

# Victoria Orchid Society



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*This massive Dendrochilum formosanum grown by Don Mills was chosen as best plant on the display table at the January meeting.*

<b>Meetings:2010</b>
<i>February 22</i>
<i>March 22</i>
<i>April 26</i>
<i>May 24</i>
<i>June 28</i>

Goodies for the February meeting are requested from those members with last names beginning with L & M.
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*Mps Mario van Peebles*

*Welcome to new members Fran Cudlipp and Janis Thorkelsson!*

*From the Editor*

The VicOS Spring Show is swiftly approaching. Please let us know as soon as you can when you are able to help at the show. We are delighted that some very new members have already signed up. For long-time members, this is an opportunity to spend some time with new members and to take some pressure off the regular die-hard volunteers who help out regularly with everything!

We especially need people to do ribbon judging. For those of you who have not done this before, it is a great opportunity to see what judges are actually looking for in specific orchids, increasing your own ability to choose good plants to buy for your collections.

*Diana Rowles*

[www:victoriaorchidsociety.com](http://www:victoriaorchidsociety.com)

Check out our website for information about the society, upcoming events, and what is in our library. Previous newsletters can also be accessed from the website.

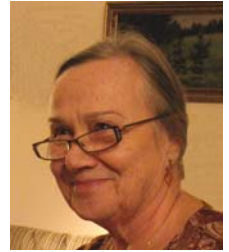
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**President's Message**

This month, we have a very important – and labor-intensive – event approaching:

*The Victoria Spring Orchid Show!*

As most of you have already heard at our recent meeting, and will hear so again, we are asking all our members to contribute flowering plants and helping hands to make our show as splendid as it should be.



If you cannot make it to the February 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting but are able to assist us during the show, please call either Diana Rowles or Svend Munkholm to let them know. Their telephone numbers are in this newsletter.

Another part of the show, where we hope you can participate, is the judging on Friday morning. This is the Victoria show and is judged by Victoria members – we need about twenty-five persons to come and help. Don't be too modest, thinking you cannot do that – you will be in groups where everyone helps with their particular knowledge. And it is a lot of fun – I promise!

Of course you are also invited to sit in and observe the AOS judging on Friday afternoon. Just let us know you want to be there.

At the January meeting, the program was brought to us by our own member, Geoff Haywood. His presentation on how to bring better light to our orchids was well prepared and most informative. Geoff even had blueprints for designing your own mini solarium and lists of the proper bulbs – or whatever these things are called now. We are fortunate to have such helpful members – thank you Geoff!

*Upcoming speakers*  
**February – Bill Zimmerman**  
*– Paphiopedilum*  
**March Dino Baisi, Orchid Nutrition**  
**April – Chuck Taylor**  
**May – H&R Orchids**

At the February meeting, we will have as our speaker Mr. Bill Zimmerman from Seattle. Bill is the current chair of the Pacific North West AOS judging centre, which covers the largest area in all the AOS regions, going from Alaska through BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon – covering a nice big piece of the map! Bill is, of course, an experienced orchid grower and AOS judge and has won several high awards for his expertly grown plants. I know that his presentation on Paphiopedilums will be most entertaining!

See you there!



A special Thank You to the following members who sent their plants to the Vancouver show: Art MacGregor, Poul Hansen, Joe Chow, Manlung Law, Svend Munkholm and Jonathan Littau.

Another note of gratitude to those who set up and took home the display: Diana Rowles, Kathryn Collins, Ingrid Ostrander and Poul Hansen.

**Ingrid Ostrander**

**Bag folders:**



Lioba Samer, Don & Pat Plank, Kathryn Collins, Dave McElderry & Deb Bate, Cat Frutiger, Florence Davis, and Diana Rowles folded several hundred bags on Monday, Feb 7<sup>th</sup> at Lioba's house in preparation for the Spring Show. The bags are now ready to be used by the packers to safely transport the purchased orchids.

