana X C. Prospector) CCM/AOS



Cattleya - NOID

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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 8th 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

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 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



July 7, 2021

Past President, Evelyn Nash

President, Jennifer Pell

Vancouver Orchid Society

Dear Evelyn and Jennifer

Re: Canadian Orchid Congress Recognition Award for Calvin Wong

We are delighted to share with you the Recognition Award presented to Calvin Wong at our Annual General Meeting on July 27, 2021. He is recognized for outstanding leadership as President and Past President for the last 8 years at the Canadian Orchid Congress. Under normal circumstances, we would have ensured that this could be presented at a live VOS meeting, however we realize most likely, this is not possible this year.

A hard copy of the certificate has been mailed to the recipient. Please ensure that Calvin is recognized by your membership for this award in your newsletter, in an email or at an online meeting in appreciation of his valuable work for the Canadian Orchid Congress.

Sincerely

Dr. Leslie Ee ND

President

Canadian Orchid Congress

c.c. Wayne Riggs, Calvin Wong

The Canadian Orchid Congress

Certificate of Recognition

Awarded to:

Calvin Wong

**For his dedication, professionalism and
outstanding leadership over his 8 years of
service and guidance to the Board of Directors
as President and Past President of the
Canadian Orchid Congress.**

Dr. Leslie Ee

President

June 2021

Presenter Name & Title

