

June 26<sup>th</sup> general meeting speaker, Alexey Tretyakov

Alexey opened his amazing greenhouse to VicOS members this summer and there were many creative touches as well as his fascinating variety of mounts and pots, which allow him to grow a wide variety of orchids. He will be discussing the strategies that he uses to keep cool growing orchids flourishing without requiring a separate cool section in his greenhouse.

Alexey Tretyakov moved to Canada with his wife Mila eleven years ago. He bought his first orchid from Paramount Orchids in 2006 and won his first AOS award for his plant four years later. Alexey has a diverse collection of orchid hybrids and species. Species and Dendrobium genus are dominant in his collection. As many amateur orchid growers, Alexey began his hobby from growing on windowsill and under lights. Today, his diverse collection (from warm to cool growing plants) is accommodated in a single greenhouse. A few years ago Alexey began to create new hybrids. His first hybrid was registered with Royal Horticultural Society (England) in 2013.

Alexey has lifelong interest in photography. Images of orchids, taken by Alexey, have been published in Orchid Societies Newsletters, AOS Bulletin and were posted at Orchids Forum.