**Victoria Orchid Society's Spring Show & Sale**  
*Flowers of Romance & Mystery*  
University of Victoria student Union Building,  
Mar 4-6, 2011.

**Show Schedule:**

Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>:

Plant registration, 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>:

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – ribbon judging

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. – AOS judging

7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. – reception for members & show participants

Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

**Open to the Public** – 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>

**Open to the Public** – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Admission: \$7:00 (Dollar off coupons can be downloaded from the Society's website – [www.victoriaorchidsociety.com](http://www.victoriaorchidsociety.com))

Don't forget to take advantage of the lectures at the show, which will offer the following:

**Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

- 11:00 a.m. - Dr. Art MacGregor – *'Orchids A-Z'*
- 12:00 p.m. – Geoff Haywood – *'Growing Orchids under Lights'*
- 1:00 p.m. – Poul Hansen – *'Growing Miltonias'*
- 2:00 p.m. – Bryan Emery – *'Growing Orchids on Mounts'*
- 3:00 p.m. - Debb Ward - *'Questions and Answers'*

**Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**

- 11:00 a.m. – Svend Munkholm – *'Growing Cattleyas'*
- 12:00 p.m. – Joe Chow – *'Potting Orchids'*
- 1:00 p.m. – Pat van Adrichem – *'Phalaenopsis Culture'*
- 2:00 p.m. – Ingrid Ostrander – *'Caring for Orchids in the Home'*

This show is an important part of our growing year. It is an opportunity to display your plants in bloom, have them judged by expert AOS judges, and buy more from a range of vendors while enjoying the company of fellow orchid lovers.

**Vendors** attending the show are Willgro, Kingfisher Orchids, Poul Hansen, Joe Chow, Don Miklic, Fraser Valley Orchid Society, Jerry Suffolk, Bryan Emery, Hilding Franson, Jonathan Littau and Mike Miller. They will all be bringing their plants and growing aids to the show.



*Rsc Hwa Yuan Beauty 'Frances'*



*VicOS display, spring 2010*

## **Some important last minute show reminders:**

### ***Volunteers – Are still needed!***

There are still many time slots to fill. The sign-up sheet will be circulated at the February meeting. Please give some of your time to the Society. If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to volunteer please contact Diana Rowles by phone (250) 385-8888 or by email [enviroed@telus.net](mailto:enviroed@telus.net).

### ***Posters and One Dollar Off Coupons***

Thank you to our members who distributed posters and One Dollar Off Coupons to locations over the Capital Region. If you have time, please check back with those locations to see if they need more coupons. Extra posters and coupons are available.

### ***Trophy Sponsorship***

Help to keep the Show costs down – sponsor a trophy. The ‘Best of’ Trophy sponsorship is \$25 per trophy. Please contact Kathryn Collins at the meeting, by phone (250) 384-9139 or by email [kathryncollins@shaw.ca](mailto:kathryncollins@shaw.ca) for further details.

### ***Cashier Training***

Cashier training will take place at Noreen Taylor’s on Saturday February 19<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. and February 27<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Please contact Noreen by phone (250) 592-0088 or by email [creamofthecrop@shaw.ca](mailto:creamofthecrop@shaw.ca) for further details.

### ***Set Up & Registration***

Registration runs from 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Display Team would appreciate receiving plants as early as possible.

### ***Art & Photo Displays***

There is a limited amount of space for these classifications. Please contact Dave McElderry by phone (250) 598-1813 or by email [damcelderry@shaw.ca](mailto:damcelderry@shaw.ca) with the size and number of entries you would like to submit.

### ***Members’ Sales Table***

If you have a few plants you would like to sell but don’t need a whole sales table you are welcome to use the Members’ Table. All plants must have one plant tag with the name of the plant and a second tag with the code number A100, your name and the price. Please print legibly. Please be prepared to spend time selling at the Society sales table. The Society table needs to be staffed in order to sell the plants. Remember to check the table at the end of the Show and take home any unsold plants.

### ***Reception/Awards Ceremony***

The Awards Ceremony will be on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Please come out and congratulate the winners, enjoy a piece of cake and coffee/tea. This evening is free for all members. The Sales area opens at 8:30 p.m. Remember to buy your \$2.00 parking ticket if parking in the designated lots after 6:00 p.m.

### ***Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>***

All food services at the Student Union Building are closed on Sundays. The Society will provide a small lunch and coffee/tea for those people who are volunteering for the entire day.



**End of Show – Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**

The Take Down will begin at 3:30 p.m. The VicOS display will be the last one removed. Please wait for your plant to be removed from the display by the Display Team. Your patience will be greatly appreciated.

*Plants for sale at 2010 Spring Show ➤*



**Upcoming Events**

The monthly meeting of the Victoria Orchid Society is held on the fourth Tuesday of every month except July, August and December starting at 7:30pm. This meeting consists of a short (as possible) business meeting, the presentation of the plants on the display table, a coffee break with a prize draw of plants and orchid related material and then, a featured presentation. The meeting ends between 9:30 and 10:00pm.

**February 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting:** Bill Zimmerman will speak on Paphiopedilum.

Bill Zimmerman is the AOS Pacific North West Region's chair. He is a prominent grower and long-time AOS judge. He himself, was mentored by our illustrious president, Ingrid, and he mentored Poul Hansen during his apprenticeship in the AOS judging program. He will speak about Paphiopedilum, a species with which he has won several AOS awards.

*Paphs on show table at 2010 Spring Show ➤*



**Past Events**

**At the January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting - Geoff Haywood** spoke on growing orchids under lights.

Geoff brought many interesting contraptions that he has devised in order to successfully bloom orchids in a small apartment. He showed us the tanks, the light reflectors that he has built, the kind of lights which are most likely to be successful, and even gave out patterns for building useful reflectors.

With the proper lighting and humidity maintained in enclosed aquaria, Geoff has achieved some remarkable results. I expect that we will see some copycats within the Society before long.



## Judging Centre news

I am pleased to report that at the AOS Pacific Northwest Judging Center (Vancouver)'s monthly meeting on January 8, 2011, the following AOS awards were granted:

***Phalaenopsis*** Ember Princess 'Maxie' AM/AOS 82pts  
(*Phalaenopsis* Ember x *Phalaenopsis* Kung's Princess)  
Exhibitor: Pat Van Adrichem



***Phalaenopsis*** pallens 'Mellow Yellow' CCM/AOS 88pts  
Exhibitor: Pat Van Adrichem



***Paphiopedilum wardii*** 'Olympic Magic' CCE/AOS 90pts  
Exhibitor: Don Harquail



***Lycaste*** Helmut Rohrl 'Lily' HCC/AOS 77pts)  
(*Lycaste* Kooleana x *Lycaste* Royale Flush) ▼  
Exhibitor: Art MacGregor



The AOS Pacific Northwest Judging Center (Vancouver) meets every second Saturday of the month, at 12:00 noon, at the Sea Island Community Centre, 7140 Miller Road, Richmond B.C. (Chair: Russ Volker, 604-465-8374, [russvolker@gmail.com](mailto:russvolker@gmail.com)).

Next monthly meeting will be on February 12, 2011.

*Abu Salleh*

Victoria Orchid Society  
Minutes of General Meeting January 25, 2011

The meeting of January 25, 2011 was held in the Garth Homer Centre. President Ingrid Ostrander called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Prior to calling the meeting to order, she reminded everyone that Joe Chow would be taking questions about orchid care. Ingrid welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that they sign the attendance sheet that Barb Judson was passing around. Ingrid announced the meeting would be conducted according to Robert's Rules and she also pointed out the AOS calendars we are selling for \$12.00. Our new members are Fran Cudlipp and Janis Thorkelsson and Anita was our guest.



*Dracula lotax* 'Popcorn'

**Secretary's Report:** MOTION: Geoff Haywood/Pat van Adrichem moved that the minutes of the November 2010 meeting be approved as published in the newsletter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Blair Humphrey is willing to pass on the duties of web master if anyone would like to volunteer.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jane Mason presented the financial report for the months of November and December, 2010, moved for acceptance, seconded by Poul Hansen.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Other Reports:**

1. Correspondence: Kathryn reported the resignation of Pat Hendrickson as Vice President, the passing of Lynne Cassidy and her memorial service on January 29<sup>th</sup> and the correspondence with the Flower Guild.
2. Membership: Joyce reported we now have 84 members.
3. AOS: Jonathan showed us the new format for the AOS magazine. He pointed out that the annual membership comes with a monthly newsletter, you get your Awarded plants registered at a reduced rate and his membership got him into the Miami show free. A two-year membership also comes with a \$30 certificate good at several locations in the U.S. and Canada.
4. COC: The next meeting is at the Edmonton show Feb 25-27<sup>th</sup>. The COC provided the culture sheets for Canadian growing conditions.
5. Library: In Pat's absence, Darlene Li will be running the library.
6. Mentor Program: Volunteers to host visits from new members are Pat, Poul and Kathryn.
7. Programs: See the newsletter for the 2011 programs.
8. Orchidfest: Gardenworks is looking for 2 speakers for their Orchidfest in February. Anyone interested should see Dave. They would also like to purchase unusual blooming orchids to sell at Orchidfest.
9. Prize Draw: Please bring healthy plants only.
10. Upcoming Shows: February 10 have your plants at Poul's or Ingrid's for the Vancouver Show. They can be picked up at Kathryn's on Monday afternoon or evening.

11. Spring Show: Coreen suggested stapling coupons to the poster. Diana suggested placing a poster in your car window. Jonathan suggested selling tickets in advance. Lioba offered to host a bag folding party, Monday Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>. Cashiers will have a training session at Noreen's prior to the show. Promote the show on Facebook.
12. Award: Svend's *Cattlianthe* Red Viking 'Tania's Own' HCC/AOS has been registered.

Report from Executive Meeting:

- a. The revised by-laws are almost ready.
- b. Members who billet guest speakers or show vendors should be given \$50 towards expenses.

MOTION: Jane Mason moved that members who billet speakers or show visitors will be paid up to \$50 upon submitting receipts, seconded by Geoff Haywood.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- c. With Pat's resignation, we need a new Vice President. Coreen Kempling has volunteered to take over.

MOTION: Marjory Baleja moved that Coreen Kempling become Vice President, seconded by Joe Chow.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- d. Next Executive Meeting will be February 1<sup>st</sup> at Coreen's.

Show Table: Poul Hansen and Art Macgregor presented the show table.

Speaker: Following the coffee break and prize draws, Geoff Haywood gave a talk and demonstration on growing orchids under lights.

Next Meeting: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at Garth Homer Centre.

Adjournment: The President declared the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
Kathryn Collins

Beautiful *AOS Orchid Calendars* can still be purchased for only \$12.00. There are only two left. Call Kathryn Collins at (250) 384-9139.

*The AOS booklet "Your First Orchid"*, will be available at the February meeting for **\$10.00**.



## Society Information

General meetings are held at the Garth Homer Centre, 813 Darwin Ave., Victoria B.C., on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Members are encouraged to bring in their orchids in bloom to display on the show table.

Guest speakers are engaged for these meetings and often speakers bring plants for sale. There is also a members' sale table where plants may be purchased by members.



*Masdevalia 'Copperwing'*

Plant sales begin at 7:15 pm and the meeting runs from 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm.

Membership fees are \$20.00 for individuals, \$30.00 for households. The Society membership year runs from September to September, but meetings are not held in July and August. Name tags are available for \$10.00, magnetized tags are \$15.00.

Coffee and tea are available at the meeting and goodies are provided by members in rotation, based upon the initial letter of their last names. Members with last names beginning with L, & M are asked to bring goodies to the February meeting.

The Victoria Orchid Society Newsletter is published monthly, around the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month, excepting December, July and August. Newsletters will be sent by email to members with email access. Email addresses will be blind copied. Upon request, copies of the newsletter may be picked up at meetings for those not wishing to print off their copy at home. Those with no email access may ask for a mailed copy. (We are trying to cut down our mailing costs.)

Advertising is free of charge to members in good standing: \$2.00 per business card size ad per month to a member owned business (\$20.00 per fiscal year), \$5.00 per month to non-member businesses (\$50.00 per fiscal year).

The Society's mailing Address is 1199 Tattersall Drive, Victoria, B.C. V8P 1Y8.

## Who Does What?

President	➤ Ingrid Ostrander	Membership Chair	➤ Joyce Wilson
Vice-president	➤ Coreen Kempling	Library Committee	➤ Nancy Cole & Darlene Li
2 <sup>nd</sup> vice-president	➤ Art Macgregor	Spring Show Chair	➤ Svend Munkholm
Secretary	➤ Kathryn Collins	Show Assistant	➤ Kathryn Collins
Treasurer	➤ Jane Mason	Plant Sales	➤ Rick Rancourt & Coreen Kempling
Past President	➤ Nancy Miklic	Prize Draw	➤ Florence Davis/Dave McElderry
Directors:	➤ Joyce Wilson	Plant Orders	➤ Debb Ward
	➤ Diana Rowles	AOS Rep	➤ Jonathan Littau
	➤ Catherine Frutiger	COC Rep	➤ Ingrid Ostrander
	➤ Dave McElderry	Culture Classes	➤ Dave McElderry
	➤ Florence Davis	Web Page	➤ Blair Humphrey
	➤ Poul Hansen	Plant Photos	➤ Diana Rowles
	➤ Svend Munkholm	Hillside Show Chair	➤ Dave McElderry
		Programs	➤ Art Macgregor
	Newsletter Editor	➤ Diana Rowles	
	Newsletter proof reader	➤ Joe Chow	
	Executive Spokesman	➤ Ingrid Ostrander	
	Christmas Party	➤ Noreen Taylor	
	50/50 Draw	➤ Catherine Frutiger	
	Hospitality	➤ Lioba Samer	
	Facebook	➤ Wanda Shum	

*In emergencies, call Ingrid Ostrander at (250) 652-0753*

## Upcoming Shows

February 25 to 27, 2011 - Orchid Fair, the Orchid Society of Alberta's Annual Show and Sale, will take place Friday to Sunday, at Grant MacEwan College South Campus, 7319-29 Avenue, Edmonton.

The show will feature spectacular orchid displays, orchid vendors from Canada, the United States and Asia, and free seminars on orchid growing and related topics. This year, we are also proud to host the Canadian Orchid Congress Annual Meeting in conjunction with our show. For more information, e-mail [info@orchidsalberta.com](mailto:info@orchidsalberta.com), or check the OSA website, [www.orchidsalberta.com](http://www.orchidsalberta.com)



*Odm pescatorei*

Central Vancouver Island Orchid Society Show – April 14-17, 2011  
VicOS Tillicum Mall Show - April 30-May 1, 2011

## Opportunities:

### *Tour to North West Flower & Garden Show*

Good Day. I thought the members of your garden club would be interested in our tour to the Northwest Flower & Garden Show, the third largest spring flower show in North America, taking place in Seattle. This four day tour departs February 22 and features two full days at the show. (web site: [http://www.wellsgraytours.com/tourFiles/northwest\\_flower\\_\\_garden\\_show~victoria.pdf](http://www.wellsgraytours.com/tourFiles/northwest_flower__garden_show~victoria.pdf)).

Please call for further information or to book your trip. Thank you!

*Lisa McCormick*

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